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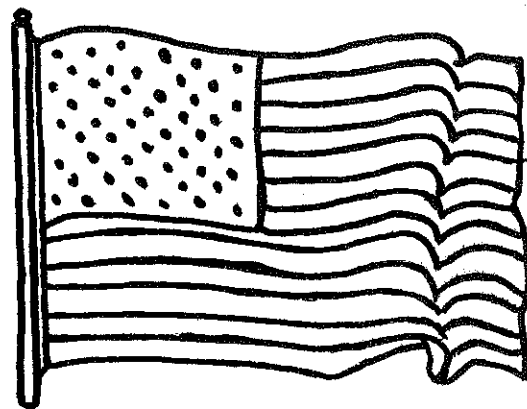
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THINGS ABOUT US
notes about the division of library services
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Have a Happy Fourth!

RETIREMENTS

Martha Jean Clark, Periodicals Librarian, Helm-Cravens Library retired effective June 30, 1976. Mrs. Clark had served in this position since 1956.

Dorothy Garrett, Educational Resources Center, retired effective March 31, 1976. Mrs. Garrett had been with Western since 1952 and was an instructor in the Training School before going to ERC.

NEW PERSONNEL

Danny Childers has been employed in the Periodicals area as clerical assistant effective June 1, 1976.

Sara Fennelly has been employed in the Acquisitions area as clerical assistant effective June 7, 1976.

Rita Griesch has been employed in the Acquisitions area as clerical assistant effective June 22, 1976.

Anne Graham has been employed in the Law area as reference librarian effective May 17-August 15, 1977.

Richard Jones has been promoted to Staff Assistant for Library Systems effective June 1.

LIBRARY HOURS-INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

Saturday, July 3	CLOSED
Sunday, July 4	CLOSED
Monday, July 5	6-10 p. m.

STAFF LOUNGE

The lounge on second floor of Helm Library is now available for use by the library staff.

IT'S SO NICE TO HEAR

".....thank you for the tour of your beautiful library. We appreciate the courtesy you extended to us."

A high school Library Club.

".....a note to tell you how much we in the Nursing Department appreciate the manner in which Jean Almand performs her responsibilities. In compiling a report to HEW, I can report that before 1974 we had 562 books in nursing or related to nursing; by June, 1974 there were 1,314 and as of May, 1976, there are 2,838. Mrs. Almand certainly has assisted us in increasing library holdings."

Department of Nursing

LIBRARY LITERATURE

The June 1976 issue of American Libraries is a centennial issue entitled, "Who We Are: A National Profile of the American Librarian." Twenty-nine librarians are interviewed concerning their attitudes toward their profession. Some of their thoughts are:

"Our mission is to bring books and information to people. Everything else is kind of secondary."

"Cataloging tries to fit universal intellectual problems into narrow nonuniversal principles."

".....I.....stumbled into one of today's best guarded secrets--the fascinating field of librarianship!"

"Professionalism? It's not just doing the job. It's living it!"

".....a public librarian should have a nicely cluttered mind."

".....a librarian is a professional when he/she knows and uses well the resources of the library in response to the patron's needs."

".....the librarian's mission is to protect and preserve the existence of libraries as social institutions."

".....the modern computer systems free people to think and to contribute more in day-to-day (library) operations than at any time in the past."

Library Literature (continued)

"What the Numbers Say" by Michael D. Cooper. American Libraries, Vol. 7, No. 6, June, 1976. pp. 327-330.

17% of librarians are employed in academic libraries.

95% of all academic librarians have the MLS degree.

84% of librarians are women. In academic libraries, the number is 66%.

In 1974, average starting salaries for librarians with MLS degrees were lowest in the Southeast.

5.2% of librarians are employed in the East South Central states.

In the 1870, census, 213 persons were listed as librarians. In 1976, there are over 115,000 librarians in the United States.

MICROFICHE SERVICE

The Government Documents Division is receiving complete coverage of US Congressional publications through the CIS/MICROFICHE LIBRARY starting with the January, 1976 material. One reader/printer has been moved to the 7th floor. The fiche is a companion to the CIS/Index which the Division has been receiving for several years. Now it is possible to go directly from the Index to the Congressional publications without reference to the Superintendent of Documents class numbers. The Congressional Record is not included in this coverage.

BICENTENNIAL NOTE

An exact replica (in smaller scale) of the Liberty Bell is being loaned to the library by the Bowling Green Bank and Trust Company. The Bell will be on display in the Helm Library inner lobby from July 6 to July 16. There is also a display of bicentennial materials in the same area.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Business/Economics Reference Bibliographer

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