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THE TIME FACTOR IN LIBRARY USE

Public libraries bar no one because of race, religion, sex or age; they do bar a large proportion of the population because of time. Time is important. In many cases, it can control who uses the library. It can be a restrictive device creating a special class of library patrons, composed primarily of housewives, children, the elderly and the unemployed. They are the people free to come to the library during the day, the time when many small libraries are open most often.

But there are all too many people to whom the library is only the closed and darkened building that they see on their way home from work. A library open weekdays nine to five means nothing to them. They can't use it. They are involuntary non-users that time bars from the library.

Do we dismiss these people from library planning? We have broadened the scope of our collections; we have placed emphasis on the diversity of our services; we must now take into consideration the direct correlation between the people who use the library and the time the library is open.

Breaking this time barrier is up to the library. The number of hours a library is open each week is dictated by budget and official regulations--and is intended to allow enough time for maximum use by all people. Enough hours may be scheduled, but are they the right hours? Right for whom: the library or the public? A survey of the community and a look at registration files should tell if all residents have equal opportunity to use the library. If they don't, it is time for a fresh look at hours of opening in order to reapportion them for the greatest public convenience.

Changing cultural and economic patterns have caused more people than ever to become a part of the nation's daytime working force. As an institution for all people, can the library afford to overlook them? We note the increasing number of commercial agencies that have initiated regular evening schedules to meet the needs of people who are employed during the normal daytime hours. Can we do less? For if people are to become library conscious, libraries must be open when they can get there. The library is a service organization. Let's serve everyone!

Mary G. Leggett

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ADULT BOOKS AND SERVICES

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The publishing of the RAYMOND CHANDLER OMNIBUS, which includes four of his finest (THE BIG SLEEP; FAREWELL, MY LOVELY; THE HIGH WINDOW; and THE LADY IN THE LAKE) provides an opportunity to discard and replace any old, dog-eared copies. The works of Raymond Chandler are classics of their genre and deserve a place on all mystery shelves.

George Bernard Shaw once said something to the effect that the only thing we learn from history is that we learn nothing from history. Let's hope it's not so! At any rate, the writing of history continues apace. Alfred Duggan, well-known for his superior historical novels, has contributed an interesting and well-written account of THE STORY OF THE CRUSADES, 1097-1291. The epic voyages of Captain Cook are described in THE GOLDEN HAZE; WITH CAPTAIN COOK IN THE PACIFIC, by Roderick Cameron. There has been a revival of interest in World War I recently and many good books have been written about it. One of the latest is THE ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR, by Alan J. Taylor, the eminent and provocative British historian. A lively and informative text is combined with good illustrations, many of which have never been published before. Coming to our own day, we have a compilation of selected public statements by President Kennedy on the major issues of the day, THE BURDEN AND THE GLORY.

Certainly, the major domestic issue of the day is the whole question of civil rights for the Negro and, as might be expected, there has been a spate of books on the subject. This makes for difficulty in selection. There is always the danger of becoming overloaded with books which cover the same ground, individually worthwhile though they might be. In this month's crop, a few titles warrant recommendation. Charles Morgan, Jr., a liberal, white Southerner, decided that it was A TIME TO SPEAK after the murder of four Negro girls in a church bombing in Birmingham and he did so at a Young Men's Business Club meeting. What led to this decision and the effects of it are revealed in this personal testament. Jackie Robinson recounts the successful drive for integration in BASEBALL HAS DONE IT. The Carolina Israelite, Harry Golden, originator of the tongue-in-cheek proposal for vertical integration, pursues his long-standing interest in the subject in MR. KENNEDY AND THE NEGROES.

After our discussion of the intricacies of the principles of discarding at our last meeting, along comes George Gamow and makes one decision easy for us. In the preface to his new book, A STAR CALLED THE SUN, he states quite clearly that there has been a great deal of new knowledge since the publication of his old standard work on the subject, THE BIRTH AND DEATH OF THE SUN, and that he recommends its discard.

A good scientific biography is that of CHARLES DARWIN; EVOLUTION BY NATURAL SELECTION, by Sir Gavin De Beer. The emphasis is on the man's work and its influence.

A clear exposition of music appreciation for the layman is to be found in David Randolph's THIS IS MUSIC.

F	Chandler, Raymond	THE RAYMOND CHANDLER OMNIBUS Knopf 1964
C		\$5.95
301.45	Morgan, Charles, Jr.	A TIME TO SPEAK Harper 1964 \$3.95
M		
301.45	Robinson, John R.	BASEBALL HAS DONE IT Lippincott
R		1964 \$2.95
308	Kennedy, John F.	THE BURDEN AND THE GLORY Harper 1964
K		\$4.50
323.4	Golden, Harry	MR. KENNEDY AND THE NEGROES World 1964
G		\$4.95
523.7	Gamow, George	A STAR CALLED THE SUN Viking 1964 \$5.75
G		
780.1	Randolph, David	THIS IS MUSIC McGraw 1964 \$5.95
R		
919.6	Cameron, Roderick	THE GOLDEN HAZE; WITH CAPTAIN COOK IN
C		THE SOUTH PACIFIC World 1964 \$6.95
B	De Beer, <u>Sir</u> Gavin R.	CHARLES DARWIN; EVOLUTION BY NATURAL SELECTION
D2283d		Doubleday 1964 \$4.95
940.1	Duggan, Alfred L.	THE STORY OF THE CRUSADES, 1097-1291 Pantheon
D		1964 \$4.95
940.3	Taylor, Alan J.	ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR
T		Putnam 1964 \$6.95

Y O U N G A D U L T A N D C H I L D R E N ' S B O O K S A N D S E R V I C E S

MRS. BARBARA DCH, YOUNG ADULT AND CHILDREN'S CONSULTANT

An alphabet book is still the first introduction to letters and sounds for the very young child. Since we recognize the importance of this gradual familiarity with letters, it is also important that we make this first exposure pleasurable. Even the smallest library can offer a variety of alphabet books, done in many different illustrating styles. Many of these illustrations are done carefully and beautifully by distinguished artists and provide a very special entrance into the fascinating world of books.

SEVERAL STANDARD ALPHABET BOOKS:

E	Duvoisin, Roger	A FOR THE ARK Lothrop 1952 \$2.75
D		

The writer and illustrator of the PETUNIA books uses as his theme Noah's Ark and the animals who came into it. Illustrations are gay and colorful.

E Eichenberg, Fritz APE IN A CAPE, AN ALPHABET OF ODD ANIMALS Harper
E 1952 \$2.25

A brief nonsense rhyme goes with each animal. Illustrations done in three colors are bold and lively.

E Tudor, Tasha A IS FOR ANNABELLE Walck 1954 \$3.00
T

Two little girls play with Grandmother's doll. Each picture shows a part of the doll's wardrobe as the girls dress her for different occasions.

THREE OLDER ONES:

E Falls, C. B. THE A B C BOOK Doubleday 1923 \$2.50
F

Another animal A B C, with woodblocks done in color.

E Gag, Wanda THE A B C BUNNY; HAND-LETTERED BY HOWARD GAG Coward
G 1933 \$3.00

The adventures of a little rabbit told in verse. Original and humorous lithographs make this a favorite.

E Greenway, Kate A APPLE PIE Warne \$3.00
G

This is a reprint of her book which appeared in 1886--and retains all the charm of the original, with illustrations of little girls in long dresses, bonnets and sashes.

SOME NEWER ONES:

E Munari, Bruno A B C World 1960 \$3.50
M

The author and illustrator uses several familiar objects for each letter, accompanied by short phrases or single words. He inserts an unexpected touch when FLY is picked up with the letter F and then appears on a number of subsequent pages engaged in various activities. Forthright illustrations in full color.

E Rey, Hans A. CURIOUS GEORGE LEARNS THE ALPHABET Houghton 1963 \$3.25
R

Each letter is part of the illustration which stands for it. Both large and small letters are shown, plus much more text than in other alphabet books. Story about George is incorporated and the key letter for each page colored wherever it appears in text for that page.

E
R Rojankovsky, Feodor *ANIMALS IN THE ZOO* Knopf 1962 \$2.95

Lithographs in browns and blacks of unusual animals point up each letter.

E
S Seuss, Dr. *DR. SEUSS' A B C* Random 1963 \$1.95

Pictures large and small letters, emphasizes beginning consonants, and shows how words are formed. More detail is given, with appeal for older children.

E
W Wildsmith, Brian *BRIAN WILDSMITH'S A B C* Watts \$2.95

This book presents familiar objects in vivid, uncluttered paintings... one on each page. Name of object is given, in both upper and lower case letters.

ONE WITH A DIFFERENCE:

E
A Anglund, Joan W. *IN A PUMPKIN SHELL* Harcourt 1960 \$2.95

A combination alphabet and nursery rhyme book. Each letter and the word for which it stands is accompanied by a nursery rhyme in which the word appears. Author uses both color and pen and ink illustration in her own unique style.

Next month we will discuss *MOTHER GOOSE* and other nursery rhyme books.

Deadline for the summer reading project has been extended to August 1. We hope member librarians will encourage the children in their locality to read from the list suggested in the June Newsletter.

HEADQUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

AUTHORITY ON ADIRONDACKS TO SPEAK AT AUGUST MEETING:

Maitland DeSormo who talks and writes with equal enthusiasm about Adirondack people and places will be the speaker at the August 3 meeting of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library, to be held at the Royal Savage Inn, Plattsburgh. All member librarians, their trustees and system trustees are invited to attend.

Mr. DeSormo is a recognized authority on Seneca Roy Stoddard, the noted Adirondack guide, writer, and photographer of the late 1800's--and has just completed a biography of Stoddard which promises to be a real addition to Adirondack material. Although no definite information on publication is available at this date, Carl Carmer, prominent historian and author of many books on New York State lore, has agreed to write the introduction. Mr. DeSormo has also written many articles for North Country Life, York State Tradition, Adirondack Life, and Ad-i-ron-dac.

Centering his talk around Stoddard, the versatile camera artist, Mr. DeSormo will tell how he compiled the material about this legendary Adirondack figure: locating the remaining relatives, acquiring his large collection of Stoddard photographs, and will include anecdotes of Adirondack characters and their place in regional folklore.

Mr. DeSormo is no stranger to this area. He was born in Canton and received his early education in Franklin Academy, Malone. He is a graduate of Hamilton College and teaches drama and public speaking at Irvington High School, Irvington, New York. He is also an advisory editor of North Country Life. As a yearly summer visitor to the Adirondacks, Mr. DeSormo has climbed 35 of the highest peaks and has hiked through some of the remotest and wildest sections.

Stoddard's guidebooks of Lake George and Lake Champlain, maps, photographs (including some early shots of AuSable Chasm) will be on display at this meeting and are available for purchase.

Cost of this luncheon meeting is \$2.00. We would like to ask all trustees, librarians and guests to send their reservations to Headquarters by July 28.

DIRECTOR ATTENDS MEETING:

Mr. Berry attended a meeting of directors from four library systems in Saratoga on June 18. Mr. Berry; Mrs. Elena Horton, Ramapo-Catskill Library System; Miss Florence E. Harshe, Southern Adirondack Library System; and Mr. Walter Curley, Suffolk Cooperative Library System, discussed the proposed study of reference services in the four library systems. This study would be conducted by a survey team under funds allocated by the Library Services and Construction Act.

SECOND TELEVISION PROGRAM SCHEDULED:

The second in the series of children's programs planned by the system in cooperation with Mr. Bird Berdan of Plattsburgh Television Station W P T Z is scheduled for Thursday, July 9, at 1:40 p.m. Mrs. Barbara Doh, system consultant, will talk with five area teen-agers about books they are currently reading--and discuss their reactions to some of these books.

We have heard many favorable comments on the June 11 program, in which Mrs. Doh told the story of MINOU, a runaway French cat, by Françoise, to an audience of five pre-schoolers: Rita Mitchell, Kathy Hood, Lisa Prunier, and Bonnie and Pamela Steel.

ALA MEETING:

The annual meeting of the American Library Association will be held in St. Louis, June 28 - July 4. We hope many area libraries will be represented.

JOINT MEETING OF TRUSTEES PLANNED:

A combined meeting of the Boards of Trustees of Plattsburgh Public Library and the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library is scheduled for Saturday, July 11. It is hoped that there will be full representation from both boards.

DISPLAYS FROM LIBRARY FOR ANTIQUE SHOWS:

The public relations department of the system library has planned an exhibit of books for two antique shows to be held during July. The first will be in Malone on July 7, 8, 9 at St. Joseph's Academy; the second will be in Saranac Lake at the Town Hall on July 28, 29, 30. Booklists on various collector's items will be available. Staff from Headquarters will be on hand to explain how to borrow these and other books from the system through local public libraries and through the bookmobile.

BOOK STATION TO OPEN:

The Schroon Lake Book Station will be open during July and August for the use of residents and summer visitors. The station will be open from 10:00 to 1:00 on Monday and Thursday of each week, beginning with Thursday, July 2. It will be staffed by Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson and Mrs. Shirley Schoenstadt of Schroon Lake and will have a collection of books supplied by the system.

The bookmobile will stop at Severance instead of Schroon Lake during July and August. Time for the stop is Tuesday evening from 7:45 to 9:00, beginning with July 14.

JUNE LIBRARIANS' MEETING:

A librarians' meeting was held Monday, June 1, in the auditorium of Plattsburgh Public Library. Mrs. Doh and Mr. Vecchio, system consultants, discussed weeding problems, using specific examples of difficult areas that should be considered. Present were: Mrs. Henry W. Kurtenbach, Elizabethtown Library Association; Mrs. David Minnich, Harrison Junior High School Library, Malone; Mr. David Minnich, Wead Library, Malone; Mrs. Lee Washburn, Keene Public Library; Mrs. William H. Isham, Keene Valley Library Association; Mrs. David J. Harrison, Champlain Free Library; Mrs. Frank Peterson, Keeseville Free Library; Mrs. Paul Maicus, AuSable Forks Library; and Mr. Berry, Mrs. Waddell, Mrs. Courtney, Mrs. Mehan, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Llewellyn and Mrs. Leggett from Headquarters.

VACATION PLANNING:

Many of headquarters' personnel have selected July and August for holiday time off. Please allow a little time in requesting service to members during this time, since the remaining staff will have to double workloads to cover all jobs.

BOOKMOBILE CHANGES:

As announced, the new bookmobile schedules, effective July 6, will add Saturday and several evening stops each week. Where use is heavy, time has been increased for the stops. Stops have been discontinued where a survey made by the System Board of Trustees has shown that cost of time and service outweighs the use and number of people served, or where there is a public library or bookmobile stop within a reasonable distance. These stops are: Beekmantown, Clintonville, Coopersville, Ingraham, Moffitsville, Schuyler Falls, South Plattsburgh, Lewis, Mineville, Schroon River, Whallonsburg, Chasm Falls, Gabriels, and Westville. New schedules are available on the bookmobile and changes in time and day will be announced by all area newspapers, radio and television stations.

CONSULTANT VISITS LIBRARIES:

Mr. Vecchio, adult consultant for the system, visited the Dodge Memorial Library in Rouses Point on July 16 and Dodge Library in West Chazy on July 23, as part of his projected plan to visit all member libraries in the three-county system.

STAFF CHANGES:

Mr. John Crager of Upper Jay, New York, has joined headquarters as Junior Librarian. Mr. Crager has his B. S. from Cornell University and is a 1964 graduate of the School of Library Science, State University of New York at Albany.

MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

PLATTSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Miss Emma Walter, Director of Plattsburgh Public Library, has an exhibit coordinated with the summer celebration of the Sesquicentennial of the Battle of Plattsburgh. Miniature British and Colonial soldiers whose uniforms are replicas of those worn during the revolution surround cannon and other wartime impedimenta in battle positions against a background of handwritten letters from General Alexander Macomb and Commodore Thomas McDonough, written during the War of 1812. These letters are a part of this library's large historical collection.

PAINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, WILLSBORO:

Senior Girl Scout Troop #94 of Willsboro presented a memorial program in honor of the late President Kennedy at the local library. They also made a gift to the library of three volumes of President Kennedy's Public Papers.

SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY:

The first in the series of reading programs for children ages 4 to 7 will be held on Monday, June 29, at 10:00 a.m. Miss Linda Hart will read to the children each Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the summer at this library.

R. Edwin Berry, Director
Mary G. Leggett, Editor