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Due to conditions created by the war, the Executive Committee of the Rhode Island Library Association voted to hold a business meeting at the Elmwood Public Library on May 25, 1943, and to omit the customary all-day speaking program. It was also voted to issue the Spring Bulletin following the meeting so that all members might know the results of the business session.

Report of the Meeting

At the annual meeting of the Rhode Island Library Association held in Providence at the Elmwood Public Library on Tuesday, May 25, 1943, the following officers were elected:

Mr. Francis P. Allen, Librarian of R. I. State College Library was elected President; Mrs. Marguerite R. Wetmore, First Vice-President; Miss Pauline P. Paxton, Children's Librarian, Elmwood Public Library, Second Vice-President; Miss Ruth B. Raymond, Auburn Public Library, Recording Secretary; Miss Mary V. O'Neil, Providence Public Library, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Laurence M. Shaw, Oaklawn Public Library, Treasurer. The Executive Committee consists of the Officers and Mr. John A. Norton, Providence Public Library; Mrs. Muriel C. Wyman, William H. Hall Free Library and Miss Clara B. Mowry, Providence Athenaeum.

It was decided that the Association sponsor a scholarship for R. I. librarians who are interested in professional study at an approved library school. Applicants may write to the Executive Committee care of the President, Mr. Allen.

Mr. Sara Sherman, Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the State led a discussion on certification. Due to present war conditions, it was voted that the matter of certification be tabled for the duration.

The following amendment to the Constitution of the Rhode Island Library Association was approved:

“For the duration of the present war, and for six months thereafter, Article Number Six, entitled 'Meetings,' shall be amended as follows: Insofar as possible, there shall be at least one meeting of the Association each year, such annual meeting to be by preference in the Spring. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The Executive Committee is empowered to call meetings of the Association at more frequent intervals, if circumstances warrant; or at less frequent intervals, if, in its majority opinion, the exigencies of war so require.”

LIBRARIES AND THE WAR

Barrington Public Library

As in all other libraries, men and high school students like to read technical and war books. Many men, going into the service or into defense work have asked for books to help them brush up on forgotten subjects. Some popular subjects are victory gardens, raising chickens and bees, canning and wartime cooking. Because of the gasoline shortage, the patrons are now allowed to take out six books on a card instead of the former maximum of three.

A very successful hobby show was held recently. Included were a beehive, hooked rugs, painted trays, carved birds, quilts, model airplanes, carved ivory and ship models.

Susan E. Demery, Librarian

Brown University Library

The Library of War Information has had a rather interesting history of six months. From a small nucleus of books, pamphlets, and government publications hurriedly assembled early in May, it has expanded so as almost to fill the shelf space of the Special Collections Rooms. Books play a somewhat minor role at the library, for current information is required to answer most materials as newspaper clippings, pamphlets, maps, documents, and magazine articles are necessary. The poster collection too is being used extensively. The clientele of the War Center extends far beyond
The Rhode Island Historical Society has been housed in the Brown University Library, the Jillon Collection. This is a collection of about 600 books on drama, for the most part 18th and 19th century productions. It includes complete sets of some famous old collections of plays, such as Inchbald, Siddons, H. B. Fawcett, etc. It is a part of the library of Colonel Charles D. Jillon of Providence.

The Friends of the Library of Brown University have just finished their most satisfactory season. There were eight meetings during the year. Five of these were devoted to "Reading Worth While Books," the subjects being the War, American history, Psychology, Biology, and Recorded Music. The special meeting in April was one where Robert Frost read his poems to an audience of a thousand at Alumni Hall, Pembroke College.

Henry B. Van Hoesen, Librarian

Elmwood Public Library

Lately, it has been discovered that the Elmwood Public Library has lost heavily in circulation and reference work in both adult and juvenile departments.

The display of army and navy medals and decorations is to be loaned to the library by a jewelry firm in Attleboro. It is hoped that this exhibit will be of outstanding interest to the community.

Sara E. Sherman, Librarian

Rhode Island State College Library

The State College Library in cooperation with the Rhode Island Extension Service has available a selected list of books dealing with agriculture and conservation. With the help of these books, it is hoped to obtain a considerable number of excellent films from the Fau-American Institute of the World Affairs Council. Many of these latter films are in color and are highly recommended by Dr. Irwin M. Tobin, the secretaries of the Library.

The war has had a marked effect upon the numbers of the student body. Whereas two years ago at this time the students numbered 5,590, there are now approximately 500.

Francis P. Allen, Librarian

William H. Hall Free Library

Several months ago, the William H. Hall Free Library held a most interesting exhibition. Oars are now displayed and 100 pictures of men and women in the armed services were loaned by patrons. They included everything from snapshots to framed portraits. A carefully compiled and graphed questionnaire was also filled out for a permanent record for the library. This exhibition created a great deal of interest in the community.

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Providence Public Library

The library and the personnel have been living and working in a community stirred and motivated by all the effects and influences of a nation at war—the draft and enlistment for the Armed Forces; Civilian Defense; scrap drives; food, fuel and gasoline; air raid precautions; war industry employment; an accent on conservation; Red Cross volunteer service; domestic servant-lives houses, shopping for food; and other human experiences of a new order.

It is a minor miracle that, in an environment of these habit-dislocating influences, our people have had time or desire to read books during the past year. That 1,177,603 books were borrowed from the library system; that 26,987 men, women, and children applied for library cards; 170,607 fact-finding and research questions were answered is clear testimony to the rugged vitality of the old fashioned custom of book reading. And all this, despite reduced library schedules, fewer new books, and staffs handicapped by personnel shortages. That the statistics of service are far below those of the deflated 1930's is considered expected.

Among activities and new tasks due to war are the following: the War Information Center; the publication entitled "Blacklist and Air Raid Protection"; the collection of more than 17,000 books for the Victory Book Campaign; cataloging the system, including buildings for blackout and dimout; including air raid shelter rooms; classes in First Aid for employees, on library time; preparations to protect especially valuable books; arranging for War Risk Insurance protection on all properties; and converting the Central Library heating system to coal.

Clarence E. Sherman, Librarian

Rhode Island State Library

With the termination of the State Wide Library Project in January, 1943, the State Library was authorized to add eight Library Project workers to the regular staff. This assures the continued literature of libraries, etc.—the Expansion of the Library Extension Service, the cataloging of permanent Post Libraries for the armed forces in the State (not a permanent Post Library is ready to be released to Fort Nathaniel Greene, half the funds having been given by the library association). The collection and distribution of books in connection with the 1943 Victory Book Campaign.

Two years ago there was one Library here with a Branch at the Naval Hospital, managed by myself. I had a collection of about 6500 very special books at The House that Jack Built and some 2000 at the Hospital. The Hospital work was managed another month, and it contained 23,538. The grand total of distribution in R. I. (1942-1943) is 71,284. In addition to local distribution, each Battalion of the S. U. Army and Navy upon request and distribution of the 3,500 books which are on loan. The staff of this library, although the staff itself was not able to access the books, is loaned to the public. In April 1941 the monthly report showed an attendance of 2197; April 1943 showed that attendance had doubled, and that the attendance did not include any of the other libraries.

Grace M. Sherwood, Librarian

U. S. Naval Training Station Librarians

The past two years has shown a great development of the Naval Libraries from coast to coast, and aboard all the ships at sea.

Under the able management of Miss Isabel DuBois, Director of Libraries of the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, D. C., Naval Libraries have been given the equipment of all books and stations. Miss DuBois has been directing this work since 1917, when the need for books as a recruiting tool of the training of sailors for World War I was felt. Since then, the growing importance of literature, etc.—the Naval Libraries has been emphasized by the demand that is met to get every kind of book that could be of service to men in the Navy.

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the staff, faculty and students of Brown University for we get civilians, school teachers, librarians, young people, and recruiting officers from throughout the state. Comparative monthly bibliographies tell the story of the growing use of the Center: visitors to the library vary from 11 to 174, readers from 5 to 101, borrowers from 3 to 292. The questions increased from 3 to 83, while 81 books were loaned in contrast to 6 in an earlier month. Many and varied are the references to the library that come to the War Information Center. The assembling of war information materials has been made easier, and their increasing use brings a good deal of satisfaction.

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At the House that Jack Built an audience of a thousand at Van Court Mansion, or at Alumnae Hall, Pembroke College.

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Miss Ruth White, Gilbert Stuart Junior High Librarian three years ago, has recently joined the SPARS.

Miss Eleanor Hocker, Loan Desk assistant, is now Librarian of the Fort Adams Library. Miss Roberta Smith, Simmons '43, has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

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The Providence Public Library reports 26 changes in the staff of librarians including 11 losses due to marriage, or better paid positions elsewhere. The effects of the "sweat and tear" agencies of modern library science—the A.L.A. as a clearing house of ideas and practices, L. C. printed cards, H. W. Wilson bibliographical publications, and other first class aids to librarians brought to our desks—have been felt in the quality of the Library's service and the standards of shelf and building maintenance.

WE REMEMBER

MILDERD ROCKWELL BRADBURY

It was long before these days of global war and priorities that my mind was not content to face such tasks. Dissatisfied with the Art Section of the Dewey Classification, she and our Re-Cataloguer brought out a revision that has been adopted by the Navy for use in the AAC Libraries, the SPARS, and two of them are used in the Trade Schools.

Much thought is given to provide the student with all the necessary helps that will enable him quickly to master a subject. For the training is intensive and one must learn quickly. So the latest books must be provided for the student of Radio, Navigation, Electricity and Aviation as well as numerous other sorts.

Alice H. Savage, Librarian

The House that Jack Built

AMONG LIBRARIANS

Providence Athenaeum

Mr. Henry Adams LaFarge is recognized as Librarian in November, 1942 in order to enter work more directly connected with the war effort. He is now in the engineering division of the Chance Vought Aircraft plant at Stratford, Connecticut. Mrs. Annie C. Bennett has been appointed Acting Librarian.

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She was Assistant Librarian in the School of Landscape Architecture, Harvard University, then there followed a year in the Massachusetts Horticultural Library. From 1925 to 1935 she was Assistant in Charge of Fine Arts in the Boston Public Library. It was from that post that we lured her to Providence.

When Miss Chase's death was a distinct loss to the Rhode Island Schools, it was as I recall it, during the summer of 1919 when, as a student in the School of Library Science at Simmons College, she came to the Lynn Public Library (of which I was then Librarian) to engage in several weeks of practice work. Immediately we were aware that this was not an ordinary ability was with us.

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We now have 6 Libraries to cater to the reading tastes of our large personnel; besides the Heute, Jack Built Library, we have a full-time Library on Coddington Point, as well as the Naval Hospital Library which is a full-time Library.

Two of the Branch Libraries are Recruit Libraries, and two of them are in the area of the Trade Schools and their faces are largely reference works, although of course many text books are circulated among the staff and students of the Trade Schools.

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Dr. Carl H. Stetemiller, in Charge of the Circulation Department, is the compiler of a dramatic index which is being published by the H. W. Wilson Company. His title is "Index to Plays in Collections." It is a cumulative index to 327 play anthologies and collections of literature published between 1900 and 1942 and has an author index, title index, and list of collections analyzed.

Miss Elizabeth K. Thomas, in charge of the Biological Sciences Library, has joined the WAAC and reports for duty sometime in June. Miss Edith A. Wright, formerly in the Order Department, is now at the Library of Congress, working on the "Books for Latin American Project" sponsored by the American Library Association.

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Mildred Rockwood Bradbury

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Mildred Bradbury was a real librarian in the good old fashioned sense of the word. She respected the "Sears- Reebuck" agencies of modern library science—the A.L.A. as a clearing house of its publications, L. C. printed cards, H. W. Wilson bibliographical publications, and other first aids to librarians brought to our desks via U. S. Mail. She believed also that God meant librarians to do many things for themselves, and she never feared to face such tasks. Disillusioned with the Art Section of the Dewey Classification, she and her Re-Cata- loguer brought out a revision that has attracted favorable comment from many sources.

Her delightful sense of humor, her trigger-wit in conversation, who of us could ever forget them? Finally, and just to round out a character that was not without its nobility, there should be mentioned her devotion to her companion through many years—her husband.

Clarence E. Sherman

EVELYN CHASE

During the fall of the year 1929 Miss Evelyn Chase joined the staff of the Rhode Island School of Design as Librarian. In the first building erected by the School, opposite the First Baptist Church on Waterman Street, she reorganized and enlarged the library facilities and increased its activity among the student body. She planned the new rooms in the College Street building and arranged personally for its excellent installation. There she was responsible for its fine, studious atmosphere and increasingly valuable service to the students and faculty of both day and evening schools. Two assistants were added and the library steadily grew in size and quality under her expert guidance and understanding judgment.

She endeared herself to all who came in contact with her and commanded their highest personal regard and professional respect. Her relations with the museum activity and specialized technical and Fine Arts education she always made work for the Library Committee's consideration, based upon her personal knowledge of the various departmental needs.

She maintained a cheerful spirit at all times, receiving the fullest cooperation in her dealings through the growing institution. Even when forced to retire through her lingering illness she kept a close contact with her library until it became necessary, at her own suggestion, to appoint a successor.

Miss Chase's death was a distinct loss to the Rhode Island School of Design and her memory will long be cherished, for the spirit she engendered is permanent and lasting.

Royal B. Farnum, Executive Vice President
Rhode Island School of Design

A Plea

The Editor of the Bulletin urges all libraries to assist in making the Bulletin as informative and acceptable as possible. It is the obligation of the Association and it reports your activities and those of your fellow-librarians. Do not hesitate to send in to the Editor contributions of library activities which would interest others in the Association. This is your Bulletin—make the most of it.