A workshop for untrained Negro public librarians was held in the Richard B. Harrison Library, Raleigh, April 21-23, 1950, with forty librarians representing every section of the state present. Consultants for the workshop were Daniel Moore of the North Carolina College School of Library Science and members of the staffs of the Richard B. Harrison Library and the North Carolina Library Commission.

The purpose of this workshop was to give in-service training to untrained librarians in order that they might perform more effective programs in their libraries, and the three-day program developed the themes: making the library attractive, making the library useful, working with people, and employing technical processes.

Following a tour of the Harrison Library at the beginning of the opening session on the morning of April 21, Mrs. Mollie Huston Lee, librarian, spoke on making a library attractive and on presenting the library to the public through exhibits and other publicity. The afternoon session was devoted to discussions on the adult reader and his interests with Jessie Wilson, Harrison Library, as leader. Gladys Johnson, Library Commission, gave a talk based on the book, The Mature Mind, by H. A. Overstreet.

Mr. Moore spoke to the group at the evening session, using as his theme the importance of the library's collecting and making available to the public materials of local interest historically and otherwise.

The second day's discussions centered around work with children and bookmobile service. Following a talk by Mildred Looney, Library Commission, on children in the library and their books, Mrs. Laura Kearns of the Harrison Library presided at a demonstration of children's activities. This demonstration consisted of a program of magic followed by a presentation of some of the books on magic that were available in the library. The setting-up of county service and working on a bookmobile were the theme of the afternoon session with Mrs. Annie Robinson, Harrison Library, and Elizabeth House, Library Commission, as speakers.

At the final session on April 23, Helen Rex of the Library Commission discussed technical processes using displays and illustrations. Marjorie Real, director of the Library Commission, gave a talk, "The Future — Our Responsibilities," in which she stressed the importance of the application of the things learned. Mrs. Lee closed the workshop with a summary of the discussions and study of the three days.

The formal programs were followed by informal conferences in which members of the workshop participated, and freedom was also provided for individual conferences, for examining books and for participating in some practical library routines and activities. Visits to...
other libraries and to the Library Commission were a part of the program, and a social meeting was held on the evening of the second day of the workshop.

It was the opinion of those observing this workshop that there was excellent enthusiasm and participation on the part of those attending. Mrs. Lee, who as supervisor of Negro service with the Library Commission has since visited several of the libraries whose librarians attended the workshop, reports that she has found this enthusiasm carrying over into actual practices.

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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY WORKSHOP FOR EXTENSION LIBRARIANS

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Dr. Robert D. Leigh, Director of the Public Library Inquiry, was in charge of the Workshop for Extension Librarians held at Columbia University July 24 to August 11, 1950. The group of twenty registrants came from all sections of the United States, including North Carolina which was represented by Gladys Johnson, Librarian, North Carolina Library Commission, and Mrs. Martha K. Barr, Librarian, Rutherford County Library.

During the workshop the final summary volume of the Public Library Inquiry, Public Library in the United States, by Robert D. Leigh, was published. Against the background of this volume and Dr. Leigh’s three years of observing American public library service and analyzing its problems and possibilities, specific problems were presented by each member and were considered and discussed by the entire group.

The invited speakers for special sessions of the workshop were Dr. Charles F. Gosnell, New York State Librarian; Raymond Everett Williams, Watertown Regional Service Center, New York; Mrs. Carma Zimmerman, Washington State Librarian; Mrs. Mary Kenan Hadley, Librarian, Prince George’s County Library, Maryland; Mrs. Lois Rainer Green, Director, State Public Library Service, Alabama.

When the report is completed, it may be borrowed from the North Carolina Library Commission, Raleigh, or from the Rutherford County Library, Rutherfordton.

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