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Letter to AALL leaders regarding a professional development officer, January 27, 1988

Margaret Leary
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TO:               AALL Executive Board
                  Chairs: Standing, Special and Advisory Committees
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FROM:             MARGARET A. LEARY FOR THE PDO SEARCH/SCREEN AND
                  HIRING COMMITTEE.

WE’VE HIRED A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER!

Margaret S. Brown has accepted our offer and will start work at Headquarters on
February 22nd. We are absolutely delighted that we were able to hire our first
choice: It's a bit ironic that Martha was the first applicant, back on September 27,
and was also the last person we interviewed, late Saturday afternoon last week.

Martha's present position is Training Director/Field Director for the Illinois Shore
Girl Scout Council, where she has worked since 1985. From 1981-1984, she was
Assistant Director of Volunteer Services at University Hospitals of Cleveland. She
did her undergraduate work at the University of Missouri, Columbia, earning a B.S.
in Secondary Education with a concentration in Social Sciences. Martha was
awarded an M.S. in Organization Development and Analysis by Case Western Reserve
in Cleveland in 1985; she earned the degree by completing a full time program while
working full time (and raising two children, a fact which doesn't appear on her
resume but which is further indication of her energy level.) She has a full resume
of volunteer work throughout the last sixteen years. And, she has attended nine
continuing education courses related to Management, Proposal Writing, and adult
development generally. Martha may not have a library degree, but she has had
substantial contact with libraries both as a student, as a teacher of History and
Sociology, and as a research associate for the New Haven Colony Historical Society
Library.

Martha is a member of the American Society for Training and Development and the
Illinois Training and Development Association. She's already developed connections
at ALA, and seems to be anticipating her work with us almost as eagerly as we're
awaiting her.

I want to thank Bob Berring for asking me to work on this job, and for supporting
the concept; Lolly Gasaway for her continuous encouragement; and especially my
fellow searchers: Penny Hazelton, Bill Murphy and Pat Strougal. Bill and everyone
at Headquarters made the candidates welcome. THANKS, ALL!