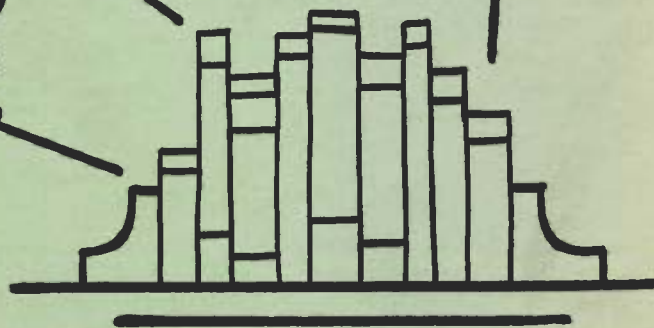


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WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

October 16-17, 1959, Hotel Prichard, Huntington

ADVANCEPROGRAM

Thursday, October 15

7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting
 9:00 PM Social hour honoring Exhibitors

Friday, October 16

9:00 AM Registration desk opens
 Exhibit area opens
 10:30 AM GENERAL SESSION
 Business meeting
 Committee reports
 Program. Topic to be of special interest
 to Trustees and Public Librarians

12:30 PM LUNCHEON MEETING

Speaker: Mr. George Coen, Past President,
 Ohio Library Trustees Association

Topic: "Achieving Trustee Objectives
 Through Organized Activities"

2:30 PM SECTIONAL MEETINGS:

Public Library Section
 College Library Section
 Trustee Section

5:30 PM Exhibitors' reception and social hour

6:30 PM BANQUET MEETING

Speaker: Mr. John Ciardi, Poetry Editor,
The Saturday Review

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Banquet will begin
promptly at 6:30 PM. Our
 speaker has another engagement
 which necessitates an early
 plane connection.

ADVANCE PROGRAM (Continued)

Saturday, October 17

9:00 AM

Registration
Exhibit area opens

9:30 AM

GENERAL SESSION

Speaker: Miss Mary V. Gaver, Past President,
American Assoc. of School Librar-
ians, Chairman, AASL Standards
Committee

Topic: Standards for school library
service.

11:00 AM

SECTIONAL MEETING:

School Library Section

12:00 Noon

LUNCHEON MEETING

Speaker: Agnes Smith, author of "An Edge
of the Forest"

2:00 PM

GENERAL SESSION

Business meeting
Program

Speaker: Dr. Hilary J. Deason, Director
Science Library Program, American
Association for the Advancement of
Science.

Topic: The National Defense Education Act
of 1959 and its part in improving
instruction through the use of
books and libraries. Dr. Deason
will discuss in particular the
science library program of the AAAS
and its objectives.

Other business
Adjournment

Brief meeting of new Executive Board

(See "From The President's Desk" on page 4
of this issue for highlights of the Con-
ference)

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Dr. Hilary J. Deason, Director of the Science Library Program of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, has perhaps done more work with science libraries for schools in recent years than any other person. He has edited the "AAAS Science Book List" which has just been published by the AAAS and the National Science Foundation. This is the first good, usable bibliography of science books for junior and senior high school students, college students and nonspecialist adults, and is, indeed, perhaps the only really good one yet published. Dr. Deason will bring with him an exhibit of one of the Traveling Science Library sets; he will be available for consultation throughout the conference period.

These are just a few of the highlights of the Conference Program. Let me urge each of you to make your reservations early. It is especially important to make meal reservations in advance. We must know the number to be served at each meal 48 hours in advance, so reservations are important. (Cancellations, where necessary, must be made 48 hours in advance also.) A Registration Blank is included with this issue; please return it as soon as possible.

I will look forward to seeing each of you in Huntington on the 16th and 17th of October.

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CURRENT PRICES OF WEST VIRGINIA BOOKS

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An increasing number of libraries and individuals in West Virginia are starting or developing already established collections of local and regional history. Some of these collections are well rooted, with holdings of most of the standard works that make up the literature of the State. Many other collections are less well along, but are acquiring materials as actively as budgets will permit.

Nets are being cast by public libraries over wide areas of West Virginia. The Benedum Library in Bridgeport, for example, is starting a West Virginia collection which may well become an outstanding repository of local history in one of the most beautiful library buildings in the state. Further south, the McDowell Public Library has announced a significant expansion of its local history and literature holdings. Coupled with this announcement is an appeal for contributions of books and other materials on the history of the Virginias.

In Charleston, the Kanawha County Public Library's holdings of state and local histories has become one of the important collections in the State. Even though the State Department of Archives and History and the University have been in the field for a somewhat longer time than other libraries in the State, neither is able yet to discard its desiderata lists in this area of collecting.