

Nebraska Public Library Commission

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To trustees and librarians:-

We are sending your library the latest number of the A.L.A. buying list. These buying lists were formerly issued by the Wisconsin library for a number of library commissions, including ours. At present, they issue from the Publishing board of the A.L.A.. Libraries find them of great service in the selection of books, and we shall continue to distribute them to Nebraska libraries.

Your attention is called to the summer library schools at Iowa City, St. Paul, Madison, Winona lake, and Lake Chautauqua. We hope that several librarians from Nebraska will find it possible to attend. The general standard of library administration is constantly being raised, and Nebraska should keep up with the times.

If you have not already furnished this office with interior and exterior views of your library, and architects' blue prints, where that is possible, we should be glad to receive them within the next 10 days in order to include them in a collection which we wish to send to Portland for exhibition.

The League of state library commissions will shortly issue a new Suggestive list of books for small libraries, and several other pamphlets. These will be sent to all Nebraska libraries.

Libraries that have not received from Washington, the A.L.A. catalog should notify this office. As an aid to book selection, classification and cataloging, it has no equal for small libraries.

This is the time of year to ~~XXXX~~ ask your town council to raise your library levy to 2 mills, if that has not already been done. If your library is not a free public library, you could do your community no greater service than to take steps to make it a public institution. This, of course, does not refer to institutional and society libraries.

Very truly,

Edna D. Bullock, Sec'y.