

The new Action Council of ALA's Social Responsibilities Round Table met with

JOIN OR START AN AFFILIATE IN YOUR AREA

There are presently over twenty five active SRRT Affiliate Groups across the country. Several new groups have formed recently which gives SRRT a broader national action coverage. Affiliates are basically groups of activist individuals in a geographic area that meet regularly. They have joined SRRT under its bylaws by submitting an initial report and one dollar. Here are briefs of the reports from some newly formed or on-going groups.

SRRT Round Table of the Finger Lakes developed an action group to deal with the November elections and the support of students who will become involved with election campaigns. An Election Packet was produced and action was taken through groups and institutions. A second action group was forming around the issue of the recent intrusion by the U.S. Treasury Department into the circulation records of public libraries.

SRRT in Ohio, one of the original Affiliates, reconvened for action at the Ohio L.A. conference. It is also working on developing a conference on the Alternative Press and the formation of a second Affiliate in Ohio. A regular newsletter is issued to members.

Bay Area SRRT formed this summer with librarians of public, academic, and school backgrounds and sent 25 donations to the Clearinghouse for the newsletter. Members are discussing the ACONDA Report, concentrating effort on the upcoming Calif. L.A. Conference, esp. on the day concerning correctional institutions.

Champaign Urbana SRRT is a group of university librarians. An initial project was the investigation of hiring and promotion practices of the U. of Illinois libraries, and is currently opening out into the broader library community. Another st te Affiliate, Illinois SRRT is reorganizing and planning the upcoming year's activities.

Maryland Library Association JMRT has produced a bibliography on women and a list of materials on sex education. This group also has an on-going job placement service. A second Affiliate, Metropolitan vWashington-Maryland SRRT was formed this slimmer.

New York City SRRT is planning a program for the N.Y. Library Club to respond to a request for an evening of "What the Young Turks Want". There has been discussion of the feasibility of a job placement service and methods of servicing local community groups for action toward their local library institution.

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## TASK FORCE ACTION

## ALTERNATIVE BOOKS IN PRINT

After sending out 1500 letters to left-wing and "Movement" organizations, the Task Force now has approximately 250 lists of non-serial materials to make up an Alternative Books in Print« Materials will be listed in the guide with subject headings based on the Alternative Press Index,

The Task Force has gone to considerable expense in printing and mailing and would appreciate any contributions to the project. Contact; Susan Coolidge, 3441 Haber Terrace, Uniontown, Ohio, 44685.

## STATUS OF WOMEN IN LIBRARIANSHIP

Bibliographies on subjects of interest to women, i.e., day care, birth control and abortion, legal status and history ftre needed. If you would like to work on a bibliography or have items to contribute, please contact Kay Cassell, 1060 Stuyvesant Avenue, #A7, Trenton, New Jersey, 08618.

If there are any SRRT Affiliate Groups with action groups or task forces concerned with women's liberation, please send the name and address of the coordinator to Kay.

The first issue of the Task Force Newsletter appeared in August. It contained a petition asking ALA to promote the status of women... (Yes, Virginia, we've been here before, but you never can tell when something like this might help.)

If you would like tod istribute the petition, or you would like to be placed on the newsletter mailing list, write to: Linda Robson, c/o Undergraduate Library, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

New York area women; if you would like to meet 30on to rap and get a few

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

The stated purpose of the Task Force this year is to act as a pressure group on ALA, State Associations, and individual libraries in the support of intellectual freedom." The emphasis will be on action rather than just information, and six "Programs of Action" have been outlined.

I. To urge the adoption and implementation of the ALA policy statement on Intellectual Freedom included in American Library Association Policies-Tenure in Libraries.

II. To urge the adoption and implementation of the ALA Executive Board statement on the privacy of library borrowers\* records.

III. To obtain a hearing and discussion of the documents called The Librarian's Bill of Rights and Statement of Professional Ethics.

IV. To broaden the coverage of the Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom, published by the ALA IF office.

V. To encourage the presence and recognition of high school, college and university, and military dissent underground newspapers in libraries.

VI. To join with the ALA IP Committee and ALA IF office in co-sponsoring the intellectual freedom program in Dallas.

There is obviously a tremendous amount of work to be done by this group, mu\*h of it in state associations. To Volunteer, and get recommended procedures, write Jean Anne South at 2401 Calvert St. N.W., Apt. 217, Washington D.C., 20008.

The editors of the ALA Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom would like to establish a network of interested librarians to help them compile bi-monthly bibliographies of publications, esp. periodical articles, on intellectual freedom and censorship. Contact: Editors, Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom



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