
WOULD IT WORK IN NORTH CAROLINA?

The July issue of *Montana Libraries* had an announcement on a central exchange for gift books. The question naturally arises — Would it work in North Carolina too?

"Out of the two library workshops held this spring . . . has come a plan for the exchange of worthwhile gift books that duplicate volumes already in the receiving library's collection. The [Montana State Library Extension] Commission will serve as the coordinator for such an exchange. When a library gets gifts of books that ordinarily it would be glad to add to its collection but which duplicate titles or material it already has, it may offer these gifts to the Commission to be added to a Central Gift Exchange Stock. The library may either send a list of the books to the Commission or send the books, all of which should be in good condition and should not be 'dead wood.'

"From this stock, participating libraries can draw books to fill in lacks in their own collections. They may send the Commission want lists for specific non-current titles or may make requests from lists that the Commission will send out from time to time of the books that are in the Exchange Stock. Surplus books will be used to supplement the stock of beginning libraries. This will be a truly cooperative venture by which the libraries of Montana may share their resources, one with another."