

BIOMEDICAL TWX, NEW YORK

Ten members of the Medical Library Center of New York are now linked, with MLC and with each other, in a TWX communications network which began transmission of messages on May 1. With the exception of the typewriter in the New York Academy of Medicine, which was supplied by the state of New York, the equipment installation and monthly rental fees are paid by the Medical Library Center; the individual libraries pay their own transmission charges. Thus far, the TWX network includes only the sponsoring members of the Medical Library Center. In addition to the New York Academy of Medicine these are the medical libraries of Columbia University, and Cornell University, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York Medical College, New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry, Rockefeller University, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, and Mount Sinai Hospital Jacobi library.

The New York Academy of Medicine has been designated the resource library for materials on medicine and psychology under the State of New York's Reference and Research Resources Program. The state has entered into contract with eleven major research libraries—eight subject and three area referral centers. The resource libraries are linked by teletype to the state library, which serves as a switching center for requests for materials not supplied locally through public library systems. The contract permits reimbursement by the State of New York for each request filled by the resource library and provides, as well, for partial payment for the processing of unfilled requests. The resource payment for the processing of unfilled requests. The resource library has the option of honoring requests by lending the physical volume or providing photocopy.

The TWX installations facilitate interlibrary loan transactions not only in New York City and New York State, but provide another means of communication between medical libraries in New York City and those in other parts of the country. The call numbers of the MLC network were assigned too late to be included in the 1967 TWX Directory, but a list of them may be obtained from Mrs. Jacqueline W. Felter, Acting Director, Medical Library Center of New York, 17 East 102nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10029. ■ ■

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