

## Mrs. Douglas' New Book Available

This month the American Library Association will publish a new book by Mary Peacock Douglas, *The Pupil Assistant in the School Library*\*. A lifelong resident of North Carolina—where she was formerly State Supervisor of school libraries and is now supervisor of school libraries in Raleigh—Mrs. Douglas has earned a national reputation in her field. Among her previous books are *The Teacher-Librarian's Handbook* (American Library Association) and the official *North Carolina School Library Handbook*. Each has gone through many editions and is widely considered as a standard work on its subject.

While much has been written about the use of pupils as assistants in school libraries, at the present time no one work provides basic information on all phases of the subject. Drawing on her wide experience as a teacher, librarian and administrator, the author has produced a needed handbook for a program that can be as valuable for the pupil as for the school and its library.

Schools have found that student library assistants can have an important place in their total program. Moreover, as the new book by Mrs. Douglas, shows, pupils can perform many important routine functions that release the librarian for the duties that require his professional skill. For the library that has or needs a student program, the book provides a concise manual on the means and possibilities of student service, showing how to plan and use it effectively.

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