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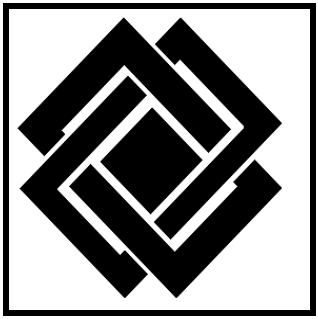

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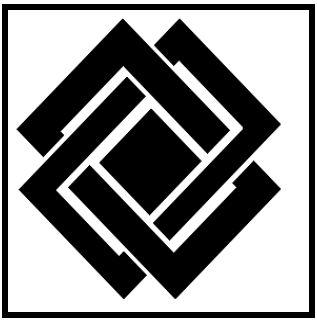

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January 1999

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am honored to transmit the 27th annual report of the United States National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) covering October 1, 1997 through September 30, 1998 (FY 1998). This report is submitted in accordance with Section 5 (a)7 of Public Law 91-345 as amended (20 *U.S.C.* 1501 et seq.)

Your administration has been committed to bringing the benefits of the Information Highway to all of our people, and the Commission has cheered your oft stated goal of connecting all schools and libraries to the Internet by the year 2000. The Commission has paid close attention to the situation in public libraries ever since we discovered in 1994 that only one in five of our public library systems were connected.

Based on our most recent study, accomplished in partnership with the American Library Association, we now know that more than four of five libraries, including branches, are connected. We are concerned that connectivity in rural areas lags the rest of the nation. We are also beginning to address the quality of public access to the Internet in public libraries — issues like workstation functionality, data transmission speed, and number of terminals for the population served. There still is room for improvement, but accomplishment thus far justifies optimism for the future.

In this context, the theme for the Commission's 1998 programs remained the importance of library and information services in an electronic networked environment. This was also a year focused on

planning for future Commission activities and rebuilding the Commission staff. The NCLIS action plan, *Addressing the Library and Information Service Needs of the Nation*, was developed to focus the Commission's energies and establish its priorities through the year 2000.

NCLIS continued the *Assessment of Standards for the Creation, Dissemination, and Permanent Accessibility of Electronic Government Information Products* requested by the Government Printing Office. The results of that study will be available in the spring of 1999 and a summary will be included in our next annual report.

The Commission focused on the special needs of children by adopting and promulgating a resolution on The Important Role of Libraries in the Lives of America's Children and preparing for a hearing on *Kids and the Internet: The Promise and the Perils*.

We also began work on our Sister Libraries Millennium Project in consultation with the White House Millennium Council and prepared for a survey to identify U.S. participants in international library and information policy forums.

Thank you for the honor to continue as Chairperson of the United States National Commission on Libraries and Information Science.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Hurley Simon

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NCLIS Chairperson

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Non Omnia Sed Bona et Bene
Not all things, but good things and well done

UNOFFICIAL MOTTO OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

1997-1998 HIGHLIGHTS

The key statutory functions of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) can be summarized as follows:

1. NCLIS *discovers the needs* of the people of the U.S. for library and information services.
2. NCLIS *translates those needs* into recommended national policy for meeting the needs of the people of the U.S. for library and information services.
3. NCLIS *advises* the President, the Congress, state and local governments and others on implementation of national policy.

NCLIS is not a regulatory or operating agency. To carry out its functions, NCLIS conducts hearings, studies, surveys and analyses of the nation's library and information needs, appraises the adequacies and deficiencies of the current library and information resources and research and development activities, and issues publications. These activities support the development of policy advice and recommendations to the President and the Congress.

The Commission is composed of two statutory members, the Librarian of Congress and the Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (who serves as an ex officio, nonvoting member), and 14 members appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Five Commissioners are professional librarians or information specialists, and the remainder are individuals with special competence in or knowledge of the needs of the people of the U.S. for library and information services.

One major initiative for 1997-1998 was the *1998 National Survey of Public Library Outlet Internet Connectivity,* co-sponsored by NCLIS and the American Library Association. The survey results indicate that 83.6% of U.S. public libraries are now connected to the Internet and 73.3% of public libraries offer public Internet access. However, public Internet access is substantially lower for libraries in rural areas (67.6%) than for those in urban areas (84.0%).

Additionally, the survey results show that only 45.6% of the public libraries offer high speed public Internet access (56 kbps or greater) on one or more workstations with a graphical user interface — the

minimum configuration currently necessary for *effective public Internet access* in the view of the Commission.

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International activities continued through administration of State Department funds to support international library and archival activities and Commission participation in the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved a survey of U.S. participation in international library and information policy forums and the Commission approved Sister Libraries as the NCLIS Millennium Project.

As part of its responsibility for advising the director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) on policies on financial assistance for library services, and for ensuring that IMLS policies and activities are coordinated with other activities of the federal government, NCLIS and the National Museum Services Board held their second joint meeting on September 27, 1998.

1997-1998 COMMISSION MEETINGS

During FY 1998, the Commission held five official meetings. The following list identifies selected Commission actions, activities and issues discussed during each meeting.

OCTOBER 28-29, 1997, WASHINGTON, DC

- Status of the NCLIS/GPO *Assessment of Electronic Government Information Products*
- Results from the *1997 National Survey of Public Libraries and the Internet*
- Assessment of the NCLIS/NCES Library Statistics Program
- Presentation on the White House Millennium Council Activities
- Establishment of the NCLIS Millennium Committee

JANUARY 29-30, 1998, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS (PLANNING MEETING)

- Review of Commission Action Plan for 1998-2000: "Addressing the Library and Information Services Needs of the Nation"
- Discussion of NCLIS Priorities, Objectives, Concerns and Interests

APRIL 7-8, 1998, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

- Swearing in of Rebecca T. Bingham as a Commissioner
- Selection of Robert S. Willard as NCLIS Executive Director
- Tour of the Harry S Truman Library, Independence, MO
- Discussion with Big 12 Plus Library Consortium Members on Scholarly Communications Issues and Problems
- Establishment of the NCLIS Working Group on Issues of Journal Pricing, Scholarly Publishing and Copyright
- Plan for a Survey of U.S. Participation in International Library and Information Policy Forums

JUNE 25-26, 1998, WASHINGTON, DC

- Briefing on Preliminary Results of the *1998 National Survey of Public Library Outlet Internet Connectivity*
- Discussion with American Library Association on Protecting Children Using the Internet in Libraries, Including the Efficacy of Filtering Software

- Delegation of Authority to the Chairperson and Executive Director
- Resolution on "*The Important Role of Libraries in the Lives of America's Children"*

SEPTEMBER 27-28, 1998, WASHINGTON, DC

- Plan for NCLIS Hearing: *"Kids and the Internet: The Promise and the Perils"*
- Second Joint Meeting, NCLIS and National Museum Services Board
- Approval of Sister Libraries as the NCLIS Millennium Project

COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON JEANNE HURLEY SIMON (LEFT) WITH VICE CHAIR MARTHA B. GOULD

HIGHLIGHTS OF NCLIS ACTIVITIES, 1970-1998

1998 Development of the Commission action plan for 1998-2000: *"Addressing the Library and Information Services Needs of the Nation"*

Resolution on "*The Important Role of Libraries in the Lives of America's Children"*

Commencement of Sister Libraries Millennium Project

Advice to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) on federal grant programs to libraries

Fifth study of public libraries and the Internet: *Moving Toward More Effective Public Internet Access*

Publication of *Policy Issues & Strategies Affecting Public Libraries in the National Networked Environment*

1997 Commencement of study for U.S. Government Printing Office: *Assessment of Standards for the Creation, Dissemination, and Permanent Accessibility of Electronic Government Information Products*

Advice to the IMLS on federal grant programs to libraries

Fourth study of public libraries and the Internet: *The 1997 National Survey of Public Libraries and the Internet*

1996 Hearing on libraries and interactive services on the information superhighway

Third study of public libraries and the Internet: *The 1996 National Survey of Public Libraries and the Internet*

1995 Advice to Congress and Administration on changes to the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA)

Second study of public libraries and the Internet: *Internet Costs and Cost Models for Public Libraries*

1994 First study of public libraries and the Internet: *Public Libraries and the Internet*

1993 Forums on library and information services to children and young adults

VICE PRESIDENT GORE AND CHAIRPERSON JEANNE HURLEY SIMON TALK DURING A 1994 COMMISSION MEETING THAT PROVIDED THE BASIS FOR MANY OF THE ONGOING PROGRAMS OF THE COMMISSION

1992 Completion of investigation into library and information services for Native Americans

1991 Second White House Conference on Library and Information Services

1990 Adoption of Principles of Public Information

1989 Co-sponsorship of symposium on Information Literacy and Education for the 21st Century

1988 NCES and NCLIS establish Federal-State Cooperative Statistics (FSCS) program for public library data

1987 Adoption of Glenerin Declaration, trilateral (U.S., U.K., Canada) statement on the role of information in the economy

1986 Agreement with ACTION to promote library and information services to elderly

1985 Coordination of joint congressional hearing on changing information needs of rural America

1984 Publication of report on information policy implications of archiving satellite data

1983 Commencement of work with State Department to further international programs in library, information and archival areas

1982 Issuance of proceedings of hearings and report on library and information services to cultural minorities

1981 Analysis of public sector/private sector interaction in providing information services

1980 Oversight hearings on the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA)

1979 First White House Conference on Library and Information Services

1978 Co-sponsorship of institutes on consulting skills for state library personnel

1977 Examination of the role of school libraries in a national network, computer network protocols, and standardization efforts for library services

1976 Issuance of *National Inventory of Library Needs* and report on role of Library of Congress in a national network

1975 Work with Congress, Register of Copyrights and others to resolve copyright issues and revise legislation

1974 Study of continuing library education needs of library personnel

1973 Hearings to develop a national program for library and information services

1972 Study of applications of new technology to library and information services

1971 First meeting of the Commission on September 20-21

1970 Enactment of Public Law 91-345, establishing the Commission

The NCLIS action plan, *Addressing the Library and Information Service Needs of the Nation*, was developed to focus the Commission's energies and establish its priorities through the year 2000. The excerpts below highlight the major goals and objectives as stated in the initial action plan drafted in January 1998. This is a living document that will change over time.

GOAL ONE - NCLIS will promote the needs of the people of the U.S. for extended and improved library and information services, including those delivered through the national and global information infrastructure.

Objective One - NCLIS, in cooperation with key partners and advisors, will support the collection, analysis, and dissemination of information which describes and assesses the quantity and quality of digital library services and Internet connections in the nation's public and school libraries.

Action 1 - NCLIS will facilitate the development and implementation of surveys and conduct hearings regarding the status of digital library services and Internet connections in public and school libraries.

Action 2 - NCLIS will disseminate information regarding digital library services and Internet connections in the nation's public and school libraries.

Objective Two - NCLIS will advise the President, Members of Congress, the Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services IMLS), and other key partners and advisors on the implementation of national policy regarding the quantity and quality of library services, including Internet connections in the nation's public and school libraries with special focus on rural areas, or economically, socially, or culturally deprived persons, and of elderly persons.

Action 1 - NCLIS will meet with key partners and advisors to confer on the status of digital library services and Internet connections in the nation's public and school libraries.

GOAL TWO - NCLIS will promote the needs of the people of the U.S. for extended and improved library and information services delivered through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

Objective One - NCLIS, in cooperation with key partners and advisors, will identify, collect, assess and disseminate information regarding the LSTA.

Action 1 - NCLIS will assist in identifying information which supports providing advice on the LSTA.

Action 2 - NCLIS will disseminate information which supports providing advice on the LSTA.

Objective Two - NCLIS, in cooperation with key partners and advisors, will advise the President, Members of Congress, the Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), and other organizations and individuals with respect to the LSTA.

Action 1 - NCLIS will advise the Director of the IMLS on general policies regarding the duties, powers, and authority of IMLS relating to library services. NCLIS will also meet with the National Museum Services Board (NMSB) to advise on library-museum cooperative programs.

GOAL THREE - NCLIS will promote the needs of the people of the U.S. for extended and improved library and information services delivered through federal government information products and services.

Objective One - NCLIS, in cooperation with key partners and advisors, will support the collection, analysis, and dissemination of information which assesses standards for the creation, dissemination, and permanent public accessibility of electronic government information products.

Action 1 - NCLIS, in cooperation with the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO), will perform a study to assess standards available for use with information products which facilitate their creation, composition, computer terminal display, encryption, secure digital signature, electronic dissemination, and permanent public accessibility.

Action 2 - NCLIS will disseminate information regarding standards for federal government information which enhance public access.

Objective Two - NCLIS will advise the President, Members of Congress, and other key partners and advisors on the revision of Title 44 of the *United States Code.*

Action 1 - NCLIS will meet with key partners and advisors to confer on the status of legislation to revise Title 44.

National Commission on Libraries and Information Science

ACTION PLAN TEMPLATE

All Commission projects, studies, and programs operate within a template composed of the following questions:

1. What does the Commission wish to accomplish?
2. How can the Commission best achieve its goal?
3. Are other organizations working toward this goal and, if so, can the Commission work in partnership with them?
4. Who will benefit from this activity? How can the Commission make sure that its final results are useful?
5. What funds and other resources are required? Are the resources available and, if not, where can they be obtained?
6. How can the Commission determine when its objective has been reached?

The Commission shall advise the President and the Congress [and appropriate governments and agencies] on the implementation of national policy by such statements, presentations, and reports as it deems appropriate. [20 U.S.C. 1504]

THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

In FY 1998 NCLIS responded to all inquiries from Congress on legislation related to library and information services. In addition, NCLIS took the initiative and offered information and comments when appropriate.

The major contacts with the Legislative Branch this year concerned the *Assessment of Electronic Government Information Products* that NCLIS has undertaken for the Government Printing Office (GPO), as well as the proposed revision of 44 *U.S.C.* (S.2288), the Wendell H. Ford Government Publications Reform Act of 1998. Members and staff of the Joint Committee on Printing were directly involved in both matters, as were Members and staff of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration and the House Committee on House Oversight.

The Commission supported S.2288 which, in the Commission's opinion, reinforced the importance of permanent public access to federal government information and provided means to improve public access to government information.

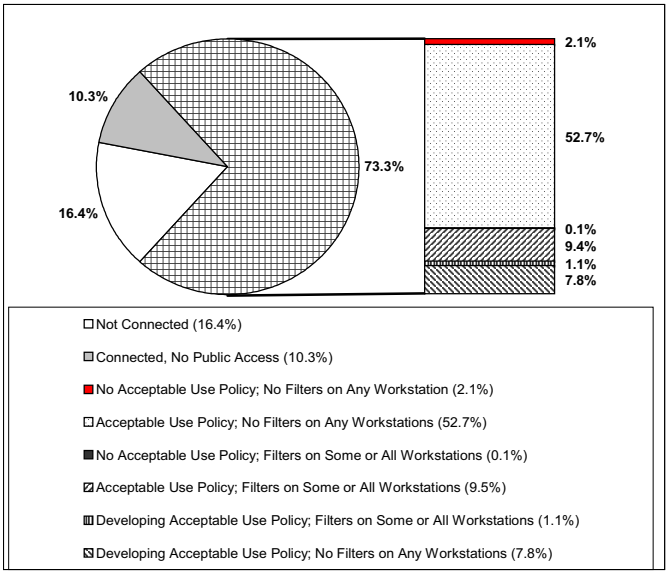
The contract for the *Assessment of Electronic Government Information Products* was signed in June 1998. Data collection will take place early in FY 1999. The results of the study will be available in the spring of 1999 and will be summarized in our next annual report.

A major area of interest to the Commission continues to be intellectual property, with draft bills to implement the 1996 treaties of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and amend the Copyright Act to protect electronic information and databases. Although the Commission did not take a formal position on any of the bills, it did support U.S. participation in the WIPO treaty.

The Commission also provided information related to a variety of proposals for federally mandated use of filtering software for

schools and libraries that offer children access to the Internet and receive federal funds. Recognizing the importance of this issue, the *1998 National Survey of Public Library Outlet Internet Connectivity,* sponsored by the Commission and the American Library Association, contained questions about the use of Internet content filtering software to block pornography and also about the availability of an "acceptable use public access Internet policy." Library outlets reported the availability of acceptable use policies far more frequently than use of content filtering software. When the survey data was gathered in May and June 1998, acceptable use policies were already in place in 62.2% of the library outlets, while another 8.9% of these library outlets were in the process of developing acceptable use policies. Only 2.1% of public libraries neither used filtering software nor had an acceptable use policy in place or under development. Overall, only 10.7% of public library outlets use filtering software on some or all of their Internet workstations.

STATUS OF ACCEPTABLE USE POLICIES AND INTERNET FILTERING SOFTWARE IN PUBLIC LIBRARY OUTLETS



THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Library Services and Technology Act

In carrying out its mission under Section 703 of Public Law 104-208, Title II, the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), NCLIS advised the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) on federal grant programs to libraries. A major initiative this fiscal year was participating with the National Museum Services Board (NMSB) in drafting the guidelines by which applicants seek leadership grants from the federal government for libraries and library-museum collaborations. Commissioner Challinor also participated as an observer in the peer review of grant proposals submitted to IMLS.

The second joint meeting of the Commission and the NMSB was held September 28, 1998. At other NCLIS meetings during the year, Commissioner Frankel, the IMLS Director, updated the Commissioners on IMLS activities and programs.

NCLIS established a committee to assist IMLS with development of the National Award for Library Service. This new award will complement an award currently made in the museum community. The award will recognize extraordinary achievement in serving the public. The committee held its first meeting in September 1998. The initial award will be made in April 2000.

The Commission continues its participation in the cycles of drafts, guidelines, plans, feedback, reports, evaluation and revision for the federal grants program for libraries and information services from IMLS.

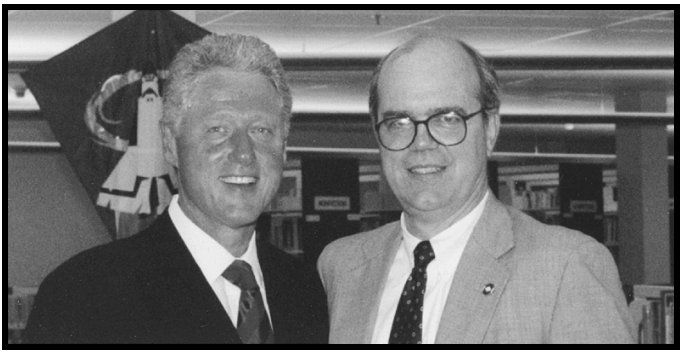
Work with Other Federal Agencies

NCLIS continues to work closely and meet with officials in a variety of federal agencies to obtain information and provide timely input on national and international policies affecting library and information services. During FY 1998, Commissioners and staff met with officials from the Departments of Education, Labor, Commerce and State, as well as the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Government Printing Office (GPO), Library of Congress (LC), National Agricultural Library (NAL), National Institute for Literacy, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB/OIRA), Small Agency Council, and White House Millennium Council, among others. NCLIS also met with individuals from the Association for Federal Information Resources Management (AFFIRM), Federal

Depository Library Council, Federal Publishers Committee (FPC), Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC), the Interagency Council for Printing and Publication Services (ICPPS), among others.

NCLIS continues to work with the Commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and the Director of the National Institute for Postsecondary Education, Libraries and Lifelong Learning to structure, strengthen and shorten cycles of needed and useful data collection (including sample surveys), analysis and research pertaining to libraries and information services.

As part of the *Assessment of Standards for the Creation, Dissemination, and Permanent Accessibility of Electronic Government Information Products,* NCLIS conducted several meetings for representatives of 24 participating agencies to inform them about the purpose and scope of the study and to encourage their participation. This meeting also provided an opportunity to inform agency chief information officers and others involved in the creation and dissemination of government information products about the importance of providing for permanent public access to agency electronic information products. Participating agencies include the Executive Office of the President, most cabinet departments and several independent agencies, as well as the Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts and the Congress.



COMMISSIONER BOBBY ROBERTS SHOWS PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON THE NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY IN LITTLE ROCK , ARKANSAS

COORDINATION WITH NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Commission supports Commissioner and staff participation in conferences in the library and information communities to help ensure that NCLIS has the information it needs about the concerns and activities of these organizations and that their members have the information they need about NCLIS programs and other relevant federal activities. FY 1998 was an active period for meetings and representation at major associations and conferences to formulate, exchange, or convey policy, plans and advice. A selected list of contacts includes Association of American Publishers (AAP), American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), American Association of School Librarians (AASL), American Library Association (ALA), American Society for Information Science (ASIS), Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), Association of Research Libraries (ARL), Big 12 Plus Library Consortium, Coalition for Networked Information (CNI), Information Industry Association (IIA), International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), Medical Library Association (MLA), National Coalition for Literacy, National Association of Attorney Generals (NAAG), National Forum for Information Literacy, National Information Standards Organization (NISO), Public Library Association (PLA), Special Libraries Association (SLA), Urban Libraries Council (ULC), and White House Conference on Library and Information Services Taskforce (WHCLIST). Commissioners also attended a number of regional and state library association conferences.

NCLIS continues to strengthen and enlarge its list of official liaisons. The liaisons provide a key link between the Commission and the organizations they represent. The official liaisons are as follows:

- American Association of Law Libraries, Mary Alice Baish
- American Library Association, Carol Henderson
- American Society for Information Science, Ann Prentice
- Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, Bridget Lamont
- Information Industry Association, Peyton Neal
- White House Conference on Library and Information Services, Sara Jane Cate and Carmine Trotta

In June 1998, the Commission launched the *Assessment of Standards for the Creation, Dissemination, and Permanent Accessibility of Electronic Government Information Products.* The study is a direct outgrowth of congressional concerns about the impact of electronic publishing on the ability of citizens to obtain access to government information. To assist in the data collection and analysis, a contract was awarded to Westat Inc., a Rockville, Maryland, firm specializing in survey research.

This unprecedented study is based on a survey of 24 federal agencies in all three branches of government, sampling several hundred information products. It was authorized by the Joint Committee on Printing (JCP), approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and funded by the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). The study is being closely coordinated with the Government Printing Office (GPO), particularly the Superintendent of Documents. The Department of Education assisted NCLIS with procurement and contracting support.

The assessment will: (1) identify medium and format standards that are the most appropriate for permanent public access; (2) assess the cost effectiveness and usefulness of various alternative medium and format standards; and (3) identify public and private medium and format standards that are, or could be, used for products throughout their entire information life cycle, not just at the dissemination for permanent public access stage.

Data collection will be completed by January 1999, and the contractor will complete an analysis of the data and produce a final report in the spring of 1999. The Commissioners and staff have periodically reported progress on the contracting and the survey itself to the various public and private groups that have been tracking the study. Chairperson Jeanne Hurley Simon has promised widespread library and information industry participation in reviewing the results of the study, including the printing and publishing communities, groups interested in access to government information, computer and information systems groups, and electronic standards groups.

Once the results are available, the Commission will be considering the appropriate follow-up activities.

SCHOLARLY PUBLISHING

On April 7-8, 1998, the Commission met with the Big Twelve Plus Library Consortium at the Linda Hall Library in Kansas City, Missouri, to discuss challenges facing the nation's academic and research universities and their libraries. Provost David Shulenburger, University of Kansas, described what he calls a crisis in scholarly communication. He noted that from 1986 to 1996 the consumer price index increased 44 percent and the cost of monographs increased by 62 percent, while the cost of scholarly journals increased 148 percent – more than three times the rate of inflation.

Recognizing the need for action at the national level, the Commission accepted the following "challenge" from the Big 12 Plus Library Consortium:

> The U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science accepts the challenge of maintaining access to significant research and scholarship at a time when both the volume and price of information have increased nearly threefold in the last decade.

The Chairperson appointed Commissioner Griffiths to chair a Working Group on Issues of Journal Pricing, Publishing and Copyright to address, as it first priority, the rapidly increasing cost of scholarly research material. At its first meeting on June 24, 1998, the Working Group established four objectives:

1. Identify available and ongoing research related to the issues;
2. Conduct a series of individual meetings with various stakeholder groups: publishers, authors, universities, and the library community;
3. Bring the stakeholder groups together to discuss their relative positions, issues, and concerns, creating a forum for constructive dialog on those issues and concerns; and
4. Produce a report with recommendations that would be widely disseminated.

POLICY ISSUES AND STRATEGIES AFFECTING PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN THE NATIONAL NETWORKED ENVIRONMENT

The Commission published a special report titled *Policy Issues & Strategies Affecting Public Libraries in the National Networked Environment: Moving Beyond Connectivity*, co-authored by John Carlo Bertot and Charles R. McClure. Dr. Bertot was, at that time, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Information Systems, University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Dr. McClure is a Distinguished Professor in the School of Information Studies, Syracuse University. The report follows up on *The 1997 National Survey of U.S. Public Libraries and the Internet* (Bertot, McClure, and Fletcher), co-sponsored by NCLIS with the American Library Association (ALA) and described in the annual report for FY 1997.

The 1997 study provided a range of data and findings from which it is possible to identify and discuss a number of policy issues related to federal information policies and public libraries. Following is a summary of some of the key issues identified by the authors:

Federal Policy Issues

- Reaching 100% public library connectivity
- Importance of Internet-based services, rather than connectivity
- Universal service; Subsidizing public library connection costs
- Public access to electronic government information
- Effectiveness of the Library Services and Technology Act for public libraries
- Need for a new national data collection paradigm
- Role of the federal government
- Multiple federal public library policies and programs

Public Library Issues

- Thinking locally in a global networked environment
- The endless upgrade cycle for equipment and software
- Focus on network-based services
- Identifying, describing, and defining Internet-related costs
- Developing performance measures and statistics for networked services
- Re-deploying library resources
- Resource sharing
- New models for learning and applying Internet skills

SISTER LIBRARIES MILLENNIUM PROJECT

NCLIS is sponsoring a Sister Libraries millennium project, pairing American libraries with libraries in other parts of the United States or outside the United States to encourage an exchange of professional and cultural information. Although it will begin as a millennium project, the "Sister Libraries" initiative is expected to continue well into the twenty-first century.

The project will involve the library staff and the library patrons at each Sister Library. The Internet and Worldwide Web make it possible, as never before, for libraries in our country to communicate with each other and with libraries around the world. The Commission is particularly interested in using this as an opportunity for children to communicate with other children both nationally and internationally and through that contact to learn from one another about their similarities and differences. It will also introduce children to languages and cultures other than their own.

Speaking to the Commission in October 1997, Ellen Lovell, director of the White House Millennium Council, said, "I cannot imagine how a society could honor the past or imagine the future without libraries and without free and open access to information." The Commission shares this opinion and feels strongly that libraries have made, and will continue to make, a significant contribution to the development of this country and to the preservation of its treasures.

The Sister Libraries project is a joint effort of the International Committee, chaired by Commissioner Challinor, and the Ad Hoc

> The motto of the White House Millennium Council is "Honor the Past; Imagine the Future." What a succinct description of the function of libraries and librarians in our society. Libraries do indeed provide the tools for exploring and understanding our history, but they also open a window to the future.
>
> Jeanne Hurley Simon
> Arkansas Library Association/
> Southeastern Library Association Conference
> September 30, 1998

Millennium Committee, chaired by Commissioner Lucchino. At the September 1998 Commission meeting, Sister Libraries was unanimously approved as the NCLIS millennium project. NCLIS has applied for approval of this project as an official White House Millennium Council activity.

IFLA

The Commission continues to be an active participant in International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). Commissioner Challinor and Executive Director Willard represented NCLIS at the August 1998 IFLA General Conference in Amsterdam. The theme of the conference was "On the Crossroads of Information and Culture." Many issues important to the Commission were addressed, including children's access to the Internet, privacy, literacy, standards, intellectual property protection, statistics, and the role of government information. NCLIS representatives established a number of beneficial relationships with counterparts in other countries.

The Commission will be an "International Distinguished Partner" with a special role in the preparations for the IFLA conference to be held in Boston in 2001. Preliminary plans include a joint meeting with the British Library Commission in conjunction with that IFLA conference.

SURVEY OF INTERNATIONAL LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE POLICY ACTIVITIES

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the data collection for a baseline survey of U.S. participation in international forums that address major policy issues of importance to the library and information communities. A key objective of the survey is to create a database that can be used as a research and reference tool to identify individuals and institutions participating in international library and information science policy issues. The end-result sought is to sharpen, strengthen, extend and make more cost-effective both the collective and individual U.S. participation. The survey will be conducted in 1999.

ICSECA

NCLIS entered its thirteenth year of cooperation with the Department of State to coordinate and monitor proposals for International Contributions for Scientific, Educational and Cultural

Activities (ICSECA) funds and to disburse the funds to appropriate organizations and activities. The FY 1998 recipients are as follows:

$22,500 U.S. Committee to the International Federation for Information & Documentation (FID)
To support FID's Global Information Alliance (GIA) activities related to GII policies, to strengthen American involvement in FID related to the National Environmental Information System and other cooperative UNESCO-related programs.

$17,500 Library of Congress (LC)
To help defray U.S. costs for support of the ISSN Network activities headquartered in Paris.

$15,000 National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)
To participate in committees and working groups of the International Council on Archives.

$12,500 International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
To support the International Conference on National Bibliographic Services (Copenhagen, November 1998).

$12,500 National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS)
To support invited NCLIS participation in the IFLA Conference (Amsterdam, August 1998) and preparations for the survey of U.S. participation in international forums on library and information policy.

$12,500 National Information Standards Organization (NISO)
To support U.S. participation in the development of International Standards to support a Global Information Infrastructure (GII); To support the Secretariat of TC 46 Subcommittee 4 on Computer Applications in Information and Documentation (which includes work on electronic publishing standards); and To support the U.S. Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to the International Standards Organization's TC 46.

$7,500 Chen & Chen Associates
To support the 11th International Conference on New Information Technology for Library and Information Professionals in 1999.

NCLIS/NCES LIBRARY STATISTICS PROGRAM

Fiscal Year 1998 marked the eleventh consecutive year of cooperation between the Commission and the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) in implementing the Library Statistics Program (LSP). The Commission serves as a liaison to the library community, organizes meetings and training workshops, supports in-state training and technical assistance, monitors trends, and advises NCES on policy matters.

Last year, to provide a framework for planning and to suggest goals for improvement, the Commission initiated an assessment and planning project for the LSP. In October 1997, consultant Howard Harris submitted a report, *Assessment of and Planning for NCLIS Role in the Library Statistics Cooperative Program (LSCP),* which was widely circulated and discussed in the library statistics community. Although only a few of the specific recommendations in the report were adopted, the discussion it generated strengthened the relationship between NCES and the Commission and stimulated discussion of many important issues.

The major LSP events in FY 1998 included the following:

- Annual training workshop and orientation for new state data coordinators, March 1998.
- Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) workshop, September 1998.
- State Library Agency (StLA) Survey Steering Committee meetings, February and September 1998.
- Steering Committee for Federal-State Cooperative System (FSCS) for public library statistics and its subcommittees met December 1997, and June and September 1998.
- Survey of Library Cooperatives Advisory Committee meeting, September 1998.

The Commission also hosted a meeting in September 1998 to respond to Howard Harris' report. The meeting included a variety of individuals knowledgeable about library statistics from five types of libraries surveyed by NCES: state libraries, public libraries, school libraries, academic libraries, and library cooperatives. This meeting reaffirmed the interest in annual collection of statistics for academic libraries and called attention to the need for more frequent

and timely collection of school library and media center data which is currently collected only once every five years.

Federal-State Cooperative System (FSCS) for Public Library Survey

FSCS is a cooperative program of the NCES and the Commission that has been in operation since 1988. Annual data for this survey are submitted electronically from each of the state library agencies, transmitting data collected from the public libraries in their state.

During the 11th Annual FSCS Training Workshop, held in Alexandria, Virginia, in March 1998, two annual awards were presented. The 1998 Helen M. Eckard Award for Exemplary Use of FSCS Data was presented to Professor John C. Bertot, then at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Dr. Bertot received the FSCS data use award in recognition of his major contributions to research on public libraries, the Internet, and discounted telecommunications rates. The 1997 Keppel Award was given to forty-two states and one territory. To date, all but one state and four territories have earned the Keppel Award acknowledging their submission of prompt, complete and high-quality public library data to the survey.

Academic Libraries Survey

Academic library data are collected biennially as part of the Integrated Postsecondary Data System (IPEDS). The American Library Association's Office for Research and Statistics works with a committee of academic library specialists in advising NCES and NCLIS on improving the biennial survey.

Library Cooperatives Survey

This survey is in the review and testing stage prior to fielding in paper and electronic formats by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, acting as agent for NCES. It included library organizations having formal arrangements, budgets, and paid staff to provide library and information services for the mutual benefit of participating libraries.

State Library Agency Survey

Annual data for this survey are collected electronically from each of the state library agencies. These are the units of state government designated by law as the state agency responsible for statewide library development and administering federal funds under the state-based programs of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

The first John G. Lorenz Award will be presented at the annual Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) meeting in October 1998. This special award is named after John G. Lorenz, Coordinator of the NCLIS Library Statistics Program from 1988-1997. The award will be presented annually to qualifying COSLA and StLA respondents and staff for their timely and accurate submission of StLA survey data.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN G. LORENZ

On September 30, 1997, John G. Lorenz retired for the third time after 57 years as a librarian. Mr. Lorenz joined NCLIS as a consultant in 1988 and served 10 years as Coordinator of the Library Statistics Program. In addition to other major library posts, he served on the Commission (for the Librarian of Congress) from 1970-1975 and as Acting Executive Director of NCLIS for a short period in 1990.

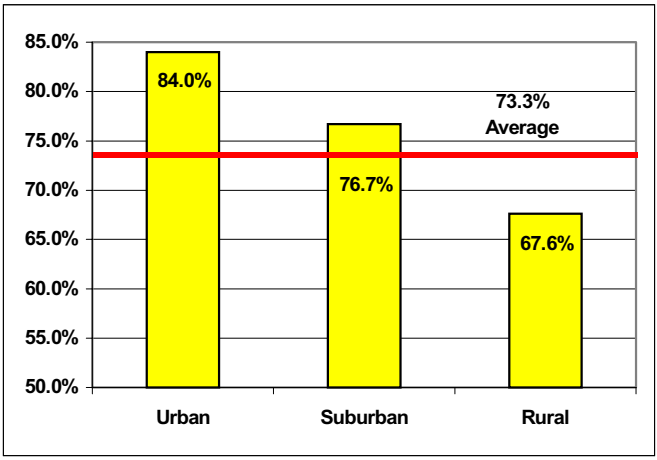
Mr. Lorenz is the recipient of numerous professional awards, most notably the 1993 Joseph Lippincott Award presented by the American Library Association, which concludes by citing:

> His role as a friend and mentor, his diplomacy, and his commitment to education and library development have been lauded by an unparalleled array of library leaders.

1998 National Survey of Public Library Outlet Internet Connectivity

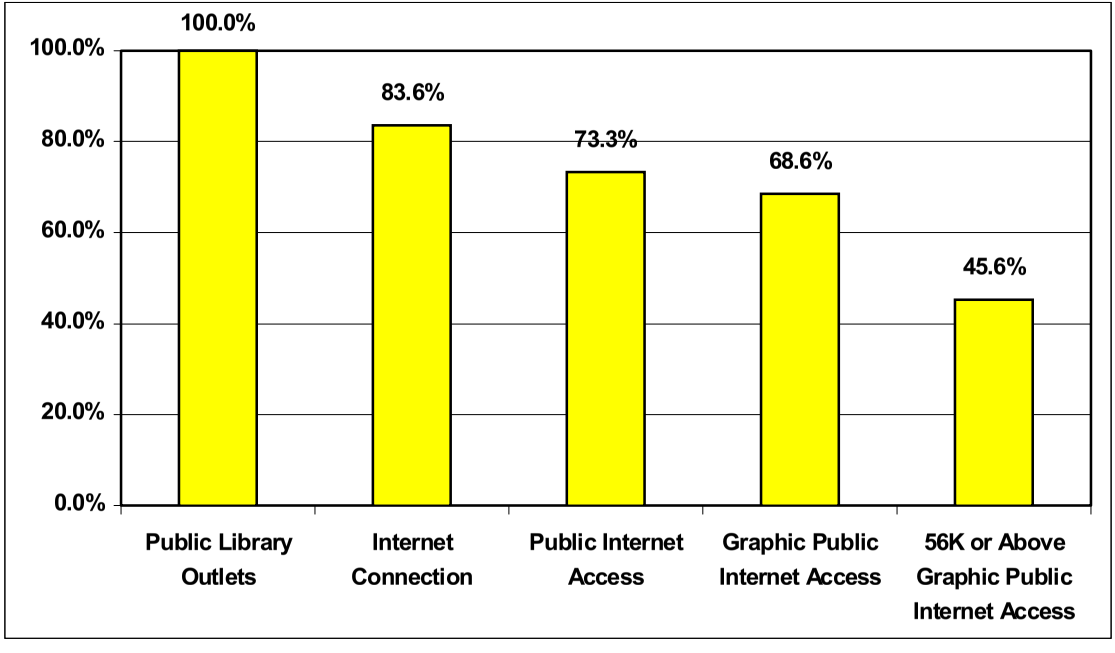
The fifth NCLIS study of public libraries and the Internet was conducted between April and June 1998. The *1998 National Survey of Public Library Outlet Internet Connectivity* was co-sponsored by NCLIS and the American Library Association, with research conducted by Dr. John Carlo Bertot and Dr. Charles R. McClure. The survey results indicate that 83.6% of U.S. public library outlets (main or branch libraries, excluding bookmobiles) are now connected to the Internet and 73.3% of public libraries offer public Internet access. However, public Internet access is substantially lower for libraries in rural areas (67.6%) than for those in urban areas (84.0%).

Public Internet Access by Service Area
Metropolitan Status



As shown in the chart on the next page, the survey results indicate that only 68.6% of public library outlets offer graphical public Internet access to the World Wide Web and only 45.6% of the public libraries offer high speed public Internet access (56 kbps or greater) on one or more workstations with a graphical user interface — the minimum configuration currently necessary for *effective public Internet access* in the view of the Commission. Many libraries still need to implement *effective public Internet access*, offering graphic capability, as well as sufficient speed, workstation functionality, and staff support to meet local needs.

PROGRESS TOWARD EFFECTIVE PUBLIC INTERNET ACCESS



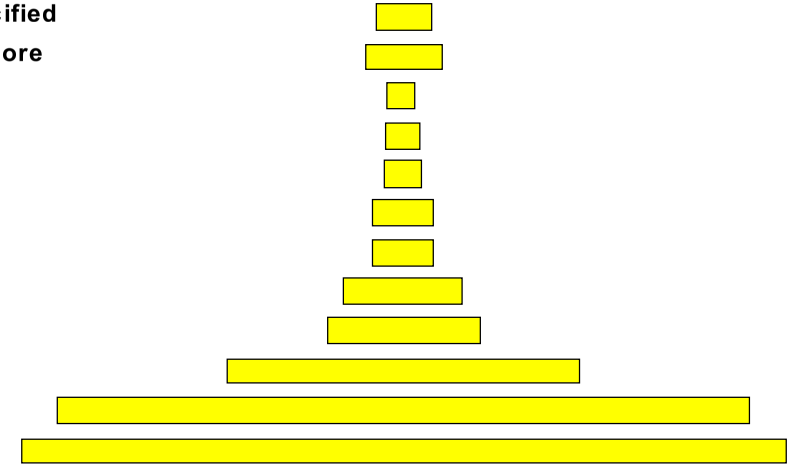
The 1998 survey also provided the basis for additional insights into the numbers of Internet workstations in public libraries. The chart on the next page shows that 31.4% of all library outlets do not have any graphical public access to the Internet. An additional 28.3% of library outlets have only a single graphical Internet workstation available for public access.

Stated another way, the survey results indicate that only 40.3% of public library outlets provide patrons with graphic access to the Internet at more than one workstation. In terms of future research, gaining a better understanding of how the number of public Internet access workstations relates to the population of the library's service area is a high priority since it would contribute to a more accurate measurement of *effective public Internet access*. Nevertheless, the Commission believes that it is safe to assume that a single workstation is inadequate for *effective public Internet access* in many of these library outlets.

The Commission recognizes that the advent of the discount rate for telecommunications services authorized by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, popularly known as the E-Rate, and the importance of the Internet as a national resource ensure that questions about *effective public Internet access* will continue to be debated at the federal level for the foreseeable future. Nevertheless, the Commission feels strongly that these questions remain primarily issues for local assessment and decision-making. To be successful, current and future national programs for public Internet access, such as the E-Rate, need to be based on guidelines for *effective public Internet access* that allow for the wide variation in local resources and requirements.

The Commission intends to continue to work with the wide variety of organizations, both public and private, with a stake in the defining and implementing *effective public Internet access.* The Commission also plans to continue its support for the annual National Survey of Public Libraries and the Internet in order to track the evolving state of public Internet access and the implementation of the goals of universal service for public library Internet access.

Number of Graphical Internet Workstations for Public Access in Libraries



Number of Graphic Workstations	%	Cumulative %
Unspecified	2.4%	100.0%
10 or more	3.4%	97.6%
9	0.9%	94.2%
8	1.5%	93.3%
7	1.7%	91.8%
6	2.6%	90.1%
5	2.5%	87.5%
4	4.9%	85.0%
3	6.2%	80.1%
2	14.2%	73.9%
1	28.3%	59.7%
None	31.4%	31.4%

LIBRARY & INFORMATION SERVICES FOR SPECIAL POPULATIONS

The Commission shall conduct studies, surveys and analyses of the library and informational needs of the Nation, including the special library and informational needs of rural areas, economically, socially or culturally deprived persons, and of elderly persons. ... [20 U.S.C. 1504]

OLDER AMERICANS

On July 16, 1998, Chairperson Simon spoke at a forum on *The Internet: Empowering Older Americans* sponsored by the Senate Special Committee on Aging. Chairperson Simon highlighted the positive roles of the Internet and public libraries in the lives of older Americans. During her testimony, she cited numerous examples of how the Internet empowers older Americans, and how America's public libraries continue to meet the challenge of helping seniors and others navigate the Internet effectively. Commissioner Furlong served as the Forum Moderator and provided an overview of how older Americans use the Internet.

The Commission is working with the American Library Association to identify other opportunities to promote library services for older Americans. The Commission also participated in the Federal Ad Hoc Committee to Prepare for the International Year of Older Persons.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

The Chairperson met with the staff at the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to explore means for the Commission to understand and support its work. The Commission plans to hold a hearing in the summer of 1999 on library services for individuals with disabilities in order to identify actions that are needed and develop policy recommendations.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

During this year the Commission undertook two major initiatives in the area of library and information services to children and youth, issuing a resolution on the importance of libraries in the lives of America's children and planning a hearing on *Kids and the Internet: The Promise and the Perils*.

THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF LIBRARIES IN THE LIVES OF AMERICA'S CHILDREN

WHEREAS we have seen the recent outbreak of children venting rage and anger by killing parents, teachers and schoolmates,

WHEREAS we know that mental development, positive socialization and emotional stabilization must begin at birth if children are to grow up with full success,

WHEREAS we are aware of the uncertainties, hidden needs for information, and fears about being different or disliked in children, adolescents and young people, and

WHEREAS we are concerned about the needs of tens of thousands of young persons now in corrections or on probation who may return to destructive behaviors if they receive no redirection,

BE IT RESOLVED That the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science urges that our society — officials and educators at all levels, community leaders, parents and other adult caregivers, confidantes and role models — utilize the vast potential of libraries and support the current and potential abilities and efforts of librarians in assisting adults, youth and children to seek positive outcomes through wise use of information, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That, in seeking solutions through better parenting and learning experiences for young children and redirection for troubled older children and adolescents, libraries can be a major delivery point.

RESOLUTION OF THE
U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION ON
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SEPTEMBER 1998

The Commission is concerned that children and youth, especially those from fractured and fragile families, receive the stimulation, emotional support, and opportunity for academic achievement that books and library programs provide. To this end, on June 26, 1998, the Commission invited Virginia Mathews, a national library advocate, to speak about the recent outbreak of children venting rage and anger by killing parents, teachers and schoolmates and the means by which libraries can assist in community efforts to prevent such tragedies.

Through a resolution issued on September 8, 1998, the Commission advised officials and educators at all levels, as well as community leaders, parents and other adult caregivers, confidantes and role models, to utilize the vast potential of libraries in assisting youth and children to seek positive outcomes through wise use of information. The resolution emphasizes that libraries can serve as a major delivery point for information on better parenting, for positive learning experiences for young children, and for redirecting troubled older children and adolescents.

On September 16, 1998, Senator Christopher J. Dodd (D-CT) commended the Commission for its efforts to "lead the way" and "to mobilize resources for the purpose of curbing youth violence in this Nation." The full text of the Commission's resolution was printed in the *Congressional Record* (Vol. 144, No. 123, September 16, 1998, page S10444) as part of his remarks. The resolution also appears on the opposite page of this report.

The Commission has been discussing the problems arising from public access Internet terminals in libraries and the potential for the use of such terminals for predation by pedophiles. The Commission also expressed concerns for children and youth regarding:

- Internet access to inappropriate materials, generally sexually explicit matter, but also hate language, cult messages, and other troublesome material; and
- Violations of privacy, especially in the case of marketing efforts that entice children to provide a wide variety of consumer information about themselves and their families.

The Commission recognizes that these concerns must be balanced against the freedom of speech guaranteed by the First Amendment and the library community's aversion to censorship. It also acknowledges that individual library policies on Internet use are appropriately local issues, based on the culture, customs and character of each community.

Nevertheless, protecting our children is an issue of such importance that the Commission decided to hold a hearing in order to focus attention on the enormous benefits of the Internet as well as the significant dangers it poses for children and to seek advice on appropriate means for libraries to protect children without denying them access to the benefits of the Internet. The Commission began planning in the spring for a November 1998 hearing, seeking testimony from federal and state government agencies as well as from concerned citizens, parents, public librarians, teachers, and other interested individuals and organizations. A full report of the hearing will be published in 1999 and summarized in the next annual report of the Commission.

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THE COMMISSION WANTS TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE ENORMOUS BENEFITS OF THE INTERNET AS WELL AS THE POTENTIAL DANGERS IT POSES FOR CHILDREN

COMMISSIONERS

On May 21, 1998, Chairperson **Jeanne Hurley Simon** was confirmed by the Senate for a second term on the Commission. Chairperson Simon's new term ends on July 19, 2002.

In November 1997, Chairperson Simon spoke at the Council on International Educational Exchange in Barcelona, Spain, on the need for governments in the cyberspace era to re-think their laws, rules and regulations, and their national library and information policies, in order to exploit the potential benefits of the information society while minimizing the constraining forces. Former U.S. Representative John Brademas, author of Public Law 91-345 creating the Commission, also spoke at the conference.

In May 1998, Chairperson Simon was the recipient of the Parnassus Award from the Arizona Center for the Book. This prestigious award is bestowed on individuals, organizations, and corporations that have demonstrated a profound and steadfast commitment to books, reading, libraries and literacy.

On June 27, 1998, the Federal Librarians Round Table (FLRT) presented its 1998 Achievement Award to Chairperson Simon. She was recognized for her "leadership and sustained volunteer service at the highest national level in promoting library and information science and the information profession in the federal community." FLRT honored Jeanne Simon as a "powerful advocate for libraries," citing her work as Chairperson of the Commission since 1993, her teaching responsibilities as adjunct professor of library affairs at Southern Carbondale (IL) University, and her activism with the first White House Conference on Library and Information Services.

On April 3, 1998, the Senate confirmed the appointment of Vice Chair **Martha B. Gould** of Nevada to serve a second term as a member of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. Commissioner Gould's new term ends on July 19, 2002.

In May 1998, Commissioner Gould lectured about censorship to the children's literature class at the University of Nevada, Reno. During 1998 she also served as a consultant to the Nevada State Library and Archives, conducting workshops for library trustees,

and as vice chair of the Washoe County School District taskforce revising the social studies curriculum. She was co-editor of the Nevada Women's History Project publication: *Women's History in Nevada; An Annotated Bibliography of Published Sources*.

VICE CHAIR MARTHA B. GOULD

Commissioner **C. E. "Abe" Abramson** represented the Commission at a forum for museums partnering with community called "Building a Sense of Place." The forum was held in St. Louis in June 1998 and sponsored by the Missouri Historical Society and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Office of Museum Services.

Commissioner Abramson made a presentation on library trustees and library foundations at the conference of the Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) in Ketchum, ID, in August 1998. He also participated in trustee and foundation workshops at the American Library Association (ALA) midwinter meeting in New Orleans, LA, in January 1998 and at the Public Library Association (PLA) conference in Kansas City, MO, in March 1998.

As chair of the Commission's Committee on Access to Government Information, Commissioner Abramson has provided oversight and support for the *Assessment of Standards for the Creation,*

Dissemination, and Permanent Accessibility of Electronic Government Information Products requested by the Government Printing Office (GPO). The results of that study will be available in the spring of 1999.

Commissioner **Walter Anderson** appeared as a special guest on "Newseum TV," and presented the keynote speeches at the Fresno County Office of Education's Library Summit and at the Greater Washington Reading Council's Winter Retreat. He continued his work as an advocate for libraries and literacy through a variety of other speeches and articles.

On April 27, 1998, "An Evening with Walter Anderson" was held at the Rabb Lecture Hall during the sesquicentennial celebration at the Boston Public Library. He was accompanied by Chairperson Simon and Commissioner Willard. On May 7, 1998, Commissioner Anderson participated in the celebration of the Kirtstein Business Branch of the Boston Public Library, the first public business reference library to be established through a gift from a private citizen.

On April 3, 1998, **Rebecca T. Bingham** of Louisville, KY, was confirmed as a member of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2002.

Commissioner Bingham is a national school library leader and the retired director of School Library Media Services for Jefferson County Public Schools, Louisville. She has served as President of the American Association of School Librarians, the Southeastern Library Association and the Kentucky Library Association. Commissioner Bingham has also served as a member, board member and officer of many other local, state and national groups, such as Kentucky's Advisory Council for Federal Grant Programs for Libraries. She was a member of the Advisory Committee for the 1979 White House Conference on Library and Information Services.

Commissioner **LeVar Burton** continued his outstanding work as the host for "Reading Rainbow," which won another Emmy award in 1998 for outstanding children's television series. During FY 1998, Commissioner Burton was also chair of National UNICEF Month and one of the voices in the animated biography of Martin Luther King, Jr., entitled *Our Friend Martin*.

Commissioner **Joan R. Challinor** attended the "Know-How Conference on The World of Women's Information" (The Hague, August, 1998), the first global conference on women's information held since the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing 1995). One important outcome of the Know-How Conference was a program called "Mapping the World," a combination database and web site that is intended to increase the visibility and accessibility of women's information services and thereby broaden their base of users. It presently consists of 160 records representing 69 countries with a long-term goal of providing access to women's information centers in all countries and significant communities.

COMMISSIONERS JOAN CHALLINOR (LEFT) AND JOSÉ-MARIE GRIFFITHS EXAMINE A RARE BOOK AT THE LINDA HALL LIBRARY DURING THE APRIL 1998 COMMISSION MEETING

On July 16, 1998, Commissioner **Mary S. Furlong** was the moderator for the Forum on Seniors and the Internet, sponsored by the Special Committee on Aging of the U.S. Senate. Chairperson Simon was one of the panelists.

In July 1998, Commissioner Furlong was featured on an ABC News presentation entitled, "Over 55 and Wired for Net." Recent

interviews and presentations through various popular media sources include: The Silicon Valley Radio; Yahoo! Internet Life; *Fast Company*; ZD Net; MSNBC News; *Silver Threads Magazine*; URL Wire; and the *Wall Street Journal.*

In November 1997, Commissioner **José-Marie Griffiths** presented the keynote speech at Case Western Reserve University on "Women in Cyberspace: Issues For and About Women Using the Internet." She also spoke on "The New Information Professional" at the American Society for Information Science conference.

Commissioner Griffiths authored a chapter, "Why the Web is Not a Library," in *The Mirage of Continuity: Reconfiguring Academic Information Resources for the Twenty-First Century,* by Brian Hawkins and Patricia Battin. She also authored a journal article, "The New Information Professional," in the *Bulletin of the American Society for Information Science,* February/March 1998.

Commissioner **Frank J. Lucchino** continued to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and on the Governor's Council on Library Development in Pennsylvania. He also served as a member of the Advisory Board of Beginning With Books, an affiliate program of The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.

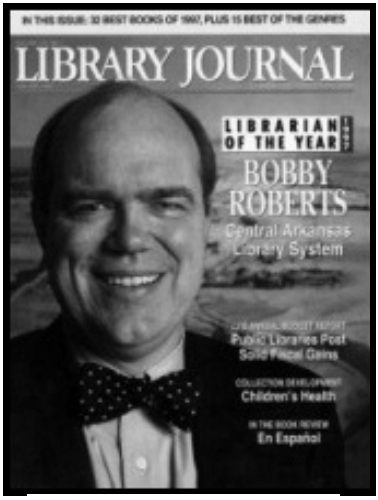
Under Commissioner Lucchino's chairmanship, the Commission on the Future of Libraries in Allegheny County continued to make great strides in electronically linking all of the libraries in Allegheny County to a common computer network.

Commissioner **Bobby L. Roberts** was selected *Library Journal*'s Librarian of the Year. The announcement was made at the American Library Association (ALA) mid-winter meeting in January 1998 in New Orleans, LA. Commissioner Roberts is also a respected author on the Civil War. In 1998 he and Carl Moneyhon authored *Portraits in Conflict: A Photographic History of Texas.* It is the seventh book in a proposed twelve volume series, published by the University of Arkansas Press.

In July 1998, Commissioner **Joel D. Valdez** represented the Commission at the White House Conference on Library and Information Services Taskforce (WHCLIST) meeting in Phoenix, accompanied by Executive Director Willard. The Commission continues to work closely with WHCLIST to follow-up on the

COMMISSIONER BOBBY L. ROBERTS
1997 LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR

Commissioner Bobby L. Roberts, Director of the Central Arkansas Library System, was chosen "1997 Librarian of the Year" by the editors of *Library Journal*.



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Commissioner Roberts was featured on the cover of the January 1998 issue of *Library Journal*. In the accompanying article John N. Berry, III, Editor-in-Chief of *Library Journal*, concludes:

> "Most important," said Dr. Bobby Roberts, the librarian, historian, politician with roots deep in the mud of that Arkansas delta, "the library is political. Everything is political in America, why should the library be different?" Roberts [has] put libraries and politics together in a unique, progressive, effective way, and that won him our votes for *LJ* Librarian of the Year, 1997.

recommendations of the White House Conferences on Library and Information Services and to consider future means of gathering broad public input on the library and information service needs of the nation.

Commissioner Valdez continued to represent the Commission at the conferences of Reforma, an organization committed to providing the full spectrum of library and information services for the approximately 22 million Spanish-speaking and Hispanic people in the United States. He was an active participant in other international programs, such as AMPART (a program of the U.S. State Department under the U.S. Political, Economic and Social Processes Division).

Commissioner Valdez also helped the Tucson City/County Public Library establish a 501(C) non-profit foundation for the purpose of raising funds to supplement their budget.

In October 1997, Commissioner **Robert S. Willard** represented the Commission at the Information Industry Association meeting in San Francisco and the Depository Library Council meeting in Tampa. Commissioner Willard resigned from the Commission in June 1998 to accept the position of NCLIS Executive Director.

As the Librarian of Congress, **James H. Billington** is one of two statutory members of the Commission. For more than ten years **Winston Tabb**, Associate Librarian for Library Services, has represented Dr. Billington when he is unable to attend NCLIS meetings. In June 1998, Mr. Tabb received the Melvil Dewey medal from the American Library Association (ALA). Mr. Tabb was presented the Dewey award for:

> [H]is distinguished service to the library profession; his high order of creative leadership to the Library of Congress and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions; and for his vision, leadership and determination in establishing the Program for Cooperative Cataloging which resulted in significant improvement to global bibliographic control worthy of our benefactor, Melvil Dewey.

During FY 1998, the Commission was pleased to welcome **Nancy A. Davenport**, Director for Acquisitions and Support Services for Library Services, as an alternate representative of the Librarian of

Congress. Ms. Davenport participated in the April Commission meeting in Kansas City.

As Director of IMLS, **Diane B. Frankel** is also a statutory member of the Commission. During 1998, Ms. Frankel continued to stress the importance of lifelong learning through museums and libraries by her testimony to Congress, as well as a variety of speeches, interviews and meetings with library and museum leaders.

COMMISSION STAFF AND CONSULTANTS

FY 1998 was a transition year for the Commission, selecting a new Executive Director and Deputy Director and beginning to rebuild the professional staff necessary to accomplish the goals of the Commission. Consultants were used extensively to provide essential program support and administrative staff in the interim.

The selection of the new Executive Director was the highest priority, and on June 24, 1998, **Robert S. Willard** was appointed executive director. Mr. Willard was a Member of the Commission, appointed by President Clinton for the term 1994-1999. He resigned from his position as a Commissioner to accept the appointment as Executive Director. He had been serving as Acting Executive Director since February at the request of his fellow Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ROBERT S. WILLARD
WITH FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

Mr. Willard's professional career includes more than 12 years as a marketing executive for legal publishing companies. He also spent 15 years in association management with trade, professional and educational associations in Washington, DC. He was a U.S. Army Officer with service in Vietnam.

Mr. Willard served as an at-large delegate to the 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services from the state of Ohio. He was also a group facilitator during the 1979 White House Conference.

Mr. Willard has an M.S.A. in Operations Research and Systems Analysis from The George Washington University and a B.S.F.S. in International Relations from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service.

Judith C. Russell was named Deputy Director on August 12, 1998. As Deputy Director, Ms. Russell is responsible for management, coordination and administration of Commission operations under the director's authority. From February to August Ms. Russell served as NCLIS consultant responsible for reviewing and improving administrative procedures and for assessment and modernization of current information technology.

Prior to joining NCLIS, Ms. Russell was Director, Government Services Division, IDD Enterprises, 1996-1998, working closely with librarians and other federal personnel managers on an electronic retirement information system. Ms. Russell was with the Government Printing Office (GPO) from 1991-1996. While at GPO she served as the director of the Federal Depository Library Program and also as director of the Office of Electronic Information Dissemination Services. She was instrumental in the development of the online service, *GPO Access.* Ms. Russell has a B.A. from Dunbarton College and an M.S.L.S. from The Catholic University of America.

During FY 1998, there were two retirements from the Commission staff. **Mary Alice Hedge** retired in November 1997 after serving with the Commission from its inception in a variety of positions. She was Associate Executive Director at the time of her retirement. **Barbara Whiteleather**, Special Assistant, retired in June 1998. She worked for the Commission from 1971 to 1985 and again from 1990 until her retirement in 1998. During that time, she served both as a member of the staff and as a consultant.

M. JANE WILLIAMS , ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
(JUNE 1997 TO FEBRUARY 1998)

Mimie Rutledge, Special Assistant, Fiscal, for the Library Statistics Program, resigned in April 1998. She was with the Commission since 1989, first as a consultant and later as a member of the staff.

M. Jane Williams, Research Associate for the Commission from 1990 to 1998, left for a new position as Director of Planning and Administrative Services at McKeldin Library of the University of Maryland. She was Acting Executive Director of the Commission from June 1997 through February 1998, and the Commission is grateful for her assistance during this period of transition.
From 1980 to 1986, Ms. Williams was State Librarian and Director, State Library of North Carolina. Prior to that she held administrative and public service posts in public and academic libraries in North Carolina. Ms. Williams is a graduate of Pfeiffer College. She has an M.S.L.S. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The Commission used a number of consultants for both short- and long-term tasks during the year. Three of these consultants deserve special recognition. **Forest Woody Horton** continued to assist the Commission with its international programs and with the *Assessment of Standards for the Creation, Dissemination, and Permanent Accessibility of Electronic Government Information Products.*

Howard Harris prepared a report assessing the Commission's role in the Library Statistics Cooperative Program (LSCP), providing his personal recommendations for the consideration of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), the Commission and the LSCP participants. He also assisted with recruitment of a new director for the Library Statistics Program, edited the Commission report on the 1998 Survey of Public Libraries and the Internet and served as an interim director of statistics and surveys for the Commission.

Barbara Whiteleather retired after 24 years of service to the Commission. She has returned to work part-time as a consultant, assisting with planning for Commission meetings and other special projects.

1997-1998 COMMISSION STAFF

CURRENT STAFF

Robert S. Willard, Executive Director (June 1998-)
Judith C. Russell, Deputy Director (August 1998-)
Kim Miller, Special Assistant-Technical
Cherylene W. Rollerson, Secretary
Vivian D. Terrell, Administrative Officer

CONSULTANTS

Howard Harris, Library Statistics
Forest Woody Horton, Government Information and International Activities
Barbara Whiteleather, Meeting Planning and Special Projects

FORMER STAFF

Mary Alice Hedge, Associate Executive Director, 1971-1997
Mimie L. Rutledge, Special Assistant-Fiscal, 1989-1998
M. Jane Williams, Research Associate, 1990-1998 and Acting Executive Director, 1997-1998
Barbara Whiteleather, Special Assistant, 1971-1985 and 1990-1998

REBECCA T. BINGHAM SWORN IN AS A COMMISSIONER

On April 3, 1998, Rebecca T. Bingham of Louisville, KY was confirmed as a member of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring on July 19, 2002.

Commissioner Bingham was sworn in by Judge D. Brook Bartlett using a rare Bible from the collection of the Linda Hall Library in Kansas City, MO, on April 7, 1998.

Commissioner Bingham is a national school library leader and the retired Director of School Library Media Services for Jefferson County Public Schools, Louisville, KY. She has served as President of the American Association of School Librarians (AASL), the Southeastern Library Association and the Kentucky Library Association. Commissioner Bingham has also served as a member, board member and officer of many other local, state and national groups, such as Kentucky's Advisory Council for Federal Grant Programs for Libraries. She was a member of the Advisory Committee for the 1979 White House Conference on Library and Information Services.

The Commission is composed of 14 members appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, as well as two *ex officio* members, the Librarian of Congress and the Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

Terms of the Commissioners appointed by the President expire on July 19th of the year in parentheses following their names.

Jeanne Hurley Simon
Chair, 1993 -
Makanda, IL (2002)

Lawyer; former member of the Illinois State Assembly; member, Advisory Committee, 1979 White House Conference on Library and Information Services; a life-long advocate for libraries

Martha B. Gould
Vice Chair, 1994 -
Reno, NV (2002)

Retired Director, Washoe County Library System; former President, Nevada Library Association; past Chair and member, Nevada State Council on Libraries; named Nevada Librarian of the "Years" in 1993

C. E. "Abe" Abramson
Missoula, MT (2000)

Commercial-industrial real estate broker; founding and current Trustee of the Missoula Public Library Foundation; former member and Chair, Board of Trustees, Missoula Public Library; former member and Vice Chair, Montana State Library Commission

Walter Anderson
New York, NY (2000)

Editor and Executive Vice President of *Parade m*agazine; member, National Advisory Board, Literacy Volunteers of America; member, Board of Advisors, National Center for Family Literacy; a national spokesman for libraries, literacy and the GED program

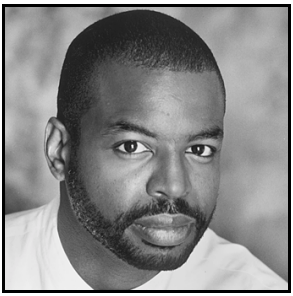
The Commissioners are enthusiastic, dedicated and hardworking, and they use every opportunity they can to promote libraries as they travel throughout the country.

Jeanne Hurley Simon
Chairperson

Retired Director, School Library Media Services, Jefferson County Public Schools in Louisville, KY; former President of the American Association of School Librarians, the Kentucky Library Association, and the Southeastern Library Association

Rebecca T. Bingham
Louisville, KY (2001)

Actor, producer, director and author; host and co-executive producer of "Reading Rainbow," a PBS television series that introduces children to the world of reading and books



LeVar Burton
Los Angeles, CA (2000)

Historian; Chair, Advisory Committee of the Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America at Radcliffe College; member of the Madison Council of the Library of Congress; board member, Knight Ridder, a newspaper and electronic publisher

Joan R. Challinor

CEO and founder, Third Age Media, Inc.; founder of SeniorNet, a non-profit organization to educate older Americans in computer use; knowledgeable with respect to the library and information services needs of the elderly

Mary S. Furlong
San Francisco, CA (1999)

Chief Information Officer, University of Michigan; former administrator at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; former researcher and manager at King Research, Inc.; a nationally and internationally known information scientist, researcher and teacher

José-Marie Griffiths
Ann Arbor, MI (2001)

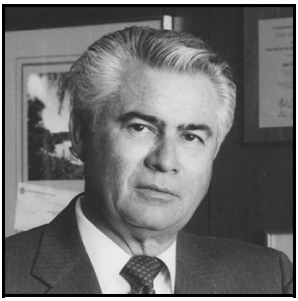
Controller, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; Trustee of The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh; member, Governor's Council on Library Development; advocate for library services for residents of public housing projects and other economically disadvantaged areas

Frank J. Lucchino

Director, Central Arkansas Library System, Little Rock; established the archives and special collections department at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock; author in the fields of U.S. history, librarianship, and management

Bobby L. Roberts
Little Rock, AR (1998)

Senior Vice President for Business Affairs, University of Arizona; former City Manager and Assistant City Manager of Tucson; former Administrative Assistant to the Director of the Tucson Public Library

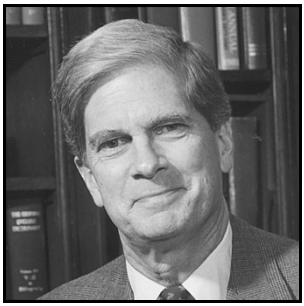


Joel D. Valdez
Tucson, AZ (1998)

Resigned in June 1998 to accept the position of NCLIS Executive Director; former legal publishing executive; most recently Vice President for Government Relations, Lawyers Cooperative Publishing

Robert S. Willard

Ex Officio Members



James H. Billington
Librarian of Congress

Librarian of Congress; former Director, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; former professor of history, Princeton University

Diane B. Frankel
Director, IMLS

Director, Institute of Museum and Library Services; former Director, Institute of Museum Services; former Executive Director, Bay Area Discovery Museum, Sausalito, CA; former Dean, School of Liberal and Professional Arts, John F. Kennedy University

Winston Tabb
Representative of the Librarian of Congress

Associate Librarian of Congress for Library Services; former Associate Librarian for Collection Services; former Acting Deputy Librarian; represents the Librarian of Congress when the Librarian is unable to participate in NCLIS activities

The Chairperson serves ex-officio on all NCLIS Committees.

CHILD ABUSE IN THE DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT
Walter Anderson, Chair; Rebecca Bingham; LeVar Burton; Frank Lucchino; Bobby Roberts

INTERNATIONAL
Joan Challinor, Chair; José-Marie Griffiths; Winston Tabb; Joel Valdez

LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT
Diane Frankel; Mary Furlong; Frank Lucchino; Bobby Roberts

LIBRARY STATISTICS
Abe Abramson, Chair; Rebecca Bingham; Bobby Roberts

NATIONAL AWARD FOR LIBRARIES
Diane Frankel, Chair; Rebecca Bingham; Joan Challinor; Martha Gould; Bobby Roberts

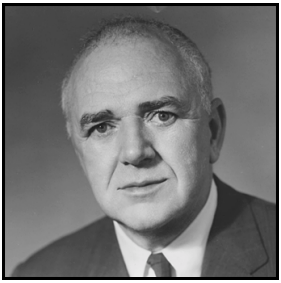
NCLIS MILLENNIUM PROJECT
Frank Lucchino, Chair; Rebecca Bingham; Joan Challinor; Martha Gould; José-Marie Griffiths; Joel Valdez

PERSONNEL
Martha Gould, Co-Chair; Joan Challinor, Co-Chair; Abe Abramson; José-Marie Griffiths; Joel Valdez

PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION
Abe Abramson, Chair; Winston Tabb; Joan Challinor; Martha Gould; José-Marie Griffiths

WORKING GROUP ON THE ISSUES OF JOURNAL PRICING, PUBLISHING, AND COPYRIGHT
Commissioners: José-Marie Griffiths, Chair; Abe Abramson; Joan Challinor; Mary Furlong; Martha Gould
Non-Commissioners: Richard Hill, ASIS; Karen Hunter, Reed Elsevier; Althea Jenkins, ALA; Peyton Neal, IIA; Carolyn Snyder, Big 12 Plus; Duane Webster, ARL

FORMER CHAIRPERSONS



Frederick Burkhardt
Chairman, 1970-1978

Charles Benton
Chairman, 1978-1982

Elinor M. Hashim
Chairman, 1982-1986

Kenneth Y. Tomlinson

Jerald C. Newman

Charles E. Reid
Chairman, 1990-1992

J. Michael Farrell
Chairman, 1992-1993

FORMER COMMISSION MEMBERS

Each name is followed by dates in parentheses indicating the years of service as a Commissioner. Positions held with the Commission, such as Chairman and Vice Chairman, are listed below the name in italics with the years of service noted. The professional affiliation during the time of service on the Commission is indicated. Where known, the current assignment and place of residence or year of death is provided in parentheses.

SHIRLEY GRAY ADAMOVICH (1992-1996)
Commissioner, Department of Cultural Affairs, and New Hampshire State Librarian (Durham, NH)

ANDREW A. AINES (1971-1976)
Acting NCLIS Executive Director (1980); Senior Staff Associate, Office of Scientific and Technical Information, U.S. Department of Energy (Deceased 1996)

HELMUT A. ALPERS (1980-1984)
Vice President, General Bookbinding Company (Gates Mills, OH)

GORDON M. AMBACH (1980-1985)
Advisory Committee Member, 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services; President, University of the State of New York and Commissioner of Education (Executive Director, Chief State School Officers; Washington, DC)

WILLIAM O. BAKER (1971-1975)
President, Bell Telephone Laboratories (Murray Hill, NJ)

PATRICIA BARBOUR (1985-1988)
Member, Executive Board, American Research Institute (Dearborn Heights, MI)

JOSEPH BECKER (197174; 1974-1979)
President, Becker and Hayes, Inc. (Deceased 1995)

CHARLES BENTON (1978-1980; 1980-1985)
NCLIS Chairman (1978-1982); Chairman Emeritus (1982-); Chairman, 1979 White House Conference on Library and Information Services; Chairman, Public Media, Inc. (Chair and President, Benton Foundation; Chicago, IL)

DANIEL J. BOORSTIN (1975-1987)
Librarian of Congress (Librarian Emeritus, Library of Congress)

FREDERICK BURKHARDT (1971-1975; 1976-1978)
NCLIS Chairman (1971-78); Chairman Emeritus (1978-); Vice Chairman, National Advisory Committee on Libraries (1966-1968); President, American Council of Learned Societies (historian and author; Bennington, VT)

ROBERT W. BURNS, JR. (1978-1981)
Assistant Director of Libraries for Research Services, Colorado State University (Fort Collins, CO)

DANIEL W. CARTER (1985-1989; 1989-1991)
Acting NCLIS Executive Director (1988); President, Daniel Carter Consulting (Houston, TX)

DANIEL W. CASEY (1973-1978; 1985-1989; 1989-1995)
Advisory Committee Member, 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services; communications executive (Deceased 1995)

HAROLD CROTTY (1971-1972; 1972-1975)
President, Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees (Deceased 1986)

CARLOS A. CUADRA (1971-1974; 1974-1979; 1980-1984)
President, Cuadra Associates; former General Manager, SDC Service (Los Angeles, CA)

CAROL K. DiPRETE (1990-1991; 1991-1996)
Dean for Academic Services, Roger Williams University (Providence, RI)

LESLIE W. DUNLAP (1971-1975)
Dean, Library Administration, The University of Iowa Libraries (Iowa City, IA)

LEE EDWARDS (1986-1990)
NCLIS Vice Chairman (1988-1990); Delegate-at-Large, 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services; Director, Institute on Political Journalism, Georgetown University; former Senior Editor, *The World & I* (Alexandria, VA)

J. MICHAEL FARRELL (1990-1993)
NCLIS Chairman (1992-93); Member, Rules Committee, 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services; Attorney at Law (Washington, DC)

WANDA L. FORBES (1985–1988; 1988-1993)
Former School Librarian; former Member, South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (Columbia, SC)

FRANK GANNON (1986–1990)
President, Frank Gannon Productions; former Editor, *Saturday Review (*New York, NY)

MARTIN GOLAND (1971-1977)
President, Southwest Research Institute (Deceased 1997)

JOAN H. GROSS (1978-1982)
Assistant for Public Affairs, New York City, Department of Housing, Preservation and Development (New York, NY)

ELINOR H. HASHIM (1981-1986)
NCLIS Chairman (1982-1986); Chairman Emeritus (1986-); Interim Executive Director (1986); Government Relations Officer and Program Director, Special Libraries, OCLC , Inc. (Newington, CT)

PAULETTE H. HOLAHAN (1980-1985)
Deputy Judicial Administrator for Public Information, Louisiana Supreme Court (New Orleans, LA)

CLARA STANTON JONES (1978-1982)
Former Director, Detroit Pubic Library; Former President, American Library Association (Oakland, CA)

JOHN E. JUERGENSMEYER (1982-1987)
Attorney, Juergensmeyer and Associates (Elgin, IL)

NORMAN KELINSON (1992-1995)
President, Universal Financial Services (Davenport, IA)

JOHN KEMENY (1971-1973)
President, Dartmouth College (Deceased 1992)

FRANCIS KEPPEL (1979-1983)
Director, Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies (Deceased 1990)

BYRON LEEDS (1982-1986)
Vice President, Post Graphics, Inc. (Flander, NJ)

MARIAN P. LEITH (1976-1980)
Assistant Director and Federal Program Director, North Carolina State Library (Salinas, CA)

LOUIS A. LERNER (1971-1972; 1972-1977)
Publisher, Lerner Home Newspapers (Deceased 1985)

BEN-CHIEH LIU (1991-1993)
Professor of Management and Information Science, Chicago State University (Lisle, IL)

JOHN G. LORENZ (1971-1975 while representing the Librarian of Congress)
Acting NCLIS Executive Director (1990); Coordinator, NCLIS Library Statistics Program (1987-1997); Deputy Librarian of Congress; Acting Librarian of Congress (Cranberry Township, PA)

JAMES E. LYONS (1991-1993)
Publisher, University Press of America, Inc. (President, University Press of America; Washington, DC)

BESSIE BOEHM MOORE (1971-1973; 1973-1978; 1979-1983; 1984-1988)
NCLIS Vice Chairman (1972-1988); NCLIS Vice Chairman Emeritus (1988-); Vice Chair, 1979 White House Conference on Library and Information Services; Advisory Committee Member, 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services; Former Executive Director, State Council on Economic Education (Deceased 1995)

L. QUINCY MUMFORD (1971-1975)
Librarian of Congress (Deceased 1982)

FRANCES H. NAFTALIN (1978-1982)
President, Minneapolis Public Library Board (Minneapolis, MN)

GEORGE H. NASH (1987-1990)
Author, historian, and biographer of Herbert Hoover (South Hadley, MA)

JERALD C. NEWMAN (1982-1987; 1987-1992)
NCLIS Chairman (1987-1990); Advisory Committee Member, 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services; Thompson Medical Company; former President, Transnational Commerce Corporation (expert in banking, education, management and automation; North Woodmere, NY)

RAYMOND J. PETERSEN (1988-1991)
Executive Vice President, Hearst Magazines (New York, NY)

MARGARET PHELAN (1985-1989)
Acting NCLIS Executive Director (1988); President, Phelan Business Research (Shawnee Mission, KS)

CHARLES E. REID (1988-1993)
NCLIS Chairman (1990-1992); Chairman Emeritus (1992-); Vice Chairman, 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services; Senior Vice President, Prodevco Group (Ft. Lee, NJ)

RALPH A. RENICK (1975-1977)
Vice President/News Director, WTVJ News (Deceased 1991)

KAY W. RIDDLE (1991-1995)
Political activist; Board Member, Adams County Public Library System (Northglenn, CO)

CATHERINE D. SCOTT (1971-1976)
NCLIS Vice Chairman (1971-1972); Librarian, Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution (Washington, DC)

PHILIP A. SPRAGUE (1979-1983)
Advisory Committee Member, 1979 White House Conference on Library and Information Services; Associate Administrator for Management Assistance, Small Business Administration (Businessman; Michigan City, IN)

GARY NEIL SUDDUTH (1993-1997)
President and CEO, Minneapolis Urban League (Deceased 1997)

ELEANOR H. SWAIM (1988-1989; 1989-1994)
NCLIS Vice Chair (1991-1993); Chairman, North Carolina State Library Commission (Salisbury, NC)

HORACE E. TATE (1978-1981)
Georgia State Senator and Executive Director, Georgia Association of Educators (Atlanta, GA)

BARBARA J. H. TAYLOR (1986-1990; 1991-1995)
Librarian General, Daughters of the American Revolution (Germantown, MD)

KENNETH Y. TOMLINSON (1986-1987)
NCLIS Chairman (1986-1987); Executive Editor, *Reader's Digest* (Middleburg, VA)

SALLY JO VASICKO (1987-1989)
Chairperson and Professor, Political Science Department, Ball State University (Assistant Dean, University College, Ball State University; Muncie, IN)

JOHN E. VELDE, JR. (1971-1974; 1974-1979)
Advisory Committee Member, 1979 White House Conference on Library and Information Services; Velde, Roelfs and Company (Businessman; Omaha, NE)

MARGARET S. WARDEN (1980-1984)
Advisory Committee Member, 1979 White House Conference on Library and Information Services; Member, Montana State Advisory Council for Libraries; former Montana State Senator (Great Falls, MT)

WILLIAM A. WELSH (1976-1988 while representing the Librarian of Congress)
Deputy Librarian of Congress (Bethesda, MD)

ROBERT S. WILLARD (1994; 1994-1998)
Acting NCLIS Executive Director (1998); At-Large Delegate to the 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services; Group Facilitator, 1979 White House Conference; former Vice President, Government Relations, Lawyers Cooperative Publishing (NCLIS Executive Director; University Park, MD)

JULIA LI WU (1973-1978; 1982-1987; 1987-1992)
Head Librarian, Virgil Junior High School and President, Board of Directors, Los Angeles Community College District (Los Angeles, CA)

MILDRED E. YOUNGER (1976-1980)
Member, Board of Directors, Los Angeles Library Association (Beverly Hills, CA)

ALFRED R. ZIPF (1971-1973)
Executive Vice President, Bank of America

APPENDIX A: PUBLIC LAW 91-345 AS AMENDED

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[Laws in effect as of January 27, 1998]

TITLE 20--EDUCATION

CHAPTER 34--NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Sec. 1501. Congressional statement of policy

The Congress hereby affirms that library and information services adequate to meet the needs of the people of the United States are essential to achieve national goals and to utilize most effectively the Nation's educational resources and that the Federal Government will cooperate with State and local governments and public and private agencies in assuring optimum provision of such services.

Sec. 1502. Establishment

(a) Independent agency within executive branch

There is hereby established as an independent agency within the executive branch, a National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (hereinafter referred to as the “Commission”).

Sec. 1503. Contributions

The Commission is authorized to accept, hold, administer, and utilize gifts, bequests, and devises of property, both real and personal, for the purpose of aiding or facilitating the work of the Commission. Gifts, bequests, and devises of money and proceeds from sales of other property received as gifts, bequests, or devises shall be deposited in the Treasury and shall be available for disbursement upon the order of the Commission.

Sec. 1504. Functions and powers

(a) Advice to President and Congress; studies and surveys, plans; annual report

The Commission shall have the primary responsibility for developing or recommending overall plans for, and advising the

appropriate governments and agencies on, the policy set forth in section 1501 of this title. In carrying out that responsibility, the Commission shall--

(1) advise the President and the Congress on the implementation of national policy by such statements, presentations, and reports as it deems appropriate;

(2) conduct studies, surveys, and analyses of the library and informational needs of the Nation, including the special library and informational needs of rural areas, of economically, socially, or culturally deprived persons, and of elderly persons, and the means by which these needs may be met through information centers, through the libraries of elementary and secondary schools and institutions of higher education, and through public, research, special, and other types of libraries;

(3) appraise the adequacies and deficiencies of current library and information resources and services and evaluate the effectiveness of current library and information science programs;

(4) develop overall plans for meeting national library and informational needs and for the coordination of activities at the Federal, State, and local levels, taking into consideration all of the library and informational resources of the Nation to meet those needs;

(5) be authorized to advise Federal, State, local, and private agencies regarding library and information sciences;

(6) promote research and development activities which will extend and improve the Nation's library and information-handling capability as essential links in national and international communications and cooperative networks;

(7) submit to the President and the Congress (not later than January 31 of each year) a report on its activities during the preceding fiscal year; and

(8) make and publish such additional reports as it deems to be necessary, including, but not limited to, reports of consultants, transcripts of testimony, summary reports, and reports of other Commission findings, studies, and recommendations.

(b) Advice to Director of Institute of Museum and Library Services

The Commission shall have the responsibility to advise the Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services on general policies with respect to the duties, powers, and authority of the Institute of Museum and Library Services relating to library services, including--

(1) general policies with respect to--

(A) financial assistance awarded under the Museum and Library Services Act [20 U.S.C. 9101 et seq.] for library services; and

(B) projects described in section 262(a)(4) of such Act [20 U.S.C. 9162(a)(4)]; and

(2) measures to ensure that the policies and activities of the Institute of Museum and Library Services are coordinated with other activities of the Federal Government.

(c) Joint meeting with National Museum Services Board

(1) The Commission shall meet not less than 1 time each year in a joint meeting with the National Museum Services Board, convened for purposes of providing advice on general policy with respect to financial assistance for projects described in section 262(a)(4) of such Act [20 U.S.C. 9162(a)(4)].

(2) All decisions by the Commission and the National Museum Services Board with respect to the advice on general policy described in paragraph (1) shall be made by a 2/3 majority vote of the total number of the members of the Commission and the National Museum Services Board who are present.

(3) A majority of the members of the Commission and a majority of the members of the National Museum Services Board shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at official joint meetings of the Commission and the National Museum Services Board.

(d) Contract authority

The Commission is authorized to contract with Federal agencies and other public and private agencies to carry out any of its functions under subsection (a) of this section and to publish and disseminate such reports, findings, studies, and records as it deems appropriate.

(e) Hearings

The Commission is further authorized to conduct such hearings at such times and places as it deems appropriate for carrying out the purposes of this chapter.

(f) Cooperation with other agencies

The heads of all Federal agencies are, to the extent not prohibited by law, directed to cooperate with the Commission in carrying out the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 1505. Membership

(a) Appointment; terms of office; Chairman; vacancies

The Commission shall be composed of the Librarian of Congress, the Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member), and fourteen members appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Five members of the Commission shall be professional librarians or information specialists, and the remainder shall be persons having special competence in or knowledge of the needs of our society for library and information services, at least one of whom shall be knowledgeable with respect to the technological aspects of library and information services and sciences, and at least one other of whom shall be knowledgeable with respect to the library and information service and science needs of the elderly. One of the appointive members of the Commission shall be designated by the President as Chairman of the Commission. A majority of members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for conduct of business at official meetings of the Commission. The terms of office of the appointive members of the Commission shall be five years, except that

(1) the term of office of any member of the Commission shall continue until the earlier of

(A) the date on which the member's successor has been appointed by the President; or

(B) July 19 of the year succeeding the year in which the member's appointed term of office shall expire, and

(2) a member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be appointed only for the remainder of such term.

(b) Compensation; travel expenses

Members of the Commission who are not in the regular full-time employ of the United States shall, while attending meetings or conferences of the Commission or otherwise engaged in the business of the Commission, be entitled to receive compensation at a rate fixed by the Chairman, but not exceeding the daily equivalent of the maximum rate authorized for a position above grade GS-15 of the General Schedule under section 5108 of title 5, for each day (including travel time) during which the members are engaged in the business of the Commission. While so serving on the business of the Commission away from their homes or regular places of business, they may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by section 5703 of title 5 for persons employed intermittently in the Government service.

(c) Professional and technical personnel

(1) The Commission is authorized to appoint, without regard to the provisions of title 5 covering appointments in the competitive service, such professional and technical personnel as may be necessary to enable it to carry out its function under this chapter.

(2) The Commission may procure, without regard to the civil service or classification laws, temporary and intermittent services of such personnel as is necessary to the extent authorized by section 3109 of title 5, but at rates not to exceed the rate specified at the time of such service for grade GS-18 in section 5332 of title 5, including travel time, and while so serving on the business of the Commission away from their homes or regular places of business they may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by section 5703 of title 5 for persons employed intermittently in the Government service.

Sec. 1506. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated $911,000 for fiscal year 1992 and such sums as may be necessary for each succeeding fiscal year thereafter to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 91-345, July 20, 1970, 84 Stat. 440; Pub. L. 93-29, May 3, 1973, 87 Stat. 59; Pub. L. 102-95, Aug. 14, 1991, 105 Stat. 479; Pub. L. 104-208, Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-233, 3009-306.)

APPENDIX B: PUBLICATIONS, SPEECHES & PRESENTATIONS

PRINT PUBLICATIONS

Copies of these publications are available free of charge in limited quantities from the NCLIS office until supplies are exhausted.

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SPEECHES AND PRESENTATIONS

November 1997 50th International Conference on Educational Exchange, Barcelona, speaker (Jeanne Hurley Simon)

February 19, 1998 Association for Federal Information Resources Management (AFFIRM), Briefing on the *Assessment of Standards for the Creation, Dissemination, and Permanent Accessibility of Electronic Government Information Products* (F. Woody Horton)

March 10, 1998 Committee on Public Access to Government Information, Briefing on the *Assessment of Standards for the Creation, Dissemination, and Permanent Accessibility of Electronic Government Information Products* (F. Woody Horton)

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April 28, 1998 NCLIS FY 1999 Budget Request. Testimony before the House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, HHS and Education (Jeanne Hurley Simon)

July 13, 1998 American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, remarks (Robert S. Willard)

July 16, 1998 Senate Special Committee on Aging Forum on Seniors and the Internet, testimony (Jeanne Hurley Simon)

August 3, 1998 American Library Association Federal Librarians Round Table, presentation on *NCLIS Initiatives of Special Importance to Federal Librarians* (Jeanne Hurley Simon)

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September 30, 1998 Arkansas Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Conference, opening remarks (Jeanne Hurley Simon)

APPENDIX C: FINANCIAL STATEMENT

National Commission on Libraries & Information Science
FY 1998 YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT

APPROPRIATED FUNDS: $1,000,000

Obligations as of 9/30/98[1]

Staff Salaries	$269.946
Commissioner Salaries	$103,015
Benefits:	$86,410
Total Pay Expenses	**$459,370**
Consultants (Non-Govt. Services)	$ 95,254
Total Personnel Expenses	**$554,264**
Travel	$70,442
Rent	$124,579
Communications/Postage	$10,753
Printing	$6,458
Government Services	$55,346
Non-Government Services	$125,187
Supplies & Materials	$9,230
Information Technology, Non-Capitalized	$36,927
Total Non-Personnel Expenses	**$438,922**
TOTAL	**$995,546**

NON-APPROPRIATED FUNDS: $395,858

Obligations as of 9/30/98

National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)	$117,358
Department of State	$ 99,999
Government Printing Office (GPO)	$175,000
TOTAL	**$392,357**

CONSOLIDATED OBLIGATIONS

TOTAL	**$1,387,903**

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