

title, rather than asking to be sent "all you have on . . ." This saves the time of both patron and librarian. The KWIC Index offers the advantage of picking up unique names of finishes or yarns and other technical terms that would not have an entry in the card catalog. It is also a ready-made index to report literature field in a department and duplicated in the library, and tends to decrease the reports received directly by an individual and hoarded in his files.

The chief disadvantage to this index is that the key word tape skipped on occasion, and did not pick up all the reports on a subject. It is impractical to check the tape for omissions. In the 18 months of use, about four omissions have been found. Another disadvantage is the number of meaningless words that the computer picks up in the key word index. Some can be programmed out, but there will always be a few. A third disadvantage is that the language of the report is not given, and many of the reports are written in Dutch or German. This is being corrected, for as new material is added to the KWIC, any language other than English is noted.

American Enka Corporation has found these indexes to be of great value to the company. They are easy to use and their accessibility at various locations has encouraged the technical staff members to take advantage of the available technology in the company. The KWIC Indexes are consulted when a problem arises, and the solution can often be found in the literature generated within the AKU framework.

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## NORTH STATE NEWS BRIEFS

### LIBRARY LEGISLATION TO BE DISCUSSED

"Federal Legislation for Libraries" will be the topic for the 13th annual Allerton Park Institute sponsored jointly by the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science and the Division of University Extension. The Institute, scheduled for November 6-9, 1966, will be held at Robert Allerton House, the University's conference center near Monticello, Illinois.

Federal partnership in financing library development, which began modestly with the Library Services Act in 1956, has now reached a level which promises to bring about profound changes in the quality of library service in this country. The purpose of this Institute is to provide an opportunity for a thorough examination, not only of current programs, but of the probable long range implications of present and proposed federal legislation on libraries of all types.

A detailed brochure listing topics and speakers and giving registration information will be available after June 1, 1966, from the Institute Supervisor, 116b Illini Hall, Champaign, Illinois 61822. Registration for the Institute will be limited to 90 persons.

### SCHOOL LIBRARIANS PLAN CONFERENCE

The North Carolina Association of School Librarians, in cooperation with the State Department of Public Instruction, will sponsor a work conference on "Innovations in School Library Services" September 29-October 1, 1966. Speakers for the biennial conference will include Dr. Richard L. Darling, President-elect of the American Association of School Librarians and assistant director, Department of Instructional Materials, Montgomery County (Md.) Public Schools; Mrs. Alice Rusk, specialist in library services,

Baltimore (Md.) Public Schools; and Mrs. Ina Forbus of Chapel Hill, author of books for children.

Conference headquarters will be the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh. The program will open on Thursday night, September 29, with an address by Dr. Darling on "The New Look for School Libraries." The Friday schedule includes study groups and a banquet address by Mrs. Forbus. The closing session on Saturday, October 1, will feature a presentation by Mrs. Rusk on "School Library Services for the Educationally Deprived Child." Several hundred school librarians are expected to attend this conference.

A \$500 grant from Southeastern Library Association will be used to finance the conference.

Carroll Powell of Fayetteville is chairman of NCASL.

### SELA CONFERENCE PROGRAM TAKES SHAPE

A university president and three library administrators will be principal speakers at the four general sessions of the Southeastern Library Association conference in Atlanta October 26-29.

Librarians attending the first session at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 27 will hear former ALA president James E. Bryan, director, Newark (New Jersey) Public Library.

Dr. Frank Rose, University of Alabama president, will address conference delegates at the second general session at 8 p.m. October 27. The third general session, scheduled for 2:30 p.m. October 28, will feature an address by Marvin W. McFarland, acting chief, National Referral Center, Library of Congress. Speaker for the final session at 10:30 a.m. October 29 will be Miss Helen Sattley, director, School of Library Science, New York City Board of Education.

The speaker for the book dinner scheduled for 8 p.m. October 28 will be announced at a later date.

Each of the sections of SELA will hold meetings during the conference, whose sessions will be held at the Marriott Motor Hotel in downtown Atlanta. Committees which have scheduled sessions during the conference include the following: Southern Books Competition, Library Education, Budget, and Intellectual Freedom. Three separate tours of college and university, school, and public libraries, respectively, in the Atlanta metropolitan area are planned on the morning of October 28. The tour of academic libraries will include the Georgia State Archives Building which was opened in 1965.

Reunion dinners for graduates of six library schools have been scheduled at 6 p.m. October 27. Alumni groups planning dinners are Atlanta University, Emory, Florida State, George Peabody, LSU, and UNC. Conference registration begins at 7:30 p.m. October 26, and the conference will adjourn at 12 noon October 29.

Venable Lawson, director, Division of Librarianship, Emory University, is conference program chairman, and Mary Louise Rheay, Atlanta Public Library, is chairman of the local arrangements committee.

### BETTER LIBRARIES GROUP FORMED

A new state-wide non-profit organization whose primary purpose is to assist groups

which are interested in developing and improving local libraries has appeared on the Tar Heel library landscape.

The organization, known as North Carolinians for Better Libraries, was issued incorporation papers by Secretary of State Thad Eure in May. Its purpose is "to assist local groups and such statewide organizations as the North Carolina Association of Library Trustees in improving the State's libraries to the end that a public library adequately stocked, properly staffed, and achieving state and national standards will be accessible to every citizen."

Specific goals of NCBL are: (1) "to encourage and assist formation or effective continuation of local groups to promote better libraries in every county or region" and (2) "to gather and disseminate to local groups helpful information, materials, and shared experiences for their use in library improvement programs."

In a statement issued April 19, Governor Dan K. Moore declared that NCBL "will provide the framework for a substantial program to help our public libraries help themselves." Moore urged all Tar Heel citizens "to support the organization and its realistic and meaningful goals."

At the first meeting of the group's Board of Directors held in Raleigh May 13 author David Stick of Kitty Hawk was elected president. Other officers chosen at this meeting were: J. Allen Adams, Raleigh attorney, vice-president; Mrs. James W. Reid, library trustee, Raleigh, secretary; and James D. Blount, Jr., library trustee, Rockingham, treasurer. Members of the executive committee are Adams, chairman; Hector McLean, state senator from Lumberton; Mrs. John Spears, Lillington; and Mrs. Reid.

During its organizational process NCBL sought the advice and counsel of the State Library, North Carolina Association of Library Trustees, and North Carolina Library Association. An executive director to coordinate the organization's program will be appointed later this year. Headquarters for NCBL will be located in Raleigh.

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## EXPANSION OF LIBRARY RESOURCES ESSENTIAL

Expanded and enriched library resources in all types of libraries are essential to meet present and future needs of North Carolina's increasing population, approximately 60 librarians and friends of libraries in the Tar Heel state were told at a meeting Sunday, April 17, in the auditorium of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

The speaker was Dr. Robert B. Downs, dean of library administration at the University of Illinois and director of the comprehensive study of the state's library resources made in 1964. He noted several factors creating the need for such expansion: an upsurge in industrial development, increase in agricultural extension work with heavy emphasis on community reading programs, prison rehabilitation programs stressing bibliotherapy, an emphasis on "quality education" in elementary and secondary schools, and establishment of community colleges and technical institutes throughout the state.

Focusing his attention on public libraries, Downs stated that public library standards in North Carolina are "distressingly low" in such areas as number of books per capita, physical facilities, and number of trained librarians. To illustrate, he noted that less than one book per person is available in the state's public libraries. The attainment of nationally