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SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES AFTER TWENTY YEARS

COORDINATOR'S MEMO   THE TASK FORCE ON CENTRAL AMERICA

FROM: JOHN HOSTAGE

Another Annual Conference is upon us.   A proposal to establish a Task Force on
                                           Central American Information Resources

REVIEW

Sandra Pollack and Jeanne Vaughn, eds.
POLITICS OF THE HEART: A LESBIAN
PARENTING ANTHOLOGY.   Ithaca, NY:

decisions.

In   addition   to personal narratives,
Politics of the Heart offers numerous
thoughtful and provocative essays on the

well-known reputable libraries ignore certain of the standards adopted as a part of ALA's Library Personnel Policy, Item No. 54 in the ALA Policy Manual. For example, the skills of library

specialists are seldom as well rewarded financially as those of administrators

key questions within the issue of intellectual freedom to be addressed in the coming period.

The tasks before us, so similar to the earlier challenges, are in some ways more critical than our early efforts towards awareness. The right wing

performing teaching and research functions have not been granted faculty status (Policy 54.5), and few indeed are the part-time librarians who have achieved pay and fringe benefits prorated on a par with their full-time colleagues (Policy 54.9). We now find that our emphasis must shift to finding 4

being answered in many places, represents a serious threat to long-accepted American liberties. Those liberties have never been as universal nor as guaranteed as the patriotic songs imply, but they have provided a foundation for stronger implementation and for aggressive social advance.

which poisons our nation and surfaces periodically in our association.

[Editor's note: SRRT will observe the

issue as a First Amendment battle, making anyone who opposes the exemption of books to be a censor who would ban books in their own libraries.

planning a festive celebration for

at the annual meeting of SAILIS (South

NEW ORLEANS PROGRAMS: A SAMPLING

own, based on the union of freedom with dignity, respect, compassion, etc.

sponsored by Action Council, SRRT task forces and OLOS is in store. Here are some highlights:

Dean of the Library School at Louisiana State University and co-coordinator of local events.

**Saturday, July 9, 12:30 - 4:00 p.m.
LIBRARIANS AS COLLEAGUES ACROSS RACIAL LINES: STRATEGIES FOR ACTION. This is an action-oriented program which will

Participants have agreed that the loser will take the winner and the moderator to dinner. A vote among the audience will determine the winner. Need we say more? Turn out for thi

This program is sponsored by the OLOS Advisory Committee and cosponsored by several groups including SRRT Action Council.

**Monday, July 11, 2:00 - 5:30 p.m.
THE CREATION OF PATRIARCHY: ITS IMPLI-

CATIONS FOR LIBRARIANSHIP. Dr. Gerda Lerner of the University of Wisconsin will discuss partriarchy's origins. Rebecca Bingham will draw implications for female school librarians, and Sharon Hogan for female academic librarians. Dr. Lerner is a feminist historian and the author of The Crea- tion of Patriarchy. She has actively

discipline.

Sponsor: Library History Round Table.
Cosponsors: Several groups, including SRRT Feminist Task Force.

**Monday, July 11, 2:-5:30 p.m. SEXUAL
ORIENTATION: LIBRARY EMPLOYMENT PRAC-

NEWS FROM THE PEACE INFORMATION EXCHANGE TASK FORCE

The task force will have a table in the exhibits area at Annual Conference. Be sure to stop by for a small gift. If anyone can spend some time at the

table, please let me know. You can contact me at my office at Harvard University by phone at (617) 495-1408. If you won't know until later, I'll be staying at the Sheraton New Orleans.

The search for a corporate sponsor for our award is on. If anyone has any additional suggestions as to possible

an encouraging word at New Orleans.
                            --Stephen Stillwell

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SCHEDULE OF SRRT BUSINESS MEETINGS

Friday, July 8, 1988

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VOLUNTEERS ▲ NEEDED FOR SRRT BOOTH

If you forgot to send in the form printed in the March issue of the newsletter, here's another opportunity.

booth in New Orleans.

booth in the exhibits hall at Annual Conference, New Orleans. We need a few people to hang out for an hour or two at a time, to chat with potential SRRT'ers, nonSRRT'ers, etc. No, we won't have any colorful shopping bags, but we will have lots of examples of alternative literature, including

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