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## THE RHODE ISLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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### The Ecology Action for R.I.'s Library

EARI is a fascinating office, full of bright colored posters, magazines, lots of sunlight, happy and healthy plants, and people. The place bubbles with activity and good spirits. But it's not just the EARI office - it's a library with books and pamphlets, posters and magazine/newspaper items, all of which circulate.

Dora Borenstein, is proof positive of the morale in this office. She took me on a tour of the library tools and for such a small location, there is more information available per square foot than in most places we call 'resource centers.' Verticle files of newspaper clippings, articles from magazines and studies by both government and private industry line the walls

of a small office at one end of the main room. She dubs the studies from private industry 'eco-pornography' and leads visiting teachers and students to these studies whenever a question on substantiating the worthlessness of ecology projects arises. The file is organized by key word (population, solar energy, labor, sewage, visual pollution transportation...). A legislative file is separate from this clipping file and consists of a collection of the bills under consideration at both federal and state legislatures. (Did you know that with the help of a trustee of EARI, Rhode Island now has the strongest pesticide law in the USA?)

Books and magazines cover every horizontal surface in the office and the wall is a giant bulletin board of eye-

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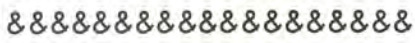
catching posters and appropriate news clippings. An attempt is made to keep up with new titles on ecology and a gift of a book or two, or magazine or two is greatly appreciated.

The collection is primarily geared to the lay reader in the area of citizen's action. The materials are used as teaching tools for non science as well as science teachers/classes who want to do something for the environment but don't know how or what.

EARI wants to begin the ecologically - orientated education of a person at the earliest possible ages, training the new generations toward a new way of thinking through positive alternatives to regular, established habits and ways to care for the environment that can be done by anyone.

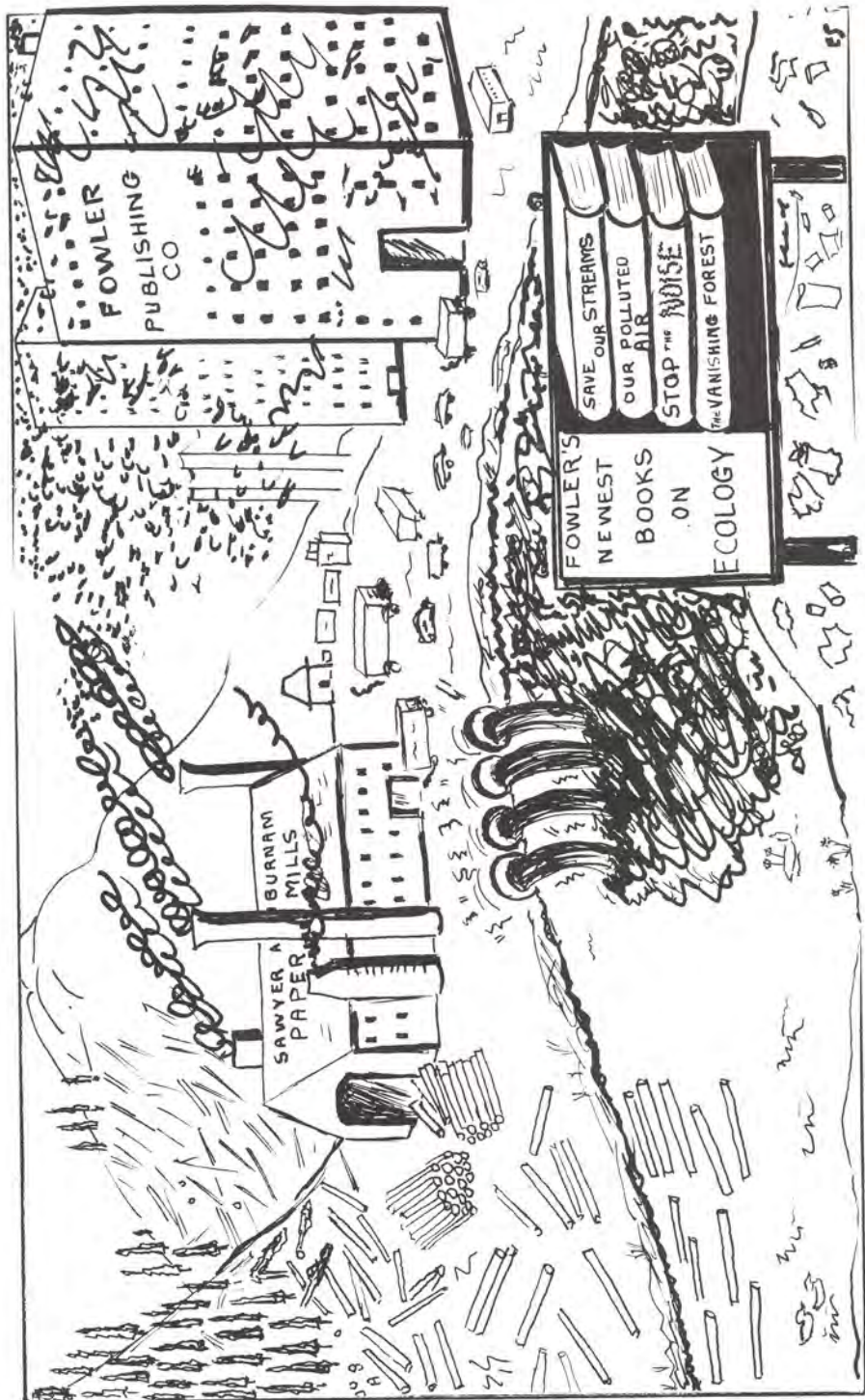
It's think positive and every EARI person does just that!

D. Johnson



Our Dirty Water. Providence Sunday Journal. \$2.00 bound volume. 1971.

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## Are Libraries Too Lenient With Their Patrons?

In recent years libraries

in general have been too lenient with patrons stealing or damaging books and magazines. Yet it is a serious problem and very little has been written about it in library literature. There is a reluctance among librarians to speak out freely about pilferage. It seems to me that since librarians are attempting to increase library usage and increase circulation of books, they do not want to alienate potential patrons by implementing drastic measures to curb theft. However, the tremendous expense of replacing the stolen material remains to haunt librarians. The large sums of money allocated to replace books and magazines could very well be used to increase librarians' salaries, and/or install air-conditioning in libraries that are in need of it.

There are libraries in the United States that are taking measures to curb theft. One in particular is doing an excellent job in protecting its collection - The Los Angeles Public Library. In Library Journal, January 1,

1970, page 20, there are two paragraphs explaining what is being done:

"The Los Angeles Public Library recently took an overambitious acquirer of its books to court after repossessing 554 books worth \$5,238 which he had squirreled away. The judge gave the culprit a \$250 fine and three years probation.

"LAPL maintains a force of four field investigators who keep busy going after library materials held over six weeks overdue. Last year they brought back 7,716 books valued at \$42,706, in some cases also spotting stolen books while going after overdues."

Now I realize that it would be very difficult for libraries in R.I. to undertake such measures as the Los Angeles Public Library has done. However, we should attempt to rehabilitate or educate the public about the seriousness of library theft. I do not have an answer as to how this could be accomplished, but we have many intelligent people working in the R.I. library system who should be able to plan various programs that would reach out to the

people and make them aware of the damage they are doing with their cavalier attitude towards library materials.

Frank P. Notarianni

RILA's file of The Bulletin is incomplete. Please send any old copies you may have in excess to the editor.



"They love to read about our becoming extinct, Who's going to read about them??"

## EXEC. BD. NEWS

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The Executive Board of the Rhode Island Library Association held their March meeting at Bryant College on March 15. In spite of the inclement weather and bad driving, all members of the Executive Board attended. They were joined by Mrs. Lenore Imandi, President of the School Library Association and by Anne Parent, Chairmar of the Conference Committee.

The purpose of meeting at Bryant was to inspect the site of our spring meeting and all members of the committee were very impressed with the facilities. The date of the conference is May 23rd, when RILA will have the campus to themselves - there being no classes in session. The meeting will include an important business session and some interesting discussion groups, and members will greatly enjoy seeing a dynamic new building, with a spectacular library.

Mr. Crosby reported on the hearings on Cable TV that he attended. He feels that it will now be sometime before the franchise holder is announced. The Library Association will keep in touch

with other educational and civic groups to plan the "public" time when it becomes available.

The Board members talked with Mrs. Imandi about the possibility of cooperative ventures between RILA and the school librarians. The school librarians are also working cooperatively with the AV group in the state.

The Department of State Library Services proposal for a cooperative survey of state wide library services was discussed. The Board decided to request further opinion on the proposed technique to be used before coming to a final decision at the next Board meeting.

A timetable for the Spring Meeting was blocked out to enable Mrs. Parent to work up the program.



## AFRICAN FESTIVAL

The Smith Hill Branch of the Providence Public Library recently celebrated National Negro History Week. African, as well as Afro-American activities were presented and prepared during the week of February 14th to 19th.

Food was one of the most popular items enjoyed by all ages. African recipes were served daily under the guidance of Gloria Stranger, a Teacher Corps member working at Nathaniel Greene Middle School. Two main dishes, Jolloff Rice and Groundnut Stew were included as well as snacks of fried bananas, peanut brittle, cornbread and sugared peanuts. Various fruit punches rounded out the menu.

Movies were shown several days, with the most popular being an ABC-TV production of "Aretha Franklin: Soul Singer." Other activities carried on through-out the week included illustrating African folktales, poetry writing, music listening, clay modeling and the art of tie and dye.

One girl, Denise Andrade age 7, was inspired to dic-

tate a story about a home experience.

"It is a Family House"

People lived in it;  
When mother put the  
baby in bed, our next door  
neighbor came over.

Mother had to curl her  
hair before the next door  
neighbor came over.

Mother gave our next  
door neighbor some supper.

And our next door neigh-  
bor bring over some apples.

When our next door neigh-  
bor came over our dog was  
watching TV - Flip Wilson.

The neighbor and my  
mother are drinking coffee  
now.

Mother's oldest daughter  
was taking a bath when the  
neighbor was over.

They lived happy ever  
after.

Parents and friends were encouraged to visit anytime during the week's activities, but were especially urged to attend two special events. At the first, a group of children under the direction of Althea Jones, a student at Mt. Pleasant High School, and Janice Meehen, an English teacher at Nathaniel



### Groundnut Stew

Beef (enough for your family  
cut in bite-size pieces)

Flour (as needed)

Salt and Pepper

1 t. red pepper

1 t. ginger

2 cubes beef bouillon or  
broth

1 lg. can tomatoes

1 6 oz. can tomato paste

1 cup peanut butter (grind  
your own nuts or natural  
peanut butter)

Instructions:

1. Season the cut-up meat  
with salt and pepper.

2. Put flour in bag and toss

8  
meat until coated.

3. Heat oil in fry pan and  
fry meat until brown.

4. Transfer meat to a pot with  
hot broth or bouillon and  
simmer gently until tender.

5. Remove meat from broth,  
add spices and peanut butter  
which has been thinned with  
1 cup of water.

6. Add tomatoes (remove  
seeds and chop pulp) and  
tomato paste. Add meat and  
simmer at least 15 mins.

7. Serve over hot boiled rice.

8. Optional: add a couple  
chopped hard boiled eggs  
just before serving.



Pictures by po  
children.



AFRICAN

FESTIVAL



participating

### Peanut Brittle

1 cup raw peanuts which have been roasted in the oven

1 cup sugar

Instructions:

1. Put sugar in frying pan and keep stirring until sugar melts into a brown syrup (30 to 40 mins.)

2. With pan off fire, add nuts and stir quickly until nuts are coated.

3. Put peanut brittle in a greased pan to cool. Break into pieces and enjoy, enjoy!



Greene Middle School, <sup>10</sup>  
presented a dramatization of  
the African folktale, "Ananse  
The Spider in Search of a  
Fool." Afro-American poems  
and religious songs were also  
presented by neighborhood  
children.

On the second occasion  
singing and dancing accom-  
panied a fashion show of  
African inspired clothing  
designed and sewed by Renay  
Brooks, a fashion design  
student at Central High  
School. Most of the clothing,  
made of unbleached muslin,  
was tie-dyed by the young  
models in the show.

The mood of the entire week  
was joyous and busy. Dis-

plays included prints by the  
children's illustrator, Tom  
Feelings, books of Africa and  
Afro-America, pages from  
the Children of Africa color-  
ing book, a chart of African  
Names with English meanings  
and children's drawings.

Children are still coming  
into the library to ask when's  
the next party. With St.  
Patrick's Day just around the  
corner, who knows what can  
happen. We've heard there  
are some people in the  
neighborhood who make  
delicious Irish bread and do  
a jig too.

Joy Beardsley, PPL  
Children's Librarian

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- March 27 - April 23... Pawtucket Pub. Lib., Exhibit of Polish film and circus posters.
- April 3 - 6... Catholic Lib. Assoc., Pick-Congress Hotel, Chicago.
- April 4... Prov. Pub. Lib., Wash. Pk. br., 3:15 pm, African Festival of folk tales, rituals, ceremonies, presented through music, dancing, skits, and slides by Mr. Roger Cox and Miss Faith Fogle of the Prov. Teachers Corps.
- April 7... Prov. Pub. Lib., So. Prov. br., 3:30 pm, Looking Glass Theatre and a Creative Dramatics Workshop.
- April 9... Pawtucket Pub. Lib., Northern Inter-Related System presents a program on the Art of the Polish Short Film (6 films will be shown) at 2:30 and 7:30 pm.
- April 11... Prov. Pub. Lib., Olneyville br., 3:15 pm, African Festival.
- April 13-15... National Humanities Series. Topic: A Sense of Place, 7:30 pm, Westerly High School Auditorium (a 3 day program with a main program on the 15th).
- April 16... Greenville Pub. Lib., 3:30 pm, Twenty Years with "Streets of the City" by Florence Simister.
- April 16 - 22... National Library Week.
- April 17 - 21... Prov. Pub. Lib., Bookmobile, film-strips at regular stops for children.
- April 22... Earth Day.
- April 25 - 26... Conn. Lib. Assoc., 81st annual conf. at the Sheraton-Norwich Motor Inn, Norwich, Conn.
- April 25... Prov. Pub. Lib., So. Prov. br., 3:15 pm, African Festival.
- April 27... R.I. School Lib. Assoc. meeting, Anna Burns School, Pawtucket, 3:30 pm.
- May 1 or 2... Assembly of Bulletin by Island Region at Prov. Pub. Lib.
- May 2... Prov. Pub. Lib., Wanskuck br., 3:15 pm, African Festival.
- May 4 - 6... N.E. School Lib. Assoc. Annual Conf., Wentworth-by-the-Sea, Portsmouth, N.H.
- May 5 - 6... N.E. College Libns., N.E. Technical Services Libns., Conf. on the role and function of

libraries in an era of ex-  
panding educational tech-  
nology, Univ. of Mass.  
(Contact: Mrs. Pat Graves,  
Univ. Lib., Univ. of Mass.  
Amherst, Mass.)

May 9... Prov. Pub. Lib.,  
Fox Pt. br., 3:15 pm,  
African Festival.

May 16... Knight Memorial  
Lib., Prov., 3:15 pm,  
African Festival.

May 18 - 19... Mass. Lib.  
Assoc. Annual Meeting,  
Sheraton-Hyanis Hotel,  
Hyanis, Mass.

May 23... RILA Annual Meet-  
ing, Bryant College (date  
now official).

June 1 or 2... Assembly of  
Bulletin by the Westerly  
Region at Providence Pub.  
Lib.

June 4 - 8... Special Lib.  
Assoc. Annual Conf.,  
Statler-Hilton, Boston.  
(Contact: Lloyd Rathbun,  
MIT Lincoln Lab., Lex-  
ington, Mass.)

June 25 - July 1... ALA  
Convention, Chicago.

August 20 - 26... Student  
Leadership Conf., Univ.  
of New Hampshire.

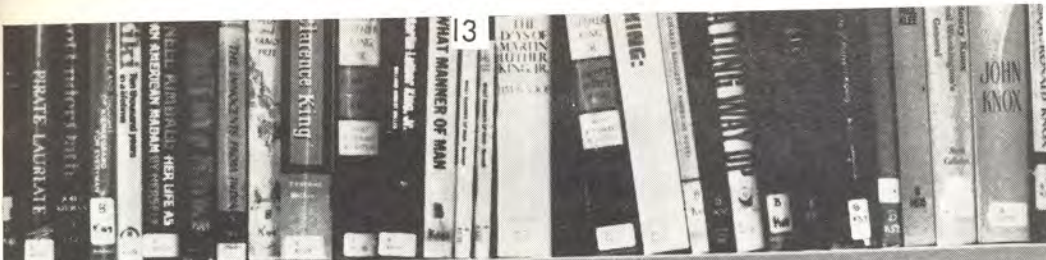
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At the request of the  
Executive Board of the Rhode  
Island Library Association,  
a study of members has been  
made recently to determine  
the number of members of  
R.I. L.A. who are also  
members of A.L.A. There  
are 120 personal members of  
A.L.A. in Rhode Island  
while the membership of  
R.I.L.A. numbers over 700.  
This figure includes personal  
and library membership.  
Interesting to note is that of  
the 120 A.L.A. members in  
the state, only 71 belong to  
the R.I.L.A. Therefore, it  
seems a little recruitment by  
both organizations is in order.

As a beginning, all A.L.A.  
personal members in Rhode  
Island will receive a copy of  
this R.I.L.A. bulletin with a  
membership application blank.  
However, personal contacts  
are always more effective.  
So, if you know someone in the  
library field who is new to our  
state or profession, won't you  
invite him or her to join us at  
the Spring Annual Meeting to  
be held Tuesday, May 23rd  
at Bryant College? See you  
there!

Mrs. Barbara L. Wilson  
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North Providence Union Free Library has increased its hours recently from 44 1/2 to 49 1/2!

East Providence Public Library: The Rumford Junior Women's Club has presented \$100 to be used for children's books at the Rumford branch.

Miss Dorothy Merrill, a native of Maine, and a recent graduate of the Library School at the University of Maine is now a cataloger at the Adams Library, Rhode Island College.

Membership Chairman's new year's resolution of the R.I. School Library Association may well be ours:

"To SEARCH... To ROUND UP... and BOOK... all librarians who are either willing, hiding, sleeping, out-of-touch, or those who will dare say "Come and get me." For added aggravation will collect... from each one, .... so come out, with your hands up."



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15 May 4 - 6 at Wentworth-by-the-Sea, Portsmouth, N.H., objects from their hobbies and crafts for a showing and sale, and silent auction -- hooked rugs, dolls, jewelry, wine jams carvings, etc. Call Joan Huettl, R.I. Chairman, Westerly Junior High, Westerly 02891, Tel. 596-2586 Ext. 5 if you need to have your items carried to Portsmouth. Other NELA committee members who will help you are: Mrs. Dorothy Klein, Lincoln High; Mrs. Jeanne Miller, 86 Cambrice Court, Pawtucket, R.I.; Mrs. Ruth Cerjanec and Mrs. Judy Edsal of Dept. of Education.

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