

South Carolina Libraries

Volume 0
Issue 9 *South Carolina Library Bulletin v. 3 n. 1*
04/1947

Article 1

4-1947

South Carolina Library Bulletin v. 3 n. 1 04/1947

Follow this and additional works at: https://scholarcommons.sc.edu/scl_journal



Part of the [Library and Information Science Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

(1947) "South Carolina Library Bulletin v. 3 n. 1 04/1947," *South Carolina Libraries*: Vol. 0 : Iss. 9 , Article 1.
Available at: https://scholarcommons.sc.edu/scl_journal/vol0/iss9/1

This Complete Issue is brought to you by Scholar Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in South Carolina Libraries by an authorized editor of Scholar Commons. For more information, please contact digres@mailbox.sc.edu.

South Carolina Library Bulletin v. 3 n. 1 04/1947

Abstract

South Carolina Library Bulletin v. 3 n. 1 04/1947

Keywords

South Carolina Library Association

SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARY BULLETIN

Vol. 3, No. 1

ISSUED QUARTERLY BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LIBRARY BOARD

April, 1947

Report on the Public Library Service Demonstration Bill

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS

1. \$25,000 per year for five years outright gift to each state for rural library demonstration.
2. \$25,000 to \$75,000 per year for five years in addition if the state legislature appropriates funds for state aid to match increased federal allocations.
3. No danger of federal control — all decisions as to policy and plans for using the funds are decided within the state.

Note: In South Carolina we will be guided by the findings of the TVLC Survey Committee which has a representative from each library interest in the state.

STATUS AT PRESENT

Senate Bill S48

Introduced January 6, 1947 by Senator Lister Hill, Alabama, and Senator Geo. D. Aiken, Vermont.

Passed first and second hearings — Referred to Committee.

An early hearing expected.

Prospect of passage: Good. Nine of the committee supported the bill last year. Two of the members were recently elected to the Senate.

House Bill HR2465

Introduced March 10, 1947 by Congressman Thomas A. Jenkins of Ohio without urging from the National Relations Office — he was influenced by library conditions in his own home county. The bill is identical with S48.

Mr. Howard has been working with several other members of Congress on the bill and it is likely that it will be reintroduced in order to obtain more congressmen as sponsors.

FOR THE SAKE OF SOUTH CAROLINIANS WITHOUT LIBRARY SERVICE OR WITH INADEQUATE LIBRARY SERVICE WORK FOR THE PASSAGE OF THESE BILLS.

What to do

1. Write to Senators Burnet R. Maybank and Olin D. Johnston, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. for copies of the bill. Tell them why you are interested and ask their support for the bill.

2. Write to Senator Robert A. Taft (Same address) Chairman of Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, and tell him why you are interested. If you write immediately, ask him to hold a hearing on the bill.

3. Tell individuals and groups and ask them to write about local needs for library service and of the good that could come from a demonstration.

4. Place news stories and encourage editorial comment on the bills and apply local data to make it interesting to a local paper. Send clippings to Mr. E. D. Johnson, Publicity Director A.L.A. Public Relations Committee, Limestone College, Gaffney, S. C. or direct to Mr. Paul Howard, Director, A.L.A. National Relations Office, 1709 M St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

5. Show the 16mm sound film, "Library on Wheels" in your county. Free from S. C. State Library Board, 1207 Calhoun Street, Columbia 1, S. C.

Engage well in advance of showing since there are many requests.

6. Ask for a speaker if there is a public forum or an active civic club in need of a program. Mr. E. D. Johnson is setting up a Library Development Speakers Bureau. If you know of an excellent speaker who is interested in library development, write Mr. Johnson about him or her.

7. Begin to gather data on the history, special services and needs of your own library. We will write you later about using the material.

FOR THE SAKE OF SOUTH CAROLINIANS ACTIVELY WORK FOR PASSAGE OF THESE BILLS NOW.

TVLC Survey Committee Begins Work

Newly appointed Director of the Southeastern State Library Survey is Marion A. Milczewski, until recently Director of the International Relations Office of the American Library Association. Previous to his joining the staff of the American Library Association in 1940, he was library intern at the TVA Library at Wilson Dam, Alabama. He holds an A.B. degree from the University of Michigan and Bachelor of Science in Library Science and Master of Science degrees from the University of Illinois.

The South Carolina committee for the TVLC survey of libraries in this state held its first meeting March 15 at the University Library. Mr. Kellam, chairman of the committee, reported on the conference in Knoxville. It is proposed to expand the membership of the committee to take in every library interest in the state. The suggested questionnaires were discussed in detail and were returned to survey headquarters for a final drafting. The questionnaires in final form will be ready for distribution to all college, public, special and school libraries by the first of April.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LIBRARY BOARD

Miss Mary E. Frayser, Rock Hill, Chairman
 Mrs. Maude Massey Rogers, Easley, Vice-Chairman
 Mrs. Hagood Bostick, Columbia, Secretary
 Miss Carrie O. Sams, Union, Treasurer
 Mr. S. W. Gable, Columbia
 Miss Estellene P. Walker, Executive Secretary
 Miss Lois Barbare, Assistant Executive Secretary
 Mrs. Merle D. Sutherlin, Stenographer

EXECUTIVE BOARD**SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

Mrs. Frances Lander Spain, Librarian, Winthrop College, President
 Miss Emily Sanders, Librarian, Charleston Free Library, Vice-President
 Miss Nancy Day, School Library Supervisor, Department of Education, Secretary
 Miss Ellen Perry, Librarian, Greenville Public Library, A.L.A. Council Member
 Miss Virginia Rugheimer, Librarian, Memminger High School, Member-at-large
 Miss Estellene P. Walker, Executive Secretary, South Carolina State Library Board, Member-at-large
 Miss Mary Cox, Librarian, Greenville County Library, Past President

The Clemson College Library— A Statement of Its Facilities, Services and Needs

(Prepared by the Library Committee at the request of the President and presented by him to the General Education Board in partial support of an application for a grant of funds with which to make certain essential improvements.)

A Review by W. P. Kellam

The fact that so many southern schools are having surveys made of their libraries is an encouraging omen. The surveys indicate that the administrators, in many cases prompted by the librarians, finally have recognized that their institutions cannot inaugurate and maintain the research and teaching programs expected of them unless these programs are supported by strong library facilities. As a result, one library after another has weighed its resources in the scales of modern needs, has found them wanting, and has begun a period of development. Fortunately, the results have been made available to other institutions, to library schools, to administrators, and to others who wish them; thereby, broadening their effect and usefulness. There is no means of measuring the total impact of these surveys on education as a whole but undoubtedly it has been of considerable proportions.

In most cases authorities from outside the institutions have been brought in to make the survey and to draw up the resulting recommendations. In some institutions this has been done because of the lack of qualified people on the library staff to make a self evaluation. In others it has been a case of, paraphrasing a Biblical expression, the librarian being not without honor save in his own institution, and he has felt the need of outside aid in converting the administration to a program of library development.

Clemson College tried to get an outside surveyor, and failing went ahead and did a creditable job with domestic talent. The resulting *Statement* of facilities, services, and needs omits such items as government of the library, its organization and administration, services, use, (for the most part) and some of the other items found in the longer surveys. I judge these phases of the library's program were considered unnecessary because of the purpose of the *Statement*. Its purpose was to give the President of the College a concise summary of needs, especially of books and periodicals, which could be used

in support of an application to the General Education Board for a grant of funds for retrospective book purchasing.

The *Statement* begins with an historical background showing the early struggles to maintain a collection of books in the College. Then the present status of space, book collection, and staff are considered at some length. The conclusions are: (1) The present quarters are overflowing, but plans for expansion have been drawn and will be taken care of by the College at the proper time; (2) The staff is inadequate for the job ahead, but the College will furnish the funds necessary for additional staff members; (3) The book collection, although fairly strong in some fields, is weak as a whole, and "the need for books and periodicals in the Clemson College Library is both urgent and substantial".

In order to support the claim that the need for books cannot be met from funds ordinarily available to the library, the book budget is examined over a period of fifteen years. The tables and explanations prove that the funds for books have been extremely meager over this period and there is small hope of their being increased.

The needs for books is then set forth, using figures collected by the Library Committee working in cooperation with the faculty. Through this method of investigation, the Committee determined that \$150,000 is needed for retrospective purchasing in order to build the library to the point of affording adequate materials for teaching and research. The *Statement* ends with the Committee's recommendation to the President that he request half of the above amount from the General Education Board to be expended over a five-year period.

The main value of the *Statement* lies in its compactness and its effectiveness in supporting the President's application for funds. It was Cervantes, I believe, who first said "The proof of the pudding is in its eating". The proof of the effectiveness of the *Statement* is the \$30,000 which the General Education Board gave to Clemson.

University Survey

Cornelia Graham, Librarian, Clemson College

A Survey of the University of S. C. Library for the University of S. C. February-May 1946. By Louis R. Wilson and Maurice F. Tauber, Columbia, University of S. C., 1946 — 134 p (mimeographed)

Dr. John Van Male, former librarian of the University of S. C. Library, states in his annual report (1945-46) "that the Library was surveyed five times during the year, first by the Library Staff, then by a faculty committee, then by the Blue Key Honorary Fraternity, then incidentally by the Peabody Survey of higher educational institutions of the state, and last by Dr. Louis R. Wilson and Dr. Maurice F. Tauber, the authors of the *University Library*". The Wilson-Tauber Survey was more comprehensive than the first four surveys, and follows the accepted pattern for university library surveys which these authorities in librarianship have more or less established. Dr. Wilson has surveyed other Southern University Libraries such as the University of Georgia and Florida. Wilson and Tauber first studied the social and economic conditions of the state as set forth in the book published on that subject by the University of S. C. Press, and in addition visited different parts of the state. The history of the University of S. C., one of the oldest state universities, shows that it was a college for the first

century and not a university until around 1906. Therefore the program from 1805-1906 was that of a college rather than a university. Since 1906, the income and program has increased until today the university has graduate study, research, and publication is being carried on.

From the beginning, the Library had both public and private support. In the early days it compared favorably with colleges and university libraries in the Southeast, however, it has not kept pace with the development of the university. A study of the present financial support, organization, book and periodical collections, technical processes, services, etc., showed that many changes and improvements in the Library should be made if the Library is to support the present university program of teaching and research. Among the recommendations made were: (1) \$65,400 for the re-cataloging project. The surveyors were convinced that an annual expenditure of \$85,000 was necessary to meet the current needs of the Library and that for the next five years \$15,000 per year would be needed to correct arrears of previous years; (2) reorganization of the five university libraries under one head, the Director of Libraries, which would enable fuller cooperation and coordination of all library facilities on the campus; (3) fuller cooperation with other libraries in the state, the S. C. Library Association and State Library Board to accomplish the following: union catalog of the holdings of the libraries of the state, the publication of the index to forty volumes of the S. C. Historical and Genealogical Magazine, the cooperative acquisition and binding of S. C. newspapers, the inauguration of a program of documents issued by S. C., other neighboring states, and the federal government, the provision of a photographic reproduction service including microfilm which may be utilized by all of the libraries of the state.

The responsibility of the university to provide instruction in Library Science was emphasized.

Already the recataloging project has been begun. As a result of the survey, the University of S. C. Library has received a substantial grant from the General Education Board and funds from public sources and friends to re-catalog the collection. Other recommendations are being carried out at present for the Library. The Survey will furnish a blue print for the college authorities and the new Librarian, Mr. Kellam, to follow for several years to come.

Other libraries in the state have profited by the Wilson-Tauber survey—for in connection with the University Library survey other state supported college libraries were visited and in at least one case, that of Clemson College Library, it was quite evident that the Wilson-Tauber study of Clemson Library Self-Survey, and their recommendation to the General Education Board gave weight to the latter's decision to give Clemson College Library \$30,000 to build the book and periodical collection.

As the instigator of this survey Dr. John Van Male made a definite and lasting contribution to the University of South Carolina Library and the State of South Carolina.

San Francisco Conference

The American Library Association will hold its annual conference in San Francisco, June 30-July 5, 1947. Thirty-five hundred librarians and friends of libraries are expected to attend. Mary U. Rothrock, President of the Association and TVA library head, will preside.

Several awards will be made during the week of the conference. The Newberry Medal for the outstanding piece of juvenile literature and the Caldecott Medal for the outstanding illustrations in a children's book, will be presented to the 1946 winners.

The Association, which has about 16,000 members, was founded in 1876 to promote the cause of libraries and librarianship. Present day activities include expansion of country and state libraries to reach people now without library service. Since the end of the war, the Association has worked with other organizations to help restore libraries in devastated countries.

A.L.A. Membership

Now is the time to pay your annual A.L.A. dues unless you have already paid them in advance. The Executive Board is urging you to not only pay your own dues, but invites you to recruit new members from non-member librarians, trustees, or institutions. Try to send in one new membership when you send in your own dues.

Miss Gladys M. Smith, Member of the A.L.A. Membership Committee, Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C. will be glad to send you membership blanks, or you may request blanks and leaflets from The Membership Office, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

Library Public Relations Service

For the first time in library history a complete local library public relations service is now available on a subscription basis through the Mitchell McKeown Organization of Chicago, public relations experts.

Library Public Relations Service was organized at the request of and in cooperation with the American Library Association to bring a practical, comprehensive public relations service at a moderate cost to public or college libraries and to library associations and groups throughout the country.

A subscription to the Library Public Relations Service buys not only the detailed knowledge of public relations methods, techniques, and activities as applied specifically to the local library, but it also makes possible for all libraries to benefit from a planned program, starting at the community level, which is aimed to bring national recognition to important aspects of the library institution and profession.

Important services which subscribing libraries will receive include: Public Relations Counsel; Fund Raising Counsel; Feature Publicity Releases; Current News Releases; Publicity Ideas and Schedules; Annual Report Guidance; Displays and Exhibits.

A copy of the prospectus will be mailed to interested libraries promptly upon request. The headquarters address of Public Relations Service is 135 South La Salle Street, Chicago 3, Illinois.

Medical Books for Europe

The Library of the South Carolina Medical College has been made a depository for all duplicate medical journals and all medical books published during the past ten years. These books are to be sent to devastated libraries abroad. The need is urgent and librarians are requested to encourage physicians in their communities to cooperate in this extremely worthy cause.

School Library Workshops

Winthrop College, in cooperation with the School Library Division of the State Department of Education, will hold a School Library Workshop from July 14 to August 2 as a part of the regular 1947 Summer School. This will be for teachers and teacher-librarians with little or no library training who will take charge of elementary and high school libraries next year. The workshop will carry three semester hours of credit. For further information write to Dr. Herman Frick, Director Summer School, Winthrop College, Rock Hill, South Carolina.

The Library Science Department of The South Carolina State A. and M. College, Orangeburg, S. C. announces a library workshop to be held April 17-19. The course is designed specifically for active school librarians, teacher-librarians or teachers who are preparing themselves for school library service. In addition to a daily program of activities, individual conferences and meetings will be held by the staff and consultants for discussion of specific problems. The only cost to those attending will be for room and board at \$1.50 per day. Further inquiries should be addressed to Miss Emily A. Copeland, Director Library Science Department, State A. and M. College, Orangeburg.

School Librarians Meet

Taking advantage of the Annual Convention of the South Carolina Education Association, which was held in Columbia March 13-15, the School Librarians of South Carolina met at the University March 14 in the library of the School of Education. Approximately seventy-five members were present.

Mr. Kellam, Librarian of the University of South Carolina reported on progress in the TVLC self-survey of library facilities and needs. Mr. Kellam announced that the printed matter necessary for conducting the survey is ready for distribution. He requested the cooperation of all the librarians in filling out and returning the forms promptly.

Miss Nora E. Beust, of the U. S. Office of Education, authority on children's literature, was the speaker of the afternoon. Miss Beust pointed out the necessity for a change in emphasis in books for children. She considers it imperative that the concept of world citizenship be developed. Several of the books in the display of new books made the point of mutual responsibility in a changing world.

The following officers were elected for 1947:

President Lenora Long, Greenville High School
Vice-President Monteen Manning, Hand Junior High School, Columbia
Secretary Carmen Hammond, Rock Hill High School

Charleston High School Libraries

Charleston city high school libraries have been busy supplying material for a new series of radio programs dramatizing local historical highlights. The series is a weekly feature of WTMA. The scripts are written by Philip Covington of the faculty of the High School of Charleston, and the players are high school students.

In the county the increased efficiency of the library

staff and the enlargement of the book collection have contributed greatly to the recent action of the Southern Association of High Schools and Colleges in accrediting St. Andrews High School.

S.C.L.A. Committees

Federal Relations Committee for South Carolina

Coordinator — Mrs. A. M. Wylie, Jr., Chester; Publicity Director, Mr. E. D. Johnson, Lib., Limestone College; Mrs. Frances Lander Spain, Lib., Winthrop College; Miss Estellene P. Walker, Executive Secretary, South Carolina State Library Board.

Tennessee Valley Library Survey Committee

Chairman — Mr. W. P. Kellam, Lib., University of South Carolina; Miss Nancy Day, School Library Supervisor, Department of Education; Miss Ellen Perry, Lib., Greenville Public Library; Mrs. Frances Lander Spain, Lib., Winthrop College; Miss Estellene P. Walker, Executive Secretary, South Carolina State Library Board; Miss Catherine Jones, Veterans Hospital Lib., Columbia; Miss Emily Copeland, Director, Department of Library Science, A. & M. College, Orangeburg.

State Library Planning Committee

Chairman — Miss Estellene P. Walker, Executive Secretary, South Carolina State Library Board; Miss Louisa Carlisle, Lib., Converse College; Miss Emily Copeland, Instructor of Library Science, State College; Miss Leonora Long, Lib., Greenville Senior High School.

Committee on Institutional Dues

Chairman — Miss Naomi Derrick, Lib., Chicora High School, Charleston; Miss Nancy Day, School Lib. Supervisor, Department of Education; Miss Estellene P. Walker, Executive Secretary, South Carolina State Library Board.

Membership Committee, S.C.L.A.

Chairman — Mrs. Ella Sue Smith, Lib., Anderson Public Library.

A.L.A. Membership Chairman for South Carolina

Miss Gladys M. Smith, Winthrop College.

Personals

MISS OLIVE BRANCH is now Librarian of the Spartanburg County Library. Miss Branch recently returned from Germany where she served with U. S. Army Special Services as army librarian.

MISS NELL GARRARD has resigned as Librarian of the Greenwood City and County Library to accept the position of Librarian of the Cherokee County Library in Gaffney.

The University of South Carolina has two new staff members. MR. D. M. SIMPSON is Circulation Librarian and MR. JOHN H. LEWIS is Order Librarian.

MRS. FRANCES C. STUART, formerly with the South Caroliniana Library, is now Assistant Librarian, Carnegie Library, Sumter.

MISS ELIZABETH WILLIAMS has accepted a position left vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Lillie E. Morrison with the Library of the Medical College of South Carolina.