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U.R.I. NOW
A.L.A. ACCREDITED!

By

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Dean, Graduate Lib'y School

On June 21, 1971, the writer was informed that the Committee on Accreditation of the American Library Association voted that day in Dallas to accredit the program leading to the degree of Master of Library Science offered by the School. No one reading these words needs to be told that the information was received with great pleasure and satisfaction. The news spread and over 220 persons attended a buffet supper on campus on July 16 by way of celebration. The accreditation represents the accumulation of the efforts over several years of the undersigned, the School's faculty, and staff. Thanks are most gratefully extended to all who in any measure contributed to this major accomplishment.

Under the rules of the COA, accreditation accorded a library school is retroactive to cover the academic year preceding the year in which the accreditation visit was made. All graduates of the School who received their degrees after September 1969 are thus covered by the 1971 action of the Committee on Accreditation. This is a "letter of the law" interpretation. But since the School was accredited with or on its first application, it seems to the writer eminently reasonable to say that in a "spirit of the law" reading one can logically consider the accreditation as covering all of the School's graduates, for

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its program, its courses and
its philosophy are, after all,
largely products of one fac-
ulty.

Except for a few changes in
personnel, the School is what
it was when it first graduated
a class in 1965. It has chang-
ed location, yes, but that was
two years ago, and prior to
that many courses had been
offered on campus as a prelude
to making the transfer to King-
ston. Surely few employers
are likely to insist on an exact
year of accreditation in the
case of a school approved in
as short a time as this one.

As a result of accreditation,
the School will enjoy new and
increased respect as being
formally accepted and app-
roved by the library profession
and its official spokesman, the
ALA. Its faculty, its students,
and its courses - all these are
now fully accepted, approved,
acknowledged as meeting
standards. In other words, it
has arrived! It's in! The day
of the country cousin is over.
Its graduates both present and
future can command higher
salaries and they can apply
for positions that have been
until now closed to them
except where individuals waive
the stipulation calling for ALA
accreditation.

Undeniably certain numbers of persons in the years of the School's existence considered coming to it and decided against doing so because it lacked accreditation. Enrollment can therefore with some assurance be expected to show an increase in the years to come. Indeed, figures for spring and summer, 1971, suggest that the tide has turned, since they are well above those for the preceding year.

With the School recognized as being in the same "ball park" as fifty-four other library schools approved by ALA, it can proceed to develop along lines peculiar to its own situation, faculty and students. It will surely feel freer to experiment, to try to be somewhat original, to specialize and concentrate. It will come to have a character distinctly its own.

Finally, for one more benefit to be derived from accreditation, it is now possible for the School to turn justifiably to its own graduates when considering prospective faculty members. It will not do so with great frequency, since the turnover can never be large, but it is aware of and happy

over the fact that several of its graduates could be very able and inspiring teachers of library science. It will welcome opportunities to use them on a part-time or summer session basis and perhaps later in still more permanent capacities. In this respect, as in many others, things are indeed looking up for the Graduate Library School.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The WOONSOCKET SCHOOL SYSTEM will need a professional elementary school librarian for the coming school year. Applicant must meet certification requirements. Salary range \$7,600 - 11,100 (1970-1971 scale). Contact: Louis R. Leville, Coordinator
McFee Memorial Library
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Woonsocket, R.I. 02895
Call (401) 762-0842.

THE SWAP CORNER

RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE has both the 1967 and 1968 CBI, plus the 1969 PTLA. Call 831-6600 and ask for Lucille Sibulkin.

FALL CONFERENCE

PLACE: COLONIAL HILTON INN
ROUTE 1-A, CRANSTON, R.I.

DATE: OCTOBER 21, 1971

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

9:00 - 10:00	Coffee, Registration, Viewing Exhibits
10:00 - 10:30	Business Meeting
10:30 - 11:00	Keith Krewson, Corporate Director of Personnel & Community Relations for the Foxboro Company, Foxboro, Mass. "What is Clear to You - Is Very Clear - to You"
11:30 - 12:30	(These are two possibilities) Rep. Joseph Thibault, Chrm., House Finance Committee speaking on money for libraries -while in another suite- a tape: "Sounds of American Lib- raries, ALA Conference, 1971"
12:30 - 2:00	Luncheon
2:00 - 3:00	John T. Carey, former Director, Groton Public Library
3:00 - 4:00	Demonstration of Non-Book Materials and workshop by Warwick Public Library

Luncheon choices (menu to be printed in the next issue):

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MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
(condensed)

The first meeting of the new Executive Board of the RILA was held June 16, 1971, at the Warwick Public Library. Seven members were present. Chairmen of various committees were asked to be present to bring the Board up-to-date on their various activities.

Items of business included a report by Miss Budlong, ALA Membership Chrm., on the drop in ALA memberships. The treasurer and the RILA membership committee chairman, Mrs. Elin Crowley, reported on changes being examined in the constitution and scholarship criteria to make RILA eligible for tax exempt status. Mr. Elliott Andrews, Government Relations Chrm., outlined the steps in keeping librarians up-to-date on the status of legislation of interest to librarians. The Conference Committee Chrm., Mrs. Ann Parent, asked for Executive Board guidance on many problems she is meeting in planning for the Fall Conference. The Board voted to hold the Fall Conference on Oct. 21. Publicity Chrm., Mrs. Cathy

Mundy, requested that librarians with items of newsworthy interest let her know, as she will try to get them publicized. There were also reports from Mrs. Helen Kelly, Library Education Chrm., and Mrs. Derryl Johnson on the publication of the new Bulletin.

As the results of correspondence with both Mr. Richard Waters, Librarian in East Providence, and his Board of Trustees, there was a discussion of the problem of conflict of local ordinances with state law. The Board passed the following resolution unanimously: "The Rhode Island Board wishes to go on record as opposing the imposition of local requirements in conflict with legal responsibilities of the Board of Trustees as stated in GL 29-4-6, of the General Laws of Rhode Island."

There was discussion of the Ad Hoc Committee Report. It was decided to keep the committee in action through the fall, ask them to report at the November Board meeting, and present the results of these deliberations to the membership to be voted upon at the Midwinter and Spring meetings.

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REPORT FROM.....
The Public Relations Comm.

At a meeting of the RILA Public Relations Committee, Mrs. Catherine Mundy led the committee members: Miss Gina Boisclair of Rhode Island College, Mrs. Ruth Ingrapham, Providence Public Library, Mrs. Evelyn Hayes of Cumberland High School and Mrs. Ruth Szabo of St. Joseph's Hospital in planning what we hope will be a successful public relations campaign for the organization and the libraries of Rhode Island.

Mrs. Mundy has arranged for a series of articles to be published on four consecutive Sundays this fall in the Leisure section of the Providence Journal. Each article will deal with a different type of library - public, school, special and university. A Journal reporter is busy gathering up information on the functions and purposes of the various types of libraries, how the library network operates and why, and how the individual citizen is served by the library.

During October and again in the spring we will be utilizing the display case on the Westminster Mall in Providence.

Any ideas, visual or written, for displays publicizing RILA, the fall conference, and/or the libraries of the state will be welcome and will receive the committee's careful consideration.

A news release has been sent for possible inclusion in the "News" section of Library Journal reporting on the June 16 meeting of the Executive Board of RILA.

Our function is to provide Public Relations for RILA and its related libraries, but we need to know your needs. If any library wishes to have a news release sent to the Providence Journal in addition to the local paper, we are ready to serve you by writing and delivering your release.

Please communicate so that we can communicate!

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WANTED: A librarian to start a library from scratch for the Ramah Navaho High School in Ramah, New Mexico, 12 miles from Gallup. Starting salary is \$10,000. Applicant may be fresh out of library school. Contact: Mr. Abe Plummer Ramah, New Mexico



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Mrs. Victor Lampel, the librarian, is a petit lady, friendly and energetic. She, with the rest of her staff Mrs. John Spong, her assistant, and Mrs. Howard Leonard III, care for their patrons and their needs in a way that is good to see.

The new building received many private gifts of new and older books and magazines. Included among the gifts is The Mrs. John Marshall Wildflower Collection, a memorial collection established by Mrs. Morton W. Keeler. The new library also has, on extended loan through September, approximately 700 - 800 books from the RI Dept. of State Library Services. There is also a great deal of room left for expansion, particularly within the children's alcove.

The facilities include a children's area, a place for magazines and newspapers, study area, work space for librarians, and an exhibition area. The Memorial Museum is housed within the library and consists mainly of artifacts located in excavations in Jamestown of Narragansett Indians under the direction of Dr. William S. Simmons.



FRONT ENTRY WITH MRS. LAMPEL
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The estimated cost of the building was \$132,000, offering 3312 square feet of space.

During the second week of normal activity in the new library, the circulation reached 661 within a single seven hour period - their highest daily figure to date.



MRS. LAMPEL SHOWS



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Only one thing seems to mar the happy glow of the new Jamestown Philomenian Library, and that is their new charging system, the Gaylor card. They love it, but "you don't get to know your people as well" as when you hand charge the patron's books.

If that is the only cloud on the horizon, this little library will indeed flourish.

YANKEE SWAP A R.I. History Co-op?

The Pawtucket Public Library being a fairly old institution has a good sized collection of Rhode Island history. It's not spectacular, but it is large enough for us to begin to think about limiting the collection. It has occurred to several staff members that we should try to specialize in Rhode Island history relating to our northern region - the Blackstone Valley, the Woonasquatucket Valley, and East Providence.

We would like to have as much as we can get in these areas and as many copies as possible so that a few would be available to circulate. At the moment we tend to lock up original copies and we have all sorts of fainting spells when we do allow some innocent patron to even look at these books, let alone take home a copy. These books and this history belong to our patrons, but we are all too conscious of the fact that once gone we can run into a frenzy trying to replace the book.

Interest in Rhode Island history is quite strong these days and it should be since

Rhode Island is a colorful state - there is nothing blah about it. So we have a problem!

Probably others have this dilemma, too. Let people read and run the risk of loosing one of our local books, or never let anyone see them? We have some photocopies and we have some reprints, but we still would like to have many more copies of books relating to northern Rhode Island.

At the same time do we really need ten books giving the history of Brown University or random items relating to Narragansett or Newport? We want to keep town histories such as Barrington's or Warwick's, but we don't really need town records of Warwick or the history of the Seventh Day Adventists in Peace Dale. Probably down in Peace Dale no one is going into fits of hysteria over a copy of The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Pawtucket Business Men's Association, but we would!

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in this state, why not think about swapping our local history. "I'll give you the Cross Mills Baptist Church if you'll give me the Lime Rock Social Register." Things like that! If local history found its way home, we'd all know where to look for it and we'd all have more meaningful collections.

Rules for such a game could be drawn up by a committee. State-wide swapping would be the objective. More effective statewide service would be the result.

If anyone is interested in such a committee or such a plan, please contact:

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Att'n.: Mrs. Ellen Spilka

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE RILA Trustee Committee:

- Sept. 8 (Wed.) 2 p.m.
Trustee Section Executive Comm. Meeting at RI Dept. of State Library Services Conference Room, 95 Davis St., Providence.
- Oct. 6 (Wed.) 7:30 p.m.
R.I. Lib'y Ass'n. Trustees Meeting at William Hall Lib'y, 1825 Broad St., Cranston. "The Unified Six Cranston Libraries."
- Oct. 21 (Thurs.) 2 p.m.
One hour workshop, for trustees at RILA Fall Conf. at the Colonial Hilton Inn, Cranston.
- Nov. 10 (Wed.) 2 p.m.
Trustee Section Exec. Comm. Meeting at DSLS.
- Dec. 8 (Wed.) 7 p.m.
Trustee Dinner Meeting at a place to be announced. Trustee Exec. Comm. will invite State Legislators, RILA Officers and members, and staff of DSLS.
- March 15, 1972.
Trustee Section Exec. Com. Comm. and trustee members, at DSLS Conf. Room. (Time to be announced)

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SOUTH COUNTY

Mrs. Hudson C. Scattergood has been appointed the full-time assistant at the Peace Dale Public Library.

Westerly Public Library received notification on July 26 that it has been selected as a "Regular Series Town" by the National Humanities Series for 1971-1972. A discussion-performance, Sound of Sense, on Robert Frost ran in Feb., 1971, at the library. Starring Dr. Lawrence Thompson and Lee Billington, this performance represents the type of program which the series offers. Funding is through the National Endowment for the Humanities.

On July 1, Mrs. Ellen Schriver retired after 20 years of service at Westerly Public Library as children's librarian. Mrs. Susanna Collins, Ass't. Director, has been appointed as children's librarian. She will also continue her duties as Assistant Director.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rodman, Reserve Librarian at the University of Rhode Island, retired in June after over 25 years of service.

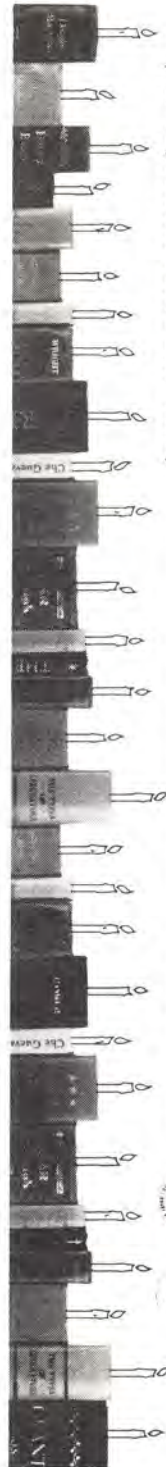
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ISLAND

Citing a lack of financial support by the city, Paul Ax has submitted his resignation as head librarian of the Newport Public Library, effective September 30th. "Public apathy and the city's lack of interest in the library have proven much too strong" said Mr. Ax in a letter of resignation to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Ax, who has been head librarian since October, 1968, plans a visit to Europe in October. He has no immediate plans for another job.

Capt. Eugene P. Henry, Jr., has been appointed head librarian of the Newport Public Library, effective October 1, 1971.

PROVIDENCE

On August 23, 1971, Mr. Richard J. Waters will assume his new duties as Chief, Division of Library Extension Services, Department of State Library Services. Mr. Waters was formerly Director of Libraries of the East Providence Public Library.

Cont.: Exec. Board Minutes:

The second meeting of the Executive Board was held on August 18th at the Westerly Public Library from 10-12:30. Eight members were present.

The major portion of the meeting was devoted to organizing and planning the Fall Conference with Ann Parent, Conference Chrm. The conclusions are found in the tentative schedule included on page 4.

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LEGISLATION considered
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Assembly

prepared by Elliott E. Andrews
Chrm., Government Relations
Committee

- S 48 Increase state aid to
free libraries (Senate
Comm. on Finance)
- S 876 \$100,000 bonds New-
port Public Library
(House Comm. on
Corporations)
- H 1075 Employees of North-
ern Interrelated Lib-
rary System eligible
for coverage under
municipal employees
retirement system
(Signed by Gov.,
May 27)
- H 1076 \$500,000 Prov. Pub-
lic Library referen-
dum (Signed by Gov
July 8)
- H 1607 Prohibit display of
obscene publications
or materials in plac
places frequented
by minors (Signed by
Gov., April 30)

H 2204A Freezing library
standards for public
school libraries at
current level (House
Comm. on HEW)

H 2392 Approp. Prov. Pub.
Lib'y (skeleton)
(House Comm. on
Finance)

H 1075, H 1076 and H 1607
signed by the Governor, of
course, are now law.

S 48 and H 2392 went to the
committees indicated and
stayed there.

S 876 passed the Senate, but
remained in the House Comm.

H 2392 was a skeleton bill -
meaning it had a title only.
It was filed in anticipation of
possible text completion in
committee. This apparently
never happened.

REMEMBER

New England Library Assoc.
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October 6-9
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