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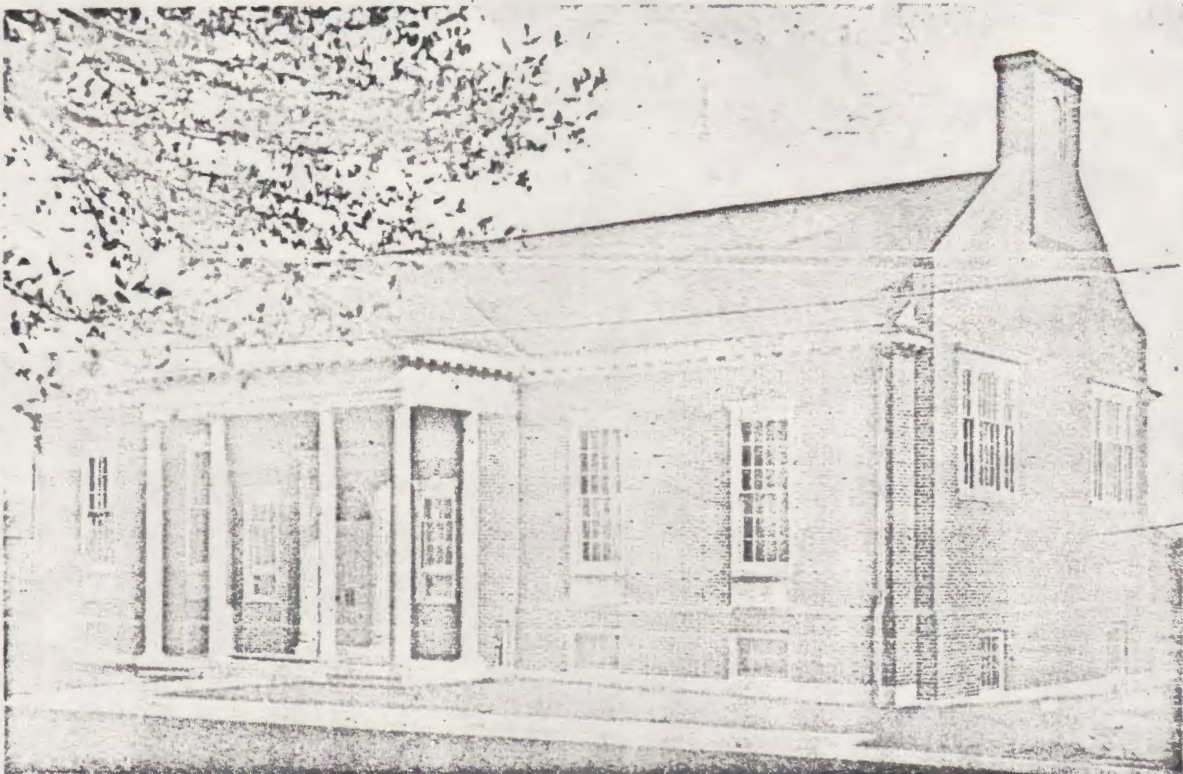
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FALL MEETING OF THE RHODE ISLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1929

MORNING SESSION

- Auditorium of the Wanskuck Branch of the Providence Public Library
9.30 Greetings. Mrs. Catharine B. Merrick, Librarian.
10.00 Address: "New Tendencies in Book Publishing."
Mr. Frederic E. Melcher Editor of the Publisher's Weekly.
11.00 Address. Speaker to be announced later.
12--12.30 Inspection of Library.
12.30 Bus Transportation will be furnished at a nominal fee from the Library
to 249 Broad Street.
1.00 Luncheon. Pheasant Coffee Shop, 249 Broad Street.

AFTERNOON SESSION

- Commercial High School Library.
2.00 Address: "How We Find Out What Boys and Girls Like to Read".
Miss Helen Ferris, former Editor of the "American Girl" and
Asso. Editor of the "Youth's Companion."
3.00 Address: "Values in Children's Work."
Miss Alice Jordan, Supervisor, Work with Children, Boston Public
Library.

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WANSKUCK BRANCH, PROVIDENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

On November 20, 1928, the New Wanskuck Branch of the Providence Public Library was dedicated, with appropriate exercises at the Veazie Street Grammar School next door. This branch is located on the corner of Veazie and Hyacinth streets, near Douglas avenue, and is the new home of the branch that was located in a building on Branch Avenue, opposite the Wanskuck Woolen Mills and owned by the Wanskuck Company. The Wanskuck Branch is one of the oldest and liveliest branches in the library system, having been opened in 1910 and has been of particular significance in its community because it is located the furthest of any of the branches from the central library. Last year, 1927, its circulation amounted to 60,248.

The new building in question is of brick construction, Rhode Island Colonial style, and has a very attractive facade. Its size is approximately 80x50 feet. The main floor comprises the circulation area, the librarian's office, children's room, adult reading room, and reference room. 12,000 volumes may be shelved on this floor and there is seating room for ninety readers. The special feature of the basement is its community room. A staff rest room, kitchen, janitor's quarters, shipping room and storage place for surplus stock take up the remainder of this floor. The interior is of oak, with a special finish, and all of the furnishings have been made expressly for this building.

With its new quarters, the Wanskuck Branch looks forward to a period of service much more vital than was possible in the crowded conditions of the old building.

HOW TO REACH WANSKUCK.

Take Admiral Street car which leaves waiting station, Exchange Place, at ten minutes past the hour and every twenty minutes thereafter. Get off at Veazie street school.

LUNCHEON.

Bus transportation will be furnished at a nominal fee from the Library, to the Pheasant Coffee Shop, 249 Broad st., where luncheon will be served at 75 cents per person.

OFFICERS OF THE R. I. L. A. 1929--30.

President, Mrs. Sara E. Sherman, Elmwood Public Library, Providence.
First Vice-President, May V. Cranshaw
The People's Library, Newport.
Second Vice-President, Mrs. Mary S. Puech, Rhode Island School of Design Library.
Recording Secretary, Grace H. Hall, Harris Institute Library, Woonsocket.

Corresponding Secretary, Florence G. Moulton, Pawtucket Senior High School Library.
Treasurer, Gertrude E. Brown, Providence Public Library.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The officers are
Adele C. Martin, Westerly Public Library.
Ruth E. Greene, Commercial High School Library, Providence
Lawrence M. Shaw, Providence Public Library

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.

On Relations with the State Board of Education, Clarence E. Sherman, Providence Public Library
Bulletin, Harriet M. Briggs.
Exhibits, Margaret Reid, Elmwood Public Library
Hospitality, Edna Thayer, Sprague House Branch.
Membership, Alice W. Merse, Wm. H. Hall Library, Edgewood.

ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

There are five institutional members of the R. I. Library Association.

R. I. State College Library
People's Library Newport
John Carter Brown Library Prov.
Westerly Public Library
William H. Hall Free Library
Edgewood

The membership committee trusts that many institutional members may be added this year as a financial aid to the association.

The committee aims to enroll as members each of the school librarians of Rhode Island.

WOONSOCKET JUNIOR HIGH.

The Junior high school library has opened for its second year with Miss Ella Thomas as librarian. All pupils in the school have regular periods for library work and are admitted at certain other times for any special work and for taking out or returning books. An enthusiastic library club was formed this week. The library now has \$2800 worth of books.

IN MEMORIAM

MR. CHARLES PERRY.

Charles Perry, president of the Memorial and Library Association of West-erly since it was founded in 1894, died at his summer home at Weckapaug, August 21st. Mr. Perry was a man of wide interests--a man whose entire life was dedicated to service, service to his fellow townsmen as individuals, and service to the town he loved. Known throughout the state as president of the Washington Trust Co., and a banker of wide experience, few, outside of those most intimately associated with him have an adequate conception of all that he has done for the West-erly Library. His open mindedness and farseeing wisdom were unfailing and his counsel will be greatly missed.

MRS. MARY SHAKESPEARE PUECH.

Mrs. Mary Shakespeare Puech, librarian of the Rhode Island School of Design, died August 29, at the R. I. Hospital from cerebral hemorrhage. Mrs. Puech had been librarian of the School of Design since 1911, and under her administration, the library has grown to a unique and most useful institution, known not only to all students of the school, but throughout the city and state.

Mrs. Puech was a graduate of the library school of the Drexel Institute of Philadelphia, and was an assistant at the New York Public Library and later librarian of the School of Philanthropy of New York before becoming librarian of the School of Design.

MISS CAROLINE L. THOMAS.

On June 25, the death of Miss Caroline L. Thomas removed from the service one of the youngest of the members of the Providence Public Library staff. Although Miss Thomas was one of the recent appointments to the Staff, she had shown a keen interest in the work and had given definite promise of future development.

MISS FLORENCE S. HIGGINS.

On August 19, the death of Miss Florence S. Higgins removed a valuable member of the Staff of the Providence Public Library, whose service had been chiefly at the Elodie Farnum Memorial Library, as an assistant.

Miss Higgins had entered very heartily into the work at that branch, and by her spirit of helpfulness had endeared herself to many of those who came there, day by day. Her death is a distinct loss to the Library service.

MRS. JULIA WILBUR HOPE.

Mrs. Julia Wilbur Hope of 31 Hawthorne street, died August 29. Mrs. Hope was for twelve years a member of the Executive Board of the Elmwood Public Library and also served for 10 years as Chairman of the Book Committee. Mrs. Hope was a woman of wide cultural interests and will long be remembered for her devoted service to this institution.

MISS RUTH COWGILL.

Miss Ruth Cowgill, head of the Foreign Department at the Providence Public Library, died Saturday, July 6, at the Homeopathic Hospital, Providence. In the death of Miss Cowgill, the Providence Public Library, both from the point of view of the staff and of the public that the Foreign Department serves has suffered a very distinct loss. Not only had Miss Cowgill made many personal friends during her year in Providence, but the members of the staff would all testify to the charm and interest of her personality and mind. And, in her official capacity, she had opened many important avenues for the growth of the department of which she was head.

Miss Cowgill came to the Providence Public Library after having served five years as Chief of the Foreign Division in the Public Library of Detroit, Mich. Her experience previous to this had been a wide one, since she was, by turns, Assistant Editor of the Kansas Farmer; assistant at Kansas State Historical Society Library, Topeka, Kansas; assistant at Chouteau County Library, Chouteau, Montana; Librarian successively, at the Carnegie Public Library, Boise, Idaho; at Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia and the Public Library of Roanoke, Virginia. These positions were followed by experience as an organizer of the Public Library Augusta, Kansas.

Her practical ability and experience were supplemented by an appropriate education. Miss Cowgill was a graduate of Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas and had attended the Harvard University summer session and the Pratt Institute School of Library Science, Brooklyn, N. Y. The summer of 1923 she spent at the Sorbonne, Paris, France. She could speak, write and read French easily, besides having a reading knowledge of German, Italian, and Spanish. And along with her excellent preparation and ability, she carried a sincere enthusiasm for her work.

WHO'S IT AND WHY.

Mrs. Helene Hesse Aborn has resigned from the staff of the Elmwood Public Library.

Mr. Leslie Arno'd, an assistant at the Harris Institute Library, Woonsocket, has accepted a position as librarian in Winchendon, Mass.

Miss Evelyn Chase, formerly of the Brown University library has been appointed to fill the place of Mrs. Puch at the Rhode Island School of Design Library.

Miss Louise Logan, assistant librarian at Harris Institute, Woonsocket, has been given a year's leave of absence and is attending Syracuse University.

Miss Beth Taylor of the Westerly Public Library staff, resigned her position on September 1st, to become head of the circulation department at Wheaton College Library, Norton, Mass.

Miss Lucille Chandonnet has resigned as Children's librarian at People's Library, Newport, and is leaving on November 1st to take a position as general assistant in the City Library of Manchester, N. H., her home city.

Miss Louise W. Fairchild of the Brown University Library staff has been confined to her home by illness since last April and Miss Eleanor C. Leonard has been engaged as her substitute.

Miss Evelyn L. Truesdale, Brown '28 an assistant at the Debrah Cook Sayles Public Library, resigned her position in August to become Assistant Librarian at the State Normal School, Keene, N. H.

After a year's absence, spent at the University of Illinois Library School, Miss Catherine W. Grout has returned to the staff of the Brown University Library as an assistant cataloger.

Mr. William E. Arnold, who has been part time assistant at Woonsocket since 1914, has entered Brown University. Miss Nathalie M. Briggs, also a part time assistant there, is attending R. I. State College.

Miss Avis L. Munroe, assistant at the Providence Atheneum since October 1924, was married to Mr. George H. Stevens of Littleton, N. H. on Sept. 7. Miss Eleanor Grout has been appointed to succeed Miss Munroe at the Atheneum.

Miss Inez Tuckerman has been appointed assistant in the Children's Department of the Elmwood Public Library.

Miss Adele C. Martin has resigned as librarian of the Westerly Public Library to take effect after November 15. Miss Martin has been head of the Westerly Library since September 1923 and during her administration many important changes have been made in the building, equipment and organization of that institution. It is not only in Westerly, however, that Miss Martin will be greatly missed but throughout the State, for as president of the R. I. L. A. during the past two years she carried the same spirit of enthusiasm and zest for the work that has made her so successful as an organizer.

Dr. Henry Bartlett Van Hoesen, formerly assistant librarian of Princeton University, began his duties in September as Associate Librarian of Brown University. Dr. Van Hoesen, a native of Truxton, N. Y., is a graduate of Hobart College in the class of 1905. He received his A. M. degree at Princeton in 1906 and his Ph. D. in 1912. He has already made a name for himself as bibliographer and student of Greek and Latin papyri. He has served as president of the New Jersey Library Association, has been active in the A. L. A., and since 1925 has acted as secretary of the American Library Institute.

STORY HOUR. EDGEWOOD.

Miss Ida M. Anderson, Children's librarian of the William H. Hall Free Library opened the story hour for the season on Saturday Oct. 5th with the largest attendance they have ever had. Miss Anderson made attractive posters announcing the first story hour, also placed on her desk a box into which could be dropped requests for stories. The box was filled several times.

NEW JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

One of the most important events of the year 1929 at the Providence Public Library has been the opening of three new junior high school libraries, in the Sessions Street School, the George J. West School and the Esek Hopkins School. The one on Sessions street is of particular note, for it is a model school, beautifully and efficiently equipped in every way. Ample quarters have been provided at the George J. West School by throwing two rooms into one. The sub-branch at the Esek Hopkins School was discontinued at the institution of the new junior high school library. All of these new libraries with the exception of the one in the George J. West School, are for the use of the community as well as the school.