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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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It's hard to believe we're already staring the month of March 1998 right in the face. Time flies when you're being washed away by rain! I hope everyone weathered the seemingly endless string of storms intact. The ACTSS Board of Directors had the good fortune of picking one of the few sunny days this year to hold its winter meeting, graciously hosted this year at U.C. Davis. The main topics of discussion were program ideas for the year and the other items that make up our 1998 Work Plan. We have some great programs in the works for the annual conference in Oakland as well as regional programs held in both the north and south parts of the state this summer. Elsewhere in this issue of Tech Notes our Program Chair, Mary Lang, provides more details on these program ideas.

Looking back to Pasadena for a moment, ACTSS was responsible for three programs at the 1997 annual CLA conference: "Graphic Novels' for California Libraries: a Colorful New Look in Literature," "Managing Transformation in Technical Services: a Look at Changing Roles and Tasks," and "What's in it for Me?: Three Cataloging Projects to Improve Access in Your Library." In addition our Cataloging Interest Group sponsored the excellent "Cataloging Electronic Resources: Issues, Challenges and Possibilities." The highlight of the Conference was the presentation of the first ACTSS Award of Achievement to Pat Thomas of the Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library for her years of work on cataloging and classification issues both in California and nationally.

But it is now 1998 and time to look forward to our activities for the rest of the year. Aside from producing useful programs, ACTSS hopes to increase its numbers through retention of

current members and recruitment of new members. Our goal is to increase our membership to 150 by the end of the year (at last count we were at 142.) We have created a "JOIN!" recruitment flyer that we plan to distribute wherever there may be potential members. If you would like to distribute some of these flyers yourself at your library or send some to colleagues please contact me and I'll send you a white master copy you can duplicate. Of course, if we want more people to become ACTSS members the section needs to give something back in return. Are there ways in which ACTSS can better serve its members? What can the section do to be more effective in supporting technical services in California? I would love to hear your ideas. A directory is included in this issue with contact information for all of the ACTSS Board of Directors.

We are also anticipating the expansion of the CLA Web Page and hope to have such items as program details, a Board directory, an ACTSS Award of Achievement nomination form, our annual report, and other ACTSS information available through this site. Any ideas for what we could include are also welcome.

By the end of June you should receive your CLA election ballots for 1999 officers. Our Nominating Committee, chaired by Reve Rocke, will be busy this spring preparing a slate of candidates for ACTSS offices for next year. In addition to Vice-President/President-Elect and Secretary, there will also be an election for our CLA Assembly Representative as Celia Bakke's three-year term ends this year. Speaking of elected officials, I will also be present at this year's CLA Legislative Day in May. Making sure that our legislators are aware of library issues is one of the most important contributions we can make to improving the health of all libraries throughout the state.

It's going to be a busy year, but one that I hope will benefit the members of ACTSS. I hope you enjoy this latest issue of Tech Notes.

ACTSS PROGRAMS FOR 1988

Mary Lang, Program Chair

The ACTSS programs being planned for this year range in scope from a narrow focus on specific classification schedules to a wide assessment of library collections. This summer a workshop reviewing "troublesome" areas of the Library of Congress Classification schedule and the Dewey Decimal schedule will be presented. The workshop will be split into a morning session (Library of Congress) and an afternoon session (Dewey). Each session will be approximately three hours long. Registrants will be able to register for either one or both sessions. The workshop will be held in Northern and Southern California. Dates, time, and locations will be forthcoming.

Program proposals for the Annual California Library Association Conference include two programs on outsourcing. One program will address the charge and the responsibilities given to the ALA Special Presidential Task Force on Outsourcing. The other program will concentrate on libraries which have implemented outsourcing projects. There will also be two programs on collection development: 1) the basics of assessing and deselection materials from collections and 2) the selection of electronic resources versus print. In addition to these programs, a talk table is being planned where librarians and staff can discuss the changes occurring in the profession and in technical services and their roles and future in libraries.

CATALOGING ELECTRONIC RESOURCES WORKSHOP

The Cataloging Interest Group is planning to host a day-long workshop in

September on cataloging electronic resources. Speakers will be Steve Shadle, currently serials cataloger at the University of Washington and formerly CONSER cataloger at the Library of Congress, and Greta de Groat, electronic resources cataloger at Stanford and formerly with WLN. Both Steve and Greta are highly experienced speakers and have presented workshops on this topic in other areas of the country. The workshop will be given at UC Davis' Shields Library on Wednesday, September 16, and at Occidental College in Los Angeles on Friday, September 18. There will be a small registration fee and lunch will be included. A program flyer, including registration form, maps, directions and parking options, will be mailed in early summer. For more information, contact the Cataloging Interest Group Chair, Pat French, at UC Davis: psfrench@ucdavis.edu or (530) 752-2600.