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Board’s Appropriation Increased

The General Assembly has approved an appropriation of $92,492 for the operation of the State Library Board in 1952-53. The increase was made in the items for State Aid to county and regional libraries and will mean a $500 increase in State Aid to each qualifying county library and to each county participating in a regional library.

The increase in State Aid will enable the county libraries to give better service through improving personnel and book stock.

S. C. L. A. to Meet at Myrtle Beach

The S. C. Library Association will hold its annual meeting April 18 and 19 at the Ocean Forest Hotel at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Registration will begin at noon on the 18th and the first meeting will be held at 3:00 o’clock that afternoon. The final session will be a luncheon meeting on Saturday the 19th. Mr. Lewis P. Jones of the Department of History, Wofford College, will be the banquet speaker on Friday night. The subject of his address will be “Carolinians and Cubans: the Gonzales Brothers”.

Greenwood Librarian Wins Contest

Miss Elizabeth Porcher, Librarian of the Greenwood City and County Library has won the “Greenwood Plan” national contest which drew over 500 entries from the United States, Canada, Alaska and Hawaii.

The contest was designed to get ideas from the average citizen on ways of fighting the cold war against Communism.

Miss Porcher’s suggestion that a comic strip be developed to ridicule Communist ideas and then ballooned into iron curtain countries was considered the best idea submitted in the contest. As a reward she receives an expense-paid trip to Germany where she will visit the Freedom Bell Shrine in Berlin and the transmitters of Radio Free Europe in Munich and Frankfurt.

Miss Porcher is a native of Charleston, South Carolina, and a graduate of the Library School at Columbia University.

Limestone Gets Visual-Aids Room

The Limestone College has recently added an audio-visual aids room. The former alumni office was renovated and made into a small auditorium seating about 50. The room is equipped with a record player and projectors for motion pictures, slides and slide films. The room is used not only for classes but also for student groups.

President’s Message

Herbert Hucks, Jr., President, S. C. L. A.

I believe that there are two worthwhile projects for us this year: increasing membership in our Association and doing what we can to find recruits for our profession. Look around you!—find interested men and women whose influence will help raise library standards in every section of our state; ask them to join, and to ask their friends to join with them. A word from a “working member” of our Association may have more influence than one thinks! When the “lay member” feels that he has a part in his local library, whatever the type may be, no one knows what the result may be, now or later.

We know that all members of library staffs are not members of our Association—try to get them to join. They should!

A word to even an elementary school student, certainly a high school one, may turn him or her to a career in our field. With proper guidance, many college students can be turned to the field of librarianship. Show them that the work is challenging and interesting!

Let’s all do our part in these two fields in 1952!

New Georgetown County Library

A new $75,000 building will soon be constructed to house the Georgetown County Library. The old jail building, one of the colonial structures in Georgetown, will be incorporated in the new building.

The top floor of the old building will be removed and the bricks used to insulate the outside walls of the wings and auditorium so that as a whole, the building will conform to the present architectural and historic features. The building will be fire-proof throughout. The children’s room will open on a garden court and the adult reading room will face a garden area. An auditorium which will seat 200 people will provide accommodations for meetings of club groups. The bookmobile will be housed near the stack area and can be loaded directly in the building. The second story will be used for relic rooms and storage of historic documents.

Mrs. Effie C. Bruns and Mrs. Mary Bonds are in charge of the Georgetown County Library and the chairman of the Board is Mr. Albert Greene.

State Board in New Offices

The State Library Board is now occupying especially designed offices in the State Office Building at the corner of Pendleton and Main. The new address is 1001-07 Main Street, Columbia 1, South Carolina.

An invitation is extended to all librarians, trustees and others interested in the public library program to visit the State Library Board and inspect the modern offices.
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S. C. Colonial Records

The second volume of The Colonial Records of South Carolina has just been published by the South Carolina Historical Commission. The success of the first volume has dispelled any doubt that may have been felt regarding the continuance and ultimate completion of the Colonial Records series. By making appropriations to meet the cost of the early volumes, the General Assembly has endorsed the enterprise. The Budget and Control Board, at a recent meeting, recommended an additional appropriation and indicated its approval of the plans for future volumes. Accordingly, the editorial work is being carried forward as rapidly as possible.

As announced at the time of the publication of the first volume, the Colonial Records series is designed to include ultimately all of the significant public documents relating to South Carolina during the period prior to the Revolution — the legislative journals, the records on file in the British Public Record Office, the papers of the Commissioners of the Indian Trade, and possibly other selections from the state’s great manuscript collection. A few documents that have already been published will not be included in the new series, but certain others, for example, the legislative journals, will be reprinted in order that all the volumes within a particular classification may have the same format. The nature of the manuscripts is such that no exact statement can be made at this time regarding the length of the series. It is estimated, however, that twenty volumes will be required for the Journals of the Commons House of Assembly and probably that many more for the remaining records.

Book Reviews at Winthrop

A series of book reviews of famous novels is scheduled to be held in the Winthrop library on the four Sunday afternoons of February. The English majors’ club under the direction of the library is sponsoring this program. The four novels and their reviewers are:

Melville’s Moby Dick by Professor Frank Harrison.
Fielding’s Tom Jones by Dean S. J. McCoy.
Cervantes’ Don Quixote by Professor Lucile Delano.
Flaubert’s Madame Bovary by Professor Elizabeth Johnson.

Library Institute for Practicing Librarians

August 4-9, 1952 – Emory University

A week’s Institute for public and school librarians will be held August 4-9, 1952, at Emory University, Emory University, Georgia. The purpose of the Institute is to provide a planned program of in-service training for practicing librarians and the opportunity for the participants to work on individual problems under the guidance of a staff of consultants.

Mrs. Gretchen Knief Schenk will be the director of the Institute. She will have associated with her a consultant from the school library field and other consultants representing different areas of specialization.

The tentative list of topics for discussion is given below. The program is flexible and changes and adaptations will be made in accordance with the expressed wishes of those in attendance.

(1) New patterns for learning, including media, i.e., films, radio, television; techniques, i.e., film forums, decision through discussion, socio-drama, etc.

(2) Current personnel procedures and practices, including job classification, pay plans, staff participation in planning and management, working conditions, professional ethics and employee responsibilities.

(3) Problems of financial control and administration, including budgets, sources of funds, state policies, accounting and reporting.

(4) School and public library relationships, including cooperation in activities in an extended school program, evaluation of effectiveness of bookmobile service to schools, cooperative purchasing, processing and sharing of materials.

Attendance will be limited to practicing school and public librarians who already have the basic professional training required for the positions they hold. No formal academic credit will be given for the work offered by the Institute. The number in attendance will be limited to 80 persons. April 1, 1952 is the closing date for registration. For application forms and additional information write the Director, Division of Librarianship, Emory University.

Newberry College Building

Newberry College will soon have a new library building which will be fire-proof and modern in every detail. Funds for the construction of the building came from the United Lutheran church through the four supporting synods of the college, the South Carolina, Georgia-Alabama, Mississippi and Florida synods. The new building will accommodate 150 students in the reading room, and the book capacity will be 75,000 volumes. Other accommodations in the new building include a librarian’s office, an office for a secretary, a work room, a conference room, a music room, a microfilm room and stock rooms. The basement will have a large faculty room, a fire-proof vault for rare books and conference rooms.
Orangeburg County Free Library

Fair Exhibit October 15-20, 1951

The Orangeburg County Library Commission wished to introduce the need for a new library building for the county and decided to do this through its annual exhibit at the County Fair. In order to attract adults, we tried to get the interest of children, knowing that they would bring their parents. With this in mind, we divided the exhibit into three parts. First, we set up a Book Circus with a special tent for the "Favorite Characters". Then there was another tent that housed the "Cageless Zoo" and the "Freaks". A clown and a ring master bid welcome to all. Two Peep Shows, one depicting a scene from the "Gingerbread Boy", the other a scene in which the smarter one of the "Three Little Pigs" was the principal actor, brought delight to both children and adults.

The second part of the exhibit dealt with the ten Story Hour groups which were held last summer during June and July. Pictures were taken at different sessions of each group, and these pictures were given a large space. The best picture of each group was enlarged and all the other smaller pictures were displayed with it. Statistics gave the number of sessions held in each unit, the number of children registered, the attendance, and the number of books circulated. All children wanted to see if they could find themselves in the pictures, and this brought their parents to help in the search.

The third part of the exhibit featured a beautiful model library building constructed by Hopkins, Baker and Gill, architects from Florence, S. C. Photographs showing the interior of the present building, with explanations about each, clearly brought out the need for a new building. A large floor plan of the model building was displayed, and over the building itself, which was placed in a very conspicuous location, the features of the building were listed. In order to be sure these features were properly correlated with the model, colored strings lead from each information card on the wall directly to the part of the model building which it described.

Previously to the Fair, the bookmobile librarians went into all the school rooms and told the children what to look for in the library exhibit when they went to the fair. They emphasized the invitation for them to bring their parents to see the model library building. It is no wonder such an unexpected number of children showed a definite interest in seeing the model as well as the other attractions.

Radio station WTND also made spot announcements several days in advance, and on the morning after the opening of the Fair, this same station gave a broadcast directly from the exhibit space. In this broadcast the librarian was asked to describe the exhibit, which she did, and within a very short time people who heard the broadcast on their way to the Fair, began coming in to see it.

Our local newspaper, "The Times and Democrat", had its special photographer come to the library before the Fair opened and take a picture of the model. This was published in the paper with the information that it would be on display in the Exhibit Building.

Because of this good publicity, people from Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton, Jasper, Bamberg, Calhoun, Charleston, Richland, and Lexington counties came especially to see the model building. We also had a very interested North Carolina family to come in to see it and to ask for information about the library. We know that more people came in to visit than we could count, but we are sure that there were 5,173, and that 2,105 of these were adults, mostly from Orangeburg County. And this exhibit did start something, because we are now visiting clubs and organizations in every part of the county, taking the model building and the pictures and telling our citizens about the need and the possibility of getting a building if they truly want one. In some instances, we have either put on a skit, or will do so in the near future.

The best part of the exhibit was being able to use the things more than once. Book Week saw the reconstruction of the Book Circus in the library building, and the use of the popular Peep Shows. 599 school children visited the library during Book Week, saw the circus, and heard stories told by the librarian. The Peep Shows will be rearranged with Christmas scenes and be used the third time. The pictures of the Story Hour Groups, and all the others, go along with the model building in its travels around the County, and never fail to receive interest.

Although the Orangeburg County Free Library has had an exhibit at the Fair for many consecutive years, we consider the one this year the best we have ever had.

Now is the Hour

The Library Services Bill will probably come up for a vote between now and the closing of the second session of Congress. Persistent effort on the part of librarians and citizens interested in the improvement and extension of public library service can do much to insure the passage of the bill.

Senators and Representatives keep a careful eye on their mail and can be impressed by the persistence of their constituents in support of needed legislation. If local interest is relaxed a congressman may assume that interest was only temporary. Get busy and write your congressman today.

Recent Appointments

MRS. MARY KING MITCHELL has been appointed Librarian of the Newberry-Saluda Regional Library. Mrs. Mitchell is a graduate of the Library School at the University of North Carolina. She comes to Newberry from Chattanooga, Tennessee.

MISS DOROTHY SMITH, a graduate of the Library School of the University of North Carolina, has been appointed Librarian of the Horry County Memorial Library. Miss Smith comes to Horry County from Charlotte where she was employed in the Reference Department of the Public Library.

MISS GAIL RICHARDSON, for several years Librarian of the Parris Island Marine Base, has been transferred to the Marine Base at Pasadena, California. MISS COR-\nDIA MULLINAX, a former school librarian in Green-
ville County, has been appointed Librarian at the Parris Island Base.
Mud in Joe's Eye!

American Library Service a la Soviet. (By John T. Dorosh.) American library service and particularly the American Library Association is the subject of an article in the May 1951 issue of the Soviet library journal, Bibliotekar', the official organ of the Committee on the Affairs of Cultural and Education Institutions of the Soviet of Ministers of the RSFSR. Following is a brief resume of the article:

In their drive for world domination, American imperialists are forcing their ideology as well as their “so-called economic aid” and armaments on many peoples. The best example of this is to be found in the numerous information libraries established by the State Department in the capitals and cities of many countries for the purpose of propaganda and espionage, according to the article, which accuses ALA of suggesting to the State Department the uses of these libraries for imperialistic expansion. The ALA voiced its protest in 1947 against the decision of the Allied powers to confiscate and destroy Nazi literature, but it does not dare to raise its voice against the banning of progressive literature by American libraries. That the whole activity of the ALA is subject to the reactionary ruling circles of the USA is evidenced by the participation of the libraries in the “Atomic Campaign”, the article charges. All their means were put into use in this campaign; posters, advertisements, book exhibits, motion pictures, and pamphlets with titles such as You and the Atom were used freely, and lectures and discussions were presented on such topics as the kind of control needed over atomic energy. The campaign did not bring the desired results, however, and the readers remained cool to the literature propagandizing atomic war, according to the journal.

Considerable space is devoted to a discussion of the failure of the American library in arousing interest in good reading. The American librarian respects the “freedom of choice of the reader” as long as it is concerned with gangster stories, but when the reader asks for revolutionary literature or books published by the progressive press, his “freedom of choice” ends, the article asserts. Not a single book received, even as a gift, can be accepted by a library without first being endorsed by its board of trustees, which is completely dependent upon the city officials and the wealthy class. In the larger libraries, such as the New York Public Library, the reader is refused publications of the leftist press such as the Daily Worker and the New Masses. Though American Librariness is in utter confusion, its representatives tour Europe and preach its “literary gospel”, i. e., that American libraries are the model for all the countries of the world. But the fact remains that, being subjugated to the goal of the imperialistic expansion of the US and the reactionary policy of the American ruling groups, American Librariness is drifting toward further decadence and will fade away before it will have time to form itself, the journal says. Numerous quotations from American and European authorities on library science are used in an effort to substantiate these contentions. — Reprinted from LC Information Bulletin-28 January, 1952.

Nominations Are in Order

South Carolina has a good chance to achieve more national attention than ever if librarians will just “sit down and write a letter” to the A.L.A. Committee on Awards. The committee wants letters of nomination of not more than 150 words giving supporting evidence on the nominee, who may be eligible for the Joseph W. Lippincott Award or for the Letter Awards.

The Joseph W. Lippincott Award of $500 will be given “for distinguished service in the profession of librarianship, such service to include outstanding participation in the activities of professional library associations; notable published professional writing; or other significant activity on behalf of the profession and its aims”.

The Letter Awards are for $100 each, and are given “to a librarian who, in line of duty, contributes most to emphasize the human qualities of service in librarianship; and “to a library for distinguished contribution to the development of enlightened public opinion on an issue of current or continuing importance”.

Send your letters to A.L.A. Committee on Awards, Harriet I. Carter, Chairman, Extension Division, Indiana State Library, 140 N. Senate Avenue, Indianapolis 4, Indiana. You have only until April 15, 1952.

McCready's History to be Reprinted

McCready’s “History of South Carolina” in four volumes is to be reprinted within the next three months by Mr. Peter Smith, 321 Fifth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. Only 250 sets will be available.

The McCready history has been out of print for many years and many libraries have been unable to secure a set for their reference and Caroliniana collection. Since the McCready history is essential in any detailed study of South Carolina history, its reprinting is of great value to the libraries of South Carolina.

For Free

The State Library Board has several copies of two books of Caroliniana which are available free of charge to any library in the state requesting them. The books are Iizar—“Edisto Rifles” and “The Centennial Celebration; South Carolina College, 1805-1905”.

New Field Service Librarian

Miss Mary Parham has joined the staff of the State Library Board as Field Service Librarian. Miss Parham is a graduate of the Library School of the University of North Carolina. For the past three years she has been Librarian of the Horry County Library which was organized under her direction.

Miss Parham has had wide experience in public library work both in this country and abroad. She organized and directed the work of several Army libraries in Europe at the close of World War II and later went to Japan where she was in charge of library service in an area.