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# Library Planning for the Morris Arboretum

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# LIBRARY PLANNING FOR THE MORRIS ARBORETUM

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The botanical books from the Morris library in the home at Chestnut Hill became largely the property of others on the death of Miss Morris, but among the belongings left with the buildings to the Arboretum were about 175 volumes. This small group of books consists in large part of books on gardening in its different aspects, including a few handsomely illustrated works. Several series of books on trees and shrubs make up another group. "Nature study" books are also represented. Among the serial botanical publications present is "Meehan's Monthly."

The books likely to be of greatest use at the Arboretum will be those having to do with trees and shrubbery in their various gross aspects. The taxonomy, geographical distribution, ecological peculiarities, ornamental properties, values in various economic ways, such as timber and fibre production, restraining influence on erosion, relations to disease-producing organisms, will be topics of this character. Forestry periodicals and related books would belong here.

The literature of gardening in its various developments will find more use at the Arboretum than at the University. This includes the files of garden serials, books, and periodicals dealing with taxonomy sources and treatment of plants used in ornamental ways; methods of gardening, including propagation, soil preparation, pruning, and fertilization. "Nature" books dealing with plants in a popular way would belong in this general category.

The books of the Arboretum will be easily available to any who need them. The titles of the volumes there will be listed at the University. A regular car service is maintained between the Botany Department and the Arboretum, outgoing cars leaving at 9:00 A. M. and at 1:30 P. M., return car service from the Arboretum at 1:00 P. M. and 5:30 P. M., with a running time of thirty minutes between stations. Books, therefore, may be obtained from the Arboretum without considerable delay. The secretary at the Arboretum office will act as librarian for the present.

The transfer to the Arboretum of the types of items indicated will greatly relieve the overcrowded shelves of the Botanical departmental library, as well as certain spaces in the general library building, where many books and periodicals are now most inconveniently stored. It is hoped that by this arrangement the books placed at the Arboretum may find more appreciation than they now receive. Persons wishing to read the books at the Arboretum will find a well-lighted and quiet reading room near that containing the shelves.