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TO OREGON LIBRARY WORKERS:

Now that vacations are over, schools have opened, and libraries are looking forward to a winter of activity, we are sending you some notes of what has been happening, with some suggestions for the future.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. Oregon was well represented at the Pacific Northwest Library Association meeting in Victoria, August 27-29, and everyone reported a profitable meeting and an enjoyable time. A full report of the proceedings will appear in the P.N.L.A. Quarterly. Miss Julia Stockett, Public Library, Vancouver, B.C., is the newly elected president.

OREGON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. A meeting of the Oregon Library Association, attended by 50 Oregonians, was held on August 29, during the P.N.L.A. conference. After some discussion, the constitution presented by the committee, previously appointed, was accepted. Copies will soon be sent to all who have paid their dues. Prospective members and others interested may obtain copies from the secretary.

Officers elected were Mr. Hugh Morrow, Salem Public Library, Salem, president; Miss Josephine Baumgartner, Oregon State Library, Salem, secretary; and Miss Mabel Doty, La Grande Public Library, La Grande, treasurer. The new constitution sets the dues at fifty cents per year, payable to the treasurer.

When the new president was asked about the plans for the coming year, he gave the following statement: "I hope that all persons in Oregon in library work will want to become active in our newly formed association. All persons engaged in public, school, college and university library work, and library trustees, will find something of interest in this association. Immediate plans call for assignment of committee chairmen and the building of a program for a midwinter meeting. All districts of the state will be represented on the committees which I shall appoint soon. Suggestions for subjects for discussion at the midwinter meeting are urgently requested. If enough suggestions are received, the program for the midwinter meeting can be announced in a news letter which will be issued in November. I naturally wish for the cooperation of all members, and, for my part, I shall do all I can to make this a successful year."

BOOK WEEK - November 2 - 8. Forward with Books is the 1941 theme for Book Week. Librarians should note that the dates, November 2-8, are somewhat earlier than usual, necessitating earlier planning.

A Manual of Suggestions is available, free, from Book Week Headquarters, 62 W. 45th Street, New York City. This contains instructions for setting up a Community Book Week Committee, and specific suggestions for library observance, as well as a brief history of Book Week. Also available from the same source: Book Week poster (20¢); Public library day poster (20¢); Children's book parade (10¢, or 10 for 80¢).

Additional material will be found in magazine articles on library publicity, and in Publicity Primer, by Loizeaux.

The State Library, as usual, will be glad to send collections of books for display, also book jackets, and a limited number of posters on books and reading.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK - November 9 - 15. The State Department of Education is preparing a booklet with suggestions. If you are interested, send to them, or to the State Library.

DEBATE QUESTION FOR HIGH SCHOOLS. The question for debate has not been chosen, but announcement should be made very soon. The State Library will have material on whatever subject is chosen, but service may not be as prompt as usual, because of the difficulty of gathering and preparing material quickly.

LIBRARY AIDS. Reference Books of 1938-1940 (A.L.A., \$1.25) by Constance M. Winchell, Reference Librarian, Columbia University, has been published by the American Library Association as the second supplement to Mudge's Guide to Reference Books, Sixth Edition, published by the A.L.A. in 1936. The supplement, which covers the publications of the three-year period, was selected on the same general principles used for works included in the Guide and its first supplement, Reference Books of 1935-37, prepared by Miss Mudge. It is cumulative for entries in both supplements, and describes about 750 of the more important reference books of the period.

The Catalogers' and Classifiers' Yearbook No.9 (A.L.A., \$2.25) is a compilation of the A.L.A. Division of Cataloging and Classification, of papers dealing with a variety of subjects on cataloging and classification.

Discarding Books is the subject of Minnesota Libraries, September, 1941, issued by the Library Division, Minnesota Department of Education. The entire issue could be read with advantage by many Oregon librarians whose library shelves are crowded with old and useless books. Suggestions are given for discarding, and for disposal of books that have been discarded, with some notes concerning the types of books that may have some monetary value.

The Teacher Librarian's Handbook, by Mary Peacock Douglas (A.L.A., \$1.90) "is designed to give the untrained person concrete help in beginning to organize a small school library, so that when training is secured none of the work need be redone, although it might need to be amplified. It is designed also to help the teacher-librarian with some training by providing in one book an outline of suggestions and techniques for developing a school library program in a simplified way."

LIBRARY WORK WITH CHILDREN. The American Library Association Section for Library Work with Children has issued an attractive folder on children's librarianship as a profession. This folder, and a list of accredited library schools giving courses in library work with children, and in book selection, may be obtained, free, by writing to Mrs. Marian Herr, Head of the Children's Department, Library Association of Portland.

FREE FOR TRANSPORTATION. The following issues of the Reference Shelf are available, on payment of transportation costs, from the Order Department, Library Association of Portland:

v.1, no. 1	v.6, nos. 1-10 inclusive
v.2, nos. 2, 3, 6	v.7, nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10
v.3, nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10	v.8, nos. 2-9 inclusive
v.4, nos. 1-10 inclusive	v.9, no. 1
v.5, nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10	

Five copies of the January - June 1940 issue of Current Biography are available from the Oregon State Library, and may be obtained, free, upon request.

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL IN THE OREGON STATE LIBRARY. A list of our material on this subject has been prepared and will be sent, free, to any library that wishes it. Write for a copy if you would like to have it.

PERIODICALS FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES. The State Library will soon mimeograph the third edition of this list, which will be sent free, on request. The following titles are new: Building America; Canadian Nature; Fashion Digest; Junior Natural History Magazine; Junior Historical Journal; Mademoiselle; Plays; Student Life; Youth Today.

OREGON ITEMS. The following are recent publications by Oregon authors:

- Barnett, J.D. A more co-operative democracy. Richard R. Smith, 1941. \$2
- Case, R.O. West of Barter river. Doubleday, 1941. \$2
- Chamberlin, W.J. Entomological nomenclature and literature. Edwards Brothers, Inc., 1941. \$2.60
- Ellison, J.R. The answer to unemployment. Portland Studio Pub. Co., 1941. \$2
- Fasten, Nathan. Introduction to general zoology. Ginn, 1941. \$3.75
- Haycox, Ernest. Trail town. Little, 1941. \$2
- Hazen, D.W. Mr. Lincoln. Univ. of Portland, \$1.50
- Kleinsorge, P.L. The Boulder canyon project, historical and economic aspects. Stanford Univ. Press, 1941. \$3.50
- Lindsay, Gordon. The blueprints of God. 402 Guardian Bldg., Portland, Anglo-Saxon Federation, Inc., 1940. \$1.25
- Lockenour, R.M. The Oregon law of family relations. Salem, Author. \$2
- Montgomery, R.G. Young northwest. Random, \$2
- Smith, J.E. Bethel, Polk county, Oregon...1941. Author, 1941.
- Smith, W.D. The scenic treasure house of Oregon. Binfords, 1941. \$2

NEWS OF OREGON LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS.

OREGON STATE LIBRARY RECEIVES BEQUEST. One of Miss Long's fondest hopes was that persons who were interested in books and reading would realize the limitations of the budget of the State Library, and wish to make a provision for the library in their wills. Her own gift of \$1,000 recently sent by her sisters to Governor Charles A. Sprague, Chairman of the State Library Board, is the first to be received. In the letter accompanying the check, her sisters wrote that it was Miss Long's wish that the money be invested in such securities as the state treasurer may determine, and the income be used for the purchase of books for the library, where there is not otherwise provided available funds for such purchase.

NEW QUARTERS.

Arlington. The library has been moved from the main room of the city hall to a small building across the street. It is open Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Beaverton. The library is now housed in its own building, next door to the city hall. The building, formerly headquarters for the volunteer firemen, was remodeled and renovated. Mrs. Rose Thompson is the new librarian.

Coquille. A \$6,000 bond issue has been voted for a community building which will house the city library, and local organizations have pledged their cooperation in erecting the building.

Crook County Library, Prineville. The county courthouse is being remodeled, and the library will be in new quarters on the ground floor when the work is finished.

Sutherlin. The library is now located in refinished quarters in the city hall.

PERSONNEL CHANGES.

Bend High School. Miss Margaret Jean Sim, librarian for the past four years, has resigned and will go to Piedmont, California, where she will be supervisor of all the elementary school libraries. Miss Margaret Morris, graduate of Willamette University, and former librarian of the Reedsport high school, has been appointed to take the place of Miss Sim.

Corvallis. Miss Marcella Hillgen has been appointed children's librarian. Miss Hillgen is a graduate of the University of Oregon and of the University of Washington Library School. For the school year of 1939-40 she was in charge of the school libraries at Montpelier, Idaho.

Malheur County Library, Ontario. Miss Lillian F. Nisbet, former readers' adviser of the Library Association of Portland, more recently in charge of the bookmobile, has been appointed librarian of the Malheur County Library, succeeding Mrs. Dessa Hofstetter.

Oregon State System of Higher Education.

Oregon College of Education Library, Monmouth.

Mrs. Dessa Hofstetter, who has been librarian of the Malheur County Library for several years, has been appointed librarian of the Oregon College of Education. Mrs. Hofstetter is a graduate of the University of Oregon, and of the University of California School of Librarianship. She was in charge of rural school service at the Umatilla County Library, and a member of the staff of the Oregon State Library, before going to Malheur County.

Oregon State College Library, Corvallis. Miss Grace E. Beecher, a graduate of the University of Illinois Library School, has been appointed reference assistant. Miss Cecile F. Bolin, a graduate of the University of California Library School, has been appointed catalog assistant, and Miss Priscilla Ferguson, a graduate of the University of California Library School, union cataloger. Miss La Verne Pruden, graduate of the University of Washington Library School, has been appointed reserve librarian, and Miss Eleanor Ross, graduate of the University of Illinois Library School, documents cataloger.

University of Oregon Library, Eugene. Mr. Willis Warren, executive assistant, has been made assistant librarian.

Miss Beatrice Barker, head cataloger, retired this summer. She has been succeeded by Miss Clarice Krieg, who has been connected with the library of the University of Iowa for a number of years. Miss Krieg obtained her master's degree in library science at the University of Illinois.

Miss Adeline Adams, acting law librarian during 1940/41, will be assistant in the circulation department this year.

Miss Miriam Yoder, senior assistant cataloger, resigned this summer to take the position of head cataloger at the University of Idaho. Miss Martha A. Foster, Columbia Library School graduate, and junior cataloger at Brown University for two years, has been appointed to succeed Miss Yoder.

Mr. Beverley S. Caverhill, assistant in the reserve department, has been appointed research assistant to succeed Mr. Oliver Field. Mr. Field resigned during the summer to accept a government position in Washington, D.C.

Portland (Multnomah County). Miss Miriam Lancaster of Greeley, Colorado has been appointed assistant in the catalog department. Miss Lancaster is a graduate of the University of Denver School of Librarianship, and has had experience in the circulation and reference departments of the Colorado State College of Education Library at Greeley.

Gresham Branch. Miss Adelaide Rockwood is the new Gresham high school and city librarian. Miss Rockwood, a graduate of the University of Washington Library School, was a member of the Oregon State Library staff before her appointment as assistant in the catalog department of the Library Association of Portland.

Lents and Sellwood Branches. Miss Eileen Van Eaton of Salem has been appointed children's librarian, succeeding Miss Jane Warren, who has resigned. Miss Van Eaton is a graduate of the University of Denver Library School, and of Willamette University.

Rose City Park Branch. Miss Wanda Brockman, assistant librarian, has entered the School of Librarianship at the University of California. Miss Mary Gatewood, 1941 graduate of the University of Oregon, has been appointed assistant librarian to take the place of Miss Brockman.

St. John's Branch. Miss Adelaide Timmons is the new librarian.

GENERAL NEWS.

Albany. The library board voted at its last meeting to invest \$675 of the special library funds in defense saving bonds. The funds were received from a bequest from the estate of a local resident, and from the newly organized Friends of the Library Association, which contributed \$40.

Bandon. Funds received from the benefit tea sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary will be used to purchase a book on Americanism, and some children's books.

The Woman's Civic Club is sponsoring a memorial shelf at the library in memory of deceased members who were active in the club. The first book to be purchased will be on trees, dedicated to a member who was especially fond of trees, and who was instrumental in having a number of them planted in the city park.

Clackamas County Library, Oregon City. The new bookmobile began service July 23, making the rounds of the county every two weeks until September, when the schedule became a monthly one, with the addition of 93 rural schools to serve. Steel shelves accommodate about 600 books, and floor cupboards about 100 more. There is also charging desk equipment with filing drawers and card slots. The entire truck has been painted a light grey, with green interior shelves. Since the bookmobile was put into operation, three new book depositories have been established, one at Ladd Hill store in the southwest corner of the county, one at Timberline Lodge in the extreme northeast corner, and one at Carver. Miss Eleanor Brown, assistant county librarian, is in charge of the bookmobile.

An interesting leaflet has been prepared showing the advantages and services offered by the county library to Clackamas county residents. The organization, form of support, and cost to taxpayers are included in the points explained, and 13 questions likely to be asked by persons interested in securing books are listed and answered. Illustrations include the new bookmobile and an outline map of the county, showing location of branches, deposit stations, and schools served.

Approximately 500 new children's books were purchased in anticipation of the opening of schools of the county.

A feature of the Bookmobile exhibition at the Clackamas County fair was the distribution of several hundred free pamphlets on health, homemaking, agricultural topics, and photography. These pamphlets, gathered from the county extension agent, Oregon State College, the County Health Association, and various firms, were given out to visitors who inspected the new bookmobile.

Miss Eleanor Brown explained the county school library service to a group of teachers at the county institute on September 2. Miss Brown has issued a circular letter to teachers in the 93 schools served by the bookmobile, explaining school procedures, and service of the county library.

Milwaukie Branch. The library recently sponsored a display of interesting Chinese articles, including some handwork on fine linen and silk, a hand-lettered scroll, and hand-painted china cups and saucers.

Clatsop County Library, Astoria. The bookmobile has resumed its regular visits to the district schools. Since May, over 1,000 new books have been added to the library, and a good portion of these are on the bookmobile's shelves. In addition to this schedule, the bookmobile will be brought into service in Astoria, making stops in the vicinity of the schools farthest away from the central library.

An added feature of library service this fall will be a series of Saturday morning story hours, conducted by the new children's librarian, Miss Bolton. Miss Bolton is also conducting a story hour at the Seaside branch library.

Corvallis. During August, 102 new borrowers were registered at the library. August circulation totaled more than the monthly circulations each of April, May, and June.

The children's department of the library assisted college students who were handling remedial reading cases. Teachers who were working for advanced degrees used books in the children's room, and were given assistance whenever they desired it.

Coquille. The Woman's Club has donated \$100 to the library, and \$100 to the community building fund, which will provide new quarters for the library.

Deschutes County Library, Bend.

Redmond. The library held its annual party for summer readers, all grade school readers who completed 10 books and made reports on them, being eligible to attend.

Ione. Besides the \$150 received from the city, the library has received a donation of \$25 from the Elks Lodge of Heppner.

La Grande. The county library campaign is in full swing. Organizations all over the county are discussing the possibility of county-wide library service, and the county court will be asked to include an appropriation in the budget at the October meeting of the budget committee.

Miss Mabel Doty, city librarian, spoke over the local broadcasting station on How a County Library Functions. Talks are given every Monday and Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

Portland (Multnomah County). During the second week in September, the library set up a book fair in a central part of town, displaying books on defense problems of America. Shelves of books in six booths, covered by brightly striped awnings, were open to all who passed. Books were not circulated at the fair, but were available later at the public library. Members of the library staff were on hand to take requests for books and to answer questions, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day during the fair. Banners depicting military and industrial defense in America were painted by Fred Gong, the Portland high school graduate who won the American Magazine Youth Forum art competition last June. These banners were displayed between the book booths.

In an effort to further a more widespread interest in good literature for children, Miss Nell Unger, librarian of the Portland Library Association, will conduct a class in children's literature at the adult education center of the state system of higher education at Lincoln high school. Miss Unger will survey the foundation literature in the children's field and will make short studies of leading authors and illustrators. She will also discuss special lists.

In order to give staff members of the library free time to see the exhibit of masterpieces of French painting being shown at the Portland Art Museum, schedules of assistants were arranged so that they could be released in groups of 10 for two-hour periods. The plan to give the library assistants time to visit the museum was in line with the library's policy of participation in community activities.

An exhibition of American bookmaking, selected and loaned by the American Institute of Graphic Arts of New York, and known as the Fifty Books of the Year, has been placed on display in the first-floor lobby of the central library. The exhibit will be open to the public until October 15. The exhibit is composed of books printed and designed in the United States or Canada between December 1, 1939, and December 1, 1940, and chosen for good typographic design, durability and workmanship of binding, choice of paper and type face, and use of color and illustration.

Belmont-Hawthorne Branch. A display of Indian curios and articles made on the Warm Springs Indian reservation about 40 years ago, attracted interest among library patrons.

Rose City Park Branch. During the week of August 23-30, the branch celebrated its 15th anniversary in its present building. Changes within the building have been made to increase library service to the community. Two new tables were added, and a larger charging desk. Also, the reference section has been expanded.

Baby clinics have been held in the library on Thursdays since its opening. A booklist entitled Your Child was prepared by the librarian, and distributed by the visiting nurses. A poster and books on the child were displayed during the first week in May for Child Health Day.

Women of the Wayside Garden Club, which has met in the library, have arranged many of the interesting flower displays, adding to the attractiveness of the room. Throughout the year, the auditorium has been used for various community activities.

Sheridan. At the annual fall products fair, the library again placed an exhibit, which was also at the city hall, where the library is housed.

Mrs. William Mayfield is librarian.

Umatilla County Library, Pendleton. Miss J. Elizabeth Olson, county librarian, reports that the library loans nearly a quarter of a million books a year. The system now has ten branches and twenty-eight stations. In addition, the library supplies books to 60 public schools. The average per capita circulation over the county is 8.5 books.

Adams Branch. The library is again open at the Community clubrooms, with Mrs. Charles Bunch in charge. Hours are from 12 to 5 every Wednesday.

Hermiston Branch. The library has found it necessary to increase hours, opening two extra hours every evening. With 5,000 men employed on the Umatilla ordnance depot, the library is helping to solve Hermiston's recreation problem.

Wasco. The annual library festival, held September 27, was participated in by all community organizations, which entered floats in a parade. A show at the schoolhouse followed, with a local concession on the streets, and dinner and dance in the evening. The money obtained from this festival is used for library expenses during the coming year.

Woodburn. A contribution to local bird lore has been made to the city by a Woodburn boy, Fred Evenden, Jr., who has placed a record in the library of 111 different birds he has observed in the vicinity of Woodburn. He is majoring in wild life conservation at the Oregon State College.

College and University Libraries.

Oregon State College Library, Corvallis. Twenty members of the library staff gave a surprise party for Miss Lucy Lewis at her summer cottage at Depoe Bay, in recognition of the thirty years of service she has given the college library. On August 1, 1911, Miss Lewis came to the state college as assistant librarian. She was appointed librarian in 1920. Since 1932 she has been director of libraries of the state system of higher education.

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Cordially yours,

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