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BULLETIN OF THE RHODE ISLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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FALL MEETING-- Thursday, October 30, 1952

William H. Hall Free Library, 1825 Broad St., Edgewood.

MORNING SESSION

10:15 GREETINGS

Mr. F. Cushing Foss, President of the Board of
Trustees of the William H. Hall Free Library.

10:30 BUSINESS MEETING

11:00 THE RELATION OF PSYCHOLOGY TO LIBRARY SCIENCE

Francis J. Deignan, Dean of the R.I. School of Design

11:45 THE STATE LIBRARY AND ITS RELATIONS WITH RHODE
ISLAND LIBRARIANS

Dr. Grace M. Sherwood, State Librarian

1:00 LUNCHEON--Church of the Transfiguration, 1665 Broad St.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:30 THE BUYING OF A BRANCH LIBRARY BOOK COLLECTION
ARRANGED BY READER INTEREST

Miss Evelyn Levy, Branch Librarian, Boston Public
Library

3:30 THE STORY BEHIND THE NEWPORT SURVEY OF ARCHITECTURE
Mrs. Antoinette F. Downing

4:30 TEA IN MUSIC ROOM

The Staff of the William H. Hall Free Library

THE WILLIAM H. HALL FREE LIBRARY

The Library had its beginnings in the Edgewood Library Club in 1892. On November 4, 1897, a new building on Norwood Avenue was opened to the public. On June 3, 1916 Mr. William H. Hall died, leaving his estate for the founding of the present library. The new building was opened in 1927. Miss Alice W. Morse, who had been librarian since 1909, was made Librarian Emeritus in 1942. At this time, Mrs. Muriel C. Wyman, the present Librarian, was appointed.

The library services are free to the people of Edgewood and Pawtuxet, and many people from nearby communities enjoy its resources for a nominal fee. A small branch was established April 4, 1952 in the Pawtuxet Fire Station with Mrs. Hettie Selby in charge. The library has an active Friends of the Library Association which offers a program once a month during the winter season.

...HISTORY OF THE WARWICK LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION...

On Feb.20,1920 the Warwick Libraries Association held its first meeting at the Apponaug Free Library. The purpose of the group was to unite the various libraries in the city and to provide the city with the best possible library service. By-laws were adopted in 1931 and the group had the assistance of Mr.Clarence Sherman in advisory capacity. By 1947 there were 8 libraries in the association. Benefits in the line of added appropriations from the city of Warwick were secured. The value of the association after a period of 22 years is evident in the service and cooperation between the various libraries throughout the city and the people of the city of Warwick. On Sept.30th officials of the R.I. Library Association were guests of the Warwick Public Library Association at the Old Warwick League Library. Miss Ellen Stone gave a talk on the problems of the small public library. About 20 people were present.

ROBERT BEVERLY HALE LIBRARY .

In the spring of 1944 The Robert Beverly Hale Library lost a devoted supporter through the death of Miss Caroline P. Atkinson who had been associated with it from its founding in 1896. Shortly before her death she had written an informal history of the library in which she spoke of her "dream" of a new wing to allow for the needed expansion of shelves and to provide a meeting-place for the various organizations of the neighborhood. The Corporation was unanimous, when considering a memorial for her, in settling for the new wing she had suggested, and started the fund with an appropriation from its reserve. The balance was raised in the course of three years through nearly one hundred and twenty-five individual subscriptions. It was used first last December for the annual Christmas party which the Library gives for the children of the community.

Miss Mary H.Falt has resigned from the Barrington Public Library
Miss Susan Demery comes to Barrington November 1,1952 as Librarian.

Mr.Alden Manley has resigned as Librarian at the Redwood Library in Newport. Mr. Donald T. Gibbs has replaced Mr. Manley.

Miss Pauline Riordan has been appointed Assistant Librarian at the Providence Veterans' Administration Hospital.

Mr. Clarence E.Sherman,Librarian of the Providence Public Library was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities at the commencement exercises at Brown University in June, 1952.

Mrs.Eleanor Pyne is in charge of the Training class at the Providence Public Library. Miss Dorothy Hammill has been appointed head of the Reference Department. Miss Alice McGrath, in charge of publicity, has resigned.

Mrs.Harlan A.Bartlett has become secretary and library assistant at the R.I.School of Design. Mrs.Edward N.Grinneberg is assistant in the Slide and Photography department, and Mrs.Henry C.Haig is cataloger and library assistant in the School of Design Library.

Miss Isabelle K. Layer has been appointed Children's Librarian at the Elmwood Public Library.

Miss Alice W. Morse, Librarian Emeritus of the William H. Hall Free Library, died at Arlington, Mass. June 24, 1952.

Miss Ernestine Baxter, Children's Librarian at the Westerly Public Library, died in the spring.

Mrs. Margaret N. Staley, former director of the service division of the WPA, died Sept. 23, 1952. She became State Director of WPA professional and service projects, among these the WPA Library Project sponsored by the R.I. State Library.

Mr. George P. Winship, first librarian at the John Carter Brown Library from 1904-1915, passed away early in the summer.

The full cooperation of the librarians of R.I. is solicited for the ALA Survey of Adult Education Activities of Public Libraries which is being directed by Mrs. Helen H. Lyman. The questionnaire will be arriving late in October.

Dr. Grace Sherwood reminds all libraries that the State Library has been asked by the R.I. Development Council to check with with the free public libraries of the state, requesting a listing of their general works on R.I. history and articles or newspaper writings concerned with their respective communities. Please forward your bibliography of holdings after 1902 to the state Librarian, and also a brief sketch of the history of your library with photograph if possible.

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Is every member of your staff a member of the R.I.L.A? A professional organization such as ours is strong only if the maximum number of those eligible take part in its activities. Who is eligible? Any person with an interest in library work. The larger the membership the wider the range of background, interests and experience we can call upon in our efforts to promote good librarianship in Rhode Island.

Membership dues? only one dollar a year. Let's have one hundred percent membership!

Mr. Donald T. Gibbs, Membership Chairman