

The Los Angeles County Public Library, considered the nation's fastest growing public service, increased its book collection by 20,148 volumes during January, 1963.

This was the number of books received from vendors and publishers, processed for circulation and placed on the shelves of the 93 community branches of the County Library system.

Under a "special request" procedure, each of the new books, as well as the entire collection of more than 2,000,000 volumes, is available to each patron.

County Librarian John D. Henderson said the January addition exceeded by 7,075 the

number of new books the library acquired during the preceding month when the new ones totaled 13,073.

The greatest number of new books are in the various fields of adult non-fiction, science, history, biography, philosophy, religion, economics, government, fine arts, travel and so on.

IN THE CATEGORY of adult non-fiction 8,685 copies of 368 new titles were purchased, received, processed and delivered to the 93 community libraries in the eight regional areas.

Also, 2,715 copies of 50 new

adult novels received during January are now in circulation.

The reference collection was enlarged by 265 copies of 36 new titles.

For children 3,431 copies of 29 non-fiction books were added, plus 4,142 copies of 32 new story books.

Other January arrivals were the new editions of 400 works that are revised annually to insure accuracy and timeliness, such as yearbook, directories and indexes.

AMONG SUBJECTS covered by 5,068 pamphlets received in January are rapid transit,

teaching machines, food relief, Federal aid to education, the Hollywood Bowl, censorship, headaches, lobbying, mental hygiene, intellectual liberty, the narcotics trade, distillation of sea water, taxation, outer space, and 501 other subjects.

Among those new headings are: Kennedy, Robert Francis; precious stones—Texas; project telstar; cloud physics; censorship; disarmament; Callahan, Morley Edward; and eighty-one others.

HC Reading Specialist Returns From Meeting

Miss Loretta Newman, reading specialist of Los Angeles Harbor College, this week returned from the 39th annual Claremont reading conference sponsored by the Claremont Graduate School of Claremont, Calif., where she investigated the latest developments in the reading field, particularly in the remedial reading area.

Included in the conference were neurological research studies with lectures and clinic sessions given by Dr. Carl Delacato, director of the Institute of Reading Disabilities in

Philadelphia; a nationally known author of children's books, Leonard Wibberly, who spoke on ways to bring history alive for children; Dr. Milton Tobias, M.D., neurologist of Beverly Hills, who spoke on using "A Holistic Approach to Learning;" and Dr. Dorothy McKenzie, of L.A. State College, who spoke on "Reading and the Fight for Man's Mind."

THE READING clinic at Harbor College, which Miss Newman heads, gives students the opportunity to strengthen their

basic and developmental reading skills, spelling, vocabulary, and study skills. Some students, while in the clinic, have shown gains in reading of six years or more.

According to Miss Newman,

most of the students are benefited in many ways which help them to organize their reading activities more successfully while making reading more meaningful regardless of the students' major fields of study.

Carnival at Temple

Headed by Mrs. Shepard Schiff, a circle group from Temple Beth Torah, 14725 S. Gramercy Place, will run a Purim carnival for the children who are invited to visit the game and food booths before and after religious classes.

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Sounds like a junior league of nations, but instead it's the younger set of the Southwest Area and the Peninsula mastering the art of conversational Spanish and French at Marymount College in Saturday morning sessions.

Instructors for the two sessions, which meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the science building, are Miss Blanche Decaen and Madame Claire St. Leon. The students range in age from 6 to 12.

New sessions for both groups have just begun, and both instructors report that there are still vacancies in each group. Full details may be obtained by telephoning the college at FR 7-7501.

Official Asks For Report On Bus Safety

A progress report from the California Highway Patrol on its safety program of inspecting school buses, has been called for by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Hahn acted after a chartered bus carrying 38 Camp Fire Girls from the Long Beach area lost its brakes and crashed near San Bernardino last week.

Skilled handling of the runaway vehicle by the driver averted serious injury or death to the youngsters.

"THIS ACCIDENT again points up the need of frequent inspection of vehicles carrying children," Hahn stressed.

In 1957, Supervisor Hahn authored a county ordinance requiring inspection of all school buses, whether public or private.

The following year, at Hahn's suggestion, the County sponsored a State law requiring inspection of school buses by the California Highway Patrol. The law was passed, superseding the County ordinance.

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