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Ottawa, Canada, June 26—July 2, 1912
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1911-12

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The president, two vice-presidents, and six other members as follows:

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For term expiring 1913
Purd B. Wright, Public library, Kansas City, Mo.

For term expiring 1914
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Mrs. H. L. Elmdorf, Public library, Buffalo.
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Purd B. Wright, Public library, Kansas City.
Linda A. Eastman, Public library, Cleveland.

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A. E. Bostwick, Public library, St. Louis.
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Term expires 1912
Thomas L. Montgomery, State library, Harrisburg, Pa.
W. F. Yust, Public library, Rochester, N. Y.

Term expires 1913
Walter L. Brown, Public library, Buffalo.
Henry E. Legler, Public library, Chicago.
Samuel H. Ranck, Public library, Grand Rapids.
Edith Tobitt, Public library, Omaha.

Term expires 1914
Nina E. Browne, Boston.
Myra Poland, Osterhout library, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
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Term expires 1915
Johnson Brigham, Iowa state library, Des Moines.
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Term expires 1916
Chalmers Hadley, Public library, Denver.
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Term expires 1912
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Term expires 1913
W. T. Peoples, Mercantile library, New York.
Mary W. Flummer, Library school, Public library, New York.
Mary E. Robbins, Simmons college library, Boston.
John Thomson, Free library, Philadelphia.
P. L. Windsor, University of Illinois library, Urbana.

Term expires 1914
Mrs. S. C. Fairchild, Albany, N. Y.

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H. C. Wellman, City library, Springfield, Mass.

Term expires 1915
George F. Bowerman, Public library, Washington, D. C.
W. N. C. Carleton, Newberry library, Chicago.
Linda A. Eastman, Public library, Cleveland.
Mary F. Isom, Library association, Portland, Ore.
Judson T. Jennings, Public library, Seattle, Wash.

Term expires 1916
J. L. Gillis, State library, Sacramento, Cal.
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G. H. Locke, Public library, Toronto, Ont.
Grace D. Rose, Public library, Davenport, Ia.
Clara F. Baldwin, Minnesota public library commission, St. Paul.

MEETINGS

Official headquarters will be at Chateau Laurier.
General sessions will be held in the Russell Theater.
Meetings of affiliated associations and sections will be held at the Chateau Laurier, in the Ball Room, Banquet Hall, Foyer, and Private Dining Room.

Time of Meetings

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are appointed for the following hours:
Morning sessions ............... 9:30
Afternoon sessions ............ 2:30
Evening sessions .............. 8:15

Registration
Everyone in attendance at even one session, and whether a member of the association or not, is requested to register at Headquarters.

Membership and Dues
Members in arrears for dues and library workers wishing to join the Association will find the Secretary or his representative at Headquarters.

PERSONAL CONFERENCE

To further personal conference and to increase its profit, members are invited to leave at Headquarters the names of persons they wish to meet and of subjects in which they have special interest. Members of the introduction committee will be pleased to see that such meetings are brought about if possible.
GREETINGS FROM THE N. E. A.

Official greetings from the National Education Association will be presented to the Association by an accredited delegate at one of the General Sessions.

GARDEN PARTY AT EXPERIMENTAL FARM

Saturday afternoon, June 29th, the Dominion Government will entertain the American Library Association at a garden party at the Experimental Farm. The members of the Association will be taken out to the Experimental Farm from the Chateau Laurier by automobile along the Government driveway, and by motor boats up the canal. When the visible supply of automobiles and motor boats is exhausted, special trolley cars will be used to take the remainder direct to the farm. There the members of the Association will be received on behalf of the Government by Hon. Martin Burrell and Mrs. Burrell. Dr. Grisdale, the director of the Experimental Farm, will conduct those who are interested about the farm and explain the many novel features of this important institution.

PROGRAM

Wednesday, June 26

4:30 p.m. Executive Board.
8:15 p.m. Addresses of welcome.

On behalf of the Dominion government—Hon. George H. Perley, Acting Prime Minister.
On behalf of the City of Ottawa—His Worship the Mayor of Ottawa.
On behalf of the Canadian Club—The president of the Club.
Response—The president of the American library association.
Address—Herbert Putnam, LL.D., Librarian of Congress.

Thursday, June 27

9:30 p.m. First General Session.

President's address—The public library: "A leaven'd and prepared choice"—Mrs. H. L. Elmendorf, vice-librarian, Buffalo public library.
Publicity for the sake of information: The librarian's point of view—Tessa L. Kelso, Baker & Taylor Co., New York City.


Reports of officers and committees.
Secretary.
*Treasurer.
*Publishing board.
*Trustees of endowment fund.
*Bookbinding.
*Bookbuying.
Catalog rules for small libraries.
*Co-operation with the National Education Association.
*Co-ordination.
*Printed for distribution at this conference.

2:30 p.m. Council.

2:30 p.m. American Association of Law Libraries.

Address of welcome—H. H. Bligh, K. C., Library of Supreme Court, Ottawa.
President's address.
Report of treasurer.
Report of executive committee.
Report of special committees.
Bibliography of bar association proceedings.
Bibliography of American statute law.
Reprinting of session laws.
List of law libraries and law librarians.
Latin—American laws.
Committee to confer with the Library of Congress on shelf classification.
Lessening fees charged by clerks of federal courts for copies of opinions.
Library School training for employees of law libraries—John B. Kaiser, librarian Department of economics and sociology, University of Illinois.
Books of the beginnings—Mrs. M. C. Klingelsmith, Law library, University of Pennsylvania.
Matters pertaining to law and legislative libraries in Canada—E. O. S. Scholefield, Legislative library of British Columbia.

Round tables:
Discussion of committee reports.
"Tentative headings and cross references for a subject catalog of American and English law," recently published by the Library of Congress. This will be discussed and suggestions for the definitive edition sought.
2:30 p.m., Special Libraries Association, First Session.

The plan, scope and results of special libraries—M. S. Dudgeon, secretary of the Wisconsin free library commission; formerly chief draftsman of the legislative reference department.

Discussion:
A. G. S. Josephson, John Crerar library, Chicago.
W. P. Cutter, Engineering Societies library, New York City.
Charles McCarthy, legislative reference librarian of Wisconsin.
Charles B. Galbreath, secretary of the Ohio Constitutional Convention.

The Boston co-operative information bureau—T. J. Homer, librarian Social law library, Boston.

8:15 p.m. American Library Institute. First Session.

The cost of library administration will be considered and papers contributed by Hiller C. Wellman, librarian Springfield (Mass.) city library, and Arthur E. Bostwick, librarian St. Louis public library.

8:15 p.m. Agricultural Libraries Session.

Opening remarks by the presiding chairman—J. I. Wyer, Jr., Director New York state library.

Address of welcome—Hon. Martin Burrell, Canadian Minister of Agriculture.

Library extension work of the state agricultural colleges—Wm. M. Hepburn, librarian Purdue university.

Address—James W. Robertson, C. M. G., chairman Canadian Royal Commission on industrial training and technical education.

Suggestions in regard to a policy of administration of agricultural college and experiment station libraries—Dr. A. C. True, director Office of experiment stations, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Some types of agricultural college and experiment station libraries.

(a) Agricultural college and experiment station libraries combined and separate from the University library, but under its control.
Wisconsin College of agriculture library, Clarence S. Hean, librarian.

(b) Experiment station library separate from the college or university library, but under its control.
State College of Washington library, Asa Don Dickinson.

(c) Experiment station library consolidated with the university or college library.

1. University of Illinois library—Margaret Hutchins, reference department.

Symposium on recent reference books and new periodicals of special interest to agricultural libraries.

1. New periodicals—E. Lucy Ogden, librarian, Office of experiment stations, U. S. Department of Agriculture.
3. Reference books in the sciences relating to agriculture—A. B. Smith, librarian, Kansas State agricultural college, and Emma B. Hawks, assistant librarian, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

8:15 p.m. Catalog Section. First Session.


Round table discussion on problems of subject cataloging—Dr. E. C. Richardson, Dr. G. E. Wire, J. C. M. Hanson and others.

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Friday, June 28

9:30 a.m. Second General Session.

Publicity for the sake of support—Carl H. Milam, secretary Indiana public library commission.

The breadth and limitations of bookbuying—Walter L. Brown, librarian Buffalo public library.

The open door, through the book and the library; opportunity for comparison and choice; unhampered freedom of choice—Charles E. McLeneghan, librarian Milwaukee public library.

What do the people want?—Jessie Welles, Carnegie library of Pittsburgh.

Reports of committees.

Deterioration of newspaper paper.
*Federal and state relations.
Finance.
*International relations.
*Library administration.
*Library training.
Library work with the blind.
*Public documents.

*Printed for distribution at this conference.
2:30 p.m. Joint Session. Bibliographical Society of America; National Association of State Libraries; American Association of Law Libraries; and Special Libraries Association.

The history of law in the Province of Quebec—Professor F. P. Walton.
The present status of legal bibliography. General statement—Dr. John H. Wigmore.
The bibliography of the history of law—Frederick B. Crossley.
The bibliography of international and foreign law with an account of the method of building up the collections of foreign and international law in the library of Congress—Edwin M. Boruchard.
The bibliography of Canadian law—Professor Archibald McGoun.

Discussion, opened by Dr. G. E. Wire.

2:30 p.m. Children’s Librarians Section. First Session.

Work of Special Libraries with Children

With the children in Canada—Mary S. Saxe, Westmount public library, Montreal.
County work with children—Alice Goddard, head of children’s department, Hagerstown, Md.

2:30 p.m. League of Library Commissions. First Session.

Round table discussion of libraries in state institutions.
Committee reports:
City charter provisions for public libraries—Elizabeth B. Wales, Missouri, chairman.
Library post—M. S. Dudgeon, Wisconsin, chairman.
State school library systems—Martha Wilson, Minnesota, chairman.

2:30 p.m. State and Provincial Library Associations.

Round table of representatives, conducted by Alice S. Tyler, Iowa library commission.

8:15 p.m. College and Reference Section. First Session.

Do we need a short-story index?—F. K. W. Drury, assistant librarian University of Illinois.
The proportion of university library income which should be spent on administration—W. K. Jewett, librarian University of Nebraska.

Discussion of each topic is invited. An opportunity for the presentation and informal discussion of topics not named on the program will be given if time permits.

8:15 p.m. Catalog Section. Second Session.

Cataloging for legislative reference libraries—Ono Mary Imhoff, Wisconsin legislative reference library.
“What is cataloging?”—Aksel G. S. Josephson, John Crerar library.
Report on uniformity in catalog rules.
Round table discussion on problems of arrangement in a dictionary catalog.

8:15 p.m. Trustees Section.

The trustee’s duty to the library—Dr. Otto Klotz, trustee Carnegie library, Ottawa.
The trustee’s duty to the public—Walter R. Nursey, inspector of public libraries, Department of Education of Ontario, Toronto.
Discussion on following topics:
Revenues, general and special.
Donations.
Disbursements: general expenses as compared with book purchases.
Cost of circulation.

Saturday, June 29

9:30 a.m. Third General Session. Joint Session with Professional Training Section.

The library assistant and the book—Mary E. Hazeltine, preceptor University of Wisconsin library school.
The ability of assistants to discern quality and essentials of books, and power to give information rather than advice—Edith Tobitt, librarian Omaha public library.
The efficiency of the library staff and scientific management—Adam Strohm, assistant librarian Detroit public library.
What library schools can do for the profession—Chalmers Hadley, librarian Denver public library.

8:15 p.m. League of Library Commissions. Second Session.

Committee reports:
Publications—M. S. Dudgeon, Wisconsin, chairman.
Study outlines—Margaret W. Brown, Iowa, chairman.
League year book—Charlotte Templeton, Nebraska, chairman.
Uniform financial reports—Clara F. Baldwin, Minnesota, chairman.
8:15 p.m. National Association of State Libraries.
Address of welcome—Alfred D. DeCelles, Librarian of Parliament, Ottawa.
Some suggestions relating to cooperation between legislative reference departments—George S. Godard, librarian Connecticut state library.
Indexing and care of pamphlets in a state library—Herbert O. Brigham, librarian Rhode Island state library.

Business.
The reports of the chairmen of the following committees will be submitted and discussed at a series of informal round-table conferences:
Cooperation between legislative reference departments.
Exchange and distribution of state documents.
Legislative reference service.
Public archives.
Publication of a municipal year book.
Systematic bibliography of state official literature.
Uniformity in preparation and publication of session laws.

8:15 p.m. Bibliographical Society of America.
Opening remarks—Charles H. Gould, second vice-president.
Secretary’s report—Aksel G. S. Josephson.
Treasurer’s report—Carl B. Roden.
The literary output in French Canada—Prof. James Geddes, Jr.
Jr.
The index to Canadian documents—Lawrence J. Burpee.
Bibliography and its relation to social work—Frederick W. Jenkins.
Report of committees.
Election of officers.

Monday, July 1
9:30 a.m. Fourth General Session.
Dominion Day program.
Conservation of character—James W. Robertson, C. M. G., member of the commission of conservation.
Address—Prof. John McNaughton, McGill university.
Address—Judge H. T. Kelly, Toronto.
The archives of Canada—Dr. Arthur G. Doughty.

2:30 p.m. Special Libraries Association. Second Independent Session.
Earning power of special libraries—(Speaker to be supplied.)
The commercial library: An efficiency asset to the business world—Elizabeth Abbott, librarian reference department, The Studebaker Corporation, South Bend, Ind.

Discussion:
R. H. Pack, secretary and comptroller Toronto Electric Light Co.
Guy E. Marion, Arthur D. Little, Inc., Boston.
Miss M. S. Murray, librarian Edward Filene Sons, Boston.
Miss Elizabeth Dobbins, librarian Accounting library, American Telegraph & Telephone Co., New York City.
Question Box—G. W. Lee, librarian Stone & Webster, Boston.

2:30 p.m. College and Reference Section. Second Session.
Some phases of administrative history of college and university libraries—Theodore W. Koch, librarian University of Michigan.
Departmental library problems—J. C. M. Hanson, associate director University of Chicago libraries.
The rights of all users of a university library and how to preserve them—Willard H. Austen, reference librarian Cornell university.

Business.

2:30 p.m. Children's Librarians Section. Second Session.
Work with Schools.
Teaching library use in normal and high schools—Frank K. Walter, vice-director N. Y. State library school.
Discussion: Dr. S. B. Sinclair, dean of the school for teachers, Macdonald College, Ste. Anne, Quebec.
The possibilities of the high school library—Mary E. Hall, librarian Girls' high school, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Discussion: Gilbert O. Ward, supervisor of high school libraries, Cleveland public library.

General discussion.

2:30 p.m. Government Documents Round Table.
In charge of Committee on public documents, George S. Godard, chairman.
A paper will be read from the Superintendent of Documents, Mr. August Donath, on the proposed new printing bill and discussion will follow.

8:15 p.m. Fifth General Session.
Music—French-Canadian chansons.
Address—George Edgar Vincent, Ph. D., LL. D., president of the University of Minnesota.

Bill drafting—James McKirdy, assistant director legislative reference bureau, Harrisburg, Pa.
Snags, stumbling blocks and pitfalls among the session laws—Charles J. Babitt, assistant Massachusetts state library.

(Subject to be announced later.)

9:30 a.m. Professional Training Section.
Business session, followed by an informal program.
The new quarters and resources of the New York state library school—Frank K. Walter, vice-director.
Training vs. teaching; or the difference between training and teaching—Agnes Van Valkenburgh.
A projected normal course at the Pratt Institute school—Josephine A. Rathbone, vice-director.
Opportunity for any school which is doing new work to set forth its advantage and plans, and general discussion.

9:30 a.m. American Library Institute. Second Session.

2:30 p.m. Sixth General Session.
Book advertising:
Information as to subject and scope of books—Carl B. Roden, assistant librarian Chicago public library.
Illumination as to attraction of real books—Grace Miller,
Springfield (Mass.) city library.

Business.
Reports:
Executive board.
Council.
Resolutions committee.
Tellers of election.
Adjournment.

8:15 p.m. Executive Board.