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ITS HISTORY
& ITS HONORARY MEMBERS
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Foreword

When a Sixtieth Anniversary publication was first proposed, it was envisioned that it would contain various lists for historical purposes. These lists would include officers, meeting sites, the histories of sections and committees, and pictures. Immediately after approval was given by the Executive Board of SELA for the creation of the all-encompassing document, letters were sent to some of the noted librarians in the area. Very soon replies were being received and most of the persons were pleading that a lack of time prevented their searching out the necessary materials and writing on the requested topics. (It probably should have been assumed that if they were noted leaders of the profession that they would not have had time to prepare the histories unless adequate materials were readily available, and this was not always the case.)

When I mentioned my plight to someone, they asked if I was aware that J. B. Howell had been developing a history of the association and that John David Marshall was compiling biographical sketches of the honorary members. This information erased the nightmares that had been plaguing me ever since the arrival of the sixth, "Sorry, but . . ." letter. Needless to say, to recall a famous ballgame of poetry, the sun shined and there was rejoicing when both gentlemen agreed to furnish their manuscripts for the booklet. So, instead of a lost game, you have a document before you which should help you to know the heritage of our association and to appreciate some of the leadership that have so ably assisted us in concerns of our area as well as the entire profession.

I am most grateful to the two authors named above as well as to two others. These latter two prepared the two section histories which will appear in a future issue of The Southeastern Librarian. Also, we are indebted to the North Carolina Collection, UNC Library, Chapel Hill, for photographs of Susan Grey Akers and Mary L. Thornton.

The best that it can be determined, there is no formal, printed program still available, if there was one, from that first Southern Librarians Conference in 1920. This is the reason the second program is reproduced in this booklet.

No doubt, many persons will note items or topics that should not have been omitted. If this should occur, then it will be the stating of a case for a comprehensive history of the association that is documented and extensive — and adequately funded.

— Ellis E. Tucker
The Southeastern Library Association, 1920-1980

J. B. Howell

The Southeastern Library Association, like Davy Crockett, was "born on a mountain top in Tennessee." Although the exact time and place of its conception is difficult to determine, Mary Edna Anders' early history of the Association credits the idea of a regional meeting to discussions by a group of Southern librarians enroute to the American Library Association conference in Colorado Springs in June of 1920.

A SIGNAL ACCOMPLISHMENT

THE 1920's

The time was right; germination proved phenomenal. Five months after the June discussion the first regional meeting, attended by approximately one hundred librarians from seven Southern states, was held at Signal Mountain, Tennessee, November 12-13, 1920. Known as the Southeastern Librarians' Conference, this initial meeting consisted primarily of informal discussions of general problems rather than those of library administration or technique.

The obvious success of the first conference prompted Southern library leaders, while meeting at ALA in Detroit, to schedule another gathering at Signal Mountain in early November of 1922. Nine states were represented this time, and, with adequate promotion and beginners' luck, attendance was nearly twice that of the original conference. From discussions of various professional activities, the conferees soon turned their attention to two pressing problems — the provision of library service to Blacks and the lack of training facilities for Black librarians.

It was at the conclusion of this second mountain-top experience that definite plans were formulated for an association designed "to discuss particularly the problems of the Southeast and to promote library development in this region." A constitution providing for an informal organization based upon state rather than individual memberships (automatically making members of state library associations members of SELA) was adopted by this enthusiastic group, and Mary Utopia Rothrock of the Lawson McGhee Library in Knoxville and Charlotte Templeton of the Greenville (S.C.) Public Library were elected first president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the newly formed Southeastern Library Association.
By the time of the Asheville conference in 1924, nine states—Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia—had ratified the constitution. General sessions of the 1924 meeting were devoted largely to the then timely topic of adult education, and the first division or section programs as such were held during this conference. Although the name and, in several cases, the composition has changed through the years, five of the present sections or a reasonable counterpart thereof (Public Library, School and Children's, Reference and Adult Services, Resources and Technical Services, and the University and College Sections) were organized either as round tables or sections as early as 1922.

In 1926, the Association returned to Signal Mountain for its fourth biennial conference and the only regular SELA meeting ever scheduled in the spring. Before the conference came down the mountain in late April, they had approved specific goals set by President Louis Round Wilson for the improvement of library service in the South during the next ten years. Among the most significant of the immediate objectives was the negotiating with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools regarding the adoption of standards for school libraries and for institutions offering courses in school librarianship.

The final conference of the decade, and SELA's only meeting in Mississippi, was held in Biloxi in November of 1928. President Tommie Dora Barker, emerging as a regional leader in library development, introduced a program which included a further challenge to the Association by Dr. Wilson and papers on the substantial progress which was being made in such areas as standards, state library agencies, and service to minorities.

Late in 1929, the Association's Policy Committee, appointed by President Charlotte Templeton, prepared a special report outlining the critical library needs of the Southeast. This report, which was submitted to national foundation officials early in the following year, served as the stimulus for the teen-age Association's greatest surge of professional energy. Appropriately, for a product of the "Roaring Twenties," the Southeastern Library Association's first ten years were characterized by tremendous vitality and activity. However, the regional problems facing early Association leaders were general and professional, both very real. Along with a low per capita income, a high rate of illiteracy, and a dual educational system, which affected nearly every aspect of Southern living, librarians were confronted with small book collections, inadequate library support, an acute shortage of trained personnel, and worst of all perhaps, a general lack of library consciousness.

PROGRESS IN PROFESSIONALISM
THE 1930's

Despite the financial difficulties, which were experienced in nearly every aspect of American life during the Depression era, the 1930's proved a period of unprecedented progress in library development in the Southeast. Many of the objectives, youthful dreams of the Association in the mid-to-late Twenties, were ultimately realized in the years between 1930 and 1938, and SELA, though still adolescent in many ways, proved sufficiently able to sponsor or to support many professional projects in those "pinching times."

The achievement of long-sought library goals, however, was made possible, to a large extent, by substantial grants from three educational foundations: the Julius Rosenwald Fund, which early provided support for school and college libraries for Blacks, later sponsored extensive demonstration programs of public library service, and, subsequently, through grants to several Southern states, laid the foundation for library extension work in the South; the General Education Board, which made funds available to establish the position of school library supervisor in eight of the nine Southeastern states, to support research programs in the region, and to sponsor cooperative enterprises among libraries of Southern universities; and, the Carnegie Corporation, whose contributions included the underwriting of a survey of library training facilities in the South and direct assistance in upgrading book collections in many college and university libraries throughout the Southland.

Progress reports on projects supported by the various grant programs were regularly presented at the biennial conferences. Attendance at these meetings steadily increased from 155 to 387 in 1938.

The 1930 conference in Tampa featured Sarah C. N. Bogle's report on the recently completed survey of library training programs in the South and Miss Barker's charge to the conferences concerning the increasing need for certification of librarians, continued support for county library development, and better library legislation. At the conclusion of this conference, Harold Brigham of the Louisville Free Public Library became the first Kentuckian to serve as president of SELA.

When Charlotte Templeton reviewed the history and accomplishments of the Association at the seventh biennial conference, held at Signal Mountain in 1932, she might have presented a more appropriate program than anyone realized at that time. As it turned out, this conference was the Association's last official visit to the scene of its inception.

The relationship of the library to social development and the evolving concept of governmental responsibility in supporting library service were stressed at the first Joint Conference of the Southeastern and Southwestern Library Associations in Memphis in 1934. Accepting the invitation of SELA President Lillian B. Griggs and other program planners, Dr. Wilson, then dean of the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago, challenged both associations to plan constructively for future development in professional areas ranging from the elementary school to the large research library.

As a means of strengthening research facilities in the region, cooperative measures were much discussed at the general sessions, conducted by President Helen Virginia Stelle and others, during the Asheville conference in October of 1936. A particularly timely program was devoted to an analysis of Howard W. Odum's recently published Southern Regions of the United States and its possible application to library development in his "regions."

By the time President Charles H. Stone called the Atlanta conference to order in 1938, librarians in general recognized the vast potential of government support in library programs. That, for the most part, they were not only willing to accept it but were also ready to seek it was apparent in conference discussions dealing with both federal and state aid.

The decade of the 1930's is likely to be remembered in Southern library circles for three significant publications, which owed their existence, at least in part, to the Southeastern Library Association. The earliest of these, County Library Service in the South, was a survey of the Rosenwald demonstrations prepared by Dr. Wilson and E. A. Wight in 1935.

Second only in sequence, Miss Barker's report on her activities as the American Library Association's only regional field agent serves as a chronicle of the library movement in the Southeast from 1930 through 1935. Entitled Libraries of the South, this comprehensive report appeared in 1936, just a few months after another Georgian's spirited Civil War saga became the best selling novel of all time.

The first attempt to describe in some detail the research collections in libraries of a large region was made in the mid-1930's by a group of Southern librarians, who, through SELA's College and Reference Section, supported the work of a corresponding ALA committee. The resulting compilation, Resources of Southern Libraries, was edited by Robert B. Downs, then librarian of the University of North Carolina, and published by the American Library Association in 1938.
PATRIOTISM AND SELF STUDY
THE 1940’s

Appropriately, Dr. Anders has called the 1940’s “a transitional period” for SELA. Toward the end of this somewhat dormant decade, however, there appeared a highly significant sleeper — the first regional library survey.

Interest in federal aid for libraries, which had been discussed at length at the 1938 conference, continued to receive attention at the 1940 meeting in Savannah. Both the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Works Progress Administration had already made Southern librarians aware of the tremendous benefit which might be derived through federal programs. Many areas had received library service for the first time through WPA aid, and TVA had considerably improved the quality of library service in the sections which it covered.

By conference time in 1940, it was generally felt that the Association would profit by some form of reorganization. Although President Marjorie Beal appointed committees to take the initial steps in this direction, ten years were to elapse before the changes could be effected. Like most men and many women twenty-two years of age, it could be said that the Southeastern Library Association joined the war effort in 1942. Actually, SELA suspended its professional meetings and conferences for the duration of World War II.

Despite the moratorium on meetings, however, several Association programs were continued, and at least one was initiated during the war years. By the time President Ola Wyeth opened the first post-war conference, held in Asheville in 1946, the Association was already engaged in a comprehensive survey of the size and effectiveness of Southern libraries. The survey was jointly sponsored by SELA and the Tennessee Valley Library Council, which consisted of representatives from educational institutions and organizations reporting to TVA. The information compiled from the questionnaires sent to libraries and library agencies was edited by Dr. Wilson and Marion Milczewski and published in 1949 under the title of Libraries of the Southeast.

Following directives of the delegates at the conference in 1946, President William H. Jesse appointed two committees to make recommendations regarding the proposed reorganization of the Association. The Publications Committee was asked to investigate the possibility of publishing studies affecting librarianship in the region and the feasibility of issuing a quarterly journal. The Activities Committee, whose duties included the revision of the SELA constitution, was chaired by Jack Dalton, then director of the Alderman Library of the University of Virginia.

The reports of these committees were made, fully discussed, and finally approved by the membership at the Louisville conference in 1948. This action served as a mandate for the reorganization of the Association in order to provide for annual meetings, a headquarters office, a full-time executive secretary, and a quarterly journal; and President Clarence R. Graham appointed the appropriate committees to implement these ambitious plans.

In the summer of 1949, the chairmanship of the Activities Committee, charged with developing the detailed plans for reorganization, fell into the capable hands of Louis Shores, dean of the Library School of Florida State University.

A FIRMER FOUNDATION
THE 1950’s

Although Tennessee holds undisputed claim as the birthplace of the Association, it was Georgia which finally made it legal. The Southeastern Library Association was incorporated by the State of Georgia on March 13, 1950.

Incorporation followed the appointment of Dorothy M. Crosland, librarian of Georgia Institute of Technology, as SELA’s first Acting Executive Secretary and the Association’s acceptance of Georgia Tech’s invitation to establish its headquarters there early in 1950. Although the latter arrangement was doubtless considered a temporary one at the time, the library which served the “rambling wreck” was to generously provide a base for SELA operations for the next twenty years.

The long-sought plans for reorganization were finally being realized, and SELA, now thirty years old, flexed its muscles for the major adjustments that it faced. When the Association met in Atlanta in October 1950, the Sub-Committee on the Constitution, under the chairmanship of Augusta B. Richardson of Corinth, Mississippi, presented the revised constitution for approval; and the Liaison Committee, headed by William H. Jesse of the University of Tennessee, had a contract with TVA ready for signatures.

The business sessions of 1950, though characterized by heated but healthy discussions, achieved a final note of accord. The constitution, as accepted by the Association, was to go into effect when ratified by five states. Georgia and South Carolina approved the new constitution before the end of the conference, and they were followed, successively, by Virginia, Mississippi, and Kentucky. It was Kentucky’s approval that met the required ratification by five states, and the constitution was adopted on November 4, 1950.

The first issue of The Southeastern Librarian, which has effectively served as the official voice of the Association for nearly thirty years, appeared in the spring of 1951. Initially issued semi-annually, the journal has been published quarterly since 1953. The first three numbers were edited by W. Stanley Hoole of the University of Alabama; but, in the fall of 1952, the editorship passed to W. Porter Kellam, director of the University of Georgia Libraries, who ably served in this capacity until 1961.

In the spring of 1952, President Louis Shores appointed the first Southern Books Competition Committee, which, in turn, named a jury to select the best "examples of the bookmaker's art" produced by Southern publishers and presses during the year. Guided for the next twenty years by Lawrence S. Thompson of the University of Kentucky, the Competition continues as one of SELA’s most prestigious projects.

A region-wide survey of the cataloging practices in small public libraries was conducted by the Cataloging Section of SELA during the spring and summer of 1952. The results of this extensive study were reported by Clyde E. Pettus, survey director, at the conference in the fall of 1952.

The president’s report at the Atlanta conference in 1952, noted among many accomplishments of the reorganized SELA that this had been “the first biennium with an incorporated organization, an association headquarters, a paid, albeit, inadequately paid, executive secretary, a journal, and income from paid membership dues, and a completed contract.”

Unfortunately, the Korean War led TVA to cancel all non-essential contracts, and the agreement with the Southeastern Library Association was not continued after June of 1951.

When Mrs. Croslan assumed the presidency of the Association in November of 1952, Richard B. Harwell of Emory University succeeded her as part-time Executive Secretary of SELA. His service continued until the Atlanta conference in 1954, when he was replaced by Mrs. William A. Bugg, the first of three Anns (Anne P. Bugg, 1954-1960; Ann W. Cobb, 1961-1970; Ann W. Morton, 1971-1977) to hold this position.

In 1956, President Nancy Jane Day persuaded the Southern States Work Conference to take school libraries as one of its study projects. As this conference was sponsored by the state education associations and the Departments of Education in fourteen Southern states, it proved a very productive three-year study and one which decidedly increased the visibility of libraries in the educational programs of the constituent states.

Meeting in Roanoke in mid-October, when the Blue Ridge was at its colorful best, certainly helped make the 1956 conference, SELA’s first visit to Virginia, a pleasant and memorable one. It was at this conference that the Trustees and Friends of the Library, an expansion of
the Trustees group formed in 1946, met officially as a section of the Association.

Acting upon the recommendation of a Special Activities Committee, which outlined a program for the future development of the Association, President Randolph W. Church scheduled a workshop for the officers, section chairmen, and committee chairmen in Atlanta on February 21, 1958. This meeting was the first in a continuing series of effective workshops for the officers of the Association. Subsequently, these workshops have been held early in the off-conference years.

"Regionalism," as the theme of the eighteenth biennial conference in Louisville in 1958, was explored by the presidents of the nine state associations in SELA in an effort to strengthen the relationship between the states and the regional association.

THE FEDERAL PERIOD
THE 1960's

The more spectacular advances in the nation's libraries in the 1960's were directly attributable to major federal legislation enacted in this decade. The impact of these substantial programs was discussed at executive board meetings, workshops, and conferences during the Sixties as Association officials attempted to interpret the new grant programs and relate their application to the libraries of the region.

The Southeastern Conference of State Directors of Public and School Library Programs, sponsored by SELA on August 5-6, 1960, was a regional effort to promote a better working relationship between these two library service agencies. Chaired by President Lucile Nix, the conference emphasized the significant trends affecting both public and school libraries and the areas of responsibility which they share.

The 1960 Conference in Asheville was preceded by two highly successful workshops on library architecture. The Public Library Building Institute was held in the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, a setting which afforded participants an opportunity to observe a contemporary public library in operation. The College Library Buildings Institute was held at Western Carolina College in Cullowhee, and the program included the presentation of building plans of the Hunter Library there as well as that of six other recently completed academic libraries in that area.

Appropriately, the 1960 Conference paid special tribute to Thomas Wolfe, the renowned regional writer whose Look Homeward, Angel had recently been revived as a popular Broadway play. Tours included "Dixieland," the boarding house which was the author's boyhood home. The book dinner featured Jonathan Daniels' eloquent and moving "October Recollections of Thomas Wolfe." Recognized as a minor classic, it was subsequently published in a limited edition by two SELA members, Emma Bostick and Fant Thornley.

"Until some better device is developed . . . the workshop will remain as a very effective form of adult education," was a prediction of noted library educator Frances Neel Cheney. Acting on this premise as vice-president of SELA, Mrs. Cheney proposed and promoted the two conferences on library buildings. As Association president, she was influential in the scheduling of three notable regional workshops — Recruiting for Librarianship in the Southeast, as planned by I. T. Littleton of North Carolina State University; Library Education, with particular emphasis on conformity of undergraduate programs, as directed by Dorothy Ryan of the University of Tennessee; and Library Service to Business and Industry, which proved an effective preconference of the 1962 meeting in Memphis.

An intensive survey of interlibrary loan service in all types of libraries in the Southeast was launched in the 1960-1962 biennium. The results of this study and the twenty-two recommendations emanating therefrom were presented by David E. Estes, survey chairman, at the Reference Services Section meeting in 1962.

Following the passage of the Economic Opportunity Act in 1964, President Hoyt Galvin analyzed the seven titles of this program with regard to their application to libraries and particularly to libraries of this region. The provisions of this program were clearly outlined by Mr. Galvin in The Southeastern Librarian, Fall, 1964.

It was Hoyt Galvin who once contended that, if for no other reasons, SELA's existence could be justified because of its provision for personal and professional contacts among regional colleagues and the publications of an excellent journal. Credit for the latter, during the period of the 1960's, was due to three successive editors of The Southeastern Librarian — William R. Pullen, 1961-64; John H. Gribbin, 1964-1966; and Jerrold Orne, 1966-1972.

The 1964 Conference in Norfolk was marked by several firsts, including the Association's first meeting in Tidewater Virginia, the first SELA tour of the library of a battleship, and the first conference in which the sections were responsible for all the general sessions. In a very real sense, this new program pattern made each general session appear as a large section meeting.

President Archie L. McNeal was asked to testify before the U.S. House of Representatives' Special Subcommittee on Education in March of 1965 as the committee deliberated on the Higher Education Act of that year. After the passage of this act, SELA officials represented the Association at workshops concerning the provisions of the Title II programs and attempted to keep the membership informed as to the conditions governing the allocation of these grants.

When SELA returned to Atlanta for the biennial conference in 1966, many members missed the familiar surroundings of the Biltmore Hotel, the scene of much Association activity in the past; however, they revelled in the spacious new quarters provided by the Marriott downtown.

The SELA-sponsored workshop on Interlibrary Cooperation to assist in the implementation of Title III of the Library Services and Construction Act was held in Atlanta, May 15-16, 1967. Acting President Bomar was ably assisted at this conference by Lucile Nix and Mary Edna Anders.

Unable to attend the 1966 conference as the result of an illness which proved terminal, John Hall Jacobs, the twenty-first president of the Association, died in Atlanta on July 27, 1967. At that time, Vice-President Cora Paul Bomar, who had been acting in Mr. Jacob's behalf, assumed the presidency of SELA. In a special election in the spring of 1968, Elaine von Oesen of the North Carolina State Library became vice-president and president-elect of the Association.

A workshop on the Fundamentals of Library Automation, the first of several such to be sponsored by SELA, was held in Gatlinburg on April 25, 1968. Statistically and otherwise, the twenty-third biennial conference in Miami (1968) was a significant one. Surprisingly for a meeting that far off center, there were 980 registrants and 137 exhibits. By the end of the conference, the Association membership reached 3,085, the highest number on record.

INNOVATION AND SOLIDIFICATION
THE 1970's

The Seventies, from beginning to end, were destined to be years of change for the Association, changes both startling and subtle.

The first major organizational changes of the decade came during the Atlanta conference in 1970 when two new sections — the Special Libraries Section and the Library Education Section — were approved by the Executive Board, and the revised constitution of the Association was adopted by the membership. The constitution, completely rewritten in more
acceptable legal form, provided for the election of a secretary in addition to the salaried executive secretary.

The first steps toward a second comprehensive survey of libraries in the Southeast were taken at the biennial workshop in March of 1971. At that time, President W. Porter Kellam appointed a committee to make the preliminary plans for a systematic means of updating and supplementing the data of the original survey, compiled twenty-five years earlier. During the next few months, funding for the project was secured from the nine State Library Agencies, the state library associations in the region, and SELA. The Tennessee Valley Authority agreed to provide support in computer and statistical services; and Mary Edna Anders, head of the Basic Data Branch of Georgia Tech’s Industrial Development Division, consented to serve as director of the survey. The results of this substantive survey, as compiled by Dr. Anders during the next three years, were published as *Libraries and Library Services in the Southeast, 1972-1974*, by the University of Alabama Press in 1976.

Following extensive planning on the part of both associations, the second Joint Conference of the Southeastern and Southwestern Library Associations was held in New Orleans, October 31-November 4, 1972. This cooperative venture proved so successful that the associations immediately began negotiations for another such meeting in the fall of 1978.

Upon the resignation of Vice-President Dorothy Ryan, who became Mrs. Stephen McCarthy of Washington, D.C., Ceci P. Beach, incoming vice-president, automatically became the president of the Association at the conclusion of the New Orleans conference. The executive board then appointed Betty D. Martin, media coordinator of the School District of Greenville County (S.C.), to serve as vice-president.

In the fall of 1973, the librarians of West Virginia accepted SELA’s invitation to affiliate with the regional association. By so doing, West Virginia became the tenth and youngest state affiliate of SELA and, as such, was officially welcomed by President Beach at the Richmond conference in October of 1974.

Two long-sought regional library goals were reached in 1975 with the completion of the SELA survey and the coming of computerized cataloging to the Southeast. Since the installation of the first SOLINET terminal at Emory University on January 2, 1975, highlights in the development of the Southeastern Library Network have been covered by quarterly reports in *The Southeastern Librarian*.

In its initial effort to implement the recommendations of the survey, the executive board early in 1976 asked Mary Edna Anders to serve as part-time interim executive director of SELA. Much of the detailed planning for the new office, including the securing of funding, was completed by Dr. Anders during the six months of her tenure. In August of 1976, President Betty Martin was notified that the Association would receive a grant of $100,000 from the Tennessee Valley Authority to assist in the support of the office of executive director as a demonstration project in regional development during the next four years.

The Association’s first permanent award, established in January of 1976 through a bequest of $10,000 from the estate of Mary Utopia Rothrock, was designated to provide a biennial award to a Southeastern librarian “for exceptional contribution to library development” in the region. Appropriately, as it happened, the first Rothrock Award was presented to Dr. Anders at the 1976 conference in Knoxville, Miss Rothrock’s home town.

On January 3, 1977, Johnnie Givens, former director of the Austin Peay State University Library, became the Association’s first full-time executive director. In the ensuing months, the Association received a planning grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and a series of grants from the Oak Ridge National Laboratory for a Solar Technology Transfer Program in the Southern states.

Two SELA-sponsored publications, prepared simultaneously in 1977 by separate committees, were issued by the Association in 1978. The *Southeastern Bibliographic Instruction
years, SELA has provided a means of conversation and consolation, but it has also served as a unifying force, strong enough to influence legislation and to attract foundation and federal funds for regional library projects.

The success of the Southeastern Library Association's programs has resulted in two regional library surveys, the adoption of school library standards, the establishment of state library agencies, the position of state school library supervisor, the founding of library schools, the sponsoring of a variety of informative workshops, and the publication of significant regional directories and a professional journal which has recently received national recognition.
THURSDAY
MORNING SESSION

9:00 Registration.

10:00 Conference called to order.

Introductions.

Greetings from Chattanooga . . . Mr. John J. Mahoney
President Board of Directors Chattanooga Public Library

Greetings from "Public Libraries" . Miss Mary Eileen Ahern
Editor "Public Libraries"

Announcements.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:30 Meeting of League of Library Commissions—Chairman, Miss Charlotte Templeton.
Secretary Georgia Library Commission

2:30 Cataloging Round Table . Leader, Mrs. Caroline Engstfeld
Head Cataloger Birmingham Public Library

4:30 Book Selection, buying and Ordering Round Table . . . Leader, Mr. Henry M. Gill
Librarian New Orleans Public Library

EVENING SESSION

6:30 Group Dinners.

8:30 Address . . . . . . . . Mr. George B. Utley
Librarian Newberry Library, Chicago, and President of the
American Library Association

FRIDAY
MORNING SESSION

9:30 Children’s Work Round Table . Leader, Miss Bernice W. Bell
Head Children’s Department Louisville Free Public Library

9:30 College, High School and Reference Libraries Round Table . . . Leader, Mr. Charles B. Shaw
Librarian North Carolina College for Women, Greensboro, N. C.

11:30 County Libraries and Library Extension Round Table . . . Leader, Mrs. A. F. Griggs
Librarian Durham Public Library, Durham, N. C.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:30 Work of the Circulating Department Round Table . Leader, Mr. Joseph F. Marron
Librarian Jacksonville Public Library

4:30 Special Problems Round Table . Leader, Mr. Chas. D. Johnston
Librarian Cosmopolitan Library, Memphis

EVENING SESSION

7:00 Dinner, Book Review Round Table, Leader, Miss Mary U. Rothrock

SATURDAY
MORNING SESSION

9:30 Receive Report of Committee on Organization . . . Chairman, Miss Charlotte Templeton
Adjourn.
Honorary Members of SELA

John David Marshall

Louis Round Wilson in 1954 was elected an Honorary Life Member of the Southeastern Library Association. His was the first such membership awarded by the Association, and there was not another until 1972 when eighteen Honorary Life Memberships were approved. In 1974 there were five; in 1976, seven; in 1978, two; and in 1980, three. In June 1978 the Executive Board of SELA approved the Honorary Membership Committee's recommendation that honorary memberships be limited to no more than five in any biennium.

In its first sixty years, thirty-five librarians and one library trustee—fifteen men and twenty-one women—have been elected to Honorary Life Membership in SELA. Among these thirty-six are four Presidents of the American Library Association, three ALA Second Vice-Presidents, four honorary members of ALA, four Presidents of the Association of College and Research Libraries, three Presidents of the American Association of School Librarians, three Presidents of the Association of American Library Schools, and eleven Presidents of SELA. One of the thirty-six has been President of Beta Phi Mu International Library Science Honorary Fraternity. Twenty-nine have served as president of their state library association.

SELA Honorary Members include four who have received the Joseph W. Lippincott Award for distinguished service to the profession of librarianship (the first recipient of this award is one of the four), two recipients of the Isadore Gilbert Mudge Citation for distinguished contributions to reference librarianship, two recipients of the Beta Phi Mu Award for distinguished contributions to education for librarianship, one recipient of the Beta Phi Mu Good Teaching Award, one recipient of the Margaret Mann Citation for outstanding achievement in cataloging and/or classification, two recipients of the Melvil Dewey Award for creative achievement in such areas as library management, training, cataloging/classification, and one recipient of the Constance Lindsay Skinner Award of the Women's National Book Association for "an enduring and unique contribution to the world of books and to the larger society through books." Three of SELA's Honorary Members have received Fulbright Awards for research and/or lecturing. Eight have been awarded honorary doctorates—five have received one each, one has received two, one has received four, and one has received six. Honorary Members also include the first editor of College and Research Libraries, the first woman to be awarded an honorary doctorate by Emory University, and the first American/first librarian to be invited to give the Annual Lecture of the [British] Library Association. Two have had library buildings named in their honor, and a dormitory for women has been named for another. One Honorary Member is the grandniece of Sam Davis, "the boy hero of the Confederacy"; another is an Honorary Admiral in the Texas Navy. Still another was born in the same year that witnessed the birth of the American Library Association.

These are some of the facts that may be retrieved from the biographies of SELA's Honorary Members. The biographical data presented in the pages that follow should help members determine who's who among SELA's Honorary Membership.
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Career: Teacher in Georgia high schools, 1920-24; Teacher (Latin and English), Alderson Junior College, Alderson, West Virginia, 1924-25; Associate Professor (Latin and English), Greensboro College, Greensboro, North Carolina, 1925-32; Head, English Dept., Chowan College, Murfreesboro, North Carolina, 1932-33; Head, English Department, Statesville (N.C.) High School, 1935-36; Director of Student Activities, Mississippi Woman's College, Hattiesburg, 1936-37; Assistant, Reference Department, Columbia University Libraries, 1938-40; Reference Librarian, Connecticut College, New London, 1940-44; Librarian, Lake Erie College, Painesville, Ohio, 1944-45; Assistant Reference Librarian, Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts, 1945-46; Reference Librarian/Head, Reference Department, Joint University Libraries, Nashville, Tennessee, 1946-65.


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Career: Librarian, Chemistry Library, Vanderbilt University, 1928-29; Circulation Assistant, 1929-30; Reference Librarian, 1930-37; Reference Librarian, Joint University Libraries, 1937-43; Assistant to the Chair of Poetry (Allen Tate), Library of Congress, 1943-44; Bibliographer, General Reference Division, Library of Congress, 1944-45; Head, Reference Department, Joint University Library, 1945-46; Assistant Professor/Associate Professor/Professor, George Peabody College for Teachers, School of Library Science, 1946-75; Acting Director, Peabody Library School, 1956-58; Associate Director, 1960-75; Professor Emeritus, 1975-date. Visiting Professor, Japan Library School, Keio University, Tokyo, 1951-52.


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**Career:** Assistant Reference/Periodicals Librarian, Peabody College, 1932-35; Librarian, Furman University, 1936-42; Librarian, Presbyterian College, 1942-45; Documents Librarian, University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill), 1947-51; Librarian and Professor of History, Peabody College, 1952-67; Director of the Southern Historical Collection and Professor of History, University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill), 1967-76.  
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**Career:** Teacher, Spartanburg (S.C.) High School, 1924-25; teacher, Darlington (S.C.) High School, 1927-31; Teaching Fellow, Duke University, 1931-34; Assistant Professor of English, Birmingham-Southern College, 1934-35; Librarian, 1935-37; Librarian, Baylor University, 1937-39; Librarian, North Texas State University, 1939-44; Librarian/Dean of Libraries, University of Alabama, 1944-71; Dean Emeritus, 1973-date; Professor of Librarianship, University of Alabama, 1971-73.  
**Publications:** Editor, Classified List of Reference Books and Periodicals for the College Library (1957). Author: Alias Simon Suggs (1952); Ante-Bellum Charleston Theatre (1946); Vizetelly Covers the Confederacy (1957); Alabama Tories, 1862-1865 (1960); According to Hoole: Collected Essays and Tales of a Scholar-Librarian and Literacy Maverick (1973).  
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**Publications:** Virginia House of Burgesses, 1689-1750 (1941); Virginia Local History: A Bibliography (1971, 1976); Southeastern Broadside before 1877: A Bibliography (1971); More Virginia Broadside (1975); Portraits and Statuary of Virginians (1977).  
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**Publications:** Editor, Emory University Library Sources and Reprints (1943); Editor, A Methodist Courtship: Love Letters of Joseph Benson and Sarah Thompson, 1779-80 (1945).

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Professional Activities/Recognition: American Library Association—Member, Council, 1938-40; Association of College and Research Libraries—Chairman, Publications Committee, 1941-43; Chairman, University Libraries Section, 1949-50; President, 1954-55; Association of Southeastern Research Libraries—Chairman, 1964-65; President, 1968-69; Louisiana Library Association—Chairman, College and Reference Section, 1948-49; Southeastern Library Association—Chairman, University and College Libraries Section, 1968-70; Rockefeller Foundation Lecturer, Japan Library School, 1957, Joseph W. Lippincott Award, 1972; Outstanding Academic Librarian Award, SELA Trustees Section, 1970. Elected Honorary Life Member, Southeastern Library Association, 1974.
Publications: Classified List of Periodicals for the College Library (1934,1938, 1940, 1948); College Library Publicity (1935); Administration of the College Library (1944, 1949, 1961, 1974); Bibliography of Christopher Morley (1952); I Am Happy To Present (1953, 1968); The President, the Professor, and the College Library (1963); The Librarian Speaking (1970); Praise from Famous Men (1977).
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Publications: Discovering Tennessee (1936, 1951, 1962); This Is Tennessee (1963); Editor, French Broad Holston Country: A History of Knox County, Tennessee (1946); Editor, Haywood's Natural and Aboriginal History of Tennessee (1959).
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Career: Assistant, Toledo Public Library, 1918-21; Assistant, University of Toledo Library, 1922-26; Reference Assistant, New York Public Library, 1926-28; Librarian, Fisk University, 1928-33; Librarian, George Peabody College for Teachers, 1933-36; Director, Peabody Library School, 1933-46; Military Service, U.S. Army Air Force (China-Burma-India Theater), 1942-46; Advisory Editor, 1946-59; Editor-in-Chief, 1960-date, Collier's Encyclopedia; Dean/Professor, School of Library Science, Florida State University, 1946-67; Dean Emeritus, 1967-date.
Publications: Origins of the American College Library, 1638-1800 (1934; reprinted 1966 and 1972); Basic Reference Books (1937, 1939); Highways in the Sky (1947); Basic Reference Sources (1954; reprinted 1972); Instructional Materials (1960); Mark Hopkins' Log and other essays (1965); Library-College USA (1970); Looking Forward to 1999 [novel] (1972); Library Education (1972); Quiet World [autobiography] (1975); Reference as the Promotion of Free Inquiry (1976); The Generic Book (1977).
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Publications: Chaucer's Relative Constructions (1906); Geography of Reading (1938); The University Library (1945, 1955); Libraries of the Southeast (1949); Library in College Instruction (1951); History of the University of North Carolina, 1900-1930 (1957); Library of the First State University (1960); University of North Carolina Under Consolidation, 1931-1963 (1964); Historical Sketch Book (1976)

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Career: Principal, rural schools, South Carolina, 1915-18; U.S. Navy Bureau, Supplies and Accounts, Washington, D.C., 1918-19; Clerk, Extension Division, University of South Carolina, 1926-27; Librarian, Laurens (S.C.) High School, 1927-34; Assistant Reference Librarian, Greenville (S.C.) Public Library, 1935-37; Assistant/Associate Professor, Library Science, University of Kentucky, 1938-61.


Publications: Know the South (1943); The School Library at Work (1959); Book Selection for School Libraries (1962).

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