PUBLIC LIBRARY FILM PROGRAM

Plans for the development of a state-wide public library film program has been released to public librarians of North Carolina. These plans, recommended by the Audio-Visual Committee of the Public Libraries Section of the North Carolina Library Association and unanimously approved by the North Carolina Library Commission Board, make it possible for 10 qualifying libraries to participate in a film circuit which will provide from 5 to 10 films per month. In addition to public library films, participating libraries and any other libraries may book films from the Bureau of Visual Education at the listed rental rate. This service has been made possible by the cooperation of the Bureau of Visual Education of the Extension Division of the University of North Carolina, with the North Carolina Library Commission.

To assist in the development of this film program, public libraries will have the professional services of Kenneth M. McIntyre, Head of the Bureau of Visual Education, who has been engaged by the North Carolina Library Commission as a consultant. Mr. McIntyre and his staff will also service, store, handle, inspect, schedule and distribute all public library films through the Bureau of Visual Education.

To initiate the project, the Library Commission Board voted to allocate \$500, from State Aid funds for 1951-52, to each of the 10 qualifying counties. These allocations will be deposited in a Special Trust Fund for the use of the public library film project. The participating counties must provide adequate facilities for the use of films within their areas, promote the use of films and serve as a clearing house for film information.

This is another step toward strengthening the resources of North Carolina Public Libraries and will be an outstanding contribution in the field of Adult Education.