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Publishing has completed financial arrangements with the GLS for publication of proceedings of the U of C Institute (1947) Youth, Communications and Libraries. Scheduled for fall publication. The proceedings of the 1946 Institute on Library Buildings was also published by the department.

Through May the sales of ALA publications amounted to as much as was sold in the full twelve months of the previous fiscal year. Through July sales amount to \$127,000 with \$18,000 still to go to make this year's budget.

The Board of Education for Librarianship will meet at HQ August 14-15. The members will be in Chicago attending the GLS Institute on Education for Librarianship at the U of C August 16-21.

The HQ Library begins to look impressive. The ceiling is in with the grooves for the fluorescent lighting, wooden shelving has arrived and painting is scheduled to start this week. The work of lining the gutters of the building is near an end, and all the hammering, too!

Mrs. Blair will be attending meetings of the Educational Film Library Association, National Association of Visual Equipment Dealers, and the Film Council of America during their joint convention in Chicago August 6-11. Some librarians expected are R. Russell Munn, Bertha Landers, Virginia M. Beard, Richard B. Sealock, and Eliot Kurtz Myers.

Work is progressing on the Bookmobile Manual, to be published this fall as a supplement to the ALA Bulletin. Miss Ridgway reports that final editorial work is now being completed.

Paul Howard writes from Washington that there is little chance that the Library Demonstration Bill can obtain consideration during the present special session of Congress, but efforts are being continued. Plans are under way also to reintroduce the bill in the next regular session.

Publishing has accepted a third film for sale - New Chapters, a 16mm color film produced by the National Film Board of Canada. It illustrates the value of the public library as a community cultural center, with emphasis on children's activities. Copies are also available of a recruiting folder sponsored by the Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career. The folder is titled 10,000 Careers with a Challenge. It is priced at \$3 per hundred.

Miss Hostetter also has available a folder Recruiting Begins with You which describes the new Quarrie Corporation awards and the rules for entry. The awards will be given for the most effective recruiting activities reported during the years 1948 and 1949. Three awards are to be made at the coming Midwinter Conference: \$300, \$200, \$100. The awards are under the supervision of the Board of Education for Librarianship.

Plans for the economic study of library personnel are developing satisfactorily. Major points regarding the selection of sample libraries and items to be included in the questionnaire were decided at a conference of Miss David and other representatives of the Bureau of Labor Statistics and Miss Timmerman in Washington last week.

A brochure titled A Youth Library In Every Community was prepared by a committee of the YPRRT under the chairmanship of Amelia H. Munson, assistant superintendant, School Work, NYPL. Copies are available from the Library Division, Sturgis Printing Co., Sturgis, Michigan at 25¢ per copy.

Leon Carnovsky will serve on the faculty of the UNESCO-sponsored Public Libraries Summer School in London, England, in September. Mr. Kildall of Norway, who visited HQ last Spring, will also serve on the faculty. This school is set up primarily for European public librarians. Two others from this side who also plan to be there are Mrs. Helen E. Wessells and Mary Elizabeth Donaldson of the Public Library of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Milton E. Lord and Leon Carnovsky have been named official ALA delegates to the meeting of the International Federation of Library Associations which meets in London September 20-23. HQ is preparing a report on Libraries in the US 1947/1948 for Mr. Lord to present. The report will bring up to date the Hoffmann-Milam seven year report which was presented last year at the Oslo meeting.

Mr. Brigham has been conferring with Miss Beatty and Mr. Dooley regarding the transfer of membership records to the Accounting Office.

This week's Saturday Evening Post carries a short editorial on the need for better support of libraries. The Saturday Review of Literature, July 3, has a full page editorial on libraries, with particular emphasis on the Atlantic City Conference. Survey Mid-Monthly also has an article on libraries in the July issue. These all resulted from releases sent out by our Public Relations Office. That office has also been working with Coronet whose September issue carries a picture story The Thirst for Knowledge which includes the library.

The option on the sale of the corner property has been extended an additional three months from July 1. We are certain this implies completion of sale as the prospective purchaser will forfeit the \$10,000 already paid if the sale is not completed within the three months period.

The Employment Register, which is to replace the present Employment Office after September 1, has been worked out in detail. It is now being sent to the Executive Board, Mr. Cory and others for final examination and suggestions.

The Booklist with the Great Issues Supplement will appear about August 20. Sturgis Printing Co. will make available for quantity distribution folders containing lists of books only from each of the five lists.

The statement on the Regional Conferences, which was prepared to aid the regions in planning these AIA Conferences in 1949, has been distributed to the Planning Committees and will also be sent to the State Associations, Divisions and other groups for their information. A summary will appear in the September Bulletin.

Dr. James Luther Adams, of the University of Chicago, delivered the sermon in the University Chapel August 8 on Holy Ground of Democracy. Dr. Adams cleared that part of his sermon dealing with censorship and the banning of The Nation from the NY Public School Libraries with Headquarters. He also obtained special material and help from both the HQ Library and Mr. Berninghausen. He was extremely grateful for the assistance.