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Annual Meeting

of the

Rhode Island
Library
Association

Thursday
June 6, 1929

at the

Westerly
Public Library

- 10:30 **Greetings**
James M. Pendleton, Treasurer, Board of Trustees, Westerly Public Library
- Business**
Reports
Election of Officers
- 11:00 **"Helping Readers With a Purpose"**
John Chancellor
Readers' Adviser, Free Public Library, New Haven, Conn.
- 12:00 **The Bookmobile**
- 12:30 **Luncheon**
- 2:00 **"Supplementing Books With Museum Objects and Pictures"**
Miss Mary Newton
Newark Museum Association, Newark, N. J.
- 2:50 **"A Picture File for the Use of Art Students"**
Mrs. Mary S. Peuch, librarian
Rhode Island School of Design.
- 3:00 **"The Development and Influence of the Psychological Novel"**
Edward H. Dewey
Department of English, Harvard University.

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How to Reach Westerly

Those who expect to drive from Providence will find 1-A the shortest and most direct route. The road turns sharply to the left at Washington. It is safe to allow a full hour and a half for the trip.

Mrs. Colwell will supply passengers for any driver who expects to have one or two seats to spare. Phone the Olneyville Free Library Association, West 3806.

The bus leaves Providence at 8:30 A. M. and reaches Westerly at 10:15 (daylight time); and a train leaves at 8:37, arriving at Westerly 9:28 (standard time). The fare by bus is 68c less than by train for round trip.

The Luncheon

Please send the enclosed notice about the luncheon and beach supper to Miss Martin, Westerly Public Library, before June 2. The luncheon will be served by the ladies of Christ Church in the church parlors at 75c a plate. You will be the guest of the Westerly Public Library at the supper.

Supper on the Beach

The trustees of the Westerly Public Library extend a very cordial invitation to the members of the Association to stay for a supper on the beach around a driftwood fire.

After the meeting, automobiles will be provided for drives to Watch Hill and the other shore resorts, leaving at the beach those who can stay for supper and carrying back those who must catch an early train or bus. As the evenings grow very cool in early June, the wise ones will bring a steamer rug or warm coat.

The library of Brown University was visited by a group from the Graphic Arts Academy, Boston, on April 16th, and by a larger group from the Society of Printers, Boston, on April 25th.

The Bookmobile

Everyone has heard of the Bookmobile by this time, the co-operative book truck enterprise of the H. W. Wilson Co., R. R. Bowker Co., Gaylord Bros., and other organizations well-known to libraries. It is touring the east "to present and demonstrate as complete a display as possible of all things necessary to the inner workings of libraries and bookstores."

We are glad to report that Charles Brockmann will be in Westerly with the Bookmobile on June 6th.

The Handbook Revised and Enlarged

Miss Alice W. Morse and Miss Gertrude E. Brown have prepared a printed sheet indicating changes in the constitution and membership of the R. I. L. A. since the Handbook was printed. This will be distributed at the annual meeting. Any members not present may receive a sheet by sending a self-addressed envelope to the treasurer, Miss Gertrude E. Brown, Providence Public Library.

Our Representatives at Washington

The R. I. L. A. can boast of more representatives at the A. L. A. Conference in Washington than the State sends to Congress. While a complete list of those attending was not available when the Bulletin went to press it is known that many Rhode Islanders rallied to the call, "On to Washington."

Two Rhode Island names appeared on the program of the conference. Dr. H. L. Koopman, as president of the American Library Institute, presided at the sessions of that organization. His presidential address was, "Our Excuse For Being." At the Library Buildings' Round Table, Clarence E. Sherman of the Providence Public Library, led the discussion on "Extending the walls of the central library."

Among those in attendance at the conference were Dr. Harry L. Koopman, Misses Chase, Cushman, Drowne and Tower of the Library of Brown University; Mr. Clarence E. Sherman, Misses Abbott, Coombs, Cooke, Lewis, Bonner, True, Carlen, Chase, Merrill and Waterman of the Providence Public Library; Miss Alice W. Morse of the William H. Hall Free Library; Mrs. Anne W. Congdon, library visitor, Miss Adele C. Martin of the Westerly Public Library, and Miss May V. Crenshaw of the People's Library, Newport.

School Librarians

A list of the School Librarians in Rhode Island has been recently compiled by the Membership Committee of the R. I. L. A. and is printed here for the benefit of all members of the Association.

Anderson, Alva L., In., Cranston Teachers' Professional L., Wm. A. Briggs School, Auburn.

Barker, Eleanor M., In., Norman L., Rogers H. S., Newport.

Barry, Margaret R., In., Candace St. School, Providence.

Basso, Mary D., In. Esek Hopkins School, Providence.

Byrne, Isabel A., In., Kenyon St. School, Providence.

Carpenter, Anne W., In., Cranston H. S., Auburn.

Fitts, Helen L., In., John Howland School L., Providence.

Glaeser, Alice C., In., Central Falls H. S.

Greene, Ruth E., In., David W. Hoyt L., Commercial H. S., Providence.

Hathaway, Alice G., In., Bridgham Junior H. S., Providence.

Hill, Mary P., In., East Providence H. S.

Kane, Annise B., In., Classical H. S., Providence.

McIntire, Laura E., In., Westerly H. S.

Makepeace, Mary E., In., R. I. College of Education.

Moulton, Florence G., In., Senior H. S., Pawtucket.

Mowry, Florence P., In., Woonsocket H. S.

Noonan, Madelyn G., In., Veazie St. Grammar School, Providence.

O'Donnell, Catherine F., In., Kenyon St. School, Providence.

Powers, A. Amelia, In., Joseph Jenks Junior H. S., Pawtucket.

Ray, Kathryn C., asst., Bridgham Junior H. S. L., Providence.

Searle, Mrs. Helen M., In., Technical H. S., Providence.

Short, Mabel L., In., Samuel Slater Junior H. S., Pawtucket.

Whittaker, Stella E., In., Hope St. H. S., Providence.

The Providence Public Library will co-operate with the Providence School Department in the administration of school libraries in the new Elmgrove Ave. Junior High School, the Esek Hopkins Junior High School and the George J. West Junior High School, to be opened in September. In anticipation of this programme the John Howland School Library will be discontinued and the Esek Hopkins Sub-Branch will become the Esek Hopkins Junior High School Library.

Convention at Newport

A regional meeting of the New England School Libraries Association was held in the Norman Library of the Rogers High School, Saturday, April 27, 1929. The speakers were Mrs. Gertrude Huntington McGiffert, who spoke on "The Anthology of the Inter-High School Poetry Society of Greater New York"; Miss Mary R. Lucas, Director of Young People's Reading, Providence Public Library, who had as her subject, "Fiction for High School Library Shelves"; and Mr. Ralph A. Dow, Head of the English Dept., New Bedford High School, who spoke on "New Biographies for the High School Student." A Round Table discussion of various school library projects followed.

The afternoon program included a drive around the "City by the Sea," visiting the old Redwood Library and the People's Library and its branch. Miss Eleanor M. Barker, librarian of the Norman Library, Rogers High School, Newport, had charge of the local arrangements for this Conference. Miss Barker is a member of the Board of the New England School Libraries Association.

Library Reorganization at Valley Falls

The Public Library Association of Valley Falls recently reorganized and is now incorporated. Members of the new Board of Trustees are as follows: Charles A. Dexter, Nathaniel D. Brown, Irving C. Mitchell, Joseph V. Broderick, Frank Wood, Thomas F. Bresnahan, William R. Battey, John F. Skinner, Peter G. Gaskin, Miss Emma M. Cauffield, Mrs. Ethel P. Kelley, James C. Carr, and Esmond D. Keach.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees the following officers were elected: President, Charles A. Dexter; Vice President, William R. Battey; Treasurer, Frank Wood; Secretary, Thomas F. Bresnahan. Mr. Joseph V. Broderick was appointed to draw up a new set of by-laws and a committee was named to make improvements to the library room.

The Crompton Free Library in the town of West Warwick is a center for all sorts of community interests. Miss Edith Barton, librarian, makes good use of the publicity given her by the Velvet Villagers' Views, a monthly publication of the employees of the Crompton Co., and keeps news items from her library constantly before the workers of her community.

Who's It And Why!

Miss Gertrude L. Annan has resigned from the staff of the John Carter Brown Library to take a position in the library of the New York Academy of Medicine. Miss Marlon W. Adams has been appointed to the staff of the John Carter Brown Library.

Owing to the illness of the professional story-teller at the Deborah Cook Sayles Public Library, Pawtucket, Miss Ernestine M. Baxter, children's librarian, has been carrying on the work very successfully, to judge from the large number of children attending regularly. The average attendance at the main library has been 52 while 89 was the average at the Pawtucket Avenue, Branch library.

Miss Hattie G. Anthony, who has served many years as librarian of the Portsmouth Free Public Library, resigned in October last, and Miss Alice Garforth was chosen to fill the position.

The report of the Elmwood Public Library just compiled, shows a circulation of 202,467 volumes, a total gain of 12,353 books for the year ending March 31st. Of this number 50,646 were issued by the juvenile department, representing a gain of 5,211 books over last year's circulation. The total number of active registered borrowers is 10,071 showing a circulation of 20 volumes per capita of registered borrowers. The number of books added was 4,022 which brings the total number of volumes in the library to 30,356.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Emily K. Appel, children's librarian at the Westerly Public Library, to Mr. Joseph Morrison Salsbury of Pittsburgh, Pa., Miss Appel has resigned from her position in Westerly to take effect June 15.

Rhode Island librarians continue to appear in print. Libraries for February contains an appreciation of Dr. William Dawson Johnston by Dr. Harry L. Koopman of the library of Brown University. "The Special Libraries Association," is the subject of an article by Mr. Herbert O. Brigham, State Librarian, which appears in the Library Journal of April 15th.

Book reviews and discussions of

current books have been given once a month throughout the season by well-known local critics in the Library Auditorium of the Elmwood Public Library. The last of this season's series was given on May 2, by Mrs. Francis G. Allinson, who reviewed "Dark Hester," and other recent novels.

Miss Lena Albert, librarian of the North End branch, has resigned from the staff of the Providence Public Library, her resignation to take effect in July.

Dr. H. L. Koopman attended the exercises on April 5th at the Library of Congress when Dr. Herbert Putnam was presented with a volume of essays by his colleagues and friends on his thirtieth anniversary as Librarian of Congress. Dr. Koopman's contribution to the volume is entitled, "The Open-Shelf Library."

May Day Story Hour was observed in the Elmwood Public Library by the presentation of a one-act play entitled, "The Enchanted Garden."

Dhan Gopal Mukerji spoke to a capacity audience in the Library Auditorium of the Westerly Public Library, May 7, on "The Spirit of the Jungle." This was the second of a series of book talks held in the Westerly Library during the spring months. On April 9th Mrs. Annie Russell Marble spoke on "The Nobel Prize Winners in Literature."

The teachers of the city of Cranston have a Teachers' Professional and Reference Library housed in a separate room in the William A. Briggs School. It contains 1200 volumes of professional and reference books, and is in charge of a trained librarian, Miss Alva L. Anderson.

In the last issue of The Bulletin the following statement was made. The reading facilities for the children of Edgewood have been extended by opening a branch library in the Children's Room of the Roger Williams Park Museum. This should have read Elmwood instead of Edgewood, and for this error the Bulletin Committee is very sorry.

Passers on the Victory Highway greatly admire the improved appearance of the lawn of the Manton Free Library of Exeter. Improvements were made through the generosity of former Senator Grinnell.