



A.L.A. ANNIVERSARY PRIZE CONTEST ANNOUNCED

A thousand dollars in prizes is offered by the 75th Anniversary Committee, A.L.A. For the best statements in 2,000 words or less that illustrate the power of books to influence the lives of men and women six prizes are offered: \$200 each for the two best statements from librarians who are 1951 A.L.A. members; \$100 each for the two best statements from librarians not A.L.A. members, but who join when submitting their statements. Tips: frank, personal human interest statements are wanted telling what books—fact or fiction influenced the people you know. Who were they? Did the influence extend to the community?

In addition, two other prizes are offered for the best statements in 2,000 words or less on the topic

“What problems worry the citizen enough to make him come to the library for help?”

For the two best statements, \$100 each will be given to librarians who are A.L.A. members or who join when submitting their entries.

All statements must be postmarked on or before midnight May 31, 1951, and addressed to American Library Association Headquarters, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Ill. On the envelope write “A.L.A. Anniversary Celebration.”

Statements must be typewritten and must carry the author's name and address. All statements become the property of the A.L.A. 75th Anniversary Committee who are the judges. Winners will be officially announced at the July A.L.A. Conference but the lucky contestants will be notified in advance.

A gift from Gardner Cowles, editor, Look Magazine, makes possible these contest awards.

The *Library Journal* is to be congratulated on securing the services of Mrs. Helen E. Wessells to succeed Mr. Karl Brown whose resignation as Editor becomes effective June 1. Internationally known, because of seven years association with the State Department's Information Library program in various countries, Mrs. Wessells brings to her new position a happy combination of experience, ability and personality. She is fortunate that a position for which she is so well fitted became available among as congenial a group as those who compose the *Library Journal* and *Publishers' Weekly* staffs.