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News of the Library and Library Associates

A successful series of programs has been presented in the 1975-76 season by Library Associates. Attendance records have been high, starting in late July with a program on "The American Pieced Quilt," by Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Holstein, then a tour of an historic mansion and library, "Lorenzo," in Cazenovia, New York, and next, the Fall Meeting with Miss Judith St. John of Boys and Girls House, Toronto Public Library.

Our Bicentennial Program featured Professor Rosemary Nesbitt of the State University of New York College of Arts and Sciences at Oswego. Professor Nesbitt spoke of our American heritage as it found expression in Upstate New York. Her talk brought many newcomers to Library Associates' meeting.

Miss Phyllis Fenner spoke about the photographer Clara E. Sipprell whose collection of photographs was given to Syracuse University. A number of photography buffs new to Library Associates attended this event.

Meetings scheduled in the spring included a tour of the workroom and stack area of the George Arents Research Library at Syracuse University, a reception by the Syracuse University Press on the occasion of a display of award-winning books by the Association of American University Presses, and, of course, the Book Auction. All of which widen our contacts with those who believe that libraries should be supported.

At the Annual Meeting in May, Dr. Benjamin J. Lake will speak about his collection of English porcelain figures.

The Program Committee, headed by Mrs. Philip Holstein and Mrs. Roscoe Martin have presented a lively year.

Outstanding exhibits at the Bird Library are designed to complement our programs. Mrs. Jeannette Sullivan, art librarian, is responsible for exhibits in display cases in the sixth floor corridor, the 1916 Room, and at the main entrances of the Bird Library. Recent exhibits pertaining to our programs were an extensive exhibit of children's books, fine modern press books, the work of W. A. Dwiggins, and the photographs of Clara E. Sipprell.

This issue of *The Courier* will go to press amidst preparations for our First Annual Antiquarian Book Auction. An exceptionally dedicated group of people has been working on the auction. Chairman Sid Wechter's enthusiasm and energy and willingness to do anything needed has kept things moving. Mrs. Raymond Gantter is in charge of all the facilities arrangements and personnel needs for the auction itself, and will have a very large group of volunteers. Mr. Onesime Piette has described every piece to be auctioned, and in particular has made the Maunsell B. Field collection his special project. Elaine Santore, student assistant, has recorded and acknowledged all gifts.

The Syracuse University Libraries have generously donated four outstanding Stephen Crane duplicates from the George Arents Research Library for Special Collections.

The staff at the Bird Library have been helping in innumerable indispensable ways, from heavy lifting, to transportation and security, to research assistance in identifying books.

Endowment Fund and Desiderata

From time to time opportunities arise for making special purchases which would be of great importance to the Syracuse University Libraries. The regular library budget is not designed to allow the unexpected purchase of an expensive item which has suddenly become available. An endowment fund has been instituted by Library Associates in the hope that its earnings will become large enough to be a useful source of funds when such occasions occur. The fund has been set up with \$5,000.00 to start, and with at least \$100,000.00 as a goal for some not too distant date in the future! Contributions are welcome! Drives will be started to raise the funds. The Book Auction should make a good contribution.

Meanwhile the library must rely on special gifts to help purchase special material which becomes available. A list of such desiderata is kept up to date in the office of the Assistant Director for Collections Mr. Metod Milac, 100 Bird Library. It is open for examination to those members of Library Associates who would like to buy a specific item for the libraries.

Gifts from Members

Mrs. George N. Crouse has given her library to Syracuse University. Many of the books are to be placed on the library shelves in the appropriate subject areas. Those items placed in the George Arents Research Library for Special Collections include pictures, memorabilia about early Syracuse, a souvenir of the Graf Zeppelin's first trip across the Equator, May 22, 1930, with signatures of those aboard, and a portrait of Mr. John Crouse, donor of Crouse College (now a part of Syracuse University).

A group of manuscripts, notes, and letters have been received from Mr. Sol Feinstone to be placed in the Sol Feinstone Library. Largely nineteenth century British and American in scope, they include items such as letters from Robert E. Lee, Charles Dickens, Washington Irving, Mark Twain, Robert Browning, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and many others.

Errata

Corrections should be noted in the captions in the last issue of *The Courier*, Vol. XII, 4, in the two articles on Anna Hyatt Huntington. The sculpture shown on page 11 is a replica of one in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine; the clay model shown on page 16 is a larger version of the bronze model in Bray Hall; the picture on page 25 is a clay model, 14 inches high, of the bronze St. Francis which belongs to Syracuse University.

Members Honored

Mrs. Philip Holstein, Trustee and Co-Chairman of the Program Committee of Library Associates has received the Hannah G. Solomon Award for 1976 from the Syracuse Section, National Council of Jewish Women. The award is for leadership in the areas effecting change in the quality of life for children, the aged, and the disadvantaged.

In Memoriam

Professor A. McKinley Terhune of Syracuse University has long been a member of Library Associates and will be missed by scholars everywhere. He died December 22, 1975.

Professor Terhune was internationally known for his research into the life of Edward Fitzgerald, translator of "The Rubaiyat" of Omar Khayyam. Professor Terhune's book, *The Life of Edward Fitzgerald*, is the standard biography of the English author. A recently completed definitive analysis of Fitzgerald's letters has not yet been published.

Library Associates was gratified to receive so many contributions in his memory for a special purchase in his name.



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