

OREGON STATE LIBRARY

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at the Least Cost"*

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TO OREGON LIBRARY WORKERS:

The State-Wide Library Conference held April 3, 4, and 5 to celebrate the opening of the new State Library building was a great success, if we may judge from the many nice letters which have come to us since those days. More than 250 librarians and trustees attended one or more of the meetings. They came from all parts of the state, representing libraries large and small, college and public. Everyone was in a happy mood, and contributed freely to the Round Tables.

The address of Philip Parrish, author of Historic Oregon and Before the Covered Wagon, given at the opening luncheon, sounded a note which, interestingly enough, was voiced by the dedication speaker that evening. Mr. Parrish said in part:

"I feel that I would be missing the point entirely if I were to come here and join in giving the impression that this stately and impressive building which is to house our books is an end in itself. It must not be viewed as an end but only as a beginning. It is a weapon--an implement--for those of us to use who believe that without public acceptance of books, and without the triumph of reason which can come only through books, the world as we know it is lost.

"And I believe that we should, in this hour of the dedication, face without shrinking the reality and the extent of the problem which confronts not only us but the whole of mankind. We should make a new beginning here. Let us admit now the error of the old tenet that universal education means, automatically, universal comfort. Indeed, it does not. As Euclid said scornfully to Ptolemy when Ptolemy demanded the secrets of geometry within a matter of hours, 'There is no royal road to geometry.' Nor is there any royal road to the solution of the problems of wealth and poverty which have troubled mankind from the beginning.

"Our job is cut out for us. It is to re-convert the people to faith. It is to bring the people to the building not as searchers after the secret of Rockefeller, but as pilgrims to the fount of all reason. There is something there much more precious than a formula for getting rich quick.

"Consider just once more the error, and the extent of the error, which we must seek to rectify. Consider the schools, the libraries, and the other centers of culture slowly gathered and built by western civilization over a period of centuries. Consider how these were thrown open to all people in the nineteenth century and the first decades of the twentieth century. Picture the scene as those eager hundreds of millions converged upon the doors of these centers of learning. Consider their eagerness, their high hearts--the tall, the short, the old, the young, the brilliant, the weak, the stupid, the wicked, the righteous, the ragged, the dusty, the well-dressed.

"Today we see that they were misled--not through any fault of learning itself but through the assumption that all persons who entered these doors would emerge as leaders. Not all the members of an army can be generals; it is impossible for every person in the crew of a ship to be the commander...

"In the rush of universal education there is this bitter discovery that despite universal education, armies must still have generals and privates, and ships must still have captains and crews; it is impossible for all people, in a contest from the cradle to the grave, to come out among the leaders.

"But it is a bitter discovery only because we permitted it to be so-- only because the people were encouraged in mathematically outrageous hopes. Now we are paying the price. The very foundations of the civilization around us are shaking with the impact of the reaction.

"Our job--I repeat--is cut out for us. It is to make this new and bright and beautiful building across the street a symbol of a break with the past-- a symbol of the new approach to learning. Believe me when I say that the change which I envisage does not involve any modifications of the principles of universal education handed down to us by our fathers. When the doors of the schools, the universities, and the libraries are closed to the humblest of our people, I prefer to be dead. But there must be a new spirit nonetheless. There must be realization that when the gift of the books is given to all the people, then not all people who read books must expect to be altered by what they read into Midas, whose touch brings gold. There is no royal road to geometry. The secret of ultimate success is in the books--the secret of happiness is there. But those who enter the library doors come no longer as persons seeking means for trampling upon their fellows, and the secret for outdoing their fellows. They must come with the feeling that here is the combined wisdom of the world, and that if all persons will master this wisdom to the best of their ability, and follow the ideals they learn there, then the whole level of mankind will be raised. Under universal education, the books must not be considered as an advantage for one man over his fellows, but as a means of lifting the standards and the well-being of all."

The afternoon session was held in the Hearing Room of the state capitol. Professor W. C. Jones of Willamette University spoke on the Library's Place as an Educational Force, emphasizing (1) the needs of all the people for library service (2) that an adequate income was necessary for the abundance of books on current topics, the services of a well trained librarian, and other essentials of a good library (3) that these things were possible if the library leaders in the small communities and open country would recognize the advantage of units of government, so that through regional libraries good service could be spread throughout the state (4) state and federal aid are ways of helping to lessen the inequalities of library service.

Miss Norma Peck, Rural Service Librarian of the Portland library, told of How the Bookmobile Reaches Multnomah County's Rural People. Her audience listened attentively to incidents showing how the rural borrowers came to depend on this service from the large library which actually brought books to them.

The state-wide WPA project for libraries was discussed by Mrs. Ruth Stratton, State Supervisor. She told of the service to hospitals, the reading hour in an old people's home, the book mending projects, the technical organization of small libraries, the state wide cataloging project for high school libraries, and other activities in which WPA had been aiding libraries in the state.

Mr. LeRoy Bové brought suggestions of ways in which NYA could help libraries. Posters for advertising library resources, outdoor signs, the making of chairs, benches, and other pieces of library equipment are all services which NYA can render from their centralized shops, as well as providing assistants for shelving, typing, and even keeping the library open in small communities.

Recent Legislation Affecting Libraries was discussed by Miss Helen McRaith. Of state legislation, the bill making it possible for two or more counties to unite for library services, and the bill authorizing the trustees of the State Library to apply for and receive federal aid, if and when it becomes available, were most important. The necessity for librarians and trustees marshalling their forces next legislature to secure certification of librarians was outlined. The bill for federal aid now before congress was summarized, and librarians and trustees were urged to contact their congressmen.

Miss Lucy Lewis presented the work of the American Library Association, and urged Oregon librarians not only to join their national organization, but also to attend the meeting in San Francisco, June 19-24.

At four o'clock, the conference adjourned to attend a tea which the librarians of the Salem libraries (the Public Library, High School Library, Willamette University Library, and State Library) were joint hosts. The tea was given in the Conference and Staff Rooms of the State Library, with Mrs. Charles A. Sprague, wife of the Governor, as guest of honor.

Dinner at the First Presbyterian Church, with High Jinks, was an hilarious affair. The staff of the State College Library at Corvallis rendered an original song, in which they told how borrowers who asked for books were referred to the "State Libreree." The staff of the University Library acted 'Song of the Library Staff, by Sam Walter Foss, as it was read by Miss Ethel Sawyer.

Mrs. Frank Deckebach, representing the Salem public library, gave some cleverly staged puppet plays which delighted the audience. The staff of the State Library gave a radio broadcast of a hidden title story written by two staff members. This story accompanies this Letter.

The Dedication of the State Library Building occurred at eight o'clock, in the main lobby of the building. The carved plaque on which the pioneer mother is reading to her child, formed the background for the speakers' platform.

Governor Charles A. Sprague presided over the ceremonies. Reverend I. George Nace, Executive Secretary of the Portland Council of Churches, gave the invocation.

A paper on the Beginnings of State Library Service in Oregon, by Mrs. Cornelia Marvin Pierce, who was librarian of the State Library for 24 years, was read by Miss Mirpah Blair. We are enclosing a copy of this paper, which has also been printed in full in the April issue of the Oregon Education Journal.

The dedication address on The Power of Books in a Democracy was given by Dr. Evelyn Steel Little, librarian of Mills College. Dr. Little said, in part:

"Although it cannot permanently destroy ideas of freedom, and right by burning books, a government by the suppression of truth and the right of free speech in print can not only enslave its people, but as we all know today, by deceiving them can endanger the peace, safety, and the very existence of the civilized world...

"The librarian, I repeat, is one who above all others is committed to a belief in the worth and value of reading, who places his faith in books as the enduring record of our cultural heritage and its means of survival. Beyond the matter of record and survival, the importance of reading in the defense of our democracy today is simply this--that every citizen shall have access to all available printed material on any subject, to all sides of every question, without suppression or censorship, in order that he may judge the facts and opinions for himself. We know that not all books are true or just, nor will every reader judge impartially. It is equally true that a democratic government is seldom as immediately efficient as a dictatorship, neither as prompt to act, nor as practical, as single-minded. It cannot always have the best leadership. Yet we all believe that it is the government which permits the highest possible development of the individual, that out of the impact of conflicting ideas a certain balance of sanity is achieved. In short, 'In the multitude of the wise is the wisdom of the world.'...

"Admitted that there is propoganda in this country, both overt and subtle--plenty of it on both sides. As guardians of the democratic ideal, let us take care that we do not serve one side in avoiding the other. Our only safety is to serve both fairly, not to be afraid of books on fascism and communism. Let the left have its say as well as the right, striving only to get from either side those books which are its best--the sincere and honest efforts to state a point of view. The librarian's business is to choose but not to censor, and this I think most of us do to the best of our ability. The test of our own integrity in this situation is to ask ourselves: 'Are we willing to be tolerant on those controversial questions which arouse emotion in our communities--as well as on others which can be discussed rationally and impersonally among us?' Can we say with Voltaire, 'I do not agree with a word you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it?'..."

"In creating this new building, the state government has recognized the value of the library's present services, has declared its faith in the promise of future development, for the libraries of this state must grow still further if democracy is to endure, to function effectively, and our lives be not only free, but rich in texture."

The benediction was given by Reverend Francis P. Leipzig of Eugene, representing the Right Reverend Edward D. Howard, Archbishop of Portland in Oregon.

The first hour Tuesday morning was left free in order that visitors might tour the new state capitol. At ten o'clock, the group scattered to the Sectional Round Tables listed below:

College and University Libraries

Hazel Johnson, Reed College, presiding, Willamette University Library

Small Libraries (less than 2,500 population)

Lillie Madsen, Silverton Public Library, presiding, Staff Room,
State Library

Large Libraries

J. Elizabeth Olson, Umatilla County Library, presiding, Fireplace
Room, Salem Public Library

School Libraries

Agnes Krarup, Head of School Department, Library Association of
Portland, presiding, School Library Room, State Library

Trustees

Mrs. L. S. Bennett, Hood River, presiding, Conference Room,
State Library

The Trustees of the Salem Public Library arranged a no-host luncheon which was attended by sixty trustees.

On Tuesday afternoon, the entire session was given over to a discussion of recent books, by the following librarians:

Elizabeth Carey, Salem Public Library

Ruth Camblin, Library Association of Portland

Mary Edith Fry, Oregon State Agricultural College Library

Catharine Garrett, McDonald Room, Oregon State Agricultural College
Library

Ethel Sawyer, Librarian, Browsing Room, University of Oregon Library

A mimeographed list of the books discussed was distributed. If you were not present, and wish a list, drop us a postal.

Just before adjournment, it was suggested that a state association be formed. Perhaps because the idea was a new one, discussion was not forthcoming, although a number of letters have come into my office since, indicating real interest in the movement.

County librarians from Clackamas, Deschutes, Hood River, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lane, Malheur, Multnomah, and Umatilla counties remained for a day of informal conference on Wednesday, which proved a profitable day in its exchange of problems and ideas.

A.L.A., SAN FRANCISCO, JUNE 19-24. Are you going to the Fair? If so, why not go during the week of June 19, and share the inspiration which comes from being one of thousands of librarians from all over the nation who assemble that week for a discussion of library problems.

No meeting of the A.L.A. has been held so near to us since the Seattle meeting in 1925. It is a wonderful opportunity for Oregon librarians and library trustees. I learned last week that 45 members of the Portland staff were planning to go. I know that a good representation from the librarians of the State System of Higher Education are going. The staff of the State Library is to be well represented. We hope there will be representatives from at least half the libraries in Oregon.

The Southern Pacific agent at Salem tells me that we can get a special rate from Portland of \$16.25 round trip in coach, or \$18.55 round trip in tourist class (tourist lower berth \$2.90 additional each way) provided we get a party of at least 15 persons. We can get a much better rate if as many as 50 go in a party. Will you let me know if you plan to go by train, so that we may know how many might be interested in a train party?

INTERESTING ADDITIONS TO THE OREGON STATE LIBRARY. Mr. George Putnam, publisher and editor of the Salem evening paper, The Capital Journal, has given the State Library files covering the first 40 years of the Capital Journal, beginning with volume 1, number 1, March 1, 1886. This is the first valuable gift for the special newspaper stacks which were part of the equipment of our new building.

Many years ago there was in Salem a clergyman, the Reverend Addison Jones. Reverend Jones was a great friend of J. Quinn Thornton, politician and statesman. In 1877, Mr. Thornton gave to Reverend and Mrs. Jones the two volumes of his book, Oregon and California, with a presentation note from himself and his wife. Recently ~~the daughter of Reverend Jones~~ sent some of the books in her own library to the State Library. Among them was this interesting set, which, because of its presentation note, will have special value in the Oregon reference collection.

The first gift to come to the State Library after we had moved into the new building was the gift of the old account book of the Oregon and California stage line, for which Mr. B. G. Whitehouse of Portland was agent. This daily journal recorded the sales of seats in the stage between Portland and Eugene. We find, for instance, that on June 12, Bishop Blanchet paid two dollars for transportation between Portland and Eugene. We find entries showing the travels of many of the famous men of that period. Among entries is one for a passenger who is called "John Chinaman." Another entry shows that "George Washington, colored" made a trip from Portland to Eugene. The book will be very interesting in tracing the pursuit of early transportation in Oregon. It was presented to the State Library by Mr. Morris Whitehouse of Portland, son of B. G. Whitehouse, the agent.

CRITICS VOTE ON BEST BOOKS OF 1938. The Saturday Review of Literature for April 22, 1939, presents its second annual poll of reviewers and literary editors throughout the country on the question, "What books do you nominate for the Pulitzer Prize awards?" The 57 votes were from all parts of the United States, and are significant as indicating the choices of America's professional readers:

Fiction	<u>The Yearling</u> , by Marjorie Rawlings	26 votes
Biography	<u>Benjamin Franklin</u> , by Carl Van Doren	46 votes
History	<u>The Founding of American Civilization;</u> <u>the Middle Colonies</u> , by Thomas Jefferson Wertenbaker	5 votes
Poetry	<u>The Selected Poetry of Robinson Jeffers</u>	8 votes

PULITZER PRIZE AWARDS, 1938. With these votes of the critics, the committee for awarding the annual Pulitzer Prize did not altogether agree. The awards announced in yesterday's papers are:

Fiction	<u>The Yearling</u> , by Marjorie Rawlings
Biography	<u>Benjamin Franklin</u> , by Carl Van Doren
History	<u>History of American Magazines</u> , by Frank Luther
Poetry	<u>Selected Poems</u> , by John Gould Fletcher

BEST SELLERS AMONG THE REPRINTS. Librarians will be interested to check the following list of reprints which were the March best sellers. The original prices were such that many of the smaller libraries could not afford them. Now, however, at these reprint prices, books like The Arts, The Nile, and Man the Unknown will be welcome additions to libraries.

Bottome, Phyllis.	The mortal storm.	Blue Ribbon,	\$1.29
Carrel, Alexis.	Man the unknown.	Blue Ribbon,	\$1.39
Complete short stories of Saki.		Blue Ribbon,	\$1.49
Cronin, A. J.	The citadel.	Grosset,	\$1.39
Douglas, L. C.	Forgive us our trespasses.	Grosset,	75¢
DuMaurier, Daphne.	Jamaica inn.	Sun Dial,	89¢
Ludwig, Emil.	The Nile.	Garden City,	\$1.29
Mitchell, Margaret.	Gone with the wind.	Macmillan,	\$1.49
Newman, Ernest.	Stories of the great operas.	Garden City,	\$1.59
Van Loon, Hendrick.	The arts.	Garden City,	\$1.98

OREGON ITEMS. A new revised and amplified edition of Songs of the Soul, by the late Mary Aletha Woodward of Portland has been published recently by Binford and Mort (\$2.00). The poet's love of nature is evident in this poem, called:

Oregon Midsummer

Long days that grudge the coming of the moon,
The sun that hastens, eager, from the east
To lavish all his light upon the noon:
The noon that surfeits, slumbrous from the feast.
Wide skies that tremble in deep fields of blue,
Broad fruited trees and rivers, wrapped in light;
Cool fingered firs that sift the west wind through
And earth, soft dreaming, in a sheer delight--
Dreaming of richer harvests yet to be;
Waiting the fruitage of eternity.

The volume may be purchased at a 25% discount from her brother, William F. Woodward, Woodlark Building, Portland.

Red Eagles of the Northwest, the story of Chief Joseph and his people, by Francis Haines (Scholastic Press, \$2.50) tells the history and background of the Nez Percé war, and of Chief Joseph, the great leader.

Blue Waters; an Indian Romance by Richard Izer Helm (Binford & Mort, \$2.25) is a story of the Crater Lake region.

Father Buck, pastor emeritus of St. Joseph's church at Salem, has written The Sage of Exeter (Bruce Publishing Company, \$2.00). In story form the author presents some of the instructions in the Catholic faith.

A new edition of The High School Debate Book, by E. C. Robbins (McClurg, \$1.75) is of special interest to us, since Mr. Robbins is now at the University of Oregon.

Children's Literature by Grades and Types, by Ollie DePew (Cinn, \$3.25) is a 706 page collection, with excellent bibliographies.

LIBRARY ANNIVERSARIES. Library anniversaries are coming thick and fast, on top of the 75th anniversary recently celebrated by the Portland library.

Arlington. April first was the anniversary of the establishment of the library. The library board arranged a program and tea in honor of the occasion.

There are now 909 volumes in the library, which circulated 4,630 books last year.

Freewater. A birthday tea honoring the 25th anniversary of the founding of the library was held April 19 in the recreation rooms of the Federated Church. Miss J. Elizabeth Olson, county librarian, and Mrs. A. C. Denny, local librarian, gave talks on the library. There was also a musical program, and book reviews.

Hood River County Library. On March 16, 1914, the present Carnegie library building was opened to the public with 3,000 volumes on the shelves. In 1916, the library entered into a contract to serve the entire county, and has been doing so since that time.

The growth of the library has been encouraging from the beginning. The first year 16,857 volumes were circulated. The following year saw this amount doubled, and last year, 1938, the circulation was 64,734. In 1913, there were less than 1,000 volumes on the shelves, and at the end of 1938 the volumes totalled 12,374.

The anniversary was celebrated with an open house which introduced Miss Boisselier, the new librarian, to the community.

La Grande. The 25th anniversary of the dedication of the library building was celebrated March 25th, with a program during which the Masonic Lodge presented a constitutional shrine to the library. George T. Cochrane, who made an address at the dedication 25 years ago, outlined the library's history. H. E. Dixon presented the shrine, and Dr. C. A. Howard, president of the Eastern Oregon College of Education, accepted for the city. Musical numbers were furnished by the high school and Eastern Oregon College glee clubs.

The library now owns 20,000 books and has three school branches and a branch library in the Northside clubhouse.

Springfield. The 31st anniversary of the founding of the library was observed April 18th by a program in the library rooms. There were musical selections and talks by charter members of the library board. The first meeting of the library board was re-enacted, all members wearing costumes in keeping with the days of 31 years ago.

Funds from a silver tea held at this time will be used for the repair of library books.

NEWS OF OREGON LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS.

Beaverton. At a library tea held recently, \$27 was realized for the library.

Clackamas County WPA Project. Directors of Clackamas county's 124 school districts received letters recently from County School Superintendent Errol C. Rees, suggesting that they donate their school library apportionments to the recently formed county library board for use in purchasing books for the county library. The county library board has offered to give \$2 for library books for every \$1 collected from outside sources. If the district apportionments for library books, amounting to a total of about \$1,500 annually in the county, were made available to the county library board, a sum of three times that amount could be used for book purchases, according to Mr. Rees.

Twenty Clackamas county people, representing Clackamas, Gladstone, Milwaukie, Molalla, Oregon City, and Oswego, attended the state-wide library conference in Salem.

Clackamas. The school district has submitted a \$1,636 project to WPA for construction of a new library building on the school grounds to replace the structure recently destroyed by fire. The building will be a 20 by 26 foot, one-story, wooden frame structure.

Coquille. The Business and Professional Women's Club is supplying funds for the purchase of books about Oregon and the northwest, and by Oregon writers.

Corvallis. The library board has decided to add a children's room to the present library facilities. The room will be built in the basement of the library building. Plans call for a separate entrance to the room. It will contain all the circulating children's books and periodicals. This will make the entire main floor of the library available for adults, and will almost double the present space for bookshelves and reading room.

Deschutes County Library, Bend. A charge of five cents is being made for reserves. The funds collected will be used for the purchase of new books.

Sisters Branch. The library had a circulation of 604 books during its first month of existence. One hundred and thirty-three registration cards were issued during the month.

Eugene. The Fortnightly Club recently gave the library \$100. This club was responsible for the establishment of the library.

Hillsboro. The historical collection of the late Albert Tozier has been transferred from a storeroom in the county courthouse basement to the basement of the public library. Included in the collection are over 5,000 separate scrapbooks on Oregon pioneers, over 7,000 Fred Lockley pioneer articles, histories of pioneer industries, clippings and historic documents of the earliest banks and bankers, lawyers, doctors, schools, elections, steamboats, railroads, the Oregon trail, separate county histories, early newspapers, beginnings of the Oregon legislature, pioneer maps of Oregon, and many other documents too numerous to mention. These papers and clippings will be sorted and classified for reference use.

Among relics are a desk brought around the Horn in 1826 and used by Dr. John McLoughlin, a piano shipped around the Horn in 1811, historical data and relics of the life of Harvey W. Scott, pioneer newspaper man, and countless small articles of historical value.

Albert Tozier, who donated the collection to Washington county some years ago, started accumulating data on early Oregon history when he was a boy, a "printer's devil" at the Hillsboro Independent office about 1870.

Jefferson County Library, Madras. The library sponsored a poster contest to advertise the library membership tea which was given in April. This contest was open to any child of school age in the county. The membership tea is an annual affair given by the library association, and the money raised is used for new books and general library expenses.

Klamath Falls City Library. The library recently received more than 200 new children's books, donated by the Klamath Falls Rotary Club.

La Grande. The librarian is continuing to give radio talks every Tuesday morning. An interesting discussion of the reference questions that come into the library was given recently.

Lane County WPA Project. Stations of the county library have been established in different parts of the county. Rural schools have been drawing heavily upon the collection.

Creswell. The circulation of the library increased from 400 in April, 1938, to 1,216 in April, 1939, due to the participation in the county library.

Lebanon. A Legion library shelf has been installed at the library, where all national and state magazines and papers of all Legion groups will be available to the public.

McMinnville. Mrs. Harriet E. Keary, who has completed ten years of service as librarian, recently resigned. Miss Helen Willard has been selected as her successor. Miss Willard is a graduate of the Oregon State College and of the University of Washington Library School. She served six years in various departments of the Portland public library, and since last September has been doing cataloging for the Linfield College library.

Marshfield. At a benefit tea given for the library by the Women's Civic Club, Miss Anne Fulmeron gave a very interesting talk on Mexico. A musical program was presented. There was also an exhibit of new books, arranged by the librarian.

Moro. The library board held an open house and silver tea recently in the library rooms.

The library is open one more evening a week, Wednesday, from 7:30 to 9.

North Bend. A benefit bridge party was held for the library at the home of a local resident.

Reedsport. Twelve dollars was realized from a cake contest which was held recently for the benefit of the library.

St. Helens. The St. Patrick's Library Benefit supper, sponsored by the Women's Club, cleared \$67 for the library. The money will be used to purchase books.

Salem. April first marked the end of the first year of library service given to the patients of the Desconess hospital by the public library. Approximately 1,200 books were loaned during the year. The librarians wheel a cart, made and donated by the hospital, to each room, and the patients select their own books. The books are changed each week, with new ones added. This service is made possible by WPA.

Miss Mildred Oleson, librarian for the past two years, resigned as of June 1st. This is a real blow to the trustees and staff of the library, and to the whole community. During her short term of service, Miss Oleson has been unusually successful in building the library into the life of the people of Salem.

Umatilla County Library, Pendleton.

Adams Branch. One of the outstanding activities of the Ladies Community Club is the branch library, which is located in the club rooms. It is open each Wednesday from noon to 5 o'clock, and each week some one member of the club serves as librarian. Circulation averages about 50 books each week. Approximately 300 books are kept in the library. A new supply of books is sent to the branch from the county library at Pendleton about every three months.

Westport. The library sponsored a silver tea, also a dance, the proceeds of which will be used to purchase books.

Yoncalla. The library board gave a benefit card party at the I.O.O.F. Hall to raise funds for library work. Approximately \$10 was cleared, which will be used to rebind old books and purchase new ones.

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Cordially yours,

Harriet C. Long
Librarian

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SUMMER TIME LOANS - CHILDREN'S BOOKS. For some years past we have offered libraries special loans for the summer months, to enable them to tempt children into summer reading or enrich their vacation reading program. The books on these loans are due back in Salem September 1. We can lend 50 or 100 books, taken from our general loan shelves, graded in accordance with your needs. In asking for them, please specify Summer Time Loan.