

# "Building A Home Library An Important Adjunct To Child's Life," Says Writer

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When I and my generation . . . were growing up on the edge of the Victorian era, America was still a civilization of houses instead of apartments . . . And, that fact had considerable effect upon our reading.

For we had room to accumulate books, room for casual volumes as well as for the classics . . . for the battered favorites handed down by our elders, as well as for current publications bestowed upon ourselves.

Now, in our constricted apartment house world, space is at a premium and lucky is the family that can devote even a single wall to shelving for books.

The building of a home library under these circumstances demands added forethought and care.

More than on anything else, the habit of reading . . . depends on the liking for it engendered in early years, on the emphasis put by elders on it, not as a duty but as a pleasure . . . and on the ease of access which the young have to books.

It is only in the earliest, formative years that the reading of children can be supervised; once they have reached the point where books are accessible from sources other than the home, there is an end to controlling what they read. Hence, it is all important to place within their reach from the beginning the sort of literature which will inculcate taste and serve as a yardstick of merit.

It is during early years when the world is unfolding before him . . . that the pattern of his thinking is being formed. He is questing for knowledge and understanding and reads with an abstraction and immediacy of emotion . . . He is what he reads.

In this day of widespread comics, westerns, and radio adventure serials, there is constant clamor in intellectual circles as to their deleterious effect upon the young. But it is no evidence of juvenile ineptitude . . . that boys and girls find entertainment in such literature; it is merely the expression of a natural delight in what is funny, or dramatic, or exciting.

The best defense . . . against the inroads of the specious literature, is early exposure to the good.

The child who knows and loves Kipling's "Just So Stories" . . . Stevenson's "Treasure Island" . . . and Mark Twain's "Tom Sawyer" . . . is far less apt to be satisfied with an exclusive diet of cowboy stories, or the comics.

Every good home library should contain, of course, the fairy stories and nursery jingles which meet the small fry's age of wonder, and for somewhat older children . . . those classics, which, if not read in early years, are not read at all — "Robinson Crusoe," "Gulliver's Travels," "The Arabian Nights' Entertainment," and "Pilgrim's Progress."

A large library is not a prerequisite to developing the habit of reading, but a varied one is. There is always the public library to take on where the home leaves off. The public library, indeed, ought to be regarded as the extension of the home library.

The core of any working library . . . is its reference works . . . Every home library should include an encyclopedia . . . a dictionary, books of quotations, mythologies, anthologies of verse, and handbooks of information.

If reference books are the sine qua non of a library, after them come the classics. A volume of two will suffice enough to insure available entertainment when the leisure hour comes, enough to arouse desire to borrow from the public library further works of the author.

The good library should never be static . . . It should include books both imaginative and factual . . . which . . . contribute to knowledge and enjoyment, and it should contain a section of recent and current works. The wider its range, the greater its potential of usefulness.

By the time the child is eleven or twelve, he should be free to pick and choose among those books that are in his home. Most of us, indeed, do the best reading of our lives between the ages of 12 and 18 . . . The amount and variety of what we read in adolescence and early maturity conditions the nature of our interest and thinking of our later life.

To choose wisely a small nucleus of those books which delight, divert, and inform . . . that is to start the child off on the road to intellectual life. Reading, and the habit of reading, like charity, begins at home.

## Back-to-School Shoes for Boys and Girls Offer Good Fit, Sturdy Smart Styling

Mother need have no fear of choosing the correct shoes this Fall. New advances in shoe manufacturing, coupled with the miracle of American leather tanning, have resulted in making flexible, well-fitting leather footwear for youngsters' school, play, and party needs.

Adult touches for the small fry are in order this Fall! Little girls' shoes reflect much of the lightness and grace of women's footwear, achieved via lighter and more supple leathers. A significant trend in sub-deb shoes is the popularity of low-cut shell strap pumps, all but replacing classic Mary Janes.

Black patent ankle straps still abound, but shell pumps in gay colors and combinations of leather are fashions' answer to youth's demand for mature styling.

Without sacrificing fit, quality, or long wear, even the sturdy all-leather oxford is 'dressed up' with warm color . . . smooth leather and suede combinations, smooth

leather and alligator — for the newer look!

Emulating their collegiate big brothers, shoes for little boys are rugged and masculine, with bluchers and moccasin types predominant. Sturdy leather soles and prominent welting scores with the male lollipop set.

In the "how adult can you get" department, a pigskin blucher with removable fringed tongue and smart plaid laces — a moccasin blucher in the new calf leather with instep buckle strap — or even the black suede slipper with one strap and tiny nailhead trim — could be worn equally by 'tween or teen!

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## Annual Pot Luck Luncheon Held by Lomita, San Pedro Executive Board

The annual pot luck luncheon of the Lomita, San Pedro Council executive board was held recently in Peck Park, San Pedro. Mrs. Anthony Demaria, of 15th Street School, led the pledge of allegiance to the flag, followed by an inspirational message, "To All Presidents Elect," given by Mrs. Dan Patapoff, of Bandini Street School. Mrs. William D. Russell, president, presided at the meeting and stressed the fact that Parent Teacher Associations are working to promote child welfare in the home, school and community. Announcement of the forthcoming Parent Education classes was made by Mrs. A. C. Akerson, who stated that credits will be given to the local P-TA units for the attendance of their members.

### Community Chest

Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Community Chest chairman, announced the current drive will begin November 2 and all P-TA members are urged to participate in the drive. Mrs. C. L. Wilson, membership chairman, announced the P-TA membership drive will be October 12 through October 23 and no advance publicity may be released before October 2.

The following chairmen were ratified by the board: Mmes. E. N. Reese, legislation; Richard Seiden, press book; and Harry Foot Jr., Red Cross.

Area School of Information September 17, 9:30 to 12 at the First Methodist Church, 6th and Grand Streets, San Pedro. Individual conferences will be given by the 10th District board members and a wealth of information is received so that each officer and chairman may carry on their individual duties during the year. The only chairmen not required to attend this meeting are the health and youth service chairmen; their conferences will be held at a later date.

Mrs. Russell announced that each local unit may have three money making (ways and means) activities per semester (6 per year) on the school grounds and no youth activities may be held on the school grounds to raise funds.

The above meeting was attended by the Council board members and presidents or representatives from the following schools: Bandini, Barton Hill, Cabrillo, Channel Heights, Fifteenth Street, Halldale, Harbor City, Leland, Lomita Elementary, 259th Place, Point Fermin, Seventh Street and White Point.

The first regular Council meeting will be held October 6 at Fifteenth Street School, 1527 So. Mesa St., San Pedro. Mrs. Peter Brutti, president of the P-TA requests reservations be made in advance for the luncheon to be served after the meeting. Telephone Mrs. Brutti, Terminal 2-4922.