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News of the Library and Library Associates

The Program Committee chairman, Mrs. Clifford L. Winters, has initiated noontime meetings at Bird Library for Library Associates and their guests. The change from late Friday afternoons is drawing attendance from those who work on campus. It is hoped that the new hour will also make it possible for members who are off campus to come as well.

On January 26, 1981, Mr. Sidney F. Huttner, head of the George Arents Research Library for Special Collections and executive secretary of Library Associates spoke about "Caring for Books: Perspective on a Practical Problem." In February, Dr. Harvey Kaiser, vice-president for Facilities Administration at Syracuse University spoke on "Dome and Domes: Concept and Reality," about the history of the design and construction of the dome.

"Gerda Peterich: Architectural Photographer" was the topic of a talk by Syracuse University Archivist Amy Doherty. Gerda Peterich's photographs are part of the university library collections. The March program was given by Dr. Peter Goldman, associate professor of Literature. He spoke on "Some Notes on the Development of Print Culture."

The Annual Members Luncheon will be held on April 24, 1981. The *Post Standard* Award for Distinguished Service to the Syracuse University Libraries will be presented at this meeting. The speaker will be Chancellor Emeritus William P. Tolley.

More on Archimedes Russell

The Winter 1979 issue of *The Courier* (Vol. XVI, 2 & 3) carried an article on Archimedes Russell, the architect of Syracuse University's Crouse College and the von Ranke Library. The author, Evamaria Hardin, has now completed a book, *Archimedes Russell: Upstate Architect*, recently published by the Syracuse University Press. There are 69 photographs; some of them are of buildings which have been razed.

A Matching Gift for the Von Ranke Library

The National Endowment for the Humanities, once more recognizing the international importance of the Leopold von Ranke Library at Syracuse University, has awarded matching grants of \$185,810.00 to complete the cataloging of the historical collection. In this final phase of the project, the library will make use of the OCLC, Inc.¹ computer database in the cataloging of the materials, not merely drawing cataloging information from this central source, but also supplying data to it which will then be available to other member libraries.

The Ranke Library, which is considered one of the most important research collections of its kind in this country, has attracted support from German and American foundations, corporations, and individuals. Gifts and grants thus far have brought the cataloging project to its mid-way point. These gifts have permitted extensive efforts to preserve some of the rare and fragile materials in the collections and have added significantly to the holdings of the Syracuse University Libraries in the subject areas, particularly European history, covered by the collection. The completion of this project, expected within the next three years, will coincide with the commemoration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the death of Leopold von Ranke in 1886.

¹The OCLC, Inc., is discussed in this issue of *The Courier* in the article on "Library Catalog in Transition," by Charles Tremper.

Women of Achievement

Two of Library Associates members have received the Annual *Post-Standard* Award for Women of Achievement, Mrs. Jacob Benderson and Mrs. William Mesrobian.

Mrs. Benderson had received the award in 1960. This time she was given the All-Time award. Her special interests have been in politics and the problems of the aged. Her list of honors and awards is nearly as long as her list of activities after a lifetime of outstanding contributions as a citizen and a concerned human being.

Mrs. Mesrobian received the award for career achievement. She is director of the Syracuse University Press and a member of the Publication Committee of *The Courier*. Having started at the Press as a proof-reader, she is now one of only six women in the United States to head a university press. In addition to her professional activities, Arpena Mesrobian is a leader in groups supporting the Armenian people, their culture, and their church.

A New Manual for Friend's Groups

The Friends of the Library division of the American Library Association has published a new manual for friends' groups, *Friends of Libraries Sourcebook*, which is a compendium of information from library support groups throughout the country. Elizabeth Mozley, editor of *The Courier*, who has had experience with public library friends groups as well as with Library Associates, is listed as a contributing editor.

In Memoriam

Library Associates who remember the old Syracuse Museum of Fine Arts probably also remember the name of Anna Wetherill Olmstead, who was its director from 1930 to 1957, when she became director emeritus. Miss Olmstead died in February 1981 at the age of 92.

Her particular interest was ceramics. She founded the Robineau Ceramic Exhibition, later to become the Ceramic National Show. She lectured throughout the United States and Canada on American ceramics, but her influence in Syracuse went well beyond that field. Among the projects which profited from her expertise was her work with I.M. Pei in planning the new Everson Museum in Syracuse.

Anna Olmstead graduated from Syracuse University and was a member of Library Associates for many years.

His friends and colleagues in Syracuse will remember Dr. Wayne S. Yenawine, who died in February. He was the dean of the Syracuse University School of Library Science and director of the Syracuse University Libraries from 1956 to 1965, during a period of rapid growth.

Dr. Yenawine was also the first executive secretary of Library Associates and helped to found *The Courier*. In 1977, he received the *Post-Standard* Award for Distinguished Service to the Syracuse University Libraries for 1976. (See *The Courier*, Volume XIV, 3, Summer 1977).

At the time of his death, Dr. Yenawine was director emeritus of the University of South Carolina's College of Librarianship. Contributions in his name may be made to Syracuse University Library Associates' memorial fund.

Book lovers in the central New York area will be saddened to hear of the death of Mr. Roger Butterfield. He was an antiquarian book dealer, and a friend to many book collectors. He was always ready to assist Library Associates with his expertise and took a special interest in Library Associates' 1976 Book Auction.

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