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DSLS's MEDIA COORDINATION COMM.

On January 7, 1972, under the direction of Richard J. Waters, Chief, Division of Library Extension Services, an eight-member Media Coordination Committee was established at the Department of State Library Services, headed by Barbara L. Wilson, Librarian for the Handicapped.

Every member of the Committee is, in some way, currently working with media. As a whole, the Committee hopes to develop expertise in the use and selection of A-V materials and equipment. DSLS will thus be able to serve as a resource center. The group will be able to offer consultation to librarians throughout the State on many phases of work with media. Available for use at DSLS is an up-to-date collection of dealers'

catalogs, with indexes and subject guides to provide access to them. Several books as well as a number of journals in the Professional Collection are valuable for guidance and information in this area.

The Media Committee is actively involved in attending workshops and demonstrations, touring media centers, and discussing equipment with local suppliers. Presently the Department has a variety of A-V equipment which can be demonstrated for those interested. Such items as cassette players, an overhead projector, a super 8 projector, film loops, and acousti-center are among the more unusual holdings. No video-tape software is available as yet, and none of the equipment is

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CORRECTION:

Valentino Mahilier wrote the
article on the Child Learn-
ing Center in the May, 1972
Bulletin.

Mr. Mahilier is from Trini-
dad. He is currently living
in the Smith Hill neighbor-
hood of Providence.

Robert Kershaw, Jr., of West
Warwick, was recently
appointed Assistant Director
of the Child Learning Center,

2 available for loan.

An important aspect of build-
ing a media collection is the
cataloging and classification
of software. To aid librarians
the Committee has books and
pamphlets on the topic. If
necessary, the Audio-Visual
Cataloger for the DSLS
Processing Center is more than
willing to answer any question
concerning this difficult area
of techni

of technical services. If a
librarian so desires, he can
even get information in the
art of graphics by a member
of the Committee.

For further information or to
arrange for a visit, please
call the Media Coordination
Committee at 277-2726.

by Donna Cymot &
Karen Gagnon, DSLS

The RILA Bulletin, commencing
with this issue, will be
assembled monthly by Man-
power and mailed from their
facilities.

NEWS! NEWS! NEWS!

NORTHERN REGION

Library hours were increased on March 6 at the East Smithfield Public Library and at the Reading Center. New hours total 16 hours a week more in each library.

On April 9 the Northern System presented a program of rather high-class Polish short films and they wondered how much appeal this would have. They soon found out, having to turn away as many patrons as were admitted to the first showing and again at the final showing. They even found it necessary to schedule an extra showing at 4:30'. (If Greenville has to have a policeman directing traffic into the library, and Pawtucket is jammed beyond capacity -- then how come we read so often in the Library Journal that the public library is dead. Where???)

A model library project in the East Woonsocket Elementary School was recently surveyed by Dr. Mary Gaver, past president of the American Library Association, and Mrs. Ruth Cerjanec, State Consultant. This project was funded

by a special federal grant of \$12,000. The library is stocked with the latest audio-visual aids, many of which circulate. The purpose of the project is to see how the program affects academic progress -- the results at present seem to be favorable as Miss Nancy Wegimont, librarian, often has to shove the children out at the end of the day.

WESTERN REGION

Any person in the Western region may obtain a Warwick Public Library borrowers card without charge upon presentation of their local library card and R.I. driver's license to establish their address. Those under 18 need a blue registration slip signed by their parents.

A small collection of silent super eight films which may be charged out for home use has been introduced at Warwick Public Library. The movies range from Tom Mix to Frankenstein, Rudolf Valentino to Buster Keaton and the Marx Brothers. Super eight projectors are not available for loan to the public at this time.

EXECUTIVE BOARD NOTES:

The 1971 - 72 Executive Board held its final meeting on May 12th at the Providence Public Library. Beside finalizing the agenda for the Spring Business meeting, the Board considered some last minute business.

The Jamestown-24 group, represented by Carol Cuniff and Gene Henry, presented a request for a permanent Outreach Committee as a part of RILA structure. The Board voted an ammendment to the Consitution to be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

The Board reviewed the preser RILA position of non-participation in National Library Week and instructed Mrs. Barbara Wilson to ask the national committee if they have made any changes in the structure of the week that would make us change our stand.

The RILA committee reviewing standards for Public Libraries submitted its report, which the Board accepted with the recommendation that the new Board hold hearings in

the regions on the document for the input of ideas from library staff, trustees, and the public, before the report is submitted to the membership for a vote.

PROVIDENCE AREA

The South Providence Branch of the Providence Public Library has produced a quarterly newspaper written, edited and compiled by the users of library materials for juvenile and teen age. It is called SPLIB and it contains essays, poetry, fashion, and a crossword puzzle.

The Providence Public Library summer hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mon. through Friday. Close on Saturday. New hours commence June 26.

Softball anyone? Slow pitch softball for any interested library challengers will be taken on by the newly formed mixed DSLS softball team. Captain Jim Frechette will arrange schedules with interested parties. Saturdays or Sundays or evenings will be considered.

THE RHODE ISLAND ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

The RILA Spring Business Meeting was opened by the President, Mr. William Alexander, at 10:15 a.m. in the auditorium at Bryant College. The reports of the Secretary for the Fall and Mid-Winter business meetings, as well as committee reports, were printed and distributed to members, but not read. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$1989.42 in the treasury -- but printed his full report. The President of Bryant College, Dr. Harry F. Evarts, greeted the members and gave a description of the planning of the new Bryant campus.

The first order of new business was the voting for Vice President/President-Elect. Members voted as they paid their dues for the next year. Jean Nash questioned the propriety of the voting under the old constitution. Mrs. Hearn explained the difficulties -- not enough people had voted via the ballot in the Bulletin. Mr. Denomme presented the following motion: "It is the sense of the meeting to entertain the agenda as presented by the Executive Board and follow the day's program for

electing a Vice President/President-Elect." This motion was passed unanimously. Mrs.

Hearn then gave the results of the balloting. Mr. Richard Olsen was elected Vice President. She then presented the new slate of officers: President, Richard Olsen; Vice President, Paul Crane; Recording Secretary Ann Parent; Corresponding Secretary, Earleen McCarthy; Treasurer, Paul Bazin.

Members at large: William Alexander, James Giles, and Roberta Cairnes. ALA Councilor would be Carol Cuniff. The president called for nominations from the floor. There were none. He then called for a vote and the slate was elected unanimously.

The next order of business was voting for the new constitution. Mr. Alexander explained the history of the revision, and, with the help of Derryl Johnson, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee, explained the reasoning behind the changes in reply to the members' questions. He then called for a vote and the new constitution passed with no negative votes.

The annual RILA Scholarship was given to Robert Burford who will begin full time study at URI Graduate Library School in the fall of 1972.

A plaque of recognition was presented to Mrs. Susan Carpenter for her many years of service to the Willet Free Library in Saunderstown.

Mr. Alexander installed Mr. Olsen as new president.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 am.

Afternoon program

The Department of State Library Services gave a brief overview of the new five-year plan for the library services in the state of Rhode Island. It was very well attended and clearly laid-out for the audience.

"The Library Technical Assistant; a new dimension in library staffing" was a multi-media program presented by

James S. Healey assisted by Kenneth Turnside and Robert Callahan. It opened with an amusing, bright and snappy film which introduced a new, efficient, highly motivated product.... the technical assistant trained to do routine tasks and give the professional librarian time to be professional.

Mr. Healey gave a resume of the requirements for entrance, the subjects of the six courses, the tuition costs, and the hoped-for salary range. There was a very lively question and answer period.

Further information may be obtained from the URI Division of University Extension, Promenade and Gaspee Street Providence, R.I. 02908. Telephone: 831-7550.

The Cable Television portion of the program was led by Richard Waters from the Department of State Library Services. Attendance was poor (perhaps due to the recent all day

conference at Providence Public Library?) but topical and informative for those who could attend.

The last item on an interesting program was conducted by Nancy Pereira, Creative Drama Specialist of Looking Glass Theatre. She was assisted by a group of attractive youngsters who showed creative "play making" techniques. The actors seemed to enjoy the demonstration and so did the audience.



HAVE A
MERRY MERRY
SUMMERTIME!!!

WE'LL SEE YOU
IN THE FALL!!!



CALENDAR

June 11 - 15... Medical Library Association, San Diego.

June 17 - 19... Church and Synagogue Library Assoc., University of Maryland.

June 25 - 30... Annual Rotating Institute of the American Assoc. of Law Libraries, University of Ill.

July 2 - 5... American Assoc. of Law Libraries Annual Conference, Chicago.

July 14... Midsummer Madness at URI, Faculty Center

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

by Elizabeth Russell

Since April 16 announced Spring vacation for Newport public school pupils, a library program to celebrate NLW was held for six elementary schools during the previous week with the program directed by Miss Elizabeth Russell, a Children's Librarian in the Newport School Department, and Mrs. Helen Enghauser, Children's Librarian at the Newport Public Library.

The program included a puppet show, "Peter Pan"; story hours, Book Fairs and a tea for the librarians of Newport County in the Sullivan School Library. It was so well received, it is hoped that this may be repeated next year for the children to celebrate National Library Week.



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