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HELP! HELP NEEDED! HELP WANTED!

You can really help in a nationwide project if you will take a bit of your time to do so. Read the following and see what you can do!

The topic of discussion for our Junior College Libraries Section Meeting, Thursday, June 25, 1953, in Los Angeles, is "Standards for Junior College Libraries." Mr. L. Herman Smith, Librarian, Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California, will be chairman of the panel. There will be librarians from the East, West, South, and North on the panel to consider standards for various kinds of libraries, small and large, public and private, liberal arts and technical. Some of the topics under consideration will be: personnel; budget; materials of instruction, including book collection, periodicals, newspapers, pamphlets, audio visual materials; housing, including seating capacity, lighting, rooms, physical features; and service.

NOW, WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

1. Plan now to attend the Los Angeles meeting.
2. Begin now to consider how standards in your state should be raised, strengthened, and further defined.
3. Confer with your fellow junior college librarians at the earliest possible moment, and then write your opinion and suggestions to Mr. Smith. You know your library and your state set-up better than any out-of-staters, so it is up to you to dig in and come up with something worthwhile.
4. Contact your state chairman if he hasn't contacted you first and get things moving. There isn't much time before June 25.

Since this discussion is to be on a national basis, the opinions of each junior college librarian are of utmost importance. Each junior college librarian, from Maine to Florida to California to Washington, is requested and urged to consider this subject seriously and to send to Mr. Smith his suggestions and constructive criticisms. The final recommendations made at the meeting will be published in the JCLS NEWSLETTER and we will try to have it published in COLLEGE AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES, so that it will be available to a wider group of librarians.

LOS ANGELES LIMITED

How many of our membership plan to combine a vacation with a trip to California for the Los Angeles ALA meeting? You have probably read in the ALA BULLETIN, January, 1953, that there is to be a special train to take people from Chicago to Los Angeles and return, taking in some of the high spots of our country on the way. Have you made your reservation yet?

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

The following is the report of our JCLS February meeting that was printed in the Summary Reports of the 1953 ALA Mid-Winter meetings, February 3-7, 1953, at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago:

"Three reports were presented at this open meeting. Ruth Newman, director of the Reading Program at Wright Junior College, Chicago, reported on 'Reading Programs and their Applications to the Library.' Miss Newman described the various reading courses offered at Wright Junior College which attract junior college students, as well as many adults in the evening school program. The primary objective of these courses is to improve both reading efficiency and comprehension. The workshops that are a part of the program are designed for the less capable student, in a remedial manner, and also for the bright student who may desire to improve various aspects of his reading. The latter course is described as Analytical Reading, and serves to challenge even the superior student. The special reading courses which are taken generally by adults are planned to provide brushing-up techniques.

"A significant and interesting aspect of the entire reading program is its careful integration with the library of the school. There is close cooperative endeavor between the personnel of the reading program and of the library in acquisition of materials, both books and technical equipment.

"Mr. Peskind, who is Director of the Audio-Visual Program, Wright Junior College, Chicago, outlined in his paper some of the ways in which the library helped establish the reading program by providing professional material in this area, by providing appropriate material in the field of reading for students, by expanding the book collection to cover a wider range of reading materials, by providing a center in the library for the reading accelerators, and by providing equipment and personnel for class use of various audio-visual aids.

"Miss Newman and Mr. Peskind demonstrated the reading accelerator, the tachistoscope, and other devices used in the program. An interesting question-discussion period followed the presentations.

"Frank J. Bertalan, Chief, Library Services Division, Legislative Reference Service, Library of Congress, reported on the 'List of Library Materials for Junior Colleges.' Mr. Bertalan discussed the status of the 'Booklist' project. He reported that the final task of selection had been completed, and tentatively approved by the Editorial Committee of ALA. Nearly completed was the final step of indicating the selling price of each of the entries in the 'List.' He anticipated the start of the preparation of final copy which would be used in the duplicating process sometime during the current month. Every effort will be made to meet a publication date sometime before the annual meeting of ALA in June, 1953."

On behalf of our membership, your chairman wishes to express again our appreciation to Miss Ruth Newman and Mr. Ira Peskind for their cooperation in presenting such an interesting, informative, and successful program.

Of about 120 people who attended our meeting, the following junior college librarians were present: Joseph Benson, Elizabeth Monaco, Leonie Peace, Ira Peskind, Wright Junior College, Chicago City College; Ernestine L. Dohrer, St. John's College, Winfield, Kansas; Mrs. Hattie Durant, Norfolk Division, Virginia State College, Norfolk, Virginia; Betty Jane Highfield, North Park College, Chicago;

Libbie Kessler, Bay City Junior College, Bay City, Michigan; Louise Macy, Shimer College, Mt. Carroll, Illinois; Frances L. Meals, Colby Junior College, New London, New Hampshire; Maysie Pierce, Kendall College, Evanston, Illinois; E. G. R. Siebert, Concordia College, St. Paul, Minnesota; Lottie Skidmore, Joliet Junior College, Joliet, Illinois; Orlin C. Spicer, Morton High School and Junior College, Cicero, Illinois; Ruth E. Scarborough, Centenary Junior College, Hackettstown, N. J.; Fritz Veit, Wilson Junior College, Chicago City College, Chicago, Illinois.

LUNCHEON MEETINGS

Arthur Hamlin, Executive Secretary of ACRL, your director, Frances L. Meals, your vice-chairman, Lottie Skidmore, your chairman, Ruth Scarborough met for luncheon on Wednesday, February 4, in the Marine Room, where plans for annual meeting of our section were discussed. Also considered were the over-all policies for our Section.

On Thursday, February 5, after the junior college meeting, several junior college librarians had luncheon together in the Marine Room. Officers present were Frances Meals, Lottie Skidmore, Ruth Scarborough; others were Frank J. Bertalan, Mrs. Hallie B. Brooks, Atlanta University, Maysie Pierce, Orlin C. Spicer, Morton High School and Junior College, Cicero, Illinois, Fritz Veit, Wilson Junior College, Chicago City College.

This luncheon meeting gave each of us a chance to get to know our fellow junior college librarians better. We all had a gay time and wished that we could meet more often. Some of us are planning to meet in Los Angeles and we invite any of the membership to join us who will be in Los Angeles at that time.

JUNIOR COLLEGE LIBRARY STATISTICS

There have been many times when statistics concerning all phases of junior college librarianship would have been most useful and helpful in planning for our libraries. The January, 1953, issue of COLLEGE AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES contains an article entitled "College and University Library Statistics." After reading this, your chairman thought that there should be easily available an article of this sort on junior college libraries. One of your fellow members, David K. Maxfield, Librarian, Chicago Undergraduate Division, University of Illinois Library, Navy Pier, Chicago, wrote your chairman as follows: "Over the years, the collections of college, university, and teachers college library statistics published annually in COLLEGE AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES are becoming more and more valuable. However, the lack of any similar statistics for junior colleges impresses many of us as a serious lack. Surely, the junior college library deserves treatment fully comparable to that accorded to other types of libraries represented by full-fledged sections of ACRL. How about it?"

That last phrase "how about it?" is one that cannot go unanswered. A letter has been sent to Dr. Tauber, editor of COLLEGE AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES, asking if a study of this sort could be published. I feel sure that the reply will be in the affirmative.

How many of our membership are interested in helping in a project of this sort? Are you interested in your Section taking on this project at the earliest possible moment? Would information of this type be useful and helpful to you? If so, will you write to your chairman and let her know your opinion on this proposed project? Your active interest and participation will be much appreciated.

REGIONAL AND STATE ACTIVITIES

Note: Listed here are names of state chairmen not already listed in the December, 1952, NEWSLETTER. If there are any corrections or additions, please write to the chairman.

TRANS-MISSISSIPPI REGION:

Regional Chairman:

Missouri: Nellie M. Homes, Librarian, Cottey Junior College, Nevada.

State Chairmen:

Colorado: Ann Binfield, Librarian, Pueblo Junior College, Pueblo.

Kansas: Ernestine L. Dohrer, Librarian, St. John's College, Winfield, Kansas.

Missouri: Mrs. Loretta J. Frazier, Librarian, Joplin Junior College, Joplin.

Wyoming: Mrs. Edith M. Hegwer, Librarian, Casper Junior College, Casper, Wyoming.

Miss Dohrer attended the ALA Mid-Winter meeting in Chicago.

MID-WEST REGION:

Regional Chairman: Maysie M. Pierce, Librarian, Kendall College, Evanston, Illinois.

State Chairmen:

Illinois: Ira Peskind, Wright Junior College, Chicago.

Michigan: Ruth Evans, Librarian, Grand Rapids Junior College, Grand Rapids.

Miss Pierce writes that the junior college librarians in Illinois met for luncheon as part of the Illinois Junior College Conference in January. Miss Gwendolyn Fisher of Lyons Township Junior College, La Grange, was the hostess.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION:

Regional Chairman: Catherine Cardew, Librarian, Briarcliff Junior College, Briarcliff Manor, N. Y.

State Chairmen: Not Reported in December, 1952, NEWSLETTER.

District of Columbia: Sister Mary Bernadette Phillips, Librarian, St. Bernard's Library, Washington.

Maryland and Delaware: Golda S. Payne, Librarian, Montgomery Junior College, Takoma Park, Maryland.

West Virginia: Mary Shipper, Librarian, West Virginia University, Keyser, West Virginia.

Pennsylvania: Mrs. Clara Cleaveland, Librarian, Penn Hall Junior College, Chambersburg.

SOUTHEAST REGION:

Regional Chairman: Eugenia Adamson, Librarian, Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, Virginia.

State Chairmen:

Alabama: Mrs. L. H. Baer, Marion Institute, Marion.

Georgia: Walter T. Johnson, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Tifton.

Kentucky: Mrs. Tommie M. Marshall, Campbellsville College, Campbellsville.

North Carolina: Alice Welch Jones, Peace College, Raleigh.

Virginia: Frieda Siler, Bluefield College, Bluefield.

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