

seven community branches can add an average of ten hours a week to their operating schedules. One library in each city council district will expand its hours.

The Central Library in downtown Los Angeles will increase its weekly hours from 52 to 60 and continue to be open seven days a week. Regional branches will also expand to 60 hours, including 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays. Central and regional branches will remain open until 8 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays. Community branches will increase from 40 to 52 hours a week. They will be open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m. Tues-

In Memoriam

RON GORSENER, director of the Carnegie Public Library of Clarksdale & Coahoma County, MS, died September 21. He was the director of Nicolet Federated Library System, WI, from 1977-1995.

DONALD HAMMER, executive director of the Library and Information Technology Association, a division of the American Library Association, from 1973-1986 and director of the Library Administration and Management Association from 1974-1979, died October 11 of a massive heart attack suffered after sustaining spinal fractures in a highway accident. He was 76. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Louise, and a son, Donald Jr. of Indianapolis. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to the family at 203 Stafford Dr., Wheeling, IL 60090.

JONATHAN POSTEL, known as the "father of the Internet," died October 16 at the age of 55. Cause of death was complications following heart valve surgery. According to an obituary in the *Washington Post* on October 19, "At the time of Dr. Postel's death, the federal government was in the process of all but turning over management of the Internet to a non-profit organization he had helped found." He began working on the concept of the Internet and linking computers while a graduate student at UCLA in the 1960s. He was involved in ARPANet, the Defense Department's forerunner of the Internet. As director of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA), he created the system that routed traffic on the Internet. In July, he received the Silver Medal of the International Telecommunications Union, a specialized unit of the United Nations, for his contributions to the Global Information Infrastructure.

days and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and won't be open Sundays.

DALNET MI Information Hub Offers Public Varied Online Info.

The Detroit Area Library Network (DALNET) has announced plans to develop the Southeast Michigan Information Hub, an online information system that will offer diverse and unique information from library, government, business, and community resources. The consortium will use Ameritech Library Services' online library automation system, Horizon, establishing a frame-relay network that will offer access to text, images, sound, and video resources at the desktop level and, eventually, to public kiosks. The hub is expected to be fully operational by the year 2000 and will contain traditional library resources as well as social service, community, and economic development information. "The Southeast Michigan Information Hub is designed to served people throughout the seven county Detroit regional area in their lifelong educational, cultural, research, professional and recreational endeavors," said Patricia Senn Breivik, DALNET president and dean of the Wayne State University Library System.

DALNET, in existence since 1985, is comprised of 21 public, community college, university, medical, law, and art libraries, and plans to expand its participating institutions to include government and business organizations. The University of Detroit was the first library to go live with the Horizon system. Wayne State University will be connected in March, and the Detroit Public Library and its 24 branches will be linked to the system in spring 1999.

New WV University Library Becomes Regional Resource

The new Marshall University library in West Virginia was recently dedicated after a seven-year planning and construction effort. The 118,000 square foot John Deaver Drinko Library (JDDL) is the new home for the university's libraries, com-