



NEW BRANCH LIBRARIAN Miss Josephine Moore gets ready to take a load of books and supplies to one of her branch librarians sprinkled throughout Yakima Valley. She is a 1952 graduate of the University of Illinois Library School.

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Branch Librarian Begins Busy Program in Valley

Miss Josephine Moore, new branch librarian for the Yakima Valley Regional Library, has been as busy this week as an aspiring political candidate on the eve of election day.

When she is not down in her basement office in the regional office on A Street, or answering requests from 12 librarians sprinkled throughout the Valley, she is out on the highway rolling along in the library-owned station wagon, heading toward one of the branch offices.

She arrived here from Portland where she was a branch librarian for a private library association.

She's 26 years old, unattached, and 5 feet 10 inches in her ballet slippers. She was graduated from the University of Illinois Library School in 1952.

And she arrived in Yakima aware that she has a big job to do.

Runs 12 Branches

She will supervise the 12 branch libraries—see that the local librarians' book and supply requests are fulfilled.

And if a green-thumbed garden enthusiast from Granger wants to check out a book on wild flowers and how to grow them—or a businessman from Buena asks for a book on atomic power in peace and war—or a tiny tot from Tietonview wants to read the latest edition in the popular "Gypsy" serial, it's Miss Moore's job to keep her reading regulars happy.

Once a month she will make a delivery of books and supplies to each of the branches. But each day, she and one of her helpers, Mrs. Mary Holeman, will plow through as many as 50 mailed-in requests for reading material from branch book borrowers.

She plans to visit the branches often. And as soon as she catches her breath, she plans to gather all the library workers here together, for one big fall pow wow meeting when policies will be previewed and suggestions will be sifted.

She plans to introduce an in-service training program among the librarians at the fall meeting. Just this week she attended a work shop meeting on how to train local librarians.

She will be responsible for circulating more than 126,174 books throughout the branches this year. That's how many were checked

in and out in 1953, and each year the total increases.

Of the 1,200 new books purchased by the Regional staff each month, a certain percentage will be selected by Miss Moore, earmarked for distribution among the readers who patronize the branch libraries.

By the end of this week the new branch librarian plans to have met all the women who run the desks in the branch offices in her 100 mile territory which starts in Yakima's outskirts, moves northward to Naches and stretches southward almost to Sunnyside.

Will Meet Staff

"If I miss meeting any of the women librarians this week I shall meet and greet them next," the librarian said.

And by them, she was referring to Miss Doris Fisher of Buena; Mrs. Ilva Buckner, Granger; Mrs. B. J. Steele, Harrah; Mrs. Pierre L. Carpenter, Mabton; Mrs. J. E. Bateman, Naches; Mrs. Lewis Richey, Nile; Mrs. Paul Randall, Terrace Heights; Mrs. Velva Pemberton, Tieton; Mrs. W. F. Sturm, Tietonview; Mrs. Grace C. Plummer, Union Gap; Mrs. Nell Bartels, White Swan and Mrs. Mary Meade, Zillah.

But when the newest addition to the Regional Library Staff is not out cruising the branch circuit, meeting the local librarians, answering the inter-com buzzer or doing busy work in her basement office, she can be found curled up in her favorite chair at home, doing what comes most naturally.

"Why, reading, of course," Miss Moore said nonchalantly.