

STC STUDENTS ARE LIBRARY PATRONS

They Read 4.5 Above Average College Student Record

The librarian, Miss Sophia Sullivan, has issued a report for the academic year ending Aug. 15, 1947, which contains significant facts to show that the students of the institution are being taught the value of the library and how to use it intelligently, President J. A. Keller stated today.

For example: 2,586 volumes were accessioned during the year



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bringing the total number of volumes to 47,140. Another significant addition to the library resources is the U. S. Army Map Depository, in which 20,034 maps have been accessioned.

The extent to which the library is used is the most important measure of its effectiveness. In his volume **Teaching With Books**, Dr. Branscomb states that the average student draws from the general collection of his college or university library about 12 books per year (September to June). This statement is based upon seven studies involving 51 institutions. STC's statistics show the average book per student withdrawn from the general collection (from September to June) to be 16.5 books or 4.5 more books than the average college student. Each student, in addition, borrowed 22.8 from the reserve shelf collection. Reading during the summer quarter was even more extensive.

An unusual opportunity is offered STC students in free access to the TVA library and the Florence-Lauderdale County Library.

Plans are under way to enlarge stack space by building an addition to the north side of the library building, President J. A. Keller states.

Open The Gates, a key for those who use the library, has been published by Miss Sullivan, and is an invaluable book for student guidance.