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## RHODE ISLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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### PROGRAM

#### FALL MEETING OF THE RHODE ISLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, October 27, 1942

SOCIAL SCIENCE READING ROOM, JOHN HAY LIBRARY, BROWN UNIVERSITY

#### Morning Session

- 9:30 GREETINGS James H. Case, Jr.  
9:45 BUSINESS MEETING  
10:00 YOU'LL BE READING THESE BOOKS Pauline Paxton, Winfield T. Scott  
11:00 LIBRARIES AND WAR INFORMATION SERVICE  
Sallie E. Coy, Alice V. McGrath, Alfred H. Fenton, Hope Reeder, Annis  
Kirkpatrick, Alice Savage  
11:45 UNIVERSITY EXHIBITS Dr. Henry B. Van Hoesen

#### Afternoon Session

- 2:00 VICTORY BOOK CAMPAIGN, 1942-1943 Clarence E. Sherman  
A.L.A. AND THE WAR  
2:15 SOME ASPECTS OF WAR ECONOMICS Professor Alfred E. Neal  
3:00 MAKING A BOOK Leslie E. Jones

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*Luncheon will be served in Faunce House*  
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#### EXHIBITS

After luncheon and at the close of the afternoon meeting, opportunity will be given to view the special University exhibits which Dr. Van Hoesen will comment on at the morning meeting. Special interest attaches to "The American Tradition" exhibit collected in the John Carter Brown Library.

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### Brown University Library

The John Hay Library is the fourth home for the Library of Brown University, which dates from 1767, three years after the founding of the University. The first home of the Library was an east room on the second floor of University Hall. During the Revolution, the College was disbanded and the books were placed in storage in Wrentham, Mass.,—according to legend in the drawer of a kitchen table.

In 1782 the books were returned to University Hall where they stayed until 1835, when the Library was moved to the first floor of Manning Hall, which had been built in 1834 as a Chapel and Library. By 1878 this was outgrown and a new Library building was built on the corner of Prospect and Waterman Streets, what is now known as the Economics Building. This was outgrown very rapidly and the John Hay Library was built in 1910 by the gifts of Andrew Carnegie and a group of friends and Alumni of Brown University.

In 1939 an extension was added, built from funds contributed by Colonel Webster Knight, Mr. William T. Peck, and Mr. Zechariah Chafee, providing two more reading rooms and six stack floors, and making possible a reorganization throughout the whole building.

Other libraries on the campus which are part of the Main Library system are the Divisional Library of Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Engin-

earing in the Metcalf Research Laboratory, the Divisional Library of Biological Sciences in the Arnold Biological Laboratory, and Pembroke College Library in Pembroke Hall.

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### Our Speakers

Mr. James H. Case, Jr. is Secretary of Brown University.

Miss Pauline Paxton is Children's Librarian of the Elmwood Public Library.

Mr. Winfield T. Scott is Acting Literary Editor of the Providence Sunday Journal, and a Trustee of the Providence Public Library.

Miss Sallie E. Coy is Librarian of the Westerly Public Library, and past president of R.I.L.A.

Miss Alice V. McGrath is Librarian of the Information and Reference Department, Providence Public Library, and directs the Library's War Information Service.

Mr. Alfred H. Fenton is Public Relations Director of the Rhode Island State Council of Defense.

Miss Hope Reeder organized the War Information Service Library at the John Hay Library.

Mrs. Annis Kirkpatrick is Librarian at Quonset Naval Air Station.

Miss Alice Savage is Head of the House that Jack built and Naval Training Stations Libraries.

Dr. Henry B. Van Hoesen is Librarian of Brown University Library, also past president of R.I.L.A.

Mr. Clarence E. Sherman, Librarian of the Providence Public Library, is again serving on the Board of Directors of the Victory Book Campaign.

Mr. Alfred E. Neal is Assistant Professor of Economics at Brown University.

Mr. Leslie E. Jones is the author of "Eli Terry: Clockmaker of Connecticut". He also teaches in the English Department of Brown University and creates stage sets of Sock and Buskin's plays.



## **LIBRARY NEWS**

### **Providence Athenaeum**

On September 28, the Providence Athenaeum held its one hundred and seventh annual meeting of shareholders. The Board of Directors announced that the year had been a satisfactory one, with a circulation almost as high as the preceding year, in spite of the war. In some classifications, there was an actual increase, which was particularly marked in history and in current events.

The Directors have recently announced the reelection of Thomas E. Steere as President, and the election of the Honorable Alexander L. Churchill and Lawrence C. Wroth as Vice-President and Second Vice-President respectively.

The vacancy caused by Miss Mary Street's resignation is being filled by Miss Margaret Ricketson, formerly of the John Hay Library.

### **Providence Public Library**

The following appointments took effect at the beginning of the school year:

Mildred T. De Simone, Acting Librarian, George J. West Junior High School.

Ragnhild M. Jacobson, Librarian, Nathanael Greene Junior High School.

Thelma M. Salisbury, Librarian, Roger Williams Junior High School.

Margaret B. Gibbs, Stations Librarian.

Miss Caroline Neef, Assistant in the Reference Department has resigned to accept a position in the Dartmouth College Library. She will be succeeded by Miss Jeanne MacCready, now of the Circulation Department.

Beginning with the October issue of "A Reader's Guide to Books", all material relating to the War is grouped together under the heading, "The War Information Center: Publications for a War Torn World."

"A Reader's Guide to Books" is mailed free, upon request, to any public library in the State.

An exhibit relating to the Library's War Information services was on view in the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company lobby for a week beginning September 11th.

### **Rhode Island State Library**

Miss Elizabeth Gallup Myer, Co-Supervisor of the State-Wide W.P.A. Library Project which the Rhode Island State Library sponsors, has been commissioned by the United States Navy as Ensign and has entered Officers' Training School for the WAVES.

Mrs. Mildred A. Wunsch, Co-Supervisor of the Library Project, has been appointed to official responsibility, as Supervisor of the Library Project in all its varied phases.

We are proud that Miss Myer's meticulous attention to administrative detail, her intelligent, dignified and human guidance of workers and her professional training and experience are to be made useful to the United States Navy. Mrs. Wunsch is an able, efficient organizer and director of administrative details who has hitherto shared in all the planning for the Program as a whole.

### **William H. Hall Free Library**

Mrs. Muriel C. Wyman, who has been Associate Librarian of the William H. Hall Free Library since 1933, has recently been made Librarian, and Miss Alice W. Morse, Librarian Emeritus.

Miss Morse has been Librarian since 1909 when the library was a small building on Norwood Avenue. She has seen the library grow beyond these quarters to the present size. Gratitude for her loyal service these 33 years cannot be adequately voiced, but rather is felt by all those who have benefited from it.

Under Mrs. Wyman's able leadership there is assurance that the library will continue to serve the community and to progress.

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