

York Academy of Medicine Library. It is a monument to her wisdom, her enthusiasm, her organizational skill, and her unflagging zeal for the improvement of medical librarianship. To Miss Doe, to her co-editor, Mary Louise Marshall, and to their talented collaborators, all medical librarians are indebted. This edition is a considerable improvement over its predecessor, and that is high praise indeed.—*Lt. Col. Frank B. Rogers, Armed Forces Medical Library.*

Medical Catalog

Armed Forces Medical Library Catalog; a Cumulative List of Works Represented by Armed Forces Medical Library Cards, 1950-1954. Ann Arbor: J. W. Edwards, 1955. Authors: v. 1-3; subjects: v. 4-6. \$64 a set.

In 1946 the Armed Forces Medical Library established a new cataloging program, and in order to make its cataloging records readily available to as many libraries and individuals as possible it was decided to publish the cards in a variety of ways. To quote M. Ruth MacDonald, Assistant Librarian for Cataloging at the Armed Forces Medical Library:

From October 1946–March 1948, the cards were published by the Library of Congress in a medical series (MED) and reproduced in *A Catalog of Books Represented by Library of Congress Printed Cards, Supplement 1942-1947*, and in the *LC Cumulative Catalog*, 1948. From April 1948 to December 1949, the cards were mimeographed and retyped copies were published under the titles *Army Medical Library Catalog Cards* (April-December 1948) and the *Army Medical Library Author Catalog* 1949. The former was issued as a supplement to the *Cumulative Catalog of Library of Congress Printed Cards* and the latter as a supplement to the *LC Author Catalog*.

This edition of the catalog covers the five-year period 1950-1954 and supersedes the annual volumes for 1950-1953 (i.e., the *Army Medical Library Catalog* 1951, and the *Armed Forces Medical Library Catalog*, 1952-1953). The work is divided into two parts, an author catalog and a subject catalog. In both parts the cards are completely reproduced, giving the author entry, his dates, the title, place of publication, publisher, date, pagination, notes, tracings, Armed Forces

Medical Library Classification, and card number.

The 1950 and 1951 volumes included only medical titles; all succeeding volumes have included material of medical interest. This edition not only contains current material, but lists under Part I, Authors, material published before 1801 and American titles through 1820. Additional titles published during this period will be listed in future issues of the catalog.

Part Two, Subjects, is limited by the library's policy of assigning subject headings only to titles published since 1925, with the following exceptions: (1) important reference and historical materials; (2) biographies and bibliographies; (3) periodicals; (4) congresses; (5) statistical documents; (6) works about institutions, such as hospitals, clinics, etc.

Altogether about 75,000 titles are listed. Because the Armed Forces Medical Library has an acquisition policy which is international in scope and nearly complete in coverage, this catalog becomes an indispensable bibliographical tool for the world's medical literature published in book or pamphlet form. It is essential for active reference and research libraries; all libraries serving medicine and the allied sciences will find it necessary in the performance of their readers services and technical services.—*G. J. Clausman, New York University–Bellevue Medical Center Library.*

No Ordinary Year

Annual Report of the Librarian of Congress for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1954. Washington, D.C.: The Library of Congress, U.S. Government Printing Office, 1955. 178 p.

The *Report* for fiscal 1954 records as leading events the appointment of a new Librarian of Congress and the accessioning of the ten-millionth book. The list of officers begins with a roll-call of distinction: Luther Harris Evans, Librarian (to July 3, 1953), Verner W. Clapp, Acting Librarian (July 4, 1953–September 1, 1954), L. Quincy Mumford, Librarian of Congress and the accessioning of the Librarian Emeritus—all the names since 1899 but Archibald MacLeish. The guard changed,