

TRANSVAAL CARNEGIE NON-EUROPEAN LIBRARY.

Report by librarian.

3rd June, 1949.

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The work of the Transvaal Carnegie Non-European Library is increasing steadily. In November 1948, we reported 82 depots. We are now supplying 95 depots.

Our bookstock has increased from 10,880 books to 12,000 of which 2,050 volumes belong to the Student Section.

From January - April 1949, 29 centres returned books. 36 centres received an issue, and the total recorded circulation for that period was 4,298 books read.

Details are appended to the report. Mr Moletsane is doing valuable work attending to the routine administration of the lending section.

We withdrew the centre established at Pietersburg Youth and Adult Study Syndicate, because the person responsible for our books and box has disappeared. Mr. Makenna hopes to be able to retrieve the box and some of the books when he visits Pietersburg.

The Student Section has now 250 members and during the period January - April issued 455 books. During April 248 visits were paid to the library.

REPORT BY THE LIBRARY ORGANIZER ON CENTRES VISITED.

Mr. L. Makenna, Bantu Library Organizer, has been able to visit a number of centres. He visited the following centres:

Municipal Location Libraries School Libraries.

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| Benoni Location. | Germiston Public School. |
| Germiston Location. | Mokopane Institution. |
| Payneville Location. | Nigel Coloured School. |
| | P.P.Rust Primary School. |
| | Singh School, Germiston. |
| | Stirtonville Coloured School. |
| | Stirtonville Indian School. |

Schools without libraries.

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| Nigel Secondary School. | Roosloot School, P.P.Rust. |
| Stirtonville Anglican School. | Stirtonville Catholic School. |
| Stirtonville Methodist School. | Stirtonville Public School. |

General Comments.

- 1) Our service is not widely known but where we have established centres at schools and locations, principals and librarians and superintendents are interested and keen.
- 2) All centres are asking for increased issues.
- 3) Too many of the libraries visited have old-fashioned books. They depend on the Carnegie Library for modern, popular up to date reading matter. Centres would appreciate the inclusion of a small reference section with future issues.
- 4) Voluntary workers and librarians require help in the administration of their libraries. They have little idea of book arrangement, book selection, registration of borrowers, issues etc.
- 5) Mr Makenna suggests that the Carnegie Committee should urge the Boksburg Municipality to establish a non-European library in the Stirtonville Location. There are 4 African schools there, none of which receives Carnegie books. We supply only the Coloured and Indian schools, both outside the location.
- 6) Mr Makenna reports adequate library accomodation exists at Payneville Location but suggests that the library assistants would derive benefit from a visit to Pretoria for instruction in library methods.

7) Germiston Location /.....

7) Germiston Location now has 2 small rooms with racks for books and periodicals. The rooms are furnished with tables and chairs, and the librarian is keen and capable.

8) Benoni Location has 2 rooms for library use. The book-stock is too old-fashioned.

9) At school centres books are kept in classrooms or in the principal's office. A teacher acts as librarian. Reference books are required.

10) While visiting centres Mr Makenna is collecting information which will bring our records to date and is assisting voluntary workers and librarians in matters concerning the administration of their libraries.

RESERVED BOOKS SECTION.

In January 1949, The T.C.N.E.L. started a reserved books section and Mr Maredi has been placed in charge.

358 books have been reserved following a circular issued to centres and students.

The work is hampered by the lack of books to supply the demand.

The Library assistants have used the reserved books file as a guide in the choice of books suggested for purchase.

For the interest of the Committee, Mr Maredi has selected a few books at present reserved by students and depots.

Abrahams, P.	Mine boy.	Sangiro.	Simba.
Chaucer, G.	Canterbury tales.	Shakespeare, W.	Macbeth.
Galsworthy, J.	Strife.		Merchant of Venice.
Hardy, T.	Far from the maddening crowd.		Julius Caesar.
Madiba, M.	Tsiri.	Shaw, G.B.	Caesar and * Cleopatra
Mofolo, T.	Pitseng. Tshaka.	v.d. Merwe.	Pioneers van die dorsland.
Orczy, Baroness	Scarlet Pimpernel.		
Parnwell.	Stories of Africa.		
Paton, A.	Cry the beloved country.		

All centres are asking for a copy of the library's catalogues. Work on the preparation of book lists is proceeding but is held up due to lack of time and opportunity.

BOOKSTOCK.

1) Vernacular.

i) With the consent of the sub-committee on books, Mr Maredi and Mr Makenna have purchased books in the Vernacular totalling £30.

ii) These two assistants are now experienced in book selection and can be trusted to buy Vernacular books suitable for centres and students.

iii) It is suggested that the Committee set aside a grant of £25 a quarter which these assistants could use to purchase Vernacular books for both the student and lending sections. All accounts would be paid by cheque and the Hon. Secretary will receive invoices.

2) Lending and Student Sections.

i) In view of a possible ban on books the library assistants have compiled a comprehensive book-list both for overseas and local order.

ii) Books ordered are selected from books reserved by centres.

iii) A special effort has been made to secure books on sport, music, arts and crafts, urgently needed by the non-fiction section of the Carnegie depot lending section.

iv) Books for the Student Section have been carefully selected by Mr Fanele from reserved books and books required for courses of study.

v) Earlier this year, with the permission of the Committee, about £60 was spent on children's books. We need more Afrikaans books and Government blue books.

vi) A sum/.....

vi) A sum of ~~£14,901-8~~ is asked for to cover the cost of purchasing books appearing on the book-lists attached to the report.

STUDENT SECTION.

Membership has increased from 151 (in December, 1948) to 250 (April, 1949). There are 2050 books in this section.

The issue has increased from 33 (December, 1948) to 197 (April, 1949). A total of 455 books has been issued from January - April 1949, averaging 114 books a month. From June - December 1948 we issued a total of 229 books.

During April 1949, 248 visits were paid to the Student Section. Readers are receiving special guidance from Bantu library assistants in their choice of reading matter, and are encouraged to visit the library as often as possible.

Book-lists are being compiled and cataloguing is proceeding slowly.

Mr Fanele is doing excellent work as student librarian. He administers this section with outstanding ability and has proved himself a conscientious and hard working library assistant. Mr Maredi is proving himself a capable and valuable assisaant to Mr Fanele.

Details of circulation.

Dewey details. January - April, 1949

General works.	7	Anthropology.	6
Philosophy.	0	Useful Arts.	22
Psychology.	0	Fine Arts.	1
Religion.	2	Literature.	5
Social Science.	72	English Literature.	148
Education.	19	Other Literature.	43
Philology.	3	History.	27
English Language.	40	Geography and travel.	20
Other Languages.	17	Biography.	8
Pure Science.	13	Europe.	0
Biology.	2	Africa.	0

Total number of books: 455

Average for 4 months: $\frac{455}{4} = 113.75$.

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GENERAL.

STAFF.

Mrs J. Churchill has been appointed temporary assistant to Mrs Peters and is doing valuable work attending to the routine administration of the library. She is checking cataloguing done by the Bantu library assistants, and assisting them in the preparation of book lists, shelf-registers, card indexes etc.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1948.

The 1948 report will be issued shortly. The corrected proofs have been returned to the printers. (Morija Press, Basutoland).

MEMORANDUM ON BANTU LIBRARY SERVICES.

Copies of the final draft are available.

LECTURES AND EXAMINATIONS.

Miss S. Nicholson is lecturing in cataloguing, classification and administration, and Mrs Peters in English Literature and General Bookstock.

The draft syllabus for a preliminary examination for non-European library assistants on the J.C. standard has been submitted to the Education Committee of the S.A.L.A.

It is hoped that the first examination will be held in December, 1949.

Mr Maredi has successfully completed his University matriculation examinations.

FILING CABINETS.

The library urgently requires 6 drawers. The Hon. Secretary has quotations.

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(Jan.-April, 1949)

<u>Name of centre</u>	<u>Date of check</u>	<u>Circulation</u>	<u>Date of issue</u>
Alexandra Health Centre			27/1/49
Atteridgeville	31/1/49	140	11/2/49
Dafokeng Sec. School			2/3/49
Dantu Sec. Sch., Krugersdorp			2/3/49
Belfast United School	5/1/49	33	
Benoni Location	20/2/49	215	
Bethal Training Institution			
Bethesda Institution			
Boithsoko Institution (New)			
Boksburg Indian Sch.			20/4/49
Boksburg Anglican Sch. (N)			
Boksburg Methodist Sch. (N)			
Bothsabelo Practising School			27/3/49
Bothsabelo Institution			3/2/49
Bushbuckridge Dantu Library	1/3/49	21	30/4/49
Bynespoort School	5/1/49	105	
Communal Sch., Evaton (N)			27/3/49
Consolidated Main Reef Mine			27/3/49
Daggafontein Compound			
Donald Fraser Hospital	5/4/49	281	
Dougall Hall Library			20/1/49
Durban Roodepoort Deep	22/2/49	125	26/4/49
Elin School, L. Trichardt			
Emmentia Geldenhuys School	15/2/49	317	15/3/49
Ferguson School, Pretoria (N)			5/4/49
Glen Cowie School			3/2/49
Good Hope Mission School			
Good Shepherd Mission School			29/4/49
Grace Dieu Institution			3/2/49
Jandrell Sec. School			
Jane Furse Mem. Hospital			
Jane Furse School			
Kekana School			
Khaiso Sec. School			
Khanani School, L. Trichardt (N)			
Kilnerton Institution			26/2/49
Krugersdorp Coloured School	30/4/49	189	
Krugersdorp Location			
Lady Selborne Coloured School	30/4/49	30	
Lady Selborne High School	24/3/49	215	30/3/49
Lemana Training Inst.			
Linokana non-European Library			
Mbabane			
Messina			
Middelburg Native Location			
Middelfontein Sec. School			
Modderfontein Dynamite Factory			
Mokopane Institution	5/4/49	222	
Mphahlele Sec. School			
Nchaupé 11 Sec. School			
Nigel Indian & Coloured School			11/3/49
Nobantu Recreation Hall			13/3/49
Nylstroom Indian School			20/4/49
Onverwacht School	11/1/49	139	
Pax Training Institution	31/3/49	472	
Payneville Location			
Piet Retief United School	29/4/49	No circulation	
Potgietersrust Central Sch.	11/1/49	96	2/3/49
Premier Mine Native Compound (N)			
Randfontein A.M.E. School			
Randfontein Coloured School			27/3/49
Randfontein Methodist School			
Rand Leases Native Library	25/1/49	69	22/2/49
Roodepoort Govt. Coloured Sch.			
Roodepoort Govt. Indian Sch.			
Roodepoort Location			

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St. Albert's School, Stirtonville (N)			26/4/49
St. Ansgars School, Roodepoort		34	28/4/49
St. Margaret's School, Oogies	18/2/49		
St. Mary's School	30/3/49	137	
Salvation Army School, Bantule			28/4/49
Schoemansdal United School	12/2/49	20	20/1/49
Sharpeville Location			
Singh Indian School, Germiston			24/2/49
Spaarwater G.M. Company			
Standerton Location			
State Mines	15/2/49	183	
Stirtonville Coloured School	12/4/49	288	
Stirtonville Public School (N)			
Sub Nigel N.E. Social Centre	7/4/49	45	
Swazi National School			
Swiss Mission Sch, Shiluvane			4/2/49
Uitkyk Intern. School	25/1/49	70	
United Bantu School, Bethal			
Vereeniging Coloured School	30/4/49	143	
Vereeniging Location			
Valdezia School, L.Trichardt	27/4/49	43	
Vlakfontein Indust. School			14/3/49
White River Location			20/4/49
William Hills School	10/1/49	443	21/2/49
Winternest A.M.E. School (N)			
Witbank Methodist Sch. (Renewed)			
Zebediela Central School	8/4/49	101	
Zeerust Indian School			4/2/49
Zeerust, c/o Native Commissioner	21/2/49	72	20/4/49
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TOTAL: 95 centres	29	4298	36

Total number of centres -----	96
Total number of centres whose books were checked ---	29
Total circulation -----	4298
Total number of centres which received books -----	36

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