

THE LIBRARY WORLD AT LARGE

ALA LIBRARY SEEKS LIBRARY HANDBOOKS

The American Association of School Librarians' Committee on Improvement of School Library Programs has appointed an ad hoc committee to survey and update the American Library Association's collection of school library guides, manuals, and handbooks for students and/or teachers. The collection is used by ALA staff members, and through interlibrary loan, by school librarians and others.

The guides, manuals, and handbooks will be placed in the ALA Headquarters Library. School librarians who have copies of their own guides are asked to mail them to the following address:

American Association of School Librarians
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Inquiries about this project should be directed to:

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MLA RECEIVES LARGE BEQUEST

The Medical Library Association has just received \$33,000 from the estate of Mrs. Eileen R. Cunningham, author of *A Classification for Medical Literature* and librarian of

the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine from 1929-1956. The money is to be used to aid medical librarians from other countries to continue their education in the U.S. It is anticipated that the gift will become the nucleus for a reserve fund, the income from which will provide fellowships for foreign graduate students.

Mrs. Cunningham served on numerous MLA committees, particularly those concerned with international cooperation and bibliography. She was MLA president in 1948, and the first recipient of the Marcia C. Noyes Award for outstanding achievement in medical librarianship, the highest honor conferred by the association.

CHOICE SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT AVAILABLE

CHOICE has announced the availability of a special supplement containing its "Opening Day Collection" a list of 1,776 titles covering the liberal arts which was published originally in four issues of CHOICE in 1965. Compilation of the list was a joint project undertaken by Richard J. Lietz, Librarian, St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Laurinburg, N. C. and William A. Pease, Librarian, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and the editors of CHOICE. Pease was formerly director of the Undergraduate Library, UNC at Chapel Hill. The primary purpose behind the project was to provide librarians and administrators of new colleges and junior colleges with a ready guide to the books considered essential to any undergraduate library.

Since its original publication, the list has been used for this purpose by a number of new institutions. It has also been reported useful in helping to "rejuvenate" older libraries. The issue of CHOICE containing the original list have been in constant demand since their publication. Depletion of stocks of these issues, together with continuing requests for the list, have prompted its reissue in the present supplement.

Copies of the "Opening Day Collection" may be obtained directly from CHOICE, Editorial Offices, 100 Riverview Center, Middletown, Connecticut 06457 at \$5.00 per copy.

LIBRARIANS REQUEST DISCUSSION GROUP

Librarians of Library Science Collections have petitioned the Library Education Division of the American Library Association for permission to form a Discussion Group. Membership will be open only to librarians having full-time responsibility for administering the library science collection and to librarians in specialized fields dealing with specific materials of the library profession. Membership will not be open to directors or faculty of library schools or to university librarians. Purpose of the organization will be to discuss common problems of organization and administration of the library science collection and of relationship to other staff members.

Two informal meetings of library science librarians were held during ALA meetings in New York and New Orleans, and a closed organizational meeting was held during the 1967 ALA Conference in San Francisco June 26.