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## S. C. State Library Board

The State Library Board has requested an appropriation of \$100,000 for fiscal year 1951-52. This amount will enable the Board to maintain its present services to the public libraries of the State and to immediately extend direct library service to communities in the nine counties still without countywide library service.

Much remains to be done to bring the public libraries of the State up to National Standards of library service and to extend library service to every resident of the State. No public library in the State meets even minimum standards. 591,360 residents of the State have no public library service at all. These are largely rural Negroes and the residents of the nine counties still without countywide library service. The Board wishes to continue its present program of improving existing public library service and of extending this service to unserved areas. The request for an appropriation of \$100,000 was made with this plan clearly in mind. If granted, it will mean that the Board will continue its present program and at the same time immediately extend direct library service to communities in the nine unserved counties.

There are now nine counties in South Carolina without countywide library service. These counties fall into the same group in population, in property values and, in all but one (Chesterfield), more than half the total population is Negro. None of them have enough tax income to establish and support a county library. Four of the counties (Bamberg, McCormick, Chesterfield and Dorchester) have considered regional libraries with a

neighboring county. All of the nine counties, with the exception of McCormick, have at least one town library supplemented by book deposits from the State Library Board. The problem then is this: To extend and improve library service to these nine counties, foster local initiative, but discourage the establishment of weak and ineffective county libraries. The goal, the eventual establishment of regional libraries when professional librarians become available.

The need for better library service in the nine counties can be filled through a program of bookmobile service to the major communities in the nine counties. This could be successfully undertaken by the State Library Board for a relatively small increase in the present appropriation.

The "Travelling Library" would visit, each month, the communities with population of 500 or more in each county. Where there is a town library, the "Travelling Library" would lend books directly to the library, fill special requests, and give any needed help on reference problems. Where there is no library, the "Travelling Library" would remain in the community for at least two hours parked in a central location and would circulate books to the local people.

The proposed program would result in good library service where none now exists, filling a felt need on the part of the people for books and reading. Books, the basic and essential tools for adult education, would be available in every county in the State. South Carolina would be the first state in the Southeast, and one of the few in the nation to have statewide library service.

## South Carolina State Library Board — Progress Report, 1943-1950

### Summary of Statistics for Public Libraries 1943-1950.

	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46	1946-47	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50
Population	1,899,804	1,899,804	1,899,804	1,899,804	1,899,804	1,899,804	1,899,804
With public library service	1,020,030	1,058,241	1,068,012	1,185,785	1,195,823	1,308,444	1,308,444
Without public library service	879,794	841,563	831,792	714,019	703,981	591,360	591,360
Bookstock of public libraries	620,500	702,107	742,364	821,378	907,766	952,984	1,057,127
Books per capita	.33	.37	.39	.43	.48	.50	.55
Circulation of public libraries	3,726,222	3,832,397	4,432,659	3,911,766	4,113,035	3,726,860	4,566,996
Circulation per capita	1.96	2.0	2.33	2.0	2.16	1.9	2.4
Total public library income	\$274,373.89	\$297,451.16	\$321,510.75	\$356,173.08	\$526,186.66	\$627,729.83	\$691,189.28
Expenditure per capita	.14	.16	.17	.19	.28	.33	.36
Appropriation for State Board	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,485	\$ 50,765	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000

A measure of the State Library Board's Program for the past seven years:

288,434 more South Carolinians now have public library service than in 1943.

The Bookstock of all public libraries has increased from 620,500 volumes to 1,057,127 volumes.

Annual circulation of books has increased by 840,774.

Annual public library income has increased \$416,815.

Expenditure per capita for public library service has risen from 14c to 36c.

**ALL BUT NINE COUNTIES NOW HAVE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.**



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## German Librarians Visit South Carolina

Four young German librarians from the U. S. Information Libraries in Germany visited South Carolina November 6-13 to study the state library extension program. After visiting various libraries in the Columbia area, they visited the county libraries in Lee, Chester and Orangeburg counties and the Newberry-Saluda Regional Library in Newberry. They also visited the Industrial School for Boys in Florence to observe the effectiveness of the Book Deposit Service given state institutions by the State Library Board. They observed the library training program at the State A. & M. College in Orangeburg.

The German librarians have been in this country since June and are here under the auspices of the Exchange of Persons Program of the State Department. They have visited state library extension agencies in Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. Their tour of South Carolina ended with a visit to Charleston.

## Southeastern Library Association Conference

Marguerite G. Thompson, Librarian  
 Colleton County Library

The adoption of a new constitution reorganizing S. E. L. A. to promote the development of library resources and services on a regional basis was the outstanding accomplishment of the Southeastern Library Association at its fourteenth biennial conference, held at the Biltmore Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia, October 11-14.

After sectional meetings on Wednesday afternoon, President Clarence R. Graham officially opened the conference at its first general session at 7:30 Wednesday night. Mayor Hartfield of Atlanta extended a hearty welcome to the 750 members in attendance at the conference. John Mackenzie Cory, executive secretary of the American Library Association, extended greetings from A. L. A.

Using as his subject, "Leadership in the South," Dr. Allen D. Albert, Jr., professor of sociology at Emory University, was the main speaker of the evening. In

speaking of the South's progress, he stated that though it had once been labeled the nation's number 1 economic problem, it has now become the nation's number 1 economic opportunity.

Using as its basis the tentative constitution as submitted by the Activities Committee, the Association worked out its new constitution section by section in such form as to be unanimously passed by the members in attendance at the conference. This constitution is being submitted to the state library association of the nine southeastern states for ratification. A headquarters office, an executive secretary, a quarterly journal, and membership dues are features of the reorganized association.

A highlight of the business meeting on Friday was the announcement by the Executive Board of negotiations now in progress for a contract with the Tennessee Valley Authority for studies of problems effecting the libraries of the nine southeastern states.

Election of officers was held on Friday morning at the general session. Elected were Dr. Louis Shores, Florida State University, President; Mrs. J. H. Crosland, Georgia Tech, Vice-President; and Dr. Robert Alvarez, Nashville Public Library, Secretary-Treasurer.

At the banquet on Friday night, the speaker was Samuel Gaillard Stoney of Charleston, who delighted his large audience with Gullah readings. He was introduced by Miss Emily Sanders, a past president of SCLA.

Library school breakfast meetings came on Friday morning, and several of the state associations held their business meetings on Saturday morning.

## SCLA Annual Business Meeting

On Saturday morning, October 14, the South Carolina Library Association held its 29th annual business meeting following a breakfast at the Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia.

Seventy-five SCLA members who were attending the Southeastern Library Association Conference in Atlanta were present.

Miss Naomi Derrick, president of SCLA, welcomed the members. After the reading of the minutes and the treasurer's report, reports of Standing Committees were given.

Miss Emily Sanders presented the constitution and by-laws of the reorganized Southeastern Library Association. After discussion, this was unanimously ratified by the group.

Miss Sanders also reported that the Great Books Foundation had selected Greenville, Columbia, and Charleston as centers for training leaders for their discussion groups.

Miss Estellene Walker reported on the progress of library recruitment in South Carolina, and Miss Nancy Jane Day told the group of the recently-formed organization of student library assistants of the state.

New officers elected for the coming year were Miss Nancy C. Blair, Spartanburg Public Library, President; Mr. Herbert Hucks, Jr., Wofford College Library, Vice-President; Mrs. Jessie Cannon, Junior High School, Greenville, Secretary; Mr. John Goodman, Clemson College Library, Treasurer; and Miss Emily Sanders, Charleston County Library, SELA representative.



## Great Books Leadership Training Course

The Great Books Foundation of the University of Chicago, in cooperation with the Charleston Free Library, the Extension Division of the University of South Carolina, the Furman University Library, and the Greenville Public Library, will conduct a state-wide, tri-city Great Books leader-training course.

In a series of 3 evening seminars, conducted in Charleston, Columbia, and Greenville each, lay individuals will be instructed in the techniques whereby they may in turn organize and conduct a Great Books discussion group in their own community library, club, organization, place of employment or school.

There must be two leaders trained for each community group planned.

This series of 3 seminars will have a limited enrollment of 40 persons each, in the Charleston, Columbia, and Greenville areas. It is open to anyone interested in and willing to organize and lead a Great Books group in his or her community. There are no formal educational prerequisites beyond the ability to read, a fondness for asking questions, and a liking for people in lively discussion with one another.

Enrollment will be limited to 40 in each of the above mentioned centers on the basis of registration and on the basis of the widest geographical representation of communities in the Charleston, Columbia, and Greenville areas.

There are no tuition fees for this course, but all persons participating are expected to have ordered a First Year set of the Great Books Foundation reprints—18 readings covering the whole First Year discussion cycle—3 of which will be used in the training program for group leaders, all of which will be used in the community groups subsequently planned to start after the first of the year. These 18 readings cost \$9.60 and can be ordered directly from the Great Books Foundation, P. O. Box N N, Chicago 90, Illinois.

The three works for discussion in each series of Seminars will be The Declaration of Independence, The Apology and Crito, and Hamlet.

Meetings will be conducted at the Charleston Free Library from 8 to 10 p. m. on November 20, 27 and on December 4. In Columbia the meetings will be held at the McKissick Library from 8 to 10 p. m. on Tuesday, November 21, 28 and on December 5. Meetings in Greenville will be held at the Greenville Public Library from 8 to 10 p. m. on Wednesday, November 22, 29 and December 6.

Persons interested in attending one of the above series should send his or her name, address, occupation and telephone number to the appropriate of the 3 following addresses and indicate the series he or she plans to attend:

Miss Emily Sanders, Librarian, Charleston Free Library, Charleston.

Mr. W. H. Ward, Director of Extension, University of South Carolina, Columbia.

Miss Ellen Perry, Librarian, Greenville Public Library, Greenville or Miss Jane Flener, Acting Librarian, Furman University Library, Greenville.

## White House Conference

Governor J. Strom Thurmond, in October, 1949, designated the South Carolina Committee on Children and Youth as the official State Planning Committee to cooperate with other states in promoting the National Mid-century White House Conference on Children and Youth. The South Carolina Committee on Children and Youth, organized in June 1947, is composed of representatives from statewide organizations with a youth program.

The 1950 White House Conference on Children and Youth is the fifth ever to be called. The first was called by Theodore Roosevelt in 1909; the last by Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1940. All the White House Conferences—one in each decade—came into being as a result of citizen initiative. Each conference has contributed to the nation's ability to understand and meet the needs of children so that they may live longer, suffer less illness and grow up in greater security. The Children's Bureau in the federal government, the Sheppard-Townes Act, and the Children's Charter are among the accomplishments of previous White House Conferences.

One of the pre-conference activities of the South Carolina White House Conference Planning Committee on Children and Youth has been a widespread survey during 1948 and 1949 carried on by county White House Planning committees. The findings of this survey, with recommendations, will be published before the South Carolina White House delegates leave for Washington on December 2.

Librarians have been included on all County Survey Committees. On the state level, librarians have been represented on the State Committee and on the Survey and Planning Committees.

Miss Estellene P. Walker, Executive Secretary of the S. C. State Library Board, has been appointed a delegate to the Midcentury White House Conference to be held in Washington, December 3-8.

## County and Regional Libraries: Please Note

Gasoline and oils purchased by county and regional libraries are exempt from Federal taxation on such articles and need not be paid by these political subdivisions of the State.

To avoid the payment of such taxes county and regional librarians may request the oil companies with whom they deal to furnish them a tax exemption certificate covering the taxes levied on the quantities purchased.

## Plans Made to Compile Library Statistics

The State Library Board is assisting the U. S. Office of Education in compiling library statistics for its report on library service which is published every five years.

Forms have been sent to all public libraries in the state to obtain statistics on circulation, book-stock and other relevant information for the survey.

The Office of Education is collecting statistics across the nation for the report. It will be used to measure the extent of library service available to Americans and to assist Congress in formulating legislation for federal aid to libraries.



## Guides Published for Clemson and McKissick Libraries

The Clemson College Library has published a handbook written by members of the library staff.

The handbook is a guide to the Clemson Library designed to assist new students and faculty members to know, use, and enjoy the facilities of the library. Diagrams show the floor plans of the library, and diagrams and text explain the organization and use of the various departments and specialized services. Library hours and rules and regulations are printed on the inside covers of the handbook.

The University of South Carolina has published a library guide prepared by the Reference Department of the McKissick Memorial Library for the use of students and faculty members.

Hours and location are given for the five libraries located on the campus, the McKissick Memorial Library, South Caroliniana Library, School of Education Library, Law School Library and Extension Division Library.

Text and diagrams explain the use and services of the various departments of the McKissick Memorial Library.

## Libraries Offered Free Art Exhibitions

The S. C. State Library Board has information on a group of loan exhibitions of art that are available to libraries free of charge. These loans include one-man and group exhibitions of the work of outstanding artists in the fields of oil painting, water color, sculpture and other media.

The Rock Hill Public Library had a loan exhibit of flower paintings during October. Other libraries in South Carolina interested in borrowing an exhibit may secure complete information by writing to Miss Grace Pickett, Hotel Plaza, 5th Avenue at 59th Street, New York 19, N. Y.

## Columbia Library Club

The Columbia Library Club is continuing to hold monthly meetings during 1950-51 season. The present series of programs have included presentation of the adult education program of the State Board of Education given by Miss Marguerite Tolbert, Superintendent of Adult Education. At the October meeting a panel discussion of the Southeastern Library Association Conference in Atlanta was held. At the November meeting, the four visiting German librarians led a discussion of the U. S. Information Libraries in Germany and of public and college library programs in Germany.

## Radio "Spots" for County Libraries

In September the State Library Board mailed to county librarians in South Carolina who expressed interest in the project the first issue of mimeographed spot announcements for radio broadcast. These mimeographed sheets of spot announcements will be mailed each quarter to librarians in the state who want this service and can arrange for the use of the "spots" by a local radio station.

The spot announcements advertise the services of the library. Librarians may use any or all of these announcements and make any changes or additions which fit the "spots" to the books and services of their own library.

County librarians have been requested to keep some record of the results of this radio publicity in order to gauge the success of the project and to determine if it should be continued.

## Lee County Begins Bookmobile Service

The Lee County Library now offers bookmobile service to residents of Lee County. A new bookmobile was purchased in October and recently made its first service trip.

The Rock Hill Body Company of Rock Hill, South Carolina made the bookmobile body. It is mounted on a ½-ton Ford chassis. The bookmobile has outside and inside shelving and carries 800 books on its shelves.

The bookmobile is scheduled for bi-weekly community stops in all sections of Lee County. It will extend the service offered by the county library which is located in Bishopville.

Mrs. Mary Baskin is County Librarian and Mrs. D. A. Quattlebaum is Chairman of the Lee County Library Commission.

## Personals

MISS V. CAROLYN HARPER has been appointed librarian of the Newberry College Library. Miss Harper is a graduate of Lander College. She received her B.A. and M.A. degrees in Library Science from George Peabody Library School. For the past four years she has been librarian of the Cheraw public schools. Miss Carolyn Cromer, former librarian of Newberry College Library, is now Associate Librarian.

MISS MARY E. TIMBERLAKE, formerly Assistant Reference Librarian in the University of South Carolina Library, has accepted a position as assistant in the Reference Department of the Vassar College Library.

MISS CORINNE KITTELSON began work as Cataloger of the Greenwood City and County Library on September 1. She received her degree in Library Science at the University of Wisconsin and has previously worked in the libraries at Gailsburg, Illinois and at the Los Angeles County Library.

MISS MARJORIE CHANDLER, librarian of the Newberry-Saluda Regional Library, was married to Mr. Burlington Fretwell of Newberry in the Bethel Methodist Church, Charleston, on November 4.

## Obituaries

Mrs. Marie Brunson Willcox, librarian of the Florence Public Library for twenty years, died in Florence on October 29th. She was a graduate of Florence High School and of St. Mary's College, Raleigh, N. C.

Miss Annie Reese Locke, member of the Staff of the Richland County Library for about thirty years, died in Columbia on October 24th. Through her work in the reference department of the library she was known and beloved by many Columbians.