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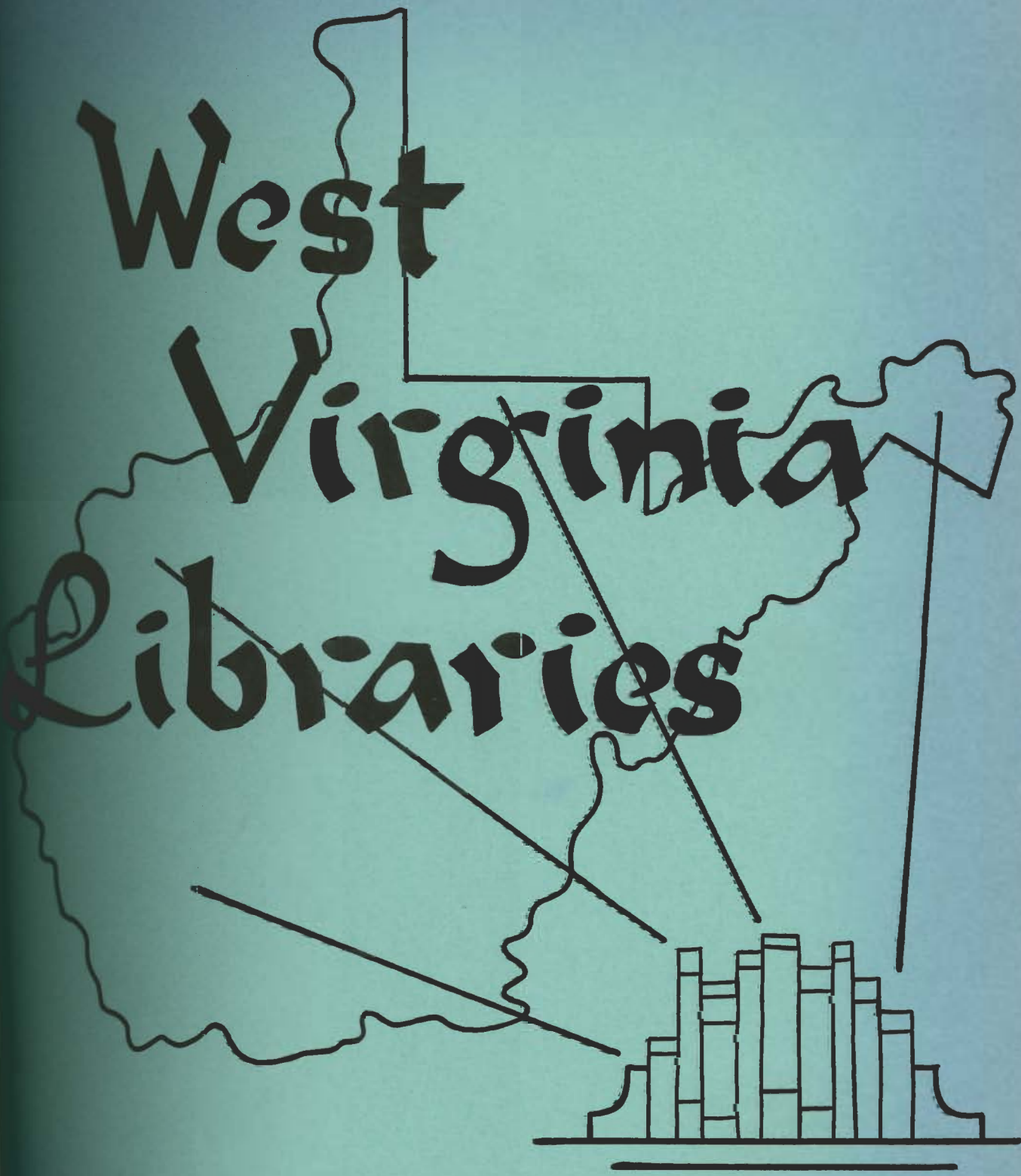
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The hammer blows of radio, television, and newspaper announcements are shocking reminders of the failures of society to meet the demands of our time. Instead of reason the irrational reigns, instead of understanding violence becomes the easy solution, instead of contemplation the spectacle keeps us mindlessly enthralled.

We librarians, as an intrinsic part of the educational experience, pride ourselves on our association with man's wisdom and his higher nature. Yet all too often, this relationship between the book and ourselves is one of convenience--without dedication to those concepts which find expression in the symbol of a book. Our stewardship of the book becomes a sterile function unless we commit ourselves actively to the ideas themselves.

We should be prepared to involve ourselves, both as individuals and as a part of a group, in the multitude of environments in which we each live. In our immediate work situation we should strive to develop to the utmost the total material and human resources at our disposal; in our communities--local, state, and national--we should actively support those organizations identified with the profession we serve. Unless we commit ourselves we have not read the past correctly and we will lose our place in the future.

Michael M. Reynolds  
President  
West Virginia Library Association

MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGIONAL LIBRARY CONFERENCEAtlantic City, New Jersey  
October 17-19, 1963

by

Jane Brugger  
Immediate Past President  
West Virginia Library Association

The weather was perfect, the speakers most stimulating and the 1200 persons attending MARLC, I am sure found much that they could ponder upon as they returned to their libraries at the end of the conference.

There were two speakers at each of the seven sessions who helped to "vanish boundaries," one was a professional person who spoke on the problem and a librarian who related it to the library profession.

Mr. Carey McWilliams, editor of the "Nation" opened the conference with a paper on "Ethics in an Affluent Society." His picture of the American scene was at times most dismal, when we see people of influence in government and business who will stoop to unethical practices to gain a little more of this country's wealth, although they profess to be upstanding and ethical persons. America is living in an economy of abundance for which we must develop a new set of ethical and moral values if we are to survive.

Thursday and Friday afternoons there were several discussion groups where problems could be discussed in small groups with experts and resource persons on hand to answer questions.

Friday morning each association held meetings and 26 members of WVLA met for an informal discussion.

Friday afternoon a panel of librarians gave outlines of their various plans of cooperative library service. Dr. Ralph Munn, Director of Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, then gave some pertinent facts concerning cooperative planning for libraries. He said that there are many plans and all libraries must ask 5 questions before they put any cooperative plan into effect.

1. Is there urgent need for a project in the locality?
2. Will a plan of lesser scope be just as valuable?
3. Is the scope wide enough?
4. Will the plan bring results in dollars and cents used?
5. Are all existing resources now being utilized?

Saturday morning Dr. Zelma George, sociologist and United Nations delegate made a most forceful speech on "Making Democracy Work." She gave every person there a new and fresh perspective on the work of the United Nations and how it can show Communist nations how democracy works in the U. S. She reminded us again that we are a family of nations and until families of individuals learn to live together as families and show respect for each other as individuals, there will not be families of nations helping each other to a better way of life.

The Presidents of each Association presided at a session and a trustee introduced the speakers. Your president presided at the Friday evening session when Mr. Dan Lacy spoke on "American Book Publishing in a State of Transition" and Dr. Ralph Shaw spoke on "Library Materials of Today." Mrs. Carl Allen, trustee of the Hardy County Public Library, most graciously introduced the speakers and we are most grateful to her for

taking time in her busy schedule to represent West Virginia trustees.

Mr. Martin Caidin, author and authority on space, spoke at the banquet and brought the conference to a close with what the U. S. is doing in the space race and this nation's use of atomic energy and the many new advances, especially in the medical field, which have come about since atomic power has been discovered. He really brought us to the "ragged edges of space."

There was much more; the exhibits, greeting old friends, meeting new friends and walking the boardwalk on a lovely sunny afternoon, but one cannot tell it all in a brief report.

PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRESS, 1963

by

E. Frances Jones, Consultant  
West Virginia Library Commission

The Centennial year finds West Virginia Public Libraries at a crucial stage of development. A positive and happy story can be told in excitement over new buildings. Through citizen determination to find funds, either through donations or public revenues, five new structures have become a reality this year.

St. Albans will become a branch of Kanawha County Library as it christens a gleaming new structure this month. In the early Spring, Sistersville will occupy a new colonial style building. Construction starts this month in Morgantown on a \$250,000 building. In a whirlwind ninety day solicitation, Princeton raised funds to match a federal grant. A family gift plus a local drive brought a new library to Elizabeth.

Libraries on wheels are now operating in twenty-two counties of the state. Grant County, agricultural center in the Eastern Panhandle, has contracted with Keyser-Mineral Library for service. Keyser is now serving as the headquarters for a new Potomac Valley Region. In the southern coal fields, Mingo County made provision for bookmobile service through the Western Counties Library System.

Where rural service lags your West Virginia Library Commission has continued to sponsor bookmobile exhibits. These ac-



tually loan books during a three-week period. Weirton Public Library performed yeoman duty in sponsoring a tour of Hancock and Brooke Counties.

In Boone and Wyoming Counties, just south of Charleston, citizen groups sponsored the Commission trucks. Since there are no existing libraries for the 60,000 folks in this area, this project represents a real pioneering effort.

Ah, -- but there is another side of the picture. To be sure, buildings and trucks can help display and sell books. The Library Commission now owns 300,550 volumes. These are becoming more generally distributed over the state in five regional centers.

But the local library is still facing a struggle. Large and small libraries alike seem to be slipping downhill.

In the past year, twenty-three libraries reported reduced circulation. Sixteen local libraries had less money to spend.

In the light of the total picture, this seems contradictory. 3,684,269 books were loaned from our public libraries. \$914,123 was expended from local funds. There is a faintly perceptible gain over the previous year-- .0058 in books loaned and .085 rise in dollars expended.

The answer is that a half dozen libraries are making vast strides--covering up the libraries which are marking time or declining. Certainly this data points up the crying need for rethinking at the State level as well as at county level. Our standards, the financing of and continued support of public libraries need yet to be given our serious consideration.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES LOOK TO THE FUTURE

BY

Virginia Dober  
State Supervisor of School Libraries  
and Instructional Materials

The school libraries in West Virginia are at every stage of development. Some are libraries in name only with inferior collections, no librarian and no budget, while others are equal to and exceeding the American Library Association's standards. What appears to be an attainable goal to one library becomes an impossibility for another. However, there are several attainable goals which are applicable to the entire state.

First, the school librarians of West Virginia should adopt as a group goal 100 per cent certification for individual members. This is a realistic project. It is possible to obtain summer school and extension credit in every area of the state, and the only reason library science courses are not offered is that there is not sufficient demand for them.

Secondly, although it is true that funds may be short in some localities, the situation would not be greatly improved with a doubled budget as long as careless book selection is made and sizeable discounts not obtained on the orders. The Standard Catalog (or Children's Catalog) and the ALA Basic Book Collections are absolute "musts" for intelligent book selection. Also, unless the library discounts average 25 percent to 33 1/3

percent for "trade books," a new jobber should be sought.

Thirdly, each school librarian should and can become a self appointed missionary for the development of elementary school centralized libraries. Regardless of how modest the beginnings of the library, once the idea has been proven successful, adequate facilities will be demanded by the students, patrons, and teachers.

Fourthly, in 1962-63 the per pupil expenditures for library books and supplies varied from \$.00 to \$8.33 with a state average of \$1.60. Twenty-two of the fifty-five counties spent less than one dollar. Through pressures at the local levels and on the state legislature this figure can and must be raised to a minimum of \$2.00 per child. (This figure should not necessarily be a state average but should be the base figure for each county.)

West Virginia is vexed by many problems, but this State is in a very favorable position in that its citizens are not blind to the problems facing them and progress is being made whenever and wherever it becomes feasible. The school librarians likewise need a realistic evaluation of their situation and then make concrete plans for continuing progress.

STUDENT LIBRARY ASSISTANTS CONVENTION

by

Henrietta Greaver, Librarian  
Enslow Junior High School, Huntington

The West Virginia Student Library Assistants' Association held its second state convention Saturday and Sunday, October 5-6 at the Cedar Lakes FFA-FHA Camp near Ripley, W. Va.

Representing 34 schools were 174 students, 32 librarians and 12 other adults.

The first general session, sponsored by Cabell County, was called to order by Larry Pennington, President, pro tem, from St. Albans High. Colston Pitt, Huntington High, introduced Dr. Leonard Riggleman, President of Morris Harvey College, who spoke on "A Great Adventure" in which he stressed the value in being in close contact with good literature.

Roll was called by Karen Surratt of Huntington East High. The minutes were read by Ann Seafler of Barboursville High and the financial report by Alegra Roberts of Parkersburg High. Roy Castle of Huntington East invited other library assistants to join Cabell County on its Library and Campus Tour of Marietta College on April 11, 1964. The session closed with the singing of the "West Virginia Hills," led by Eleanor Allen of Huntington High and pianist, Martha Burgess, of Enslow Junior, Huntington.

Late Saturday afternoon the librarians met as a general discussion group led by Miss Olive Lewis, Assistant Professor in the Department of Library Science at West Virginia University. Concurrently was held the student election activity in charge of David Cook, Beverly Hills Junior High, Huntington. Then the four hours between the nominating session and the actual election were filled with excited students electioneering for their candidates. Each school, regardless of size, had one vote for each office. (A school was eligible to vote only if its state dues were paid).

Elected for 1963-1964 were:

President - Steve Rader, Parkersburg High  
Vice President - Max Holstein - Nitro High  
Recording Secretary - Wanda Johnson - St. Albans High  
Corresponding Secretary - Karen McLaughlin - DuPont High

Treasurer - Jo Ann Meadows - Spring Hill Junior High

The main address of the Saturday evening session, sponsored by Kanawha County, was given by Miss Carol A. Vogel, Library Consultant from the University of Pittsburgh. She spoke on "Librarianship As A Career." Miss Olive Lewis spoke briefly in regard to the Teen-Age Workshop For Library Assistants held last August at West Virginia University. She announced that plans for a second and longer workshop were being considered for next summer.

Karen McLaughlin, DuPont High, Chairman of the Poster Contest Committee, presented ribbon clusters to the following winners:

1. Nitro High
2. Nitro Junior High
3. Barboursville High

## Honorable Mention:

1. Point Pleasant High
2. DuPont High
3. Spring Hill Junior High

Roy Castle read the revised constitution and it was adopted by the group. Special skits were presented by: Huntington High, Huntington East High, Follansbee High, Wellsburg High, St. Albans High and Barboursville High.

An original poem, "Mountaineers Are Always Free," was presented by Collins High, Oak Hill.

A Book Title Contest, sponsored by DuPont High, was led by Karen McLaughlin and this was followed by games and dancing arranged by Nitro High and led by Natalie Hulshizer.

Roll Call was made in the seven cottages at 11:00 P.M.

The Sunday morning program, sponsored by Wood County, introduced student leaders, Steve Rader and Dennis Conley. The main address was given by Miss Ida Peters, former librarian at Parkersburg High. Outdoor games, planned and led by Steve Rader were scheduled for the next hour.

Newly elected officers were in charge of the closing session Sunday afternoon when the featured speaker was Miss Virginia Dober, State Supervisor of School Libraries and Instructional Materials, who spoke on "What It Means To Be A Student Library Assistant." A community sing led by Sandra Moore and Treena Arnold brought the convention to a close.

The sponsors of this student organization are: Mrs. June Lay, Wood County, Mrs. Martha Moore, Kanawha County and Miss Henrietta Greaver, Cabell County.

BOOK FAIR AND STORY HOUR AT THE  
LOUIS BENNETT PUBLIC LIBRARY, WESTON

by

Lennel Stutler, Librarian

As a part of the observance of Children's Book Week, the Louis Bennett Public Library at Weston held a Story Hour and Book Fair.

The Story Hour was held on Saturday, November 16, at eleven o'clock for children from pre school through sixth grade. On this occasion Mrs. Nina Hardman, Assistant Librarian, told the stories, and Miss Nancy McKinley assisted with the registration of the children. Continuing with a long established plan for the children to participate in the program, Miss Candice Queen played a piano solo. The Story Hour was well attended and is the first in a series planned for the winter months.

The Book Fair, under the direction of Mrs. William Lawson, a member of the Library Board of Directors, and Miss Lennel Stutler, Librarian, was held in an adult Reading Room of the Library. Opening on November 12, the Book Fair continued through November 22, with visiting hours from one to four p. m., and a special night for teachers on November 15. Serving as hostesses were ladies from various organizations in the community.

This is the first Book Fair conducted by the Library in cooperation with the West Virginia Library Commission, which

furnished the books for the display. Favorably received with an attendance of 332 parents, interested citizens, and children from the local schools, the Book Fair was considered a success.

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PUBLICATIONS OF NOTE

The School Library; facilities for independent study in the secondary school. A 142 page booklet that may be obtained by writing to the Educational Facilities Laboratories, 477 Madison Avenue, New York 22, New York. Paperbound. Free

Standards for Library Functions at the State Level. Developed by the Survey and Standards Committee for, and adopted by, American Association of State Libraries for the American Library Association. ALA Publishing Department, Chicago. December, 1963. 48 pages. Paperbound. \$1.50.



THE RECRUITMENT NETWORK IN WEST VIRGINIA

by

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Realizing that there is great potential for future librarians in the United States among the youth of our nation and that there is a great unfilled need for individuals possessing subject knowledge that can be useful to many phases of librarianship, the Executive Board of the American Library Association established the Office For Recruitment (OFR) at the Miami Beach Conference in 1962. This office has its headquarters in Chicago and its director is Miss Myrl Ricking. She is assisted by an advisory committee and a staff representing each of the fifty states. Each representative appoints local and specialist librarians to complete the network for that state.

The response and cooperation of the local and specialist librarians in West Virginia have been very encouraging and at present time there are twenty-six individuals serving as recruitment representatives throughout the State. Librarians from school, public, college and special libraries have consented to lend their efforts in publicizing all types of librarianship and encouraging high school and college students to consider li-

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brary work as a career.

Since June of 1963 there have been seventy inquiries received at the Office For Recruitment from West Virginians interested in obtaining further information about librarianship. These requests were answered by Miss Picking's office and referred to the state representative who distributed them to the local recruitment personnel. In many instances the local representative followed through and contacted the inquirer either by letter, telephone or by personal conference.

The inquiries have not been limited to requests from students seeking vocational literature, although there have been many in this category. Older individuals, writing in response to the article concerning the librarian shortage that appeared in the May 1963 issue of GOOD HOUSEKEEPING magazine have shown a keen interest in being able to utilize their specialized knowledge in libraries that need additional staff members. With an academic year of professional library study, these persons can find employment in libraries that can make use of their training in a subject field. Other inquiries have come from school guidance counselors requesting promotional materials for use with high school students who are unaware of the vocational possibilities that librarianship can offer.

Monthly reports from local recruitment representatives have indicated a variety of recruitment activity across the State. Talks presented before gatherings of classroom teachers have influenced some teachers to become certified as qualified librarians; or, in some instances, further their education by completing requirements for a masters degree. Daily contact by

librarians with student assistants, in both high school and college, continues to be a very effective "personal recruiting" technique. The career conference, at which librarianship is well represented, provides the opportunity for interested individuals to discuss with seasoned librarians the necessary qualifications for and vocational opportunities available in many phases of librarianship that require advanced study in chemistry, geology, public relations, music, mathematics, law, and countless other fields. The sectional librarian meetings of the West Virginia Education Association will frequently feature a school-library workshop during which time mutual problems, of which recruitment is not the least, are shared and discussed.

Each of the local representatives in West Virginia has been supplied with a wealth of material purchased by the West Virginia Library Association; brochures, pamphlets and news memoranda dealing with librarianship. While the printed word cannot replace personal influence for effectiveness, it does provide information necessary to the potential librarian. These promotional items may be secured by writing to any of the local representatives listed below.

As Donald H. Hunt, Library Career Consultant at the Drexel Graduate School of Library Science, has said, "You don't have to sell librarianship. If you succeed in communicating what it is, people are eager to buy." Recruiting is the business of each one of us for as librarians we are the only ones who can solve the librarian-shortage problem. Let us look about for the prospective librarian and see what we can do to bring him into the fold.

Local and specialist recruitment representatives in West Virginia are as follows:

Miss Autumn Amos, Librarian  
Burnsville High School  
Burnsville, W. Va.

Mrs. Margaret S. Bobbitt  
1662 Glenway Lane  
Huntington, W. Va.

Mrs. Lucile Butler, Librarian  
Normantown High School  
Normantown, W. Va.

Miss Nancy Canterbury  
Box 64  
West Union, W. Va.

Miss Mildred Conard  
Martinsburg High School  
Martinsburg, W. Va.

Miss Virginia Dober  
State Supervisor of School Li-  
braries & Instructional  
Materials  
State Department of Education  
State Capitol Building  
Charleston, W. Va.

Mrs. Kathryn B. Dunlap  
102 Academy Court  
Fayetteville, W. Va.

Mr. Arthur Flandreau, Librarian  
Concord College  
Athens, W. Va.

Mrs. Mary Louise Graham  
Raleigh County Public Library  
Memorial Building  
Beckley, W. Va.

Miss Nelle Griffin  
Pickett Library  
Alderson-Broadus College  
Philippi, W. Va.

Mrs. Lena Harris  
Magnolia High School Library  
Matewan, W. Va.

Miss Mernie Kesner  
Franklin High School  
Franklin, W. Va.

Mrs. June Lay  
Library Supervisor, Wood County  
2101 Dudley Avenue  
Parkersburg, W. Va.

Miss Victorine Louistall  
331 Monticello Avenue  
Clarksburg, W. Va.

Mrs. Lucile McNary  
Sutton, W. Va.

Miss Nancy Matthews  
Coordinator, Work with Children  
and Young People  
Ohio County Public Library  
2100 Market Street  
Wheeling, W. Va.

Mr. Floyd W. Miller  
Shepherd College Library  
Shepherdstown, W. Va.

Miss Martha Myers  
Moundsville Public Library  
Moundsville, W. Va.

Mrs. William H. Rardin  
P. O. Box 166  
Point Pleasant, W. Va.

Mrs. Roger Roberts  
Elizabeth, W. Va.

Mrs. Robert Rosier  
Fairmont State College  
Fairmont, W. Va.

Mr. Dale Schafer, Librarian  
Robert F. Kidd Library  
Glennville State College  
Glennville, W. Va.

Mr. John Scott  
West Virginia State College  
Institute, W. Va.

Miss Idair Smookler  
Carbide Technical Center Li-  
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P. O. Box 8361  
South Charleston 1, W. Va.

Mrs. Louise Stewart  
Box 134, Littleton, W. Va.

Mr. Nicholas Winowich  
Kanawha County Public Library  
Lee and Hale Streets  
Charleston, W. Va.

WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL  
LIBRARY STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
1962-1963

The School Library Standards Committee has been operating on a "stand-by" basis since the appointment of the State Supervisor of School Libraries and Instructional Materials in the State Department of Education. With the completion of the School Library Development Project and the setting-up of a long-range plan, the committee's work is somewhat contingent upon the actions and wishes of the supervisor, Miss Virginia Dober; many elements of the long-range plan must be initiated by the Supervisor.

This year's activities include the following:

1. Miss Betty Jane Wade and Miss Rosalie Baker met with Miss Virginia Dober, State Supervisor of School Libraries and Instructional Materials, to discuss the progress made in school library development in West Virginia during the past two years and to consider future plans;
2. Letters of introduction of Miss Dober were sent to the presidents of these organizations: West Virginia Elementary Principals Association, West Virginia Secondary School Principals Association, West Virginia Secondary School Principals Commission, and West Virginia Association of School Administrators;
3. Miss Dober and Miss Wade participated in a workshop session during the Leadership Training Conference of the West

Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers on June 1, 1963 at Jackson's Mill.

4. On October 10, 1963, Miss Wade talked with Miss Dober again relative to action the committee might take to assist her but no definite conclusions were reached.

Respectfully submitted,

(Miss) Betty Jane Wade  
Chairman

WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK  
ANNUAL REPORT, 1963

The annual convention of the West Virginia Library Association, held in Huntington, April 18-20, served as the kickoff for the celebration of National Library Week in West Virginia, the theme being, "Reading--The Fifth Freedom...Enjoy It." Because of the Centennial Celebration in the State this year, it was decided by the Executive Board of the WVLA, not to appoint a State Committee and Chairman, but that the Program and Projects Committee would serve in this capacity. An Executive Director was appointed and worked with this committee. On a local level, five librarians reported that they had appointed citizen committees in their municipalities.

The Executive Director wishes to thank the President of the Association, and the Program and Projects Committee, for their excellent cooperation in the effort, and to say that she found it an interesting and challenging experience. She regrets that the pressure of other duties and lack of time did not permit her to devote more time to the project. Despite this, it was felt that participation by public and school libraries was, on the whole, good. There were 27 responses to questionnaires sent out, reporting varying degrees of activity. Of these there were 18 from Public, 7 from School, and 3 from College Libraries. The seven schools were all high schools. Only one college and 2 public, reported no programs at all.



Many libraries tied in their programs for National Library Week with the Centennial, such as exhibits of books and distribution of booklists of W. Va. authors and subjects, window displays of photographs and paintings of historical interest. American history classes in a high school used it as the keynote for an exhaustive search for W. Va. materials, printed and historical objects to be presented to their library.

The Keyser Public Library can be justly proud of being the recipient of one of the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Awards, presented on April 21. Under this program, cash prizes for the purchase of books are given to libraries in each of the 50 states.

#### CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Civic organizations cooperating with the libraries were: Women's Clubs, Jr. Women's Clubs, Jaycees, Girl and Boy Scouts, Cubs and Brownies, Kiwanis, Business and Professional Women's Club, Woman's Civil League, D.A.R., Committee on Human Rights, Garden Club, Legal Secretaries Association, Friends of the Library, 4 H Club Council, Home Demonstration Council, Ministerial Association, and Library Boards.

Although it is impossible to name all the specific activities of each group in the different cities, some of the free events they sponsored, or to which they lent support were: Book Fairs and discussions, Literary teas, open house, story hours, exhibits of books and pictures, art show, librarian dinner guests of Kiwanis, travel film show, and probably most important, at least, most tangible, gifts of books and money.

Religious organizations cooperated by printed notes in the church bulletins, announcements from the pulpits, and one library conducted a workshop for church librarians, which it plans to continue next year.

#### PUBLICITY

Although the various media of publicity were utilized, the largest coverage was provided by local newspapers and radio. 72 articles were published in newspapers, while 152 radio "programs" were noted. The latter figure represents, of course, a large percentage of "spot" announcements. A relatively small use was made of T.V., but several librarians used the nationally distributed film, and one a successful "live" panel.

One article, submitted by the Executive Director, was published in the West Virginia School Journal, in April. It was slanted toward rousing teacher interest, and recruitment.

Upon receiving a request from "Life" magazine, some events of our State Program, to be used in its Life Guide Section, were mailed to the National Director, but our material was not published. The previously mentioned history project was written up for the D.A.R. Magazine.

The N. L. W. official Promotion Aids ordered from headquarters were used in many areas: posters, book marks, streamers, bus and car cards, and calendars. The majority of librarians using these materials reported satisfaction with them, and that they had arrived on time. Some libraries made their own publicity materials, particularly in the schools.

Participation by business in some communities appeared to have been good. A number of displays in downtown store windows

were shown. One department store used the N.L.W. bumper strips on its delivery trucks.

#### SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Although there were no direct reports received from school librarians, those from public libraries in the different areas reflected that there was a cooperative effort between the two. Many class visits of school children to their public libraries, in most communities a continuing year-round operation, had special emphasis during this week. Poster contests in others gave the boys and girls a chance to participate.

Since emphasis was to be placed in our 1963 program on the critical need for more and improved school libraries, as well as the growing opportunities for careers in the library profession, it seems appropriate that we name here two significant developments in this direction. First, the creating of the position of a State Supervisor for School Libraries, which was filled by Miss Virginia Dober who began her duties in 1962-63. Secondly, during 1963, the Group of Student Library Assistants was organized on a statewide basis, this providing a fine opportunity to create interest in the profession among young people.

In summing up, it can be said that National Library Week in 1963 was a fairly successful operation. How much of the interest aroused that will be carried over, cannot be determined. There is no doubt that interest in libraries and their development throughout the State is steadily increasing, but as to how much has been induced by N.L.W. is difficult to ascertain. Much credit goes, of course, to our excellent State Library Commis-

sion, and to the interest of local librarians and Boards of Trustees, which is a continuing, year-round operation, involving much creative thinking, organization, and hard work.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Matthews  
Executive Director

WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL REPORT OF FEDERAL  
RELATIONS COORDINATOR  
1962-1963

The Federal Relations Coordinator has been primarily concerned with the activities of the Legislative Committee at the national level. Relying on information received from the Washington Newsletter concerning proposed library legislation, we have taken immediate action in practically all cases in support of desirable federal legislation through letters and telegrams to West Virginia Congressmen and Congresswomen. We feel sure that other members of the Legislative Committee have taken similar action.

The Federal Coordinator has utilized the services of the newly established State Legislative Network to help gain support for federal library legislation. Memorandums have been sent to all members of the Network on four different occasions asking them to contact their Congressmen. The most recent was sent on October 12, 1963 concerning the expected Senate vote on the Library Services and Construction Act. Previous memorandums were mailed on March 15, May 2 and August 12, 1963.

The Congressional delegation from West Virginia has responded promptly to our correspondence and from all indications, it appears that we have their support on most library legislation. However, we must continue to press for good legislation as the need arises.

Letters of thanks should be sent to all Congressmen who supported library legislation this year.

Respectfully submitted,

John Scott  
Coordinator

WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
1962-1963

The WVLA Legislative committee has been working long and diligently with very limited tangible results.

However, we do feel that the legislative network is actually a functioning organization. It will give state library legislation much more support on a state wide basis than we've been able to have in the past. This will mean, however, that those participating must continuously be informed by the Association concerning the library legislative program.

The state budget items on which the committee took action were the appropriations of the college and university libraries, the Department of Archives and History and, of course, the West Virginia Library Commission's budget.

The committee investigated the resolution concerning the penitentiary book repair project which was passed unnoticed in the state legislature. The chairman accompanied the WVLA President in an interview with Mr. Chauncey Browning Jr., Public Institutions Commissioner, concerning this matter. Following the interview the problem was discussed and acted upon by the WVLA executive board.

In analyzing our work with the state legislators who are

members of the Finance Committees of the House and Senate, we discovered that we need to do some educational work. One is to inform these people that the WVLA and the West Virginia Library Commission are entirely different organizations. The other is to explain how all counties can benefit from this budget item, as some delegates will not support this item because they think their county is not benefiting from it at the present time.

Another recommendation the committee made at their last meeting was the suggestion that a State Grants-in-aid Program should be promoted in the near future.

John Scott, The West Virginia Library Association's Federal Coordinator has had a long and difficult year directing the committee's activities on the national level. His report is attached.

The committee held three regular meetings during the year. The February 2nd meeting was canceled because of snow storms. The last one was during the State Conference, April 19th in Huntington.

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Margaret Bobbitt, Huntington, Chairman (1963)

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Bobbitt, Chairman



## CAPITOL COMMENTS

from the

WVLA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
December 1963

By the time you read this page it will be time to contact your State Senators and members of the House of Delegates concerning the Budget request of the Library Commission. Remember the budget was not increased at the last session of the State Legislature so here is your second opportunity to show your support.

The budgets of the libraries of the institutions of higher education should also be supported as well as the Department of Archives and History.

At the federal level watch for the final passage of the Higher Education Facilities Bill (H.R. 6143) which is in conference at this time.

Also urge your members of the House of Representatives to support the Library Services and Construction Act (H.R. 4879) when it comes to the floor from the Rules Committee.

If these two bills are passed in this session of Congress, please express your gratitude to your Representatives and Senators who supported these bills. We may need their support in the future and too often this gratitude remains unexpressed.

For information and facts to use in support of the above issues contact any member of the Legislative Committee. The Committee is your resource center but the personal contact with the Congressman and state legislator is the important action which

leads to successful legislative support.

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WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC  
LIBRARY SECTION, 1962-1963

At the State meeting in Huntington last April the Public Library Section and the Library Trustees Section combined for an interesting meeting. After election of officers, the 25-30 persons in attendance were divided into six groups, each given a specific question for discussion, relating to our problems as trustees and librarians. The recorded results were presented to the entire group.

In keeping with the Centennial, a display of West Virginia books and authors were placed in the exhibit area and attracted much interest during the State Convention.

The chairman of the Public Library Section has attended two executive meetings during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Myers  
Chairman

WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONANNUAL REPORT OF SCHOOL LIBRARYSECTION, 1962-1963

The School Library Section has had two big firsts since the last annual report, October 1962.

First, the arrival of a much needed State Supervisor of School Libraries and Instructional Materials, Miss Virginia Dober, and secondly; the formation of the West Virginia Association of School Library Assistants.

Another activity by the student assistants was a Workshop for Students held at West Virginia University in July under the direction of Miss Olive Lewis, Assistant Professor in the Department of Library Science at West Virginia University.

Miss Dober has plans for a spring meeting of all School Librarians in the state. These will be held in six different regions with Concord, Glenville, Fairmont, Marshall, Shepherd State and West Liberty acting as hosts.

On November 5-6, 1962, the first State Student Assistants meeting was held at Cedar Lakes with 11 counties represented, 31 schools, 23 librarians and 185 library aides in attendance. The enthusiasm of this group of young people is almost unbelievable. The second State Student Assistants meeting was held October 5-6 of this year at Cedar Lakes, with 176 assistants, 28 librarians and 31 counties represented. Miss Carol Vogel, Head of Recruitment, University of Pittsburgh, was the main speaker

for this meeting. The formation of county organizations is urged as this is a good opportunity for recruitment. School librarians owe a great many thanks to Miss Henrietta Greaver of Enslow Junior High School, Huntington, for the amount of time, energy, and effort she has spent in organizing the Assistants, without her the organization could not have been so successful.

A report published in 1962 on the School Library Development Project mentioned the fact that West Virginia and Nevada had made the most progress during the year 1961/62.

A special effort was made this fall to encourage school librarians to join ALA. Miss Joachim sent pamphlets, brochures, and membership blanks to each regional meeting of WVEA along with a letter to the chairman asking that a few minutes of program time be given to this promotion. No report from these meetings has been received.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Joachim, Chairman

WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY  
SECTION ANNUAL REPORT 1962-1963

Sectional meetings have been held by the College and University Section in the Morgantown and in the Charleston areas in years past. Difficulty of travel in the Mountain State has minimized attendance, the host college staff being the great majority of attendants. Because of this factor, and because of the shift in the annual conference of the West Virginia Library Association from the Fall to the Spring season and also because of representation urged at the Middle Atlantic Conference at Atlantic City, the consensus, secured by timely correspondence, counseled against the sectional meetings this association year.

The Section of College and University Libraries has concerned itself largely with a study of possible co-operation among the twenty institutions of higher education in West Virginia. The consideration is in conjunction with Resources Project of the West Virginia University, directed by Michael M. Reynolds, Associate Director of Libraries there, financed in part by the National Science Foundation, has occupied much of our attention. Suggestions for other co-operative schemes have been solicited of the Librarians of the twenty colleges. A number of valuable proposals have been forthcoming, with several Librarians yet to be heard from.

Wise designation of Depositories of Federal Government Publications in accordance with recent legislation, increasing

the number of designees and defining their legal obligations in housing and inter-library lending, so as to best serve the whole State, now engages the attention of the Section as a special concern of college libraries.

The Chairman, ex officio member of the Executive Board of the West Virginia Library Association, has attended the several regular meetings of the Board held in Parkersburg and Huntington.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. John B. McCraw, Jr.  
Chairman, Colleges and  
Universities Section

WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 1, 1962 - November 30, 1963

Balance on hand December 1, 1962	\$2314.13
12 deposits plus \$1.00 in stamps	2228.10
133 regular memberships	<u>\$4542.23</u>
47 school memberships	
35 institutional memberships	
2 associate memberships	
11 subscriptions to West Virginia Libraries	
14 exhibitors fees	
2 West Virginia authors	
Scholarship fund \$69.65 (transferred from Building & Loan)	
Postage from MARLC for mailing of convention material (\$14.95)	

DISBURSEMENTS

A. L. A. Councilor	\$ 100.00
Conference Committee	117.51
Executive Board	188.49
Exhibits Round Table	4.00
Hotel bill conference	1093.49
Legislative Committee	105.84
MARLC Convention Postage	14.95
Membership Committee	56.60
National Library Week	43.04
President's account	66.74
Program & Projects Committee	371.59
Refund (overpayment of dues)	1.50
School libraries committee	4.40
Supplies	64.68
West Virginia Libraries	428.35
	<u>\$2661.18</u>

Balance on hand November 14, 1963

\$1881.05

Location of Funds

First National Bank, Morgantown, West Virginia

*Alice G. Bauer*

Alice G. Bauer, Treasurer  
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