### High School Students Reading Interests

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In order for a college library staff to offer better service to incoming college freshmen, this data on their reading habits was secured.

We asked each student enrolled in a required use of the library course to answer these three questions: 1) List the newspapers you read regularly; 2) List the magazines you read regularly; 3) List the titles of as many books as you recall reading during the past year, editing required curricular readings.

The 118 students reported they read 304 newspapers; the average student regularly reading 2.6 titles. Of these 84% were "local papers" and 31% represented the nonmetropolitan papers. Interestingly, the male students completed more of their reading from the metropolitan papers than did the female students.

The number of magazines read regularly by the group totaled 637. The magazine titles were distributed among appropriate subject headings used in the "Classified Index to Magazine List," of the Standard Catalog for High School Libraries. Of the twenty areas from which this library guide recommends high school libraries have a selection, it was necessary in this study to use only eight. Two additional subject headings, "pulp" magazines and "movie" magazines were added to more accurately describe the findings. The results of these two groupings and the percent that such constituted in the total are indicated below.

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It is immediately noticeable that the "pulp" magazines constitute a small percentage of the total figure. It is possible that the students did not care to admit they read this type of material; though, there was no way the answer could have been traced back to the respondent. On the basis of this limited data, it would appear that public opinion is wrong, at least in the case of entering college freshmen, in describing the teen-age group as heavy readers of "pulp" magazines.

The poor showing of literary magazine titles (less than 1.0% in disappointing). It would seem that the amount of literature completed in the school curriculum is not influencing, at least insofar as this type of sampling can measure, the reading habits of the students.

It is interesting that 77% of the students indicated they frequently read the pictorial general magazines (e.g., Life, Look). The average entering male freshman has used 5 magazines per year while his coed companion is familiar with 5.8 titles.

The group of students could recall reading 8.5 books per year on average of 2.5 books per student of the
group, 22% could remember neither the author nor title of any books, while 13 per cent of the group could remember reading six or more books.

This book reading permitted itself to be grouped in seven subject areas as is indicated below:

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The preponderance of fiction is discouraging, especially as much of it was of the Zane Grey or Kathleen Norris type of writing. It would appear from the above percentages that neither the classroom teacher nor the librarians are supplying reading guidance beyond the conventional curricular type. It is also possible that the high school and public libraries are failing to make available such materials as aggressive publication houses are preparing in all subject areas for this specialized group of readers.

In summary, it seems that the average student is familiar with at least two current newspapers. They are introduced to the magazine field before entering college, but their reading to this point has been largely (85%) in the areas of general popular magazines, as opposed to a more substantial literary, scientific, and current event type. Their free recall of book titles indicates they again complete most of their reading in a recreational area as opposed to a more solid fare which would benefit them for college educational experiences.

TRI-STATE ACRL CHAPTER ORGANIZED

The Association of College and Reference Librarians is organizing chapters in various parts of the country to bring the national organization closer to individual members, to give ACRL members opportunity to participate in projects, and to lead to better knowledge and more contact with the national organization.

A tri-state chapter was organized in Pittsburgh, Nov. 7. The area includes most of western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio, and West Virginia. Over 100 librarians participated in the organizational meeting at which officers were elected, a constitution committee appointed, and plans for activities were discussed.

Officers elected were E. Hugh Brown, librarian, Bethany College, W. Va., president; John R. Beacham, librarian, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, vice-president; Miss Helen Kocher, librarian, Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa., secretary-treasurer. To serve with the officers on the executive board are: E. Hugh Brown, Miss Geraldine D. Anderson, librarian, Research and Development Division, Pittsburgh Consolidated Coal Co., Library, Pa., and Miss Rose Donahue, librarian, Pa. State, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.

It was generally agreed that the chapter should meet twice a year. It was proposed that a meeting be held in the spring with a series of talks on topics of particular interest to the members, and that another meeting be held in the fall, possibly with one of the state associations.

ACRL has also adopted a system of state representatives. One person in each state will represent ACRL interests and keep the national headquarters informed about local needs, activities (Cont. on p. 10).
MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Can library service be improved by adopting the efficiency methods and public relations programs of business and industry? Proved the many favorable comments on the Conference, it is evident that librarians think that business and industry can help us solve our problems.

The theme of the Conference was "Business Advises Librarians." Speakers included top officials of many companies and organizations, as well as libraries, to discuss the efficiency of library service.

There was little said which was entirely new; there was much skill of which we need to be constantly reminded. The following paragraphs will summarize some of the speeches.

Mr. Arthur G. Scudder, Staff Director, Technical Div., Nat. Office Manufacturers Assoc., Philadelphia, stated that business judges its efficiency by the amount of money saved. In a nonprofit organization like a library, efficiency is judged by the amount of library work done.

Mr. Ralph R. Shaw, Librarian, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, declared efficiency to be only relative; that it is something more than common sense; that one must have a real desire to do a more efficient job. According to Mr. Shaw, there are two kinds of efficiency: Operational efficiency, which is the best thing which can be done, such as keeping the library open 24 hours a day; and Operational efficiency, which is the best thing which can be done, such as keeping the library open 24 hours a day.

Publicity: Mr. LaVern Cains, Jr., Sessions and Cains, Public Relations Director, Washington, D.C., declared that "The library is not the person who can accomplish the best thing in the library," but the person who can accomplish the best thing.

News and Notes: The library and the library's role in public relations were discussed. The library is a vital part of the community and should be recognized as such.

Personnel: Mr. Harry Scherba, Personnel Director, IAC, Washington, D.C., explained that "You don't hire just the part that works," but that the worker is motivated by emotions and work depends on morale. Subordinates are people with ambitions to be stirred, narrow which can be broadened, pride which can be hurt, and hopes to be realized. As a supervisor respect the human dignity of the employee, help him maintain his self-respect, give him an opportunity for self-expression, and give him an opportunity to satisfy his ambition.

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Interior Decoration: Mr. Frank F. Bisloy, Color Engineer, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., discussed the psychological effects of warm and cool colors and their relations to the source of external light. He recommended cool colors for southern and western exposures and warm colors for northern and eastern ones. However, he thinks green is the best color for all rooms. It can be adapted to any exposure by varying the proportions of blue and yellow. White and red colors should be avoided in libraries because they produce restlessness and irritation. He recommends yellow for corridors. It is especially desirable in those times because, in case of smoking with consequent smoke and light failure, a bright color may mean the difference between getting the patrons out of the building safely and not getting them out at all.

Review Sessions: Dr. Robert Brittain, poet, author, professor, in speaking on "Science Looks Ahead" explained that over half of the world's people are hungry, sick, illiterate, and poverty stricken. At present one out of 10 of the 38 billion acres of earth is cultivated. More land can be made productive by addition of trace elements to the soil and receiving Roman methods of irrigation. More cattle can be raised for food through science conquering diseases which kill them.

Dr. Kenneth Dale Wolfe, President Freedom Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa., told several stories about people who lived in the Communist zone of Germany and what freedom means to them. He also explained in detail of the work of Freedom Foundation, although Dr. Wolfe is violently opposed to Communism, he urged librarians to furnish information on all the "Peoples."

Miss Virginia Peterson, literary critic and author, spoke of books that reflect American life and from the University, Miss Florence Rowne, Virginia Pann, and Robert Rahn.
DO YOU KNOW

THAT West Virginia spends approximately $84 per capita annually for public library services? Only Arkansas, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Nevada spend less per capita than West Virginia. Massachusetts and California spend more than the $115 recommended by the American Library Association.


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THAT West Virginia is one of the high salary states in the library profession? The 1949 United States Bureau of Labor Statistics survey of the status of library employees revealed that the highest salaries were paid in Delaware, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia. (Kinsey - Opportunities in Library Careers, p.48)

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THAT the West Virginia Library Association hold its meeting in Atlantic City at which Association business was conducted with no members present? All memberships expired on September 30; your dues are overdue. See announcement elsewhere in this issue about paying dues for this year.

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THAT book censorship has invaded West Virginia? "In Wheeling, ...the Infolimnoner reported in its issue of September 2 that the city council has given the city's Comic Book Censorship Board power to ban 'illegale obscene magazines, newspapers and pamphlets from the newspaper.' The Council's action was prompted by the ...League of Decency, which appealed to the city legislators to enact legislation defining obscenity in order that the law could be enforced. The Infolimnoner urged the council to proceed with great caution' in an editorial September 3." (Publisher's Weekly, Oct. 10, 1953, p.1564-5)

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THAT A.L.A. membership of West Virginia college librarians averages three out of five? A survey made in 1953 revealed that 57.6% of the college librarians were members of the American Library Association. Of the 77.6% of total of 72,973 were also members of A.L.A.

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Top of the News, the publication of the A.L.A. Division of Libraries for Children and Young People, is anxious to call attention to the work the librarians in West Virginia have been doing in the area of service to children and young adults. The section called "News from the Regional Reporters" prints information about special projects, methods of attracting readers, services to schools and youth groups, new lists, professional meetings, displays and other publicity. "For example; How has your library been most successful in interpreting to the community the values of strengthening public library services to children and young people; how are you sharing your book knowledge with teachers, parents, bookstores, personnel, gift-giving relatives; how are you using recordings or films." The deadline for the next issue is March 3. Send Children's news to Miss stone to Wolley, Martin Memorial Library, York, Pa., and news of young adult activities to Miss Ethel Roper, Office of Work with Young People, Brooklyn Public Library, Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn 38, New York.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK:

The next meeting of the West Virginia Library Association will be held at Bethany College. The meeting will be held early in October, 1934. Miss Virginia Eshelby of the Ohio County Public Library and Mrs. Vivian Slaughter of West Liberty State College have agreed to join with me in planning the program. It is hoped to have a two day meeting with a considerably expanded program. It is possible that the new Tri-State Chapter of the Association of College and Reference Libraries and our Association on one of the days.

The Atlantic City meeting was a tremendous success. Those of us who were there missed those of you who weren’t. You may be interested in knowing that the conference actually made money and our original deposit was returned. We are also expecting an additional amount when the final accounting is made.

A good meeting of the Executive Board was held in Parkersburg. All members of the Board, with the exception of Miss Kessell, were able to be present. It was decided to hold two Workshop meetings in the Spring. It is most likely that one will be held in Elkins and one in Beckley. These will be held especially for local public and school librarians. Mrs. Farrington of the Moundsville High School reported that the school librarians were interested in having such workshops.

I would appreciate hearing from any librarians who have any suggestions to further the program of library development in West Virginia.


NEWS HEADLINES for the various issues of West Virginia Libraries during 1934 are: February 49, May 10, and Aug. 18. Place a REMINDER on your calendar now, and send your news to the proper editorial assistant as indicated.

"Sorry! No millennium yet!" declares the Mentorship Committee Chairman Omar Bacon. "Your West Virginia Library Association dues are payable just as if we had had a state meeting in West Virginia this year." It is requested that checks and money orders be made payable to the West Virginia Library Association and mailed to Omar A. Bacon, Huntington Public Library, Huntington, W.Va. Individual membership – $2.00; Institutional membership – $5.00. Close the year with a happy glow if the thought of your dues is paid.
December 1933
WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARIES

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the West Virginia Library Association was held at Charleston, W. Va., on October 15, with twenty-five persons present.

President Behnken presented a statement of purpose of the state library association in which he suggested that the association support the Library Commission more realistically, and that it should promote librarianship and the establishment of new libraries throughout the state. Specifically he recommended regional workshops, the abandonment of separate College and Public Library Section meetings at the annual meeting, and increased attention of the entire association to the problem of strengthening public library coverage of our state.

Treasurer’s report showed a balance of $868.92 as of Sept. 30. The Association began the year with a balance of $978.80. Income and expenses were $79.00 and $319.68 respectively.

Mr. Mark Gurney reported briefly on the work of the Public Library Section mentioning the latter campaign to encourage librarians to support the Library Commission’s request for a budget increase, and the Workshop held in Moundsville in the Spring of 1933.

Mr. Omar Bacon, Federal Coordinator, reported that consideration of the Library Demonstration Bill was being delayed because of the appointment of a Congressional committee to study the entire problem of federal grants to states. The thing to be accomplished now is to have library aid recognized as one of the types which should be given.

Officers elected for 1933-1934 are: Mr. E. Hugh Behmken, President; Mr. Omar Bacon, vice-president and president-elect; Miss Ruth Kessel, second vice-president; Mrs. Edna Woolery, secretary; and Mr. Charles Loudenmire, treasurer.

Miss Virginia Ebeling, chairman of the Public Library Section, reported that planning had begun for holding two Workshops during the year. One is to be held at Bluefield for the surrounding 10 counties and one at Shinnston for 17 counties. A general discussion of procedures, goals, and speakers followed.

W.V.I.A., committees and members as appointed by the Board are:

Membership Committee:
Mr. Omar A. Bacon, Chairman
Mr. Charles Loudenmire
Mr. Vito Bruni

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Miss Virginia Harris, Chairman
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Miss Mildred Conrad

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Members of the Executive Board are:
Mr. E. Hugh Bohm, President; Mr. Onor Boocn, vice-president and president-elect; Miss Faith Kesso, second vice-president; Miss Edna Woolery, sec.; Mr. Charles Leckonwilk, treas.; Miss Doris Ruth Parks; Miss Virginia Ebling, chairman, public library section; Mr. Gilbert Potts, chairman, college library section; Mr. Mark Crum; and Mr. Floyd W. Millor.

PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS
HUNTINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Community activities: Book Week observance activities this year included both the adult and juvenile departments. Downtown library had a series of book reviews by the Huntington Woman’s Club. Special exhibits of new books, records, and pamphlets were on display. The Boys’ and Girls’ Department had a series of story hours with stories told by members of the adult and junior Story Telling League of the city. All juvenile departments had a party for the winners of certificates of the junior American Heritage reading program. Three hundred and sixty-one qualified for certificates. Barboursville and Milton both had community sponsored meetings.

Equipment: A Marisch automatic calculator has been purchased to run studies on circulation statistics, and for better business control.

Personnel: Aris Mitchell, bookmobile librarian, attended the Ohio Library Association meeting in Columbus. Staff members not attending conventions will be sent to a public library for a learning visit.

Records: Long playing records are now replacing the standard play in the phonograph record collection. Cataloging, classification, and processing routines have been developed and introduced. Over a hundred long play records were placed in circulation during Book Week. The library’s large collection of Little Golden records are popular with children.

KANAWHA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Films: The Library Film Preview Center Project began operations in October with showings to representatives of various organizations and groups in the Charleston area. Those who wish to obtain the films for use with their groups can reserve them through the library. The films are furnished by the Film Council of America, one subject group being received each month. The subjects for October and November were International Relations and Economic Education respectively. Interested persons may contact Joanne Groopman at the library for schedules of showing and information about films.

American Heritage Project: A discussion group began meeting in September under the joint sponsorship of the public school Adult Education program and the Kanawha County Public Library. The textbook is Mr. Mark Crum is serving as discussion leader. Members of the group are assigned material to be read and a film provided by the A.L.A. American Heritage Project is shown at the meeting.

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Records: About 30 persons active in Charleston music circles attended a tea at the library Sunday afternoon, Nov. 1, to inaugurate the opening of the new record loaning project. On the following day 77 albums were borrowed. The library has 278 albums and 50 single records. Radio station WCHS donated 135 albums; Galpin Music Co. gave 33 albums and a record player; others were gifts from individuals. A grant of $300.00 has been received from the Patterson Foundation, New York, to be used for purchase of long-play records. In addition to music recordings there are several sets of poetry readings. A listening room is being constructed in the library.

Boys' and Girls' Work: Miss William Brown has been making visits to local schools to promote interest in the library and to organize groups of school puppeteers who will give weekly Saturday morning puppet shows.

The English library "adopted" by the Boys' and Girls' Department (WVJ, Oct. 12, 1931) is in the news again. Miss Brown's Department received a copy of The Borrowers, this year's winner of the Carnegie Medal Award for the outstanding children's book in England, from the Library Club of Charleston. Mrs. Frank Amund saw the book and retold it partially on her story hour over WCHS. When Woman's Day began to publish the story serially, in June, Miss Brown contacted the editor with a story about the copy received from the "adopted" library. The story and a photograph was published in Woman's Day.

A county-wide library contest for school children was run as part of a pre-book week promotion program. The Kanawha County (Charleston), South Charleston, and St. Albans libraries worked within their respective areas, with the Kanawha County bookmobile covering other parts of the county. The object of the contest was to learn which schools have the highest percentage of library card holders.

Odds and Ends: The Extension Department is busy drawing up plans for a new bookstore.

An article by Mr. Charles Lomax of the Reference Department is to be published in the West Virginia Magazine for December or January. The article is on the history of the Kanawha County Public Library and its reference department in particular. Mr. Lomax has also prepared another article which is to be printed in the Charleston Gazette.

With the death of Mrs. W.L. Clark in August, the library lost a friend and interested worker. Mrs. Clark had been a member of the library board since 1928.

OHI0 COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Community Activities: Several adult education activities are being held in the Civic Room. The registration of church women are sponsoring a series of meetings on the work and purpose of the United Nations, featuring outstanding speakers. Dr. Perry E. Greer, now president of Bethany College, was one of the speakers. Other activities include an extension course in education offered by West Virginia University; and, a music appreciation course taught by Mr. Colvin of West Liberty State College which the recordings and facilities of the library's Music Department are used. Later a Spanish language course, taught by a native of Sevilla, is to be offered.

Children's Department: The Children's Department, with the cooperation of radio station WCHS, broadcast some "Enrichment Records" during Book Week.

WATTS BARRE LIBRARY (MORGANTOWN CITY)

Community Activities: "The Morgantown Friends of the Library" met in October to elect officers. Mr. Brooks Botts, editor of the Morgantown
Post, and Mr. Alfred McCaskey were the speakers. The interest of this organization gives hope that Morgantown may soon have a modern library building.

The film "The Impressionable Years" has been made available by West Virginia Univ. for use by the "Friends" to interest civic groups in the work of the organization.

Children's Work: During Book Week, Miss Syril Burckhalter, a teacher in the Junior High School, brought her English classes to the library. As a result several students have become members of "Friends of the Library."

WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY COMMISSION

The Commission held Open House on October 23rd at its new headquarters, 2034 Quarry Street in Charleston.

The first appropriation for the Commission was made in 1941. In 1942, it began operation at the old University Health Center in Morgantown, and remained on campus until this summer because of housing shortages in Charleston. Again, headquarters is a house -- a larger one than its first home.

In addition to state-wide services previously provided by the Commission, service to State employees in Charleston has been initiated.

New staff members are Mrs. Roy E. Harrison, secretary; Miss Shirley Tolloy, typist, Cataloging Department; Mr. J.L. Tidball, typist, Loan Department (all of whom came to the Commission from the Kanawha Co. Public Library); Mrs. C.B. Thomas, who was formerly employed by the Charleston Engraving Co.; and Bill L. Coon, driver-clerk, a graduate of Van High School in 1933.

Mr. Rambov P. O'Gorman, formerly a field worker in Region "A" whose headquarters was Harrisville, moved with the Commission and is now in charge of headquarters services which include Loan, Reference, Cataloging, and Ordering. Miss Elna Frantz, who was Mr. O'Gorman's assistant in Region "A" also moved to headquarters as assistant in cataloging. Mrs. O.W. Moore of Dunbar is temporarily employed as an assistant in Loan-Reference.

Mrs. G.B. Allen, of Moorefield, is the new chairman of the Commission appointed by Governor Marland. She replaces Mr. Gilbert C. McCon, editor of the Martinsburg Journal. Mr. E.B. Rich is chairman of the Commission this year.

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Mrs. R.A. Thomas, etc. The representative will be alert to the problems of the reference and college librarians in the state, and will make every effort to be helpful. The plans for the representatives include membership promotion, and consideration of proposals for investigation and research. It is hoped that this system of state representatives will result in an awareness of the value of ACHR. (Membership is by specifying this division when paying dues to A.L.A.). and of the journal, College and Research Libraries, free to all ACHR members who pay A.L.A. dues of $ or more. The representative for West Virginia is Gilbert S. Fitz, Jr., librarian, Fairmont State College, Fairmont.

PERSONNEL:

Mr. Howard Lohman is now assistant librarian, Wayne University, Detroit. It is reported that Mr. Robert Aug is now assistant librarian at West Virginia University. It is hoped that there is truth in the rumor that Nigg Don Elder, librarian, Concord College, is now back to work.

Mrs. Gladys Tidball and Mrs. Dorothy M. Maur are the two new members of the Fairmont State College staff. Mrs. Tidball is a graduate of the University of Illinois. She has taught English and has been school librarian. (Cont’d, on p.11)
NEW PUBLICATION ON BOOK CENSORSHIP

The August 1963 issue (No.35) of the University of Illinois Library School's Occasional Papers is entitled "The American Library Association and Intellectual Freedom," and is written by John J. Boll, graduate student at the University of Illinois Library School. The paper, which is part of Mr. Boll's doctoral thesis, reviews the steps taken by the American Library Association during the past fourteen years, in combating censorship in libraries. A copy of the paper may be obtained without charge by writing the School of Library Science, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois.