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REPORT OF ALA MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Periodicals in the Junior College Library served as the general topic for the two speakers on the Mid-Winter program of the Junior College Libraries Section meeting, February 4, 1954.

John M. Goudeau, Assistant Professor of Library Science, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, presented material from the thesis, Selective List of Periodicals for Small Two-Year Colleges, by Miss June G. Anderson. Miss Anderson, formerly librarian of Northeastern Junior College, Sterling, Colorado, is now serving as an Army Librarian in Japan and was unable to present her material in person.

Several years ago Miss Anderson realized that changes had occurred within the school. "No longer was it a continuation of secondary education or a preparatory school for higher learning. This small institution had become a vital center of the community with a larger night than day attendance, and with over half of its student body planning to terminate their formal education after two years of college."

"The dean of the college and the librarian felt that the periodical collection was not meeting the needs of this changing student body or the faculty." She decided to ask her students and faculty to help her evaluate the periodicals. She checked results with Mohrhardt's List of Books for Junior College Libraries, and Shaw's List of Books for College Libraries. She found her list so small and varied that there was little comparison with the larger lists.

Then she decided to ask some of her neighboring two-year colleges of the same size and type to make student, faculty, and librarian evaluations of their periodicals. She asked them to supply budget information too so that some study could be made of a possible correlation between the selection of periodicals and the amount of the funds available.

Miss Anderson next expanded her research to include two-year junior colleges with enrollments under 500 students. Using the periodical ratings and budget information received from 156 librarians she compiled various tabulations. Mr. Goudeau presented and discussed six of these tables.

If you are interested in periodical ratings, copies of these particular tables are available from Mr. Arthur Hamlin, ACRL Executive Secretary, 50 East Huron, Chicago 11, Illinois.

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Eugene B. Power of University Microfilms spoke on the uses of microfilm for libraries. He listed four specific uses: for preservation of material, for copies of material from other libraries, for circulation copies of valuable editions, and for saving of shelf space.

He spoke of the problems of public libraries and small college libraries in handling and storing files of periodicals. He stated that magazine use diminishes with age and that librarians feel that they cannot justify the high costs of maintaining extensive files of little used materials. He stressed the space saving aspects of microfilm and mentioned that present costs just about equal the cost of binding.

He discussed also the titles now listed by his company. He reported that a hurried check of this list against the periodicals listed in Miss Anderson's study showed a rather adequate coverage of periodicals used by junior college libraries.

During the discussion period which followed Mr. Power answered many questions. He gave information about why specific periodicals are not available on microfilm, how the master film is prepared and handled, how the costs of microfilm copies of periodicals are determined. He talked of other services of his company and concluded with a discussion of the types of microfilm reading machines available.

At the business meeting your chairman announced the February publication of Books for Junior College Libraries. An unbound copy from Arthur Hamlin's desk, courtesy of AIA Publishing Department, was on display at the chairman's table.

The following interim report of the Standards Committee was read by Miss Gwendolyn Fisher, Lyons Township Junior College, La Grange, Illinois.

INTERIM REPORT, STANDARDS COMMITTEE, JAN. 27, 1954.

The Standards Committee - only partially formed at this writing - is offering an interim report mainly to bring forth comments from you. Your opinions on what are reasonable and just aims for junior college libraries will be the basis on which we build a set of standards.

L. Herman Smith, Librarian of Pasadena City College, another member of the Committee, joins with me in telling you what has been done to date. With the November Newsletter you received a checklist, which was a copy (in condensed form) of the Minimum Tentative Standards for Junior College Libraries as compiled by the Standards Committee of the School Library Association of California, Southern Section. Forty-four of these checklists were returned. Many of them were checked merely "Yes" or "No". Actually, we had hoped for more comments, and we shall probably, in the future, request comments, omitting checklist features. The comments that were made, however, were extremely helpful.

So now, with the wish to stir up more remarks from you, we shall tell you the items receiving the most discussion: (Incidentally, we found two interpretations in the answers. Some checklists indicated in what areas the answering library fulfilled the standards, the others indicated the librarian's opinion of the value of the standards. Since it is the latter in which the committee is interested, we are discussing only the opinions now.)

Materials of Instruction: Books. This elicited as many suggestions as any portion of the standards. Most frequent comment was that this

should be restated as a qualitative standard. The not-to-be-argued-value of a live collection was emphasized as more important than a minimum of either titles or volumes. One suggestion was to specify a 5000 volume open collection regardless of a.d.a. In connection with materials of instruction, one suggestion was to include a statement of needs for periodicals.

Personnel: Among suggested revisions in this category were: The Head Librarian should receive "at least" Department Head status; that professional assistants be granted faculty status; that we clarify the statement "proportionate increase as a.d.a. increases."

Budget: Remarks in connection with the budget were not as numerous as expected. Although there is a wide spread - from those who believe 3.00 per a.d.a. is adequate for all materials and supplies -- still the great majority feel that the suggested budget standards are satisfactory.

Again in the budget category, the standards state that when audio-visuals are a part of the library, they must be provided from a separate budget. It has been suggested that we also include "with separate Personnel", or additional personnel.

Housing: One of the most frequent observations in this area was that seating capacity should be 25 per cent, rather than "from 15 to 25 per cent". Another noted the need for a recommendation to planners of new libraries to consider enrollment trends for the life span of the building.

We trust this will stir up discussion which will offer more recommendations to the committee members. We welcome those from all of you.

Future plans are of course most nebulous. We intend to gather as many "in print" standards as possible, to avoid duplication whenever we can. When the committee has fused all recommendations into one list of suggestions, we shall again submit them for your approval. When in its final form, we hope the standards will be accompanied by an annotated bibliography of junior colleges; of standards, of libraries -- or all three in one. At some future date, the standards will appear as an ACRL monograph, so you can understand why we are anxious that the standards actually represent the ideas of all members.

Ruth Bradley, Chairman.

A brief summary of the work of the Statistics Committee was made by the chairman. The Nominating Committee was announced. The meeting was adjourned. Miss Maisie M. Pierce, Kendall College, Evanston, Illinois, served as Secretary pro tem.

JUNIOR COLLEGE STATISTICS

The MAY NEWSLETTER will include the QUESTIONNAIRE for 1953-54 STATISTICS. Watch for this NEWSLETTER. Complete it and mail as instructed as soon as your STATISTICS are complete.

Books for Junior College Libraries

Books for Junior College Libraries, Frank J. Bertalan, comp., was published in February by the American Library Association. Price: \$7.50.

The Foreword states: "This list of Books for Junior Colleges for 1953 is the result of an extensive cooperative enterprise. The American Association of Junior Colleges sensed the need. The Board of Directors fully approved the project. The American Library Association underwrote the undertaking. Mr. Frank J. Bertalan with the cooperation of junior college faculties and librarians compiled and edited the book list. The American Association of Junior Colleges expresses here its sincere thanks to the American Library Association, Mr. Bertalan, and the librarians and faculties of junior colleges who gave unstinted effort to the compiling, production and distribution of the book list." Jesse P. Bogue

The Preface states: "The present undertaking was a cooperative endeavor that involved the participation of over one hundred junior colleges ..., the American Association of Junior Colleges, the American Library Association and its Junior College Section of the Association of College and Reference Librarians, the United States Office of Education and a few senior colleges."

"With the cooperation of Dr. Jesse P. Bogue, Executive Secretary of the American Association of Junior Colleges, an advisory committee has been appointed for the preliminary planning of the project. The members were Dr. B. Lamar Johnson, Mr. C. Lawrence Lynn, Miss Frances L. Meals, Miss Ruth E. Scarborough and the compiler as chairman." ... Frank J. Bertalan

May I as your chairman congratulate all those individuals who helped in any way with the publication of this important work.

Statistics Committee: Daisy L. Anderson, Montague Library, Mars Hill College, N. C.; Ruth Gray, San Angelo College, Texas; Gertrude Haury, Hutchinson Junior College, Kansas; Nellie M. Homes, Cottey Junior College for Women, Nevada, Missouri; Elizabeth V. Monaco, Wright Junior College Library, Chicago, Illinois; Mrs. Claryse D. Myers, Merner-Pfeiffer Library, Tennessee Wesleyan College, Athens, Tenn.; Mary Miller Pike, Westbrook Junior College, Portland, Maine; Elizabeth S. Reynolds, Palm Beach College Library, Lake Park, Fla.; Ruth Scarborough, Centenary Junior College, Hackettstown, N. J.; Orlin C. Spicer, J. Sterling Morton Junior College, Cicero, Illinois; Lola Rivers Thompson, Tarleton State College, Stephenville, Texas; Mrs. Thelma V. Taylor, Los Angeles Harbor Junior College, Wilmington, Calif., Chairman.

Standards Committee: Madeline Berry, Odessa College, Texas; Lowell Copeland, Florida Christian College, Temple Terrace Station, Tampa, Florida; Gwendolyn Fisher, Lyons Twp. Junior College, La Grange, Illinois; Harriett Genung, Mt. San Antonio College, Pomona, Calif.; Nellie M. Homes; Mary E. Kauffman, Bradford Junior College, Mass.; L. P. McCaine, Wingate Junior College, N. C.; Mrs. Lula K. Pratt, Connors State Agricultural College, Warner, Okla.; L. Herman Smith, Pasadena City College, Calif.; Alice Louise Spengler, Colorado Woman's College, Denver; Mrs. Irene I. Vogt, Dearborn Junior College, Michigan; Ruth Bradley, Santa Ana College, Calif., Chairman.

NEWS: Janet Hamilton, Middle States Regional Chairman, reports that the New Jersey Junior College Librarians met on Jan. 18 during the New Jersey Junior College Association Conference. This group met again on Saturday morning March 6 at the Newark Public Library. Miss Ruth Scarborough reported on the statistics and standards program and discussion of the JCLS meeting in Los Angeles last June.

NEWS: Mrs. Lula K. Pratt reports that the Oklahoma junior college librarians will meet during the Oklahoma Library Association meeting at Stillwater, April 30 - May 1. The group expects to re-study their tentative standards, making revisions or additions as desired.

NEWS: Mrs. Thelma V. Taylor sends a copy of a program issued by the Office of the County Superintendent of Schools, Division of Secondary Education, Los Angeles, for a faculty institute session held the afternoon of March 4, in the Library, Compton College. The Library in the Junior College was the basis for the institute with the particular theme being "Making More Effective Use of the Junior College Library". A special report of a preliminary questionnaire, a faculty panel, a librarians' panel, and a summary completed the program.

ALA June Conference: Dr. Roger B. Page, College of Science, Literature, and Arts, University of Minnesota, will speak at the afternoon meeting June 22 of the Junior College Libraries Section on the topic: "The Junior College Student". A luncheon is being planned for Thursday, June 24. Plan to come to Minneapolis.

Lottie M. Skidmore, Chairman

Nominating Committee Report

DIRECTOR, 1954-1957

RUTH E. SCARBOROUGH, Librarian, Centenary Junior College, Hackettstown, New Jersey, 1946-date. B.S. in Education, Marywood College, Scranton, Pennsylvania; B.S. in L.S., Syracuse University, New York; Summer School, Graduate Library School, University of Michigan, 1950. Librarian, Monmouth Junior College, Long Branch, New Jersey, 1940-1943; Reference Librarian, Post Library, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, 1943-1946. Member AIA, ACRL, Junior College Libraries Section; New Jersey Library Association, JJIA College and University Section and Junior Members Round Table; N. J. Junior College Association. Regional Chairman, Middle States Region I, 1948-1949, Secretary, 1949-1950, Vice-Chairman, 1951-1952, and Chairman, 1952-1953 of Junior College Libraries Section; Vice-President, 1950-1951 and President, 1951-1952 of College and University Section, NJIA; Secretary, 1947-1948, and Chairman, 1951-1952, Junior Members Round Table, NJIA. Member, Advisory Committee, 1949-1953, of BOOKS FOR JUNIOR COLLEGES, compiled by Frank J. Bertalan, 1954.

VICE CHAIRMAN and CHAIRMAN ELECT

MRS. THELMA V. TAYLOR, Librarian, Los Angeles Harbor Junior College, Wilmington, Calif., A.B., Western Michigan College of Education; M.A., University of Chicago; B.L.S., Columbia University; further graduate study at the University of Chicago Graduate Library School and Long Beach State College; Critic teacher, Western Michigan College of Education; Librarian, Morgan Park Junior College and Military Academy; Librarian, Fullerton (California) Elementary and Junior High Schools; Librarian and Assistant Dean, Los Angeles City College. Member of

Los Angeles School Library Association, President, 1952-53; School Library Association of California, Program Chairman, 1953-54; Junior College Section, ACRL, Secretary, 1952-53, and, Chairman of Statistics, 1953- ; Faculty Association, Harbor Junior College, President, 1951-52; Illinois Junior College Association, Secretary and Chairman, 1937-39; Pi Lambda Theta; National Education Association; California Teachers Association; Southern California Junior College Association, Chairman and Secretary of Library Section, 1950-52, Member of Professional Interest Committee, 1951-54.

FRITZ VEIT, Director of Libraries, Chicago Teachers College and Wilson Branch of Chicago City Junior College, 1949-date. Dr. Jur., Freiburg, 1932. Studied also at Universities of Berlin and Heidelberg. B.S. in L.S. Peabody Library School, Nashville, Tenn., 1936; Ph.D., University of Chicago, Graduate Library School, 1941; University of Chicago Libraries, 1937-1943, consecutively librarian of Graduate Library School, Social Science Reading Room, and Law School (Acting); law librarian, U. S. Railroad Retirement Board, Chicago, 1943-49. Also the following part-time or summer appointments: librarian, Englewood Evening Branch of Chicago City Junior College, 1941-1948; supervisor, John Marshall Law School Library, Chicago 1949-date; visiting professor, Department of Library Science, Rosary College, River Forest, 1950-date; Member of ALA Special Libraries Association, American Association of Law Librarians; Chicago Library Club. Contributor to professional journals; Member of the ACRL Publications Committee.

SECRETARY

CATHERINE CARDEW, Librarian, Briarcliff Junior College, Briarcliff Manor, New York, 1944-date, A.B. and M.A. (History) University of Rochester; B.S. Columbia University; Circulation and Reference Departments, University of Rochester; Exchange Librarian, Fresno State College, 1936; Chairman Standards Committee, Westchester Library Association, 1945-1952; New York Chairman, JCLS, ACRL, 1950-52; Regional Chairman, JCLS, ACRL, 1952-53.

BETTY JANE HIGHFIELD, Librarian, North Park College, 1944-date; A.B. Rockford College, 1937, B.L.S. University of Illinois, 1939; M.L.S. University of Illinois, 1947; Assistant Librarian, North Park, 1939-1944. Member Illinois Library Association, ALA, American Theological Library Association; Served on the Executive Board, College and Reference Section, IIA; At present, a member of Revisions Committee, IIA.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Ardis Anderson Koto
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