

Libraries of State Teachers College Offer Exceptional Opportunities

The library of Florence State Teachers College has increased in size at a rapid rate since 1928. Beginning with that year, the state appropriated \$5,000 to be spent for books. In 1929, another \$5,000 was spent, with \$3,000 in 1930 and in 1931.

When school opened September 17, 1928, there were 11,631 volumes, which included the libraries in the Elementary Training School, the Junior High School and the Southern Library. On October 1, 1931, the report to the American Association of Teachers Colleges shows the number of volumes as 19,604.

Decimal Classification Used.

The Dewey Decimal System of classification which places all books on the

same subject together, is used. This system is the most popular and widely used in the world.

Magazines

Two hundred different magazines are received by the library each month. Fifty of these are publications sent free of charge by the publishers or have been donated by friends of the college. All of the most important and authentic magazines are bound. There are 477 bound volumes.

Newspapers

Eleven newspapers come to the library each day. The New York Times and the Christian Science Monitor are received, together with nine local and state daily papers. In addition to the daily papers, 31 county newspapers

are received each week. The New York Times is the only paper filed for future reference, as it is the only one for which an index is received. The index is published each month.

Library of Congress Cards Used

Reclassification and recataloging have made a big change in the library. Library of Congress cards are gradually taking the place of the old handwritten and typed cards in the card catalog. Entries are made under author, title and subject, together with many analytics and cross references.

Indexes

The Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature, the Education Index, the Cumulative Book Index, the Book Re-

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view Digest, the United States Catalog and the New York Times Index make it possible to answer nearly all the reference questions that come to the library.

Vertical File

The collection of pictures in the first drawer of the vertical file has helped students doing practice teaching, as well as faculty and club women of the city. The pictures are mounted and classified so that they can be found quickly.

Monthly suggestions for teachers may be found in the second drawer. Clippings for programs and studies are grouped in twelve files, according to the months of the year.

Newspaper clippings occupy the rest of the vertical file. The old newspapers are clipped, the material mounted and filed in manila folders. Interesting and reliable articles on history, literature, science, etc., may be found here.

Children's Books

In the fall of 1928, the need for a section of children's books for the use of practice teachers was seen, and a juvenile section was started at once. These books are classified and cataloged just as the books in the main library, but are placed together so that one need not look all over the library for a child's book. This group contains 586 books.

International Relations Club

The International Relations Club Library became a part of the main library in November, 1931. It was decided that better care and use could be made of these volumes if they were classified and cataloged. The club library occupies a special section and is classified according to the Dewey system, with Library of Congress Cards in the card catalog.

Government Publications

The Bureau of Education publications come to the library regularly, together with a number of publications of other departments. All the documents are classified and filed in pamphlet boxes, where they can be obtained at a moment's notice.

Training School Library

Each grade in the Elementary Training School has a Classroom Library. This type of library is found in many schools. The total number of volumes for all grades is 2,300.

Eighteen of the best magazines for children are received each month.

Junior High School Library

The Junior High School Library contains 1,070 volumes, and has a special librarian selected from the group of student assistants in the main college library. The library is being recataloged and classified and Library of Congress cards inserted in the card catalog. The library subscribes to 17 magazines which are best suited for boys and girls of the junior high school age.

Southern Library

On the same floor as the college library will be found the Southern Library, patronized by both the public and the students, which contains about 2,600 books. This library is a valuable asset to the student body, as it contains many reference books and books of fiction that can not be found in the college library.

Donations

During the past three years 823 books have been donated to the library. A large number are individual donations, but several persons have given more than ten books. These persons are: Dr. C. B. Collier, Dr. H. J. Willingham, Mrs. M. I. Hoskins, Miss J. C. Simpson, Miss Cora Pearson, Mr. P. K. Platts and Lester Smith.

Student Assistants

The loan desk is usually attended by student assistants, selected from upper classmen who have high scholastic standing. At present, they are: Ann Bloss, Moodie Burrows, Ruth Englebert, Elizabeth Chaffin, Helen Chandler, Jean Humphrey, Truman Cummings, Martha Delony, Bernice Boozer, Mildred Deese, Ruby Foshee and Henry Helen Jones.