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William Chait, Director of the Dayton and Montgomery County Public Library, has been elected Treasurer of the American Library Association. He has been an active member of ALA for more than 40 years.

His ALA activities include service on Council and its Committee on Program Evaluation and Support, service as Chairperson of the Personnel Administration Section of the Library Administration Division, as President of the Public Library Association and as a member of several other ALA committees. He has also been a member of six visiting teams for ALA's Committee on Accreditation and currently is serving as Chairperson of a select committee to hear an appeal on an accreditation problem.

Chait received his B.A. degree from Brooklyn College and his library science degrees from Pratt Institute and Columbia University. Following 10 years in the Brooklyn Public Library, he served as librarian of the Second Service Command of the U.S. Army, as Personnel Director of the Milwaukee Public Library and as Director of the Kalamazoo Public Library. He came to Dayton as Director in 1956.

Last October, Chait was named Ohio Librarian of the Year by the Ohio Library Association. He has served both OLA and the Michigan Library Association as President. He is currently on the Board of Trustees of the Ohio College Library Center.

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In addition to his activities as a library administrator, Chait has consulted on more than 50 library building and management assignments. He has also taught summer sessions at the library schools of Western Michigan University, Kent State University and the University of Illinois. In the academic year 1969-70, Chait served as a Fulbright Professor of Library Science at the University of Tehran, Iran.

In the Dayton community, Chait has been president of the Dayton Discussion Club, Dayton Torch Club and the City Beautiful Council. He has served on the boards of the Dayton Council on World Affairs, the Montgomery Foundation, the National Conference on Christians and Jews and other organizations. Currently he is active on the boards of the Dayton Museum of Natural History, the Health Division on the United Way and the Family Service Association.

Mr. Chait's election will be formally announced at the opening of ALA's Centennial Conference in Chicago, July 18-24.

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