



Owl Hoots and Screeches . . .

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technical expert for maintenance and repair. The printed word in the form of cloth-bound and paperback books and in magazines remains the best bargain for public libraries in the sense of getting the most material for the amount of public funds spent. Fortunately for us, some of the best techniques we saw demonstrated require a commodity which costs very little money and yet is priceless: imagination. It also helps if the libraries who work with children really like children.

HOOTS

A PERSONAL WORD — It is a source of much personal satisfaction that my readership for this column includes people in many different places. Since I give them the subscription, I know that my words reach my mother in Houston, my daughter and son in Los Angeles, my daughter in Raleigh and my friend in St. Simon's Island, Georgia. More flattering is the subscription that one of my sisters buys for herself and the word I received indirectly that a Hatteras-born family in Chapel Hill looks forward to my remarks every week. And at the meeting in Washington, I learned that other librarians read me weekly as far away as Elkin. That really pleased me.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The idea that children should be encouraged to use public libraries is one that still has not been universally accepted. In some libraries, children are only tolerated and there are even some public libraries where use by children is actually discouraged. The philosophy in the Pettigrew Regional Library system is based on the belief that today's children will be tomorrow's citizens and that few people learn to love books and reading at an advanced age: it is a taste that must be acquired early in life.

In an effort to improve the quality of the Children's Services in our libraries, three members of the staff attended a two-day conference held in Washington, North Carolina last week. Esther Davenport, Tyrrell County librarian, and Elva Riddick, children's librarian for Washington County, accompanied me to this special workshop. The BHM (Beaufort-Hyde-Martin) Regional Library staff led by Mary Wilson, Director, played host at the meetings which were held at the Holiday Inn.

Jane Wilson, Children's Consultant, and Nancy O'Neal, Field Librarian, (members of the Public Library Development Section of the State Library) conducted the program with the able assistance of many librarians from several different systems.

We were treated to demonstrations by the innovative participants of special federally-funded outreach programs in five different areas. The mobile units created for these programs were on display — perhaps you saw them featured in the TV newscast on Thursday night.

Puppet shows, story-telling techniques using flannelboards, singing games and various audio-visual aides like film-strip viewers, rear-projection film cassette players, tape players, and motion picture projectors were used by these experienced workers with children. Most of the special projects have been aimed at disadvantaged children and the success stories were very heartwarming.

SCREECHES
EXPENSIVE EQUIPMENT — The trouble with duplicating these programs in every other library represented at the workshop can be put into one short word: MONEY. Much of the equipment used is relatively expensive to buy and requires a

New Books At Local Library

New books received at Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library include the following:

ADULT-FICTION
His Burial Too by Catherine Aird.

Moonraker's Bride by Madeleine Brent.

The Mallen Girl by Catherine Cookson.

Deborah by Cole Davenat.

Hotels With Empty Rooms by Harriett Gilbert.

The King's Grey Mare by Rosemary Jarman.

The Caterpillar Cop by James McClure.

The Stardust Kid by Pat Richoux.

A Gastronomic Murder by Alexandra Roudybush.

The Old Friend by Van Siller.

ADULT NON-FICTION
Facts About VD for Today's Youth by Sol Gordon.

The Eighteenth-Century Houses of Williamsburg by Marcus Whiffen.

Black Poets of the United States by Jean Wagner.

The Spirits of '76 by Eric Slean.

Moan on Sunday by Ray Nitschke.

JUVENILE FICTION
Gorilla Gorilla by Carol Fenner.

The Cat Who Loved the Sea by Rhoda Goldstein.

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