The 1951 meeting of the W.V.L.A., will be held at West Virginia State College, at Institute, on October 19 and 20. The Executive Committee has accepted the invitation of President, John M. Davis, to hold the Convention on the same weekend as the dedication of the new college library. The dedication will take place Friday evening, October 19. The speaker has not yet been announced.

Dr. Davis has appointed Miss Merry M. Watters, W.V.L.A. President; Dr. Charles L. Bailey, Librarian, West Virginia University, Mrs. Roy Bird Cook, Librarian, West Virginia Department of Archives and History, and Mr. J. Arthur Jackson, State Law Librarian, to serve as associate members of the College Committee for the dedication ceremonies. This committee will formulate and help execute plans for the dedication.

The Association received invitations from several libraries. All were carefully considered. Although it meant holding the Convention in the same locality for two consecutive years, nevertheless, the Executive Committee chose West Virginia State College because it afforded an opportunity to participate in the dedication of a new library, and it is centrally located in the state, easily reached by several methods of transportation.

A planning committee for the W.V.L.A. Convention has been appointed by Miss Watters, Mrs. Leonhead F. Green, Librarian, West Virginia State College and Mrs. Robert North, Jr., as co-chairmen. Serving with them on the local committee are Mrs. Judith Gordon, West Virginia State College, Miss Elizabeth Quarrier, Morris Harvey College, Miss Hazel Fisher, Thomas Jefferson Junior High, Mrs. Janie Graham, Garnet Branch Library and Mrs. June Bruggler, Mrs. William Dawson, Miss Lorene Amos and Miss Dorothy Twichig, all of Kanawha County Public Library.

For the young librarians, who are doomed to inhabit old, cost-off public buildings, it will be a pleasure simply to visit a brand new library. For those who are planning a new building, in the not too distant future, it will be an opportunity to study the plan of the new completed West Virginia State College Library. Built in modern Tudor design, to harmonize with the rest of the campus buildings, the brick and stone building will house 170,000 books, with provision for further expansion by the addition of upper stories. Mrs. Drain, Librarian, hopes to have the 36,000 books comfortably housed there by the end of the summer. She will be able to quadruple the collection without even thinking of where she will put the books—a situation devoutly to be wished and seldom realized.

Full plans for the meeting will appear in the September issue of West Virginia Libraries. We might say in passing that another new library may be open for inspection during the Convention. The new Morris Harvey College building will have been completed by then. At present, circle the dates on your calendar and rest assured that there are hours every twenty minutes from Charleston to Institute.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE AT CONVENTION

The Executive Board at the January meeting announced that "College students interested in the library profession will be permitted to attend the W.V.L.A. meetings without payment of registration fees and in numbers to be determined by the local chairman on the basis of capacity." This is an excellent way to interest
prospective librarians in the opportunities offered by West Virginia Libraries. So if you have a likely candidate be sure to contact the local chairman well in advance of the Convention in October.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

The officers of the West Virginia Library Association elected at the 1950 annual meeting at Charleston on October 23, 1950 are:

President: Miss Mary Bolling, West Virginia University, Morgantown.
Vice-President and President-Elect: Mr. Robert North, Jr., Kanawha County P. L., Charleston.
Secretary: Miss Helen Robinson, University High School, Morgantown.
Treasurer: Miss Rosa Oliver, Marshall College, Huntington.

Section chairmen elections are as follows:

Public Library Section:
Miss Frances Alderson, Kanawha County P. L., Charleston.
College Library Section:
Mrs. Vivian Slaughter, West Liberty State College, West Liberty.
Friends of the Library:
Miss L. B. Humphreys, Roncoverta.

Appointments announced at the Executive Board meeting at Morgantown on January 19, 1951 are as follows:

Auditing Committee:
Miss Mary Bolling, Chairman, Central High School, Huntington.
Mrs. Kathryn Kauffman, Marshall College, Huntington.

Membership Chairman:
Mrs. Barbara Tude, West Virginia Library Commission, Morgantown.

Federal Coordinator:
Mr. Robert North, Jr., Kanawha County P. L., Charleston.

Committee on Intellectual Freedom:
Mrs. Oliver Charleff, Chairman, Marshall College, Charleston.
Mrs. Faith Kessell, Dunbar High School, Dunbar.
Mr. R. Hugh Bemzner, Bethany College, Bethany.
Miss Virginia Stelling, Ohio County P. L., Wheeling.

West Virginia Representative on the A.I.L.A. Council:
Mr. Robert North, Jr., replacing Mr. Charles E. Butler, who resigned in October. After the July A.I.L.A. Convention, Miss Mary B. Bolling will be Councillor.

W. V. L. A. STATUTES 6/30

At present there are 105 personnel members of W. V. L. A. and 44 institutional memberships. Considering that there are approximately 81 libraries in the state, this is not a very high number. Any librarian or library wishing to join the Association may do so by sending a check to the Treasurer, Miss Rosa Oliver, Marshall College, Huntington.
Dues are $2.00, personal membership; $5.00 institutional membership.

The budget as of the October 1, 1950 audit showed a balance of $436.37. More dues would mean more activities.

ELIZABETH HAMILTON MEMORIAL

The Executive Board has voted to send $50.00 to the Ohio County Public Library to be used to buy books in memory of Eleanor Hamilton. Miss Hamilton, who died July 10 was one of the state's outstanding librarians. She was a past president of W.V.I.A. and at the time of her death was librarian of the Ohio County Public Library, Wheeling.
Layman and librarians have continued to ask, "How well did the Commission come through legislature this year?"

The budget for 1951-52 is $89,910, and for 1952-53, $79,910. Again, extra equipment is allowed in the first year of the biennium rather than the second. Legislators now are more thoroughly each year and their interest in libraries continues to grow. Local expression of appreciation of their interest is important for their continuation.

Since the beginning of demonstration program in 1947 service has been started in 5 counties. Monroe served as a guinea pig, while its unit of population is too small for effective service, it continues as a sounding board for Commission planning. The multi-county demonstration in Ritchie, Brooke, Jackson and Roane counties has been underway for nearly a year. This unit of counties is really challenging Commission staff in its application of extension theories. Bookmobile schedules are under way and a county seat library is open one to two days per week in each county. Response from citizens is extremely heartening.

The demonstration program is now double its application. Stabilization and effectiveness of service already initiated must be considered as well as expansion into new territory.

Now that the Public Library Inquiry has been completed, all librarians and board members have a definite obligation to examine at least the one volume, "The General Report of the Public Library Inquiry" by Dr. Robert Devore Leagh. Its authenticity in outlining minimum standards of effective service can serve as a guide for the next ten years. Certainly state-wide planning will involve many of its principles.

Dora Ruth Parke, Executive Secretary.
FAIRMONT STATE COLLEGE: The new library building at Fairmont State should be completed before the fall term. Professor Rand and Bjoerstam have received the bids for furniture and shelving. Visitors are welcome.

Harold Jones, Librarian, has announced that the college library is developing an extensive file of occupational information pamphlets for the use of students who want factual information about vocations. The available material present covers approximately 50 occupations from accountant to zoologist. Such varied fields as that of air conditioner, buyer, fashion designer, musician, psychologist, traffic manager and teacher are included. Students who want data about how to prepare for, enter into, and progress in occupations suited to their abilities, interests and education will find material about the qualifications and training of diesel engineers, journalists, lawyers, reporters and foundry workers.

HARSHALL COLLEGE: Courses in Library Science will be given at Marshall College at both Summer Sessions. The courses will be under the direction of a visiting instructor holding a master's degree in Library Science. The courses to be given are:

- First semester—Children's Literature, Administration of School Libraries, and Reference and Bibliography.
- Second semester—History of Books and Libraries, and Cataloging and Classification.

"Your Key to the Library." was prepared by the staff in August 1950 to give information to new students on how to use the library. A section for graduate student services was also included.

A Recordak was purchased for the Library and has been in use for about a year. Microfilms for the New York Times since 1939, the Christian Science Monitor beginning in 1924, and the Pantheon, local student paper, are available.

HUNTINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY: The library has seen many improvements this past winter—a new roof and new front doors, the latter being less broodingly grand than the old ones; shortly the Bookmobile headquarters will be moved from the assembly room to its own house on the ground floor, where it will share with the Cataloging Dept., a large room recently remodeled to fit the needs of both. This room is made attractive by gaily colored...
shelves, freshly painted work tables and desks, new fluorescent lights and bright, new glass brick windows. After this move, work will begin on the second floor to provide adequate accommodations for the Reference Dept.

More than a year ago the people of Barboursville raised funds for the purchase of a building to house their library, which had long been bursting at the seams. After long and tedious work spent in refinancing, on March 9, with much publicity, the new library was formally opened with a tea. Recent exhibits of the Circulation Dept., featured Lenten reading, gardening and birds, and "Arts as a hobby" with the paintings of the "Grandma Roses" of the Tri-State.

KANAWHA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY: A special exhibit in March displayed sample pages of the manuscript of Mr. Charles E. Butler’s novel "Watch He Ever", showing the early stages of the work compared with the published form. It coincided with the publication of the book as well as Mr. Butler’s appearance in Charleston at the Beck and Author Luncheon.

The Picture Collection under Mrs. Margaret Halliday’s direction has grown tremendously. Teachers, students, club women, artists, the Children’s Museum and display directors of local department stores find it most useful. In March, Mr. Scott Kirkpatrick, Ballet Theatre’s advance representative, gave the library a valuable collection of detailed photographs of virtually all the sets used by Ballet Theatre.

Materials issued by the clerks of the Senate and the House of Delegates of the current Legislature were sent daily by messenger service to the Reference Dept. In addition to the Journal of each house, mimeographed copies of all bills that first appeared were available, as well as the printed copies of the bills with amendments. The report to members on the legislative proceedings compiled by the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce was received weekly.

Kanawha County Public Library is now participating in the cooperative cataloging program of the Library of Congress. Copy for all West Virginia state documents beginning with the 1951 imprint and copy for earlier West Virginia material requested by LC is being supplied. To date 71 titles have been cataloged, 4 of which are already available in printed form.

The puppet show "The Easter Bunny" was shown in March by the Boys & Girls’ Dept. Interested children of the library club did the work under Miss Tina Brown’s supervision.

The library was asked to participate in the choice of A.L.A.’s Notable Books of 1951. Of the 40 titles chosen, 31 were on the list submitted by Kanawha County Public Library.

OHIO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY: The music Dept., organized in 1948, reports a large increase in circulation of records during the past year. New records in the 45 and 78 r.p.m. speeds are popular. During 1949-50, 7,062 records were borrowed for home use, while 2,178 were played in the Library’s listening room. This year in January 1,067 records were circulated; in February 1,298. This is a 17% and 16% gain over the same months last year. Selection from Broadway musicals and children’s story records were the most popular. Following closely were Rachmaninoff’s Symphonies Nos. 5 and 6, Beethoven’s "Choral" and Mozart’s "Jewel". Strauss Waltzes and the works of Gilbert and Sullivan. An increasing number of requests were received for Wolf’s Piano Concerto No. 20 and "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik"; Haydn’s Symphony No. 13 and the Frank "Jumin". Selections from operas were popular as was the piano music of Chopin, Liszt, and Debussy.

A Record-a-thon has been recently purchased, microfilms of the Wheeling Intelligencer for the years 1853 to 1935 are available.

Since September 1950 the library has participated with 12 other libraries and Ohio County Public Library. The library receives 10 new films per month, which are available to groups of 10 people or more. The films are loaned on a 24-hour basis or may be viewed in the Library’s activity Room. There are 51 groups regularly using the service, while approximately 5,000 people view the films each month.
Miss Virginia Bealing, Librarian, states that with all those new media of communication stealing the spotlight, it is gratifying to note that circulation of books, always the library’s yardstick, shows a gain of over 1,000 for the month of February, as compared with the statistics for the same month last year.

RALEIGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY: The Library ended the fiscal year June 30, 1951 with 9,000 volumes on the shelves. Since Sept. 1, new books have been added at the rate of 50 to 75 each month. The Beckley Junior Women’s Club has sponsored the redecoration of the library and the opening of a separate department for juvenile borrowers. Venetian blinds, freshly painted shelves and tables, and new draperies have made the library an attractive place. The Club, which has spent $1500 on the library during the past two years, is planning an open house in April.

PERSONNEL HIRI AND FLOW

Mrs. Cecilia Graham was appointed librarian of Raleigh County P. L., Beckley, January 1. Mrs. Graham previously served as co-librarian with Mrs. E. L. Allenbaugh, who resigned to join her husband in Florida. Mrs. Paul Fisher has been named as assistant.