PUBLIC LIBRARY IN-SERVICE WORKSHOPS IN N. C.

Three-day workshops for Public Library staff members with less than professional training were held in Asheville, Burlington, and Greenville during the month of October. These workshops were an outgrowth of personnel needs discussed at the Public Library Workshop in Lexington, May 1950.

This first series was concerned chiefly with making the best use of informational materials within the library to satisfy patrons. The second series scheduled for the spring of 1952 will cover, in general, selection and acquisition of library materials including recreational reading and children's books. The third series to be held in the fall of 1952 will emphasize public library service in the community, including public relations. The whole series has been planned so there will be continuity, with each succeeding workshop being logical development from the previous one.

The day sessions included class instruction followed by work periods in which the students had experience in locating material to answer specific reference questions. Each evening there were inspirational speakers or film showings. The guest speakers were: Miss Jane Wilson, President of North Carolina Library Association; Mr. Charles K. Robinson, Editor of The Citizen Times; Mr. John Harden, Director of Public Relations, Burlington Mills; and Mr. Wendell Smiley, Librarian of East Carolina College.

The staff of the first series included Miss Evelyn Mullen, Field Librarian of the North Carolina Library Commission, as Director, with Mrs. Ellyn Beaty, Head of Circulation, Carnegie Public Library, Winston-Salem, and Miss Gladys Johnson, Librarian of the North Carolina Library Commission, as instructors.

The careful planning by the In-Service Training Sub-Committee under the direction of Chairman Marianne R. Martin and the excellent cooperation of staff and trustees of the hostess libraries were invaluable to the success of the workshops. Attendance exceeded the pre-registration figure of 130 and was characterized by active participation of all workshop members.

The workshop sponsors, the Public Libraries Section of the North Carolina Library Association and the North Carolina Library Commission, will announce plans for the second series early in 1952.

—Elizabeth House, Secretary and Director
North Carolina Library Commission,
Raleigh

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The School of Library Science of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has for sale a number of used copies of the following cataloging aids:

A.L.A. Catalog Rules, 1941 ed. ($1.00)
Dewey Decimal Classification, 14th ed. ($3.65)
Library of Congress List of Subject Headings, 2 vols. 4th ed. ($2.00)

The school is offering these books for sale at the prices indicated plus postage and insurance.

These books are in generally good condition with the exception of a few pages in the history and literature sections of the Deweys which in some copies have been torn and mended. The A.L.A. Catalog Rules are paper-back editions and will need to be rebound. Libraries interested in buying any of these tools should write to Mrs. Jean H. Pellegrin, Instructor-Librarian at the School of Library Science.

Many librarians will prefer the 14th edition of Dewey, since so much has been omitted from the new 15th edition.