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RHODE ISLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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FALL MEETING OF THE RHODE ISLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, October 29, 1940

AUBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY, AUBURN, RHODE ISLAND



AUBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Through the zeal and determination of a handful of Auburn residents, the Library was established in October, 1888, and is believed to be the first public library in Cranston. The organizing group was known as the Auburn Reading Room Association, and its membership fee was fifty cents plus twenty cents a month thereafter. It became a free library in 1892.

The Library suffered many setbacks as funds grew small and community interest waned. Several of the founders of the Library took turns acting as Librarian in order to keep the Library open. The greatest setbacks were experienced when at two different times, fire seriously damaged the book collection. After each of these catastrophes the Library very nearly went out of existence, but each time the dogged

persistence of the Librarians and a few interested citizens managed to reopen the Library.

1931 was an important year in the history of the Library, for in February of that year a group of twelve women first met to form the Auburn Library Club. The Club has been of inestimable help, both by arousing greater community interest in the Library, and by making substantial donations for the purchase of books.

In 1937 a house was purchased by the Library Association and adapted for library use. Since the Library's move into its present building, the readers in the community have shown their appreciation of the more attractive quarters by a 50% increase in the use of the Library.

RUTH B. RAYMOND, *Librarian.*

To reach the Library from the city, take an Elmwood-Auburn Bus, which leaves from Dorrance St., in front of the Union Trust every fifteen minutes. The Bus stops directly in front of the Library, 687 Park Avenue. The Library is between Elmwood Ave. and Reservoir Ave., that is between Routes 1 and 3.

Luncheon will be served in the Library by the Auburn Library Club, at fifty cents.

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**APPOINTMENTS AND
RESIGNATIONS**

Elmwood Public Library

The resignation of Mrs. Margaret Reid Alsop was accepted with deep regret. She has rendered outstanding service to the Elmwood community and will be long remembered with grateful appreciation by parents, teachers and children, whom she so faithfully and wisely served over a long term of years.

Miss Pauline Paxton, Carnegie Library School, who succeeds Mrs. Alsop as Children's Librarian, held a similar post at the Akron Public Library, Akron, Ohio.

Miss Eleanor Morrill, Simmons College, comes from the Malden Public Library to replace Miss Ruth White as Librarian of the Gilbert Stuart Junior High School.

Miss Eleanor Hocker, Simmons College, has been appointed senior assistant at the Loan Desk.

William H. Hall Free Library

Mrs. Grace Hey has been appointed Assistant Librarian to fill the temporary vacancy caused by the absence of Miss Ruth Williams on account of illness.

Harris Institute Library

Miss Eleanor L. Robinson has resigned from the staff.

Providence Athenaeum

Miss Barbara Hubbard has resigned to enter the School of Library Service, Columbia University. Miss Sylvia Strickler has been appointed to succeed her.

Providence Public Library

There have been many changes in the staff of librarians during the past several weeks.

Mr. John A. Norton, formerly of the New York Public Library, has succeeded Miss Ruth Miller as Assistant Librarian. Miss Miller will remain in the service as Assistant to the Librarian through November, engaged in special work.

Miss Virginia Fooks has come from the Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, to assume the duties of Supervisor of Children's and School Libraries, a position vacated by Miss Mary R. Lucas, who has accepted an American Library Association Fellowship.

Miss Catherine M. Zottoli of the Lake-wood, Ohio, Public Library, is now Children's Librarian at Wanskuck, succeeding Miss Ruth B. Custance. Miss Elizabeth W. Doolittle, Assistant in the Oliver Hazard Perry Junior High School Library, has resigned and her place has been filled by Miss Jane A. McGuirk, Marywood College 1940.

Miss Caroline Neef, Columbia 1940, has assumed the duties which the resignation of Miss Alice M. Purington of the Reference Department left open.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Mayo, Columbia 1940, has been appointed to the Reference Department.

Miss Barbara Abbott, Branch Librarian at Wanskuck, has resigned and Miss Catherine L. Towers, Librarian of the Covington, Ky. Public Library has been appointed to the position.

Mr. Arnold McDermott has been appointed Book Custodian.

Westerly Public Library

Miss Helen M. Stikeman, the recipient of the R. I. L. A. Scholarship award for 1940, is attending the Carnegie Library School.

The Rhode Island State Library is the official exchange authority for State government publications. The printed State departmental reports for the year 1939 presented to the 1940 Legislature are now available for distribution. The R. I. Session Laws and Acts and Resolves for 1940 may also be obtained upon application to the State Library.

The annual state appropriation of \$3,000.00 made by the General Assembly for the purpose of adding to the salaries of librarians of free public libraries who receive less than \$500.00 each, annually, will be distributed by the State Librarian in the month of December.

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PROGRAM

Morning Session

9:30 GREETINGS

Mrs. Frederick H. Devere, President, Board of Trustees,
Auburn Public Library

9:40 BUSINESS MEETING

10:00 WORK OF THE W. P. A. PROFESSIONAL AND SERVICE PROJECTS
IN RHODE ISLAND.

Mrs. Margaret N. Staley, State Director

10:20 INTELLECTUAL NEUTRALITY IN WAR TIME

Clarence E. Sherman, Librarian, Providence Public Library

10:45 WHAT'S NEW IN BOOKS?

BIOGRAPHY, TRAVEL AND HISTORY

Sallie E. Coy, Librarian, Westerly Public Library

FICTION

John A. Norton, Assistant Librarian, Providence Public Library

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Virginia Fooks, Supervisor of Children's and School Libraries,
Providence Public Library

12:00 LUNCHEON

Afternoon Session

2:00 LIBRARY NOTEBOOK

Alfred H. Fenton, Providence Journal

2:10 THE BODLEIAN: FIRST OF MODERN LIBRARIES

Edwin Casady, Department of English, Brown University

3:00 THE UNITED STATES IN A WORLD AT WAR

Campbell B. Beard, Department of Political Science and Sociology,
Brown University