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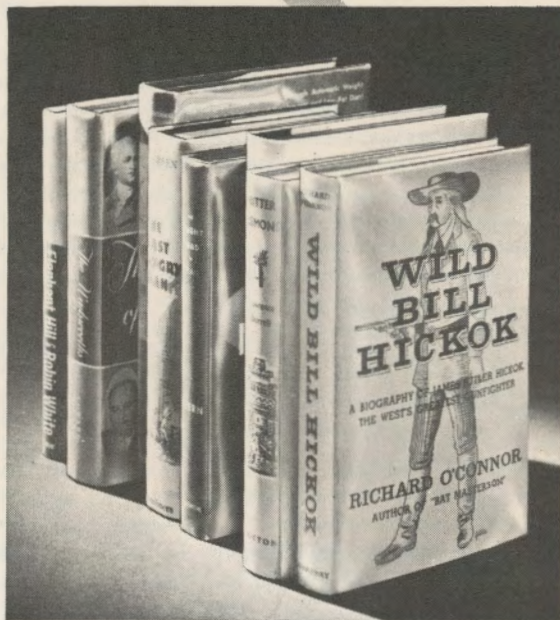
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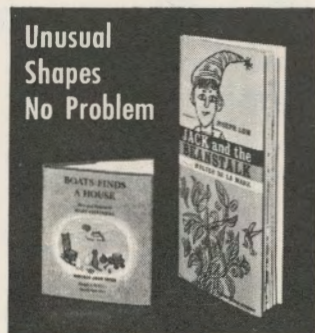
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FACETS OF BOOK SELECTION

(Remarks by Lester Asheim introducing a panel discussion, Mountain-Plains Library Association, Public and County Libraries Section, Colorado Springs, August 28, 1959)

Book selection, perhaps more than any other function in librarianship, calls upon the particular skill and philosophy which is uniquely the librarian's. No other subject expert has quite the broad awareness of the many potential users for books, and the many potential uses to which books can be put. No other subject expert has that breadth of view which sees books in relation to the needs of others, and not just to the particular subject specialty he himself professes. If ever there were a place where the librarian's position as a "specialist of the general" is most clearly illustrated, it is in the practice of book selection—and this is true even in the most highly specialized library. For despite limitations which may be placed on the range of subjects with which the special librarian must be concerned, he is still expected to foresee the variety of uses and users within the subject field to which books of all kinds may have a contribution to make.

This consideration in library book selection—the needs of others—suggests an idea on which I'd like to sound out your reaction. That is: that librarians, and library schools even more especially, may be making a serious tactical mistake in approaching book selection as though it were like the work of the literary critic. Many practicing librarians continue after library school to cling to this theory, even though their experience probably illustrates that it ain't necessarily so. I would like to suggest that we'd be nearer the mark if librarians made their analogy, not with the work of the literary critic, but rather with the work of the responsible publisher.

The critic is fundamentally concerned with the book's adherence to a set of standards primarily literary; ideally his evaluation should be of the book for its own sake and in its own terms, and not for the sake of its users or in terms of its social utility.

But the publisher tries to meet the *needs of readers*—a variety of readers with a variety of interests and backgrounds—with books of quality. And this, I submit, is what the librarian tries to do, too.

The publisher tries to keep his list broad, and he is content to satisfy immediate needs as well as long-term ones. He is glad when he can publish a permanent classic, but he does not insist that all the books he publishes be classics. He exists to serve, not only the particular demands of Art, but the individual and group demands of Tom, Dick and Harry. Thus the definition of "quality" in the publisher's vocabulary has connotations quite a bit broader than those carried by the term in the critic's lexicon. This does not mean that they are any the less serious or urgent; but it does mean that the aim of the critic—to isolate a very small segment of timeless masterpieces—is different from that of the publisher—to meet the needs of a lifetime of reading for all sorts and conditions of men.

The librarian—like the publisher—also thinks in terms of his publics—and notice that the word is plural. It is important to emphasize the plural form of the word, because both the literary elite, and the producers of the mass media, tend to think of "the public" as a kind of single entity. To the critic, his public is a very small and special part even of those who read. He holds a concept of the public which permits him to say—with a straight face—"Everyone is reading Niebuhr," or, in an essay on *The Turn of the Screw* (and I quote); "When . . . the governess looks 'at the grey pool and its blank, haunted edge,' we automatically recall 'The sedge has withered from the lake'—the imagery used by Keats. . ." If you are not reading Niebuhr, or if you did not automatically think of *LaBelle Dame Sans Merci* when I quoted that line from James, you are obviously not a member of that public to which the critic is speaking.

The mass media distort at the opposite end of the scale: they see all individuals as one audience on a low level—a vast, undifferentiated, faceless audience. But the library still tries to serve the individuals who

make up the audience, and they are all different. Some of them are indeed reading Niebuhr—but not all of them—not by a long shot. That does not make them any the less important in the eyes of the good librarian.

On the other hand, although the librarian thinks in terms of his publics, he should not permit his book selection policy to be dictated by any member of the publics who happens to be vocal. Here again the analogy with the responsible publisher (responsible underlined) becomes enlightening. For while the general publisher is anxious to serve the many interests of his potential readers, and while he is quite willing to select for publication materials at a great many levels of profundity, difficulty, erudition and staying power, he also has the obligation to impose standards upon his selection. We do not consider it wrong for a publisher to reject a manuscript, or to say that it properly belongs under another imprint representing a different set of standards. As a matter of fact, we should consider him to be a very poor publisher indeed if he began to crowd the pages of *Harpers* magazine with material ideally suited to *Confidential*, or, for that matter, to *Iron Age*.

So it is with the librarian. The stamp of the library's name on page 99 is like the publisher's imprint on the title page: it stands as a kind of seal of approval which tells us something about the quality and the appeal of the contents. Please note that for most librarians it is not a matter of having either important books or popular ones—we should have both, and sometimes they are the same books. It is not a matter of having a serious book or a recreational book—we should have both and sometimes *they* are the same books. It is not a matter of serving this public or that public—we should try to serve them all. But much as it may seem that we are by such reasoning sanctioning the inclusion of anything, remember that the standards we establish still must be imposed upon this variety of selections. Whatever the purposes we wish to serve by our book collection—and there are many of them—we must try to make sure that we are serving them with the best books for the purpose and not mediocre or

poor ones. Since we can't have everything, everything we have should be defensible.

"Defensible" is not only a matter of quality, and certainly not only a matter of literary quality. It is also a matter of particular needs and objectives of the particular institution. That is why only the librarian, and not a special subject expert, can make the final selection judgement "To buy or not to buy." And only the librarian really knows anything about the kinds of books that are needed for different kinds of readers; only the librarian knows what the present collection in the field is like and what gaps need to be filled; only the librarian knows what in the collection has been useful in the past, and what is being called for now. For book selection for a given library is really a matter of professional judgment, not just a haphazard random selection from approved lists. That judgment rests with the individual librarian, and the same book is not necessarily best for both Library A and Library B.

But the principles of selection are the same. The most general principle is that the books added to any library's collection should contribute to at least one of that library's defined aims. The formulation of these aims, and the adaptation of the principles to meet them, is one of the things that makes librarianship a true profession and not just a skilled trade.

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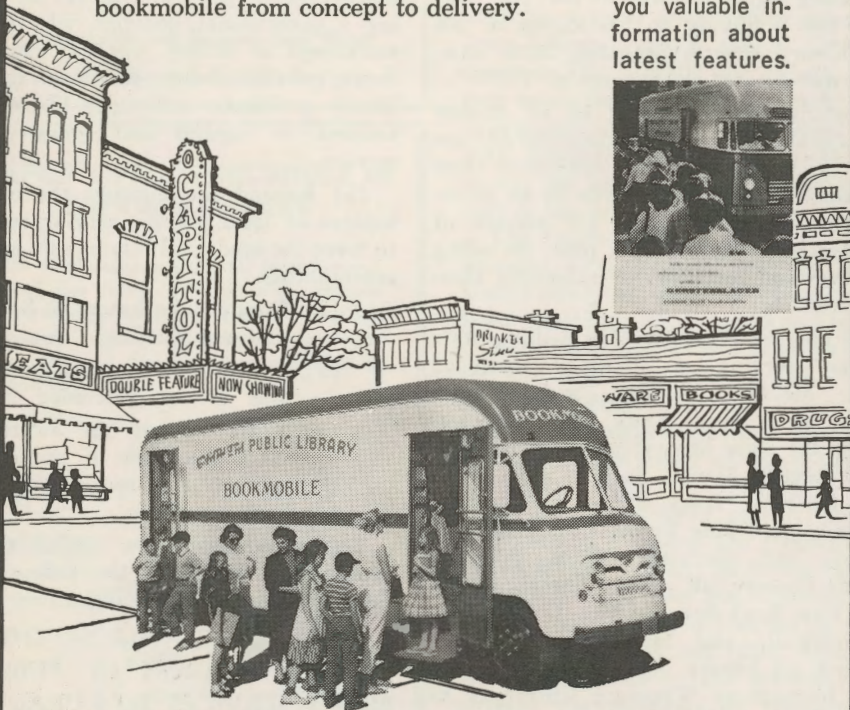
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By MARY READ ROGERS, Assistant State Librarian in charge of LSA, and Editor *Wyoming Library Roundup*.

The great Indian librarian, S. R. Ranganathan, described a library in these terms: "The thought in the mind of man gets expressed and recorded; libraries collect it and feed most of it back into the mind of man. This is an everlasting cycle . . . a library is diversified, and (a) library system is formed to serve an increasing purpose." His words could well be used to describe the libraries and their activities during the first nine months of LSA in Wyoming.

Founding fathers in Wyoming were farsighted in developing libraries for Wyoming. The state came into the Union with laws for county library systems, and a state library agency (and woman suffrage!!!). The library set-up was already in action, so enabling legislation was all that was necessary for Wyoming to participate in the rural library services program. Such legislation was enacted in January of 1959.

Questionnaires were sent to all county librarians asking for suggestions for the use of the Federal funds. The results from these were compiled and were given to an advisory committee formed for the purpose of devising the Wyoming LSA plan, including objectives and methods for achieving these objectives.

The committee, with May Gillies, state librarian, serving as chairman, included Esther Mockler, Lander, and Wilmot Hamm, librarian at Rock Springs, representing the state library, archives and historical board; Bernice Snell, Lander, Fremont County; Ruty Preuit, Wheatland, Platte County; Jane Tyrrel, Lusk, Niobrara County; and Gertrude Olson, Pinedale, Sublette County, all county librarians; and R. C. Day, Rock Springs; Mrs. J. O. Spangler, Greybull; and Mrs. Donald Streett, Worland, all library board members. Janes Ranz, librarian at Wyoming University library, was ex officio member as president of Wyoming Library Association.

After much study, the committee recommended these as general aims and objectives:

(a) The overall objective is to develop a statewide plan to strengthen the service now

in existence, particularly the improvement of book resources.

(b) Improve and expand the extension services of the State Library.

(c) Wyoming's 23 counties have library systems supported by tax levies and each county was given an opportunity to participate in the state plan; 16 counties were included and seven were excluded by decision of their county library boards.

To fulfill these objectives, these projects were adopted:

(a) Strengthen and expand the extension service of the State Library by employing a professional librarian who conducts workshops in library methods and procedures; provide advisory service on individual library problems; and assist librarians and trustees to expand and improve library services.

(b) Expand and improve the book collections of local libraries serving rural areas to meet the needs and interests of individual communities.

- (1) Conduct workshops in book selection and weeding.
- (2) Conduct workshops in selection and use of reference materials.
- (3) Work toward an awareness of ALA standards of public library service with special emphasis on book standards.

This committee (now called the LSA committee) developed the following plan for implementing these objectives:

WYOMING PLAN FOR THE FURTHER EXTENSION OF PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES TO RURAL AREAS

Project A

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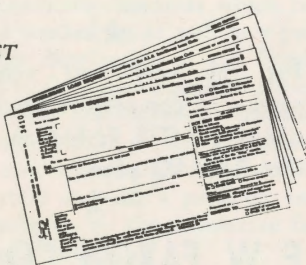
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Provide books of a specialized type which best serves the needs of individual communities—books of more or less permanent value on art, music, drama, science, Western Americana, etc. These books will be selected by the county librarian but, in order to insure the best discounts, they will be ordered centrally through the State Library. Librarians will be supplied with book selection guides so that the best available material may be acquired.

The committee recommended that the \$50,291 receivable from the Federal Government be divided with \$8000 going to the State Library Agency and \$42,291 to the counties. The formula for county distribution was a base of \$1000 for each, plus approximately 10c per capita based on the rural population of the county. 16 counties signed the agreement and began participation in the project last July.

The funds allocated to the counties not choosing to participate were allotted to the State Library for purchase of books and related materials such as guides and brochures.

Mary Reed Rogers was hired to administer the centralized book ordering through the State Library, with the title of assistant librarian in charge of the library services for Wyoming (and editor of the *Wyoming Library Roundup*).

In the fall of 1959 regional workshops were held in Worland and Cheyenne, with Lucile Hatch, assistant professor, and Stuart Baillie, director, from the School of Librarianship, University of Denver, as consultants. May Gillies and Mary Read Rogers were co-directors of the workshop, which covered the problems of reference, book selection, weeding, practical processing, public relations, and a report on LSA in Wyoming.

The registration was 91, and represented county librarians and assistants, branch librarians, library board members, school

librarians, armed services librarians, and friends, from 14 counties.

The centralized book ordering has been the main project in the Wyoming plan and has proved most satisfactory, with excellent discounts being realized in most cases.

It has been gratifying to note the types of books ordered by the libraries. In the field of "library tools," orders show some 45 titles, among which are *Standard catalog* (5), *Children's catalog* (5), *Fiction catalog* (5), *Sears List of Subject headings* (5), *Manual of cataloging and classification* (5), *Simple library cataloging* (5), *ALA Rules for filing cards* (3), *Books in Print* and *Subject Guide to books in print* (2 each) and many others.

The order for books for the reference collection has been overwhelming, and includes 19 sets of encyclopedias for adults and 7 for juveniles; 12 unabridged dictionaries, plus a great number of the smaller editions; 9 *Biography yearbooks*; 81 of the author series published by Wilson; 2 *Basic reference sources*; 14 *Famous first facts*; 8 *Short story index*; 11 *Granger's index to poetry* and supplement; and 5 *Columbia encyclopedias*, to name a few.

The field of history has not been neglected, and orders have been sent for 2 complete sets of *Chronicles of America* and 3 sets of *Pageant of America*. Many have completed the *Story of Civilization* series by Will Durant, and most are ordering the volumes in the University of Michigan *History of the Modern World* as they are being published. Western Americana and Wyomingiana have received special attention.

County systems participating with number of branches are Albany (1 branch); Big Horn (7 branches); Campbell; Carbon (2); Converse (1); Fremont (5); Hot Springs; Laramie (5); Lincoln (2); Natrona (1); Platte (2); Sheridan; Sublette (1); Teton; and Washaki (1). Uinta with 2 branches and Goshen joined the plan April 1.

The 18 participating counties are giving expanded library services to a population of over 232,000. The increased staff at the State Library has permitted an increased visitation and consultant service, and expanded service in the field of guidance by preparing bibliographies, evaluations, and permitted services in other areas.

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The Colorado Association of School Librarians held the annual meeting on March 5 in the attractive library of the Westminster High School. The guest speaker was Miss Eleanor Ahlers of the national organization and the emphasis was on the new school library standards. The standards, Colorado needs, and the CASL workshop program were interrelated in the discussions. Over 100 persons braved the rough winter weather to attend and to benefit from Miss Ahler's analysis as well as to enjoy Miss Frances Klein's lovely new library with its Chinese red shelves.

The Colorado State Library and the Colorado Library Association were joint sponsors of a two-day Conference on Legislative Action held Feb. 16 and 17 at the Denver Public Library. Librarians, trustees and interested citizens attended. The program, which featured Miss S. Janice Kee, Executive Secretary of the Wisconsin State Library, was directed toward the subject of State Grants in Aid. The CLA Legislative Committee, under the able leadership of Miss Phoebe Hayes, librarian at the National Farmers' Union in Denver, has been exploring this topic for the last year, and the February Conference served to toss some of the Committee's preliminary thinking onto the table for members of the Association to pull apart. Miss Kee stressed the basic philosophy of state aid and reported on specific grants in aid programs now being administered in other states. Miss Hayes presented the tentative standards which her Committee had worked on as well as a possible formula for distribution of any future grants in aid. The Conference aroused strong feelings and frank expressions of opinion, but proved very helpful to the Legislative Committee in that it indicated there was interest in the state in such a program and need for the inclusion on the committee for much wider representation.

Members of the Legislative Committee also appeared at a January Budget Hearing when the Colorado State Library budget was under consideration.

A state-wide survey of public libraries is now being carried on by field workers of the Colorado State Library staff. Librarians and library boards have been meeting with the CSL workers to fill out the questionnaires. The survey is designed to give a more complete picture of library organization, support, and personnel than any previous questionnaires have shown. It will also provide some material about the communities in which the libraries function and of inter-library relationships within the state. This survey will provide valuable background material for any future legislative program the CLA undertakes. It will also help the State Library to plan its continuing program of assistance to libraries throughout the state.

Colorado libraries are enjoying a minor boom in buildings. Public libraries for whom new quarters are either on paper or under construction include Alamosa, in the San Luis Valley, Boulder, and Weld County Library in Greeley. In addition, two new high schools which opened in Pueblo last fall were equipped with handsome equipment and all-new materials. The two new Denver High Schools now under construction will also have ample library space provided.

A new library building for Colorado College is being planned now as a result of a grant of \$1,250,000 from the El Pomar Foundation. The new building will house several valuable private collections and will permit a book collection of up to 300,000 volumes. Finally both the Jefferson County Library and the Colorado State Library have moved to new quarters. Jefferson County is now housed on the Main Street of Golden, after moving from their crowded quarters in the county courthouse. The State Library descended from the top floor of the old Capitol Building to the ground-level floor of the new State Services Building across the street from the Capitol. The new office includes a single stack area, individual offices, a separate A-V room, air-conditioning, and, most important, ground level loading docks.

Advisory Committees for several areas in Colorado have been appointed by the State Commissioner of Education, to work with the Area Supervisors and the State Library staff on better library service throughout the state. These Committees are still exploring the existing library situations in their areas. The Southeast Advisory Committee, which has met three times, is headed by Robert Metzler, county superintendent of schools for Douglas County, just south of Denver. In the Western area, Mrs. John O'Rourke, a lawyer and member of the Montrose Library Board, is the Chairman. Her committee held its second meeting in April.

Colorado Library Association District meetings were held in three areas during the fall and winter. There is also a Western District meeting scheduled for May 7 in Durango.

On September 26 the Southern District met in Colorado Springs. Mrs. Irene Stewart, librarian at Freed Junior High School in Pueblo, was elected president. The District voted a \$50 scholarship for professional study.

The Denver District, which met November 13, elected Glenn Johnson, librarian at the State Historical Society, as its president. This group enjoyed a talk by Prof. Paul Keating on the subject of Gems when they met at the Arthur Lakes Library of the Colorado School of Mines in Golden.

The most recent meeting of a CLA District was held April 9 at the same Golden location, when Northern District met. Miss Phoebe Hayes, chairman of the CLA Legislative Committee, told members about the February Conference and of the continuing work of her committee. Then Miss Alice Norton, Public Relations Officer of the Denver Public Library, discussed public relations channels for librarians. The two speakers also conducted discussion groups after lunch. The luncheon speaker was Prof. S. Harrison Thompson, of the History department at the University of Colorado, who gave the delegates considerable insight into the profession of 'Chasing Manuscripts'. Joe Howard, Circulation Librarian at Norlin Library, at CU, became president of the Northern District.

Names in the profession, which are new since the MPLA Convention last year, include the following:

Boulder—Miss Marcelee Gralapp, Children's Librarian, who worked with her present boss, Claude Settlemire, when he was in Kansas, joined his Boulder staff in September.

Brighton—Mrs. Christeen Batz succeeded Mrs. Stella Kaster to the Public Library post last fall.

Denver—Dr. Vern Pings joined the staff of the University of Denver Library School in January, teaching technical processes. He formerly served as librarian at Ohio Northern University.

Englewood—In January George Hurtz arrived from New York State Library to become librarian of the Public Library.

Georgetown—Mrs. Betty Vick began work in September as librarian (and city clerk) at the John Tomay Memorial Library.

Grand County—Mrs. Adaline Sheriffs, substitute for Mrs. Daisy Jenne, consented to remain as acting librarian when Mrs. Jenne submitted her resignation.

Jackson County—When Mrs. Dorothy Howard, librarian, was forced to resign because of ill health, Mrs. Doris Hamburg was appointed to replace her.

Littleton—Last summer Robert Machinski was appointed to the Public Library position after his graduation from DU School of Librarianship.

Trinidad—The new librarian at the Public Library is Mrs. Edna Bickerton.

Windsor—When Mrs. Iola Branch resigned after 32 years of service, the Public Library Board appointed Mrs. Sylvia Walters, her niece, to the position.

Yuma—Miss Evelyn Saxton was named librarian at the Public Library, following the resignation of Miss Mona Lindsey.

State Library—When the Lower Arkansas Valley Demonstration Library was taken over by local support and administered by a local four-county Board, the librarian, Larry Mott, returned to

Denver to serve as Coordinator of Library Services program. His assistant, John Andrew Fisher, moved to Yuma, where he is serving as librarian of the CSL second regional demonstration. The new librarian of Colorado's first regional library is Mrs. Wanda Brown. An Area Field Supervisor for the Western Slope has finally been found to replace Mrs. Martha Prommel Leshner, who resigned in September. Mrs. Jean Briskey started her new job on April 1 and is busy getting acquainted with her more than thirty public libraries and becoming initiated to the more than 20 counties whose mountainous terrain she will cover. Mrs. Briskey has served in Germany as an Army Librarian as well as at libraries in San Diego, Calif., and Columbus, Georgia. She got her library training at University of Southern California.

Scholarships which will be available through the work of the Colorado Library Association include:

Southern Division \$50 scholarship—available to Colorado librarians, with preference given to persons from the Southern District. Write Mrs. Irene Stewart, Freed Junior High School, Pueblo.

Morris Scholarship, \$50—for a Colorado Teacher-Librarian for science training. Address: Miss Alice Spengler, Colorado Women's College, Denver.

(The Western District has frequently given one or more scholarships. Their meeting will be held May 7. Address inquiries to Mrs. Louise Floyd, Grand Junction Library, Grand Junction.)

In addition funds are available from the Catherine Gates Memorial Loan Fund of CLA, which is now being administered through the University of Denver Scholarship and Loan Office of Student Aid. Address inquiries to this office. Maximum loans from this fund are for \$400.

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Lib. Sc. 548, Lit. of Sci., 3 hrs., WL 301, 11:00 MTWThF, Rotton
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Lib. Sc. 580, Workshop for Librarians 2 hrs., 8 hrs. Lib. Sci., WL, Daily, Douglas, Cox, July 5-15
Lib. Sc. 600, Seminar in Prob. Lib., 1-4 hrs., Grad. Standing, WL, By Arrangement, Staff
Lib. Sc. 651, Meth. of Res., 2 hrs., See Educ. 651
Lib. Sc. 655, Thesis, 3 hrs., WL, By Arrangement, Staff

Second Term

- Lib. Sc. 434, Sch. Librarianship, 2 hrs., WL 19, 8:00-10:50 MTWThF, Ruf, July 18-29
Lib. Sc. 470, Indep. Study, 1-4 hrs., 8 hrs. Lib. Sc., By Arrangement, Staff
Lib. Sc. 510, Read. Mat. for Child & Y. P., 3 hrs., Lib. Sc. 432 or 440, WL 301, 8:00 MTWThF, Staff
Lib. Sc. 520, Lib. Serv. Child. & Y. P., 2 hrs., WL 301, 11:00 MTThF, Staff
Lib. Sc. 571, Hist. Bks. & Print., 2 hrs., WL 207, 8:00-10:50 MTWThF, Cox, July 18-29

- Lib. Sc. 600, Seminar in Prob. Lit., 1-4 hrs., Grad. Standing, WL, By Arrangement, Staff
Lib. Sc. 655, Thesis, 3 hrs., WL, By Arrangement, Staff
Administration of School Libraries, 1 semester hour. Course may be taken as Library Science 565 or Education 543. Will meet for one week during the second session three hours daily. Demand will determine the week of enrollment. Richards, June 13-25.

**School of Librarianship
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Tentative Schedule

Summer Session: June 20—August 19, 1960

- 97-320—Books for Children; July 25-August 19; 5; 7:00-9:00; D.
97-321—Books for Adolescents; 5; 9:20 D; Stafford.
97-323—Reader Guidance in the School Library; June 20-July 22; 2.5; 2:00 D; Stone.
97-330—Intro. to Bibliography & Reference, Sec. 1; June 20-July 22; 2.5; 10:30 D; Nichol.
Intro. to Bibliography & Reference, Sec. 2; July 25-August 19; 2.5; 8:10 D; Kirkpatrick.
97-342—Library in the Elementary School; June 20-July 22; 2.5; 12:50 D; Stafford.
97-343—Library in the Secondary School; July 25-August 19; 2.5; 12:50 D; Staff.
97-344—Book Selection Aids & Principles, Sec. 1; June 20-July 22; 2.5; 8:10 D; Nichol.
Book Selection Aids & Principles, Sec. 2; July 25-August 19; 2.5; 10:30 D.
97-346—Basic Cataloging, Sec. 1; Laboratory; 5; 11:40 D; 3-5:30 M; Hansen.
Basic Cataloging, Sec. 2; Laboratory; 5; 8:10 D; 3-5:30 W; Bender.
Basic Cataloging, Sec. 3; Laboratory; 5; 11:40 D; 3-5:30 Th; Stone.
97-384.01—Intro. to History of Books; June 20-July 22; 2.5; 9:20; Pings.
97-384.02—Intro. to History of Libraries; July 25-August 19; 2.5; 9:20, Frame.
97-390—Organization & Development of Libraries; 5; 9:20 D; Settlemire.

- 97-411—Literature of the Humanities, Sec. 1; 5; 9:20 D; Stone.
Literature of the Humanities, Sec. 2; 5; 8:10 D; Stafford.
- 97-412—Literature of the Social Sciences, Sec. 1; 5; 8:10 D; Staff.
Literature of the Social Sciences, Sec. 2; 5; 10:30 D; Kirkpatrick
- 97-413—Literature of the Sciences; 5; 8:10 D; Pings.
- 97-414—Librarians Reading; June 20-July 22; 2.5; 9:20 D; Nichol.
- 97-420.2—Cataloging & Classification, Sec. 1, Laboratory; 5; 9:20 D; 3:30-5 Th.; Bender.
Cataloging & Classification, Sec. 2, Laboratory; 5; 8:10 D; 3:30-5 T; Hansen.
- 97-430—Technical Processes in Libraries; July 25-August 19; 2.5; 12:50 D; Wynar.
- 97-431—Government Documents; June 20-July 22; 2.5; 12.50 D; Frame.
- 97-445—The Public Library; July 25-August 19; 2.5; 4-6:30 M&W; Eastlick.
- 97-461—College & University Libraries; July 25-August 19; 2.5; 2:00 D; Kirkpatrick.
- 97-464—Special Libraries; June 20-July 22; 2.5; 4-6:30; T&Th.; Axford.
- 97-491—Field Work; Arr.; Baillie.
- 97-480—Studies in Librarianship; Arr.; Baillie.
- 97-491.01—Research Methods in Librarianship: Introduction; June 20-July 22; 2.5; 2:00 D; Kirkpatrick.
- 97-491.02—Research Methods: Research Project; July 25-August 19; 2.5; 11:40 Staff.
- 97-495—Seminar; Arr.; Staff.
- 97-499.1—Independent Study; Arr.; Staff.
- 97-499.5—Independent Research; Arr.; Staff.

Visiting Faculty

Summer Session 1960

- HIRAM WILLIAM AXFORD, Librarian, The Denver Post, Denver, Colorado.
- BETTY BENDER, 423 Cedar Street, Cheney, Washington. (Visiting full-time faculty member fall quarter 1959.)
- JOHN EASTLICK, Librarian, Denver Public Library, Denver, Colorado.
- PAUL N. FRAME, Assistant Director of Libraries, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado.
- IRENE M. HANSEN, Associate Professor of Library Science, Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, Kansas.
- L. H. KIRKPATRICK, Librarian, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- CLAUDE L. SETTLEMIRE, Librarian, Boulder Public Library, Boulder, Colorado.
- I. ELIZABETH STAFFORD, Librarian, Port Chester, New York, Jr. High School.
- ELWOOD STONE, Ph. D. candidate in English, University of Denver; formerly Librarian and Professor of Library Science, Arizona State College, Flagstaff, Arizona.
- DR. BOHDAN WYNAR, Assistant Professor and Head of Technical Services Division, University of Denver Libraries, Denver, Colorado.

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This report will give members and friends some highlights regarding the role the Bibliographical Center has played in the Region during 1959. The Chairman, Mr. Edward Werner, Librarian, New Mexico Western College, Silver City urged the group to "Think Big". Have we done this will be answered by giving a review of the broadened cooperation given in service.

Answering the Questions

The total requests received during 1959 numbered 14,800 which was 2,685 more than were sent in 1958. The staff reports that most of the inquiries were submitted on A L A Interlibrary loan forms which helped in speeding up the service. It is a policy of the Denver Center to arrange the loans in the area if at all possible. If a request is returned with a notation that Library of Congress has the item, institutions can be assured that at least the regional libraries have been cleared and that the Library of Congress and other Bibliographical Center areas will not be flooded with material in nearby libraries.

A sample of the 1414 requests sent to the Center in one month by type of institution submitting the inquiry follows: Public libraries 619, of this number 340 were from the Denver Public Library and this is logical as it is the home of the Center; College and Universities 455; Business 305; State Federal, State Library Commission 160; Individuals, Museums, Societies, Library Associations and Churches 6; Miscellaneous 69, which included requests from Bibliographical Centers, special libraries, non-members of the Center.

Teletype

The teletype is used by the University of Kansas and Pan American Petroleum Corporation, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Members are urged to use this method of communication if at all possible. The teletype number for the Bibliographical Center is DN 451. Answers can be returned very quickly and some answers supplied while the message is being sent.

The collection of one million cards a gift from Northwestern University which provides locations in libraries in the Chicago area and Harvard plus 30,000 cards from the Vatican Library and selected cards from the Notegemeinschaft der Deutschen, Wissenschaft, a Berlin research library has proven extremely valuable for checking requests.

Union Catalog

At the present time the files of the Union Catalog are in the best condition they have been for years. There are three paid filers: Gladys Gregg, Mrs. Lillian Fisher and Mrs. Olive Rodgers. Lucille Durzo, Ione Dibble and Dawne Shioya staff members spend one half of regular time filing.

Voluntary Filing

The following librarians have given many hours to voluntary filing cards into the Union Catalog: Mrs. Mary K. Saisslin, Mrs. Mary Wegg, Margaret Fish, Mary Firor, Margaret Goodrich and Jane Gould.

The report of the Denver Union Catalog for 1959 is given below:

The large chart giving the number of cards sent by forty institutions in 1959 is on file at the Center. In this group is the Martin Company, Denver which submitted cards for the first time. The number sent was 600.

Each year the Center cooperates with the National Union Catalog in Washington by shipping imprint holdings. The number sent was 10,850. The cards are copied and returned at once.

Membership

At the close of 1959 there were 260 members. This group united so closely has before it each year a great potential and challenge for better library service. Mrs. Ione McClain, Librarian, Sheridan College, Wyoming and Membership Chairman of the Center with her state Chairman have done an excellent job in publicity work. New members have been announced in the Mountain Plain's Library Quarterly.

Road Runner

In order to keep in touch with the needs of the members, the Director continued making trips to the different states. She visited in Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and Illinois. Details of these travels have been given in the News in M.P.L.A. Quarterly. On all of the trips the Director was enchanted with the enthusiasm of librarians for the Bibliographical Center's plan of cooperation.

The School of Librarianship of the University of Denver has called upon her to discuss the history and service and thirty students from this institution learned at first hand by working at the Center how requests are checked for locations.

Recruitment for new librarians is one of the aims of the Center and the staff will send suggestion of literature for this purpose to any library requesting it for display.

Microcards

This year saw the joint purchase by 14 Center members of the microcards for all the volumes in Wagner-Camp. PLAINS AND THE ROCKIES. The total cost was \$1,250.00 These will be available on inter-library loan for all members. Joint acquisitions will be considered after the Finance Committee has set up the new schedule of membership fees.

Finances

The Financial Statement of the Bibliographical Center for Research for 1959 and the Estimated Budget for 1960 are given at the end of this report. Increase in fees were met willingly.

Foreign Guests

Visitors came to see the Center from Argentina, Poland, Norway, India, Denmark, Japan, Vietnam, Baghdad, Taiwan, South Australia, England and Panama. Many librarians from all over the United States also talked with the staff about service.

Officers, Committees, Representatives and Staff

Chairman: Mr. Edward Werner, New Mexico Western College, Silver City, New Mexico.

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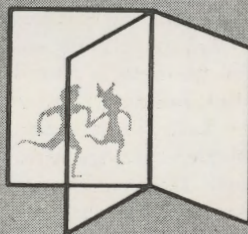
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The following committee appointments were announced:

Finance Committee: *Chairman*: Le Moyne Anderson, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado; Mr. Paul Knapp, Ohio Oil Co., Box 269, Littleton, Colorado; Kelbourn Janacek, South Dakota State College, Brookings, South Dakota.

Acquisitions Committee: *Chairman*: Miss Jane Gould, Mary Reed Library, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado; Miss Edith Foster, General Reference Librarian, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado; Mr. Jack McCormick, Martin Company, Box 179, Denver, Colorado.

Membership Committee: *Chairman*: Mrs. Ione McClain, Community College, Sheridan, Wyoming; Miss Katherine Chadwick, Arizona State Library Extension Services, 17 South 17th Ave., Phoenix, Arizona; Mr. Gordon Bennett, Colorado State Library, Capitol Building, Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Ruth Tyler, Salt Lake County Library, Midvale, Utah; Mrs. Hazel W. Byrnes, North Dakota State Library Commission, Bismarck, North Dakota; Mr. Horace Moses, Topeka Public Library, Topeka, Kansas; Mrs. Doris Martinez, Nevada State Library, Carson City, Nevada; Miss Callie Faye Milliken, Abilene Christian College, Abilene, Texas.

Ten Representatives to the Council

Mr. Jerome Cushman, Salina Public Library, Salina, Kansas.

Miss Ruth Harris, Hastings College, Hastings, Nebraska.

Mr. W. R. Henderson, Phoenix Public Library, Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. George Hovey, Dist. Mgr., Doubleday and Co., Inc., Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. Horace S. Moses, Topeka Public Library, Topeka, Kansas.

Mr. Claude Settlemire, Boulder Public Library, Boulder, Colorado.

Mrs. Elizabeth R. Sturm, Westminster College, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mr. G. E. Untermann, Utah Field House of Natural History, Vernal, Utah.

Miss Virginia Weaver, Pan American Petroleum Corp., Tulsa 2, Oklahoma.

Miss Mary J. Carpenter, Laramie County Carnegie Library, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Staff

Mrs. Eulalia Chapman, Director; Lucille Durzo, Assistant to the Director; Ione Dibble; Dawne Shioya; Gladys Gregg; Mrs. Lillian Fisher; Mrs. Olive Rodgers; Mrs. Belen G. Aranda.

Types of Cooperative Activities

It is interesting to note the various ways in which members cooperate. Some of the following will illustrate this. Stearns-Roger Library, Denver, sent a list of its holdings of technical books. At present this institution is not coded in the Denver Union Catalog.

The Lincoln Memorial Library, South Dakota State College, Brookings, mailed a list of periodical holdings. Colorado State Historical Society gave copies of Newspapers on Microfilm December 1, 1959 saying this is not a listing of all newspapers in the library but only of those of which some part has been microfilmed.

A theatre Bibliography of Rare Books and Articles in the Brigham Young University Library compiled by members of the Theta Alpha Phi National Honorary Dramatic Fraternity Utah Beta came from Dr. Harold I. Hansen, Regional Directory of chapter. St. Thomas Seminary, Denver, has sent its lists of Manuscripts and Western Interstate Commission of Higher Education forwards all reports.

Civic Improvement Project

The Junior Chamber of Commerce, Englewood, Colorado has chosen the Bibliographical Center as its professional project for 1960. George W. Hertz, new librarian and Mr. Robert C. Smith will cover the Bib with more professional members from their Operation Library.

Texas Thinks Big for Bib. Center

Mary E. Bivins Memorial Library, Public Library, Amarillo, Texas displayed pictures and brochures giving services about the Bibliographical Center during National Library week. Miss Alice Green is Librarian and Mrs. Eloise C. Argo is reference Librarian, who handles interlibrary loans.

Bibliography on Machine Translation

In Issue No. 19 of Vol. VI of the International Language Review will appear a bibliography of books and articles on the subject, Machine Translation of Languages. This has been compiled by Miss Ione Dibble, staff member for 18 years of the Bibliographical Center for Research, Rocky Mountain Region, Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Floyd Hardin, Editor, says, "Miss Dibble is widely known for her outstanding work in the field of bibliographical research, and her carefully compiled bibliography on the mechanical translation of languages leaves nothing to be desired. To her long list of references we have added other references, gleaned from various sources. Accordingly we hope to give our readers one of the most complete lists of references on this subject that has been available until now."

Copies of this bibliography may be offered for sale at the Center later.

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Thanks to All

The Officers, Committee Members and directors appreciate very much the fine support given to the activities of the Bibliographical Center for Research. It is difficult to express in words our thanks to Dr. Malcolm G. Wyer, our founder. We wish to give credit to the staff of the Center, the National Union Catalog, Bibliographical Center members and libraries all over the United States who have made possible the dynamic regional library service offered by the Bibliographical Center for Research.

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Balance in Colorado National Bank on January 1, 1959.....\$ 2,747.33

Income:

Sale of bibliographies:

Coover I	\$ 5.50	
Coover II	366.17	
Kitzhaber	3.00	
Makepeace	54.00	428.67

Memberships:

Coll. & Univ.	\$10,825.00	
Pub. Libraries	6,541.00	
State, Fed., Den. Pub. Schools, St. Li. Comm.	4,605.91	
Individuals, Societies, Museums, Li. Assns., Churches	625.00	
Business Firms	2,704.38	25,301.29

Other Income:

Miscellaneous reimbursements (postage, etc.)	\$ 6.74	
Repayment of Adult Education Council loan, plus interest	735.00	
Sale of bibliographies to Kraus Periodicals	94.05	
Wagner-Camp payments	495.00	1,330.79

Total income, plus bank balance on January 1, 1959..... 29,808.08

Disbursements:

Net salaries	\$20,798.82	
Stationery	66.95	
Miscellaneous (includes memberships, card signs, meeting expenses, phone calls, express, etc.)	245.12	
Equipment (posture chair, rubber stamps)	46.31	
Catalog cards	39.33	
Postage	476.66	
Bibliographies	1,009.75	
Travel	459.69	
Taxes—Fed., State, So. Security	4,837.12	
Teletype	124.60	
Expenses on second Coover Bib	10.29	
Bank charges (deposit stamp and warrant collection fee)	2.46	

Total disbursements during 1959 28,117.10

Balance in Colorado National Bank on December 31, 1959..... \$ 1,690.98

Bibliographical Center For Research
Rocky Mountain Region

Estimated Budget for 1960

Balance (In: Colorado National Bank December 31, 1959) \$ 1,690.98

Income:

Sale of bibliographies:

Coover I	\$ 6.00	
Coover II	200.00	
Makepeace	50.00	256.00

Other Income:

Book Fund	\$1,000.00	
Interest on Loan to Adult Education	55.44	
Sale of duplicate bibliographies and periodicals	106.52	
Fund for bibliographies	800.00	
Wagner-Camp Fund for Microcards	1,250.00	3,211.96

Memberships:

College and Universities	\$10,620.00	
Public Libraries	6,456.00	
State, Federal, St. Lib. Comm.	4,456.67	
Individuals, Museums, Soc. Lib. Assn.	590.00	
Business	2,437.84	
New members	1,000.00	
Increase in fees	2,198.01	27,758.52

\$31,226.48

Disbursements:

Salaries and Taxes	\$26,378.40	
Stationery	75.00	
Miscellaneous	100.00	
MPLA Quarterly	200.00	
Catalog cards	50.00	
Postage	400.00	
Bibliographies:		
L.C. Cat	553.08	
Paris Biblio. National Cat.	600.00	
	800.00	
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