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State Board Requests $100,000 for 1949

The State Library Board is requesting an appropriation of $100,000 for the fiscal year 1949-50. This is a small amount in view of the rapidly expanding system of county and regional libraries now serving the State. The need to extend this library service to the ten counties still without it is pressing. It is the aim of the State Library Board to bring into the life of every South Carolinian an adequate, purposeful library. Although this appropriation represents only approximately .05 per capita it has purchasing power great enough to procure for South Carolinians better libraries, more books and increased library service. The granting of this appropriation by the State Legislature will enable the State Library Board to maintain, improve and extend its present services. The State Library Board plans to:

1. Maintain the allotment of direct State Aid to County Libraries at the present $1,000 per county.
2. Encourage the development of more regional libraries — the voluntary combination of two or more counties for more efficient and economical library service — by making a Regional Establishment Grant of $4,000 to each of three such combinations.
3. Improve the service in the existing regional libraries by granting to established regional combinations a Regional Maintenance Grant of $500 for each county participating in the region.
4. Increase the bookstock of the State Library Board to the point that book deposit service may be offered to all communities and to state institutions with small libraries or no libraries at all.
5. Enable the State Library Board to retain its present staff and allow the members of the staff to continue the present program of frequent field trips and direct on-the-spot service to librarians of small libraries and to all library boards.

South Carolina is making steady progress in the development of library service. In the past five years the bookstock in public libraries in the state has increased from 620,500 volumes to 907,766 volumes, a gain of 287,266 volumes. Today 175,793 more people in South Carolina have library service than enjoyed this service five years ago. Expenditure for public library service has increased from $274,873 in 1943 to $526,186 in 1948. But the picture is far from a bright one in spite of the progress made in the past five years. South Carolina still has less than ½ book per capita. Book resources are gravely inadequate. The conspicuous lack of research materials demands immediate attention because of the new industries coming into the State, the changes in farm practices, and the need for re-education of adults to become economically effective in the new fields of employment. Public libraries in South Carolina have a potential of service which has never been developed because of inadequate financial support. Lack of funds has resulted in libraries with inadequate staffs, inadequate book collections and limited service. No public library in South Carolina meets even the minimum standards of service as expressed in the American Library Association's Post-war Standards for public libraries.

New President of S. C. L. A. Outlines Objectives

By J. Mitchell Reames, President of S. C. L. A.

The South Carolina Library Association is a growing organization. Our total membership including personal and institutional members is now 290 which means that in 1948 we have almost doubled in size. Mrs. Ella Sue Smith, retiring Treasurer, has literally staged a "one-man" campaign to increase the membership and she has done a most commendable job. Our organization is growing and becoming stronger and stronger and in 1949 we might well reach a new peak in making it a vital force in the expansion of library facilities and services for all the people of South Carolina. The new officers of the Association earnestly solicit your help in carrying on such an effective program.

We shall be called upon to make significant decisions in 1949. At the meeting of the Southeastern Library Association in Louisville in October, it was decided by the membership to hold another Southeastern meeting next Fall and to invite the American Library Association to hold a Regional Conference with us at that time. Librarians in South Carolina are vitally concerned with the future course of our relationship with the American Library Association and also with the Southeastern Library Association. We should all study carefully the proposals of the Fourth Activities Committee of the ALA, as well as the various other plans that are being suggested for decentralizing ALA, and attempt to determine what we want these organizations to do and to mean to us. The officers of SCLA will welcome expression of your opinions on these matters. Only through active participation do we receive full benefit from membership in professional organizations.

Soon we shall begin to think about and plan for our next annual meeting. Your suggestions and comments will be greatly appreciated by those of us who shall attempt to plan the meeting.

In the near future, we hope that the Report of the Tennessee Valley Library Council Survey can be made available to every librarian in the State, possibly through the Bulletin. It may be that the Association will be able to initiate some program for carrying out at least some of the many recommendations made in that Report.

Let's make 1949 a vital and effective year for SCLA.
Sparkle Plenty

In reply to a story and editorial about librarians which appeared in the August 7 issue of the Saturday Evening Post the following letters have been received by the editors of the magazine and printed in their Letters to the Editors column.

The first letter which follows in part appeared in the October 16 issue of the Post. It was headed: New Look in Librarians and was written by B. J. Caldwell, Librarian of the Pomona Public Library, Pomona, California.

"The library profession keenly regrets the publication of the story which appeared in the August 7 issue of your unusually fine magazine (It’s Never Too Late, by Phyllis Duganne.) This story concerns a drab personality who remained dull when she was a Librarian, but became effervescently charming when she traded professions.

Today’s modern Librarians are interested in dressing as stylishly as their meager salaries will permit . . . Librarians are interested in being of real service in getting books and materials used, and they realize that to do this they must present a pleasant, gracious and necessarily intelligent personality . . . We are . . . endeavoring to recruit capable persons into our profession . . .

You are to be highly commended for the excellent editorial article in this same issue, high-lighting the vital service furnished by libraries (Free Librarians Deserve Better Support.)

The second letter was written by Matthew A. Condon, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston Free Library. This letter which follows was printed in the November 20 issue of the Post and was headed Charleston Charmers.

"We were sure even before we read your Editor’s Note to Librarian Caldwell’s letter in the October 16 issue of your fine magazine that the August 7 editorial, Free Librarians Deserve Better Support, was read by almost as many people as the short story (about a librarian) which Mr. Caldwell dislikes.

The comment our Charleston Free Library Staff would like to add is that the heroine of the story in question didn’t make the most of her profession, for our library staff is effervescent in enthusiasm about their work and couldn’t be persuaded to swap their interesting clientele for that of a toy shop. Our circulation department’s manual of instructions begins: Rule 1: Sparkle! An excellent rule, for, as head of a large department store, I know the importance and cash value of good public re-

Library Broadcasts

A series of eight broadcasts, beginning October 13, and sponsored by the Laurens County Library was presented each Wednesday morning at 10:45 through the facilities of the Laurens-Clinton radio system.

The County Council of Farm Women and organizations whose membership includes both men and women participated. Mrs. Phil D. Huff, Librarian of the Laurens County Library, assisted in the preparation of the programs.

One presentation was a panel discussion ‘How the Laurens County Library Helps the Farm Women of Laurens County’, led by Mrs. Hugh Bonds, president of the County Council of Farm Women. Another presented Mrs. J. B. Hart of Joanna in a discussion of ‘What the County Library is Accomplishing for the Children of the County’.

The Chester County Library sponsors library broadcasts each Tuesday morning from 10:30 to 10:45, over radio station WGCD as a public service feature.

Representatives of civic, cultural, and educational groups in the county participate in the broadcasts. Each group on the program endeavors to show the link between its particular organization and the library.

Some of the subjects covered in the library broadcasts have been “Using the Library As a Business Man,” presented by a local merchant; “Using the Library As a Home-Maker and Gardener” by the County Home Demonstration Agent; “The Library from the Administrative Viewpoint,” by the Chairman of the County Library Board; “Using the Library from a Religious Viewpoint,” by a local minister; and “Using the Library in Preparation for Club Papers,” by a local club worker.

Mrs. Maude Q. Kelsey, Librarian of the Chester County Library reports: “We have had perfectly splendid cooperation from all quarters. Some even ask to be on the programs. The fact that time is short proves a help instead of a drawback in that people do not mind appearing on a short feature. It is our aim to use the radio, not only as general publicity, but also to inform our public as to new things the library has done and is doing and to show that the library is the big integrating force and service throughout the county.”

Growth of Library Service to Negroses

Three new branch libraries for negroes have been established in South Carolina.

The Mount Pleasant negro branch of the Charleston Free Library is located in the Laing School in Mount Pleasant. It is designed primarily for the use of colored adults and is housed in the student library of the school. Library hours are from 4 to 7 on Thursdays.

William H. Swinton is both principal of the school and librarian of the new branch.

A new branch library for negroes was opened in An-
derson on January 11. The library is located on the ground floor of the negro community center at the corner of East Market Street and Jefferson Avenue. It is known as the Greeley Branch of the Anderson Public Library. The new branch has been attractively furnished and equipped with a good collection of reading material.

A branch of the Timrod Library in Summerville has been established for the Negroes of Dorchester County. The new branch is called the George Washington Carver Library and is located in a small building near the First Baptist Church of Summerville.

Books for the library are being provided by the Timrod Library and the State Library Board.

Mrs. Sarah Simons of Summerville is serving as librarian. Library hours are from 4-6 on Tuesday and Thursday. As the work of the library grows longer hours of opening will be maintained.

Dedicated services for the new branch library were held in the library on December 1, the night before the formal opening of the library on December 2.

The negro branch of the Kennedy Library in Spartanburg received a Christmas gift of $1,000 from a donor who attached the following stipulations to his gift:

1. His name must not be made public.
2. The entire amount is to be expended in purchasing new books for the negro branch of the library, located on S. Liberty Street, and must be used as additional or supplemental funds, above any amount already allocated to the library through the established financial set-up.

Miss Nancy Blair, librarian of the Kennedy Free Library, announced the gift "most gratefully" and as "one of the most wonderful things which has happened to our library. We hope with this additional amount to be able to expand our service at the branch library."

Miss Blair declined to divulge the identity of the donor of the $1,000 gift except to say "that he is a well-known white citizen of the city and 'deeply interested in the library.'"
Airplane boys; Dixon, F. W., Hardy boys series; Finley, Martha, Elsie series; Garis, H. R., Uncle Wiggily series; Henty, C. A., Many titles; Hope, L. L., Bobsy twin series; Keene, Carolyn, Nancy Drew series, all titles; Sagendorph, Kent, Dan Perry series, American college and university series; Snell, R. J., Many titles; Striker, Fran, Many titles; Sutton, Margaret, Judy Bolton series; Thordyke, H. L., Honey Bunch series; Wells, Carolyn, Patty series.

Series out of print: Alger, Horatio, All titles; Appleton, Victor, Tom Swift series; Benson, I. E., Campfire girls series; Cater, Herbert, Boy Scout series; Cory, David, Billy Bunny series, Little Jack Rabbit series; Ferris, J. C., X Bar X Boys series; Garis, Lillian, Girl Scout series; Holmes, Mary Jane, Many titles.

Other series books of the above type should not be circulated by the public library. The presence of books of this type on the library shelves indicates waste of time and money on the part of the librarian and lack of interest in the welfare of the children in the community.

Columbia Library Club Hears University Speakers

"Great Issues" as suggested and outlined by ALA is the theme of five meetings of the Columbia Library Club, Miss Sallie B. Anderson, chairman of the program committee, announces. In December the club heard J. C. Overby, Professor of Political Science at the University of South Carolina discuss "How Much World Government". In January, the subject will be "Inflation-Deflation" discussed by Alfred G. Smith, Professor of Economics. Professor Morris of the Economics Department will address the group in February, and his subject will be "Labor-Management Relations". In March the topic will be "Civil Rights" and the speaker, Dean Arney R. Childs, Professor of History at the University. The final program in the series, in April, will present Dr. W. H. Callcott, Dean of the Graduate School of the University. His subject will be "U. S.-Russian Relations".

The May meeting will hear a report from the SCLA committee on its work in Recruiting. The final meeting of the year, in June, will be a business meeting at which officers for the following year will be elected.

New Periodical for Librarians

The first number of a new periodical called the Library Service Review, published by the North Carolina Negro Library Association, was issued in June, 1948.

The Review will be published during the months of March, June, October, and December. Subscription rates are $1.00 a year or 25c a copy. Correspondence to the Review should be addressed to Business and Circulation Manager, N. C. College Library School, Durham, N. C.

The Library Service Review will publish articles which will be of interest to public, school, college, and university librarians. Its purpose is to furnish an organ for the exchange of ideas not only for those who are practicing librarianship in North Carolina, but for librarians in any section of the country, particularly in the Southern states. The Editorial Board, which is headed by A. P. Marshall of Winston-Salem Teachers College, will strive to meet the particular needs of the librarian in the Negro school, college, or public library.

Georgetown Establishes Branch Library in Andrews

A new branch of the Georgetown County Library was opened on November 29 in Andrews.

The library is located at the present time in a building owned by the Baptist Church and situated on the church grounds.

The Lions Club of Andrews sponsored the library and has been active in publicizing the new library service.

Mrs. Mary Bonds, librarian of the Georgetown County Library, will serve as librarian each Monday and Friday afternoon from 2 to 4:30. She will visit the library in the bookmobile and make regular exchanges of books from the county library collection in Georgetown. Five hundred books were sent to Andrews on a long term loan by the State Library Board.

Book Rate Increased

In the last special session of Congress the postal rate for books was increased from four to eight cents on the first pound and from three to four cents on each additional pound. The rate for books mailed from or returned to libraries, (inter-library loan) however, remains at four cents for the first pound and one cent for each additional pound, provided this mailing is within a state or within the first three postal zones. This does not apply on books mailed to or from a publishing house. The new rates became effective on January 1.

Personals

MRS. HILDA SLABOOGITZ, formerly assistant army librarian at Camp Gordon, has been appointed head of branch and deposit work for the Greenville Public Library.

MISS MARY HYRNE WILBURN, a June 1948 graduate of Woman's College, Furman University, is now County Assistant at the Greenwood City and County Public Library.

MRS. GEORGE W. SMITH, formerly of the York, Pennsylvania, Public Library, has joined the staff of the Richland County Public Library in charge of the County Department. Her husband is a member of the English Department of the University of South Carolina.

MRS. WILLIAM KINSEY, a Virginian, has come to the Richland County Library as assistant to Mrs. Smith in the County Department. Mrs. Kinsey, whose husband is a student at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, was graduated from Roanoke College and has taught school for one year.

MISS JEAN SIMS, 1945 graduate of the University of South Carolina, has joined the staff of the State Library Board. Miss Sims was formerly secretary to the State Commissioner of Labor. She plans to enter the School of Library Science, Columbia University, in the summer of 1949.

MISS DOROTHY SMITH has been appointed Assistant Reference Librarian of the Richland County Library. Miss Smith received her M.A. degree from U. S. C. She taught one year at Columbia College and for the past two years has served as head of the printed books department of the Caroliniana Library in Columbia.