Council of Library Department Heads
Minutes - April 2, 2001

Present: Michael Binder, Linda Allan, Elaine Moore, Haiwang Yuan, and Brian Coutts.

At 10:00 a.m. National Library Week was officially opened with a reading of the proclamation by National Library Week Chair, Sean Kinder, Big Red, faculty, staff and students were in attendance.

Minutes: Minutes of March 26, 2001 were approved with corrections.

NLW Screensavers: Council reviewed potential use of student designed screen savers. It was agreed that the first, second and third place winners at each grade level would be placed on the National Library Week Web Site.

Announcements: Michael advised that KYVL had been selected by SOLINET as the outstanding library program in the Southeast for the year 2000.

The future of state support of KYVL databases and services was discussed in light of a projected state deficit of $200 million.

The ground courier service is of particular concern since it costs $280,000 and has so far received limited use.

KYVL will soon provide Digital Reference Service in cooperation with the Library of Congress.

After April, 2001 institutions will be able to use "native interfaces" to access catalogs and databases.

KYVL is also planning to develop a Kid's Portal.

Haiwang reported that Paula Doherty has been hired to continue work on developing a graphical interface for the tutorials offered through KYVL.

Three tutorials are planned for difference age levels.

DLPS Report: Brian reported that Louise has requested that the air conditioning be turned on in the Helm-Cravens complex to combat high temperatures.

Brian reported that the Fourteenth Annual Author's Reception hosted by DLPS and Chaired by Bryan Carson was very successful with a record number of authors participating. New innovations included a lunchtime schedule, display of Web Sites, recorded music and student publications.
Nancy Minix, from the College of Education, received the Faculty Library Award.

**Electronic Information Report**: Elaine discussed possible cuts in electronic resources as part of the annual "Serials review." The one most likely to impact faculty and students is a projected cut in FirstSearch from $24,000 to 15,000.

For the Council,

Brian E. Coutts