JUNIOR COLLEGE INFORMATION CENTER

A Junior College Library Information Center, established by a $15,000 grant from the J. Morris Jones-World Book Encyclopedia-ALA Goals Award for 1967, will begin operation at ALA headquarters on March 1. Serving as director of the information center on a half-time assignment for twelve months will be Peggy Anne Sullivan, who will conclude her appointment as director of the five-year Knapp School Libraries Project on February 29. Miss Sullivan also will be doing graduate work in library science at the University of Chicago. The project will be under the supervision of ACRL.

The information center has been funded as a crash program to collect and disseminate information on a variety of subjects of concern. Recommendation for a center of this kind was part of a ten-point program developed in 1965 by the American Association of Junior Colleges/ALA Committee on Junior College Libraries, and by librarians, junior college administrators, and instructional personnel. Materials on such topics as standards for junior college libraries, innovative programs, surveys, budgets, and annual reports will be sought out and organized for reference and loan for individuals, colleges, and other agencies interested in this rapidly growing and indigenous American institution, the two-year community college.

A survey of the literature in the field of junior college libraries will be a part of this one-year project. Handbooks for faculty, students and staff; blueprints; charts of organization; plans for development; annual reports, and similar materials from junior college libraries, will be included in the collection. Such materials may be sent at any time to the Junior College Library Information Center, Association of College and Research Libraries, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

Miss Sullivan has done both public and school library work, as well as teaching at Catholic University of America, Drexel Institute, University of Maryland, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. From 1961 to 1963 she was library specialist with the Montgomery County Board of Education in Rockville, Maryland. Previously, she was head of work with children in the Arlington County library in Virginia and worked as school specialist in the Enoch Pratt free library in Baltimore. She began her professional work as assistant children's librarian in Kansas City public library. Miss Sullivan has an AB from Clarke College and an MS in LS from Catholic University in Washington. She is a frequent contributor to professional journals, and is the author of a book for children called The O'Donnells. She also has written Impact: the School Library and the Instructional Program, the first book-length report on the Knapp Project, published in 1967.

CALL FOR IDEAS

The Planning Committee of the Resources and Technical Services Division is interested in hearing of new needs and problems within the responsibilities of the division. The committee is inviting librarians with ideas for studies or projects which can best be handled through cooperative action within the RTSD framework to present their ideas at a meeting during the Kansas City Conference.

This is an experiment launched in an optimistic effort to enlarge participation in RTSD's goals, to give an opportunity for participation to all who wish to work in the division's program, to involve in projects those most interested in them, to coordinate activities and avoid wasteful repetition, and to gain the advantages of discussion. The experiment grew out of an observation that a good idea has sometimes faded and disappeared without full exploration simply because a committee chairman appointed to carry it out has lacked interest and understanding to give the necessary energy to push it forward. The outcome might have been productive, if the originator of the idea had carried it out.
In order to structure the meeting, the Planning Committee is requiring a not-more-than-one-page description of the proposal, stating (1) the name and address of the person (or persons) presenting the idea, (2) the problem to be solved by the proposal, and (3) the general plan of procedure. Anyone is invited to present a proposal. The only restriction is that it must lie within the division's areas of responsibility; acquisitions, cataloging, classification, serials, reproduction, and resources.

Projects will be presented and discussed at a meeting of the Planning Committee during the ALA Conference in Kansas City. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, 1968 at 4:30 p.m. The place will be listed in the Conference Program and will also be reported to those sending in proposals. Available at the meeting for consultation will be members of the Policy and Research Committees of the RTSD sections—Acquisitions, Cataloging and Classification, Serials, and Reproduction of Library Materials—as well as a representative of the Resources Committee.

When a proposal is accepted, action to set it in motion will be taken. If it falls within a section's responsibilities, it will be referred to the appropriate Policy and Research Committee. It might go to one of the divisional committees. It might warrant a recommendation to the RTSD Board that an ad hoc committee be created. In every case, the intention is that the person making the proposal be a central figure in the implementation of his idea.

To be included in the Kansas City meeting, the proposal must be received by May 15, 1968. Descriptive sheets should be addressed to: Helen M. Welch, Chairman of the RTSD Planning Committee, University of Illinois Library, Urbana, Illinois 61801.

INFORMATION NEEDED

ACRL has been requested to present a program on "Educational Potential for Libraries in Living Units" at the Annual Conference of the National Association of Students Personnel Administrators, on April 2.

We would be grateful if information and policy statements regarding practices and programs in Academic Libraries would be sent to: Edward B. Stanford, Director of Libraries, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455.

The Guidelines for Library Service to Extension Students were officially endorsed by the National University Extension Association at its 1967 Annual Meeting and reprinted in the NUEA Spectator, October-November 1967.

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