

LIBRARY ROUNDUP

Shaw University Library

Shaw University (Raleigh, N. C.) recently appointed Mr. Eddie LeFrancois as director of Learning Resources, a newly established library personnel position. To his staff will be added a head librarian and an audiovisual director. Mr. LeFrancois has established an elaborate multi-media program at Shaw University, including a dial access retrieval system.

North Carolina Wesleyan College Library

The N. C. Wesleyan College Library has a new feather in its cap.

Effective March 1, 1969, the library is an official depository for U. S. government publications. The first shipment of publications to be sent by the Government Printing Office should be received in the library not later than March 20.

Publications will be received from the following departments and agencies: Central Bureau, Civil Rights Commission, Health, Education and Welfare Department, U. S. Information Agency, Justice Dept., Labor Department, Budget Bureau, State Dept., and Congress. These publications, which will be treated separately (not a part of the regular circulating collection) are expected to be of particular value to the student of the social sciences; e.g., political science, history, and economics.

The Wesleyan Library is one of two depository libraries in the Second Congressional District of North Carolina; the other depository is Atlantic Christian College in Wilson.

Limitations both of staff and space will necessarily restrict the number of publications the library will receive as a depository.

Archives and History-State Library

Governor Scott dedicated the Archives and History-State Library Building Thursday, May 15, 1969, in Raleigh. Out-of-state guests included Dr. James A. Rhodes, Archivist of the United States; John A. Humphrey, president of the American Association of State Libraries and State Librarian of New York; and Robert S. Bray, chief of the division for the blind and handicapped, Library of Congress.

The Governor pointed out that "the movement for a home for our culture was given encouragement" during Luther Hodges' administration, that funds were allocated for the \$4.5 million building under Governor Terry Sanford, and that the bulk of construction was done under Governor Dan Moore.

The Archives and History-State Library Building's 155,000 square feet include a 224-seat auditorium and a 50-seat conference room used by both departments. It houses



Reading Carrels at Mary Livermore Library at Pembroke State University.



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Main reading room at Mary Livermore Library at Pembroke State University.



Audio Room at Mary Livermore Library at Pembroke State University.

Pembroke's Mary Livermore Library

No building on the Pembroke State University campus has received more praise than the \$600,000 Mary Livermore Library which first opened its doors in the fall of 1967.

"Everyone who visits us comments on its beauty," says Mrs. Frances Carnes, head librarian.

"The Mary Livermore Library is our university's strongest asset," adds R. Steven Lillard, Jr., periodicals librarian.

Air-conditioned and modern in every respect, the library can accommodate 100,000 volumes. Featuring antique brass moreque carpeting and exposed fluorescent lighting, the library gives a gold effect as one enters.

Besides the main area, the library has a faculty reading room, student browsing room, a periodical room, documents room, audio room, receiving room, office complex and five private study rooms.

The reading area on the first floor of the three-door structure has 56 open reading carrels, which are individual cubicles partitioned to prevent disturbance. There are also four-person tables with seating capacity of 152.

The periodicals rooms are capable of accommodating 10,650 bound volumes, a display of 400 current periodicals and 1,200 cubic feet of unbound periodicals. The library receives 327 magazines.

One of the most notable features of the library is its audio-visual program. Equipped with three micro-film readers, it also has an audio room in which students don headphones and listen to tapes of the finest in musical scores.

This year the library is undergoing a reclassification project, changing from the Dewey Decimal to the Library of Congress system.

Groups from other colleges have been lavish in their comments on the Mary Livermore Library. "We recently had a group here which was planning a library and looking for ideas," said Mrs. Carnes. "They said of all the libraries they had seen, they liked ours best."

The Pembroke State University students enjoy more than anything else the spaciousness of the library. Prior to 1967, the students crowded into a library space in the administration building which seated only 150. From 1949-65 the area in that building allotted to the library accommodated only 32.

"In the old building we exhausted all space," said Mrs. Carnes. "With no racks to place books in, we had to stack them on the floor."

Mrs. Carnes this school year succeeded Miss Marjorie Kanable as head librarian. Miss Kanable died last summer at the age of 63 after 26 years of service to Pembroke State College.

The people in the college community who wished to send flowers to Miss Kanable's funeral were asked instead to donate funds toward purchasing books in her honor. More than \$300 was raised.

"We are using this money to purchase library books of two types," said Mrs. Carnes. (1) Books on religion and (2) books about nature, flowers and birds. These are the fields in which Miss Kanable was most interested."

Duke's Perkins Library

Duke University's Perkins Library added its two millionth volume in a ceremony April 18, 1969, then immediately embarked on its third million.

Presentation of the two millionth book gave Duke the 19th library in the nation to pass that milestone. Its holdings are the largest in the Southeast.

Two long-time benefactors of the library presented valuable and rare books to mark the occasion.

The two millionth book is Plinius Secundus' "Historia Naturalis," printed in 1476 as the earliest scientific encyclopedia. The volume is made more valuable by copious marginal notes by contemporary scholars.

The book is a gift from Thomas L. Perkins of New York, chairman of the Duke Endowment trustees. The main library at Duke was named for Mr. Perkins' father, the late Judge William R. Perkins. Judge Perkins was legal counselor and close friend to James B. Duke and drafted the indenture that created Duke University.

Harry L. Dalton of Charlotte started the library's third million when he presented a Fourth Folio of Shakespeare's plays, printed in 1685. The book is the final volume among four large paper editions of the plays that were printed in the 17th century.

Dalton is a retired textile executive and is a widely known book collector and patron of the arts. A Duke graduate, he is a former chairman of the executive committee of the Friends of the Library there.

Both volumes were accepted on behalf of Duke by University Librarian Benjamin E. Powell. Each will be a valuable addition to the institution's rare book collection, he said.

The annual dinner of the Friends of the Library provided the setting for the event. In addition, it featured an address by Duke alumna and Durham native Frances Gray Patton, author of "Good Morning, Miss Dove," and other novels and short stories. Her topic was "From Verse to Worse."

Duke acquired its millionth book back in 1950. Its libraries will have room for more than three million next year with completion on renovation of the older section of Perkins Library. A major new addition to Perkins was put into operation in February.

Duke acquires between 80,000 and 100,000 new books each year. It also subscribes to about 10,000 magazines and journals and 125 newspapers from around the world.

High Point Public Library

Miss Diana Kay Dixon, an intern from the Institute of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has been employed at the High Point Public Library this summer under a federal grant to conduct a research project on library services to the handicapped.

NCASL COMMITTEE NOMINATES OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee of NCASL, consisting of Olive Moretz, Francis Brown, Mary Webster, Martha Glass, and Betty Detty, submits the following slate of officers:

DIRECTORS: **Mrs. Mary E. Massie Weatherby**—A graduate of Greensboro College with an A.B. degree in English and history. Did post-graduate work at Duke University and studied library science at Appalachian and Western Carolina Universities. Presently serves as librarian of Tuscola Senior High School.

Mabel C. Mast—Attended Appalachian State University where she received B.S. and M.A. degrees with majors in library science. Post-graduate work in audiovisual education. Presently employed by Watauga County Board of Education as Educational Media Specialist.

VICE CHAIRMAN-ELECT: **Bernie Maurice Sheffield**—A graduate of The University of North Carolina with B.S. in science teaching and library science. Presently employed as Library Coordinator and Audiovisual Director for High Point City Schools.

SECRETARY-TREASURER: **Mrs. Mary Alice Wicker**—A graduate of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a B.S.H.E. degree. Completed library science certification requirements at UNC-G. Presently employed at the Carthage Elementary School as librarian.

Officers will be voted on at N. C. A. S. L. meeting October 24 in Charlotte.

The following election procedure is taken from the Handbook of N. C. A. S. L. Article VII, Paragraph 2:

Any member or members of the Section may present a candidate or candidates for the elective offices of this Section provided that (a) they notify the Chairman of the Section of such action, in writing, twenty-four hours before the election, (b) the notification is signed by ten members of this Section, (c) the consent of the nominee or nominees shall be secured and so indicated on the notification.

LIBRARY ROUNDUP (Cont'd.)

The first of its kind in the state, the 90-day project will study the availability of library services to persons with visual, hearing and mobility defects. It will also look into the need for new library services to the handicapped.

The grant is funded through the Library Services and Construction Act.

In the project Miss Dixon initiates and directs services to handicapped persons through the use of large-print and talking books. She will also work with families of handicapped persons and with agencies active in the field, basically in the exchange of information.

A senior at UNC and a native of Elizabeth City, Miss Dixon spent her freshman and sophomore years at Greensboro College, where she was a Jefferson Standard scholar. This is her first summer as an Institute of Government interne.