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CYNTHIA J. JOHANSON, 1946-2004

Cynthia J. "Cinder" Johanson, assistant chief of the Regional and Cooperative Cataloging Division (RCCD), died at the Washington Home and Hospice of Washington on Jan. 14, 2004. She had worked at the Library of Congress for more than thirty-four years in cataloging and public service. She was also a published scholar of folk art and a leader in professional organizations.

Born Oct. 17, 1946, Johanson earned a bachelor's degree from West Virginia University in 1968 and joined the staff of the Library as a shelflister in September of that year. She left the Washington area to earn a master's degree in library science at the University of Michigan in 1973 and then returned to LC as a cataloger in English Language Section III of the former Descriptive Cataloging Division. While in English Language Section III she served as president of the Professional Guild (Local 2910 of the Association of Federal, State, County, and Municipal Employees) in 1977 and 1978 and was part of Labor's negotiating team for the first collective bargaining agreement between the Library and the Guild. In 1978 she became the first head of the Collections Improvement Section, Collections Management Division (now the Collections Access, Loan, and Management Division).

In July 1981, Johanson became head of the Shelflisting Section in the former Subject Cataloging Division, where she was responsible for seven separate units totaling ninety-two staff members. In August 1986, she was selected as assistant chief of the former MARC Editorial Division and served as acting chief of that division for nearly three years, while the chief, Susan H. Vita, now chief of the Special Materials Cataloging Division, was detailed to lead the Whole Book Cataloging Project. With the Cataloging Directorate reorganization of June 1992, Johanson joined RCCD as assistant chief and remained in that position the rest of her career. She was a guiding force in helping the diverse staff of the new division come together and quickly achieve its potential as a united operation.

Johanson was a talented amateur photographer and a member of the Folk Art Society of America. With Betty-Carol Sellen, she co-authored 20th Century American Folk, Self-Taught, and Outsider Art (Neal-Schuman, 1993), which was issued in a revised edition as Self-Taught, Outsider, and Folk Art (McFarland, 2000). Sellen

and Johanson also wrote *Outsider, Self-Taught, and Folk Art Annotated Bibliography* (McFarland, 2002). Johanson also loved jazz and attended the Jazzfest in New Orleans every year.

Johanson was well known in the American Library Association (ALA) and its divisions, the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS) and the Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA). She was elected to two three-year terms on the ALA Council (1986-1991) and served on the Action Council of the ALA Social Responsibilities Round Table and the ALA Feminist Task Force in the 1980s and 1990s. More recently, she participated in the ALCTS Committee on Cataloging: Asian and African Materials. She was a leader for improving the status of women in librarianship and served as chair of the ALA Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship (COSWL) and of its 10th Anniversary Planning Committee; chair of the Special Committee on Pay Equity; and as a member of the Minority Women Oral History Project Task Force and of numerous other ALA groups related to women's issues.

Johanson had a lively interest in helping new staff and in improving catalogers' skills. She worked with the Technical Processing and Automation Instruction Office to develop a training plan for the new catalogers who joined the Library in 2003. She helped the Cataloging Directorate embrace the digital age by serving as the Cataloging Management Team liaison to the Continuing Education Task Force, charged by the ALCTS Task Force on the LC Action Plan to develop ways for cataloging practitioners to keep up with new cataloging and metadata policies for digital content.

Johanson directed that her ashes be interred near the grave of her father, William Johanson, in Florida. In accordance with her wishes, her colleagues plan to hold a memorial service in her honor at the Library of Congress on Mar. 29, 2004. The ALA Council observed a moment of silence when news of her death reached the members during the recent Midwinter Meeting in San Diego, and a memorial resolution will be submitted to ALA Council at the Annual Conference in Orlando in June.

The Cataloging Directorate and the editorial board of LCCN extend deepest sympathy to Johanson's mother, Elva Johanson of Englewood, Fla.; her aunt and uncle, Dorothy and Glen McMillen of Sugar Grove, Pa.; and her great-aunt, Katherine Willard of Warren, Pa.

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GERALD R. WAGER, 1948-2004

Gerald R. "Jerry" Wager, head of reference and reader service in the Rare Book and Special Collections Division (RBSCD), Public Service Collections Directorate, died unexpectedly on Feb. 5, 2004. He was a former leader of the Rare Book Team, Special Materials Cataloging Division, and had served with distinction on several other teams in the Cataloging Directorate.

Wager was born in Youngstown, Ohio, on Oct. 8, 1948. He was awarded an Alumni Distinguished Scholarship by Michigan State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics in

1971. From 1973 to 1985 he was a cataloger at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he earned a master's degree in Slavic languages and literature in 1978 and was a lecturer at the School of Library and Information Studies. He came to LC as a cataloger on the Slavic Team of the former Shared Cataloging Division in 1985. He joined the Whole Book Cataloging Project in April 1989, as a cataloger on the Religion, Philosophy, and Psychology Team, and stayed with that team until March 1994, when he joined the Cooperative Cataloging Team, Regional and Cooperative Cataloging Division. He was promoted to leader of the Rare Book Team in June 1995. He was very active in the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS) of the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association (ALA). After he became head of reference and reader service in RBSCD in May 1999, he continued to work with the RBMS Bibliographic Standards Committee and with the Program for Cooperative Cataloging in defining the core-level standard for rare books. He was also a consultant to the Subcommittee on Revision of the Guidelines to Individual Works of Fiction of the ALA Association for Library Collections & Technical Services, Cataloging and Classification Section, Subject Analysis Committee.

The Cataloging Directorate and the LCCN editorial board extend their deepest sympathy to Wager's partner, Paul Frank (Social Sciences Cataloging Division); his sister, Suzanne Wager, of Youngstown; and his brother, James, of Kansas.

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#### PCC Participants' Meeting Summary

Carlen Ruschoff (University of Maryland, College Park), PCC chair, convened the PCC Participants' Meeting at the ALA Mid-winter Meeting in San Diego, which in addition to providing for a series of reports and introductions, was devoted to the topic "Building an operational plan for PCC Contributions: A Review Model conducted at the University of Maryland"

Ruschoff provided an overview of the topic, which was followed by an extended discussion. She began by presenting a summary of work in progress to examine the University Libraries' participation in PCC Programs. This study was done by the university's original catalogers as part of a larger mandate to examine the Libraries' participation in all national and regional programs. The focus of the study is to answer the following questions: 1) What are the benefits of participation? 2) What are the drawbacks of participation? and 3) Is participation worth the investment, in terms of both financial and human resources?

The original catalogers held a series of meetings in the fall of 2003 to discuss strategies for addressing the university's participation in the PCC. Statistical data reflecting the current pattern of contributions were reviewed and the benefits, obstacles, and value of participating in PCC were addressed. From that discussion, it was determined that there is a need to articulate an operational plan for making systematic contributions to PCC that could clarify the benefits of participating in a shared cataloging cooperative for library users. The guiding principle in developing the plan is that "catalogers make meaningful contributions to the

PCC Programs." The criteria developed for the plan has five elements:

- 1) the contributions must have impact: value to the UMD Libraries and value to libraries using PCC records;
- 2) the contributions must be tied to UMD work priorities and cataloger's areas of expertise;
- 3) the contribution plan must build on local strengths;
- 4) the plan must keep workflow as simple as possible;
- 5) the plan must be achievable.

The proposed plan that the group designed is fairly simple. First, identify a few subject areas in which the libraries' collections are strong. Second, contribute bibliographic, name and series authority records for materials in these subject areas. And third, pull materials in these subject areas out of the routine search queue and catalog them earlier in the cataloging process.

At this point, three subject areas have been identified by selectors from the Collection Development Team. Procedures have been worked out for the pilot and now the original catalogers are ready to begin testing the operational contribution plan, beginning in the spring of 2004. The project will be evaluated in late summer. If it is successful, additional subject areas will be added. Further information on the study, entitled PCC Contribution Review Model is found at URL: <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/umdassess.pdf> [March 2004].

The full report of the PCC Participants' meeting can be found on the program's Web site at <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/pccpart04m.html> [March 2004].

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PCC TASK GROUP ON DISTRIBUTION OF INTEGRATING RESOURCE RECORDS

The Program for Cooperative Cataloging's (PCC) has formed the Task Group on Distribution of Integrating Resource Records to examine methods for record distribution. The desired outcome is that PCC bibliographic records for integrating resources, whether produced and maintained as part of the BIBCO program or as part of the CONSER program, be distributed through LC's Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS).

The task force is scheduled to submit its final report to the PCC Steering Committee by Sept. 30, 2004, for discussion at the PCC Policy Committee meeting, November 2004. Further information on the task group is available at [http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/tgintegresources\\_2.html](http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/tgintegresources_2.html) [March 2004].

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LATIN AMERICAN LIBRARIES AND THE PCC

As the management of Latin American libraries begins to recognize the potential benefits of joining international

cooperative ventures, such as the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC), Latin American libraries are gradually adopting AACR2, MARC 21, and OCLC as the best means for achieving that goal. The Centro Universitario de Investigaciones Bibliotecarias of the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM) sponsored a name authority workshop in November 2003. The workshop was presented by a member of LC's Cooperative Cataloging Team to thirty-seven librarians from sixteen different institutions, including UNAM, the Biblioteca Nacional de Mexico, the Universidad Iberoamericana, and the Instituto Tecnologico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, among others.

Additional name authority training is scheduled for March 2004 in Mexico. Materials are being developed that feature the modular approach to NACO workshops. As a result of the heightened interest in the November 2003 workshop, the March 2004 participants will be invited to test the first of the three proposed modules, the basic name authorities workshop.

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TILLETT ATTENDS IFLA MEETINGS AND PRESENTS LECTURES ON FRBR

Barbara Tillett (chief, Cataloging Policy and Support Office) traveled to The Hague in December for administrative meetings of several IFLA units. As chair of Division IV: Bibliographic Control, she serves on the IFLA Governing Board, the Professional Committee, and the Publications Committee. The Governing Board held a planning day, where they identified topics for which eleven working groups have been appointed to address four broad areas: library funding, literacy, political understanding of the roles of libraries, and the digital divide as it relates to access issues. The Governing Board's business also included review of activities in the United Nations/UNESCO sponsored World Summit on the Information Society. Among the activities of the Professional Committee, which deals with the organizational structure and running of IFLA, is a review and evaluation of the various Sections of IFLA, which will take place over the next three years. The Publications Committee's agenda included the organization's contracts with commercial publishers and plans to rename a series on bibliographic control.

In February Tillett traveled to a meeting in Melbourne, Vic., of the Australian Committee on Cataloging for its seminar, "Revolution or Evolution: the Impact of FRBR." As keynote speaker, Tillett addressed the question, "What is FRBR?" Following the seminar she spoke at the invitation of the National Library of Australia (NLA) on current activities at LC and within IFLA, focusing on cataloging. She then met with key staff from the cataloging and IT departments of NLA to discuss Unicode and its implications for authority records for non-roman scripts, and implementation of their new integrated online system.

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