

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY
LIBRARY SURVEY

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Peace College Library

In the latest report on *Statistics of North Carolina Public Libraries, July 1, 1943-June 30, 1944*, compiled by the North Carolina Library Commission, there are thirty-five colleges and universities for white youth and twelve for Negro. Library collections in these colleges range from 1,823 to 681,032 volumes and are administered by a library staff composed of from one full-time librarian in most instances to sixty-eight in the largest university.

In a survey made in May, 1944 by NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES, questionnaires were returned from thirty-four colleges. One, returned unsigned, was not considered in this report. It was found that the colleges were glad to serve their townspeople and alumni as well as their students and faculty. In only four instances was a charge made for the use of the library, the amount varying from ten cents per book to \$5.00 per year. In only two cases was service to the general public prohibited by the administration; this step was taken because of the limited college budget and depleted staff. In sixteen colleges the number on the staff was thought to be adequate to handle increased requests from the general public. Because of the lack of facilities and the demands of the student body, no reading room space could be set aside exclusively for the general public, but hospitality is gladly extended to any casual reader or research worker seeking help with a club paper or a more technical or specialized service. Nine of the larger colleges and universities of the state have publicized their willingness to serve the public.

Edwin Markham said, "In the wonderful reciprocities of being, we can never reach the higher levels until all

our fellows ascend with us. There is no true security for the individual except as he finds it in the security of all."

Thus college libraries are eager to extend their resources to any individual or library to the limit of their ability and to add their bit toward increasing the culture and uplifting the level of the intellectuality of the state.

TABLE INDICATING SERVICE GIVEN TO
TOWNSPEOPLE AND ALUMNI

Service Coverage	North Carolina Geographical Area		
	East	Central	West
College libraries	8	20	6
No public libraries in same locality	3	5	2
Free public service	7	17	4
Charges for public service	\$1-5	\$2-1	\$1-0.10
Publicized public service	3	5	1
Use of collections by public restricted	2	7	2
Inter-library loans to public libraries increased since state aid	1	4	0
Adequate staff to handle increased loans	2	11	3