BOARD OF TRUSTEES NAMED FOR FREEDOM TO READ FOUNDATION

The Executive Board of the American Library Association has designated eight persons to serve on the Board of Trustees of the new Freedom to Read Foundation, announced William S. Dix, ALA President. They will serve until elections are held this spring.

Those appointed as trustees are Alex P. Allain, Trustee, St. Mary Parish Library, Franklin, Louisiana; Sanford Cobb, Vice-President, General Manager, and Editor-in-Chief, Trade Publishing Division, Rand McNally & Company, Chicago; Robert B. Downs, Dean, Library Administration, University of Illinois, Urbana; Mrs. Jacqualyn K. Eubanks, Reference Librarian, Brooklyn College Library, New York; LeRoy C. Merritt, Dean, School of Librarianship, University of Oregon, Eugene; Mrs. Carrie C. Robinson, School Libraries Consultant, State Department of Education, Montgomery, Alabama; Joseph H. Reason, Director, Howard University Libraries, Washington; and C. Lamar Wallis, Director, Public Library, Memphis, Tennessee.

Seven other trustees serve on the board by virtue of their office in the American Library Association: William S. Dix, President of ALA, and Librarian, Princeton University Library, Princeton, New Jersey; Mrs. Lillian M. Bradshaw, First Vice-President and President-Elect, ALA, and Director, Public Library, Dallas, Texas; David H. Clift, Executive Director, ALA; Edwin Castagna, Chairman of the Intellectual Freedom Committee of ALA, and Director, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Maryland; Mrs. Sophie Silberberg, Chairman of the Intellectual Freedom Subcommittee of ALA’s American Library Trustee Association, and member of the staff of Thomas Y. Crowell Publishing Company, New York City; Gerald B. Hubble, Chairman, ALA Junior Members Round Table, and Director, Stephens College Library, Columbia, Missouri; and Julius R. Chitwood, President of ALA’s Library Administration Division, and Director, Public Library and Northern Illinois Library System, Rockford, Illinois.

The formation of the Freedom to Read Foundation was announced recently. Its purposes are to promote freedom of speech and of the press, to promote acceptance of libraries as repositories of the world’s accumulated wisdom and knowledge, and to support the right of libraries to include in their collections and make available any creative work legally acquired. The Foundation may also supply legal counsel and support to libraries and librarians suffering legal injustices because of their support of freedom of speech and of the press.

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