
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ATLANTIC CITY CONFERENCE

Pearl Buck addressed librarians attending the A.L.A.'s 67th annual conference in Atlantic City, June 13-19, at the first general session on Monday, June 14. Dr. Robert D. Leigh discussed "Improvement of Library Service — The Four Year Goals" at the session on Thursday, June 17. The final program included a discussion of the Great Issues by Norman Cousins.

Joseph A. Brandt, president of Henry Holt and Company, spoke before the general session of A.C.R.L. on Friday, June 18. Benjamin E. Powell, incoming A.C.R.L. president, gave his inaugural address at this meeting. The A.C.R.L. building com-

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mittee sponsored a clinic on college library buildings, Wednesday, June 16.

Benjamin A. Custer, Assistant Librarian in Charge of Processing at the Detroit Public Library was among the principal speakers at the meeting of the Cataloging and Classification Division, Friday, June 18. The committee also held a meeting on its public relations activities on Tuesday, June 15.

The theme "Toward Understanding" was developed by Dr. Brooks Emeny and Virginia Kirkus at the Thursday afternoon session of the Division of Libraries for Children and Young People. Dr. Emeny is President of the Foreign Policy Association while Miss Kirkus operates a bookshop subscribed to by over 700 librarians. Miss Kirkus is the author of two children's books *Fun in Bed for Children* and *Junior Fun in Bed*.

Librarians interested in building plans found the meetings of the Library Architecture and Building Planning Committee of interest. James E. Bryan spoke on the remodeling of public library buildings. On Thursday, June 17, a building question period with a panel of building consultants on hand was held.

Over 150 exhibits from the publishing, educational, and library fields were displayed at the 67th annual Conference of the American Library Association in Atlantic City, June 13 to 19, the Library Association disclosed. The Conference attracted over

10,000 librarians, authors, publishers, and educators.

Exhibitors included Brookings Institute, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, American Committee on Education, Association of American Railroads, Bituminous Coal Institute, American Oriental, East-West Association, Pan-American Airways, and the American Library Association, the latter contributing about 25 exhibits.

Featured professional exhibits were the audio-visual display, illustrating newest films and Projected Books—slide films projected on a ceiling so that bed-ridden patients can read comfortably; model library buildings, plans, and photographs; a display on Intellectual Freedom, showing books and magazines banned in various communities; the outstanding Religious Books of the Year; and a combined book exhibit, displaying most of the books published during the past year.

Two bookmobiles were on display, complete with all equipment, including shelves of books. Bookmobiles are becoming increasingly popular in rural areas, where persons have no other access to library service. One of the bookmobiles displayed is 34 feet long, weighing over 10 tons when loaded with books.

The A.L.A., oldest and largest library association in the world, had selected "The Challenge of Public Affairs," as the theme for its Conference.