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Arie Poldervaart, Law Librarian.
Arthur M. McAnally, President State Library Association.

The State Library Extension Service was created for the purpose of making books available to the people of New Mexico having inadequate library service. Collections of books are loaned to schools, public libraries or responsible groups for three months. Individuals may borrow books for three weeks. For further information write the director.

STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MEETING
Raton, November 15-16

Evelyn Shuler, Librarian of the Raton Public Library, was hostess to one of the most interested and enthusiastic groups of librarians, trustees, and Friends of Libraries ever gathered together for a State Library Conference. Miss Shuler, aided by her very active Friends of the Library group, had carefully planned every detail of the two-day session. Thirty-two registered for the conference.
The first session opened at 9 a.m., in the clubroom of the Library, with registration, a business meeting and announcements. Lillian J. Svenson, Librarian of The College of A. & M.A., president of the Association, presided over all sessions.
Elisa S. Thompson, Librarian, Albuqueque Public Library, gave an informal report of the Southwest Library Conference, followed by the report of the work of the New Mexico Federal Relations Committee, of which she is public-

ity director, and a summary of the work and recommendations of the National Relations Office.

Arthur M. McAnally, Librarian, University of New Mexico, and chairman of the Association committee on certification, presented the proposed Certification Bill which was approved. The Bill will be introduced in the legislature which convenes January 14th.

 Mildred Barrett, Reference Librarian, College of A. & M.A., and New Mexico chairman for the American Book Center for War Devastated Libraries, reported on the working done for these libraries, asking the aid of libraries in the state.
The luncheon at El Portal Hotel was attended by about thirty-five people. Tables for the luncheon were most attractively arranged by women from the Friends of the Library group who assisted Miss Shuler as hostesses.
The afternoon session was devoted to the reports of work of the State Library Commission. Mrs. Julia Brown Asplund, chairman of the Commission, spoke on the plans for building a library system for New Mexico. Irene S. Peck, executive secretary, reviewed the work of the State Library Extension Service, and the rural library extension program, especially the grants-in-aid, given local libraries and communities.
A Friends of the Library banquet was held in the evening, attended by more than seventy people. Mayor Kasmir made a welcoming address and Senator James Morrow was the guest speaker.
The Saturday morning session was devoted to a Symposium on Audio-Visual Aids: What is the Responsibility of the Library? Edwin C. Mirese, Librarian, Eastern New Mexico College, Sal-ome Anthony, Librarian, Santa Fe Public Library, and Iris Laycock, Librarian, Santa Fe High School, participated and led the lengthy and very enlightening general discussion which followed. The conclusions were that libraries have long used audio-visual aids and that New Mexico has many sources of such aids which should be coordinated and made more widely available.

A committee on Salaries and Tenure was appointed to work out plans to be presented at the next annual meeting of the Association.
The following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED: That the New Mexico Library Association in annual meeting assembled at Raton, New Mexico, on November 15th and 16th, 1946:

APPROVES, in principle, Federal aid for extension of library services, both public and school, in New Mexico, and urges that the representatives of this State in Congress do all in their power to support the granting of such aid to New Mexico.

SUPPORTS the request of the Southwestern Library Association for an American Library Association field representative to encourage and help promote library development in the southwestern area.

ENDOLES, most heartily, the activities and policies of the New Mexico State Library Commission and the New Mexico Library Extension Service.

COMMENDS the action of the State Legislature at its 1945 session in providing funds for a matching fund library program, and strongly urges the Legislature at its session in 1947 to continue and, if possible, to increase its appropriations for the rural library extension projects of the New Mexico State Library Commission.

GOES ON RECORD as desiring to effect a closer working relationship with the school librarians of New Mexico in improving library service, both public and school.

RECOMMENDS the establishment of some sort of retirement system which would include librarians of public libraries.

DESIRE TO CALL ATTENTION to the discrepancy between the salaries now paid the librarians of the state and the present cost of living, as well as to the schedule of salaries recommended by the American Library Association, trusting that ways and means will be found whereby the present faulty situation may be corrected.

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE to Miss Evelyn Shuler, and her able assistants among the "Friends of the Library," complimenting them for the splendid job they have done and thanking them for making us feel so much at home in Raton.

WISHES ALSO TO EXTEND our thanks to the Chamber of Commerce, to the Mayor of Raton, and to Senator James Morrow, who addressed the Association at the dinner meeting.

Officers elected for the coming year were: Arthur M. McAnally, president; Edwin C. Mirese, vice-president; Barbara Paddock, secretary; Evelyn Bauer, treasurer.

Miss Shuler extended the cordial invitation of Mary E. E. Tressider, Librarian, Thomas Branigan Library, and Lilian Svenson, Librarian, College of A. & M.A., to hold its next meeting in Las Cruces.

STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION BUDGET—1947-1949

The State Library Commission met on December 10th and approved the budget to be presented to the legislature when it meets on January 14th. The Commission is asking for what it feels is a very fair and reasonable increase to cover growing demands for library service and the increasing cost of administration. A large scale plan for expansion is not possible until new quarters are available, sufficient for an adequate staff, and proper working facilities. The contemplated remodeling of the Capitol buildings, where the State Library Extension Service should be
housed, seems to be indefinitely postponed.

Plans for the next biennium include a large part of her time to assisting small libraries in matters of organization and administration, work with farm groups, establish stations, and cooperate closely with rural schools. A book wagon is being requested for field work and the transportation of book collections.

Letters have gone out to all borrowers from the State Library Extension Service explaining the Commission program and asking their support. The response has been very gratifying. Letters have also gone to all legislators asking them to visit the Extension Library while they are in Santa Fe. Inclosed with the letter was a leaflet showing the variety of requests for books and materials which come to a state library.

If the budget requests are granted the next biennium should bring marked library progress in New Mexico.

NEWS NOTES FROM NEW MEXICO LIBRARIES

Albuquerque
A silver tea for the Albuquerque Public Library was given in October by Mortar Board Alumnae. More than 100 women attended and a substantial sum resulted, the money to be used for southwestern books for the library. A number of books were donated. Miss Erna Ferguson was guest speaker. Mrs. Florence McCoy of the library staff has resigned. Her marriage to James P. Koznak occurred on Dec. 29. Mr. Koznak is associated with the University Press.

Arthur M. McAnally, Librarian of the University of New Mexico Library has been appointed to the State Library Commission, succeeding Kenneth Brugh, former librarian at Eastern New Mexico College. Mr. McAnally also is the new special appropriation for rural library extension, a field worker who will devote ly elected president of the State Library Association.

The University of New Mexico has received an anonymous gift of $1500 as a memorial to a former University student who was killed in the European theatre of war. The gift will be used to enlarge the American and English literature collections.

Herbert F. Raynolds, former New Mexico Supreme Court Justice, now residing in Beverly Hills, California, has presented the University Library with 1851 books, among them many first editions and collected works. This makes a total of 2383 books which Mr. Raynolds has given the library.

An Albuquerque business family has given the University a collection of ancient English books and manuscripts. The collection includes 37 early English documents dating back to 1595, and 35 books, mostly early editions of writers of the period of Samuel Johnson, Smollett, and Sterne.

One of the documents is a marriage contract between Thomas Gage, Esq., and Charlotte Fitzherbert dated 1770. It covers six feet of volume, each two feet by three.

Alamogordo
The Lions Club has voted to purchase an unabridged dictionary and stand for the Alamogordo Public Library.

Bayard City
The Bayard Journal is turning over half the subscription money paid in from January 1 to February 10th to the new Bayard Public Library.

Clayton
The Clayton Public Library designated November as Memorial Book Month. Many books and cash donations were received in honor of local men who died in the War.

Dening
"The Dening Public Library has again qualified for aid from the State Matching Fund controlled by the New Mexico Library Commission. During the past year the library received two hundred dollars from this fund. Seventy-five percent of the money was spent on new books. Twenty-five percent went toward the librarian's salary, enabling her to keep the library open four additional hours a week. The grant has been increased to $300.00 for the coming year and will be spent on the same percentage basis. This additional money was made possible due to the fact that the City Council increased its library maintenance from five hundred dollars in its 1946-1947 budget. The extra funds both from the city and the state will be a great help to the library in its service to the people of Luna County.

Dening can be proud of her public library. Housed in an unusually attractive building surrounded by grounds which are fast becoming a show spot of the community, it is steadily growing in the quality and quantity of books upon its shelves and the hours during which it is open to the public. The opportunity of receiving financial aid from the State has proved a great encouragement to those responsible for the management of the library. . . .

The State Library Commission should be commended for its matching fund program."
—Deuntig Graphic.

El Rito
"Residents of Rio Arriba county and adjoining regions will have library facilities available to them beginning Oct. 19. This county library demonstration, with El Rito as head, will be held in the library of the Spanish American Normal School.

This unusual library service was made possible through funds granted by the State Library Commission. The Spanish American Normal has agreed to match state funds for this project.

There is a collection of 500 new books, lent to the school by the State Library Extension Service, in addition to the 2,000 volumes already in school library. Books may be borrowed for a period of two weeks by anyone in the county or general area. There will be books in both Spanish and English appealing to every reader whether parent, teacher, or student. Teachers to whom library facilities are not available are particularly urged to check out books for their own use as well as for that of their pupils.

During the year, new books will be added.

The library will be opened daily from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 to 12:00 a.m., beginning Saturday, October 19. Lena L. Archuleta, Supervisor."
—Espanola Valley News.

Farmington
"Mrs. C. C. Munn, chairman of the Library Board, recently received word from Mrs. Irene S. Peck, State Library Extension Director, that the Local Public funds of $600 have been matched by the state. The local public funds were donated by School District No. 5 and the Town of Farmington. The $600 matched by the state is the maximum amount given local communities. Farmington is fortunate in obtaining this state money to build up the collection of the local library."
—Farmington Times-Herald.

Gallup
"Radio station KGAK has instituted a series of weekly programs on Wednesday evenings in the interest of promoting greater use of the newly reorganized Gallup Public Library.

The program is presented in the form of an interview with Mrs. Jesse Schieb,
new librarian, who selects books to be discussed each week and gives a brief review of them.

The first program last Wednesday was devoted to recently-received books of particular interest to children of all ages through high school years."

——Gallup Independent.

Hatch

"The Book Review Club of Hatch is carrying on an active campaign to revive the library in Hatch. The library fund has already been promised aid from both of the Hatch schools, the state, and from the village government, but there is still need for more funds.

The Hatch Public Library, in order to receive state aid, must be open to all citizens of Dona Ana county. Due to its location in Hatch, it naturally will be used most by the surrounding communities, so the library committee is anxious that active organizations in these communities support this movement.

The state, besides matching local funds from tax sources, will also send allotments of books to the library every three months. Many of these books are for children. Seventy-five percent of state aid funds must be used to buy books and all books purchased must be approved by the State Library Commission."

——Hatch Reporter.

Hatch has qualified for $375 in State matching funds. There are a number of little communities in what is known locally as Hatch Valley, for which the town is a trading center, which will use the library.—Ed. Note.

Hobbs

According to the Hobbs News-Sun, Bettie Stephenson, librarian of the Hobbs Public Library, has just been hostess to 1250 school children. For eleven days, four school rooms per day, the children visited the library and were given instruction in its use.

The library is now to be opened two nights each week in addition to its regular 10 to 6 daily hours.

Hot Springs

Five magazine subscriptions are the gift of the Lions Club to the Hot Springs Public Library. A local merchant has donated a magazine rack.

Las Cruces

The Las Cruces Sun-News prints this story entitled "Dean is Hero of Absent-minded Professor Story."

"This addition to the 1946-1947 crop of absent-minded professor tales has one distinction: It's true. A&M's Dr. P. M. Baldwin, dean of the school of arts and sciences, ambled up the library steps one morning. To the librarian he gave a book title."

"I've looked for that book in the card catalog," Dr. Baldwin said. "I've looked for it in the stacks. I know I saw it somewhere, and I can't find it. Could you...?"

The librarian examined the card catalog. She ransacked the stacks. Then she shuffled through her card record of checked-out books.

"Well," she said, "you might look in your office."*

Barbara Paddock, librarian at Fort Bayard, and secretary of the State Library Association will be married on January 15th to Lamar E. Carroon. Mr. Carroon is an engineer with the United States Geological Survey in Santa Fe.

Lordsburg

During the past year the roof of the Lordsburg-Hidalgo Library has been repaired, fluorescent lights and a cooler have been added.

Raton

In addition to being headquarters for the State Library Association meeting in November, reported elsewhere, the Raton Public Library sponsored an exhibit of ceramics by Dr. John F. Dietrich, head of craft studies at Highland University. This is one of the Museum of New Mexico's traveling exhibits.

The Koshare Reading Club also gave its annual children's book tea in the library during Book Week. Guests were entertained by a gay little marionette show and a group of school children gave readings and folk songs with books as their theme.

Santa Fe

Arie Poldervaart, State Law Librarian, attended the mid-winter meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries in Chicago. He will assume his duties as president for the next year when the Association holds its annual convention in Santa Fe on June 23rd.

Lucille Hoscinum, who recently resigned as assistant librarian of the State Law Library, is giving part of her time to organizing and cataloging the library of the Santa Fe Boys' Club. Boys are encouraged to read and review the books and about 1500 youngsters use the library each month.

Ruth E. Rambo, assistant librarian of the State Library Extension Service for the past twelve years, has been granted a year's leave of absence because of illness. Her place is being taken by Mary McGinn of Aguilar, Colorado. Miss McGinn is a graduate of the University of New Mexico and the University of Chicago Library School. Before taking up library work Miss McGinn taught at Taos, and also was with the San Luis Institute of Arts and Crafts, and the Adams State Teachers College at Alamosa, Colorado. For the past year and a half she has been librarian at Camp Lee, Virginia.

Mary Alice Tavney of the State Library Extension Service staff resigned October first to return to library school.

Socorro

The New Mexico School of Mines is to have a new library building which will be built from materials from the Deming air base. The library will provide space for 450 students in the reading room, a stock room and book stacks.

REPORT OF SOUTHWESTERN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Phoenix, Arizona, Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 1946

The theme chosen for the eleventh conference of the Southwestern Library Association, meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 1946, was "Extending the Library's Sphere of Influence.

This theme was developed at four general sessions, under these sub-topics: Extending the Library's Sphere of Influence (1) internationally and nationally; (2) within and through the state; (3) through cooperation from the schools, the county libraries, the college and university libraries; (4) through personnel and recruiting.

Miss Doris Hilt, Librarian of the Pasadena, California, Public Library, presented the topic of international extension of library influence and Dr. Malcolm G. Wyer, Librarian of the Denver Public Library, discussed the national phase. Mr. John Dale Henderson, Assistant County Librarian, Los Angeles County Public Library, presented "State Leadership" and Miss Edene M. Culver, Librarian of the Louisiana State Library, discussed "State-wide Preparation for National Funds." Cooperation by the School Libraries, State Dept. of Education, Austin, Texas; by County Libraries by Mrs. Evangeline Berryman, Librarian, Maricopa County Free Library, Phoenix, Arizona, and by College and University Libraries by Miss Dorothy Amann, Librarian, Fonda Library, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. Problems of Personnel were presented by Miss Roberta Bowler, Assistant Librarian, Los Angeles Public Library and of Recruiting by Mrs. Dorothy Engstrom Rosen, La Crescenta, Californ-
in. The entertainment planned by the Phoenix librarians included a Chuck Wagon Picnic and an Author's Dinner, at which Mrs. Anna Roosevelt Doctiger and Mrs. Margaret Wheeler Ross were the speakers. Many of the librarians also enjoyed tours of the libraries in the region and a trip to Williams Field, through the courtesy of our host and hostesses.

At the Business meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing biennium: President, Mr. John Hall Jacobs, Librarian, New Orleans Public Library, New Orleans, La.; first vice-president, Mrs. Helen Seymour Farrington, Librarian, Public Library, El Paso, Texas; second vice-president, Mr. Arless Nixon, Librarian, Public Library, Kilgore, Texas; secretary, Miss Patricia Paylo, Acquisitions librarian, University of Arizona Library, Tucson, Arizona; treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Patty, Reference librarian, University of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The dues of the association were increased. The Executive Council, at its meeting, discussed certain projects needed for the development and strengthening of the S.W.I.A., especially those: (1) a survey of the S.W.I.A.; (2) publication of a bulletin; (3) development of the Extension Committee, especially by the provision of funds for its work. Realizing that none of these projects is possible without an increase in the funds of the S.W.I.A., the Executive Committee recommended, and the motion carried at the Business meeting, that (1) State membership fees be increased from five cents to ten cents per capita per biennium; (2) Institutional dues be as follows: Institutions with incomes below $20,000 per annum, $2.00 per biennium; institutions with incomes between $20,000 and $40,000, $8.00 per biennium; institutions having incomes above $40,000, per annum, $5.00 per biennium. This increase in membership and Institutional fees shall not be effective until January, 1947, to apply on dues for 1947-48.

Public Library Service Demonstration Bill

On March 12, 1946, Mr. Hill of Alabama, introduced S. 229. The bill proposed a program of Federal grants-in-aid for two purposes:

1. To provide demonstration of adequate public library service to people without it or inadequately served.

2. To provide means of studying various methods of providing public library service primarily in rural areas and for studying the effect of administration on an area basis upon the development of library service.

Appropriations were authorized to provide $25,000 annually to each State for a period of 5 years and additional amounts ranging from $25,000 to $60,000 annually if matched by States or their local subdivisions.

Plans for the use of Federal funds for the above mentioned purposes were to be submitted by State library agencies. Such plans would not need to be uniform and were to be drawn entirely by the State agencies. All administration and operation were to be controlled by the State agencies.

The Commissioner of Education would be required to make annual reports to Congress upon operation of the demonstrations and to make a final public report evaluating the demonstrations.

The bill was referred to this committee and subsequently referred to the Subcommittee on Education. Hearings were held on May 29th, 1946.

Evidence supporting the bill was presented through a motion-picture film, Libraries on Wheels, which showed the practicability of a demonstration of public library service in a Canadian rural area (the Frazier Valley.)

Witnesses with long experience in education and library service and in rural problems and in providing rural library service submitted evidence to show—

1. That public libraries are essential to adult education—one of the weakest points in our educational system.

2. Some means of providing accurate information on all sides of all questions is necessary for citizens to decide intelligently about the many complex questions of government, business, social, and individual problems confronting them.

3. That public library service is admirably adapted to this service.

4. The bill makes provision, for the first time on a national scale, for the study of methods of taking library service into difficult areas.

5. Such research if done locally or under State governments without Federal leadership would be much more costly in time and money and would produce inferior results.

6. Similar projects in other related fields have long been a responsibility of the Federal Government.

7. Need for such research and demonstration of adequate public library service exists in each of the 48 States and has created widespread public support for the bill.

The subcommittee reported that the bill should pass with amendments increasing the effective period from 4 to 5 years and increasing the amounts available for matching by each State from a maximum of $50,000 annually to $75,000 annually.

The full committee reported on June 21 with two Senators dissenting that the facilities provided by the bill are essential to the functioning of education in the United States and recommended passage. Its consideration was passed over on July 20, because of objection from the floor of the Senate.

An identical bill was introduced simultaneously in the House of Representatives on which a public hearing was held by a subcommittee of the House Committee on Education on July 24th and 25th. This subcommittee reported favorably to the full committee but the bill was not reported out before the end of the Seventy-ninth Congress.

59th CONGRESS

The bill, now S. 48, was introduced on January 6 by Senator Lister Hill of Alabama and Senator George D. Aiken of Vermont and passed its 1st and 2nd readings. It was then referred to the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare under the chairmanship of Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio. The bill, as introduced, included the amendments incorporated by the Senate last year. The House Committee on Education and Labor has not yet been completed and there will be some delay before the bill is introduced in the House.

A.I.A. DIVISION OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

A Letter From the Chairman

Public librarians now have a niche of their own in A.I.A.—The DIVISION OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES. The practical value of the new P.L.D. as an instrument for advancing the interests of public libraries, and for helping to solve problems incidental to them, is dependent upon the support given by librarians themselves. The goal should be a 100 percent membership of workers in public libraries. Your library may be large or it may be small, you may be at the bot-
tom of the ladder or at the top, but your support is needed if the Division is to be a real force in A.L.A. Join the P.L.D. if you are an A.L.A. member by checking it when you pay your A.L.A. dues; then support it with your interest, your problems, and your opinions. If you are not an A.L.A. member because you have felt lost in a big impersonal organization, join now. Here is a smaller group whose interests are similar to yours, and which offers opportunities for participation in public library planning. And remember it costs you nothing to join one Division, which can be done by indicating when you pay your A.L.A. dues.

Thank you!

(Signed) Helen S. Farrington,
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Helen Seymour Farrington, Membership Chairman, A.L.A., Public Libraries Division.

PUBLIC LIBRARY SPECIALIST APPOINTED

Helen A. Ridgway has been appointed Public Library Specialist of the Department of Information and Advisory Service of the American Library Association. She will start her work at the Association headquarters in Chicago, February 17, 1947.

Miss Ridgway, who was born in California, received her bachelor's degree in library science from the University of Illinois and her master's degree from Columbia University. She has had a special interest in adult education and was responsible for a survey of the reading interests of non-library users, based on the community of Flushing, New York.

In her latest position as Assistant Supervisor of Public Libraries for the New York State Education Department, she has worked with the state survey of libraries and the continuing studies growing out of the project.

The A.L.A. Executive Board has requested the Public Libraries Division, Library Extension and Trustees Divisions to appoint one member each to an advisory committee to the Public Library Specialist at A.L.A. Headquarters. Those appointed are: Amy Winslow, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Public Libraries Division; Mildred Sandoe, Library Extension; and Mrs. Samuel Mitchell, Trustee.

TRUSTEES WILL BE HONORED AGAIN

The nominations for citation of Trustees must be in not later than March 1st, 1947, and preferably earlier. Mrs. Phillip Sidney Smith, the Chairman of the A.L.A. Jury on Citation of Trustees announces that the Committee wishes recommendations for the annual citation of Trustees for the year 1946-47. These recommendations, with supporting evidence, should be sent to Jury on Citation of Trustees, A.L.A. Headquarters, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago (11), Illinois.

After a trial period of three years, upon the recommendation of the jury on the Citation of Trustees, the A.L.A. Council at its meeting on October 18, 1944, unanimously voted to continue the annual citations.

Those who may send in names to be considered are: Library Boards, Individual Library Trustees, State Library Extension Agencies, State Library Associations, or the A.L.A. Trustees Division.

The work of Trustees of large and small libraries to state and national library activities as well as service to the local library are given equal study and consideration.

The only limitation put upon those to be nominated is that each Trustee must be in actual service at least part of the calendar year preceding the conference at which awards are made.

Since the first citations were presented at the Boston Conference in 1942, two have been awarded each year. In 1946 Mrs. Myrtle J. Price of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and James J. Weadock, Jr., of Lima, Ohio, were cited for their meritorious service as Trustees.

VISUAL AID MATERIALS

School teachers and school librarians, seeking material to supplement their visual resources, will find a selective aid to visual materials in a special October, 1946, issue of Subscription Books Bulletin, a quarterly publication of the American Library Association. Devoted to the library's picture collection, this special issue stresses flat pictures and charts, available to some degree even to the smallest schools and libraries.

Twenty-six specific chart, poster, and picture series are evaluated and an up-to-date list of 58 other sources offering worthwhile material is supplied. Among them are many travel agencies and industrial firms which prepare free or inexpensive posters and charts for advertising purposes.

This special issue of Subscription Books Bulletin is the fourth of a series. The first treated pamphlet material (October, 1942), the second, vocational material (January and April, 1944), and the third, maps, map services, and map series (October, 1945).

Subscription Books Bulletin, a quarterly, has since 1930, evaluated subscription books, encyclopedias, and other reference-type books for librarians, teachers and other book-buyers.

Ed. Note: Copies of Subscription Books Bulletin may be borrowed from the State Library Extension Service.

BOOKS FOR ADULT BEGINNERS

One of the most challenging problems in librarianship is the finding of books for people who cannot or will not read, says Rudolph Fleisch in his Foreword to Books For Adult Beginners.

The problem of finding books for adults who read with difficulty is greatly simplified with a list of easily read books which have an adult approach. Busy librarians, teachers of adult education classes, and readers' advisors will find that Books For Adult Beginners is an important aid in simplifying this problem.

The list contains approximately 500 titles, or more than twice as many as the 1930 edition. About 75% of them have been published during the past six years.

Each book in the list has been tested. Those in the Grade I to IV range of difficulty were tested by a correlation of the Gray-Leafy tests and the Fleisch formula while those in the Grade V to VII range were tested by the Fleisch formula alone. This test requires an average of three hours time for each book. The books listed are interesting, well written, and adult in their approach, and contain such surprises as A Bell for Adano, Under a Lucky Star, and Here Is Your War. The selection of titles reveals that the compilers have kept in mind the fact that a mature intelligence and literacy are not necessarily related.

The list is arranged by difficulty for Grade I to IV reading range and by subject matter for more accomplished read-
ers. Other classifications are: America in Pictures, Books With Subject Matter of Interest to Negro Groups, and Selecting and Getting a Job. 56 pages, 75 cts.

Ed Note: Copies of this excellent list may be borrowed from the State Library Extension Service.

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LAW LIBRARIANS WILL MEET IN SANTA FE NEXT JUNE

The 1947 annual meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries will convene in Santa Fe on June 23 and will continue through June 26. Law Librarians from all parts of the United States and a few from Canadian Law Libraries are expected to attend the meeting.

Librarians of Santa Fe and Albuquerque, the State Library Commission members, and the members of the Supreme Court and individual members of the Santa Fe bar will work with Mr. Poldervaart of the State Law Library in arranging for the entertainment of the distinguished guests.