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"FOUND IN A BOOK" NOTES FOR BORROWERS OF FILM

"Found in a Book", is a two-reel 16mm. Eastman film on a safety base. Silent. Shown in a 16mm. projector.

In order to help libraries provide some instruction for their new students, the administration class of the University of Illinois Library School has written and produced this film, with the University campus as a background, in an attempt to give the highlights of library technique in an entertaining form that should appeal to the average high school graduate. It explains the card catalog, the use of magazine indexes, and other library tools. In brief, it aims to show simply what in library experience are the materials and methods most widely useful in the general search for printed information.

Although the film has been made to appeal primarily to college libraries, it is sufficiently general so that it may be used satisfactorily in instructing high school students in the use of high school or public libraries.

This film takes about 25 minutes to run. The rental fee is \$4 plus transportation costs, for a two-day period, with fifty cents charged for each additional day.

PLEASE HANDLE THE FILM WITH CARE. DO NOT REWIND AFTER SHOWING.

We shall appreciate prompt return of the film, by prepaid express, to:

Publicity Division
American Library Association
520 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Reservations should be for dates after April 1st, since almost all periods up to that time are already filled. This film has seemed to meet a real need—

three copies of it having been in constant circulation since early last fall.

The December, 1936, Wilson Bulletin states:

"Perhaps you would like to know how 'Found in a Book' was received," one North Dakota librarian wrote to headquarters after this new library film had been shown at her local high school. "The principal was very pleased, and the students wanted more—for when the end came they groaned in regret!"

Many other high school and college librarians confirm this report that the new library film is a successful way to introduce students to library materials and reference tools. Requests are filled in the order in which they are received; those who wish to borrow the film and can name more than one time when it would be convenient to use, are urged to do so.

GREENE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The outstanding events for the Greene Public Library during the year have been namely: The sixth year in its own building, the fifth anniversary of Public Whists which have been and are being held every two weeks for the benefit of the library. The Art Caravan sponsored by Brown University and the School of Design exhibited in the auditorium for a week. A group of children gave a Circus Performance and donated half of their proceeds to the library. In October there was published as a Tercentenary feature and placed on sale for the benefit of the library "A History of Greene and Vicinity, 1845-1929" by Squire G. Wood (Copies of which may be procured direct or from Mittie Arnold, 42 Waterman Street, Providence). Talkies or Sound Movies are being given every second Friday of the month.

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BROWN UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Dr. Henry B. Van Hoesen, who has been away on sabbatic leave since August, will return February 1st. During his absence Dr. Benjamin C. Clough has been acting as librarian.

Mr. Norman L. Kilpatrick read a paper on "Resources of Rhode Island Libraries" before the meeting of the Bibliographical Society of America at the John Carter Brown Library on December 31st.

ELMWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Elmwood Public Library hopes to further the reading of non-fiction by preparing from time to time during the winter months, brief lists of recommended reading on the Ditto machine which will be placed in out-going books for suggested reading. The first list of eight books will be headed "Understanding Ourselves". A bookshelf of other titles on this subject will be featured near the Loan Desk. Such lists seem worthwhile as they serve the purpose and involve only a small expenditure of time and money.

Following the suggestion of the Enoch Pratt Free Library published in the "Library Journal" of Dec. 15, p. 949, the Elmwood Public Library demonstrated what could be done with the "After-Christmas Tree" by trimming one of our trees for the birds with popcorn, suet, cranberries, bread and apples. This tree was set up in the centre of the Children's Room with a placard near-by which reads: "Don't Throw Away Your Christmas Tree. Trim It for the Birds". A shelf of

books about birds was placed near the tree. The Children's Librarian, Mrs. Margaret Alsop, adapted that beautiful poem of Longfellow's—"The Birds of Killingworth", for the first Story Hour of the series which will be followed by others to get the children interested in taking care of their feathered friends during the hard winter months. Not to be outdone by the children, the Library Staff has set up their "After-Christmas Tree" in the yard back of the Library which they keep supplied with various bits of food. We hope other libraries throughout this state will follow suit and adopt the Baltimore suggestion, and get their children interested in looking out for the welfare of those best of friends who seek to fill the world with "Lauds to their maker early i' the morning."

A bird appears a thoughtless thing,
No doubt he has his little cares,
And very hard he often fares
The which so patiently he bears.

Charles Lamb
—"Crumbs to the Birds."

NEW MEMBERS OF THE R. I. L. A.

Since the Fall meeting on Nov. 6, 1936, the following have joined the R. I. L. A.

Francis P. Allen.

Carolyn Bell, Marjorie M. Blanchard, G. Helen Bowerman, Mrs. Jeanne M. Brittan, Bryant College, Elizabeth G. Burkholder, Cora L. Burlingame, Prof. B. C. Clough, Eunice Cooke, Katherine L. Cuzner, Mrs. Lena V. Dutemple, Marjorie Forsyth, Dorothy Gray.

Ruth A. Iredale, Mildred L. Jenckes, Mrs. Helen S. Jarrett, A. Emily Johnson.

Mrs. Ruth A. Kelly, Little Compton Free Public Library, Louise Logan.

Jane A. MacGibbon, Mary E. Makepeace, Mrs. Henry Minsenberger, Marion E. Morss, Elizabeth G. Myer, Elsa Pritchard, Alice M. Purrington, Catherine Quinn.

Katheryn C. Ray, Margaret M. Reynolds, R. I. College of Pharmacy, Betty Lewis Richardson, Eleanor L. Robinson.

Mrs. Amy Wilcox St. Amour, Phyllis Simonds, Rose Snell, Dorothy Spofford, Lillian Thrasher, Rev. Fr. M. C. Welsh, O. P.

RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

The class in Children's literature at the R. I. College of Education, under the chairmanship of Irene McDonald has arranged a delightful exhibit of books of a very early date. Among those of interest should be listed the American Preceptor, published first in 1794; Morse's Geography 1814; Rummical Rhymes, with pictures (1836?); The Children of the Abbey (1834).

The enthusiasm for finding early imprints has sent many of our students on excursions to attics in search of material for display.

RHODE ISLAND STATE COLLEGE

The new library building at the State College is progressing rapidly and we hope to move in during the late spring and early summer. It will be called Green Hall in honor of Sen. Theodore Francis Green, who played a very large part in making the building possible.

Miss Carolyn Bell is supervising our W. P. A. recataloging project which is progressing very nicely. We plan to have this finished so that we may take an entirely new catalog into our new library building.

Miss Florence Kennison, formerly of the Elmwood Public Library, was appointed secretary-cataloger at the R. I. State College Library, effective Sept. 1st, 1936.

HARRIS INSTITUTE LIBRARY

Classes in Literacy and Citizenship are being held regularly four days a week under the direction of the W. P. A. The total enrollment to date is 138.

A young woman, supplied by N. Y. A., is employed five days a week mending books.

Le Cercle Moliere, recently formed literary branch of the Catholic Youth Organization, applied for and received a deposit of books for their clubrooms.

Books have been issued to the Primrose C. C. C. camp and are constantly being changed.

Successful Christmas parties in the Children's Rooms of the Main Library and Social Branch were conducted in conjunction with the weekly Story Hours.

GRACE H. HALL,
Librarian.

WILLIAM H. HALL FREE LIBRARY

As part of the Christmas festivities, the William H. Hall Free Library held an exhibit of old dolls and dolls from many lands. While all the dolls were interesting, some were most unusual. Among the old doll group, there were two dolls more than a hundred years old. One of these which was especially lovely, was made of china and had a wreath of delicate china flowers around its head. The other, was a wax doll which still retained its beautiful coloring in spite of its great age.

Of particular interest in the foreign group were two dolls from Agra, India wearing veils and beads in their noses, a Korean doll, a Joan of Arc in armour, and a tiny, tiny Mexican doll made of colored silk thread and a pin.

All the dolls in the exhibit were loaned by readers.

UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY

We have had a very fortunate year. Through the kindness of friends our Library Building has received two coats of white paint and a set of new storm windows, which were much needed. Also a big new Hetrola, for which we are more than thankful. Best of all we were able to secure the services of a smart young woman, who went on with the work of the Dewey cataloging that the P. W. A. had left unfinished.

ESTHER J. MANCHESTER,
Librarian.

NEWS ITEMS FROM WESTERLY PUBLIC LIBRARY

On January first Miss Fannie E. Wilcox retired as Reference Librarian of the Westerly Public Library after serving as a member of the staff for more than forty years. Miss Wilcox is the daughter of Ethan Wilcox, first librarian of the institution, and began her work as his assistant with the opening of the library in 1893. When the reference department was established in 1910, Miss Wilcox took over this work and has remained as head of this department until her retirement. Miss Alice Coon has been transferred from the Cataloging Department

to succeed Miss Wilcox as reference head.

During Education Week an interesting conference was held at the Westerly Public Library, at which more than 100 teachers of Westerly, Pawcatuck, North Stonington and Ashaway met with the Library Staff to discuss the question of making children more book conscious. Dr. Willard H. Bacon, superintendent of Westerly Schools presided, and representatives of both teachers and library gave their views and ideas on the subject.

The second series of Saturday afternoon musicales for young people began in the Westerly Library on January 16, to continue for six weeks. The plans for these concerts are developed through the children's department of the Library in cooperation with the local music teachers and the schools.

Each program comprises a carefully selected number of musical selections both solo work, and a combination of chorus and ensemble numbers, together with stories and dramatizations relating to the theme of the afternoon. A special exhibition of objects from the museum bearing on the same theme is arranged each week as part of the general plan. In this way it is hoped to relate the arts and literature in the minds of the children.

ROBERT BEVERLY HALE LIBRARY

Matunuck, R. I.

At the Robert Beverly Hale Library, the second in the Winter Series of talks was held on Nov. 21st, with Mrs. E. E. Hale as speaker, her subject being "Our Perpetual Frontier."

Having recently returned from a visit with her son on his ranch near Powell, Wyoming, Mrs. Hale told of interesting experiences of her trip through the drought area, and of life on a western ranch. She described the scenery, the crops and the animals, both wild and domesticated, and gave vivid word pictures of frontier life. Showing a coyote skin, and illustrating her talk with pictures, Mrs. Hale made western life very real. Following a discussion, tea was served, and the usual social hour enjoyed by all. The next talk in this series will be held late in January.

RUTH H. BROWNING.

The Writer for February asks— WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?

Arthur Guiterman no doubt echoed the sentiments of many another author when, in a speech at the New York Times Book Fair, he came out with this lively bit of verse:

Macmillans
Are villains,
Holts
Are dolts,
Harpers
Are carpers,
The Harcourt Braces
May well hide their faces,
The Heaths and Ginns
Should blush for their sins.
The John Days
Have evil ways;
The Coward-McCanns
Lay sinister plans;
Albert and Charles Boni
Have hearts cold and stony,
McGraw-Hills
Add to my ills.
The Longmans, Greens
Are ruthless machines;
Seven hells
Yawn for the Revells;
The Littles and Browns
Are improper nouns;
The Bobbs and Merrills
Are positive perils;
The Simons and Schusters
Are wicked old roosters:
The Doubledays and Pages
Should be shut up in cages.
The dirty crooks
Won't print my books.

E. P. Dutton & Co., Mr. Guiterman's own publishers, observe that he tactfully omitted them from his list but admit that he might have added:

Duttons
Are gluttons.

JUST A REMINDER

At the Newport meeting in June, there was a vote passed which read, "The Librarian, or some person designated by her shall be requested to write a signed history of her particular library, and file same with the secretary." It was also suggested that this should be the contribution of Rhode Island Libraries to the Tercentenary Celebration, so that material for a history of the Library Movement here in the state would be available, should it seem desirable at any time to develop such a thing.