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Mrs. Lawrence L. Witherill receives the *Post-Standard* Award for Distinguished Service to the Syracuse University Libraries from Executive Editor Mr. J. Leonard Gorman. (Photograph: *Post-Standard*)

News of the Library and Library Associates

Library Associates' Annual Spring Meeting was held on April 27, 1979. The speaker was Mr. Stephen C. Massey, vice-president for Books and Manuscripts at Christie's auction house, New York City. He gave an illustrated history of Christie's and included some slide transparencies of important books which Christie's has auctioned. His personal experiences at the firm's offices in London and New York added a special fillip to the talk.

The *Post-Standard* Award for Distinguished Service to the Syracuse University Libraries was presented to Mrs. Lawrence L. Witherill. The citation read:

Dorothy C. Witherill, for nearly a quarter of a century you have been a guiding force in Syracuse University Library Associates. Your wise council and good advice are often sought and generously given. In your unassuming way you have quietly (and some might say even secretly) lent your considerable talents to the task of making a good library into a great one. Driven by your own love of reading and guided by a mind conscious of the right, you have devoted yourself to the world of ideas and to the steady improvement of resources for the humanities. If the poet says, "The soul selects her own society," then we are doubly blessed that you have selected us and that today we can select you to receive the 1978 *Post-Standard* Award for Distinguished Service to the Syracuse University Libraries.

Mr. J. Leonard Gorman, executive editor of the *Syracuse Post-Standard*, who has presented the annual award for many years, was surprised with a special citation from Chancellor Eggers for his support of the Syracuse University Libraries. The chancellor said in presenting the award to Mr. Gorman, "This year we recognize an individual who has given distinguished service but has never received an award. We might say that he is the true spirit of the award itself."



Chancellor Melvin A. Eggers presents a special award to Mr. J. Leonard Gorman for exceptional service to Syracuse University and the Syracuse University Libraries. (Photograph: *Post-Standard*)

At the trustees' meeting, held on May 7, the following were elected to the Class of 1982:

R. Wayne Archer
Mrs. J.H. Auchincloss
Allen C. Best
Erick Hemmingsen
Clyde A. Jones
Miss Betsy Knapp

Mrs. Antje B. Lemke
Miss Mary Marshall
Vernon F. Snow
Mrs. Albert Wertheimer
Mrs. Clifford L. Winters

Stanton L. Catlin was appointed in March to fill a vacancy in the Class of 1980.

Chairman Benjamin J. Lake had indicated his desire to resign as chairman due to demands on his time resulting from the growth of his church. Mr. Henry S. Bannister was elected to fill Dr. Lake's unexpired term as chairman, until 1980. Dr. Allen C. Best will fill Mr. Bannister's former position as vice-chairman. Dr. Lake will remain on the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Bannister has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 1971. He has served as treasurer and has been vice-president since 1977. His committee activities have included Finance, Development, Acquisitions, Publications, and Auction.

Mr. Bannister was in the wholesale book trade for twenty-five years before his retirement. A graduate of Cornell University and a life-long book collector, Mr. Bannister is now working on a descriptive bibliography of the American-born Irish novelist, Donn Byrne (1889-1928), best known for *Messer Marco Polo* and *Blind Raferty* among his twenty-two books. Mr. Bannister's own collection contains early New York and New England historical materials, first editions of children's books, and private press books.

Membership

Membership growth remains a goal for Library Associates. The membership holds steady at about four hundred. To keep our program alive, we need to expand our membership or raise our donations schedule. The latter has not changed in many years, except to add a \$5.00 category for seniors and students!

Members, please tell your friends about Library Associates. Send their names and addresses to our office and we will do the rest! If you would like to have application cards on hand, we will send them to you.

Also, perhaps you know of a library which should subscribe to *The Courier*. Consider giving a subscription as a gift of \$25.00 per year for libraries. Back issues cost three dollars each, a full set to date is sixty-three issues. A number of university libraries, public libraries and historical libraries are already on our subscription list.

New members in Library Associates since March 1, 1979:

Mr. Francis L. Estigo, Jr.	Mr. J.R. Hodgens
Mrs. Marjorie Estigo	Mr. David Mohler
Mrs. Cleota Reed Gabriel	Mrs. Edward Montague
Mr. Robert P. Gruver	Mrs. Willard H. Smith

Acquisitions Committee Report

The Acquisitions Committee has approved a number of purchases for the library using \$4,000.00 earned at the 1978 auction and a gift of \$5,000.00 from Mr. Chester Soling. Books were selected from several fields: English and French literature, Medieval history, history of art, geography, and sociology. Additional items are still to be selected.

The present list includes in part:

Bibliographical Society of London. *The Library*. Series 1, v. 1-10 (1889-1898) Series 2, v. 1. (1899).
International Migration Review (Complete backset from 1965)
Corpus Christianorum. Continuatio Mediaevalis. Turnholti, Typographi Brepols, Editores Pontificii. (Reprint 1968 -)
Transition, nos. 1-27 (complete backset) Paris, 1927-1938.
Abbey, J.R. *Scenery of Great Britain and Ireland in Aquatint and Lithography, 1770-1860...A Bibliographical Catalogue*. London, 1952. Reprint 1972. Also, *Life in England in Aquatint and Lithography, 1770-1860* and *Travel in Aquatint and Lithography, 1770-1860....*(A set of four volumes)

The fund for the purchase of the Albert Schweitzer papers is progressing due to the efforts of Professor Antje B. Lemke. About \$12,000.00 remain to be donated to complete the \$50,000.00 purchase.

Honors

Mrs. Rhea Eckel Clark, a charter member of Syracuse University Library Associates, was honored recently for her contribution to the Syracuse community. The Thursday Morning Roundtable, a discussion group of civic leaders, cited her for work with many groups in education, health planning, and aging. Mrs. Clark was president of Cazenovia College from 1957 - 1971 and director of the Metropolitan Commission on Aging from 1971 - 1973, to mention only a few of her accomplishments.

Another Honor for Mr. Welch

Among eleven recipients of the first Syracuse University Chancellor's Citations for Exceptional Academic Achievement was the curator of the Audio Archive and director of the Thomas Alva Edison Re-Recording Laboratory, *Mr. Walter Welch*, much-honored Library Associate member. Mr. Welch's success in re-recording early acoustical

records to restore the original sound has been a contribution especially important to musicians, students, and historians all over the world.

Members in the News

Mrs. Carl R. Bye, who has been coordinator for the Syracuse area "Great Decisions" programs, was invited to the White House to hear a briefing on the SALT II treaty. A group of one hundred-fifty persons heard Zbigniew Brzezinski and President Carter speak about the treaty. Vice President Mondale and Mrs. Carter were also present.

A book of interest to Upstate New York history buffs has been published by Appleknockers, Inc., Beaver Falls, New York. *Grandpère's Legacy*, by *Mr. DeWitt C. LeFevre*, intended as a family chronicle is in fact the history of a community. The author is the ninth generation of his family in the United States. Mr. LeFevre is a member of the Syracuse University Class of 1925, and an honorary member of the Syracuse University Board of Trustees. He joined Library Associates in 1954.

In Memoriam

Mr. Carl L. Bausch died at the age of ninety-one on June 3, 1979. He was a Syracuse University alumnus and a Life Member of the Syracuse University Board of Trustees. He became a charter member of Library Associates in 1953. He was president and chairman of Bausch and Lomb, Inc., in Rochester, New York, having started in the toolroom as an apprentice mechanic in 1909. He worked for the company started by his uncle for seventy years and served fifty years as a member of the Board of Directors.

Staff Member Leaves

Dr. Kenneth J. Oberembt, who was head of the George Arents Research Library for Special Collections at Syracuse University, has become director of the University of Scranton Libraries. Dr. Oberembt came to Syracuse University in 1975. His position here brought him in close contact with Library Associates. He was an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees. His friends and colleagues at Syracuse University wish him well.

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