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CALENDAR

- 10 November - The Gallery Series - Barry Spacke reading from his "Imagining a Unicorn" and other poems.
- 16 November - Library Staff Organization program meeting
- 17 November - The Gallery Series - Contemporary Arts Songs: Mary Anne Kirk, soprano; Aimo Kiviniemi, tenor.

Current Display: Gallery - Department of Special Collections - Appalachian Sources (through November 30).

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ABOUT THE LIBRARIES

Library Staff Office Program: November 16, 2:00 pm, Gallery

Mr. Dick Decamp will talk about the activities of the Lexington-Fayette County Historical Commission. Its especial interest in historical preservation will be highlighted by a short audio-visual presentation on near and downtown Lexington.

Reception follows.

Bake Sale



Starts Friday 10:00 in MIK Staff Lounge, North. Don't count the calories. Or at least remember how good they tasted at the first sale and do it again.

New State Documents Librarian

Mrs. Martha Jane Whiteside will fill the position of state documents librarian on a part-time basis. Martha Jane was the acting head of Government Publications Department in 1976-1977 during Susan Csaky's sabbatical leave.

King North and South Close

King North and South will be closed Friday, November 24, for spraying. Paychecks will be available in the Director's Office on that day from 8:30-10:00 am.

Fire Alarm

The next scheduled test of the fire alarm system will be December 4, between 7:30 and 8:30 am.

ACADEMIA IN KLA

Rhoda Channing is now Membership Chairman for the Academic Libraries section of KLA. She has a large supply of membership forms, and you can join any section, not just the Academic Libraries section. An active membership is \$12 and a student membership is \$6. Joining KLA now will insure that your Bulletin arrives promptly at the start of your new membership in 1979.

GOVERNOR'S PRE-WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON LIBRARIES & INFORMATION SERVICES

INFORMATION AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE: A SYMPOSIUM

November 14, 1978. Jefferson Community College, Room 301.

Sponsor: Kentucky Association for Continuing Education.

Co-Sponsors: Department of Library and Archives, Council on Higher Education, and Kentucky Educational Television (KET).

For further information, see Green Bean "office."

LIBRARY VACANCIES

Temporary (June 1979) regular hourly position available in Collection Development-Bindery. If interested, see Faith Harders.

LT'II - Cataloging. If interested, see Faith Harders.

...AND THEN THERE WAS THE ENGLISH INN THAT SERVED NO TEA!

When the original study-tour of British libraries sponsored by KLA was cancelled, four of us (Vivian Hall, Claire McCann and Terry Warth from King Library and Ruth Gendron of St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital in Louisville) improvised our own tour. Fortified with letters of introduction from Paul Willis, we set forth on our journey. It was not without mishap: we missed the plane to London; the first self-service gasoline station we drove into had a goofy nozzle that soaked Vivian and Claire to the skin; we got lost in Oxford, Windsor, Nottingham, Washington (Eng.), York, Edinburgh, Durham, and London. Otherwise, we had a wonderful time--only two days of rain, our money held out to the end, and Vivian successfully drove on the left side of the road for over 1200 miles!

Durham University and the Bodleian Libraries had the tightest security systems, and we really needed our letters for admission. Durham surprised us by having no Rare Book Room. Their treasures are scattered over the University in locked bookcases and closets. They own a first folio Shakespeare, a 1619 Book of Common Prayer, and 150 incunabula. Their chief collection is the library of Dr. Cosin, a supporter of Charles II. Books from old presses such as Aldus, Badius, Elzevier, and Plantin are arranged by the year of printing rather than by subject matter. Their book catalog is unusual. The volumes are called "sheaf binders" and consist of 3 x 5 "p" slips held together in three-inch thick bundles with heavy covers similar to ledgers. As we left we offered to open our purses to the custodian who laughed and said, "Oh, no. You're librarians. You know the rules."

York University library was such a contrast, as it was built in the late 1960's in an ultra modern style resembling a concrete pre-fab.

The Warwickshire County library was also quite modern but built in a more pleasing style. It seemed so American with its bookmobiles, services to schools, copiers, and borrowing privileges. This modernity was emphasized again by our visit to the Coventry Public

Library. Here we were most impressed by the crowds using it-- people of all sorts, conditions, and ages. So many of the books were unfamiliar to us, particularly those for children. We were unable to visit a branch of the York Public Library, located conveniently across the street from our motel, because it was closed Wednesday afternoon--as is practically everything in Great Britain.

We were charmed by the little "Italian Library" housed in one of the small towers of Warwick Castle. The enormous seals attached to the manuscripts on display were fascinating, but the beautiful ceiling impressed us even more.

By sheer chance, while "doing" Westminster Abbey, we ran into the librarian of Westminster Library and Muniment Room. Although it was close to 5 PM and the night alarm system had been activated, that dear man actually seemed pleased to turn off the alarm, show us around, and chat. The library was originally the monks' dormitory. They only add two or three books a year to the collection.

As might be expected, the Bodleian Library at Oxford was the most impressive collection. We had to revise our schedule somewhat to arrange a visit, as it is only open Monday through Thursday when school is not in session. One of the first things we looked for was Henry Clay material, and they actually had one letter from him. Terry's husband had sent over a list of reference questions which were graciously answered by a librarian so like our Bess Clotfelter that we immediately felt at ease. I think we were most impressed by viewing the only copy of the Bay Psalm Book outside the U.S. (and one of the six complete copies in existence). We were amused to discover that within the first twenty years of the Bodleian's existence, the most pressing problem had become the provision of space for new books! The latest addition, dedicated in 1945, is called the New Bodleian and was made possible largely through the Rockefeller Foundation. It is not open to visitors.

We learned a great deal and have some wonderful memories: the hospitable librarians, "Grand Tea" at Harrod's, a perfect martini in Edinburgh, a beautiful black cat in Oxford, the "Olive Branch" letter signed by John Hancock (he really did sign it flourishingly, as our history books say!), lunch in a town spelled "Towcester" but pronounced "Toaster"...and the time when we were so thirsty and tired and begged the bell boy for some ice, and he looked at us absolutely astounded and asked "What do you want ice for??!!"

Vivian Hall, Claire McCann, Terry Warth

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Head, Women's Studies Library, Ohio State University. Available: November 1. Salary: \$6,500-\$7,200.

Reference Librarian, Ohio State University. Salary \$5,700-\$7,200. Available: November 1.

Head, Education Library, Ohio State University. Available: January 1, 1979. Salary \$15,600-\$21,360.

Public Services Librarian, University of California, San Diego.
Available: After January 1, 1979. Salary \$22,000-\$36,000.

Head Librarian, Pennsylvania State University. Available: July 1,
1979. Salary \$13,296 minimum. Beaver Campus.

Head Librarian, Pennsylvania State University, York Campus.
Available: July 1, 1979. Salary \$13,296 minimum.

