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SPRING MEETING OF THE RHODE ISLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 1959

Peace Dale Public Library

Peace Dale, Rhode Island

PEACE DALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

This library is known by several names. The imposing legal name, The Narragansett Library Association was adopted in 1855, when the library was formally organized. In 1891 the present building was dedicated to Rowland Gibson Hazard by his sons and named the Hazard Memorial Building, popularly known now as Peace Dale Public Library.

The library serves a population of about 6,000, plus the South Kingstown High School students who use it to complement the school library. Book stock numbers 17,264. For the fiscal year 1957-58 total circulation was 31,683, an increase over last year of

4380 books. There were 2828 registered borrowers, of whom 984 were children.

A complete reorganization of the library, under the direction of Mrs. Enid Thompson, now retired, has been underway for the past seven years. Over 4,000 books have been discarded and about 5,000 have been added to the collection over the past seven years.

A long range plan is being considered to open up a new reading reference room thereby extending greater service to the community.

MRS. DAWN NYE
Librarian

ROUTES TO PEACE DALE, RHODE ISLAND

PARKING

All Motorists please note that it is requested that they park their cars at the Neighborhood Guild, which is directly across the village Green from the Library. If desired, a guide will show the way.

FROM PROVIDENCE: Take Route #2 (Reservoir Avenue) to junction with Route #1 just south of Al-lenton. (Note from this junction #1 is a divided four lane highway). Turn right off #1 at sign "TO WAKE-

FIELD", then turn right at first overhead traffic light. Peace Dale Library is .8 of a mile on right hand (north) side of Kingstown Road and it faces the Peace Dale Post Office and Village Green.

FROM WEST PART OF STATE:

Take Route 138 to Kingston. Turn to right off #138 at overhead traffic light and on to Kingstown Road. Peace Dale Library is .3 of a mile from the second railroad trestle and is on left hand (north) side of road.

PROGRAM

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| 10:00-11:30 A.M. | Business Meeting |
| 11:30-12:45 P.M. | Panel Discussion: "Weeding the Book Collection."
Chairman: Mrs. V. Genevieve Galic, Director, Massachusetts Division of Library Extension. |
| 1:00- 2:15 P.M. | Luncheon at Neighborhood Guild across the Green.
Price \$1.25. |
| 2:30- 3:30 P.M. | "The Library Trustee" by Mrs. George Rodney Wallace.
Mrs. Wallace is from Fitchburg, Massachusetts and is President of the Massachusetts Library Trustees Association. |
| 3:30- 4:30 P.M. | Mr. Stephen L. Dyson, who has been assisting Prof. Giddings at the Haffenreffer Museum in Bristol, Rhode Island, will talk on "The Early Indians of Southeastern New England." |

RILA CONSTITUTION CHANGES

According to the minutes of a meeting of the Rhode Island Library Association held on October 25, 1945, the following amendment to the Constitution was passed, due notice having been given:

"Resolved: that associate membership in the Rhode Island Library Association be offered to school librarians with dues at 50 cents a year."

This amendment was not printed in the Rhode Island Library Association Handbook for 1947 or 1952.

In accordance with Section 7 of the Constitution of the Rhode Island Library Association regarding Amendments, notice is hereby given regarding a proposed amendment to Section 7, DUES:

"The annual dues shall be \$1.00. Resolved that associate membership in the Rhode Island Library Association be offered to school librarians with dues at 50 cents a year. Members whose dues remain unpaid for three years shall cease to belong to the Association."

The Executive Committee recommends that this sentence be deleted: "Resolved: that associate membership in the Rhode Island Library Association be offered to school librarians with dues at 50 cents a year", and that the first sentence be changed to read: "The annual dues for all members shall be \$2.00 a year."

This proposed change will be put to a vote at the Annual Meeting on May 26.

President's Notes

The Loyalty Group Insurance Plan for members of the Rhode Island Library Association went into effect as of January 15, 1959. All applicants after that date must be under 60 years of age and must prove insurability. We remind you to keep your membership dues paid up to date so that your insurance will be in good standing.

The result of the poll taken last December regarding a joint meeting with the Connecticut Library Association in June 1959 indicated that attendance would not be large enough to warrant joining in such a meeting. Many members felt that the proximity of the ALA meeting would make it possible for them to attend and that attendance at two out of state meetings in June would be both expensive and time-consuming. We hope that at some future time, the Rhode Island Library Association will participate in a joint meeting such as the proposed one with Connecticut.

A few words of appreciation are due Mr. Stuart C. Sherman, Librarian of the Providence Public Library and Mr. David A. Jonah, Librarian, Brown University Library for their generosity in making available the resources of their Stenographic Departments for the typing, mimeographing and mailing of various letters and forms for the Rhode Island Library Association.

The bookmobile owned by Public Library Services in Rural Areas will be available for inspection during the spring meeting.

RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL LIBRARIANS GROUP

Medical references are readily available to members of the RILA, thanks to a small but active group of medically related libraries in the state.

This group is unique in that it has not only survived but flourished for seven years without constitution, president or chairman, secretary or treasurer—or dues. It has also survived a considerable turn-over in personnel. In spite of its looseness of organization, it has made a notable contribution to library service in its **UNION LIST OF MEDICAL JOURNALS** which is now in its 3rd edition. A copy of this may be obtained on request from Josephine Carson, Librarian, Biological Sciences Library, Brown University; telephone Union 1-2900, Extension 287,

Of the fourteen libraries co-operating this List, the resources of eight are available on interlibrary loan and of all for on-premises use. It is advisable, however, to telephone ahead for arrangements and directions for those libraries situated in less public places such as hospitals and nurses' homes.

NEW ENGLAND MEDICAL LIBRARIANS

The New England Regional Group of Medical Librarians will hold their second annual meeting in Providence, R. I., on Friday and Saturday, October 30-31, 1959. The meeting will be held at the R. I. Medical Society Library, 106 Francis Street, Providence, R. I.

FROM THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE STATE

Ashaway Free Library

The library is functioning with new vigor, since Public Library Services in Rural Areas has been active. The funds from this source have helped us: strengthen our reference collection, develop a young people's section, supplement the children's volumes and strengthen the adult collection.

Our library staged a book fair built around these new acquisitions. That is, they were placed in the center of the room with other exhibitions around the sides. This turned out to be one of the outstanding events of the year in our community.

Because our building was too small, we used the Hopkinton Y. Colorful murals and posters were prepared by school children under the direction of their art instructor, Mrs. Tynne Straatveit. Among the exhibitions were: a collection of old children's books, books for children written in foreign languages (loaned by the Westerly Public Library), printing of a book (courtesy of Concord Press) and storybook dolls and toys paired with companion books.

Mrs. Nancy Leete Harris was a story hour guest. Chon Day entertained in the evening with his famous cartoons and humorous commentary.

Both adult's and children's interest in the library have increased so much as a result of the fair that we are contemplating increasing library hours and creating a supplementary book fund.

ELEANOR H. PERRIN
Librarian

Barrington Public Library

Like all other libraries in the state, the Barrington Public Library is continually increasing its circulation, and we are all very busy. In February we had the highest circulation in our history.

We hope, after the Town Financial Meeting in April, to be open Monday through Saturday and on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings until 9 o'clock. This new schedule will add 14 more hours in which the library will be open to the public. We hope that, by giving the public another day and one more evening, use of the library will be more uniform, and not two or three days of extremely heavy usage.

SUSAN E. DEMERY,
Librarian

Brown University Library

Miss Phebe Parker, who served as Head Cataloger of Brown University Library from 1913 until her retirement in 1938, died on February 1. With her death it is now in order for the Library to announce that Miss Parker was the anonymous donor of \$5000 to Brown University in 1953 for the purpose of establishing a fund for the professional advancement of the Brown University Library staff. The income is to be used for paying the expenses of staff members while attending library school, library institutes or professional meetings. The fund is to be administered by the Librarian, but all grants from the fund will be made with the approval of the Library Committee.

Mr. William F. E. Morley joined the staff as Cataloger on March 1. Mr. Morley is a graduate of Trinity College, Toronto, and received his B.L.S. from the University of Toronto

Library School. He had previously been Librarian of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Montreal. His specialization is Canadian and American history.

Dr. Roy P. Basler, Director of the Reference Department, Library of Congress, and editor of *The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln*, was the speaker for the Friends of the Library meeting on February 16 in honor of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. His subject was "Lincoln: An Immortal Sign."

About a dozen school teachers, members of the History 58 Group in the Master of Arts in Teaching Program, met at the John Hay Library on March 6 for a discussion of Paul Angle's *Lincoln Reader*. The Librarian took part in the discussion and also talked about the McLellan Lincoln Collection.

The Lincoln Group of Boston held its March meeting at the John Hay Library. Mr. Jonah and Mr. Ettlenger gave short talks on the history of the McLellan Lincoln Collection and on the current exhibition of Lincoln and John Hay material. After a luncheon served at the Faculty Club, Dr. Van Hoesen, Director Emeritus of the Library, read a paper contrasting the careers of Lincoln and John Hay.

Mr. Gilbert Franklin, a prominent Rhode Island sculptor and a member of the faculty of the Rhode Island School of Design, has given to the McLellan Lincoln Collection the half-size plaster model of his statue of Lincoln which he was commissioned to make by the Harvey Memorial Committee. Mr. Franklin's heroic bronze statue was unveiled on May 25, 1958, in Roger Williams Park.

Four students from the Simmons College School of Library Science spent two weeks during March doing

their field observation in the Brown University Library system.

Statistically, 1957/8 was one of our busiest years. The Order Department accessioned 23,458 volumes—16,186 by purchase, 6,280 by gift, and 992 by exchange. In only two years since 1929/30 has the net number of volumes exceeded this total. Exchanges with Russian libraries, particularly in astronomical, mathematical, and out-of-print material, have increased considerably.

Inter-library loans still continue at a high figure. During 1957/58, we loaned 1,548 volumes and borrowed 557. The largest number of loans, 993, was made to educational institutions in the United States. Of these, 129 were to Rhode Island institutions; business and industry accounted for 284 loans; hospitals, 136 (127 to Rhode Island hospitals); and 115 loans were made to governmental agencies.

DAVID A. JONAH,
Librarian

Clark Memorial Library

This Library was established long ago, 1881. It has been open and active ever since. For many years previous to her death in 1938, this activity was made possible by the devoted interest and work of Miss Harriet Clark a member of the family for which the library is named.

In recent years the patronage has been steadily increasing. The year 1958 was the largest in circulation so far recorded. The patrons in very large majority are young people under twenty years of age, which we feel is a healthy sign.

A big factor in attracting more people to our reading room is the fine

collection of books obtained from the Public Library Services for Rural Areas, Miss Elizabeth Myer, Director.

This service in addition to the always welcome books which we receive annually from the R. I. State Library have brought about increased circulation. As a result the two towns, Richmond and Charlestown, which the library serves locally, have granted the library more financial aid which will permit it to remain open additional hours.

EVA C. HUNCHLIFFE
Librarian

Davisville Free Library

An appreciable increase in circulation, particularly among students, has forced us to open the library additional hours. We are now serving the community three afternoons and three nights a week.

The Girl Scouts and friends of the library have helped rearrange our shelves and files. We hope for more volunteer help of this nature.

MARION W. BARBER,
Librarian

Elmwood Public Library

The Elmwood Public Library, along with most libraries, has felt the impact of the accelerated curriculum in the schools which has resulted in an increase in the use of our reference services. We have also noted a step-up in adult reading, both fiction and non-fiction.

An Advanced Leader Training Course was held at the library during the winter and a Beginner's Leader Training Course is being offered for six weeks this spring. This is in addition to the regular Great Books Dis-

cussion Groups which are held each week.

The library has presented two illustrated travel programs, one on Alaska and the other on The Holy Land and Russia.

Through an arrangement with the Education Department of the Rhode Island School of Design various art exhibits have been displayed in our museum case during the fall and winter.

The library participated in the second annual observance of National Library Week with a special exhibit on recruiting for librarianship and with exhibits in the local banks.

DOROTHY W. BUDLONG,
Librarian

Glocester-Manton Free, Public Library

School children are taking greater advantage of the reference collection and much thought has been given to enlarging this important section of the Library.

Chepachet Grange has donated a goodly sum of money to be used to benefit the young people who use the Library to help in their school studies. With this gift we have subscribed to several timely magazines. It is hoped that these will prove helpful.

The Superintendent of Glocester Schools requested that all grades be allowed to come to the library with their teachers so the Librarian might explain the use of the files and the Dewey System.

The Parent-Teachers Association has cooperated with the Librarian in sending two delegates each afternoon to assist her in the distribution of books to the pupils from grammar school as there are 30 or 35 at one time to care for.

Our Library has been enriched by many wonderful books received from the State Library the past year and also from the Public Library Service in Rural Areas, for which we are indeed grateful.

With the thought "Without a love for books the richest man is poor", we are looking to the future with renewed interest in Glocester Manton Library.

MINNIE M. BROWN,
Librarian

Harmony Library

Our library is sponsored by the Fire Dept., and is growing each year both in volumes and readers.

We have received books from the Rural Library Service and the State. Our number of volumes was a little less at the end of 1958 than at 1957 as we had weeded out some worn books to make room for the new books coming in. Total volumes—Jan. 1, 1959 was 4798. Total circulation was 3895. Our registration of patrons was 220.

We are open Monday afternoons and Wednesday evenings. Mrs. Alice Snow goes if I can't on Monday. Miss Genevieve Dunn works on Wednesday evenings.

We were fortunate in being able to get a set of Colliers' Encyclopedias last year from the Rural Library Service and a set of the World Book has been received from that service this year. We are concentrating on reference works for high school students this year.

ADAH S. HAWKINS,
Librarian

Island Free Library

The big news from the Island Free Library is that at last we have moved

into more spacious quarters on Chapel Street, right next door to the former library room which was most cramped. We now occupy a long room with all the book racks extending at right angles from one wall, with a spacious children's section in the rear. We have been given some small restaurant tables which will make good reading tables for the children when the legs have been cut down. We are now eagerly awaiting our first allotment of books from the Public Library Service in Rural Areas.

WELDON H. DODGE,
Librarian

Kingston Free Library

The Kingston Free Library sponsored a book fair during National Library Week April 12-18. It was held at Kingston library three days and evenings, then moved on to Peace Dale library for a day and to Matunuck library for two days. By cooperating in this way our entire town was covered.

It is gratifying to report a marked increase in juvenile book circulation the past year.

An added feature is a glass display case in the library lobby where interesting exhibits are arranged and remain on an average of two weeks. Friends and patrons of the library have been most generous in loaning material from their collections for display.

LUCILE E. CHAMPLIN,
Librarian

Langworthy Public Library

About three hundred books recently purchased through Public Library Service in Rural Areas, and by gift from the Hope Valley Womans Club made their debut.

The volumes were displayed in the historical room of the new wing made

possible by a bequest of Miss Mary E. Nichols. Reference books and books for children have been emphasized, such items as our small library with minimum book funds have been unable to supply.

On April 17 in the meeting room of the wing Mr. John Raleigh Eldred of Kingston Hill showed, with comments, colored slides taken on a recent trip to the old world.

GLADYS SEGAR,
Librarian

Middletown Free Library

Growth in general circulation and reference requests has forced the library to increase its hours. We are now open four afternoons a week, will add two more, if the town increases its aid.

As is the case in most libraries, our facilities are not adequate. Books are piled to the ceilings and even shelved on the floors. Plans to enlarge the library have been completed, but, as yet, funds are not available and no method of raising them has been decided upon.

NANCY C. CHASE,
Trustee

North Kingstown Free Library

The big red door of the North Kingstown Free Library swung like a pendulum during the past year as young and old entered in quest of books and information. Bartender and gravedigger, millhands and ministers, Antarctic explorers, housewives, businessmen and teachers were just a few of the many who made use of their library.

Extra-curricular activities of the year included weekly story hours, A Great Books discussion group, book

delivery service to shut-ins, a Christmas Open House, and an outdoor art show with the sparkling water of Wickford Cove providing a backdrop for the canvasses.

Book circulation continues to soar and increased by 27% in the past year. A contributing factor was the addition to the library's book stock made possible through funds provided by Public Library Service to Rural Areas.

G. S. HELLEWELL,
Librarian

North Smithfield Public Library

Our library seems unusual in that we have no library building or quarters. Our main library was started as a community project in 1928, and incorporated in 1931. The use of a room in the Union Village School was permitted by the School Committee. That still is our center, where in addition to the pupils in that school, we serve the public on Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Two other schools permit us to use rooms in basements which we open one day a week. The new Halliwell School provides a library room which we stock and serve Monday from 9-4:30. In short, the School Department furnishes space and maintenance. We supply books, service and the librarian.

We feel results have been gratifying with an average weekly circulation during the school year of more than 1,000 books. Our circulation for 1958 was almost double that of the previous year (1958—34,974). Since November, we have had an assistant two days a week at the schools where the need was the greatest.

We should like at this time to express our appreciation of the help

from Miss Myer and the Public Library Service in Rural Areas.

LOUISE F. HAMLETT,
Librarian

Oak Lawn Public Library

Because of an increased appropriation by the City of Cranston the library has been able to purchase the 1959 edition of the Encyclopedia Americana, the latest edition of Webster's New International Dictionary and the New Century Handbook of English Literature. These three purchases have certainly improved our reference collection.

Through a small local advertising paper, we are privileged, weekly, to tell of our resources: new books, short reviews, etc. Many new homes have been reached and new readers have responded.

The library was open during National Library Week each afternoon and evening of the week.

HARRIET L. SHAW,
Librarian

Pascoag Free Library

During National Library Week the library displayed the collection it had received from Public Library Services to Rural Areas, as well as, records of the history of Burrillville.

In this connection, may I state that we appreciate the work being done by Miss Myers and her staff. It certainly has given the library new vigor and lead to increased interest by both adults and children in this area.

We regret to report that Mrs. Grace Bailey resigned as librarian in January because of ill health.

Mrs. Marie Verity has been appointed to succeed her.

MARIE VERITY,
Librarian

Pontiac Free Library

The Pontiac Library is striving to bring a closer school-library relationship. This is accomplished by allowing children from the Pontiac School to use the library each week during class time enabling pupils who depend on bus transportation to and from school to use the library.

In allowing different organizations to use its assembly room for meetings, the library is adding another service to the community, as demonstrated by the recent meeting of the Oak Hill Improvement Association.

For our annual meeting in January, we were privileged to have as our speaker, Prof., Clarence E. Miller, of U.R.I. who delighted his audience with an illustrated lecture on his recent travels.

We have been fortunate to have loaned to us for our exhibition display case: curios from Burma and the Philippines.

During February we had an appropriate patriotic display. Our bulletin boards at Easter time were colorfully decorated with art displays in three dimension created by children of the Gladstone School in Cranston.

Since we have been in our new building there has been such a steady increase in the circulation of books that an assistant to the librarian was needed. Mrs. Dorothy Leach of Warwick has been appointed to fill this position.

MRS. JANE A. JOHNSON,
Librarian

Providence-Barrington Bible College Library

Rev. Selby U. Gration became Acting Librarian of the Providence-Barrington Bible College Library Septem-

ber 1, 1958. He is presently completing the M. S. program at the Simmons College School of Library Science. Mr. Gration wishes to express his appreciation to all of the local librarians who have welcomed him into the profession and have made him feel at home in Providence.

SELBY U. GRATION,
Acting Librarian

Providence Public Library

Soaring use in the first six months of last year held firm to the end and gave us a significant increase both in circulation and reference. This was true in our branches as well as the Central Library.

Much of this gain can be attributed to increased use of the Library by Junior High and Senior High School Students. We recognize the need for better co-operation between schools and libraries in the area of homework assignments and have undertaken an extensive study of the problem. We will make the results available to interested libraries as soon as possible.

On February 7, 1959, the story-telling program "Once Upon A Time" began a new series on WJAR-TV. This series, which has received much favorable comment, will run through May 2, 1959. Program time is 9:45-10 a.m. on Saturdays. If your juvenile users don't know about this program, they'll thank you for bringing it to their attention.

Our major exhibition during April featured a selection of periodicals from the nearly 1,000 magazine titles received by us. We called the exhibition "Something for Everyone". Our exhibitions for May and June are "Ford New England Journeys" featuring reproductions of the wonderful watercolors that appear in the "Ford

Times Magazine" and a display of colorful Travel Posters which are international in scope.

On January 1, 1959 Miss Muriel Naylor was appointed head of our Business, Industry and Science Department. Miss Naylor was formerly head of the Legislative Reference Department of the Connecticut State Library. She replaces Miss Dorothy Bell who retired after 32 years of service.

During National Library Week we held "open house" at the Central Library featuring tours behind the scenes, demonstrations of some of our more interesting machines, give-aways of the "Notable Books of 1958" list and a pocket directory of services rendered by our eight branch libraries.

STUART C. SHERMAN,
Librarian

Public Library Services in Rural Areas

Rhode Island's rural library program under the Library Services Act started operations a little over a year ago under authority of the Secretary of State. The ordering of books began in March 1958, and, by the end of the fiscal year June 30, 1958, all forty-one rural libraries had completed their selections based on an allotment of \$500.00 net value in books for each. During the current fiscal year which will end in June, selections have been practically completed, based on an allotment of \$600.00 net value in books for each.

Librarians and trustees have made 278 visits at headquarters, and have provided transportation for cataloged books to their libraries. In slightly over a year's time, 9809 books have been cataloged, including 60 sets of

adult and juvenile encyclopedias. Six workshops have been held at headquarters, and more are in prospect.

Rhode Island's first bookmobile started demonstration runs August 30, 1958, and began active service September 30, 1958. Traveling to rural areas that lack access to public libraries, it averages three days a week, and has made 46 trips to circulate 8381 books (adult 2575, juvenile 5806).

Personnel on the program now number six, working in the Central Ordering, Cataloging, and Processing Center at headquarters and on the bookmobile. The new Assistant Supervisor, Mrs. Eleanor E. Bourn, has already made valuable contributions in the area of children's work, strengthening an important facet of the program.

Without faithful, hard work on the part of the staff, consideration and effort from rural librarians and trustees, cooperation from the Rhode Island Library Association, and encouragement from officials, the program could not have come so far so soon.

Increased hours of service and increased local support would seem to prove that a concerted effort is in force to improve standards, resources, and services in rural libraries of Rhode Island. May it grow!

ELIZABETH GALLUP MYER,
Supervisor

Rhode Island Historical Society Library

This Historical Society was very happy to have the Fall Meeting of the Rhode Island Library Association at John Brown House and hopes that they may have this pleasure again.

Much valuable work is being done indexing census records and other important material. The census of 1850

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and 1860 have been indexed by a volunteer worker, Mr. John H. Wells. He is at present indexing the Pierce Transcripts of the North Kingstown land records.

Members and friends of the Historical Society have been greatly saddened by the passing of Miss Louise Huling on March 5th. She had been with the Historical Society for thirteen years and her kindness and cooperation made her an invaluable asset to this institution. She has been replaced by two part time workers, Mrs. William Touret and Miss Eleanor Spicer.

CLARKSON COLLINS, 3RD.,
Librarian

Rhode Island School of Design
 Library

Since students and faculty at the Rhode Island School of Design are

keenly interested in trends and developments in contemporary art they are avid readers of current periodicals in the fine and applied arts. The Library is now subscribing to *Quadrum* and *L'Oeil* (Fine Arts), *Mobilia* and *Domus* (Furniture and Interior Design), *Sinkentiku* (Progressive Architecture in Japan); *Aperture* (Photography), *Curator*, the *Tulane Drama Review* and the English edition of *Realités*. In the Graphic Arts *Impression*, *Gebrauchsgraphik* and *Graphis* are particularly informative. *Art International*, *Sele Arte* and *Accent*, the Journal of the students of Leeds (England) College of Art are received through Museum Exchange.

Through the efforts of Harve Stein, Associate Professor of Illustration, the Library has been building up a collection of childrens' books illustrated by Rhode Island School of Design graduates. These books are exhibited annually and are of special interest to students in the juvenile illustration course. Several recent additions to the collection are *Faint George*, illustrated by Robert Barry, *There Was Once a Little Boy*, illustrated by Sunny Cook, and two books with illustrations by Harve Stein, *Galileo and the Magic Numbers* and *Coronado and His Captains*.

During the year many color transparencies in the fields of painting and sculpture have been added to the 2x2 slide collection, now numbering over 2,000. The number of standard size slides also increased bringing the total to 20,064.

In October 1958, Mrs. Kathleen Reis joined the Staff as part time desk assistant and Mrs. Betsy Roberts was appointed assistant in the Slide and Photograph Department.

ALICE V. McGRATH,
Librarian

St. Joseph's Hospital Library

Services and physical expansion are running races with each other at the libraries of St. Joseph's Hospital.

The Nurses' Library (in the Nurses' Residence) has grown from one room to three. The main reading room has been completely renovated, and furniture from Library Bureau installed.

Mrs. Nelida Cosmelli, assistant to the Librarian, has an office in this group and is rapidly bringing a picture file into shape. Since Mrs. Cosmelli is the wife of one of the house physicians, her familiarity with medical terminology is proving helpful.

The Doctors' Library which was moved to the new wing of the Hospital about four years ago has now overflowed into the adjoining Lounge and down a hall. Approximately eighty journals are received, more than sixty are bound. A flourishing reference and research center is maintained here. The Doctors' Library at Our Lady of Fatima is also serviced by book order, processing, reference, and inter-library loan from St. Joseph's Hospital Library. Those doing research at both hospitals find most valuable the fact that any article in any medical journal in the world is available to them in retainable photoprint through interlibrary loan privileges with the National Library of Medicine in Washington, D. C. Many of these are in foreign languages. Translation of these has been provided for any language encountered so far, including one in Turkish.

Plans are under way for a Patients' Library for St. Joseph's Hospital. A number of books have already been cataloged and processed, but details of servicing are not yet complete.

ANNE MAXVILLE,
Librarian

Sayles Free Public Library

We have had a busy winter season and our circulation is about 20% more than the same period last year. We have a good collection of science books and the children in the schools are well supplied with help for their projects.

A first year course in Great Books was held and was very successful.

MRS. EVA M. PORTER,
Librarian

Summit Free Library

Summit Free Library, organized about 1890, supplied surrounding communities for many years with reading materials. After the death of Mrs. Mary Nixon, Librarian, in 1956 the library was closed for two years and the charter was dropped. On August 29, 1956, a group of interested persons met and re-organized under the leadership of Mrs. Bernard Derjue. Acting on the advice of our town solicitor Mr. James Murphy, the library was incorporated. We feel that Mr. Murphy was most helpful to us during this organizational period.

The next job was the process of removing books, cleaning, renovating, and painting the library section of the building, which had been left unheated and unattended in the interim.

Many volumes were unusable as a result and had to be discarded. Through state aid and Public Library Service in Rural Areas, many of these volumes have been replaced and other new books added.

Now we are quite proud of our library and feel that we have a fine start toward a well balanced collection. Many reference books have

been accumulated since we re-organized and a reference room is being planned as soon as more funds are available.

This winter with funds depleted we feared that we would have to close our doors, but with an increased appropriation from our town we feel confident that we can carry on.

To raise funds for beautifying our reading room, we have been selling 144 tins of candy and are conducting a series of whists.

Many thanks go to those who have helped in any way to improve our library standards, since our reorganization. We hope to make our library bigger and better in the years to come.

VIOLET B. BLAND,
Librarian

U. S. Naval Air Station Library

The Station Library at Quonset Point, Rhode Island is currently busy setting up the new Juvenile Section which is to open with a series of one hour programs for the 5 to 12 year group. It will cover Library usage, Art, Music Appreciation and a Story Telling Hour to arouse the interests of the children in our new books.

The generosity of the Navy Officers Wives Clubs and donations of books by individuals has helped us to enlarge this section.

We are constantly receiving books on Military Affairs from the Navy Department and the service personnel are showing their appreciation by putting the books into constant use.

New books on nuclear warfare and tactics are being well received. Favorable comments are being made on the American Heritage Books which

have been added to our collection.

HELEN D. PRITCHARD,
Librarian

University of Rhode Island Library

The firm of Cull, Robinson and Green has been appointed to plan the reconversion of Green Hall for library use. It is hoped that this space will be available by the end of the year.

A new collection of over one hundred long playing records was recently made available for home use. The enthusiasm shown by borrowers has been most gratifying.

On April 2nd Mr. Charles E. Feinberg who has been a generous donor of Whitman items lectured on Walt Whitman.

FRANCIS P. ALLEN,
Librarian

Weaver Memorial Library

In January 1959 the Library acquired a Gaylord electrical charging machine and service has been greatly facilitated.

We now have a handsome new display case, a gift of Mrs. Ray Hendrickson in memory of her mother, for which the R. I. School of Design furnishes a succession of unusual and artistic exhibits.

Figurewise, our statistics show a marked increase in patronage both in circulation and school loan.

Our staff has had the following additions: Mrs. Charles Hux as First Assistant; Mrs. Hux comes from the Cleveland Public Library; Miss Elizabeth Cashman, an East Providence teacher, has been appointed on a part time basis to assist in juvenile work;

on a part time basis, Mrs. William Heller has been appointed as a clerical assistant thereby freeing the personnel for professional details.

Under a new schedule adopted by the Board the Library is now open to the public all day Saturday as well as Wednesday, or a total of forty-two hours a week.

MARGARET M. MARYOTT,
Librarian

Westerly Public Library during March and April. This program was designed especially to meet the needs of PTA groups sponsoring and carrying on school libraries, for those desiring substitute work at the library, and for high school students who wish to qualify as pages and as junior assistants on the library staff.

SALLY E. COY,
Librarian

Westerly Public Library

Mrs. Dorothy Randolph Barre, Assistant Librarian of the Westerly Public Library, is the Rhode Island member of the Executive Committee of the Alumni of the Graduate School of Library Science of Drexel Institute, which has inaugurated a project in support of the new Drexel Library Center. The Library Center will be ready for use next fall and will house the central library and the Graduate School of Library Science.

Mrs. William D. Hoxie, a Trustee of the Memorial and Library Association of Westerly since 1938, died in Sea Island, Georgia, on February 14. Mrs. Hoxie and her daughter were the donors of the Children's Wing and Art Gallery, built as a memorial to Mr. Hoxie after his death in 1925. Though actively interested in many civic projects in Westerly, their best known philanthropy was the Westerly Public Library and Wilcox Park.

Over 200 children joined the children's Nature Club of the Westerly Library which completed its program for the year the first of May. Nature talks and museum exhibits made the Club fascinating and exciting not only to the children but to their parents.

A six-weeks training class in basic library techniques was held at the

William H. Hall Free Library

The Gaylord Automatic Charging System has been installed in the library.

Mrs. Ruth Findley, a Providence artist, exhibited a collection of her paintings in the auditorium of the Library during the month of November. The opening session was held on Sunday afternoon, November 2, 1958. Tea was served. This affair was arranged by Mrs. Grace Hey assisted by the Librarian.

"The Friends" of the Library have held three meetings, presenting The Pembroke College Glee Club, Mr. Elliott E. Andrews, News Librarian of the Journal-Bulletin and Mr. William Clayton whose subject was Alaska.

A tea was held March 4th at the William H. Hall Free Library in conjunction with the exhibition of wash drawings, illustrating Dante's Inferno, by the late Portuguese painter, Antonio Carneiro. The drawings were loaned to the library by his son Claudio Carneyro, who with his wife visited in Cranston. Present at the tea were the Portuguese consul and the Italian Vice Consul.

MURIEL C. WYMAN,
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