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Action for Libraries — March 2002

BCR to Attend Kansas, Oregon/Washington and Montana Library Conferences

BCR staff are looking forward to participating in three state library conferences in April: the Kansas Library Tri-Conference and the Oregon/Washington and Montana Library Association annual conferences.

The Kansas Library Tri-Conference, a joint conference of the Kansas Library Association (KLA), Kansas Association of School Librarians (KASL) and Kansas Association for Educational Communications and Technology (KAECT), is scheduled for April 3-5 in Wichita. Rosario Garza, manager of Bibliographic Systems & Services (BS&S), and Linda Gonzalez, member services librarian, will represent BCR at the conference. The two will present the "BCR Network Update" set for 2:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 3. There you will hear the latest about OCLC, FirstSearch, SilverPlatter and other reference database services; learn what's new on the Internet and World Wide Web; and find out what new hardware and software is of interest to libraries.

The Oregon Library Association/Washington Library Association Annual Conference is scheduled for April 17-19. Dave Brunell, BCR's director, and Ellen Fox, manager of BCR's Research & Development (R&D), will join Washington librarians in Portland. The two will present "Evolving Nature of Library Network Services" from 4-5:15 p.m. on Friday, April 19.

Jim Hensinger, manager of BCR's Internet & Database Services (IDS), will travel to the Montana Library Association Annual Conference April 24-26 in Great Falls. Please attend "Cost-Effective Acquisition and Use of E-book Collections," which he will present at 2:45 p.m., Thursday, April 25. He will discuss the factors impacting the cost of acquiring online electronic books and several methods used to expand their use in academic and public libraries. Hensinger will also demonstrate the Ariel/Prospero software at the Interlibrary Loan Interest Group Interlibrary Loan Unlimited at 4:30 p.m. that same day.

Stop by BCR's booth in the Exhibits Area at all three library conferences and put your name into a drawing to win a Palm m105 Handheld PDA. Introduce yourselves and get acquainted with BCR and the products and services we offer member libraries, including group purchases, discounts on numerous reference databases, consortial purchases of e-books, access to the latest in library training — both distance learning and classroom sessions — and OCLC products and services.

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