

ANNUAL REPORT, 1978-1979
Dale C. Gresseth

ANNUAL REPORT, 1978-1979
AREA RESEARCH CENTER
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
Edwin L. Hill

MURPHY LIBRARY
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - LA CROSSE

CONTENTS

Area Research Center Annual Report	18-22
Attendance at Meetings	3-4
Classified Staff	4
Professional Staff	3-4
Billie Batchelor Trust Fund	4
Buildings and Equipment Changes	2-3
Classified Staff	1-2
Comparative Statistical Summary	7
Gifts to the Library.	8
Library Tours	9-13
1978/79 Expenditures	6
Professional Staff	1
Special Collections Annual Report	14-17
Staff Information and Changes	4-5
Classified	5
Professional	4-5
Title II-A	4

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Gail Duesbury	Reference, Information Services
Dale Gresseth	Chairman
Edwin Hill	Special Collections, Reference
Nancy Humphreys	Reference
Eugene Millich	Reference
John Robson	On leave
Karin Sandvik	Collection Development
Herbert Searcy	Cataloger
Sandra Sechrest	Documents
Suzanne Shaw	Cataloger
Orin Thompson	Microforms, Reference
Roy Van Note	Interlibrary Loan, Reference

CLASSIFIED STAFF

Katherine Arenz	Chairperson's Office
Kathryn Beane	Serials
Cristine Berg	Circulation
Janice DuCharme	Technical Services
Connie Grosskopf	Technical Services, Interlibrary Loan
Tom Haag	Technical Services
Anni Hauth	Special Collections
James Holtz	Circulation
Yvonne Hyde	Technical Services
Mary Johnson	Documents
Diane Kamrowski	Circulation
Irene Kleist	Technical Services

Virginia Kreyer	Special Collections
Helen Leide	Circulation
Samuel McKay	Circulation
Barbara Nord	Serials
Viola Oertel	Special Collections
Nancy Parr	Serials
Joseph Robertson	Special Collections
Mary Kay Rowe	Technical Services
Linda Sondreal	Technical Services
Ada Stowe	Technical Services
Ruth Thome	Reference
Barbara Waindle	Circulation
Frances Young	Technical Services

BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT CHANGES

Partitions were extended to the ceiling and doors with locks added to Rooms 105 A-D.

New equipment acquired during the fiscal year includes:

3M Tattle Tape detection system, consisting of double-corridor sensing unit, 2 locking gates, and book check unit. A second book-check unit for back-up was purchased later.

Microfiche cabinets (8 drawer). Two cabinets ordered in April, 1978 were delivered in July, 1978. Two more microfiche cabinets and one 11-drawer microfilm cabinet were ordered in March 1979 but not yet delivered (8-3-79) (M&M).

Steel storage system, 6 drawers and base, for Interlibrary Loan. Record retention required by new Copyright Law. (Beckley Cardy)

Book trucks, 12 steel Smith System trucks for Circulation Department. (Beckley Cardy)

Minolta Micro-Reader/Printer, to produce positive dry hard-copy from positive or negative film (Data Film Corp.)

Kinetronics automatic microfilm cleaning system. (Northern Micrographics)

Stromberg time-stamp for reserve desk. Replacement. (Stromberg-Mite Corp.)

Two ranges of steel shelving for Serials Department. (School Equipment Consultants)

Metal file cabinet with 8 double compartment drawers for negative storage in Special Collections. (Weavers)

Ames steel shelves (248) to fit shelving on second floor. Filled in the open spaces left for hanging coats at ends of the stacks. (Besco)

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS, CONVENTIONS, CONFERENCES, ETC.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Dale Gresseth attended ACRL national conference at Boston, Massachusetts on November 8-11, 1978; participated in OCLC Directors meeting at the State Historical Society, Madison on June 12, 1979; attended ALA national convention at Dallas, Texas on June 23-28, 1979.

Edwin Hill attended UW Archives Council meeting at the State Historical Society, Madison on September 22, 1978; Attended historical records preservation symposium at Olmstead Center, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa on October 20-21, 1978; gave a presentation on UW-La Crosse Area Research Center to State Historical Society Archives Division staff at State Historical Society, Madison on November 8, 1978; participated in WCWC workshop for ARC curators at UW-Eau Claire on February 9, 1979; ARC presentation at Faculty Development workshop at UW-Stout on March 2, 1979; exchanged archival materials at State Historical Society, Madison and met with map curator on April 27, 1979.

Nancy Humphreys attended conference on scholarly book publishing at Wisconsin Center-Madison on October 17, 1978; previewed slide tape program on women's studies resources available at UW-System Libraries at Memorial Library-Madison on March 12, 1979.

Eugene Millich attended the Cincinnati Electronics Automated Circulation System presentation at UW-Stout on November 8, 1978; attended automated circulation system presentation at UW-Stout on December 6, 1978.

Sandra Sechrest attended documents workshop at the State Historical Society, Madison on August 25, 1978; attended Great Lakes Women Studies Association convention at UW-Milwaukee on April 5-6, 1979; attended ALA national convention at Dallas, Texas on June 23-29, 1979.

Suzanne Shaw met with WLC Network Coordinator at Memorial Library, Madison and inspected the Bibliographic Center at the University of Chicago on October 5-6, 1978; attended WLC Peer Council meeting at Memorial Library, Madison on November 7, 1978.

CLASSIFIED STAFF

Helen Leide attended the Cincinnati Electronics Automated Circulation System presentation at UW-Stout on November 8, 1978; attended automated circulation system presentation at UW-Stout on December 6, 1978.

TITLE II-A GRANT

The grant for 1978/79 was \$3906. Money allocated for book purchases only.

BILLIE BATCHELOR TRUST FUND

The amount spent for English literature books in 1978/79 was \$222.49.

STAFF INFORMATION AND CHANGES

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Gail Duesbury resigned her position on May 18, 1979 to accept a position at Iowa State University at Ames.

John Robson resigned his position on March 23, 1979 to accept a position as head cataloger at Virginia Military Institute.

Karin Sandvik joined our staff on October 1, 1978 as Collection Development Librarian. Her MLS degree is from UW-Madison, she also holds an A.B.D. in Germanic Languages and Literature from the University of Kentucky. Her previous experience includes serials, documents and art library collection development.

Suzanne Shaw, a temporary replacement for John Robson, was terminated May 18, 1979 upon the resignation of Mr. Robson.

CLASSIFIED STAFF

Connie Grosskopf was married June 16, 1979 to Donald Klimek.

James Holtz, Library Assistant in Circulation, resigned effective December 8, 1978, to take a job in the Math Library at UW-Madison.

Yvonne Hyde was reclassified to Library Associate on August 13, 1978.

Mary Johnson became Mrs. Martin Baldwin on April 21, 1979.

Virginia Kreyer accepted the Library Assistant half-time position in Serials effective February 26, 1979. She had previously been employed on CETA by the State Historical Society and assigned to Special Collections.

Barbara Nord was promoted from Library Assistant in Serials (.5 FTE) to Library Technician in Technical Services, replacing Viola Oertel.

Viola Oertel, Library Technician, transferred from Technical Services to Special Collections in November 1978. She accepted the position vacated by the resignation of Pamela Woods on July 21.

Mary Kay Rowe was reclassified to Library Associate on August 13, 1978.

Linda Sondreal was reclassified to Library Technician in Acquisitions and was on maternity leave from October 16, 1978 until March 5, 1979.

Karen Stoffel began work as a Library Assistant in Circulation on March 12, 1979, replacing James Holtz.

1978/79 EXPENDITURES

LIBRARY SELF-SUSTAINING ACCOUNTS

	ERIC	FINES	VOYAGES	COPY VENDING
Salaries				
LTE		\$931		
Student Help		872		\$1,246
Fringe Benefits		131		
Travel		634		
Services & Supplies	\$142	40		9,864
Equipment		3800	\$200	3,123
Total	\$142	\$6458	\$200	\$14,238
Revenue Collected	\$ 93	\$10,604	\$531	\$19,247

1978/79 EXPENDITURES: UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
102/06/025900

Salaries			
Classified		\$166,915	
LTE		8,985	
Unclassified		215,807	
Student help		20,903	
Work study (state share)		<u>5,525</u>	
Total personal services			\$418,135
Fringe benefits			95,339
Travel		848	
Postage		1,970	
Telephone and Telecommunication		3,150	
Dues and Memberships		4,488	
Equipment rental and maintenance		3,039	
Miscellaneous services		17,753	
Supplies (incl. AV Photo Lab \$9078)		29,199	
Equipment		13,139	
Library materials		297,594	
Books	\$154,453		
Periodicals	114,775		
Microforms	28,366		
Binding		<u>9,855</u>	
Total operational expenditures			<u>381,035</u>
Total department			\$894,509

COMPARATIVE STATISTICAL SUMMARY

	<u>1977/8</u>	<u>1978/9</u>
Total volumes in library	402,170	424,666
Bound volumes	307,239	318,055
Government documents	92,148	105,671
Serials (college catalogs and telephone directories)	2,783	940
Total volumes added	30,356	28,839
Bound volumes added (cataloged)	16,599	14,004
Total microforms in library	371,047	393,853
Microfilm (reels)	22,866	24,634
Other microforms (pieces)	348,181	374,219
Periodicals (current)	2,856	2,924
Newspapers	55	55
Titles in library - bound		
Book	219,074	226,311
Periodical	2,341	2,324
Titles in library - microform		
Book	5,008	5,585
Periodical	1,399	1,491
Total collection converted to volumes	494,672	524,144
Interlibrary Loan	3,587	6,370
Computer Assisted Searches	147	15
Circulation (Main and Reserve)	149,237	135,079
Turnstile tally	555,516	545,741
Days library open	321	319
Hours per week (academic year)	101.25	101.25

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY 1978-1979

Mr. Robert H. Allen	Dr. Howard Mumford Jones
Fred H. Barge, D.C., Ph.C.	Dr. Keith Kensinger
Ms. Mary Ann Birchler	Dr. Kenneth Lindner
Ms. Darlene Bracegirdle	Ms. Vivian Munson
Mr. Ron Bracegirdle	Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Murphy
Mr. Jack Burke	Ms. Viola Oertel
The Century Association	Dr. Roger L. Parsons
The Christian Science Church	Mr. and Mrs. Holder Payne
Ms. Lynn Downs	Mr. R. D. Poindexter
Dr. Kenneth R. Fish	Ms. Ada Scholz
Mr. Barry Franklin	Ms. Lee Stephenson
Mr. Jerry Grunska	Mr. John C. Storlie
Dr. Clark Himmel	Mr. E. William Vickroy
Ms. Nancy Humphreys	Dr. Paula Wade
Dr. William J. Hyde	Dr. David Witmer
Ms. Maxine Jackson	Dr. Howard Young

TOURS - SUMMER SEMESTER, 1978

DATE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE	PARTICIPANTS	GUIDE
7/5/78		Library Staff	20	Sechrest
7/7/78		Library Staff	3	Sechrest
7/10/78	Lyle Grooters	Ed. Media 771	12	Sechrest
7/20/78		Library Staff	4	Sechrest
7/28/78	Lyle Grooters	Ed. Media 772	<u>12</u>	Sechrest
		TOTAL	51	
FALL SEMESTER, 1978				
8/23/78	Cal Helming	New Student Orientation	32	Sechrest
8/23/78	Cal Helming	New Student Orientation	16	Hill
8/23/78	Cal Helming	New Student Orientation	11	Thompson
8/23/78	Cal Helming	New Student Orientation	24	Duesbury
8/23/78	Cal Helming	New Student Orientation	31	Van Note
8/28/78	Anne Winter/ Nancy Butts	Grad. Students in PE (Eric demo.&ref.mat.in PE)	40	Humphreys
8/30/78	Ron Olsson	Rec. 100	35	Van Note
8/30/78	Ron Olsson	Rec. 100	35	Thompson
8/31/78	Ron Olsson	Rec. 250	40	Millich
9/5/78	L. Daellenbach	Business 230	35	Sechrest/ Humphreys
9/5/78	L. Daellenbach	Business 230	35	Sechrest/ Humphreys
9/6/78	S. Ramocki	Business 230	25	Sechrest/ Humphreys
9/6/78	S. Ramocki	Business 230	25	Sechrest/ Humphreys
9/6/78		El. Ed. new grad student	1	Duesbury
9/7/78	Ivonne Piercy	Rec. 704	16	Duesbury
9/11/78	Joseph McCormick	Business 230	25	Sechrest/ Humphreys

FALL SEMESTER, 1978 cont'd

DATE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE	PARTICIPANTS	GUIDE
9/11/78	Joseph McCormick	Business 230	25	Sechrest/ Humphreys
9/11/78	Burt Altman	El. Ed. 490 (ARC only)	55	Hill
9/11/78	Burt Altman	El. Ed. 490 (Docs. only)	55	Sechrest
9/12/78	Roger Parsons	English 110	20	Thompson
9/12/78	Ron Rada	Biology 451	15	Sechrest/ Duesbury
9/19/78	Carol Jensen	Hist. 395 (Docs., Period. indexes)	6	Sechrest
9/21/78	Cal Helming	Sec. Ed. 101	13	Millich
9/27/78	Byron Meek	El. Ed. 325 (Docs., Period. indexes)	10	Sechrest
9/29/78	P. Schwartz	UW-Stout Micrographics class	9	Thompson
10/2/78	Lorraine Flaherty	English 303	20	Humphreys
10/2/78	Lorraine Flaherty	English 303	20	Hill
10/2/78	Lorraine Flaherty	English 303	20	Duesbury
10/3/78	Fred Leshner	English 303	20	Sechrest
10/3/78	Fred Leshner	English 303	20	Sechrest
10/3/78	J. Hulk	New faculty orientation	2	Duesbury
10/3/78	Ron Rada	Biology seminar	10	Sechrest/ Duesbury
10/4/78	Linda Maik	English 110	23	Duesbury
10/4/78	Joan Yeatman	English 110	22	Duesbury
10/4/78	Linda Maik	English 110	20	Duesbury
10/4/78	Linda Maik	English 110	23	Hill
10/24/78	Mike Coulombe	English 110	20	Thompson
10/24/78	Ellingson	Outreach Geneology Class (2 hr. ARC tour & Docs.)	12	Hill
10/27/78	Sonja Schrag	English 110 (Docs. & newsp.)	20	Sechrest

FALL SEMESTER, 1978 cont'd

DATE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE	PARTICIPANTS	GUIDE
10/30/78	Sue Hipp	Developmental Reading 105	23	Thompson
10/30/78		WWTI Geneology Class(ARC only)	12	Hill
11/2/78	Judy Green	English 110	23	Sechrest Duesbury
11/2/78	Judy Green	English 110	23	Sechrest/Hill
11/7/78	Charlene Holler	Developmental Reading 105	15	Humphreys
11/7/78	Charlene Holler	Developmental Reading 105	15	Millich
11/7/78	Charlene Holler	Developmental Reading 105	15	Van Note
11/9/78	Robert Treu	English 110	10	Thompson
11/9/78	Robert Treu	English 110	8	Hill
11/20/78	Joel Lazinger	Soc/Anth 350	15	Sechrest
11/29/78		La Crosse Genealogical Soc.	25	Hill/Duesbury
12/1/78		Academic Skills Staff (ARC only)	9	Hill
12/8/78	Jean Potter	Graduate Student	<u>1</u>	Duesbury
		TOTAL	1080	

SPRING SEMESTER, 1979

1/16/79	M. Roose	School Psychology 796	10	Duesbury/ Sechrest
1/18/79		Library Staff (ARC only)	12	Hill
1/22/79	J. Held	Biology 751	9	Duesbury/ Sechrest
1/23/79	L. Daellenbach	Business 230	22	Humphreys/ Sechrest
1/24/79	J. McCormick	Business 230	55	Humphreys/ Sechrest
1/24/79	J. McCormick	Business 230	44	Humphreys/ Sechrest
1/24/79	J. Judson	English 490 (ARC only)	20	Hill

		SPRING SEMESTER, 1979	cont'd	
DATE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE	PARTICIPANTS	GUIDE
1/30/79	T. Zwirlein	Business 230	40	Humphreys/ Sechrest
1/30/79	C. Jensen	History 395 (Docs. only)	16	Sechrest
2/1/79	S. Ramocki	Business 230	15	Humphreys/ Sechrest
2/1/79	S. Ramocki	Business 230	6	Humphreys/ Sechrest
2/2/79	J. Peck	Biology 499 (ARC only)	9	Hill
2/8/79	C. Helming	Secondary Education 101	4	Millich
2/15/79	F. Leshner	English 303 (Docs. only)	18	Sechrest
2/15/79	F. Leshner	English 303 (Docs. only)	15	Sechrest
2/28/79	J. Yeatman	English 110	18	Duesbury
2/28/79	J. Yeatman	English 110	15	Duesbury
3/1/79	S. Schrag	English 303 (Docs.,Newspapers)	20	Sechrest
3/1/79	S. Schrag	English 303 (Docs.,Newspapers)	20	Sechrest
3/1/79	S. Schrag	English 303 (Docs.,	20	Sechrest
3/6/79	J. Green	English 110	9	Duesbury
3/6/79	J. Green	English 110	20	Humphreys
3/8/79	W. Wehrs	Business 230	15	Sechrest Humphreys
3/8/79	C. Walsh	Developmental Reading 105	2	Duesbury
3/20/79	M. Coulombe	English 110	20	Duesbury
3/21/79	S. Hipp	Developmental Reading 105	22	Hill
3/23/79	L. Maik	English 110	21	Hill
3/23/79	L. Maik	English 110	18	Duesbury
3/23/79	L. Maik	English 110	18	Humphreys
4/3/79	A. Lord	English 110	12	Duesbury
4/5/79	C. Holler	Developmental Reading 105	22	Duesbury

SPRING SEMESTER, 1979 cont'd

DATE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE	PARTICIPANTS	GUIDE
4/5/79	C. Holler	Developmental reading 105	18	Sechrest
4/5/79	C. Holler	Developmental Reading 105	20	Hill
4/10/79	R. Treu	English 110	20	Hill
4/10/79	R. Treu	English 110	7	Humphreys
4/23/79	G. Mennenga	English 110	20	Sechrest/ Duesbury
4/23/79	G. Mennenga	English 110	18	Sechrest/ Humphreys
4/24/79	G. Mennenga	English 110	45	Sechrest/Hill
5/1/79	C. Greve	Ed. Media 661 (Docs. only)	9	Sechrest
5/1/79	C. Greve	Ed. Media 661 (Docs. only)	9	Sechrest
5/3/79		A.A.U.W. (ARC only)	<u>6</u>	Hill
		TOTAL	739	

MURPHY LIBRARY
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
ANNUAL REPORT 1978-79

Daily registrations for the year reflect usage slightly higher than that of the previous year, with individual portions of the collections receiving varying attention. The rare book collection was used by the greatest number of visitors, and showed almost twice the use of the previous year. The number of persons using the local and regional history collections decreased. These persons spent more time in the room on their individual projects, however, than other visitors. The photograph collection showed steady growth in both size and use. The statistics are as follows:

	Last Year	This Year
State Hist. Soc. Registrants	37	46
State Hist. Soc. Daily Registration	125	128
Wisconsiniana	650	490
Rare Books	320	635
Univ. Archives	302	232
Photographs	131	150
Oral History Interviews	19	20
Tours	30	43
La Crosse Tribune newspaper	169	161
<hr/>		
TOTAL (excluding tours and newspapers)	1547	1655

Additions to the collections and total holdings are as follows:

	Added	Total
UW-L Theses	27	278
UW-L Seminar Papers	134	1164
University Archives	55	-
Rare Books	534	8577
Wisconsiana	182	2603
Vertical Files	163	1337
Oral History Interviews (reels)	132	611
Photographs	5299	20954
Color Slides	324	1570

These figures indicate that there was a higher rate of growth this year in every category except theses. It appears that in recent years, seminar papers have become more popular than theses among graduate students. The ratio of the former to the latter grows larger.

Volume eight of Voyages to the Inland Sea, featuring poets Felix Stefanile and James Hazard, encountered delays in its publication schedule. It was finally published a year late, in 1979. Increasing production costs and potential conflicts with state printing regulations place the series in some jeopardy. Discussions with appropriate administrative offices continue, and it is hoped that the series might continue under different auspices.

Several indexing projects were undertaken this year in the department. Among these records indexed were city tax records from 1957 to 1866, Bryant's Memoirs of La Crosse County, the UW-L student newspaper, the UW-L alumni bulletin, and several additional years of the La Crosse Tribune obituaries page.

A continuing effort toward conservation of maps and single-page documents is being made. This project has turned up a greater number of maps than we anticipated, and a greater need for proper classification for researchers. When conservation measures have been largely completed, a card index of these maps will be made. We hope to publish a descriptive brochure for this collection, which consists primarily of local and Wisconsin historical maps.

STAFF

Sally Averkamp held an LTE position from March, 1973 until the vacancy created by the resignation of Pamela Woods was filled by Viola Oertel on November 10, 1978. Mrs. Oertel, a library technician, transferred to this department from technical services.

Mrs. Oertel acts as supervisor of the student staff and is in charge of the department in the absence of the librarian. She has also compiled checklists of La Crosse churches and La Crosse County schools, using both published and unpublished sources. Her library experience and long residence in this county have been substantial assets in this department.

The CETA program seems to have run its course for agencies like this one. Joseph Robertson, who worked with the steamboat data search project, finished his year on December 31, 1978. Virginia Kreyer completed the excellent index of Bryant's Memoirs (1907) and began the obituary index of the La Crosse Tribune. She also separated original from copy prints in the local photo collection, and cross-referenced these.

Kreyer applied and was selected for a half-time library position in the serials department on completion of her CETA grant here on February 20, 1979.

Anni Hauth completed her year on February 23, 1979, and left La Crosse to find employment elsewhere. Hauth completed her inventory of the Martindale collection, then arranged and printed nearly five hundred glass plate and nitrate negatives from our photo collection.

Sally Averkamp worked as an LTE from March until November, after her CETA position expired. Averkamp worked almost entirely in the area of conservation and preservation.

Student assistants this year were Kristine Aasen, Karen Elliott, Evelyn Haefs, Rose Lento, Donna Rumppe, Judy Schmeister, Becky Smith, Bernadette Steiner, and Lexy Wistenberg. Their contributions to the successful operation of the department have been considerable.

Summary

The nature of the work in this department remains much the same as in previous years, but there is more of it. Our tasks are undertaken in response to needs perceived in our daily service to patrons and the collection. We are indebted to the staff of Murphy Library and to the many individuals and organizations that assist us.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin L. Hill

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - LA CROSSE
AREA RESEARCH CENTER
ANNUAL REPORT 1979-1980

The number of registrants increased this year from 37 to 46, while the daily registrations, 128, remained at a level nearly identical to last year's 125.

The supporting collections of Wisconsin books, oral history, vertical files, and photographs received 892 registrations, down from 1102 last year.

Our holdings in the supplementary collections increased to the following levels: Wisconsin books, 2603; vertical files, 1337; oral history, 611 reels; photographs, 20,954.

There has been a growing level of interest in genealogical research, especially by non-university visitors. Mail and telephone reference service occupies more of our staff time, and these tend to focus primarily on genealogy, La Crosse history, and the photograph collection. Although we have not taken pains to advertise our steamboat picture and data project, this is drawing substantially more attention from out-of-town visitors. Our indexing system for steamboating material is quite satisfactory to date; we are usually able to bring all of our material together for a particular boat in a matter of a minute or two.

The staff including the curator provided 43 tours, ranging from fifteen minutes to three hours in length. These tours or lectures which involve organizations and clubs are deemed especially useful in terms of public relations and potential donation.

The curator gave presentations at the UW-Stout Faculty Day Conference, the La Crosse meeting of the Wisconsin Map Society, the La Crosse chapter of the AAUW (on two occasions), the West Salem Historical Society, the Smith Valley Historical Society, and numerous university classes.

The La Crosse ARC was host to the ARC-UW Archives Council on May 17 and 18.

The curator is consultant or advisor to the following projects: La Crosse Tourist and Convention Bureau's "River Center" facility; UW-La Crosse's Winnebago Research Project; Wisconsin Humanities Commission's "Women in the Workplace" project; Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission's historic preservation grant proposal; Kickapoo Valley Association's film project; and the La Crosse Area Society for Historic Preservation Heritage Awards survey.

By cooperating with the Kickapoo Valley Association's History Project to provide copy prints of photographs, the ARC has acquired a collection of some 600 copy prints from the Kickapoo River region. Many of these are of excellent quality, and will constitute an important resource as the original photographs are returned to donors. As this is written, the Kickapoo project is nearly completed.

The informal publication of local history checklists and guides, under the series title of Area Research Center Checklist Series, and their listing in the Wisconsin Magazine of History has resulted in a surprising number of requests for these items from around the country. All future publication of such items will involve larger quantities with more substantial binding. The primary thrust of such interest seems to be genealogical in origin.

Among staff projects undertaken this year (or carried over from previous years) were the indexing of city tax records for years preceding the city directories; indexing of the local paper for obituary items; name indexing of the student newspaper; name and business indexing of Bryant's Memoirs of La Crosse County (1907); data and name searches

for steamboats; collection of steamboat photographs, which now number about 8000; continuing conservation treatment and encapsulation of maps, and indexing of these maps; checklists of La Crosse churches and La Crosse County schools; and compilation of information files on all aspects of archival, book, and photograph preservation.

Personnel

Pamela Woods resigned last spring from her position as library technician. Sally Averkamp was hired as a Limited Term Employee to fill this position until Viola Oertel transferred from technical services to the department, in November.

All CETA employees finished their terms by late spring, and it appears that this source of staff funding will no longer be available. The CETA projects, from both state and county levels, were quite successful in this ARC. They were timely and useful, and it is regrettable that they could not continue.

The staff of student assistants has been especially useful in the maintenance of routine tasks. During their years of experience here, several students have become quite proficient in areas vital to our service.

Summary

Aside from the routine tasks of the department, which seem always to be a little behind schedule, there is a growing trend for the curator to become involved in matters which take him away from the Center. These projects have legitimate connection with this facility in areas of acquisition, advisory contribution, public information, or community service. They serve to strengthen the role of the ARC in university and

community affairs, and they all lead to additional work which the curator has less time to provide. Some tasks within the facility can be delegated, but with only one permanent staff member in addition to the curator, there is a tendency to postpone or ignore some aspects of the work. Increasingly, the tasks here can be recognized by their similarities to larger library organizations. For example there are acquisitions, cataloguing, reference, and conservation functions, each with its own level of appropriate knowledge and training. It has been our policy to develop specialties among staff members, including student assistants. This reduces training time and encourages expertise and pride in work well done. It also makes areas of responsibility more easily defined.

As the level of patron use and materials handling becomes more sophisticated, however, the suitability of student assistants for general reference work becomes questionable. The curator should be available most of the time to assist patrons in their research. This obligation conflicts with field and community services, programs, and various university and library commitments.

These problems suggest a need for a departmental assistant with a higher classification and greater responsibilities in the administration and supervision of the facility. A review of the present classification has been requested.

Space for storage and staff functions continues to be a problem. Some records are being microfilmed, but this will not alleviate the storage situation to any extent. New temporary office space has recently been created at the east end of the second floor stacks, and it is our hope that this will become available to us when those offices are vacated next year.

Our problems are for the most part the result of increasing involvement in projects and acquisitions. We are more frequently called upon to assist

in things somewhat tangential to our basic responsibilities. It often occurs that researchers are referred to this ARC from a wide geographical area and by persons who have never visited this facility. This reflects the simple fact that we are often able to provide assistance and information where other agencies cannot. Our problems therefore result from our successes.

We have been rewarded by an increasing number of donors of every category of material. It is most satisfying to observe this result of our effort. Through public programs, tours, lectures, and the like, we have made a considerable number of people aware of our facility. This expenditure of time is always justified; it builds a network of interested citizens on whom we absolutely depend for leads, donations, and information. This network of unofficial "agents" is of immense value to all our effort.

We are always indebted to the staff of Murphy Library and to colleagues in the other ARCs and in Madison. The alliance of a good cause and good people makes this work rewarding.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin L. Hill
Curator