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THE SCHOOL LIBRARIAN SHORTAGE: A NATIONAL PROBLEM

by Bruce Daniels
Acting Director, DSLS

During the late summer there were several articles in the Providence Journal concerning the shortage of school librarians. The articles indicated that the shortage was being caused by unreasonable state standards. Several "letters to the editor" and an "op-ed" piece were submitted to the Providence Journal. Unfortunately, none was published. Bruce Daniels, Acting Director of DSLS, submitted the following "op-ed" article.

Recently articles have been written about the shortage of school librarians and about why this shortage has occurred. According to these articles one is led to believe that the shortage has been caused by the Department of Education's certification requirements and school library standards mandated by the State of Rhode Island. The simple fact is that the school librarian shortage is the result of supply and demand in the marketplace. In the 1960's there was a significant increase in the demand for school librarians. Students, encouraged by the demand, enrolled in graduate library schools. During the 1970's as school enrollments dropped and schools closed, the demand for school librarians evaporated. Enrollments in graduate library school programs declined. What we are now experiencing is a large number of retirements of those who entered our school libraries in the 1960's without enough new librarians to replace them.

The answer to the problem is not to abolish the standards and certification requirements. Throughout the field of education there are shortages in a number of disciplines. Would we want teachers who are not certified in

special education to be responsible for educating students with special needs? Would we want teachers who are not certified in science or math to be teaching our future scientists or mathematicians? I believe the answer to both of these questions is no.

Throughout this country excellence in education is being promoted by government officials at all levels. Indeed, if this country is to continue to prosper, this generation and future generations of students will need excellence in education.

Our society is an information based society. We need information each day to function. The library is one of the primary agencies that provide us with the information we need. Each new generation is going to need better ways to answer their questions. It is essential that students be taught the skills necessary to find information and to manipulate it. School librarians do more than explain the card catalog and how to use reference books. They teach children the thought processes involved in finding information, evaluating whether the information is appropriate, and using the infor-

mation. These invaluable life-coping skills are used by the students throughout their educational careers and their worklives.

Literacy, a problem currently facing our society, is a major focus of school librarians. The ability to read and to understand what one reads is critical to an individual's success. Literacy, however, does not depend only upon the mechanics of how to read. Once the mechanics have been mastered, literacy needs to be expanded into the enjoyment of reading. School librarians introduce children to the enjoyment of reading and challenge them to expand their reading ability. Recently an article appeared on reading in the New York Times illustrating this point. The article described how a school librarian gave a science fiction title by Ray Bradbury to a student bored with classroom reading activities. After the student had finished the book, he told the librarian that he liked it much better than reading. The student had not perceived reading as being enjoyable.

Rhode Island's school library standards do need to be changed. They need to be strengthened, not diminished. The existing standards were developed by the Department of Education in 1963. It is evident that they no longer promote excellence in Rhode Island's school libraries.

For an elementary school with 250 to 499 students, the standards require a half time librarian and an expenditure for books of between \$600 and \$1,473 per year. This staffing standard means that in many schools, the children have access to the library for only a part of the school week. During the time the library is open, the school librarian is conducting classes and as a result the library is not available to students to do independent research or to find books to read. When the standards were developed, the average cost of a book was \$2.94 and in 1986 it was \$10.51. From over 2,558 children's books published each year, a school librarian theoretically would now be able to select from 57 to 140 new books a year. This, however, does not take into account the need to purchase expensive reference materials such as encyclopedias which cost from \$500 to \$1,000 and magazines to support research efforts.

For a high school library, the standards require a full time librarian in a school with a population of 250 to 499 students and 2 full time librarians in a school with more than

1,000 students. Some have questioned the need for 2 librarians in schools with a population of more than 1,000 students. At the high school level, a student should be undertaking a considerable amount of independent research. The student should be learning how to do information searches in computerized databases. This type of learning activity requires the high school librarian to provide the student with considerable individualized attention. Would we expect a high school math or science teacher to be responsible for 1,000 students? I think not. If we expect students to effectively function in an information society, they will need to have these specialized information skills.

Since 1963 when the school library standards were adopted, the way we obtain information has changed dramatically. In 1963 computer technology in libraries was almost non-existent. Today libraries are sharing information with each other through computerized networks. Compact disc technology is being used to retrieve information. The existing school library standards make no mention of these resources.

School libraries are facing a crisis - not only in Rhode Island but throughout the country. The State of California recently issued a study of its school libraries which found that the libraries have deteriorated in staffing and collection and are not adequate resources to support a strengthened core curriculum. Rhode Island is in a similar situation. School library standards must be changed to insure that schools prepare students for the information age.



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The following letter was written by RILA President John Tryon concerning the position of Director of DSLS. Following the letter are the Rhode Island General Laws stating the qualifications and duties of the Director.

Dear Governor DiPrete:

You are undoubtedly aware of the enormous importance of the Department of State Library Services to the library community of Rhode Island. As the vacancy of the position of Director of DSLS has now become final with the resignation of Fay Zipkowitz, the matter of a permanent appointment to that position is of the highest concern to all Rhode Island librarians. It is particularly important at this present juncture to find the best possible person as we are now in the midst of a statewide assessment of library needs and it can be expected that there will be recommendations the implementation of which will require extraordinary leadership from the Director of DSLS. Therefore, the Executive Board of the Rhode Island Library Association urges you to initiate a national search for a candidate to fill this position.

In no way does this request suggest a lack of confidence in Acting Director Bruce Daniels. Rather, the request is an indication of the vital importance of the position and it is the feeling of the Executive Board that filling the directorship of DSLS ought always to entail a national search.

Finally, as the position has traditionally been filled on professional rather than political qualifications, we would urge that a search committee be set up with strong representation from the library community including RILA, RIEMA, SLA and others. We feel this matter is vital to all Rhode Island libraries and therefore to all the people of Rhode Island and all of us in RILA stand ready to help. We hope you will call on us.

Sincerely,

Jonathon S. Tryon
President

29-3.1-5. Director of state library services — Appointment and qualifications. — There shall be a director of state library services to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate to serve at the pleasure of the governor. Said director shall hold a graduate degree in library science from an accredited library school or an undergraduate degree in library science from an accredited library school of library science and have five (5) years of experience in library administration or a graduate degree not in library science from an accredited university or college and have seven (7) years experience in library administration.

History of Section.

G.L., § 29-3.1-5, as enacted by P.L. 1964, ch. 233, § 1.

Cross-References. Appointment of director of state library services department, § 42-6-3.

29-3.1-6. Compensation of director. — The director of state library services shall be in the unclassified service of the state and shall receive such salary as the governor may determine.

History of Section.

G.L., § 29-3.1-6, as enacted by P.L. 1964, ch. 233, § 1.

29-3.1-7. Duties of director. — The director of state library services shall be the executive and administrative officer in charge of the department of state library services. He shall also carry out the duties required of him by this chapter and by chapters 5 and 6 of this title. He shall also have the authority:

- (1) To supervise and control the department of state library services;
- (2) To promote and develop the department of state library services;
- (3) To promote and develop library services throughout the state in co-operation with any and all other state or municipal libraries, public libraries, schools or other agencies wherever practical;
- (4) To promote the establishment of cooperative library systems and the establishment of regional libraries as conditions within particular areas of the state may require;
- (5) To make rules and regulations and establish standards of administration of the department of state library services and for the control, distribution and lending of books and materials to libraries, groups, or individuals;
- (6) To make rules and regulations under which state or federal funds which may now or hereafter be appropriated to further library development or use within the state, shall be granted to cities and towns or other agencies for improved library services (except that this provision shall not apply to appropriations made directly to any other agency or institution);
- (7) To cooperate with the state department of education and the supervisor of school libraries in the development of statewide school library services;
- (8) To give assistance, advice and counsel to all public libraries of any type within the state and to all communities or persons proposing to establish such libraries and to conduct courses and institutes in the approved methods of operation, selection of books, or other activities necessary to the proper administration of a library;
- (9) To require that information and statistics necessary to the work of the state department of library services be collected, to publish findings and reports thereon, and to require careful and complete records to be kept of the condition and affairs of the department of state library services;
- (10) To make an annual report concerning the activities of the department of state library services to the governor, as he may require;
- (11) To develop standards for public libraries and to adopt rules and regulations for the certification of library positions and/or personnel, except that such rules and regulations shall provide that all library personnel employed on July 1, 1964 shall be automatically certified for the positions they then hold;
- (12) To provide eligible blind and physically handicapped citizens with library services through a Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in cooperation with the Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

History of Section.

G.L., § 29-3.1-7, P.L. 1964, ch. 233, § 1; P.L. 1967, ch. 227, § 2; P.L. 1983, ch. 132, § 1; P.L. 1983, ch. 254, § 2; P.L. 1985, ch. 196, § 3.

Compiler's Notes. A semicolon was substituted by the compiler for a comma at the end of subdivision (8).

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the editor
R.I.L.A. "Bulletin"

Dear Madame:

I have been disappointed by the failure of the "Bulletin" to appear this month, a month which is already half over.

The ballots for the Executive Board went out and the membership has returned them without any information re: the candidates qualifications. There are at least two candidates on this ballot completely unknown to R.I.L.A. members. I had expected the "Bulletin" to provide that information.

I have been labeled as "too efficient." No one could accuse any of the rest of you of that fault.

I feel let down. As do some other people who could have done some good for R.I.L.A. under more propitious circumstances.

I still love you all and hope to stay with you for years to come in spite of an occasional scolding on my part.

Sincerely,

Ellen P. Spilka, Director
Pawtucket Public Library
Chairman R.I.L.A.
Nominating Committee
September 15, 1987

WE REGRET ANY INCONVENIENCE THE LATENESS OF THE SEPTEMBER BULLETIN MAY HAVE CAUSED. THE DELAY WAS NOT DUE TO ANY FAULT OF THE BULLETIN STAFF, BUT RATHER A PROBLEM WITH THE PRINTER - Managing Editor.

CELEBRATE OUR UNITY IN DIVERSITY

RILA Conference Dates Near

On October 26 and 27, Rhode Island librarians will again gather at the Providence Marriott to learn together, to share information and experiences, and to have a good time. Most of you will have received your program and registration form by now. A registration form is also enclosed in this issue of the Bulletin.

The programs have appeal for all segments of the library community and include Librarians in the Soviet Union, Bibliotherapy for Children, Successful Grantwriting, and *The Life and Times of Beatrix Potter*, all on Monday. Make a note to come to the reception after the sessions are over on Monday and to attend the COLA mini-workshops Monday evening.

On Tuesday academic librarians will have an opportunity to become informed about the activities of the CRIARL (Consortium of Rhode Island Academic and Research Libraries) committees at a special breakfast and can continue the day by attending Innovation and the Electronic Campus, starring an old friend, Tom Surprenant, and Merrily Taylor, Director of the Brown Libraries.

Another breakfast on Tuesday, this one sponsored by the Rhode Island Heritage Commission, is designed to heighten awareness of urban minority populations. Other programs of special interest on Tuesday include Research and Publishing, with local publishing greats from the academic world, and Ross LaBaugh of the Southern Massachusetts University Library who will demonstrate successful bibliographic instruction techniques. Others will be interested in the CD ROM Roundtable and Fay Zipkowitz's workshop on Ethics and the Real World. A tour of the Brown University Libraries and a reception at Brown will close the conference.

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EXHIBITS -- ALL DAY MONDAY AND TUESDAY, SPECIFIC TIMES WILL BE SET ASIDE TO VISIT THE EXHIBITS. PLEASE BE SURE TO SUPPORT THE EXHIBITORS. WITHOUT THEM, THE CONFERENCE WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE.

REGISTRATION -- REGISTRATION FORMS WERE MAILED TO ALL RILA MEMBERS.

MONDAY -- OCTOBER 26th

9:30 - 10:45 SESSION I

LIBRARY PROGRAMMING FOR FAMILIES

How do you plan educational and entertaining programs actively involving more than one age group? (and why would anyone try?)

STAFF SUPERVISION FOR MIDDLE MANAGERS AND NEW OR PROSPECTIVE SUPERVISORS

How can librarians learn to train, delegate, motivate and communicate as managers most effectively?

D.S.L.S. -- UPDATE

What is D.S.L.S. exactly, what are its different departments and functions, and how does the department promote and support libraries throughout Rhode Island?

GRACIOUS COLLEAGUES -- LIBRARIANS IN THE SOVIET UNION

What would it be like to be a librarian in the Soviet Union? Do librarians in Russia share our philosophy, our concerns, our hopes?

10:45 - 11:45

VISIT THE EXHIBITS

11:15 - 12:45 SESSION II

SUCCESSFUL GRANTWRITING

How do you write a successful grant? What are the resources available to fundraisers and what do grantmakers look for in assessing proposals?

BIBLIOTHERAPY: BOOKS THAT HELP CHILDREN SOLVE PERSONAL PROBLEMS

How books can be used to help children deal with death, divorce, obesity and other problems.

BORN TO I.L.L. -- INTERLIBRARY LOAN -- THE PRODUCT OF A GOOD REFERENCE INTERVIEW

What is a good reference interview? How do you conduct one and transform that information into a successful interlibrary loan?

LIBRARIANS AND HIGH DENSITY DEVELOPMENT: FOUR KEYS TO SUCCESS

How are many of our growing communities successfully bridging the transition from small, separate libraries into integrated, full service centers?

12:45 - 2:45

LUNCHEON AND PRESIDENTIAL SPEAKER

Troy Earhart -- Commissioner of Education

2:45 - 3:15

VISIT THE EXHIBITS

3:15 - 4:30 SESSION III

THE BIG I.F. -- MEETING CHALLENGES TO INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

How do librarians prepare for and handle complaints against library materials?

DEVELOPING PROGRAMS IN LIBRARY USE INSTRUCTION USING THE PLANNING PROCESS

A workshop discussing the planning process that should take place when designing new library instruction programs or reworking established programs.

LIFE AND TIMES OF BEATRIX POTTER

For the child in us all, a look at the life of Beatrix Potter and how did she come to write those wonderful tales?

POETRY READINGS

Who can resist the beauty and universality of original poetry and prose written and read for us by contributors to New England Journal?

4:30 - 5:30

COLA (RHODE ISLAND COALITION OF LIBRARY ADVOCATES) AND RILA'S TRUSTEE COMMITTEE INVITE YOU TO BE THEIR GUEST AT A RECEPTION FOLLOWED BY:

5:30 - 7:00

ALL YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT FRIENDS AND TRUSTEES BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK

Choose one discussion group: Friends and Trustees: Whose turf?
William F. O'Neil, President, Friends of PPL/Mt. Pleasant Library
Friends of Academic Libraries: Targeting activities to membership
Sam Streit, Assistant Librarian for Special Collections, Brown University
Board Development: How do we keep the music playing?
Dan Ustick, Past President, Friends of Jamestown Philomenian Library
Who Decides the Gift?: What do we spend our money on?
William J. Allen, Trustee and past Friends' President, Cumberland Public Library
Program Coordinator: Anna M. Caruolo, President, Friends of Kingston Free Library

TUESDAY — OCTOBER 27th

8:15 - 9:30

CRIARL -- ACADEMIC LIBRARIANS BREAKFAST MEETING

What are the past activities and what does the future hold for the various CRIARL committees?

9:30 - 11:00 SESSION I

BREAKFAST MEETING

LIBRARIANS AND THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY -- BEYOND THE YEAR OF THE READER

What are the existing and future needs of urban minority populations?

INNOVATION AND THE ELECTRONIC CAMPUS

How important is innovation in planning the "electronic campus." How is Brown University meeting this challenge?

RESEARCH AND PUBLISHING -- THE SECRET AUTHOR IN US ALL

What are some of the successful techniques of research and most importantly, how can we get it published?

CD ROM ROUND TABLE

What are the experiences of librarians in Rhode Island using C.D. ROM, and how can it meet our needs?

11:00 - 11:30

VISIT THE EXHIBITS

11:30 - 12:45 SESSION II

NOT ANOTHER TOUR OF THE LIBRARY, PLEASE!

What is the theory of bibliographic instruction, what are some specific techniques and how can we teach students to ask the right questions?

ALTERNATIVE LIBRARY CAREERS

Betty-Carol Sellen, noted author, will tell us what has happened since she first posed the question - What do you do with a library degree?

LIBRARIANS, ETHICS AND THE REAL WORLD

What are some of the ethical questions pertaining to the library community?

R.I.L.A. WORKING SESSION

What does the future hold for RILA? Where is it going as an organization and how does it relate to the needs of the library community?

12:45 - 1:15

LAST CHANCE TO SEE EXHIBITS

1:15 - 2:45

LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING

3:00 - 5:00

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_____ MONDAY, October 26th -- \$11.00 Baked Scrod

_____ TUESDAY, October 27th -- \$10.00 Quiche Lorraine

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

_____ CRIARL Breakfast Meeting -- \$5.00
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ALICE BRENDL was appointed recently to the Shared Resources Coordinator position at Brown University.

DEBRA COHEN is now a librarian at the Edwards and Angel law firm.

NORMAN DESMARAIS, Acquisitions Librarian at Providence College, delivered the keynote address at the Special Libraries Association's CD-ROM day at their annual meeting in Anaheim in June. He will also present his paper, "AnyBook and Books in Print Plus : a Comparison," at the Laser Active '87 Conference.

SHARON FREDETTE recently was appointed Technical Services Librarian at the Warwick Public Library.

At the University of Rhode Island, **AMAR K. LAHIRI** has been appointed Head of the Cataloging Unit and **WILLIAM O'MALLEY** has been appointed Collection Management Librarian.

The East Providence Public Library System recently named **CHERYL MARAJ**, Youth Services Librarian and **KATHLEEN METRICK**, Technical Services Librarian.

CONNIE ROE, formerly the Director the Foster Public Library, is now librarian at St. Xavier Academy.

REINI SILVERMAN is now librarian at Temple Beth El in Providence.

bulletin board

- Two open meetings with Tom Mann and Sandy Cooper, Peat Marwick's consultant team for the study of library and information services in Rhode Island, have been scheduled. The meetings will take place on October 6th at the Barrington Public Library and on October 8th at the Cranston Public Library. Both meetings will begin at 7:30 PM. These sessions have been scheduled to provide all interested members of the Rhode Island library community with an opportunity to express views about library and network issues and to discuss the study with the consultants.

- A draft interlibrary loan code for RHILINET (Rhode Island Interrelated Library Network) libraries will be the subject of an open meeting scheduled on October 13th, from 2 - 5 PM, at the Cranston Public Library. All interested librarians are invited to attend.

jobline

The Rhode Island Library Association has established a minimum recommended salary of \$19,000 for a full-time beginning librarian in 1987.

SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST: Woonsocket Public School System. Must be certified as Teacher of Library Science by the Rhode Island Department of Education. Salary: \$40 per day. Application available from: Louis R. Leveillee, Coordinator of Media Services, 108 High Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895 (401) 762-4440.

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INFORMATION SERVICES LIBRARIAN: Reorganized professional staff position located in central library to develop and manage information/reference services, coordinate interlibrary loan service for multibranch system and select and maintain adult services collection. Requires ALA accredited MLS and at least 2 years experience in reference and information services. Salary: \$20,645 - 24,614 and excellent fringes. Resume, letter of application and 3 references by November 15th to Raymond Benoit, Personnel Director, City of East Providence, 145 Taunton Avenue, East Providence, RI 02914. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

calendar

OCTOBER 10-11: Rhode Island Historical Society Book Sale, Aldrich House, 110 Benevolent Street, Providence.

OCTOBER 13: RHILINET interlibrary loan code meeting, Cranston Public Library, 2-5 PM.

OCTOBER 11-14: North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries Annual Meeting, Manchester, Vermont.

OCTOBER 16: RHILINET Committee, 2-4 PM, Cranston Public Library.

OCTOBER 20: Young Adult Round Table, "What's Popular with Teenage Boys," 9:30 AM, Harmony Public Library.

OCTOBER 22: Advisory Board of Library Commissioners, 4 PM, DSLS.

OCTOBER 25-26: Association of Mental Health Libraries Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts.

OCTOBER 26-27: RILA Annual Conference, Providence Marriott.

NOVEMBER 3: RILA Executive Board Meeting, Warwick Public Library, 2 PM.

NOVEMBER 16-22: Children's Book Week.

DOCLINE: COMPUTERIZED ACCESS TO HEALTH SCIENCES LITERATURE

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Ethical, professional and legal pressures are mounting to access the health sciences literature quickly and efficiently. In response to these pressures, DOCLINE is being implemented. DOCLINE is an automated interlibrary loan and referral system developed by the National Library of Medicine.

The National Library of Medicine provides support to the Regional Medical Library Network which subdivides the United States into seven geographical regions. Each region is coordinated by a Regional Medical Library. Rhode Island is in Region 1, the Greater Northeastern Region. The Regional Medical Library for Region 1 is the New York Academy of Medicine Library. Resource libraries such as the Brown University Sciences Library and other medical school libraries represent the next level in the Regional Medical Library Network and have formal agreements to function as document delivery providers. The base of this network is composed of the Basic Health Sciences Libraries or hospital and small medical libraries.

The National Library of Medicine staff began testing and debugging DOCLINE in 1984. The following year the Resource Medical Libraries of Region 1 began using DOCLINE. These libraries were later joined by members of the Medical Library Center of New York Consortium. By spring of 1986 Resource Libraries in all seven regions had joined the system. In the Fall of 1986, approximately 200 Basic Health Sciences Libraries in Region 1 began participating in DOCLINE. Many librarians in Rhode Island may have heard about DOCLINE for the first time late last year.

There are several advantages to DOCLINE. It is simple to use, so biomedical interlibrary loan requests may be input, received, and updated without formal training. A DOCLINE User Manual is provided and assistance is available via telephone to resolve operating problems and answer questions regarding the system. The access code for MEDLARS (Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System) serves to log on to DOCLINE or the user may request a separate access code from the National Library of Medicine. The borrowing library may enter a unique citation

number from an online search of MEDLINE, CATLINE, or AVLINE. This unique identifier makes all the necessary bibliographic data for a medical journal article available to the system automatically. If there is no unique identifier, the system prompts the user to enter the bibliographic data.

The automatic routing system for DOCLINE is tied into the SERLINE and SERHOLD data bases. SERLINE (SERIALS onLINE) contains bibliographic data for the records representing all serials and numbered congresses which are on order or have been received by the National Library of Medicine. SERHOLD contains serial holdings and location statements for roughly 1,890 health science libraries. Each DOCLINE user completes a SERLINE routing table reflecting their current borrowing patterns. Using this list of potential lending libraries, DOCLINE automatically sends the request for a serial title listed in SERLINE only to libraries whose holdings in SERHOLD include that particular title. The borrower may override the routing system by selecting one preferred lender. The request will go to that lender first. If the request is not filled by the preferred lender, then automatic routing occurs. Requests for health science monographs, audiovisual materials and serial titles not listed in SERLINE may be routed through a separate list of lending libraries supplied by the requestor and which may be modified for an individual request.

DOCLINE participants receive their requests from borrowing libraries on a daily basis and update the status of loans or submit requests when appropriate. One can always check the status of requests submitted by or to the library. After a request has been accepted by a potential lender, a reminder notice is automatically generated after four days. After four more days the interlibrary loan request will be automatically routed to the next potential lender. The borrowing library may stipulate a date after which a request is no longer needed. Upon reaching that date, the system will no longer forward the request to the next library and will retire it from the system.

As of March 1987, there were 310 libraries participating in DOCLINE in Region 1. This number should increase if certain problems in the system are resolved. A total of 1,058 libraries have joined DOCLINE nationwide. In February 1987, 3,100 requests per

day were input. The National Library of Medicine received 457 requests per day during February. If it cannot fill requests, it refers them to a Resource Library in the United States or to the British Library Lending Division if requested by the borrower.

DOCLINE may impact administrative and collection development areas of the participating libraries. Each DOCLINE participant receives summary reports of its activity as a lender and as a borrower. Future reports may include sufficient detail to assist in collection development.

No charges for using the DOCLINE interlibrary loan system will be assessed until 1988. The fee structure and date on which charges will begin will be announced at least 90 days before implementation. The cost burden should be placed on the borrowing library.

When DOCLINE is established, approximately 2000 health sciences libraries in the Regional Medical Library Network are likely to participate in this interlibrary loan and referral system. Automatic routing will reinforce current efforts to decentralize medical interlibrary loan service in the United States and increase the value of cooperation between libraries.

Current RI DOCLINE participants:

Brown University
Rhode Island College
Roger Williams College
University of Rhode Island
Providence College
Butler Hospital
Kent County Hospital
Newport Hospital
General Hospital of Rhode Island
Institute of Mental Health
Westerly Hospital
Veterans Hospital
Roger Williams Hospital
Woonsocket Hospital
Miriam Hospital
Rhode Island Hospital

BROWN LIBRARY ACQUIRES RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION

Rhode Island Medical Society President Richard G. Bertini, M.D. and Brown University Librarian Merrily E. Taylor are pleased to announce that the Brown University Library

has acquired the substantial collection of the Rhode Island Medical Society. The donation of approximately 50,000 volumes was voted on by the membership at its annual meeting on May 15, 1987. "This acquisition will give Brown University an outstanding medical collection, both of current and historical materials, and should be of interest to faculty and students in a number of academic disciplines," Ms. Taylor noted.

"This valuable collection was developed with the foresight of the physicians who preceded us over the past 175 years," stated Dr. Bertini. "The strong educational role that the Society played in the past is now being fulfilled by our hospitals and the University. With the transfer of this collection to Brown, we are giving a large part of our heritage."

The Rhode Island Medical Society is the eighth oldest state society in continuous operation, founded in 1812. The collections contain some extraordinary historical treasures, according to librarian Emerita Helen E. DeJong. The oldest volume is Pliny's Historia Naturalis, 1501; there are about fifteen other sixteenth century works. The oldest English-language title is A Discourse of the Whole Art of Chyrurgerie by Peter Lowe, published in Glasgow in 1612. The Society Library includes many first editions, among them The Physiology of Friedrich Haller, 1757. Many of the rare items from the Medical Society will be displayed in special sections within the John Hay Library along with the Lownes Collection of Significant Books in the History of Science.

One of the most interesting collections of books at the Society consists of non-medical publications by physicians, presented by Dr. James Henry Davenport in 1927. As a student at Harvard Medical School he was inspired by the respected teacher Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes to collect these extra-professional writings of fiction, poetry, history, travel, etc. Among the most well-known of the works in this collection are several books by Arthur Conan Doyle such as The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, 1892. The original donation included 1200 volumes and an endowment for additions. Brown University Library will receive the income from the Davenport fund for the maintenance and expansion of the Davenport Collection.

Augmenting the significant historical resources, the Rhode Island Medical Society materials also include long runs of the journal publications of the various state medical societies. These are unique in the state and will enhance Brown's substantial current medical research periodicals collection. These and current medical texts will be added to the Brown Sciences Library to support the modern research efforts of Brown faculty and students.

Staff from all areas of the University Library were involved throughout the summer in transferring these materials to Brown. The rare book materials have already been shelved in the Hay. The processing of current books and serials for the Sciences Library has been initiated and it expected to take at least a year. In return for the Society's gift, Brown will offer free access to the entire University Library collection, with borrowing privileges, for all members of the Rhode Island Medical Society. Additionally, for the next three years, the University library will provide free photocopies of articles from the state medical association journals via ILL to other libraries in Rhode Island.

According to Dr. Bertini, "the transfer is in the best interest of the people of Rhode Island, and the books themselves, as an institution like Brown is best able to preserve

the items for the public and make them available to researchers."

A celebration for the Rhode Island Medical Society's 175th anniversary, and for its gift to Brown, will be held on November 16, 1987 in the John Hay Library. Ms. Taylor summarized, "We are delighted about acquiring this fine collection, which dovetails beautifully with our own and which will now remain in Rhode Island with appropriate physical space, preservation, and service."

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