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In the world of today it is not enough to be able just to do our jobs competently. We must take an interest in our profession as a whole, if we want it and our own jobs to achieve any recognition and standing in the eyes of others. As one of our past presidents has stated, we must strengthen our own Association, enlist new members, devote more time to working for it. We must continue our programs already started, add new ones as occasions demand, foster the idea of an Association for forward, trying to deal satisfactorily with all the problems which changing times and mores have placed before us.

State Library Board Wins Field Citation

The S. C. State Library Board was awarded a Field Citation for library recruiting at the Midwinter meeting of the American Library Association in Chicago. Six of these awards are made each year for the most effective recruiting activities undertaken during the year. They are given by the Field Enterprises Inc., publishers of World Book Encyclopedia and Childcraft.

The State Library Board in its effort to improve and extend public library service in the state has long been interested in the recruiting of qualified young people for the profession of librarianship. The Board has cooperated with the State Library Association in various recruiting activities and has itself spared no effort to plan and carry into effect a continuing program of recruitment. The Field Citation was granted to the State Board on the basis of a report of these recruiting activities.

Federal Tax

Many public libraries continue to pay federal excise taxes on such purchases and expenses as telephone rent, tools, tires, tubes, gasoline, equipment, truck chassis, typewriters, etc. Invoices should be carefully checked to see that no federal excise taxes are included and paid. If a tax is included, all that is necessary is to furnish the seller with the excise tax certificate required by the federal government. This form can usually be supplied by the seller.

Annual Midwinter Meeting

The annual Midwinter meeting of the American Library Association was held in Chicago at the Edgewater Beach Hotel February 3rd through 7th. More than 1,400 librarians attended.

The meeting was devoted entirely to business of ALA Committees, Boards, Divisions, and Round Tables concerned with professional problems. These 135 meetings surrounded two sessions of the ALA Council whose members form the legislative and policy making body of the ALA.

A workshop for library association officers was held during three sessions on Monday, February 2nd. The three sessions of the workshop were devoted to a discussion of the responsibility of state associations and regional associations in the development of better library service through better organized and operated associations. The most pertinent functions of the state associations during 1953 were listed as follows:
1. Defense of freedom of thought and expression.
2. Recruitment.
3. Passage of the Library Services Bill.

Estellene Walker, Executive Secretary of the State Library Board attended the workshop representing Desmond Koster, President of SCLA.

Library Services Bill

The Library Services Bill was introduced into the House, HR 255 by Representative Elliot, South Carolina; and into the Senate S 94 by Senator Hill, Alabama, for himself, Mr. Douglas and Mr. Aiken. The House Bill has been referred to the Committee on Education and Labor; the Senate Bill to the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare.

The Library Services Bill is intended to provide library service to the many millions of farm and rural families and others without such service. It will stimulate both state and local support by providing funds for a vigorous library extension program. It authorizes an appropriation of $7,500,000 a year for a five year program, funds to be allotted to states on a variable matching basis.

In South Carolina there are still 488,596 people without public library service and many others must depend on libraries inadequate to provide the services needed. The Library Services Bill if enacted would provide South Carolina with an initial allotment of $40,000, plus $131,214 on the basis of rural population or a total of $171,214 from Federal funds. The State Library Board would submit a plan for the use of the funds to the Commis-
sioner of Education, and the program would be administered by the State Library Board.

Although all South Carolina Senators and Members of the House with the exception of Mr. Mendel Rivers of Charleston, have signified their interest and support of the Bill, it is well for all of us and those interested in better library service in the state to keep in touch with our Senators and Representatives and let them know that we want it passed this session of Congress.

More Services to Libraries

Did you know that you could borrow from a collection of approximately 6,000 plays at the University of South Carolina Extension Division? This service is operated by the Extension Division with the purpose of supplying reading copies of plays to high schools, elementary schools, libraries and other community organizations.

Plays, pageants, readings and declamations are all available on loan to any public library in the state. The plays sent out from the University Extension Service are to be used for no other purpose than reading. All material is lent for a period of ten days and must be returned within the specified time. The time limit cannot be extended for the use of plays. As many as eight plays or three books of play collections may be ordered at any one time and the available ones will be sent immediately. The only charge for this service is the postage required for mailing copies from the Extension Division to you. The borrower is responsible for the return of all material received. Every library in the state should have a copy of the 1950 catalog and supplements of the Play Library Service for School and Community. This may be ordered from the Extension Division, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina. There is no charge for this bulletin. The University Extension Division’s package library service can add to the effectiveness of the reference service of every public library in the state. A package library is a collection of material dealing directly or indirectly with a particular subject. It is compiled with regard for the practical use to be made of it. Generally it consists of articles clipped from current periodicals, pamphlets, bulletins, and reports printed by the commercial houses, educational institutes, state and national bureaus and organizations, and sometimes it is supplemented with books. The range of subjects available is wide. These subjects are listed in a bulletin published by the University Extension Division, new series No. XLIX, August 1950. New package libraries are constantly being compiled.

The opportunity of procuring the latest information on questions of the hour and other subjects of general interest will prove a great help to libraries in the smaller communities where reference facilities are not always adequate. These package libraries are of particular value in helping club groups with programs. Package libraries are loaned for a period of two weeks and may be renewed for an additional two weeks upon request. The library to which the package is sent is responsible for the return of every article. No letters should be enclosed in package libraries as this subjects the package to first rate postage rates. No charge is made for the service except transportation to and from Columbia.

Adult Education Survey

Mrs. Helen Huguenor Lyman
Director, ALA Survey of Adult Education

Within the past few weeks the librarians of South Carolina have received questionnaires asking for information about their adult education activities. The questionnaire is being used in the American Library Association’s Survey of Adult Education in Public Libraries and State Library Extension Agencies in the U. S. The detail with which the questionnaire examines every aspect of the library’s program is matched by the breadth and inclusiveness of the survey as a whole. Four thousand and ninety-six public libraries across the length and breadth of the United States are taking part in the study, and librarians are asking what the results will be, what contribution the survey can make to the future of adult education.

Included in the 4,096 libraries is every type of public library, village, town, city, county, regional, and state extension, in rural, urban, and metropolitan communities. Fifty-two per cent of these libraries, or a total of 2,150, are found in communities in the population-size group from 2,500 to 10,000. Thirteen of these are in South Carolina. Twenty-three per cent, or 953 libraries, are in communities from 10,000 to 25,000 population. Twenty-eight of these are in South Carolina. Seventeen per cent, or 721, are in the cities or counties from 25,000 to 100,000 population. Eleven of these are in South Carolina. Three South Carolina county libraries are in the over 100,000 population size group, which accounts for 6 per cent, or 244, in the country as a whole.

What services do the libraries give to the men and women who live on the farms, in the villages and cities of South Carolina — the farmer, the housewife, the worker in fields or plants, the business man, the lawyer, the teacher, the club woman, the church member? How do the librarians help adults to go on learning and to find and use the information, knowledge, wisdom, contained in the books, the films, the recordings on the library shelves?

What educational programs do the libraries organize
for young men and women out-of-school and faced for
the first time with responsibilities of earning a living, of
being parents and citizens? What help does it give to
men and women called upon to vote on complex
social, and political problems affecting not only
their hometown and state, but the nation and the world?
What activities do libraries offer to older people who
face the inactivity of old age? How do the
libraries work with the Y's, the adult school or college, the
missionary group, the veterans' organizations, the Grange,
the home demonstration club, the women's clubs, and the
political club?

The survey is planned to discover the extent and
nature of such adult education activities in all public li-
braries, and the reason for asking librarians for this in-
formation is that, obviously, only the librarians know the
answers. Yet any librarian can know with certainty
only the immediate area of his work, and it is necessarily
a limited area. It is hoped that the survey, conducted
by the American Library Association with the financial
support of the Fund for Adult Education, an independent
organization established by the Ford Foundation, will
obtain specific and detailed facts not known about adult
education services in public libraries. Such a picture
may well serve as a useful basis for future planning and
strengthening of services. It is hoped the facts will be
of value to librarians, library associations, library schools,
library board members, government officials, trusts and
foundations.

As soon as the information in the questionnaire is re-
turned by the librarians, it will be studied and a repre-
sentative sample of libraries will be selected for further
study. During March and April the director of the sur-
vey and two field consultants, Miss Mildred T. Stibitz,
on leave from the Dayton Public Library, and Mrs.
Kathryn S. Sexton, of Kansas City, Missouri, will visit
the libraries to talk with librarians to learn more about
their library's adult education services and to observe
programs in action.

Around the State

Miss Margaret Mahon, Children's librarian of the
Greenville County Library was awarded the title of
"Citizen of the Month" by the Greenville Civitan Club.
Miss Mahon conducts an active program for children
and young people in the Greenville area including story
hours and vacation reading clubs.

The Hampton branch of the Allendale-Hampton-Jas-
er Regional Library will soon move into new quarters
in a building being constructed in Hampton. The Ham-
ton Negro branch was burned to the ground in October
but plans are being made to reopen the branch in a new
location.

The Charleston Free Library of Charleston County has
just put in operation a large new bookmobile. The book-
mobile was built by the Rock Hill Body Company and is
outstanding both in design and construction.

The Great Falls branch of the Chester County Library
is now occupying new quarters which were especially
remodeled and renovated for the library. Furniture and
equipment are both attractive.

The Fairfield County Library has replaced an old
bookmobile with one of the latest model. The new
bookmobile carries over 1,900 books. The Allendale-
Hampton-Jasper Regional Library has placed its order
for a new bookmobile which will replace one now in
use. The new bookmobile will double the book ca-
capacity and will greatly improve the service throughout
the region.

The Florence County Circulating Library has begun
the operation of a bookmobile to serve rural Negroes. This
bookmobile is of latest design and carries approxi-
mately 1,800 books.

The Horry County Library has replaced their book-
mobile with one which more than doubles book capacity.
This bookmobile will carry approximately 2,400 books.
It is a new design and has both inside and outside shelves.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Williams, a graduate of Drexel, is
now librarian of the Chester County Library.

Mrs. Ruth P. Faber, a graduate of the Library School
at Chapel Hill, is now Head, Circulation Department,
Richland County Library, Columbia.

The Kershaw County Library will soon complete the
building of the branch library to house Negro library
service for Camden and Kershaw County. This building
is of brick construction throughout and is located on the
main street in Camden.

The Oconee County Library will soon open a branch
in Seneca. A large collection of books is being prepared
for this branch and the hours will be based upon the
population served.

Miss Ellen Perry, former librarian of the Greenville
Public and for many years SCLA representative on the
ALA Council, has contributed $10.00 to the SCLA Stu-
dent Loan Fund.

Air-Conditioning for McKissick

The reading rooms in McKissick Library at the Univer-
sity of South Carolina will be air-conditioned this year.
These are the Reserve, Reference, Periodical, and Science
rooms.

The project will be completed by April at the approxi-
mate cost of $25,000. The cooling will be done with
Westinghouse package cooling units.

Present plans call for air-conditioning in the reading
room of the Law School Library and the reading room of
the Education Library to be completed by this summer.

Libraries Can Help . . .

A Nation-wide campaign against juvenile delinquency
is being conducted by the Children's Bureau and other
cooperating agencies and organizations. The American
Library Association is one of the groups participating
in this campaign. The aim of the campaign is to stimu-
late communities to further their programs of prevention
and to strengthen those agencies that bear the major
responsibility for treating delinquent children. Goals
to work for in the prevention of delinquency are better
libraries, schools, good parent-child understanding, eco-
nomically secure home life, more ample provisions for
health and recreation, and other community services to
children.

Librarians can be of great aid to groups and to citizens
in the community who are interested in the problem of
delinquent children. With books, pamphlets, magazine
articles, films, discussion groups, and the like, librarians can add immeasurably to public interest in and understanding of the problem. In fact, by use and display of such materials, the librarian may be the person to stimulate activity in the community.

If you do not already receive the NEWS NOTES or have not received other publications that are being put out in regard to this delinquency campaign, write the Children's Bureau, Federal Security Agency, Washington, D. C.

Summer Opportunities to Prepare for an Uncrowded Field

Chapel Hill

Today there are many more openings than there are qualified librarians. Librarians' salaries have come a long way since 1933, the average salary for graduates from North Carolina in June, 1952 was $3,440.76.

The University of North Carolina's School of Library Science will, as usual, offer courses in library science in its 1953 Summer Session. The first term will be from June 11 through July 17 and the second term from July 20 through August 22. Visiting instructors will include Miss Azile Wofford and Mr. J. N. Whitten of the University of Kentucky's Department of Library Science and Mrs. Louise Moore Plybon, Elementary School Librarian, Charlotte, N. C., formerly Head of the Department of Library Science, Appalachian State Teachers' College, Boone, N. C. Miss Lucile Kelling will serve as Acting-Dean and will teach the courses in reference and book selection, the first term; Miss Susan Grey Akers, Dean, will administer the School the second term.

The chief requirement for admission to work towards a degree in library science is a bachelor's degree based on a good general education in an approved college or university. Persons with majors in fields as different as chemistry and English history are needed to prepare for work in different types of libraries. A reading knowledge of at least one modern foreign language is an asset, when not a requirement.

Courses will be offered for the one year B.S. in Library Science program; the M.S. in Library Science program; the Master of School Librarianship program; and for teachers or others interested in taking courses in library science that they may qualify for certification as librarians in the smaller elementary or secondary schools.

Emory

The Division of Librarianship, Emory University, Georgia, offers three programs in the summer quarter for students who wish to take:

1. The basic 12 semester hour program for teacher-librarians.
2. The pre-requisite quarter's work for entrance to the graduate program.
3. A quarter's work in the graduate program either as a beginning or continuing student in the graduate program.

Students taking the courses in either 1 or 2 above will be able to begin the graduate program in their second quarter in residence. Students entering in the summer quarter may continue on through the academic year, or they may take the full graduate program in successive summer quarters.

The Division of Librarianship also offers a special course in Medical Libraries in the second term of the summer quarter. The Medical Library Association is offering two scholarships of $150 each to students who have been accepted by Emory to take the course.

Dates for the summer quarter are June 15-August 22, 1953.

For a special Bulletin describing the programs offered by Emory, write to Emory University Division of Librarianship, Emory University, Georgia.

Help on Public Relations

The Public Relations Planner under the direction of Marie D. Loizeau, Editor of the Wilson Library Bulletin, and two other public library specialists is a new service to librarians. The service may be purchased in two different parts.

The Public Relations Planner is a monthly newsletter and set of instructions for carrying out the monthly program. This magazine tells you what and how at a cost of $18.00 per year.

The second part, available for $6.00 per month, consists of all the publicity materials needed to carry out the program outlined in the Planner. This packet of materials includes: 5 multi-colored posters, matching folders or booklets or booklists, sample newspaper releases and radio spot announcements or scripts.

A library may order either service but need not order both services.

Your Dues Are Due

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

All librarians, trustees, and trustees who are not now members of the American Library Association and who wish to become members should write to the ALA Headquarters, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Illinois for membership forms. All present members are urged to send their dues in immediately.

SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Dues for 1953 are now payable and should be sent to Mr. John Goodman, Treasurer, South Carolina Library Association, Box 106, Clemson College, Clemson, South Carolina.

SOUTHEASTERN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Dues to the Southeastern Library Association should be mailed to: Southeastern Library Association, Georgia Institute of Technology Library, Atlanta, Georgia.

Charlotte to Have New Library Building

The Charlotte and Mecklenburg County voters in North Carolina have voted a bond issue to finance the $1,600,000 building program of the Charlotte Public Library. This includes a new main library building, three branch libraries in the city and branches in five other incorporated towns in the county. Preliminary plans for a modern new public library building have already been drafted for the main library.