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The AFT and the Council on Interracial Books for Children

There must be many library union members among the members of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) who will react with anger as I did to the latest issue of the AFT quarterly, the Spring 1983 issue of *American Educator*—that is, if they are familiar with the publications of the Council on Interracial Books for Children (CIBO.

If you do not know of CIBC, now is the time to learn of its excellent teaching and review materials which have helped teachers, parents and librarians understand the discriminatory attitudes and answer them in innovative ways. Since its establishment in 1965, the Council has provided one of the few outlets for writers from minority groups to get their view of social relationships into the mainstream of the dominant culture. Its magazine,

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LIBRARY UNION TASK FORCE

Further information on the Hospitality Suite being provided at Los Angeles:

The Task Force will have a place for you to relax, meet other union-minded people and learn what's going on in library unions, to help in organizing, negotiating or dealing with other union problems. We are cooperating with the Librarians Guild of the Los Angeles Public Library in providing a Hospitality Suite at the new Sheraton Grande Hotel (opening May 15) on Figueroa Street right across from the Bonaventure, the ALA Headquarters Hotel. We hope to keep the suite open from Friday, June 24th - Tuesday, June 28th, from 8 P.M. to midnight on Friday, and from 10 A.M. to midnioht the other days, but look for flyers in the Convention Center announcing the suite as well as an Open House with refreshments, planned for one evening.

You can help make the Suite a successful effort by volunteering to s.taff the room (keeping it open) for any 1 - 2 hour periods you can spare. The suite contains a separate bedroom for 2 persons which can be reserved at the reduced rate of $35 each per day, Friday evening through Tuesday night. Sleeping space will also be available in the living room (less privacy, sleeping baq advisable) for $10 per night. Volunteers for staffing and those interested in the room, etc., please contact Billie Connor, Los Angeles Public Library 213-626-7555, ext. 274 or 213-660-6399 (home).

Please also think about what a Library Unions Task Force should be doing and let me have these and other points for our membership meeting agenda, if possible before you arrive in L.A. (I will be at the Holiday Inn-Downtown in L.A. if you have last minute questions.) One item in the agenda will be the selection of a new coordinator. Volunteers are needed for this useful post - not very time consuming, for the most part, except in planning for conference activity - but best filled by someone with dynamic ideas. The need is urgent since I am simply pinch-hitting, having agreed in the fall to keep the task Force functioning until a new coordinator was found by June.

Miriam Crawford
Interim Coordinator

CIVIL RIGHTS TASK FORCE

At the Midwinter Conference in San Antonio, the Tools for Consciousness Raising Task Force and the SRRT Ad Hoc Committee on the KKK were merged into one and renamed the Civil Riahts Task Force. In the next issue of the SRRT Newsletter, there will be an article explaining the name change and a statement of purpose.

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"An Annual Periodical and Resource Directory," which provides annotated entries for magazines, newspapers, journals, newsletters, sourcebooks, directories and bibliographies. Divided into chapters with subject headings from Animals to Yoga and 34 others in between, it is also thoroughly indexed. Not only functional as a finding aid for alternative publishers and sources, it's also great for browsing. Buy it for your library - qive it as a aift.

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