

News From the Field

ACQUISITIONS

• Marcia Davenport, the well-known novelist and biographer, has placed an important group of literary manuscripts and correspondence in the LIBRARY OF CONGRESS. The deposit represents a first installment of a collection, to which Mrs. Davenport expects to add from time to time. The daughter of the great operatic soprano Alma Gluck, Marcia Davenport made her name first as a writer about and critic of music. Her biography of *Mozart* (1932) was the object of considerable acclaim. Mrs. Davenport has presented a large group of manuscript materials documenting the composition of the book from research notes through manuscript and typescript to the preface for the revised edition. A small group of correspondence pertaining to *Mozart* is included. The first group of papers also includes manuscripts, proofs, and other material relating to *Of Lena Geyer* (1936), Mrs. Davenport's first novel about a great opera singer. Other books by Marcia Davenport, manuscripts of which have been placed in the Library, are *Valley of Decision* (1942), *My Brother's Keeper* (1954), *Garibaldi* (1957), *The Constant Image* (1960), and the recent autobiographical memoir, *Too Strong for Fantasy* (1967). Each book, moreover, is exceptionally well represented at various stages of the compositional and editorial process, with documentation ranging from research notes to abundant press clippings documenting its critical and popular reception and editorial correspondence with those responsible for bringing the author's manuscript into print.

Of special interest in the Davenport papers is a group of more than 30 letters of Maxwell Perkins, her editor at Scribner's and the man who nurtured the talents of Thomas Wolfe, Ernest Hemingway, and F. Scott Fitzgerald, among others. One of the letters, a 10-page typed letter concerning proposed revisions of her novel, *East Side, West Side* (1947), is a classic example of the close working relationship between an editor and his authors. (This letter has been printed in the collection of Perkins' letters, *Editor to Author*, edited by John Hall Wheelock.) The author's manuscript of *East Side, West Side* and related material are included in the first installment of Davenport papers.

Mrs. Davenport's important roles in the early history of *The New Yorker* magazine, in the campaign of Wendell Willkie for the Presidency in 1940, and in the struggle for autonomy by Czechoslovakia following World War II are as yet unrepresented in the pa-

pers, except as these episodes are revealed in *Too Strong for Fantasy*. The Davenport papers are available for consultation in the Library's Manuscript Division.

• Orchestral parts and the conductor's scores for several thousand popular songs and special musical effects used in vaudeville and movie houses from the turn of the 20th Century to the end of the silent picture era in the late 1920's are a recent gift to the PRINCETON UNIVERSITY library. Thirty-seven cartons containing the working theatre-orchestra library assembled by Fred D. Valva (1878-1933), of Worcester, Mass., will be housed in the University's William Seymour Theatre Collection in the Firestone Library. Recognized as one of the few extant theatre orchestra libraries, the Valva Collection is the gift of Worcester (Mass.) Public Library and the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System, which have turned the collection over to Princeton as more appropriate for a research library. Some of the scores are annotated. Included are the scores for such old-time favorites as "Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Shean," "Over There!," "Ramona," "Alice Blue Gown," "Barney Google," "Manhattan," "Oh, Lady Be Good." Other popular titles include "Pagan Love Song," "It Happened in Monterey," "Always," "Three O'Clock in the Morning," "Fascinating Rhythm," "Song of the Vagabond," and "Limehouse Blues."

• A gift to THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY of nearly 1,000 drawings in various media for illustrated books by the late Reginald Marsh, "pictorial poet laureate of the sidewalks of New York," has been announced by Edward G. Freehafer, director of the library. Mr. Freehafer formally accepted the gift from its donor, Mrs. Felicia Meyer Marsh, the artist's widow, at a ceremony unveiling her name on the benefactors' pylons in the main lobby of the Fifth Avenue library. The ceremony also marked the opening of an exhibition, called "with illustrations by Reginald Marsh," which highlights the artist's work as a book illustrator. The drawings join two earlier gifts of etchings, engravings, and lithographs making the Reginald Marsh collection in the Library one of the most comprehensive representations of his graphic work. Drawn with pencil, pen and ink, and water colors, the drawings range from first rough sketches, through many successive stages to finished drawings for the printer. A checklist of the drawings reveals the prodigious amount of work the artist gave to each book project: 97 pages of original drawings for one title, 120 for another, and 57 for still another. Altogether, Mr. Marsh illustrated 15 books for

children and adults. After the exhibition, the drawings will be available to researchers along with the other Reginald Marsh materials through the Print Room, Room 308 in the Fifth Avenue Library.

- The Hebrew Union College library in Cincinnati has acquired the Philip Goodman Collection of Bookplates, comprising over 7,000 bookplates of Jewish interest gathered by Philip Goodman of New York over a 20 year period. The Collection also contains about 100 books on ex libris, copies of practically all articles on Jewish bookplates, and notes and related ephemeral material. Bookplates are of considerable value to historians and sociologists as well as to art historians. They often contain biographical and genealogical material of significance; and they always reflect to a considerable degree the time and place of execution and use. Together with the several hundred bookplates, dating primarily from the nineteenth century, that the library previously had among its special collections, the Bookplate Collection is perhaps the largest of its kind in the world.

- The UNIVERSITY OF UTAH libraries has recently acquired a Yiddish collection of four thousand titles which originally came from the private collection of Samuel Mendelson. Mr. Mendelson was a staff member of the *Jewish Daily Forward* for many years and was recognized as a formidable critic. Many of the titles in this collection are not available at any other source. They were printed in Poland, Russia and Central Europe before the Second World War. The collection covers the entire span of Yiddish culture but concentrates on Yiddish literature and includes a number of world literary classics translated into Yiddish. This collection will eventually be shelved in the University of Utah libraries Middle East Center library.

AWARDS

- The *Journal of Library History* announces the recipient of its third annual award for the most outstanding manuscript published in its pages during 1968: Joseph Z. Nitecki, whose "Reflection on the Nature and Limits of Library Science" appeared in the April, 1968, issue. Mr. Nitecki is assistant professor and coordinator of technical processes at the library of the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee. Holder of an MA in philosophy from Roosevelt University, as well as the MA in LS from the University of Chicago, Mr. Nitecki has written and studied in the area of the philosophy of librarianship, the topic with which the award paper deals.

INTERNATIONAL SCENE

- A new building for the Royal Library in Brussels was dedicated in 2-day ceremonies on February 17 and 18. The dedicatory events were attended by the Librarian of Congress, L. Quincy Mumford, and by the heads of most of the European national libraries, as well as representatives of other distinguished institutions. The ceremonies on February 17 began with speeches by several government officials climaxed by an address by King Baudouin. There was then a tour of the library, following which Mr. Mumford, along with other special guests, was presented to the King, Queen Fabiola, and other members of the royal family. The day ended with a formal banquet. The second day, February 18, was devoted to a symposium on the general theme of the future of large general libraries in the next quarter of a century. Symposium speakers were Robert Vosper, Director of the Library at the University of California at Los Angeles; M. L. Borngässer, Director General of the State Library in Berlin; M. I. Kondakov, Director of the Lenin State Library in Moscow; and Sir Frank Francis, recently retired Director of the British Museum, London. The new building has been in the process of construction for several years. The Royal Library has general collections totaling 2,600,000 volumes and 882,016 other items. The new facility will provide much needed additional space and allow for future expansion.

MEETINGS

JUNE: The American University has announced an Institute on *Document Identification Systems* to be held in Washington, D.C. in June 1969. Suggestions for system proposals, relevant topics which should be treated or other program matters are invited. They should be addressed to Professor Lowell H. Hattery, The American University, 1901 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

JUNE 8-14: The School of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland, will conduct an Institute on Middle Management in Librarianship. The Institute is planned as a response to the clearly expressed need for appropriate training of the increasing number of librarians who are functioning in middle-level administrative roles. The Institute is being organized with the view that some of these needs can be met through an intensive program utilizing a number of small group and discovery techniques stressing maximum participant involvement. The Director of the Institute will be Dr. James Liesener, Associate Professor, School of Library and Information Services with Mr. Edward S. Warner, Assistant Professor, serving

as Associate Director. Faculty members from the School of Library and Information Services representing both library science and other subject disciplines as well as outside management consultants will complete the staff. Forty participants will be chosen from eligible applicants. All practicing librarians will be eligible with special preference given to those in middle-level managerial roles in libraries and information centers. The program will be funded by the Office of Education under the Higher Education Act, Title II-B program and each participant will receive a per diem stipend.

JUNE 16-20: There will be an Art Institute entitled "Art Libraries: Their Comprehensive Role in Preserving Contemporary Visual Resources" at the State University of New York at Buffalo. It will be funded by the Higher Education Act of 1965, Public Law 89-329, Title II, Part B. Participants will be art librarians, catalogers of art books, and slide librarians working in art collections of academic institutions or museums. Registration is limited to 25. Information and applications may be requested from Mrs. Florence S. DaLuiso, Art Librarian, Harri-man Art Library, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y. 14214.

JUNE 17-20: Puerto Rico will be the site of the Fourteenth Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials, June 17-20, 1969. The acquisition of Latin American scientific and technological materials will be the special topic for discussion. Other sessions will deal with progress made in the past year on matters concerning the booktrade and acquisitions, bibliography, exchange of publications, official publications, photoduplication of Latin American materials, and archives. Meetings of the Seminar Committees will take place on Wednesday morning, June 18. The first general session will be held Wednesday afternoon to initiate committee and progress reports, and the last one on Friday morning, June 20. Meetings of the Executive Board of the newly incorporated SALALM will be held on the evening of Tuesday, June 17, and at luncheon on Wednesday, June 18. Institutional registration in the Fourteenth Seminar is \$15.00, which includes preprint working papers only available through payment of the institutional registration. These papers, including the Progress Report on books in the Americas, will be distributed at the time of the meeting to participants and to those registered but not attending. The registration fee for *additional participants* from the institution registering is \$7.50, and includes preprint working papers. *Additional* sets of working papers can be subscribed to in advance for \$5.00 each. The Final Report and Working Papers will be subsequently published by the Pan American Union. Information on the content

of the program and working papers can be procured from Mr. James Andrews, Argonne National Laboratory, 9700 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, Illinois 60439. For other information, refer to the Executive Secretary, Mrs. Marietta Daniels Shepard, Pan American Union, Washington, D.C. 20006.

JUNE 23-24: Meeting of the Engineering School Libraries Division of the American Society for Engineering Education at Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa. Tentative topics are: Teaching the engineering student to use the library; Environmental Science Information; Magnetic Tape Services in the Engineering Library; Microfiche in the Engineering Library, and a business meeting.

JUNE 27-28: Engineering School Libraries Division of the American Society for Engineering Education Institute. To be held in the United Engineering Building, New York, New York. Additional information about this institute which will be of interest to all those engaged in the engineering/information interface may be obtained by writing to Miss Karen Takle, Dept. 505, Building 014, IBM Corporation, Monterey and Cottle Road, San Jose, California 95114.

JUNE 29-JULY 2: Annual meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries, Houston, Tex.

JUNE 30-AUG. 8: The Columbia University Summer Session announces an Institute for College Librarians on Acquisition of non-Western Library Materials for College Libraries, to be held on the Morningside campus from June 30 to August 8, 1969. This program will be sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Office of Education. The institute is designed to accomplish two objectives: (1) to help college librarians to become more familiar with areas and cultures of the non-Western world and Latin America; and (2) to enable them to cope more effectively with the bibliographical problems which arise as they build collections in these fields for their college communities. The number of participants will be fifteen. They will meet in seminar and make field trips in the New York metropolitan area, hear guest lecturers, and work on individual projects. Each participant will audit two semester courses in non-Western areas offered by the Summer Session during the six week period. Areas represented in the 1969 program are Africa, East Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, the Soviet Union, and Eastern Europe. The institute is under the general direction of Dean Jack Dalton of Columbia's School of Library Service. Mr. Evan Ira Farber, Librarian at Earlham College, will direct the program and seminar.

Colleges are invited to nominate librarians to the program. The nominee should have a bachelor's degree, a degree in library science, a satisfactory record of appropriate experience, and recommendations from officials of his own institution. He should have a record of three or more years of experience and serve in a college—not a large university. The nominee should not be “over-qualified”—that is, already doing highly specialized work or having already had extensive specialized training. Application should be made by the academic dean and/or the head librarian of the college on behalf of the nominee. The letter should include a curriculum vita of the nominee and a brief statement about how his participation in the institute will advance his institution's interest in foreign area studies. Applications should be addressed to The Director of the Summer Session, Institute for College Librarians, 102 Low Memorial Library, Columbia University, New York, N.Y. 10027.

JULY 20-AUG. 1: Third annual Library Administrators Development Program at the University of Maryland's Donaldson Brown Center, Port Deposit, Maryland. Seminar sessions will concentrate on the principal administrative issues which senior managers encounter. Director

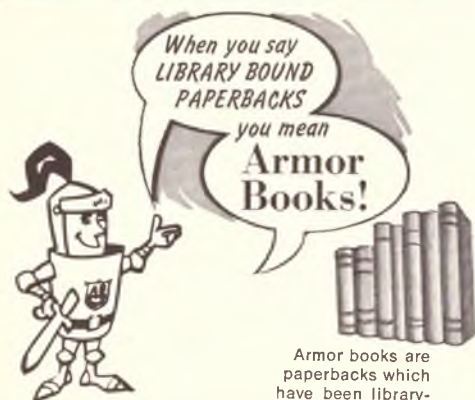
of the program will be John Rizzo, associate professor, School of Government and Business Administration, George Washington University. Those interested in further information are invited to address inquiries to the Library Administrators Development Program, School of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20742.

JULY 28-AUG. 8: A two-weeks' institute, to be conducted under a grant from the U.S. Office of Education, will be held at the State University of New York at Buffalo, July 28-August 8, 1969, on the subject of interpersonal and group communications for librarians and information specialists. Designed to educate top and intermediate level management of major academic libraries and school libraries in the skills of group dynamics and conflict management, and set against the background of our new media, the institute's program will center about an integrated series of laboratory and workshop learning experiences. Information concerning the institute may be obtained from the institute director, Dr. Mary B. Cassata, Reference Department, State University of New York at Buffalo Libraries, Buffalo, New York 14214.

AUG. 4-6: “The Deterioration and Preservation of Library Materials” is the topic for the 34th Annual Conference of the Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, to be held August 4-6, 1969, in the Center for Continuing Education on the University campus. The general director of the program is Professor Howard W. Winger of the Graduate Library School, and the speakers have been selected from the fields of conservation, industry, paper chemistry, photography, publishing, and librarianship. The printed program, including application blanks for registration and lodging, will be sent on request to: Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, 1116 East 59th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60637.

AUG. 9-29: The Division of University Extension and the Graduate School of Library Science, of the University of Illinois, announce a three week non-credit seminar on PL-I Library Programming. The Seminar will be held from Saturday, August 9, through and including Friday, August 29, 1969, on the Urbana campus of the University. The course to be offered is for the preparation of library systems programmers.

The seminar is expressly directed toward the needs and interests of university and research libraries. Candidates for the seminar should possess the following qualifications: fifth year degree in librarianship; minimum of two years of varied experience in technical processing activities of the library (i.e., acquisitions, serials, cataloging) and a familiarity with the funda-



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mentals of data processing and computers and with the operation of the keypunch. The seminar is specifically not for administrators, but is directed instead toward library systems programmers who will be expected to return to their libraries and work in the implementation of library computer programs.

The seminar will deal expressly with the design and development of computer programs for library computer-based data systems in such areas as acquisitions, serial work, catalog production and circulation. It will not deal with information retrieval or SDI programs. The instruction will be at a practical level with the objective of imparting the techniques and practices which characterize computer applications in the library. The language which will be used is Programming Language One (PL-I) which is a powerful, general purpose language available on most models of the IBM System 360 computer series. Candidates for the course should have either the PL-I compiler or a PL-I-like compiler available to them if the course is to have any value to them.

The seminar aims to present a maximum amount of information and instruction in a minimum amount of time. Experience indicates that participants should not plan to bring their families to Urbana for the period of the seminar, but should be prepared, rather, to devote their full energies to the program. Previous experience also indicates that participants without a native command of the English language find themselves at a considerable disadvantage in absorbing a new and technical vocabulary in such a short period of time, and should anticipate considerable difficulty in keeping pace with the class.

The tuition fee for the seminar is \$400.00 and should be remitted only after notification of acceptance to the seminar. Applications will be considered in the order of their receipt, and no more than 15 applicants will be accepted for the seminar. Housing in the air-conditioned Illini Union will be available at \$6.70 per person (double occupancy) or \$9.27 (single occupancy) per day. Registrants should plan to arrive in Champaign the day preceding the first day of the seminar. Reasonably priced meal service is also available in the Illini Union, where the seminar will meet. The seminar will be cancelled if less than 15 eligible persons apply by July 1, 1969. Those interested in applying for the course should apply to Mr. Hillis Griffin, Information Systems Librarian, Library Services Department, Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, Illinois (312-739-7711, Ext. 4701). The seminar will be directed by Mr. Griffin.

Aug. 10-15: "Change Frontiers; Implications for Librarianship," is the subject of an Institute

to be offered at the University of Maryland August 10 to August 15, 1969. The insights of guest lecturers and panelists will provide stimulus for interaction among the participants as they seek to comprehend, assess, and synthesize diverse facets of the library role in a changing world. The shared framework of the participant group will be one of attitude rather than area of expertise. Discussion will incorporate consideration of the library environment and current developments in the business, technological and organizational aspects of the library's commodity, information. The Culture, Establishment Responses, The Information Industry, and The Political Behavior of Librarians are major components for the sessions. The Institute will be held at the Adult Education Center at the University of Maryland. Participation will be limited to 20 applicants, each of whom will receive a \$75 stipend, plus \$15 for each dependent. Gilda Nimer is Director of the Institute, and direction and continuity for the sessions will be provided by Dean Paul Wasserman and Professor Mary Lee Bundy of the School of Library and Information Services. The Institute is sponsored by the U.S. Office of Education under Title II-B of the Higher Education Act of 1965. All practicing librarians will be eligible to apply, with special preference given to those who indicate a concern with change and an institutional role which allows for experiment. For more information, write to Gilda Nimer, Director, "Change Frontiers," School of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20742.

SEPT. 1-6: Fourth IATUL (International Association of Technological University Libraries) Seminar will be held at the Library of the Technological University Delft, The Netherlands, under the direction of Dr. L. J. van der Wolk. This annual international course is open to all directors or their co-workers from libraries affiliated to universities, institutes or organizations of research level. The Seminar teaches practical daily international library cooperation. Teachers—experts from various countries—will introduce the situation and possibilities of each international method and technique. There will be approximately 15 lectures, each theme is allocated 1½ hours. The first half hour is used for a concise survey of the present day situation or possibilities in the international field to be discussed. This introduction is followed by a discussion of at least 45 minutes in which participants and the lecturer contribute from their own experience. The number of participants is limited to 25 in order to establish good contact and opportunity for efficient discussions. The official language of the Seminar is English. The fee for the Seminar is Dfl.

400.-; hotel and travel expenses are not included in this amount. Due to the restriction in the number of participants it is advisable to contact the secretariat as soon as possible: Miss B. G. Sinnema, c/o Library of the Technological University, 101 Doelenstraat, DELFT, The Netherlands.

SEPT. 2-5: The Second Cranfield Conference on Mechanised Information Storage and Retrieval Systems will be held from September 2 to September 5, 1969. The Conference will be sponsored jointly by The College of Aeronautics and "Information Storage and Retrieval." Details concerning presentation of papers or attendance can be obtained from the Conference Director, Cyril Cleverdon, The College of Aeronautics, Cranfield, Bedford, England.

OCT. 1-3: The Missouri Library Association 1969 convention will be in Jefferson City, Mo.

OCT. 1-5: 32nd annual meeting of ASIS will be held at the San Francisco Hilton; San Francisco, California. The Convention Chairman for the 1969 meeting is Mr. Charles P. Bourne; Director, Programming Services, Inc.; 999 Commercial Street, Palo Alto, Calif. 94303.

OCT. 26-30: 68th annual meeting of the Medical Library Association will be held at the

Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. Miss Joan Titley, director of the Kornhauser Memorial Medical library, University of Louisville, is convention chairman. The advance program and registration forms will be a part of the May, 1969 issue of *MLA News*.

JAN. 16-18, 1970: The Association of American Library Schools, annual meeting, Graduate Library School, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

JUNE 28-JULY 1, 1970: Annual meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries, Washington, D.C.

OCT. 4-9, 1970: 33rd annual meeting of ASIS will be held at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Convention Chairman for the 1970 meeting is Mr. Kenneth H. Zabriskie, Jr.; Biosciences Information Services of Biological Abstracts; 2100 Arch Street; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

MISCELLANY

• Courses formerly available only to graduate students in the school of library science at the UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA are now open to juniors and seniors on the undergraduate level according to a recent announcement from Dean Martha Boaz. Because of the great manpower shortage and the large number of job opportunities in libraries (over 100,000 professional vacancies) students on the undergraduate level are being encouraged to go into the library profession.

Eighteen semester units of course work will be open to undergraduate students beginning in the 1969 summer session. These will include the general courses of Introduction to Librarianship, Reference Sources and Services, Introductory Cataloging and Classification, and History of Books and Printing. Also included will be Reading Guidance for Children and Reading Guidance for Young People. Persons who plan to go into library work in the public schools or in public libraries may be especially interested in being admitted to these courses. The proper combination of library science and education courses will lead to a minor for the standard teaching credential in a Bachelor's Degree program.

Persons going on for the Master's Degree in library science will be expected to complete the regular requirements for the Master's Degree. However, they would not repeat any course work taken on the undergraduate level; rather they would take other electives in library science or certain electives in other subject fields.

In addition to the above changes, the library school is offering a new course on In-

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tellectual Freedom and Censorship. This will begin in the 1969 fall semester, on Tuesday evenings. Also, the school's courses in Library Automation are being expanded. For further information, please contact The Dean, School of Library Science, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California 90007. Telephone: (213) 746-2548.

• The COLORADO ACADEMIC LIBRARIES BOOK PROCESSING CENTER became a reality as the first books were processed and catalogued at the University of Colorado based facility. Under study and in the design steps for about three years, the center will operate on a one-year trial basis. The center will serve CU and five participating college and university libraries in Colorado. Goals of the new center include putting new books on the shelves of participating libraries quicker and cheaper and gradually releasing library personnel from routine work to spend more time serving faculty members and students.

Participating universities and colleges are CU, Colorado State University, Colorado State College, Adams State College, the Colorado School of Mines and Metropolitan State College. Representatives of all university and college libraries, except Adams State, were at the University March 24 to visit the center and see the first collection of more than 100 newly processed books. University of Denver and Fort Lewis College representatives also attended the meeting at the center.

Mrs. Joan Maier, coordinator of the book processing center, said during the one-year trial about 60,000 books will be processed, 35,000 for CU and 25,000 for participating libraries. Dr. Richard M. Dougherty, associate director of CU libraries, said the center's activities consist of ordering and cataloguing books for participating libraries. This means the ordering and cataloguing process will be done once instead of six times. Dougherty said individual institutions could not afford specialized equipment necessary for the rapid processing of books; the high volume of orders is expected to make the cost feasible. Establishment of the center was made possible through the participation of the National Science Foundation (NSF) which contributed three grants totaling \$126,100. The first grant was for a study of the feasibility of the center, the second was for the design of the center and the third was for the one-year trial operation. Participating libraries also have contributed \$66,000 to establish the center.

• Dean Paul Wasserman of the school of library and information services, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, announces the beginning of the second phase of the HIGH JOHN PROJECT, an experimental program in library education for

work with a specialized clientele, and the appointment of Annie T. Reid as Project Director.

The purpose of the project is to provide Master's degree students in librarianship with academic and field experience in library service to the disadvantaged and to develop a program of research as an integral part of the education program. In the first phase of this effort the School mounted a laboratory library in a poverty area, the High John Library. During the next year this laboratory, now operational as a fledgling branch library of the Prince George's County system will continue their partnership in a joint program designed to create field experience for students and to provide a shared involvement in public library experimentation and adaptation. One objective is to broaden the concept of traditional public library clienteles by deliberately seeking to attract non-users through viable library and information programs which serve their needs and interests. The University's goal is to improve the capacity of librarians who can fulfill such an objective in public library service.

Student interns and researchers will undertake projects designed particularly for special populations. Examples of contemplated field work are:

- use of the story-telling hour to enhance self-concept: an effort in limited intervention with pre-school children;
- a library-parent venture in creating a program of high stimulus impact to prepare pre-school children for reading;
- recruiting for measles inoculation by locally produced video tapes;
- exploration of the dissemination of selective information to a target sub-group;
- compilation of homegrown prose and rhyme for the library collection to be used as an adjunct to a one-to-one adult literacy effort.

• The UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA library announced in December 1968 the establishment of a two-year pilot project under which it would conduct a demonstration of accelerated lending and copying service to selected libraries in the state, outside of the Twin City metropolitan area.

Known as MINITEX (Minnesota Interlibrary Teletype Experiment) this project was designed to obtain information from actual experience in expediting interlibrary requests through teletype communication, custom handling, and rapid delivery arrangements, as to the kinds of local library needs that can be effectively met by sharing the University's extensive collections with other libraries, both academic and public.

The two-year project, which will be administered by Mrs. Alice Wilcox of the University

library staff, has been made possible by equal grants totalling \$103,200 from the Louis and Maud Hill Family Foundation and from state and federal (LSCA) funds provided through the Library Division of the State Department of Education.

The libraries that will participate in the MINITEX experiment were carefully selected to represent private college, state college, junior college, university branch campus, and public library needs for access to the resources of the University library. They include: Bemidji State College, Duluth Public Library, St. John's University, Mankato State College, Rochester Public Library, University of Minnesota—Duluth, Southwest Minnesota State College, Rochester State Junior College, St. Mary's College, Saint Cloud State College, and the University of Minnesota—Morris.

The purpose of MINITEX, which is a cooperative research and demonstration undertaking, is to obtain cost, volume, and operational data that will provide a basis for developing recommendations for a more long-range state-wide interlibrary service program. By maintaining detailed transaction records, the project will seek answers to the following types of questions:

(a) What kinds of material not presently available in participating libraries can be provided effectively from the University Library, by lending and copying?

(b) What effect will increased off-campus lending of volumes from the University Library have on the Library's service to its own faculty and students?

(c) What volume of requests can be anticipated in a complete state-wide service, assuming rapid location and delivery of materials by a staff exclusively available to handle inter-institutional needs?

(d) What procedural improvements and shortcuts can be introduced to speed the handling time (a major element of delay under the present system) within requesting libraries and within the University Library?

(e) What communication equipment and delivery arrangements can be effectively utilized to reduce the "turn-around time" between initiating requests and receiving needed materials?

(f) What staff, equipment, and delivery costs would be required to finance an eventual state-wide enriched service from the University Library to all Minnesota academic and public libraries?

(g) What proportion of interlibrary requests can be met by photocopying, and what proportion requires the loan of original publications?

(h) What guidance could a careful examination of pilot project experience provide in

identifying fields of local college library collections that need strengthening?

(i) What implications would such a pilot project reveal for further areas of interlibrary cooperation among Minnesota institutions?

The service will utilize TWX equipment to speed the filing of citation and verification information to the project center, and will experiment with varying delivery arrangements (e.g., United Parcel) to determine which method will get desired materials to out-state patrons with the least transportation delay.

Each library in the MINITEX network will have its own teletype installation, on which requests for books or periodical articles can be instantaneously transmitted to the University library. Immediately as such requests are received, project personnel will locate the desired publications and mail them directly to the requesting library—usually the same day or within 24 hours. Books will be sent on loan, while magazine articles will be furnished in xerox copies so the original journal may remain on campus for use by University library patrons.

Thanks to the outside funding that has been obtained for this project, the accelerated service provided by MINITEX will be without any charge to patrons. It will not affect the regular Interlibrary Loan service which the University library has long provided to libraries throughout Minnesota and the U.S. Its unique features, which necessitate special funding, include TWX transmission, the hiring of personnel to handle MINITEX requests exclusively (locating and furnishing publications from any of the 20 libraries on the Minneapolis and St. Paul Campuses, copying and mailing material on a "same-day" schedule), free teletype and copying services, and special record keeping for analyses and evaluation.

• Representatives from six state library associations met in Philadelphia on February 24 to formally adopt the bylaws for the MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGIONAL LIBRARY FEDERATION, INC. The purpose of MARLF is to encourage development of cooperation of libraries in the area and the continuing education of the librarians. In carrying out these objectives, MARLF will work closely with the American Library Association and the state associations represented in the federation.

The business of the Federation is conducted by a board of directors consisting of two members from each state library association. At the meeting in Philadelphia on February 24 the various representatives in attendance were: Christopher Devan, Wilmington Institute Free Library, and Richard Williams, Eleutherian Mills Historical Library, representing Delaware; Grace P. Slocum, Enoch Pratt Free Library, and John Zimmerman, Frostburg State

College, representing Maryland; Miriam R. Evans, Ocean County Library, and William J. Roehrenbeck, Jersey City Public Library, representing New Jersey; Charles F. Gosnell, New York University Libraries, and A. Nicholas Kobe, Woodside, representing New York; Carolyn Field, Free Library of Philadelphia, and Marie A. Davis, Free Library of Philadelphia, representing Pennsylvania; and William Myers, Weir Public Library, representing West Virginia. Nicholas Winowich, Kanawha County Public Library, is also a representative from West Virginia, but was unable to attend.

An election held by the board resulted in John Zimmerman being selected to serve as President of the Board, William Roehrenbeck as Vice President and Marie Davis as Secretary/Treasurer. One of the major, current projects of this federation is to plan for a Mid-Atlantic Regional Library Conference for the Fall of 1973.

• ROBERT L. TALMADGE, since 1966 director of technical departments, University of Illinois library, has been elected a director of Forest Press, Inc., the organization responsible for the editing and publishing of the (Dewey) Decimal Classification. As a director, Mr. Talmadge succeeds Howard Haycraft, Chairman of the Board of the H. W. Wilson Company.

PUBLICATIONS

• The publication of the *Catalogue of Hebrew Books* of the Harvard University library (Cambridge, Mass., Harvard University Press, 1968, 6 vol.) is a major event in the field of Hebrew bibliography, since it presents one of the large collections of Hebraica in this country. The 75,000 cards in this catalog (4 volumes for author and selected subject entries, 2 volumes for title entries) are arranged in the order customary in most Jewish libraries—author headings in romanized form with titles filed according to the Hebrew alphabet, thus eliminating the necessity of romanizing the titles. A special feature of this catalog is the inclusion of all LC printed Hebrew cards, regardless of whether they are represented by books in the Harvard collection or not. Inevitably, this work invites comparison with two previously issued catalogs of Judaica, those of the Jewish Division of the New York Public Library (1960) and of the Hebrew Union College Library in Cincinnati (1964). These earlier productions include also their holdings in Yiddish and works of Jewish interest in all other languages, which is also reflected in their size (14 and 32 volumes, respectively).

• *The College Law Bulletin*, appearing monthly except July and August for \$6.00 per annum, is now being published by the United

States National Students Association. Designed to collect and disseminate current material pertaining to the legal rights of students, faculty and administrators in American colleges and universities, the *College Law Bulletin* may be subscribed to at 2115 S Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008.

• John C. Merrill, School of Journalism, University of Missouri, has published a work entitled *The Elite Press; Great Newspapers of the World* (N.Y., Pitman, 1968) in which he provides brief "profiles" of some forty of the world's great or leading newspapers. Professor Merrill has constructed a pyramid for categorizing the selected newspapers as Primary Elite (of which there are ten), Secondary Elite (twenty), Tertiary Elite (thirty), and Near Elite (forty). Beyond these, Professor Merrill recognizes but does not name other newspapers that he considers to be "Middle-Area General Newspapers" and "Mass (popular) Papers (Mainly Entertainment Oriented)." The Primary Elite newspapers are: *The New York Times*, *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, *Le Monde*, *The Guardian*, *The Times* (London), *Pravda*, *Jen-min Jih-pao* (Peking), *Borba* (Belgrade), *Osservatore Romano* (Vatican City), *ABC* (Madrid). Professor Merrill explains that papers "like *Pravda* and *Osservatore Romano* were admitted to the top group so that extremely prestigious dailies of a nonlibertarian nature would have proper representation."

• A list of 92 forthcoming institutes for training in librarianship, all scheduled for the summer of 1969 and the academic year 1969-70 under Title II-B of the Higher Education Act of 1965, has been prepared by the Division of Library Programs in the U.S. Office of Education. Basic information about the name, date, location, director, subject, and general requirements of each institute is included. Libraries can obtain copies of "Institutes for Training in Librarianship" by writing to the Division of Library Programs, Bureau of Adult, Vocational, and Library Programs, U.S. Office of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202.

• The first comprehensive international guide to books and technical reports on the use, applications and effects of computers in the scientific, commercial, industrial and social sectors has been published by The National Computing Centre of England in cooperation with Studiecentrum voor Administratieve Automatisering, Amsterdam. *International Computer Bibliography* includes nearly 6,000 abstracts within 170 major subject sections, each of which is fully cross-referenced. Extensive Keyword and Author Indexes ensure immediate access to any aspect of the wealth of computer knowledge documented in this important new

tool. Prof. Lowell H. Hattery (The American University, Washington) has written the preface to this unique volume whose publication he hails as "an important event for the information processing community." *ICB* was compiled by a team of top Dutch and British librarians headed by L. C. M. J. Sicking utilizing the extensive facilities of the well-known "Studiecentrum" library, and the new Information Service of NCC in Manchester. Future editions of *ICB* will be prepared in cooperation with other major information centers. *International Computer Bibliography* contains over 700 pages (8" x 11½"), and is priced at \$50.00 per copy. Orders and enquiries should be sent to Science Associates/International, Inc., 23 East 26th Street, New York, N.Y. 10010, exclusive distributor in the Western Hemisphere for all publications of The National Computing Centre.

- *The Library of Mount Holyoke College, 1837-1968* is the title of a handsome and readable booklet prepared by librarian Anne C. Edmonds for the occasion of the dedication of the renovated library building there on November 8-10, 1968.

- *The Literature of Science and Engineering*, a 105-page volume of lecture notes and bibliographies used by E. Graham Roberts in his course in Information Science at Georgia Institute of Technology may now be obtained for \$3.15 from the College Inn Book Store at Georgia Tech.

- *Mere Collectors' Items* by Matthew J. Brucoli is the fourth in a series of Occasional Papers published by the Kent State University Libraries. It is the address which was delivered by Dr. Brucoli on the occasion of the acquisition by the Kent State University Libraries of their 500,000th volume. Copies of the pamphlet are available at \$1.25 from Occasional Papers, Kent State University Libraries, Kent, Ohio 44240. The following papers have been previously published in this series and are still available: *Richard Wright: Letters to Joe C. Brown*, edited with an introduction by Thomas Knipp (\$1.25); *Rare Books and Very Special Collections* by Joseph Katz (\$1.25); *The Cataloguing Requirements of the Book Division of a Rare Book Library* by Josiah Q. Bennett (\$2.00).

- The National Computing Centre of Manchester, England has initiated publication of a series of specialized reports designed to reflect the results of NCC's research and development efforts. Established in 1966 as a quasi-governmental body, NCC is a public non-profit company sponsored by the Ministry of Tech-

nology as a partnership between government and industry. Its primary activities are in the areas of education, information, methods and systems development in order to encourage computer applications. Titles published to date include:

- *Computer Courses 68/69* (a 52-page index to academic, commercial and governmental courses offered in the U.K., published in cooperation with the British Computer Society)

- *Computer Application Packages* (results of a survey on whether commercially available software packages are used widely—53 pp.)

- *Computer Aided Production Control* (a 50-page compendium of practical experience in the U.K.)

- *Commodity Coding—Its Effect on Data Recording and Transfer* (studies the establishment of industry-wide commodity codes on a national level—128 pp.)

- *Computers in Distribution* (results of a survey on the use of computers in the distribution of merchandise—72 pp., 6 fold-out charts)

- *Computers in Textiles* (surveys computer applications in the textile and clothing industries—40 pp.)

NCC reports, available on subscription only, reflect the directions of British computer activities and as such will add significant dimension to the holdings of all industrial, technical and computer center libraries. Cost for the first six titles issued in 1968 is \$19.20. In order to receive publications for 1969, subscribers must open a deposit account of \$25.00 minimum. In the event costs exceed \$25.00, subscribers will be billed the additional amount; or if costs are under \$25.00 the overpayment will be credited to the 1970 subscription. All inquiries and orders should be sent to Science Associates/International, Inc., 23 East 26th Street, New York, N.Y. 10010, exclusive distributor in the Western Hemisphere for all NCC publications.

- The graduate school of library science of the University of Illinois announces the publication of *Reminiscences: Seventy-five Years of a Library School*. Prepared for the 75th anniversary celebration of the University's Library School, this work contains the recollections of 27 authors who represent every decade of the school's existence. Professors past and present tell their favorite stories about each other and their students. Students recall their favorite classes, the time they spent with "bleeding" cataloging cards and the sixth edition of Mudge, their assigned seats in what is now the Library Science Library, the field trips to renowned libraries in the Midwest, and the situations that determined their professional

(and sometimes personal) futures. Elizabeth Windsor reminisces about her father's relation to the School; Robert B. Downs summarizes the School's third quarter-century; Alice Lohrer remembers the hazards and rewards of early extension teaching; and twenty-four others recall different aspects of the School, its faculty, and graduates. The publication was planned and edited by Barbara Slanker, Secretary-Treasurer of the Library School Association. Mrs. Slanker was assisted by Mrs. Barbara Wallen of the Library School's Publications Office. The paperbound volume, which contains several pages of pictures, can be obtained for \$2.00 from: Graduate School of Library Science, Publications Office, 435 Library, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois 61801.

- The 4th edition of the University of Rochester's Science Libraries Consolidated Short-title Catalog of Books is now available at \$8.00/copy. The libraries covered are: Chemistry, Engineering, Geological Sciences, Life Sciences, and Physics-Math-Optics-Astronomy. Address all inquiries to Leon Creek, Science Libraries Office, Rush Rhees Library, University of Rochester, Rochester, New York 14627. Checks should be made out to the University of Rochester Library.

- The latest part of the English Full Edition of the Universal Decimal Classification to be published by BSI is BS 1000 (656/656.7) "Transport services, traffic organization and control." Versions of the UDC are now published in many different languages, and the British Standards Institution (BSI) publishes an abridged and a full edition of the English version as parts of BS 1000. This new section forms part of the full edition and comprises a systematic schedule with an alphabetical subject index for the classification of matter pertaining to the organization, management and operation of land, water and air transport services. It provides for such aspects as routes and timetables, traffic studies, tariffs, ticket issue and control, disruptions, liability of operator, traffic control and vehicle operation, types of service and administration, accidents and damage, and various documents, e.g., certificates and licenses. Copies of BS 1000 (656/656.7) may be obtained from the BSI Sales Office at 101/113 Pentonville Road, London N.1. Price 20s each (postage 1s extra to non-subscribers).

- The United States of America Standards Institute has announced publication of *USA Standard Basic Criteria for Indexes* (USAS Z39.4-1968 Revision of Z39.4-1959). Sponsored by the Council on National Library Associations, the standard was prepared by Subcommittee 12 of the USA Standards Committee on

Standardization in the Field of Library Work, Documentation, and Related Publishing Practices, Z39, under the chairmanship of Jerrold Orne. Copies of the standard are available from the USA Standards Institute, 10 East 40th Street, New York, N.Y. 10016, at \$2.00 per copy. ■■

JCL/CL SECTIONS JOINT MEETING

At the Atlantic City Conference of the American Library Association, the Junior College Libraries Section and the College Libraries Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries will hold a joint program meeting. The topic for presentation is Library Instruction for the Undergraduate Beyond the Orientation Level, and programs of instruction at both junior college and college level will be described, with discussion following. The meeting will be on Thursday, June 26 at 4:30 p.m. ■■

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