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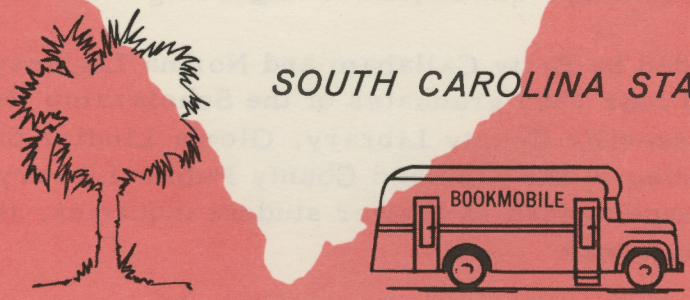

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OPEN HOUSE AT LAURENS

Hundreds of people from Laurens and surrounding counties attended the open house for the recently remodeled and enlarged Laurens County Library.

Mrs. Dwight Patterson was chairman of the committee on arrangements and serving with her were two members from each of the following organizations: Garden Club, Wednesday Club, Little Book Club, Business and Professional Women's Club, Music Club, and DAR. Refreshments were prepared by the Laurens High School home economics class.

Two receiving lines composed of Laurens County Library Board members and club members greeted the guests.

Exhibits featured equipment books received through grants from the State Library Board projects. In the music room a record collection was displayed with the record player equipment obtained through the Equipment Project. Books received through the Reference Project were also on display.

Mrs. Phil D. Huff is Laurens County librarian, and Mrs. J. B. Hart is chairman of the board.

Estellene P. Walker, Director, represented the State Library Board at the occasion.

RECRUITING CARAVANS SCORE SUCCESS

The SLB Recruiting Caravans climaxed the year's recruiting program with a highly successful tour of colleges during the week of

February 10. The two teams included sixteen South Carolina colleges in a tightly scheduled five-day itinerary. They interviewed more than one hundred students interested in librarianship, talked with more than sixty faculty members, and spoke to a number of classes and student assemblies. The effect of the week was immediately seen in the increased number of applications for internships and inquiries regarding scholarships.

The Caravans, headed by Betty Callaham and Norma Lightsey of the State Library Board, were composed of four 1963 graduates of the Scholarship Program. Myra Armistead and Sara Henry of the Greenville County Library, Gloria Lindler of the Lexington County Library, and May M. Pourciau of the Richland County Public Library drew upon their own library school and work experiences to answer student inquiries, thus giving immediacy and impact to the caravan's message.

The Caravans traveled in the State Library Board's station wagons, each of which attracted much attention along the way with colorful identification signs and side placards inviting students to become librarians. The Caravans were well publicized, the Leslie Public Relations firm having arranged for pictures, features, and news releases in college and daily newspapers before and during the trip.

For caravan members, an added feature of the week was the opportunity to see and explore the college libraries of the state. They also enjoyed visits to a number of public libraries along their routes, including those of Greenville, Pickens, Spartanburg, Cherokee, Greenwood, and Charleston counties and the cities of Rock Hill and Hartsville.

The cooperation and hospitality of librarians and college staff contributed greatly to the success of the Recruiting Caravans.

REFERENCE CONSULTANT VISITS LIBRARIES

Charles Busha, Reference Consultant with the S. C. State Library Board, visited six libraries in the north-central part of the state on February 17th and 18th. The purpose of the visits was to get better acquainted with librarians and to discuss reference and interlibrary loan matters. Visits were made to the following county libraries: Fairfield, Chester, Lancaster, York, Cherokee, and Union. Additional trips to other public libraries are being planned for the near future.

FREE RECORDS AVAILABLE

Libraries which maintain a record collection may request a set of Columbia Masterworks from R. Builter, Controller, Columbia Records, 1473 Barnum Avenue, Bridgeport 8, Conn. A copy of a letter of exemption under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 must accompany the request. Upon request a letter of exemption can be secured by sending two copies of the law establishing the library to the District Director, Internal Revenue, Columbia, S. C., Attention: P. M. Hook.

Libraries which obtained a record player under the Equipment Project will be interested in this offer.

JOHNSON SIGNS LIBRARY SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ACT

President Johnson signed the Library Services and Construction Act on February 11, 1964.

President Johnson's statement follows:

> ". . . There are few Acts of Congress which I sign with more pleasure, and certainly none with more hope than this new Library Services and Construction Act.
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> "Good public libraries must be placed within the reach of all of our people. Libraries are not just for the young and the curious about an exciting world. They are not just for our youth preparing for their careers. They are not just for busy people looking for information to do their jobs. Libraries are for everyone and therein lies their real value.
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> "This Act importantly expands a program which helps make library services available to 38 million Americans in rural areas—38 million. It authorizes efforts to strengthen inadequate urban libraries. This Act authorizes for the first time grants for the construction and renovation of library buildings . . .
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> "This Nation needs a larger and more diversified collection of books. We need better housing for these books. We sorely need libraries closer to the people, whether through more centrally located libraries or through bookmobiles and branch locations. The central fact of our times if this: Books and ideas are the most effective weapons against intolerance and ignorance.
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> "A sensitive Frenchman once said that mediocre minds generally condemn anything that passes their understanding. Mediocre minds cannot survive in a modern world, but enlightened minds can survive.
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> "The library is the best training ground for enlightenment that rational man has ever conceived, and I am so happy that the enlightened Members of Congress and others who supported their activities can participate in this ceremony this morning which they and their children and their children's children will always be proud of."

The Library Services Act of 1956 was amended by increasing Federal financial assistance to promote the development of public library services to all areas without public library services or with inadequate services and by adding a new provision for Federal assistance for the construction of public library buildings in areas lacking the facilities necessary for the development of library services.

Once a bill is signed into law and the regulations for its implementation established, the next crucial step is the request for funds. Neither of these has been done. The State Library Board will inform county and regional libraries of the priorities established in making grants under the LSC Act as soon as they have been formulated and necessary funds appropriated.

The passage of LSCA does not cancel other Federal programs for the construction of public library buildings. Assistance is still available under the Public Works Acceleration Act and the Public Facility Loans Program.

SLB MEETS

On February 14 the State Library Board met to consider the implications of the Library Services and Construction Act on the library program in South Carolina.

Hugh L. Willcox, Florence, Chairman, presided with the following members present: Mrs. Hagood Bostick, Columbia; Mrs. Angus Macaulay, Chester; and Dorcey Lybrand, Aiken.

NEW DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES BRANCH

Paxton P. Price, Missouri State Librarian since 1949, became Director of the Library Services Branch of the U. S. Office of Education on February 17, 1964.

Earlier library experience includes the librarianships of the New Mexico Military Institute and Northwest Missouri State College.

Author of numerous articles on library problems, Mr. Price was a member of the Council of the American Library Association from 1959 to 1963. During the same years he served on the executive board of the Public Library Association.

Mr. Price succeeds John G. Lorenz, who was appointed Director of the Division of Continuing Education and Cultural Affairs in April 1963, serving also as Library Services Branch Director since that time.

AURIANNE AWARD

Emil E. Liers, author of A Black Bear's Story, published by The Viking Press, Inc., New York, has been named winner of the sixth Aurianne Award of $200 given by the American Library Association for the best children's book of 1962 on animal life which develops a humane attitude.

A Black Bear's Story is the first non-fiction book to receive the ward. (The price of A Black Bear's Story is $3.00.)

CARNIVAL OF BOOKS

The State Library Board is sponsoring the broadcasts of Carnival of Books over WCSC, Charleston (Saturdays 10:15 - 10:30 a.m.); WIS, Columbia (Tuesdays 8:20 - 8:35 p.m.); and WSPA, Spartanburg (Saturdays 1:15 - 1:30 p.m.).

The following is the schedule for March and April:

Week of:	March 1	Randall, Ruth Painter. I Jessie, a biography of the girl who married John Charles Fremont.
"	March 8	Sherwan, Earl. Mask, the Door county coon.
"	March 15	Brunhoff, Laurent de. Babar's castle.
"	March 22	Taylor, Sidney. All-of-a-kind family uptown.
"	March 29	To be announced.
"	April 5	Armer, Alberta. Screwball.
"	April 12	Garthwaite, Marion. The locked crowns.
"	April 19	Arnold, Elliot. Brave Jimmy Stone.
"	April 26	Stoutenbery, Adrian. Dear, dear Livy.

To make sure children and young people in your community derive the most benefit from these program, librarians are urged to advertise the programs in the local paper and to be sure parents and teachers know "what it is and when it is".

Consideration should be given to library displays featuring the book to be discussed and to arranging a "listening hour" in the library.

The State Library Board considers the ALA sponsorship of these programs a recommendation of he books discussed.

INFORMATION UNLIMITED

Mrs. Catherine H. Lewis writes: "Add to the list of questions I never expected to be asked: How do you write Sahara in Arabic? Needed for a motel sign. Bless the OED—that's where we found the answer and sent another satisfied customer on his way."

(The Horry County Memorial Library received the Oxford English Dictionary under the Reference Project of the State Library Board.)

OF TRUSTEES, LIBRARIANS, AND LIBRARIES

A revision of the vacation and sick leave policies of the Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library was adopted by the board in December 1963, and the new schedule went into effect January 1, 1964.

Two books: "Come With Me to the Holy Land" by Harriet Louise Patterson and "Shadows on the Wall" by Howard Weeden have been presented as memorials to the Berkeley County Library. The St. Stephens Branch received "Best Loved Poems of the American People" selected by Hazel Felleman as a memorial.

Congratulations to Lois Barbare who completed 20 years of service at the State Library Board on February 14, 1964.

An act to increase the millage in the Hartsville Township from two to three mills for the operation of the Hartsville Memorial Library has been introduced in the Legislature.

In order to insure parking space for library patrons, parking meters have been installed in the parking area of the Greenville County Library.

The Horry County Library Commission has elected the following officers to serve for the next two years: Chairman: Allen L. Ray; Secretary: Mrs. P. P. Huggins; Treasurer: J. P. Hayes.

The Jeanette B. Swingle Memorial collection, comprising more than 50 volumes on natural history, has been added to the Aiken County Library. This collection was purchased with funds contributed in memory of Mrs. Robert F. Swingle, a member of the board of the Dibble Library, which was combined with the Aiken County Library. Mrs. Swingle was a student of natural history and one of the organizers of the Aiken Naturalist Club.

LIBRARY RECEIVES ASIAN PERIODICALS GRANT

The Richland County Public Library is one of twenty-five public libraries selected to receive grants of two-year subscriptions to several Asian periodicals in the English language as a result of a cooperative project between the Asia Society and the American Library Association. The project was for libraries serving populations of 100,000 to 300,000.

The Asian publications chosen by the libraries offer a wide range of subjects: literature, art, economics, internal politics, government, etc., and will be of interest to the non-specialist as well as those wishing greater depth of information. The Asia Society believes that by introducing these publications to libraries the American public will acquire a greater understanding of Asian achievements and aspirations.

CONDOLENCES

Sympathy to Mrs. Miriam Guthrie, whose daughter, Cindy, died February 6, 1964. Mrs. Guthrie is librarian of the Belton branch of the Anderson County Library.

LIBRARY PUBLIC RELATIONS COUNCIL AWARDS

The Library Public Relations Council announces that it will again present awards for 1) the best annual report; 2) the best booklists, and 3) the best circular or bookmark about library programs and/or services, the material to have been done during the year 1963. These awards will be presented at the annual ALA Conference at St. Louis in June.

Entries will be judged first on content and then on format. These awards are open to any public, school, college, university or special library. Deadline for entries is April 1, 1964, and 4 copies of each item submitted should be mailed to: Mrs. Helene S. Taylor, c/o Bloomfield Public Library, 90 Broad Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey.

REFERENCE LIBRARY AT WORLD'S FAIR

A unique computer-equipped reference library, staffed by professional librarians from all over the country, and occupying 10,000 square feet of floor space, will be one of the oustanding features of the mannoth United States Government Exhibit at the New York World's Fair.

The information center, known as "Library/USA," will concentrate on the 76 broad subject areas of the Federal Pavilion's "Challenge to Greatness" exhibit. It will also offer ready reference service to World's Fair visitors via some 2,000 standard reference books supplemented by an electronic information retrieval system. The computer will be programmed with annotated reading lists, essays in several languages, and lists of periodical articles from current publications. A collection of 2,500 children's books as well as a theater for story-telling and audio-visual presentations will introduce young folks to today's world of books. A browsing area will provide a relaxing spot for adults to examine the President's Library, a collection of books based upon libraries to be established in the White House and in the Blair House.

Sponsored by the American Library Association with the cooperation of the Special Libraries Association and American Documentation Institute, Library/USA will be manned at all times by six reference and two children's librarians. A total of 288 professional librarians from all kinds of libraries around the country will be lending their services during the two six-month periods the World's Fair is open.

NEW EDITION OF PARENT'S GUIDE TO CHILDREN'S READING

A completely revised edition of Nancy Larrick's well-known book, A Parent's Guide to Children's Reading, will be published on April 10, 1964, in hardcover by Doubleday and Co. ($3.95) and in paperback by Pocket Books (50¢).

YOUR PROBLEMS
by Anne Library

Dear Anne:

The most fantastic situation has arisen in our library! When we employ competent, well trained librarians, they are indoctrinated in their duties and responsibilities and instructed to proceed to direct the work of their particular department or division. There is only one stipulation: Keep the librarian informed of projects, problems, and progress.

All has gone merry as a wedding bell until the latest addition to the staff. She is a well qualified and capable librarian, who evidently doesn't believe in letting her right hand know what her left hand is doing much less let anybody else in on what she's doing. People call to ask when a program is to be held and nobody has ever heard of it—committee meetings are held in her department and another unsuspecting member of the staff may come in and feel like an intruder—she takes off unannounced for conferences, and we practically have to resort to a butterfly net to find her.

As I said department heads are expected to assume responsibilities and the direction of their departments with no "interference" from me, but this spendid isolation has me flummoxed. Any suggestions for a thaw? I feel

Left Out

Dear Left:

Right you are!

If you can't replace this "loner", you're going to have to resort to drastic measures. Don't you have staff meetings when you could pry some information from this creature? How about a weekly or monthly report from each department head?

I've heard of a similar instance—thank goodness only one—where the person was given his own medicine. Everybody else on the staff clammed up and told him nothing. After so long a time, he went to the director to find out the score, and the director was able to straighten him out.

I'll be interested in hearing how you fare with this problem.

Anne

YOURS FOR THE ASKING

A 4-clor reprint of a Martinique scene from To Catch A Mongoose, suitable for framing, is available from Parnassus Press (33 Parnassus Road, Berkeley, California).

Children's Press (Jackson Boulevard and Racine Avenue, Chicago 7) is offering sturdy and attractive bookmarks at no cost.

McGraw-Hill/Whittlesey House (330 West 42nd St., New York 10036, Att. Barbara Francis) has bookmarks available on two new picture books, Jonathan Visits the White House and Tom, Tom the Piper's Son. Please include self-addressed envelope.

Harvey House (Irvington-on-Hudson, N. Y.) has a limited supply of a full-color 8 1/2 x 12" leaflet picturing the origin of the English alphabet (according to Diringer) from The Story of Writing: Communications - from Cave Art to Computer by W & R Cahn. Single copies free.

"Seven ALA Criteria for Book Fairs," outlines the criteria for a successful and purposeful book fair and includes a checklist of procedures for book fair planners.

Covered in the guide are: pre-planning, purposes, committees, theme, place, space, time of year, length of fair, hours, funds required, obtaining the books, where and when books are sold, book lists, categories of book displays, special displays, program features, special publicity activities, preparation of assistants, take-home materials, and sources of materials and aids.

Single copies are free from the Children's Services Division, American Library Association; 20 copies, $1.00.

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