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North Central Library Conference

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

October 14-17, 1930

PROGRAM



Conducted by the State Library Associations of
IOWA, MINNESOTA, NEBRASKA, NORTH DAKOTA
SOUTH DAKOTA AND WISCONSIN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Headquarters and Registration

HOTEL LOWRY will be the general headquarters and also state headquarters for Nebraska, North Dakota and Minnesota. HOTEL ST. PAUL will be state headquarters for Iowa, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Make reservations directly with the Hotel.

There will be a general information booth on the Mezzanine Floor, Hotel Lowry, and a general registration desk at which every one attending should register on arrival.

Registration fee of \$1.00 entitles any one to a badge, which admits to all meetings.

Membership dues will be received at each state's registration booth; Nebraska, North Dakota and Minnesota in Hotel Lowry; Iowa, South Dakota and Wisconsin in Hotel St. Paul.

Railroad Rates

The Western Passenger Association has granted a rate of a fare and one half on the Certificate plan. *Certificates must* be secured when purchasing tickets (or a receipt for fare will be accepted if certificates are not obtainable). Half fare will be given on the return ticket, provided 100 certificates are deposited with Gertrude Glennon at the general registration desk and validated by the City ticket agent of St. Paul.

Social Features

Informal reception at the St. Paul Public Library, Tuesday evening, October 14, 8:30 p. m. Open house, Hill Reference Library.

A dinner for the entire group in the Grand Ball Room, Hotel Lowry, Thursday evening, October 16. Each Library School will arrange tables for its own alumni.

Advance reservations for the special luncheons should be made with the person in charge, or when registering.

Make reservations for state breakfast with your own state secretary.

Sight-seeing trips, Friday, October 17, at 2:30 p. m. to include libraries of the Twin Cities and points of interest. A tour of County library branches will be arranged.

Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, opening concert, Northrop Auditorium, University of Minnesota, Friday evening, October 17.

Exhibits

Exhibits will be on the Mezzanine Floor, Hotel Lowry, where ample space will be provided.

Children's Book Exhibit, St. Paul Public Library will be held in the Exhibition Room, St. Paul Public Library in the nature of a Book Fair.

PROGRAM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

2:30 P. M. Registration—Hotel Lowry.

Library Commissions Round Table, Green Room, Hotel Lowry.
Leora J. Lewis, President, League of Library Commissions,
Chairman.

Development of a Library Consciousness among Rural People—Led by C. B. Lester, Wisconsin Library Commission.

The Need of More Printed Helps for the Very Small Library, particularly in Book Selection—Led by Nellie Williams, Nebraska Library Commission.

Should there be a General Survey of Library Commission Practices?—Led by Lillian E. Cook, North Dakota Library Commission.

The Present Status of the State Library Commission—Led by Julia A. Robinson, Iowa Library Commission.

8:30 P. M. Informal Reception—St. Paul Public Library.

Open House—Hill Reference Library.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:30 A. M. 1st GENERAL SESSION, Grand Ball Room, Hotel Lowry.
Edna G. Moore, President, Minnesota Library Association, Presiding.

Book Evaluation

Experiments in Fiction—Margaret Culkin Banning, Author, Trustee, Duluth Public Library.

International Mind Alcoves—the World Outlook through Books—Amy Hemingway Jones, Division Assistant, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

The Year's Output of Books—Mary K. Reely, Chief Book Selection Department, Wisconsin Free Library Commission.

History, Travel, Biography—Helen Baird, Secretary, Bibliographical Committee, Minneapolis Public Library.

Technical Books—Helen Rugg, 1st Assistant, Hill Reference Library, St. Paul.

12:30 P. M. LUNCHEONS.

School Librarians, Tahitian Room, Hotel Lowry.

Margaret Greer, Librarian Central High School, Minneapolis, Chairman.

Speaker—Ella Witter, Teacher of Art, Central High School, Minneapolis.

Teachers College Librarians, Silver Room, Hotel Lowry.

Anna V. Jennings, Librarian, State Teachers College Library, Kearney, Nebraska, Chairman.

Discussion of Standards for Teachers College Libraries.

2:00 P.M. ROUND TABLES.

Small Public Libraries, Grand Ball Room, Hotel Lowry.

Ruth A. Longden, President, South Dakota Library Association, Chairman.

Developing a Library Consciousness Within a Community.

Contacts with Outside Organizations and Factors in Securing Adequate Appropriation—Mrs. Bernice H. Knight, Librarian, Two Rivers, Wisconsin.

Newspaper Publicity and Publicity Within the Library—Mrs. Evelyn S. Bray, Librarian, Grinnell, Iowa.

The Position of the Librarian Within the Community, her Contacts and Activities—Dorothea Heins, Librarian, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

The Present Book Market and Economy in Book Buying—Agnes V. Johnson, Librarian, Chisholm, Minnesota.

Large Public Libraries, Colonial Room, Hotel Lowry.

Forrest B. Spaulding, Librarian, Des Moines Public Library, Chairman.

How Can Organized Co-operation Between Public Libraries in the 6 Northwest States Benefit All Who Participate?

Introduction of Library Borrowers Removing from One City to Another.

Reciprocal Messenger Service for Overdue Books.

Co-operation in Reference Service.

College and University Libraries, Silver Room, Hotel Lowry.

Mary Brown Humphrey, Reference Librarian,—In charge of Periodicals, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Chairman.

Special collections in College and University Libraries of the North-Central States.

Reports on:

Iowa: Mary Bell Nethercut, Librarian.

Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

Minnesota: Mrs. Bessie Frost, Librarian.

Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota.

Nebraska: Clara Craig, Reference Librarian.

University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Wisconsin: Iva M. Butlin, Librarian.

Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin.

North Dakota: Wm. H. Carlson, Librarian.

University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, N. D.

South Dakota: Mabel K. Richardson, Librarian.

University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S. D.

Discussion on problems related to special collections, care, inter-library loan, up-keep.

School Librarians, Tahitian Room, Hotel Lowry.

Harriet A. Wood, Director of School Libraries, Minnesota Department of Education, Chairman.

The Librarian and the Teacher.

What the Elementary Teacher Reads—Flora Trites, Institute Instructor, Minnesota Department of Education.

Book Adventures for Professional Women—Wanda Orton, Teacher of English, West High School, Minneapolis.

The High School Teacher through the Librarian's Glasses—Mrs. Nettie Dugas, Librarian, Mechanic Arts High School, St. Paul.

National Cooperation—Rewey Belle Inglis, University High School, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

Summary—The Chairman.

4:00 P. M. 2nd GENERAL SESSION, Grand Ball Room, Hotel Lowry.

Charging Books in the Machine Age.

The Dickman Machine and the Toledo Method.

The Gaylord Electric-Automatic Machine—H. A. Wensley, Gaylord Bros.

The Detroit Self-Charging System—Lilly M. E. Borresen, La Crosse, Public Library; Alma Penrose, St. Cloud Public Library; Milwaukee Public Library.

Moving Picture—Demco Library Supplies.

The Old Way of Charging Defended.

8:30 P. M. 3rd GENERAL SESSION, Grand Ball Room, Hotel Lowry.

S. J. Carter, President, Wisconsin Library Association, Presiding.

Address: What is an Educated Person?—Dr. Everett Dean Martin, Director, The People's Institute, New York City.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:30 A. M. 4th GENERAL SESSION, Grand Ball Room, Hotel Lowry.

J. Sidney Johnson, President, Iowa Library Association, Presiding.

County Libraries

Trends in Town-Country Relations Significant for Library Service—Professor J. H. Kolb, University of Wisconsin.

Why Books for Farmers—Alson Secor, Successful Farming, Des Moines, Iowa. Farmers and County Libraries—Carroll Streeter, The Farmer's Wife, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Outlook for County Libraries—Five minute reports from each state—Led by C. B. Lester, Secretary, Wisconsin Library Commission.

9:30 A. M. CHILDREN'S LIBRARIANS SECTION, Auditorium, Wilder Building.

Della McGregor, Chief, Juvenile Division, St. Paul Public Library, Chairman.

Laying the Foundation Stones—Letha Davidson, Public Library, Ames, Iowa. Scandinavian Picture Books and Their Illustrators—Alice Brunat, Assistant Children's Department, Minneapolis Public Library.

Outstanding New Books for Boys and Girls, 1929-30—Isabelle McLaughlin, Children's Librarian, Sumner Branch Library, Minneapolis.

Recent Bibliographies and Articles on Book-Selection and Administration of Children's Rooms—Flora E. Hottes, Children's Librarian, Gilbert M. Simmons Library, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

General discussion of juvenile book selection problems to include:

Successful methods of weeding; substitutes for sets and series; what titles shall be included in class-room library sets for the kindergarten and first three grades, etc.

10:30 A. M. HOSPITAL LIBRARIANS, Tahitian Room, Hotel Lowry.

Perrie Jones, Supervisor State Institution Libraries, St. Paul, Minnesota, Chairman.

Adult Education in Wisconsin Prisons—C. B. Lester, Secretary, Wisconsin Library Commission.

The Patient Speaks—Frances Boardman, St. Paul.

12:30 P. M. LUNCHEONS.

Catalogers, Minnesota Club—Helen K. Starr, Chairman.

Children's Librarians, Junior Ball Room—Della McGregor, Chairman.

County Librarians, Silver Room—Myra W. Buell, Chairman.

Hospital Librarians, Tahitian Room—Perrie Jones, Chairman.

Reports from different states on the extent of hospital library work.

Trustees, Colonial Room—J. Sidney Johnson, Chairman.

2:00 P. M. ROUND TABLES.

Catalogers, Auditorium, Wilder Building.

Eliza Lamb, University of Wisconsin Library, Chairman.

The Cataloger—Mechanistic or Intellectual?—Ralph M. Dunbar, Assistant Librarian, State College Library, Ames, Iowa.

Tendencies in Catalogs and Classifications—J. C. M. Hanson, Chicago.

Cataloging Problems in the Small Library—Dorothea Heins, Librarian, Alexander Mitchell Library, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Cataloging Problems in the College Library—Harriet A. Pearson, Assistant Librarian, State Agricultural College, Fargo, North Dakota.

Children's Librarians, Junior Ball Room—Della McGregor, Chairman.

The Making of Children's Books—Louise Seaman, Head of Children's Book Department, Macmillan Publishing Co.

The Development of Taste in Adolescents—Anna M. Dickson, Teacher of English, Central High School, St. Paul.

The Adventures of a Book Critic—Anne Carroll Moore, Director of Library Work with Children, New York Public Library and Editor of Three Owls Page, New York Herald-Tribune Books.

Reference Work, Colonial Room—S. J. Carter, Reference Librarian, Public Library, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Chairman.

What is Reference Work? Upon What Sort of Questions should the Librarian Spend His Time? Where, if at all, should He Draw the Line?—Led by Katharine Dame, Reference Librarian, St. Paul Public Library.

New and Significant Reference Books—Led by Mrs. Winifred L. Davis, Wisconsin Free Library Commission, Madison, Wisconsin.

Our Service to Schools. Problems in cooperation and coordination—Led by Adra M. Fay, Reference Librarian, Minneapolis Public Library.

Administrative problems, discipline, special privileges, vandalism and theft, etc.

6:30 P. M. DINNER, Grand Ball Room, Hotel Lowry.

All attending the convention are urged to attend the dinner. Hostesses will be provided at each table, with special tables for Alumni Associations.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

8:30 A. M. STATE ASSOCIATION BREAKFASTS AND BUSINESS SESSIONS.

Iowa—Casino, Hotel St. Paul, J. Sidney Johnson, Presiding.

Nebraska—Tahitian Room, Hotel Lowry, Gilbert H. Doane, Presiding.

North Dakota—Colonial Room, Hotel Lowry, Ruth O. Brown, Presiding.

South Dakota—Room 234, Hotel St. Paul, Ruth A. Longden, Presiding.

Wisconsin—Roof Garden, Hotel St. Paul, S. J. Carter, Presiding.

Minnesota—Junior Ball Room, Hotel Lowry, Edna G. Moore, Presiding.

11:00 A. M. GENERAL SESSION, Grand Ball Room, Hotel Lowry.

Gilbert H. Doane, President, Nebraska Library Association, Presiding.

"Sorry, We Haven't Got It"—Herbert Heaton, Professor of History, University of Minnesota.

A. L. A. Endowment—Gratia A. Countryman, Librarian, Minneapolis Public Library.

1:00 P. M. UNIVERSITY LIBRARIANS LUNCHEON.

Minnesota Union, University of Minnesota—Gilbert H. Doane, Chairman.

2:30 P. M. SIGHT-SEEING TRIPS, INCLUDING VISITS TO LIBRARIES.

8:15 P. M. MINNEAPOLIS SYMPHONY CONCERT.

Northrop Auditorium, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

Program Committee

Clara F. Baldwin, Director of Libraries, Minnesota Department of Education, Chairman.

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Hospitality Committee

Gertrude Krausnick, Minnesota Historical Society Library, Chairman.

Miriam E. Carey, St. Paul.

Julia A. Robinson, Iowa.

Nellie Williams, Nebraska.

Mrs. Hazel Webster Byrnes, North Dakota.

Dorothea Heins, South Dakota.

Laura M. Olsen, Wisconsin.

Information

Mrs. Jennie T. Jennings, Public Library, St. Paul.

Mildred L. Methven, Library Division, St. Paul.

Arrangements

Webster Wheelock, St. Paul Public Library, Chairman.
In charge of Exhibits.

Helen K. Starr, President of the Twin City Library Club.

Helen Rugg—Drive.

Mrs. Jean Christmas—Publicity.

Amy Moon—Hostesses for Dinner.

Gertrude Glennon—Finance.

State Association Officers

Iowa Library Association—President—J. Sidney Johnson, Marshalltown.

Secretary—Grace C. Murphy, Des Moines.

Minnesota Library Association—President—Edna G. Moore, Duluth.

Secretary—Gertrude Glennon, Stillwater.

Nebraska Library Association—President—Gilbert H. Doane, Lincoln.

Secretary—Mrs. Lila Woodruff, Lincoln.

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South Dakota Library Association—President—Ruth A. Longden, Watertown.

Secretary—Opal Calhoon, Pierre.

Wisconsin Library Association—President—S. J. Carter, Milwaukee.

Secretary—Hazel D. Laing, Marinette.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

	MORNING	LUNCHEON	AFTERNOON	EVENING
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Thursday October 16	9:30 County Libraries Grand Ball Room 9:30 Children's Libra- rians Auditorium, Wil- der Bldg. 10:30 Hospital Librarians Tahitian Room	12:30 Catalogers Minnesota Club Children's Librns. Jun'r Ball Room County Librarians Silver Room Hosp. Librarians Tahitian Room Trustees Colonial Room	2:00 Catalogers, Auditorium, Wilder Bldg. Children's Lib'r'ns. Jun. Ball Room Reference Work Colonial Room	6:30 Dinner Grand Ball Room
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Program compliments of Demco Library Supplies, Madison, Wisconsin

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The "Emergency" of the Reader "Wheeling Streets"

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All of us have what Bobby
Burns calls a "passion for
prying into futurity". We would
like to prophesy what we think
~~we think~~ we will see in our
own professional growth in
Minnesota, during the coming
years. We think we see a
larger recognition of the library's
value to the people. We believe
we see an increasing number
of trained and energetic librarians
who see visions and dream dreams
for the wide diffusion of knowledge
through books; through the books
which they handle and the knowledge
which they are responsible for
disseminating. We think we
can see town after town

and County after County - voting
sufficient support, and
budgets to develop their action
book centers and intelligence bureaus.

We are sure that you all see
it even if it doesn't all come
in the next decade... 'Coming
events cast their shadows
before' and we have a right to
believe that the shadows we see
mean the existence of a reality -
where our country appears.
Some of us have been patients
for a long time. Here in Minnesota
we worked for a library commission
from 1893 which did not go into
operation until 1900. and altho
Miss Baerman worked with an
idealism and zeal that few will
ever appreciate from that time
until the very present, yet her
early dreams are many of them
still unfulfilled, unrealized.

How long we have been talking
about County System for rural people.

Mr. J. J. Jones how long you
have been talking ^{the} County
library plan. Wyoming
legislated for County libraries
in 1886. Ohio has had them
since ~~1908~~ 1898, and other
states passed laws ~~long~~ ago
after.

I had occasion last month
to look up some statistics in
sex library journals. Just
three decades ago, I found
this statement 'County libraries
and Township libraries are fast
coming into place as by
concentration of material and
trained workers can do much
for the small communities'.

In use the same ^{per se} ~~per se~~
^{at 3 days} ~~at 3 days~~ ^{has passed} ~~has passed~~
~~yet~~ ~~for~~ ~~argument~~ ~~yet~~
Efficiency is ~~not~~ only now
looking up in sports to the value
of the County wide plan and has
not yet considered the even
better plan of regional library
of adjoining counties. * Above
~~Miss Bruchton~~ ~~now of the~~
~~Georgia Library Service, said in 1901~~
~~1907~~ ~~said in 1901~~ ~~that her~~
~~library in Van Wert Ohio was trying~~

1904, Min Rute Stearn
of the Wisconsin Library Commission
announced in the Library
Journal "In October I am
going to start out with a
book wagon constructed to
hold several hundred books
to deliver to the farmer folk
along the way". Thirty-two
years have passed and only
here and there does the
book wagon travel about to
serve the farmer folk.

In 1904, I had a paper at
the St. Louis Conference on
State Aid to Libraries which I
~~interpreted to mean just what~~
~~we take about today~~ that form
of State Aid which seeks to promote
the establishment of free public
libraries by the appropriation

of State Fund, just what
we are talking about today -

Mr Melvin Dewey led the
discussion on this paper and
went still further when he said
"We are fortunate enough to be
living in a great world movement
Lisians have been in a state
of unsettled equilibrium and we
are coming to the time of
centering them on solid
foundations and these foundations
are State aid and national aid".
Dear me, thirty years ago probably
it was said long before that; and
we think we are considering
a brand new idea when we
take of federal aid to Lisians
and are considering placing
a bill before Congress.
~~The next year in 1905 I found~~
~~I found in 1905, I also read~~

a paper at Portland in which
I made bold to say that
"the time probably came sooner
or later to the state closer
service of delivering the individual
back to the individual himself."

Mr Dewey followed this paper
with this observation "I like
it that in ten years from
now (He dared to prophesy
about the next decade) in many
sections of a person want to
later a specific individual study
that he will be able to send
to a nearby library and get
books on his subject."

If ~~it~~ I had had occasion
to go further back, I am
sure that I would have
found many more ideas and
plans and dreams ~~just as~~
that would sound just as fresh

~~Today~~ so things uttered today
Plans for County library, for
book wagon, for State and
Federal aid, for service into
individual homes, for the
flowing of research material
freely from any library to
any individual anywhere that
needs it. All old ideas,
~~out of~~ taken about before
some of you were born.

Will any of them be
fully worked out in the
next decade, perhaps so,
Librarians have always looked
ahead to bigger and wider
usefulness, and little by little
the opportunities grow.

The older ones are gradually
stepping out, but our ideas
and plans have been passed
on and you will keep on

dreaming & and planning to
extent that marvellous
world of books to all who
want to dwell therein in
whatever way seems most feasible
~~What must happen in the~~
~~next decade will depend~~
~~upon you.~~

~~Keep on, you will~~
I have been talking these last
years of library planning. That
is nothing more than an
more definite effort to focus
attention ~~on the~~ and to concentrate
effort on these very things we
have talked about so long.

One of your committees
is working for Certification
librarians, to bring up ~~and~~
~~final~~ today professional standards.
Miss Bacon (as her name
I pause to pay my deep respect
to her and all she has done

for Minnesota, has been ~~Chairman~~
Chairman of our State
Planning Committee and has
worked on surveys, charts
and statistics of our State
(Shore Charts) The picture
may well set us to thinking
and to acting. What nice
happens in the Library world
of Minnesota in the next decade
will depend upon many conditions
~~but largely~~ upon your preparation to
take advantage of every ~~favorable~~ opening.

But so much for the
larger public movements.
~~Which on my part~~ as an
association ~~must be~~
~~prepared to assist~~
But there is a advancing trend
in ~~our individual~~ library work
which promises greater individual
satisfaction to us as individual librarians
and for which ~~we~~ are personally
responsible. We no longer wait for
people to come to us, we go to them

through publicity, through friendly
advances, through offering service to
all civic endeavors, through studying
all the groups that make up our
community. We cannot afford
to open the doors of our library
at the appointed hour and wait
for people to come, and let it go
as that. The library idea has
greatly changed in this direction
and is constantly growing in the
demand for alertness on the
part of every member of a library
staff. There is no place for
charity appointments no place
for indifference to service. Nothing
so quickly kills a library as a
dead librarian.

We have come into the period
of Adult Education, which means
that adults ~~have~~ are being
~~awakened~~ kindled to a new desire
to learn and a new stimulating
reason that they can still ~~study~~
learn. ~~The~~ The library and its

Resources are absolutely fundamental
to any ~~group~~ individual or group
effort of adult education. ~~There~~
~~is a need in every town for~~
~~for example~~ Perhaps I should
put it more strongly; there is
need on the part of every librarian
to be a leader in this field.
It is our original role, it
is in fact our chief function.

No matter how limited ~~our~~
resources, ~~as~~ the wise and
alert librarian will find a
chance to awaken ^{interest}
and offer ~~service~~ ~~as~~ a new
type of service to her adult readers.

This brings me to a leading question
which is brought out by a fine
article in the September Bulletin
by Miss Thompson.

Do we study our readers as
well as our books? I think there
is a distinctly new trend in
library work. We buy books with
our small funds so carefully

As we can, we try to ~~accumulate~~
~~just as~~ form a good well
rounded Collection. ~~Do we~~

But our readers are various
and different. We have the
adolescent, to whom we have
given scant attention; we have
the timid, perhaps ignorant
~~but interested~~ adult who has
just discovered the library. We
have all grades between them
and the intelligent student, who
are they, what shall we ^{interest}
offer them, what will ~~satisfy~~
them, what will awaken
thought and establish a
reading habit.

~~Now~~ The next ten years may
not bring about all of the
larger ~~public~~ units and extensions
fields of library service. But
I believe there will be a distinct

Growth in reading guidance
a greater understanding of
our community needs, for
every community is different.
You have to know yours and
I have to know mine. But
most of all a sympathetic
knowledge of each individual
reader and his needs, and as
he attempts to use his library.

Our new ~~work~~ trend of work is a
personal one and no one
must find us lacking.

If this kind of firm leadership
and personal service could
be made universal in
every small and large library
with every member of a library
staff, then libraries would be
fulfilling just what they
exist for.

The I believe is the point - the
~~way to our~~ direction to which
~~are~~ growing. It is literary
planning which each can do
in his own place.

Mr. Baughn:

If you can look into the
seeds of time
And say which grain will
grow and which will not.

But no; you cannot see
~~quite so far ahead~~. It
is not ours to see the
end of what we do. Not
all readers are worth
the effort - But who
knows which grain will
grow and which will not -
We give the opportunity