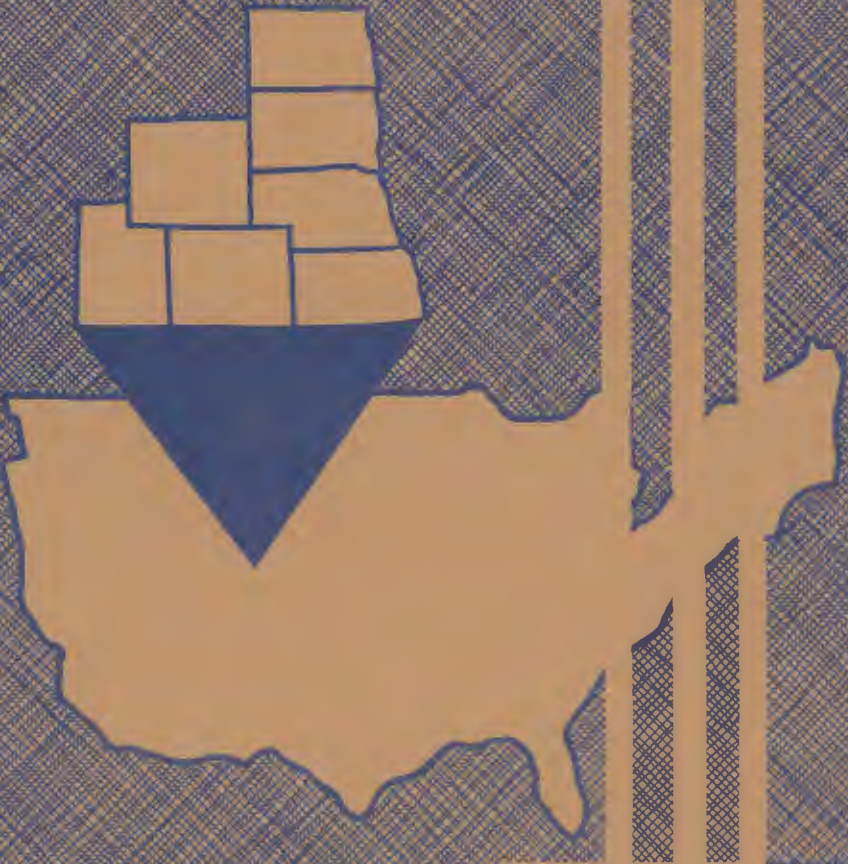


MPLA

NEWSLETTER



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DOUBLE YOUR MONEY! For MPLA members, there is a way to do it. Here's just how.

(1) Renew your membership for 1955. Mr. Charles E. Dalrymple, Librarian, Lincoln City Library, Lincoln, Nebraska (Treasurer) is a committee of one to welcome your dues -- only \$2.00 for individual members. Make him happy by sending in your two dollars today.

(2) Read this Newsletter carefully. It headlines current MPLA news for the new year. And while you read, think. Think of ways to make our current MPLA projects more successful; think of new projects you would like to see started.

(3) After you have thought, send in your suggestions.

(4) Two dollars' worth of thinking, followed by that kind of action, will MORE than double your money for MPLA. It will give you more than double in fun and satisfaction. And it will make MPLA, with its almost 2,000 members, one of the most active and strongest regional associations in the U.S.A.

Happy New Year to you -- and MPLA!

Eulalia Chapman

Eulalia Chapman,
President

LIBRARIANS' ROUNDUP AND RODEO

Jackson, Wyoming, will be the scene of our 1955 annual meeting, to be held the third week in September. Situated in the midst of the beautiful Jackson Hole country, with the Tetons forming one of the most scenic mountain backgrounds in the country, it would be hard to find a more ideal spot for a convention or a vacation. Why not combine both? It's not too early to start planning now.

The exact dates will be decided at the Executive Board Meeting at Midwinter ALA, and details of the program will be announced in a later Newsletter; but put a red ring around the third week in September, right now, and start planning your mountain vacation.

EXECUTIVE BOARD TO HOLD MIDWINTER MEETING IN CHICAGO

An Executive Board Meeting of MPLA will be held in connection with the MIDwinter meeting of ALA at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, February 1-5, 1955. Board members will, of course, be notified later of the exact date and room number of the meeting.

MEET YOUR OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES: M.P.L.A.

OFFICERS: 1954-55

PRESIDENT:

Eulalia D. Chapman, Director Bibliographical Center for Research, Denver Public Library, Denver 2, Colorado

VICE-PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT-ELECT:

N. Orwin Rush, Director of Libraries, Univ. of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming

SECRETARY:

May Gillies, State Librarian, Wyoming State Library, Cheyenne, Wyoming

TREASURER:

Charles E. Dalrymple, Director, Lincoln City Libraries, Lincoln, Nebraska

PAST PRESIDENT:

Arthur H. Parsons Jr., Director, Omaha Public Library, Omaha, Neb.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

The president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and seven other members as follows:

Colorado - James G. Hodgson, Director of Libraries, Colorado A&M College Library, Fort Collins, Colorado

Kansas - Claude Settlemyre, Librarian, Hutchinson Public Library, Hutchinson, Kan.

Nebraska - Ellen Lord, Librarian, Municipal University of Omaha, Omaha, Neb.

North Dakota - H. Dean Stallings Librarian, North Dakota Agricultural College, Fargo, N. D.

South Dakota - Dorette Darling, Librarian, Homestake Mining County Library, Lead, S. D.

Wyoming - (To be announced later.)

Utah - (To be announced later.)

SECTIONAL OFFICERS:

School, Children and Young People Adeline Praultx, Chairman Omaha Public School, Omaha, Neb.

County Library Section

(To be announced.)

College and University Section

Kathryn R. Renfro, Chairman, Assistant Director for Technical Services, Univ. of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.

Catalogers' Section

Bernice Paton, Chairman, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kan.

Irene Bogan, Vice-Chairman, Colorado State College of Education, Greeley, Colo.

Lillian Ekbolad, Secretary-Treasurer, Lincoln Public Library, Lincoln, Neb.

Public Library Section

Claude L. Settlemyre, Chairman, Hutchinson Public Library, Hutchinson, Kan.

Special Library Section

Louis Schultheiss, President, Univ. of Denver, Mary Reed Library, Denver, Colo.

COMMITTEES:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Dorette Darling, Chairman, Homestake Mining County Library, Lead, South Dakota

Colorado - Margaret G. Reid, Colorado Springs Public Library, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Kansas - Zelia French, Kansas Traveling Libraries Commission, Topeka, Kan.

Nebraska - Marguerite N. Johnson, Nebraska State Library Commission North Dakota - Nellie R. Swanson, Minot, N. D., State Teachers College

Wyoming - Dean Krakel, Univ. of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyo.

Utah - Margaret E. Block, Public Library, Salt Lake City, Utah
INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE: Leslie I. Poste, Chairman, Director School of Librarianship, Univ. of Denver, Denver, Colo.

John Harvey, Librarian Porter Library, Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburg, Kan.

Vernon Loughran, Wyoming State Library, Cheyenne, Wyo.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE:

Marjorie Smith, Chairman, Rapid City Public Library, Rapid City, South Dakota

Robert Thomas, Librarian Bismarck, North Dakota

Alice O'Donnell, Public Library, Cheyenne, Wyo.

COORDINATING RESOURCES COMMITTEE: Malcolm G. Wyer, Chairman.

Members are to be announced at a later date.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Orwin Rush, Univ. of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyo. Chairman.

James G. Hodgson, Director of Libraries, Colorado A&M College Fort Collins, Colo.

Gordon Bennett, Colorado State Library, Denver Colo.

Ruth Bergman, Univ. of South Dakota, Vermillion, S. D.

Mercedes McKay, South Dakota Library Commission, Pierre, S. D.
Jerome Cushman, Public Library, Salina, Kan.

Milton C. Abrams, Utah State Agricultural College, Logan, Utah.
Frank A. Lundy, University Libraries, Univ. of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.

H. Dean Stallings, North Dakota Agricultural College, Fargo, N. D.

PUBLICITY AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE:

Miriam E. McNally, Public Relations Planner, Denver, Colorado,

Chairman, 1010 E. Ellsworth Ave. COLORADO:

Inez Callaway, United States Veterans Administration Library, Grand Junction, Colo.

Eveline Nutter, Librarian, Public Library, Delta, Colo.

Phyllis Osteen, Librarian, Jefferson County Public Library, Golden, Colo.

Gordon Bennett, State Librarian, State Capitol, Denver, Colo., Advisor

KANSAS:

Gertrude Mahan, Librarian, Public Library, Liberal, Kan.

Lois Flanagan, Librarian, Public Library, Dodge City, Kan.

Alice Reilly, Librarian, Public Library, Manhattan, Kan.

Zelia French, Kansas Traveling Libraries Commission, Topeka, Kan., Advisor

NEBRASKA:

Louise Nixon, Executive Secretary, Nebraska Public Library Commission State Capitol, Lincoln, Neb., Advisor

(Other committee members to be announced.)

NORTH DAKOTA:

Eva Barrett, Librarian, Public Library, Devils Lake, N. D.

John Borden, Librarian, State Normal and Industrial College, Ellendale, N. D.

Hazel Webster Byrnes, Director, State Library Commission, Bismarck N. D., Advisor

SOUTH DAKOTA:

Mrs. George Brewster, Librarian, Public Library, Deadwood, S. D.
Mercedes McKay, Director, South Dakota State Library Commission, Pierre, S. D., Advisor

(Other members to be announced.)

UTAH:

Elsie Dee Adams, Salt Lake County Public Library, Midvale, Utah
Leonard H. Kirkpatrick, Librarian, Univ. of Utah, Salt Lake, Utah (Other members to be announced.)

WYOMING:

Ione McClain, Librarian, Northern Wyoming Community College, Sheridan, Wyo.

Lois Payson, Librarian, Albany County Library, Laramie, Wyo.

Bernice Snell, Librarian, Fremont County Library, Lander, Wyo.

May Gillies, State Librarian, Wyoming State Library, Advisor PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Elizabeth Knowles, Librarian, Technical Library, Gates Rubber Co., Denver, Colo.

SUPERVISOR OF EXHIBITS at the Annual Meeting at Jackson, Wyo., September 1955:

Wesley Dieter. The Dieter Book-binding Co., 1130 23rd St., Denver, Colo.

M.P.L.A. AWARD PROJECT

The following Award Project has been submitted by, The Award Committee - Catherine Gates, Assistant Librarian Weld County Library, Greeley, Chairman and Malcolm G. Wyer. It will be discussed at the MPLA Executive Board Meeting to be held at Midwinter ALA. Please send in your comments or suggestions to Mrs. Gates before that time.

1. THE PURPOSE:

It is proposed that MPLA establish an annual award (1) to recognize and to honor the Mountain-Plains librarians who contribute to the effectiveness of the library profession through their published writing, or (2) to recognize a library in the Mountain-Plains region which has made distinctive achievement in promoting interest in local or regional history.

II. THE AWARD:

The award shall consist of (1) a letter of citation and (2) \$100.

III. THOSE ELIGIBLE:

A. The award may be made to the librarian in the Mountain-Plains region making in the opinion of the judges a contribution through writing published during the year, or

B. The award may be made to the library in the Mountain-Plains region making in the opinion of the judges the most effective use of its collections in promoting interest in local or regional history.

IV. THE SUBJECT:

A. The subject for the

writing shall preferably be some aspect of local or regional history. However, an award may be made for a publication not on either of these subjects.

B. The subject of the project for the library shall be some aspect of local or regional history.

V. THE FORM:

The conditions of the award shall not limit the form of the published writing or of the project of the library to any specific type or types.

VI. JUDGES OF THE AWARD:

The judges of the award shall be three members of MPLA, such members to be chosen by the executive board.

VII. NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES:

Candidates for the award may be nominated by any MPLA member. Nominations shall be made in writing to the award judges any time during the year up to six weeks prior to the date of the annual meeting of MPLA.

VIII. PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD:

The award shall be presented at the annual meeting of MPLA.

M.P.L.A. LOAN FUND ESTABLISHED

H. Dean Stallings and his committee have proposed a Loan Fund to finance up to six students from the MPLA area. The report, adopted at the Topeka meeting, follows. Further details and plans for publicizing the Fund will be announced soon.

It is proposed that the MPLA create and finance six loan funds to be used by persons in the seven states in the MPLA area to attend accredited library schools. A qualified person may borrow up to \$200.

POLICY:

The Loan Fund will be administered by a committee of three, appointed by the President of MPLA. The appointment should be for three years, and a new one to be appointed each year to provide continuity. One of the three serving a third year term will be made chairman.

Applications for the loan may be made at any time, and may be sent to any member of the committee or any officer of the Association who will forward the application to the chairman of the committee. Two librarians' names must be given as references.

Each recipient of a loan must sign a promissory note and state when and where he is going to library school. If he does not attend school at that time, the loan is due immediately.

THE NOTE:

The note is to be in the custody of the treasurer of MPLA, and payments should be made to him.

LENGTH OF LOAN:

The loan shall not run for more than one year after the borrower completes the period of library school stated in his application.

INTEREST:

The loan shall bear an interest rate of one per cent per month on the unpaid balance, starting the time the borrower finishes the period in library school stated in the application.

PAYMENTS:

The loan may be paid in ten equal monthly installments, plus interest, or the balance, plus interest, may be repaid at any time.

The treasurer is to send a monthly statement to anyone owing money on one of these loans.

NEWS FROM COLORADO.

Catherine Gates, Librarian at the Weld County Library, Greeley, is the newly-elected President of the Colorado Library Association. Mr. James Hodgson, Director of Libraries at Colorado A&M College, is Vice-President and President-Elect. Jim is the photographer for both C.L.A. and M.P.L.A. and is the easiest person to find at all conventions. Just follow that trail of burnt out flashbulbs. Inez Callaway, Librarian at the U.S. Veterans Administration Hospital in Grand Junction, is the Secretary. Phyllis Dunham remains as Treasurer until January, when

she relinquishes the post to Lillian Cooper of the University of Colorado. The 1955 Annual Meeting of the Association will be held at Boulder.

Barbara Hurley, Librarian of the Medical Library of the City and County of Denver, decided that she needed that vacation after moving into her new Library. Barbara is now on a three week trip to Puerto Rico. There are only twelve other passengers on board the freighter on which she is travelling.

Our congratulations go to Elizabeth Reed, Librarian of the Denver Public Schools Professional Library, who was married on December 8th to Edwin Shooter of Denver. 'Webo' was a great favorite both at the Professional Library and at the University of Denver School of Librarianship.

NEBRASKA NOTES.

Nebraska Librarians recently voted Ellen Lord, Librarian at the Municipal University of Omaha, to be President of the Nebraska Library Association. Ellen is faced with the arduous task of building a new library, but manages to squeeze in time for the work of the State Association. New Officers selected to work with her are Ruth Milder, Wayne Public Library, Vice-President and President-Elect. Harriet Lute, North Platte Public Schools, Secretary.

Frances Hess, Chadron State Teachers College, Treasurer.
Alice Paine, Kearney State Teachers College, A.L.A. Counsellor.

WORD FROM SOUTH DAKOTA

Last Fall Evelyn Brewster, Librarian at the Deadwood Public Library, was hostess at the South Dakota Library Association Meeting. Evelyn will continue her work as President of the Association this year and will be assisted by Lucille Vickers, Reference Librarian at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, as Vice-President. M. Berniece Overton, Librarian of the Tripp County Library, Winner, is Treasurer and

Orena M. Cooper, Librarian of the Public Library at Brookings serves as Secretary of the Association.

THE KANSAS SCENE.

The December issue of the Kansas Library Bulletin contains the excellent address by Gretchen Knief Schenk, *INGREDIENTS FOR MAGIC*, which she gave at the second general session of the MPLA-KLA joint conference in Topeka, October 7, 1954. All persons in MPLA who registered for the conference will receive copies of the Kansas Library Bulletin. Other persons in the area who wish a copy may receive it free by writing to the editor, Zelia J. French, Traveling Libraries Commission, Topeka, Kansas.

Much significant discussion concerning library needs and promotion in Kansas was heard at the Rural Reading Conference held on the campus of the Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, November 16 and 17, 1954. About one hundred representatives of Home Demonstration Units, P.T.A.'s, the CIO, Business and Professional Women's Clubs and Federated Women's Clubs spent the two days listening to such outstanding speakers as Alfred Stefferud, editor of 'The Wonderful World of Books,' S. Janice Kee, Public Library Division of ALA, and panel speakers, John Edward, League of Kansas Municipalities, Ruth G. Gagliardo, Kansas State Teachers Association, and Zelia J. French, Traveling Libraries Commission. Co-sponsoring the event was the Agriculture Extension director, Carl Tjerendsen, Kansas State College, Manhattan, and his staff.

More on the subject of the Rural Reading Conference held at Emporia, Claude Settlement, Librarian of the Hutchinson Public Library, says: 'Dr. Eaton was Chairman and the meeting was a wonderful experience. In fact, I think it was one of the best conferences I have been fortunate enough to attend.'

Lucy Burkholder, who became

the new President of the Kansas Library Association, writes that Mary Moore of the Topeka Public Library will serve for two years as the Treasurer of the Association. Apart from her numerous official duties, Lucy has been kept busy by the busy program of the Abilene Public Library. During the recent book week held there, over 2500 books were checked out. The population of the city is 6000.

William Baehr, Librarian at Kansas State College, Manhattan, tells us that a two-day forum on Water Resources was held on his campus November 29 and 30. It undoubtedly aroused the interest of the people of Kansas in one of the major problems of the Mountain Plains area. The significance of coordination of thought in all fields among the people of the Mountain-Plains States cannot be over-emphasized. M.P.L.A. is one of the pioneers of such coordination.

NORTH DAKOTA COMMENTARY.

Caroline G. Lybeck, Assistant Librarian at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, will serve as President of the North Dakota Library Association. One of her recent appointments was that of Hazel Webster Byrnes, who will act as a liaison member between the Washington office of the American Library Association and the N.D.L.A.

The North Dakota Library Workshop Series was held at Devils Lake on October 9th, 16th, 30th, and November 6th. Mrs. Byrnes, Director of the State Library Commission supervised the work. She was ably assisted by Anne Haugaard, Librarian of the High School at Harvey; Clenora Quanbeck, Librarian of the State Teachers College at Mayville, and Miss Darlene Fulsaas, School Librarian at Devils Lake. The series is reported to have been so successful that calls have come from several parts of the State for similar Workshops.

Other newly appointed Officers of N.D.L.A. are Elsie Barr, Librarian at the Cooperstown Public Library, as Vice-President, and Clenora Quanbeck as Secretary-Treasurer.

WYOMING NEWS.

Rose Mary Malone, Librarian of the Natrona County High School is the new President of the Wyoming Library Association. May Gillies, State Librarian of Wyoming is Vice-President. The Secretary is Betty Correy, of the Platte County Library, and Mrs. Armand Picard, Librarian of Worland Junior High School acts as Treasurer.

Of interest to other librarians in the region is the marriage of Mary Martinez, lately of the Wichita Library and former librarian at Carbon County Library, to Frank Mace of Saratoga, Wyoming October 16. Mr. Mace is associated with his brother in the grocery business in Saratoga, where he and his wife are now making their home.

It may also be of further interest to readers of the MPLA Newsletter to learn that when Mrs. Mace was librarian at the Carbon County Library in Rawlins, that library won the 1948 John Cotton Dana Award for cities of 10,000 or less population.

In August, 1954, the Community College in Sheridan, Wyoming moved from a small, new, but totally inadequate building which was being leased from the State Board of Charities and Reform to the old Sheridan County Memorial Hospital buildings which had been vacated when the County acquired a new hospital.

Getting the library settled in a wing containing thirteen rooms was a terrific problem. But, things are running smoothly now, and everybody seems happy with the new quarters.

We are maintaining in the College Library of the Community College a small book store where we sell nothing but paper bound books. The selection features

these series: Pocket Books of Art, Vintage Books, Anchor Books, Penguin and Pelicans, and many others. The business is thriving and the best books in the stock are usually the best sellers.

The new Librarian of the Albany County Library at Laramie is Lois B. Payson. Mrs. Stafford will remain at the Library to do cataloging in a part time capacity.

UTAH NEWS.

The Annual meeting of the Utah Library Association was held December 4 at Westminster College in Salt Lake City. John G. Church, Librarian and director of audiovisual material at Westminster College, was elected President. Other officers include: Ann Smith Librarian, Utah Agricultural College Logan, Utah - 1st Vice-President; Sister M. Jeromita, Librarian, St. Mary of the Wasatch, Salt Lake City - 2nd Vice-President; Lola Johanson, Salt Lake County Midvale, Library Staff - Secretary-Treasurer.

Ruth Vine Tyler, Librarian of the Salt Lake County Library in Midvale, Utah is attending U.C. L.A. at Los Angeles under an Adult Education internship awarded through ALA. She reports that she will be back on the job in September 1955. Louise Critchlow, Assistant Librarian is acting in her absence.

Leonard H. Kirkpatrick, Librarian, University of Utah has served as Chairman of the Bibliographical Center this year and found time to write a birthday book for children. *HOW OLD ARE YOU?* It will be published by Abel and Schuster in October, 1955.

THE CITY DESK.

The new President of the Denver District Library Association is Stuart Baillie, Librarian of Mary Reed Library, University of Denver. Frances Lunbeck, Reference Librarian at Mary Reed, is Vice-President. Acting as Secretary is Phyllis Osteen, Librarian of the Jefferson County

Library, Golden. The balloting for the office of Treasurer resulted in an equal number of votes being cast for Florence Wilson of the Catalog Department of the Denver Public Library, and Mr. Adrian Dorzweiler, Librarian at Regis College. Adrian got the post on the flip of a coin.

The elections of the Association were conducted in the new Library of Colorado School of Mines, at Golden. Construction of this extremely modern building was started in August 1953, and will have its formal opening early in 1955. The total cost of the Library will be \$720,000 and will have a stack capacity of 200,000 volumes. According to Ray Dickson, Librarian at Mines, the greater part of the existing library has already been transferred to the new building.

Robert Ancell, Head of the Technical Reference Section, Technical Library of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in Denver, is resigning to accept a position at Kirkland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Bob has been an efficient administration expert and he will be missed by all librarians in the Denver area.

A WORD FROM THE BIBLIOGRAPHICAL CENTER.

The Index to Masters Theses of the Rocky Mountain Region is now on file at the Center and is available for consultation by interested scholars. The index contains 9,842 Masters Theses from 21 institutions, written during the period from 1940 to 1952. The list includes 1035 items from Arizona, 4424 from Colorado, 729 from New Mexico, 3135 from Utah, and 519 from Wyoming. The index

was compiled by Charles Gardner, now Circulation Librarian at Colorado State College of Education at Greeley, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wright, now Librarians at the Detroit Public Library. The project was in partial fulfillment of the Master of Arts degree at the University of Denver School of Librarianship.

The File a mile project is now swinging into motion. Denver District, as well as special Librarians, have elected to continue the Filing Bee which was started at the Annual Meeting of the Bibliographical Center in May 1954. Half a million cards require sorting and filing. The Organization Committee for this project, consists of: Stuart Baillie, University of Denver, Chairman; Lucille Durzo, Bibliographical Center; Margaret Metcalf, University of Denver; Louis Schultheiss, University of Denver, Special Libraries; Charlotte Meyer, Denver Public Library, Public Libraries.

The Director of the Center has set a target date of January 1956 to have all regional cards filed. Thirty Librarians have already signed up to cooperate with the filing. Construction of the new Denver Public Library building continues on schedule, with an expected completion date by January 1956. At that time all Union Catalog Cards are to be transferred to the new library.

We have had twenty-one new members this year at the Center. Ten are from Denver and Colorado. One from Kansas, one from Nebraska, three from New Mexico, one from New York, and five from South Dakota. The 1954 Annual Report of the Bibliographical Center will give all details.

1954 - A BUSY YEAR FOR M.P.L.A.! Important and progressive activities of the Mountain-Plains Library Association as a strong regional association, were described in the annual report of the president for 1953-54, Arthur H. Parsons, Jr., at the business meeting at Topeka, Kansas, October 7, 1954.

A brief summary of Parsons' report follows:

During the past year, the activities and accomplishments of the Mountain-Plains Library Association have been those of a strong regional association, contributing to the progress of library service in the seven-state area. These activities may be itemized as follows:

1. A contribution to the Bibliographical Center for Research to purchase valuable bibliographies.
2. The drafting of a "Statement of Functions" of the Regional Planning Committee to guide that group in its activities.
3. The establishment of six \$200 Scholarship Loans.
4. Progress in establishing an annual award for production of bibliographical work of a regional nature.

The rejection of our request for a subgrant in adult education to develop the Oahe Regional Library project should not deter us from continuing to work for such a regional service in the area and the Planning Committee will continue to work on the project.

The holding of a full-fledged joint meeting with a state association as this one with the Kansas Library Association, should contribute to stronger state and regional association relationships and thereby to stronger library service.

This has been a year of satisfaction to me, personally, and I express here my thanks to officers, Board members and committee members upon whose advice and assistance I have often leaned. The progress of the Mountain-Plains Library Association has truly come about through joint efforts.

Arthur H. Parsons, Jr.
President, 1953-54

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