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Library Saved Local Borrowers $237,084 in Book Costs in 1956

If local book lovers had bought the books they borrowed last year from the Torrance branch of the Los Angeles County Public Library their combined spending would have amounted to $237,084!

This was disclosed in the 45th annual library report submitted by County Librarian John D. Henderson to the Board of Supervisors. The Librarian said he based his figure on the estimate of $3 being the average cost per book of those withdrawn for home reading and the fact that the Torrance branch librarian, J. Scott Paxton, checked out 79,082 volumes for that purpose.

"Many of the books cost less," Henderson said, "but many cost a great deal more.

Those 79,082 books were read by 10,225 Torrance individual, adults and children.

Region 3, which includes the local branch and 13 others—Carson, Dominguez, Gardena, Hermosa Beach, Keystone, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Manhattan Heights, Noneta, North Torrance, Strawberry Park and Walteria—chalked up a circulation of 596,172 and a corollary saving of $1,788,516!

The Library's total circulation was 5,511,800, sixth largest in the entire United States, the report stated. Readers totaled 447,431 and the number of books on which they had to draw was 1,108,125. The librarian said that 115,394 new volumes ware added to the book stock last year.

One new branch was established three new buildings erected, one branch relocated and one temporarily closed until new quarters can be obtained to house it.

Budget commitments were made to finance an extensive building program during the next two years, the Board was told. The plans call for six new buildings and enlargement of the bookmobile fleet by three vehicles.

IT'S NO SECRET . . . Cleo, basset hound who stars on "The People's Choice" TV show, seems to be whispering to Robbie Van der Meid, 2527 Loftyview Dr. He's really telling him about the free California Pet Fair in the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium Friday through Sunday. Cleo will make a personal appearance at the event, and Rosemary DeCamp, Torrance resident, will be a commentator at the poodle fashion show at 1 p.m. Sunday.

1844 Adults--1 in 30--In Night School

The largest number of adults in history—1844—are registered in classes at Torrance Evening High School, according to Victor U. Kilburn, adult education director. One out of every 30 adults in the city is taking a high school class.

The students are enrolled in 52 classes on subjects ranging from piloting and sail boat handling to English and public speaking.

Of the total, some 350 adults are working for credit toward a high school diploma. For the first time this year, the Torrance Board of Education has extended the General Educational Development tests to non-vets over 21 as a partial requirement for earning a high school diploma. The tests have been used for veterans for several years as the equivalent of up to 100 credits toward their high school diplomas.

Many Reasons

Students have a variety of reasons for enrolling in night school—to qualify for job promotions, prepare for new occupations, earn a high school diploma, prepare for college, renew former skills, learn homemaking skills, develop hobbies, improve personality, learn the English language, or prepare for citizenship.

A large class of foreign-born persons is in school to pass their tests for citizenship.

New phases of the program this year included recently-completed talks by Dr. Barney Katz, child and clinical psychologist in a series of parent education lectures on "Foundations of Family Living." Some 2400 persons attended the lectures.

Series Set

Dr. Wendell L. Miller will give an illustrated lecture series in February on "Places, People and Problems in Europe," discussing Russia, Germany, Switzerland, and England.

For the first time, a new class in piloting and small boat handling was added this year, with Coast Guard certificates given at graduation. Another 12-week class also may be held next semester.

For the secretary, a late afternoon typing class, from 4 to 6 p.m., is another first. It also offers instruction in various business machines including the 10-key adding machine and dictaphone.

Elementary Class

A class in reading, arithmetic spelling, and vocabulary development on the elementary school level was set up, entitled "Elementary Subjects."

Special workshop sessions in ceramics also have been set up by the district to help teachers in instructing in their daily programs. Special afternoon American Red Cross first aid courses are being offered for teachers and principals, as well.

Some vacancies still exist in adult classes. Students still may register in machine shop, blueprint reading and drafting, lampshade making, ceramics, millinery, knitting, advanced cake decorating, psychology, general math, typing, shorthand, public speaking, English, English for the foreign-born and elementary subjects.

Supervisors Set Up Service

The Board of County Supervisors Tuesday established a community mental health service for Los Angeles County and created the Los Angeles County Mental Health Advisory Board as a means of conserving mental health and preventing mental illness.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, in presenting the resolution, declared that mental illness is one of the most serious problems of government today and that the creation of the local mental health service provides an important way in combatting mental illness through emphasizing prevention.

Matching Funds

The resolution was adopted in accordance with the Short-Doyle act of the State Legislature which provides matching funds to counties establishing mental health services in conformity with procedures and standards to be set up by the State Department of Mental Health.

Supervisor Hahn, who is chairman of the Board of Supervisors committee on the county mental health department, pointed out that passage of the resolution will make it possible for the County to receive income of $300,000 for the balance of this fiscal year for outpatient and inpatient psychiatric services through the County General Hospital.

Urgent Program

"I think that we should emphasize the importance of preventing mental illnesses in administering this most urgent program," Supervisor Hahn declared.

He stated that he believes that local mental health clinics should be established in local health centers during evening hours and on Saturdays for counseling of family groups.

Open House Scheduled

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Torrance will sponsor a public open house in the church reading room, 1617 Cabrillo Ave., from 2 to 5 p.m. today. The purposes and facilities will be explained.

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