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NIXON BUDGET SCUTTLES LIBRARIES

" 'In the context of the total Federal program for education, special programs for books and equipment are considered low priority', said Under Secretary of HEW John Venneman at a budget briefing meeting April 15. This statement is clearly reflected in the Bureau of the Budget's recommendations for reducing the 1970 U.S. Budget for education by a total of $369,569,000. The proposed revision cuts out 66% of the Johnson budget proposed for programs for library users.

"The 1970 Johnson Budget request for major library programs --ESEA Title II, HEA Title II and LSCA -- amounted to $134,500,000. The Nixon Administration recommendations, if accepted by Congress, would provide only $46,209,000, which is $88,291,000 less than the January budget and $433,891,000 less than the amounts authorized for these programs in fiscal year 1970 (beginning July 1, 1969).

"Looking at it another way, almost 25% of the recommended reductions in funding for activities under the Office of Education would come out of the principal library programs.

"If no effort is made to override these recommended cuts, the prospects for even minimal aid for library resources for school, public and academic library users will be dismal indeed. There will be no funds at all for the school library program under Title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Half of the Title I funds for public library services and all of the Title II construction money will be withdrawn from programs partially supported by the Library

Services and Construction Act. And half of the college library resources funds will be cut out of the HEA Title II-A program, leaving only enough money to make basic grants of $5,000; training opportunities for librarians will be reduced by more than 50% under Title II-B; and the Library of Congress acquisition and cataloging activities now assisted by the Title II Part C program will be reduced by $2,856,000."

---ALA Washington Newsletter, V. 21, No. 4

ACTION NEEDED

If you have not done so write, wire or telephone your Representatives and Senator today. Do not delay! Urge the full funding of ESEA Title II, HEA Title II and LSCA. Point out the hardships which will result from the drastic cuts.

S.C. COUNCIL FOR THE COMMON GOOD ACTS ON REDUCTION OF LSCA FUNDS

WHEREAS, The South Carolina Council for the Common Good has actively supported and promoted improvement of public library facilities and services in South Carolina since its organization, and

WHEREAS, Members have been informed that President Nixon's budget request proposes a reduction of Title I (services) of the LSCA of more than 50% and the elimination of Title II (construction), and

WHEREAS, The Council feels that such a cut would be tragic and would be false economy because the educational benefit derived from adequate libraries far outweighs the monetary cost, be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Council for the Common Good goes on record as urging that these vital funds be retained, and as urging that all member organizations and individual members wire or write their U.S. Representatives and Senators asking that they exert every effort to prevent any cuts in Title I and Title II, and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to Senators Thurmond and Hollings and all six U.S. Representatives.

---Resolution adopted by South Carolina Council for the Common Good
April 19, 1969

Thirteen South Carolina organizations having statewide membership, predominately women, are members of The South Carolina Council for the Common Good. Each organization is represented on the Council by its president, its president-elect or first vice president, its legislative chairman and one member at large. Approximately 300,000 persons are members of the thirteen organizations that make up the Council.

The standing committees of the Council study social, educational, economic, and governmental conditions for action, usually leading to effort to secure legislation to meet the needs that the study has disclosed.

The Council believes that "action without study is futile and that study without action is fatal" and endeavors to get bills introduced in the General Assembly to meet the most urgent state needs and to support bills in the United States Congress of interest to it.

TO JOG YOUR MEMORY, DICK!

"America's school, university, research and public libraries and the dedicated people who staff them constitute a vital educational resource. They are the repositories of the American culture.

"Our nation's libraries fulfill at least two vital roles. First, they are vital centers for research and study, particularly in technical and scientific fields. Secondly, they assist many millions of Americans with increasing leisure time to learn the pleasures of reading, to improve their own store of knowledge, and to appreciate the humanities and sciences . . . .

"In a world where knowledge is the key to leadership, a modern, progressive library system is a vital national asset."

-----Richard M. Nixon, Statement made on October 22, 1968, reprinted from Library Journal, December 1, 1968, page 4461.

1967-68 PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS

Total public library income	$3,380,717
State-wide per capita library income (all sources)	$ 1.43
State-wide per capita library income (local sources)	.98
Expenditure for salaries	$1,750,840
Expenditure for books	$780,646
State-wide per capita book ownership	1
State-wide book circulation	5,806,973
State-wide per capita book circulation	2.44

Total public library income was up 15% over 1966-67. Salaries showed an 18% increase, and expenditures for books a 2.40% increase.

STUDY OF LSCA TITLE I HEAPS PRAISE ON STATES

"A hefty study of Title I of the Library Services and Construction Act, produced by the Systems Development Corporation for the Office of Education, sums up the last four years of LSCA Title I as demonstrating the ability of state agencies to handle the administration of public library program funding. Also prominent in the SDC report were recommendations for a new concept of state and federal fund matching, and a new role for the Division of Library Programs. About the only criticism was drawn by the regionalization program which the Office of Education has been operating for a year.

"Eleven states were studied: Arkansas, California, Kansas, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin. For each state the overall LSCA program is described and evaluated in relation to the existing pattern of library needs.

"The study emphasized the role of the state agencies in designing and administering their state programs, and recommended that this pattern be followed and strengthened, rather than have the DLP assume more direct control of the administration of LSCA. . . . .

"The SDC study recommended that the Division of Library Programs be upgraded to Bureau status within the Office of Education, and that it be headed by an Associate

Commissioner reporting directly to the Commissioner of Education - concurring in this point with the report of the National Advisory Commission on Libraries. The DLP as a bureau would have greatly increased national responsibilities in research, coordination, and library education.

"The study is available from the ERIC Document Reproduction Service, Box 2206, Rockville, Maryland 20852, under the title An Overview of the Library Services and Construction Act - Tile I, Document No. Ed. - 24-851; microfiche for $1.50, hard cover, $18.90. It will also be issued by the R. R. Bowker Company in a hardbound edition priced at $6.95."

---Library Journal, v. 94, no. 9 p. 1826

P.S. You'll be proud when you see what they say about the South Carolina program.

FLORENCE - WILLIAMSBURG CONTRACT RENEWED

The annual meeting of the Williamsburg County Library Board was held in Kingstree on April 14. Representatives of the South Carolina State Library Board and the Florence County Library met with the County Library Board to review the Small Libraries Project under which the three agencies have cooperated to develop library service in the county. The Williamsburg County Library Board voted to extend the program for a third year.

The three-way agreement provides Williamsburg County with professional guidance for the development of library resources and services in Kingstree as well as bookmobile service to county residents. Florence County Library will continue to provide both the professional guidance and bookmobile service while the State Library Board will provide state-aid and federal grant funds to aid in financing the programs.

The State Library Board was represented at the meeting by Betty E. Callaham, Director of Field Services. The Florence County Library was represented by Mrs. Marguerite Thompson, Librarian and by Gail Campbell, Technical Services Librarian.

Members of the Williamsburg County Library Board are Claude H. Smith, Chairman, Kingstree; Gary Meares, Kingstree; Roy Smiley, Cades; Mrs. Leonard Grossman, Greeleyville; Ector Shepard, Jr., Lane; Mrs. Helen Hemingway, Hemingway; Mrs. Richard L. Cox, Hemingway, and Maurice Joye, Greeleyville.

CLARENDON RENEWS CONTRACT FOR BOOKMOBILE SERVICE

At a meeting with the Sumter County Library Board and representatives of the State Library Board, the Clarendon County Library Board renewed its contract for bookmobile service. Under the contract Sumter provides bookmobile service twice monthly to Manning, Summerton, Alcolu, Turbeville and Paxville. Residents of Clarendon County may also use the Sumter County Library free of charge.

Under the terms of the contract Clarendon reimburses Sumter on a per capita basis for service to the five towns receiving bookmobile service. Local and State Aid funds are used for this purpose. The State Library Board reimburses Sumter County Library for use made on the Sumter County book collection and facilities in providing service to Clarendon.

The demonstration is entering its second year and the contract may be renewed for another year.

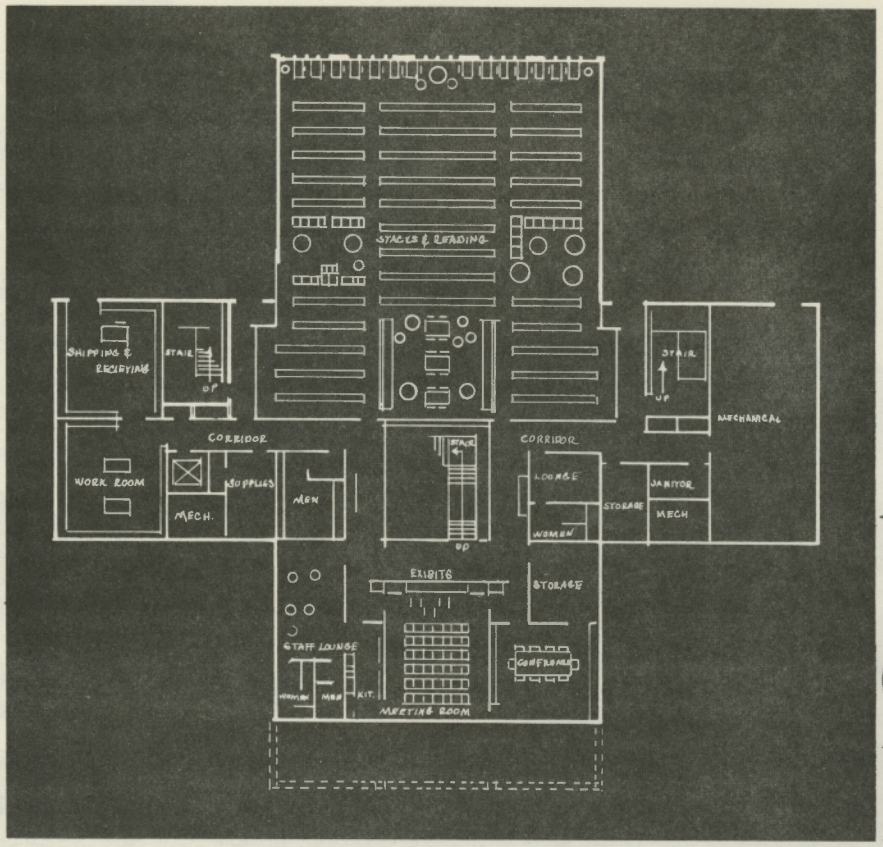
Wofford College Library

A New Look for a South Carolina Library

New library constructions throughout South Carolina have not been limited to the public library system. The building renaissance has spread to many of South Carolina's college campuses. This month's story features the new Wofford College Library in Spartanburg.

Construction was begun in late 1967 and according to officials, operations should begin in the new facility early this summer. When completed, the cruciform shaped, concrete frame structure will house over 300,000 volumes and 400 readers in its fully air-conditioned space.

The building's exterior, modern yet blending well with other campus architecture, features limestone, terne and glass materials. The building offers a complete glass front, protected and enhanced by tall, modern columns, which welcome visitors ascending to the portico from the steps in front of the building.



Wofford College Library

The three-story library is entered from a brick plaza which is landscaped and lighted. The interior decor creates an impressive atmosphere from a combination of walnut paneling, limestone, and vinyl materials surrounding a design focal point — a cantilevered stairway. Also featured is natural illumination through scattered skylights and many windows. Flourescent lighting will provide readers with comfortable reading light. Carpeting will mute the normal noise level of visitors coming and going.

According to Frank J. Anderson, college librarian, the new library will cost $1,500,000. A majority of this amount was furnished from a federal grant under the Higher Education Facilities Act and the remainder was provided by private contributions.

Mr. Anderson commented enthusiastically about the new library. "The 43,000 square foot building will be a most habitable and functional building, replete with environmental niceties. Materials and textures will provide an aesthetic experience to the library visitor. It will be cheerful and exciting, but at the same time provide enough instant Walden Ponds that men and books may communicate."

Architects for the project are Lyles, Bisset, Carlisle and Wolff of Columbia. The construction firm is Ruscon Construction Company of Charleston, South Carolina.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Abbeville

On April 21 the new Abbeville headquarters of the Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library was opened to the public. The building is the renovated former Post Office.

Off-white stacks, colorful furniture, soft green carpet and draperies make this a most attractive library.

The project was completed at a cost of $58,823 of which $38,823 was an LSCA grant.

Aiken

On April 18 Estellene P. Walker, Director and Nancy Blair, Project Director, Construction, State Library Board met with members of the Building Committee of the Aiken County Library to discuss plans for adequately housing the Aiken County Library and the regional headquarters. Aiken needs a minimum of 30,000 sq. ft. to house the Aiken County Library, Area Reference Resource Center and the ABBE Regional Library headquarters.

Pickens

In the record time of 10 minutes the Easley City Council considered and voted approval of $20,000 toward the equipment and furniture fund of the Pickens County Library. This concrete evidence of municipal responsibility will make possible an elevator which had been deleted for lack of funds. Total cost of the renovation of and addition to the library will be $176,200. Pickens qualified for an LSCA grant of $75,000 and an Appalachian grant of $30,000. The County Legislative Delegation appropriated $42,000 for the project.

GREENVILLE COUNTY LIBRARY INITIATES NEW SERVICES

A directory of over 100 interpreters and translators of 20 foreign languages in the Greenville area is now available at the Greenville County Library. This file, The International File, was prepared by Mrs. Meta Jones, librarian at the Phillips Fiber Corporation, who will keep it up-to-date. The growth of international business interests in Greenville indicated the need for such a file. It will be especially useful when The International Textile show meets in Greenville in October.

Another innovation was the installation of Recordak Starfile Microfilmers at the adult and children's circulation desks. They have already proved to be a time saving device for patrons and staff.

GREENVILLE LIBRARY PARTICIPATES IN ARTS FESTIVAL

The Greenville County Library had a 20' x 50' exhibit at the Arts Festival, April 23-27. Colored posters and photographs of the staff at work explained the processing of books and the services of the library. A map showed the location of all the service points of the library. Models of Greenville's new library and the State Library Board's new building were on display.

An exhibit sponsored by the Friends of the Library showed the purposes and activities of the organization.

WARE SHOALS LIBRARY

Mrs. Carolyn P. Holloway, Mrs. Mary W. Thomson and A.C. Jones have been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Ware Shoals Library, a branch of the Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library.

The Riegel Textile Corporation has deeded a building to the town for use as a library and the Town of Ware Shoals has contributed $2,000 toward its renovation. Mrs. Holloway is chairman of a committee to raise additional funds for furniture and equipment.

Elizabeth L. Porcher, Director, Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library and Sally Urban, Head of the County Department, have been checking, weeding and cataloging the book collection in preparation for the move from the present cramped quarters in the Community Building.

LIBRARY BUILDING FOR FORT MILL

At the annual meeting of the Fort Mill Chamber of Commerce, Robert E. Swanson, the president, announced that the Chamber was contributing $2,000 to start a campaign for funds for a library building in Fort Mill. There upon the Fort Mill Library Board presented a check for $1,000 and the Duke Power Company contributed $2,000. The Elliott White Springs Foundation pledged to match dollar for dollar up to $50,000 all funds collected by March 31, 1970. Mr. Swanson also announced the formation of Libraries, Inc. which will solicit funds for the building.

The Fort Mill Library, a branch of the York County Library is now operating from quarters which the local board rents.

EASLEY FRIENDS

At the annual meeting of the Easley Friends of the Library new projects for the coming year were announced. They are: establishment of a program of awards to encourage young writers in high school, investigation of instituting a Great Books Program for junior high school youth and possible reactivation of a senior Great Books study group, securing of volunteers to deliver books to patients at the hospital, and giving assistance with art lectures to promote interest and learning in the field of art, in which the Pickens County Library plans to expand its offerings.

Seven Easley High School students were introduced and commended for their academic achievements and their use of the library. They spoke on the importance of the library to them and mentioned areas in which they would like the book collection strengthened. They suggested the formation of a student Friends of the Library group. (Their remarks were taped by Mary Aiken, Pickens County Librarian, and played with telling effect at the meeting of the City Council when $20,000 was voted as a contribution to the building fund for the new county library).

The Friends re-elected its slate of officers: Mrs. Mary Ellen Gregorie, President; Mrs. E.A. Jamison, Vice-President; Mrs. J. Lake Williams, Vice-President and Troy Carter, Treasurer. The group has 101 members.

SMOKEY BEAR CLUB FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

For the very first time, a summer vacation reading club will be offered to the blind and physically handicapped children(who are not able to use conventional reading material) in South Carolin. This summer the Smokey Bear Reading Club will include approximately forty such juvenile borrowers in the state. The State Library Board and the South Carolina State Commission of Forestry will work in cooperation with the North Carolina-South Carolina Regional Library for the Blind in Raleigh, North Carolina in bringing books on conservation and nature to these children. Mrs. Marian Leith, Librarian of the Regional Library for the Blind,will conduct the club.

STATE COLLEGE DEDICATES $1,000,000 LIBRARY

The Miller F. Whittaker Library, South Carolina State College, Orangeburg, S. C. was formally dedicated on April 20, 1969 at 3:00 p.m. with State College President M. Maceo Nance, Jr. presiding. The library was named for Miller Fulton Whittaker, a native of Sumter, S. C. who served as Professor of Physics and Head of the Division of Mechanic Arts, 1913-1932. He was elected President of State College in 1932 and served in that capacity until his death in 1949.

The 41,247 sq. ft. building has a book capacity of 168,000 volumes. Carrels constitute 70% of the seating. Study rooms provide for both individual and group study. Listening booths or learning carrels house tape decks and turntables with plans for video services being transmitted into the Library from ETV, classrooms, laboratories and national networks. Faculty Study Area, conference, seminar and typing rooms are other accomodating facilities. Informal seating areas are interspersed throughout the building. A clock tower emerging from a reflection pool at the entrance is a unique architectural feature.

Barbara J. Williams, the head librarian, had Guy R. Lyle, Director, Emory University Libraries, as a consultant in the preliminary planning.

Architectural firm was Lyles, Bissett, Carlisle and Wolff of Columbia, S. C.

KATIE MAKES CONGRESSIONAL RECORD!

On April 24, 1969 the Honorable William Jennings Bryan Dorn spoke in the House of Representatives on National Library Week, which he called a week in which we recognize and commend our librarians, trustees and library personnel for their dedication and devotion to the education, culture, entertainment and enlightenment of our people.

Mr. Dorn referred to an article describing National Library Week which appeared in the Newberry Observer. He said "It was written by Miss Catherine Tanner, our dedicated librarian at our Newberry-Saluda Regional Library. I commend her splendid article to the attention of my colleagues in the Congress and to the people of our county.

His introductory remarks and Katie's article appeared in the Congressional Record-Extension of Remarks, April 24, 1969.

INVENTORY OF SALUDA ARCHIVES

The State Library Board has three surplus copies of Inventory of the County Archives of South Carolina, No. 41. Saluda County, prepared by the South Carolina Historical Records Survey Project, W. P. A. Copies will be mailed to the first three S. C. libraries submitting requests.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 20-26, 1969

Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library

The Greenwood Library featured a story hour by Margaret Mahon, retired Children's Librarian of the Greenville County Library. Thirty pre-schoolers and twenty children's literature students from Lander College were present.

In Abbeville 270 second and third graders and pre-school children from the Head Start Center visited the new library to learn about the services available. Mrs. William L. McDermott, assistant librarian, told them about the Smokey Bear Reading Club and the story hour she will conduct each Friday.

Mrs. John G. Hughes, Abbeville County Librarian said other groups of school children will visit the library before school is out for the summer.

Allendale-Hampton-Jasper Regional Library

The headquarters library in Allendale celebrated National Library Week Chinese style. On April 21 some fifty people heard Michael Welch speak on Chinese culture. The conference room was decorated with Chinese lanterns and incense was burned. Chinese music was played and Chinese books, posters, pictures and objects of art were on display. During the social hour, Chinese fortune cookies were served.

Darlington County Library

The Darlington County Library and its bookmobile were decorated with National Library Week posters and bookmarks were distributed to all patrons. A collection of Newbery and Caldecott award books were on display at the headquarters library.

On April 24 Mrs. Argent Perkins, Darlington County Librarian, spoke to the Hartsville Friends of the Library on "The Hartsville Memorial Library's Place in the County System." The Friends held open house to celebrate Library Week and to honor Mrs. Perkins and the members of the County Library Board.

Fairfield County Library

The Fairfield County Library held a coffee hour on April 23 at which time a gift was presented to the oldest and youngest person who used the library in the past year. A daily story hour was conducted for school children at 4:00 p.m. and one for pre-schoolers on Wednesday morning.

Greenville County Library

A committeee of volunteers sent out some 500 letters to clubs, P.T.A. groups and special librarians urging them to plan library programs and to attend those planned by the library and those planned as part of the Arts Festival, April 23-27.

Three meetings were held on April 20. The Fountain Inn Friends of the Library met at the Fountain Inn Branch Library to hear a program by an exchange student. The Mauldin Friends met at the Mauldin branch to honor high school students who had won literary awards this year. Miss Jean Galloway, Greenville County Library Board member,

spoke to the Advertising Club of Greenville on the new building and on the library services available to Greenville residents.

During the week the Simpsonville Jaycees and Jaycettes sponsored an exhibition of Arts and Crafts by local artists at the Simpsonville branch library.

Romayne Barnes, Chairman of the Building Committee, Greenville County Library Board, addressed the Wade Hampton Kiwanis Club on April 22. Mr. Barnes' topic was the new building and how it will improve and expand the services of the library.

On Thursday evening, a library stay-at-home world tour on Yucatan was conducted by Mrs. W. D. Dodenhoff in the auditorium of the Greenville County Library.

The Greer Friends of the Library met at the Davenport Memorial Library April 24 for a program on Tahiti by Sherwin Lee.

Pickens County Library

The Sarlin Community Library, Liberty branch of the Pickens County Library, held open house on April 20. Presidents of social and civic clubs acted as hosts and hostesses for the occasion.

OF LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Dixon, librarian, reports that William Edward Bigham, has donated 49 books, valued at between $350 and $400 to the Chester County Library. She also reports the purchase of 39 additional books in Large Print editions.

Mrs. John S. Flynn was Union County Chairman for National Library Week.

Mrs. T. Y. Wood has joined the staff of the Oconee County Library as assistant at the Seneca branch.

Mrs. W. L. McDermott, a graduate of Mary Washington College with courses at the University of Virginia, is the assistant at the Abbeville County headquarters of the Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library.

Mrs. Patricia Caldwell and Mrs. Anne Cassells have joined the staff of the Chester County Library. Mrs. Caldwell, Children's Librarian, has inaugurated story hours for various age groups. Mrs. Cassells is bookmobile librarian.

Barbara J. Williams, head librarian at South Carolina State College served as a member of the evaluating committee for the institutional self-study of Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, April 27-30. Miss Williams represented the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Mrs. Lillie S. Walker, an assistant in the Miller F. Whitaker Library, South Carolina State College took part in the evaluation session on a workshop-intern program involving technical services in Atlanta April 24-25. The program was sponsored by the Atlanta University School of Library Service and the Ford Foundation. Mrs. Walker was an intern at Goucher College Library.

Irma Williams has succeeded Mrs. Mamie Rice as librarian of the Kershaw

Memorial Library. Miss Williams retired from teaching in 1967.

Josephine Crouch, Director, ABBE Regional Library, was the speaker at the Aiken Senior Men's Club luncheon. Miss Crouch enumerated the needs of the Aiken County Library: more space, books and personnel.

The Anderson County Library has two new staff members. Hilda Browning, Children's Librarian, replaces Mrs. Robin Darby who resigned. Miss Browning is an Anderson College graduate with extension courses in library science. Mrs. Robert Saylors is an assistant on the bookmobile. Mrs. Frances Wood is the bookmobile librarian succeeding Mrs. Emma S. Cole, retired.

Wayne Chamblee, a member of the staff of the County Department of the Greenville County Library and a student at Greenville Tec has been elected president of the Tec student body.

Francis Robinson, Assistant Director of the Metropolitan Opera gave the final lecture in the Greenville Friends of the Library 1968-69 series on April 15. The Community Concert Association honored Mr. Robinson at a luncheon to which the press and the Friends of the Library were invited.

The York County Mental Health Association gave $100 to each branch in the York County Library system with which to buy books on mental health. During past years, the Association has given similar grants to the Rock Hill Public Library. The branches receiving the grants this year were the Clover, Fort Mill, and York libraries.

Mrs. Mary Catherine McLendon, formerly bookmobile librarian of the Lee County Library, assumed that position with the Darlington County Library on April 15.

Sally Urban has scheduled travel films for viewing by the Greenwood patrons of the Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library February through May. Miss Urban is head of the Extension Department of the Regional Library.

William H. McDermott, former head of the Art Department, Winthrop College has placed on display in the Abbeville headquarters of the Abbeville Greenwood Regional Library his sculpture of a Hindu friend, "U Pim". Mr. McDermott is the Episcopal Rector in Abbeville.

SYMPATHY TO

The family of Gladys M. Smith who died April 14 in Columbia. Miss Smith was the former librarian of Winthrop College.

The family of Mrs. John Herman Lightsey, Brunson, who died April 11. Mrs. Lightsey was a member of the Hampton County Library Board and one of its representatives on the Allendale-Hampton-Jasper Regional Library Board.

The family of Robert Edwin Barron, Jr. who died May 1. Mr. Barron served as chairman of the Rock Hill Library Board and was the first chairman of the new York County Library Board.

SOCIAL SECURITY BOOKMARKS

The Social Security Administration offers two new bookmarks. "Starting Young with Social Security" is designed to attract the attention of young people who may not realize they have a stake in social security. "Read about Medicare" gives the information a person needs to protect his full medicare rights.

These bookmarks may be obtained, at no cost, in quantity, from the nearest social security office or from the Office of Information, Social Security Administration, Baltimore, Maryland 21235.

YOUR PROBLEMS
by
Anne Library

Dear Anne:

The head of our department is supposed to be a well-mannered cultured lady and, in dealing with her peers and the public always displays these characteristics. But - you should hear how she orders the underlings around, especially when there are patrons present.

We're accustomed to the rudeness but don't think it enhances her image with the public or reflects favorable on the library's image.

What can we do?

Victimized

Dear Victimized:

The next time she "shows off" when patrons are present look her straight in the eye and quote:

"Hearts, like doors, will open with ease
To very, very little keys.
And don't forget that two of these
Are "I thank you" and "if you please."

Let me know how this works.

Anne

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

May is Mental Health Month and the South Carolina Mental Health Association is stressing the need for everyone to be informed of the facts about mental illness. Posters and leaflets are being mailed to each public library with the request that they be displayed during the month.

For further information visit or write (and join)your local chapter of the National Association of Mental Health.

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