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NON-EUROPEAN LIBRARY SERVICE, TRANSVAAL

REPORT FOR JULY - NOVEMBER, 1951

Report by Librarian

16th November, 1951.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I wish to present the report of the Non-European Library Service, Transvaal, for the period July - November, 1951.

DEPOTS SECTION

A start has been made to reorganize the Depots Section along the lines proposed by the Committee at a special meeting held on 2nd August, 1951.

1. School Centres

Pretoria Area

Six schools in the Pretoria area, which it was thought could be served by the Atteridgeville and Dougal Hall libraries, have been found to be too far from these centres for such an arrangement to prove practicable. These schools will therefore continue to be administered as in the past. They have been approached with a view to securing closer co-operation and arrangements have been made for their librarians to visit the central depot to select their books and receive instruction in library methods.

A centralized service is being planned for the Lady Selborne area, where 9 schools will be able to borrow books from a depot situated in the location.

Vereeniging

The Non-European library service at Vereeniging is already functioning along the lines desired by the Committee.

Mr. Leutsoa, Sharpeville librarian, recently visited the central depot to select 500 books for his library.

Other Urban Areas

Until such time as the other urban areas can be organized along lines similar to those already operating at Vereeniging, schools in these areas will continue to be served as individual centres.

2. Compound Centres

Seven compound centres reapplied for continued membership as individual centres and are being served as before. These centres are all under the supervision of European mine officials.

3. Individual Centres

Individual centres have been reduced in number to 20. These centres continue to be administered in the same manner as in the past and are under the direct supervision of Mr. Makenna, the Travelling Organizer, whose duties in this connection have been clearly defined. Mr. Makenna's report for the period August - November, is given separately.

Statistics for July - November, 1951. (Depots Section)

Number of centres which returned books	19
Circulation from these centres	846
Number of centres which received an issue	9

Not many boxes have been issued, as most school centres have requested that the service be suspended until the beginning of the new term.

Student Section/.....

LIBRARY SECTION

<u>Statistics</u>	<u>1951</u> July - Nov.	<u>1950</u>
Total number of members	774	632
Total circulation	998	1,195
Bookstock	2,356	2,148
Visitors	1,251	655

<u>Details of Circulation</u>	<u>(July - November)</u>	
	<u>1951</u>	<u>1950</u>
General works	33	21
Philosophy	15	7
Psychology	51	43
Logic	10	11
Ethics	1	1
Religion	7	16
Sociology	58	46
Politics	11	14
Economics	8	17
Law	2	24
Administration	54	23
Education	23	73
Commerce	-	4
Philology	8	10
English Language	10	10
Bantu Language	102	131
Pure Science	10	28
Biology	18	27
Anthropology	30	38
Useful arts	35	49
Fine Arts	5	18
English Literature		
Poetry	22	17
Drama	21	92
Fiction	318	264
Afrikaans literature	35	36
History	42	81
Geography and travel	38	45
Biography	25	43
Sports and pastimes	6	4
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With the approach of the examinations, circulation in the Student Section has dropped but an increasing number of Non-Europeans have been visiting the library to study on the premises.

Saturday afternoon opening has proved very popular and from July - November, 243 members visited the library during this time.

Mr. Fanele gave a talk on library services at a conference of social workers, held in Pretoria in July. A list of books on sociology was compiled and distributed among the delegates.

Lists of the latest additions to the Student Section stock have been published in the Bantu newspapers and have resulted in a number of interested new members.

READING ROOM

Copies of the following magazines have been donated by the American Government for use in the reading room and for distribution to centres:-

- Life
- Collier's
- Woman's Companion
- The American

These/.....

These magazines are all very popular and are much appreciated.

BOOKSTOCK

The bookstock of both the Student and Depots Sections has been increased by generous gifts of books from the American Government and from Miss A. Clendinnen of Westfort.

Following a resolution of the Executive Committee, the booklist approved at the meeting held on 29th June, was reviewed and titles of books of less general interest were eliminated to allow £50 of the book vote to be spent on children's books. A list of books to the value of £49. 9. 3 has been compiled.

EXAMINATIONS

Lectures have been given in Preliminary and Elementary subjects for the examinations of the South African Library Association. Five members of the staff have entered for the examinations which are to be held in December.

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