

## OREGON STATE LIBRARY SALEM

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TO OREGON LIBRARY WORKERS:

Your state librarian and Miss Nell Unger, librarian of Portland, were among the nineteen hundred librarians, library trustees, and friends of libraries who attended the annual conference of the American Library Association in Kansas City in June. Emphasis was placed upon the need for further library extension, and upon state and federal aid as the best means of providing reasonably good library facilities for all the people. Dr. Milton Ferguson, librarian of the Brooklyn Public Library, was elected President. The next conference will be held in San Francisco in June, 1939. Plan now to attend, and share in the inspiration which comes from attending a great national meeting.

NEWBERY AND CALDECOTT AWARDS. Two national awards, one to an artist and one to an author, were presented at a meeting of the Section for Library Work with Children of the American Library Association.

Dorothy Lathrop, illustrator as well as writer of Animals of the Bible, won the Caldecott award "for the most distinguished American picture book for children published in 1937."

Kate Seredy, author of The White Stag, received the Newbery award for the most distinguished contribution to children's literature published the same year.

Both winners are noted for their writing and their illustration. Some of Miss Lathrop's most famous illustrations are of Hitty, an early American wooden doll, jointly owned by Miss Lathrop and Miss Rachel Field, whose Hitty, Her First Hundred Years, won the Newbery award in 1929.

Miss Seredy's pictures have also illustrated a Newbery award winner, Caddie Woodlawn, by Carol Ryrie Brink, which won the award in 1936. In addition, Miss Seredy's pictures have won wide popularity for their designer in her own books, The Good Master, and Listening.

AWARDS TO LIBRARIANS. For the first time, librarians were recipients of awards at the Library Conference.

Miss Mary U. Rothrock, supervisor of library service of the Tennessee Valley Authority, received the Joseph W. Lippincott award for "the most outstanding contribution to librarianship" in 1935-36. The award was presented at the second general session of the conference.

At the same session, Carleton B. Joeckel, professor, Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, received the James Terry White award, given for "notable published writing, professional or otherwise," for his Government of the American Public Library.

EASTERN OREGON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. This meeting, held at the Eastern Oregon Normal School in La Grande on May 21, was attended by more than thirty librarians and trustees. Officers for the new year are: President, Miss J. Elizabeth Olson of Pendleton; Vice-President, Mrs. Jennie Dennison of Burns; and Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Ruth Cochran of Pendleton.

STATE LIBRARY BUILDING. The erection of our beautiful new building is progressing rapidly. On June 21, while I was at A.L.A., the cornerstone was laid with appropriate ceremonies in which Governor Martin and other officials participated. The supports for the steel stacks are being placed, and you will be interested to know that 2,411 of these supports are required to support the 26,173 shelves which will house the books in the stack rooms. If you like figures, I can add that the weight of all these shelves and supports is 400,000 pounds.

DESCHUTES COUNTY LIBRARY TO HAVE NEW BUILDING. A recent PWA grant of \$13,500 assures a \$30,000 library building at Bend. This library, which serves all of Deschutes County, has been operating in a store building for many years, and will appreciate the convenient housing which the new building will offer.

REEDSPORT LIBRARY IN NEW QUARTERS. On Saturday, July 23, I attended the dedication of the new American Legion Hall in Reedsport. This hall, built to serve community needs, has a very attractive wing with separate entrance, in which the public library is housed.

AVAILABLE TO LIBRARIES IN SECOND DISTRICT. Congressman Pierce asks us to notify libraries in the second district that he has a few copies of the Geological Survey Bulletin 893, on Metalliferous Mineral Deposits of the Cascade Range in Oregon, which he will be glad to send on request.

P. N. L. A. Remember the dates - August 31 to September 2. Place - Glacier National Park. The program has not yet been announced, but is certain to be a good one. If you plan to go, please let me know.

From	To	Coaches Only	Tourist Class	First Class
Portland	Belton & return	\$25.35	\$28.50	\$30.00

Lower Pullman, Seattle or Portland to Belton--One way	\$5.50
Upper Pullman, " " " " " " " "	4.40
Lower Tourist, " " " " " " " "	2.75
Upper Tourist, " " " " " " " "	2.20

The rates at Many Glacier Hotel, American Plan (including meals) are \$6 per person per day in suites of two rooms with bath between, each suite to be occupied by four persons. Rooms without bath, one person in room, \$6.50; two or three persons in room, \$5.50 each. There are also auto cabins 1 1/4 miles from the Hotel. The bus fare from Belton to Many Glacier Hotel is \$9.00.

IMPORTANT LIBRARY TOOLS. The Geography of Reading, by Louis R. Wilson, is a study of the distribution and status of libraries in the United States. It also shows the relation of this distribution to that of bookstores and rental libraries, of magazines and newspapers, and to the status of other social institutions and media of communication of ideas, such as the school, the moving picture theatre, and the radio. (A.L.A., \$4.00)

Who Uses the Public Library, by William Converse Haygard, is a survey of the patrons of the circulation and reference departments of the New York Public Library. (University of Chicago, \$2.00)

The Children's Poetry Index, by Maud Macpherson, librarian of the Oregon Normal School at Monmouth, is a very important tool for libraries. During a five year period, Miss Macpherson devoted hours to sorting, classifying and subject heading more than 12,000 poems, found in fifty collections of poetry. The poems are indexed under author, title, and subject, thus making them available for quick reference work. (F. W. Faxon, \$5.00)

The Printed Page and the Public Platform, a study of the relation of reading to forums and discussion, by John Chancellor and Chester Williams, is a publication of the Office of Education, Washington, D.C. (Bulletin, 1937, No. 27)

CATHOLIC LIBRARIANS' MEETING. The eighth and final meeting of the local unit of Catholic librarians was held at St. Mary's of the Valley on Saturday, May 14. A Sister from each of the 19 schools represented responded to the roll call by giving a resumé of achievement in her school library during the year. Several of the grade schools inaugurated central libraries during the year, an advance over the classroom libraries. Points on type of program, projects to be undertaken as a unit, plans for summer librarian training, and development of library hobbies during the vacation months were subjects of discussion. The next meeting of the scholastic year 1938-39 will be held September 24 at St. Stephen's school, Portland.

W.P.A. LIBRARY PROJECT - STATE WIDE. Many of you will recall that I told you months ago that the State Library had sponsored a state wide library project under which all W.P.A. work in public and school libraries would operate in the future. The project is now approved, and we have been fortunate in securing as supervisor Miss Anne Mulheron, formerly librarian of the Portland library system. She will act as our field agent, helping libraries use W.P.A. work for the better development of library service in Oregon. It is hoped that we may shortly be able to create some demonstrations of large unit library service, in which the state library, local libraries, and W.P.A. cooperate effectively. Next week we expect a visit from Mr. Chapman, Director of Libraries in W.P.A., Washington, D.C., after which we hope to communicate with you, and get W.P.A. work under way in the fall.

#### NEWS OF OREGON LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS.

Albany. Two volumes, Book of Outdoor Hobbies, by Franklin K. Mathiews, and Uncle Dan Beard, by Cyril Clemens, have been added to the Bill Fortmiller memorial collection of Boy Scout literature at the library. There are now more than 200 books and pamphlets in this collection of books about Boy Scout interests and activities.

The library has provided reading material for children from 6 to 12 years, at Takenah and Eleanor parks. Mrs. Helen Hunter is supervising the project. An effort has been made to coordinate the reading matter of the child with the project in which he is engaged at the park, such as art, basketry, archery, etc.

An eight weeks Children's Hour Program is being conducted under the auspices of the local chapter of the American Association of University Women. The hour is devoted to story telling, picture projection, and assignment of suitable reading material for children.

Ashland. The Ashland Music Study Club has started an addition to the Music Shelf of the library. The library has also received a donation of children's books from the P.E.O. club, and a cash gift from the Study Club.

Astoria. The floors of the new library have been covered with composition flooring, the money being supplied by the Young Business Women's Club and the Junior Service Club, sponsors of the project.

Baker. Story hours and Book Club meetings are being held for the children during the summer months.

Bandon. The library is closed Saturdays and Sundays during the summer months.

An expression of appreciation of her 25 years of service as librarian was made to Miss F. Amelia Henry at the Woman's Club Amateur Hour program at the New Bandon Theatre. Miss Henry was presented with two oil paintings, Springtime, by Ernest, and Autumn, by Millet, and also received a cash gift, all of which came through a voluntary community expression sponsored by the Legion Auxiliary.

Carlton. The library is open on Saturdays only during the summer.

Clackamas County Libraries.

The Clackamas county court has authorized the creation of the Clackamas county free library, and a library board has been appointed by Judge W. O. Vaughan. The board is composed of Ivan A. Barker, Sandy, one year term; Herman Ledding, Milwaukie, two years; L. O. Harding, Oregon City, three years; Fred Inkster, Oswego, and Reva Case, Molalla, four years. The central library of the system will be at Oregon City, from which the books will be distributed to communities and rural schools in the county. The board will ask an appropriation in the 1939 county budget for the initial purchase of books. The newly appointed board elected Fred Inkster president, Mrs. Reva Case, treasurer, and county school superintendent Errol C. Rees, secretary. Mrs. Lucia Bliss, in charge of the county WPA library setup, was chosen librarian of the new project. The board will meet on the last Friday of each month at the Oregon City library.

Canby. The city's responsibility towards its library was one of the topics discussed at a meeting of the city council when a delegation of mayors and councilmen from Milwaukie, Molalla and Oswego were in attendance.

The library board has decided to install new shelves in the library. The new magazine racks, recently installed, are an attractive addition to the library room.

The library is open every afternoon except Sundays and Mondays, from 1 to 6 o'clock, and on Friday evening from 7 to 9.

Clackamas. A work project to employ one girl in the reading room on the school grounds has been approved by NYA.

The library now has over 400 books.

Estacada. Improvements in the library grounds continue. Recently the board members cut down some shrubbery and reset several plants.

A new table for the reading room has been purchased, and new posters have been made and placed in the children's room.

The Library Association at their annual meeting elected officers for the coming year: President, Miss Gertrude Dillon; Vice-President, Mrs. Birdie Gilgan; Treasurer, Mrs. Mabel Hughes; Secretary, Mrs. Aimee Upton.

Gladstone. The PTA gave a silver tea for the benefit of the library. A story hour for the children is held at the library every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 3, during the summer months.

The library has received as a gift the National Geographic magazines for 1935, 1936, and 1937.

Milwaukie. A rose show was held at the library recently, and books and magazines on flowers and rose culture were displayed.

The new city hall, in which the library is housed, was dedicated July 9, 10, and 11. It was formally opened July 9, after a children's parade, in which the library had a book character section.

Molalla. A revision of the library board's by-laws now permits representatives from the city council, Commercial Club and PTA to be active members of the board. Mrs. P.K. Stafford is the new chairman.

Oregon City. The library is located in a city park which consists of one block, but also contains a pool where children come to play on summer afternoons. Some discarded books, both adult and juvenile, have been placed in a case near the pool and also near the library. Some old magazines and some new ones, too, have been placed there. This park library venture has proved very popular thus far. It is a serve yourself library because the library does not have a staff member on duty. The books are available from 1:30 to 6 p.m. every day except Sunday.

Oswego. Miss Eleanore Kurth has been appointed on the library staff, replacing Miss Wrenn, who was transferred to another department.

The music department, started through a gift of money and music by members of the Women's Club, is becoming increasingly popular.

Several hundred books of fiction and non-fiction have been donated to the library.

Sandy. The children's story hour is held every Friday afternoon from 1 to 2 o'clock.

Corvallis. Reading in the library is increasing, and there is a greater demand for periodicals.

Cottage Grove. The library has received a copy of Oregon Poets, an anthology of present day Oregon poets by Ethel Romig Fuller, from the Research Club. The Social Twelve Club has contributed two dollars to the book fund.

Thirty new books have been added to the library. It is now open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 7 to 9 p.m., and on Mondays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 3 to 5 p.m.

Creswell. The circulation last year was 2,633, while the circulation for the first half of this year already totals 2,080.

Dayton. The library is open Thursdays, 3 to 4:30 p.m., during the summer months.

Deschutes County Library, Bend. The county library will have a new \$30,000 building.

Five boys and girls of the 124 registered for the summer reading program of the library have completed the transcontinental flight. The flight starts at Portland and ends at New York City. Included in the list of books to be read for the eight stops are travel, sea, science, pioneer, history, fairy tales, and biographical material. Pupils in grades 3 to 9 are eligible for the program, which will end the last week in July with a party in Drake park for those who complete the flight. Each pupil is called a pilot and is in charge of his own flight across the United States. Reports of books read are made to Miss Kellenberger, children's librarian. A map has been set up in the library showing the progress of each boy and girl entered in the program.

Redmond Branch Library. All grade pupils in Redmond and vicinity have been invited to come to the library and take out books for the summer reading course. Completed reports on five books will place the child's name on a poster, and ten reports make the reader eligible to attend the library's party to be given in August. Prizes will be given for the best group of reports in the several grades.

Empire. The library now has a registration of more than 400 borrowers, and the registration is increasing rapidly. Hours are 1 to 4 and 7 to 9 Monday through Friday, and 10 to 12 in the morning and 2 to 5 in the afternoon on Saturday.

One hundred and sixty new books were purchased for the library.

At the formal opening of the library in May, open house was held for the children in the afternoon, and a reception for adults in the evening. The rooms were attractively decorated with flowers, and an impromptu program by the Little Theatre group was given during the evening.

Forest Grove. News has been received of the death of Mrs. May H. Holmes at Ellensburg, Washington. Mrs. Holmes was librarian at Forest Grove for many years. She resigned a year ago because of illness.

Glendale. The library has received 32 new books, fiction and non-fiction, including 10 children's books.

Gold Beach. The library has received a donation of 846 volumes. At the May meeting of the Library Association a new board of directors was elected.

Harrisburg. Twenty new books have been placed in the library, 18 of which are children's books.

Hillsboro. A summer reading contest is sponsored by the library for the grade school students, and will last until the first of September. At the close of the contest, those with the highest reading totals will receive books as prizes.

Special loans are being made to those who are going on vacations, so that they may have books for a longer period than the usual two weeks.

Huntington. The library now owns 300 volumes, and is open Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Mrs. Abbie Tague is librarian.

Joseph. Mrs. Russell Blevans has been appointed to serve on the library board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. E. W. Rumble.

Josephine County Library, Grants Pass. The library and the school districts are cooperating in a book pooling system whereby school districts that subscribe will have their books bought and circulated jointly. Sixteen districts have entered the system. The money comes from the regular school library fund of each district, and the order for the districts was made from the county library. When the shipment of books arrives, the books will be cataloged by the library, then distributed to the districts, each keeping a set of books for a few weeks at a time, then exchanging them for others.

The Parade of Favorites is the title of a summer reading project for pupils of Washington Junior High School. The pupils were asked to name the title of their favorite fiction book, and 125 titles were suggested. A special shelf at the county library is being reserved for the books, and titles are being posted.

Klamath County Library, Klamath Falls. Librarians of the county library's branches, and members of the county library board held their annual conference in Klamath Falls Thursday, July 7. Talks were given by members of the board, and the library had a special display of new books.

The library will furnish a collection of books for the boys and girls 4-H summer camps at Lake o' the Woods, also a group of books for the women's camp.

All staff members have been engaged in an inventory of the library since the close of school.

Malin Branch. A story hour for the children is held at the library once a week during the summer months.

Poe Valley Branch. A new branch of the county library has been opened at the grange hall. It is sponsored by the Home Economics Club. Mrs. Gertrude Ross is in charge of the library, which is open on grange nights, the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month, and on Home Economics meeting days, the first and third Tuesday afternoons of each month.

Klamath Falls City Library. An interesting collection of books on hunting, fishing, and other sports is on display at the Klamath Falls branch of the United States National Bank through the courtesy of the city library.

La Grande. Two branch libraries are open this summer for the boys and girls. The Northside Branch in the Northside Clubhouse is open Tuesday mornings from 9 to 12, and Friday afternoons from 1 to 6. This branch will accommodate both adults and children. Books are also available at the Willow School branch, which is open Wednesday mornings from 9 to 12.

The library is conducting a new contest for the children. A miniature book is awarded on a large poster for each book read by the contestant.

Lebanon. At a recent meeting of the library board, Mrs. Edward Lansberry was elected librarian to fill the vacancy which will occur when Mrs. Theda Binshadler present librarian, resumes her teaching position with the schools in September. The change will be made the latter part of August.

Plans are being made for a book depository so that patrons may leave books when the library is closed.

Malheur County Library, Ontario. Word has been received of the death of Mrs. E. M. Greig, president of the Malheur County Library Board. Mrs. Greig was for many years one of Malheur County's most prominent leaders in women's activities and civic affairs.

Mrs. Dessa Hofstetter, county librarian, has established a new station at Jamieson, and another at the Willowcreek store.

Nyssa Branch. The Nyssa city hall was dedicated on June 25, and on June 29, with the aid of the Boy Scouts, all of the books were moved from the temporary quarters in the Methodist church to the new library room in the city hall. Seven sections of steel shelving were installed, and there will be two more sections and a steel filing case. It is planned to keep the library open three times a week instead of one day.

Congressman Walter M. Pierce has given the Aircraft Year Book to the library in memory of Mrs. Fred Marshall, former librarian.

Vale Branch. The application of the city for a grant of \$5,400 to build a city hall-library has been granted by PWA. This is 45% of the estimated cost of the new building, which is \$12,000. Tentative plans show a two story building, with the library on the second floor.

Marshfield. Eighty-two new books were purchased and cataloged during June. Circulation showed an increase of 135 over June, 1937.

Monroe. The American Legion Auxiliary, which is sponsoring the library, has asked for contributions of books to establish a permanent library in the Legion Hall. The Auxiliary gave a tea to which each guest brought one book.

The library is under the direction of Mrs. E. R. McFarland, and is open Wednesday and Saturday afternoons from 2 to 5.

The library board will give a library tea the last Saturday afternoon of each month, the money taken in to be used to enlarge the library.

Newport. Mrs. Dan Hill and Mrs. B. H. Brugg have been appointed members of the library board. Mrs. James Rae recently resigned from the board after serving more than fifteen years. Mrs. Rae was volunteer librarian when the library was first opened.

North Bend. The library has received \$41 from the Junior Women's Club, to be used for children's books. The money was the proceeds from the library benefit play given recently.

North Powder. The library has purchased 37 new books for children. Twenty books have been donated to the library.

Paisley. The library is open 2:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mrs. Tom Brattain is librarian.

Philomath. The library will soon be located in its new quarters in the city hall. Seventy-five volumes have been received from the library of Professor Frederick Berchtold of Corvallis.

Port Orford. Mrs. Maude Lynch has been appointed librarian. The library is located at the Women's Club house.

Portland. The umbrella reading room in S.W. Lowndale Square was opened July 1. Tables, benches, and a gay orange and green striped umbrella, furnished by the park bureau, make the outdoor reading room in the plaza opposite the courthouse an attractive spot. George Lindsay is in charge. It will be open daily during July and August. Pamphlets, books, and magazines, are provided for the out-door readers. Magazines, especially, have proved so popular that the library has asked for contributions of recent issues of popular magazines.

At the central library, the return desk has been moved from the circulation department to the first floor lobby. The registration desk, also taken from the circulation room, has been moved to the second floor lobby, and the rental collection of late books has been combined with a free shelf and is now on the first floor lobby near the return desk, to accommodate hurried borrowers.

Miss Anne M. Mulheron, former Portland library head, is giving a course in children's literature at the Portland summer session of the state system of higher education, June 20 - July 29.

NYA funds have been allotted for the next six months to employ 10 needy girls between the ages of 18 and 25 for work with the library association. They will mend books which are in need of repair.

The Library Association was well represented at the annual conference of the American Library Association in Kansas City, June 13 to 18. Miss Nell Unger, librarian, took part in the meeting. Miss Agnes Krarup, head of the school department, Miss Mary Phillips, librarian of the University Park branch, and Miss Charlotte Bryan, children's librarian at the Arleta Branch, attended. Also present was Miss Elizabeth A. Groves, who recently resigned her position as children's librarian at the North Portland branch to join the staff of the American Library Association in Chicago.

An allocation of \$40,000 to provide library service for shut-ins in hospitals in Multnomah county has been approved by WPA.

Miss Nell Unger was hostess to the high school librarians at a recent luncheon at the Town Club. The affair was arranged chiefly for Miss Agnes Krarup, head of the school department, who has returned from a tour of eastern libraries.

Powers. The Junior Woman's Club gave a public card party at the Fellowship clubhouse for the benefit of the library. Proceeds are to be used for the library this summer.



St. Helens. Books belonging to the library of the Little Theatre will be placed on a drama shelf in the library.

An NYA project assigning two girls between the ages of 18 and 25 to help in the library has been granted.

Salem. The library participated in Music Week by sponsoring a lecture, Three Hundred Years of Music in America, which was given in the music room. A special collection of books on the history and development of music in America was on display.

Two reading clubs are being sponsored for the children this summer. The Travelers Club is for those who can read books of at least fourth grade difficulty. Each child has a suitcase upon which a sticker is placed for every book that he reads with a setting in either a foreign country or the United States. A member must read at least 10 books during the summer to entitle him to take his suitcase home. A special club called the Brownie club has been organized for readers in the first three grades. For each child enrolled, a booklet is kept with a record of all books read during the summer. When a child has read ten books, a brownie is pasted on the cover of the booklet.

Patrons are taking advantage of the special vacation reading privileges offered by the library. Under the summer reading plan, books may be kept as long as three months.

A total of 15,387 books was circulated during June, 835 more than in June, 1937. The children's department showed a gain of 650 over last year.

Books to patients of the Deaconess hospital are being supplied by the library. A book truck supplied by the hospital is used to take the books to the patients, when the librarians make their calls every Friday afternoon.

A collection of juvenile books was presented to the children's department by the local American Legion Auxiliary.

Seaside. A Read to Junior Club has been formed for July and August. Children from the fifth to eighth grades will entertain pre-school and lower grade children by reading to them during the summer months.

Sherwood. The library association is planning a membership drive. Mrs. K. Weeks is now librarian.

Silverton. The American Legion Auxiliary gave a card party for the benefit of the library, and the proceeds were used to purchase new children's books, also to buy new shelves for the children's department.

Stayton. Six new books have been purchased by the Women's Community Club for the library. Also 10 books have been donated recently.

Sutherlin. At the last meeting of the city council, a request was made that the council provide a room to house the community library.

Toledo. The American Legion Auxiliary gave a tea for the benefit of the library at the Auxiliary room in the Legion Hall.

Umatilla County Library, Pendleton. Miss J. Elizabeth Olson, county librarian, is spending the summer in Scandinavia.

Freewater Branch. The library will be open Mondays from 3 to 5 in the afternoon, and Friday evenings from 7 to 9, during the summer.

Helix Branch. Miss Mary Penland has been elected librarian to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Stella Grinstead.

Hermiston Branch. The library is open from 3 to 5 afternoons during the summer.

Warrenton. The library has purchased several new books of fiction. The American Legion Auxiliary has donated copies of Life and Look magazines.

Wasco County Library, The Dalles.

Maupin Branch. A new foundation will be built for the library, and shakes put on the outside.

Woodburn. The Masonic lodge has placed a Shrine of the Constitution of the United States in the library.

A large collection of 1937 and 1938 magazines have been donated to the library.

College Library Notes.

Albany College Library. Miss Alice Graham, librarian of Albany College for more than 11 years, has begun the work of combining the libraries of the College at Albany and the College at Portland, in preparation for centralization of the two institutions at Portland this fall.

Oregon State Agricultural College Library, Corvallis. The library council of the Oregon State System of Higher Education held its quarterly meeting May 21st, at the Oregon State Agricultural College Library, with Miss Lucy Lewis, Director of Libraries, presiding. The council is composed of the librarians and assistant librarians of the six institutions. At the morning session there was a joint conference with members of the circulation, reserve, and reference departments of the university and college libraries. The afternoon session was devoted to the routine business of the council. At noon there was a luncheon which was also attended by members of the college library staff.

Eastern Oregon Normal School Library, La Grande. Mrs. Mildred H. Lowell, librarian, has been granted a year's sabbatical leave beginning in September, 1938, in order to study at the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago. Miss Hendrine Rozendal from the reference department of the Oregon State Agricultural College Library will substitute for her during her absence.

Pacific University Library, Forest Grove. The service of summer reading is again offered this year by the University Library. An innovation is a yearly charge of \$2 for patrons other than college students. This, however, does not apply to the summer privilege. The summer service, as in former years, permits the patron to sign for a number of books to be returned in October.

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This Midsummer Letter is a brief one, but it is accompanied by many new book lists which I hope you will find useful. I am always pleased with the ingenuity of the staff members who do the drawings which enliven the head of each list.

Cordially yours,

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