

# Professional Staff Given Varied Duties At Library

## Job Experience, Training Noted

The Yakima Valley Regional Library's professional staff is composed of women who have spent many years in library work and others who entered the work more recently after graduating from one of the nation's library schools. Each is the head of some specific duty in the library and a member of the library's professional staff.

Josephine Moore is administrative assistant to Librarian Helen Gilbert. She also handles the position of branch library supervisor, a post she has held since coming to Yakima in October, 1954.

### Branches Maintained

In working with the branch libraries in Yakima Valley communities, Miss Moore is responsible for the provision of books to these points and for the maintenance of their collections. She oversees monthly shipments of books to each of these branches.

Ursula Meyer, head bookmobile librarian, is in charge of the library's three bookmobiles, two of which recently were completely repainted. The three vehicles, each staffed by a driver, clerical assistant and librarian, together hold about 9,000 books.

### Bookmobile Circulation

Daily circulation in the bookmobiles range from 300 to 1,200 books a day. During a week they make about 135 stops with 60 per cent of books checked out to children and 40 per cent to adults.

Miss Meyer received her library degree at the University of Southern California. She was born in the Free City of Danzig and received her education in South America and England, coming to the United States in 1941, attending Beverly Hills High School and UCLA.

Barbara Joanne Mauseth, assistant bookmobile librarian, is a native of Mount Vernon, Wash. She has worked briefly in Ketchikan, Alaska, in the library there and hopes to return to the new state some day.

### Circulation

Charlotte Smith, circulation librarian, is in charge of the main collection of fiction and non-fiction books in the library. She has a staff of 10 persons which handles more than 40,000 books in the circulation department.

Miss Smith is one of two staff members who handle registration of library patrons through library cards. There are 40,000 holders of active library cards in the Valley and all cards made out in the Yakima library.

### Children's Librarian

Mae Benne, children's librarian, handles books for the pre-school age children to those about 14 years old. She conducts the summer reading program and the story hours and extends these projects to bookmobile and community library use.

She frequently works with parents who come to the library to select books for their children's reading. A native of Kansas, Miss Benne had taught in a one-room, eight-grade rural school before going into library work.

### Reference

Mrs. Elinor Evans, reference librarian, answers questions persons ask in all subject fields and draws upon the resources of the reference department for her work. Many of the requests for information come from students who are preparing assignments, although adults ask questions on a seemingly endless number of topics.

A native of Jacksonville, Fla., Mrs. Evans was educated at Vassar College and Columbia Library School. She later studied at the Bibliotique Nationale in Paris and the British Museum Library in London.

### Young Adult

Mrs. Irvin Lisle, young adult librarian, works in the young adult area which serves students 14 to 18 years old and also works in the circulation department. The Yakima library has had a young adult department for 10 years to give students a springboard into the more advanced adult reading.

There are about 1,000 books in this area, none of which are duplicated in the adult books. Mrs. Lisle was born here and attended Antanum School, Yakima High School, WSC, the University of Washington and received her library training at the Riverside Library School in California.

### Processing

Mrs. W. H. Sherwood is head of the processing department through which new books must pass. Cards are made out for each book—location cards, shelf cards and the catalogue cards for public use. Records pass through this department as do the slides and sheet music which is also available.

Mrs. Bradley Emery has the triple duty of being in charge of inter-library loans, service to mail patrons and information for press releases and advertisement.

### Requests Forwarded

When one of the library's patrons requests a book that the library does not own or wish to purchase, the request goes to the state library in Olympia which seeks to borrow it from another library. The use of the inter-library loan system enables the library to fill a request for little-used or expensive material without the use of book funds which in turn may then be used toward strengthening collections of books more in demand by patrons.

Mrs. Emery is responsible for keeping scrap books on the public-



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ity the library receives. Three times the library's scrapbooks have been entered in national library competition and each time they have won an award.