

P O S T O N L I B R A R Y N E W S

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Librarian.....Ethel M. Manning
Assistant Librarian.....Laurie Masushige
Secretary.....Yoshie Nakamura

NEWS NOTES

The library system of Poston operates as a unit under the joint direction of Dr. Miles Cary, Superintendent of Education and Dr. John Powell, Director of Recreation and Adult Education.

Because Poston consists of three camps--approximately four miles apart--a regional type library, modeled on the California county library plan, with headquarters at Camp II, has been set up. Each camp has its own public library, including a group of special libraries and its own school library. In addition, the school block of Camp II (210-14) houses the teachers Professional Library and an Administration Library--both of which serve all three camps--as well as the Central Workshop where all books for the three camps are received and inventoried, and books for the schools are processed and cataloged before being distributed.

No funds were allocated by WPA for public libraries. They are dependent upon donations and discards from the libraries of California. Each public library received a small fund from Community Enterprise with which it buys a few new books for a pay collection (5¢ a week). When a book has paid for itself it is placed on the open shelves and the money is used to buy a new pay collection book.

The school libraries, however, were included in the education budget and hundreds of library books, as well as texts have been bought. The books for the Professional Library were bought by the Education Department. Those in the Administration Library were sent for that purpose by WRA in Washington. An Edward B. Davis Memorial Library, a collection of books on economics, government and education loaned Poston II school by Mrs. Davis after the death of her husband, has also been placed in the Administration Library.

A recent development of interest is the collection of books and magazines placed in a block manager's office in Poston I (Block 42) through the cooperation of the Poston I Public Library: Mr. Sakai, Block Manager; and Mr. Masushige and Miss Nakamura, residents of the block. A similar library has been started in Poston II (Block 229) by Block Manager Ray Mori and Sue Kobayashi, a resident of that block. It is hoped others will take up the idea. The Central Library, Poston II (Block 210), has a large number of duplicate books (particularly childr

Moon is Down.....Steinback
 Keys of the Kingdom.....Cronin
 Saratoga Trunk.....Ferber
 From Whom The Bell Tolls.....Hemingway
 The Sun is My Undoing.....Steen
 Berlin Diary.....Shirer
 Grapes of Wrath.....Steinbeck
 Behind the Face of Japan.....Close, W.
 This Above All.....Knight

Religious Library.....Block 19
 Hours.....9:00 to 12:00
 1:30 to 5:00
 Issei Library.....Block 21 at present
 Agricultural Research Reference Lib...Block 37 Rec. Hall
 Dr. Takahashi is in charge with Sumi Yano as
 librarian. It is open during office hours for ref-
 erence only. Books do not circulate.

Law Library.....Administration
 Building in the
 Legal Department
 Books are for reference only and does not circulate.
 A branch public library is being set up in block 36.

POSTON II.....Population.....4,000
 The Novel Hut
 Location.....Block 214-14-A-B-C-D & 214-13-A-B
 Established.....Aug. 12, 1942 by Becky Hasegawa
 Hours.....9:00 to 12:00 A.M.
 1:30 to 5:30 P.M. daily except Sun
 Staff.....
 Librarian.....Becky Hasegawa
 Asst. Librarian.....Yoshi Kodani
 Children's Librarian.....Kimiko Yagi
 Procurement Man.....Shigeru Kizuka
 Library Clerks.....Kuniko Hirokawa
 Toshiko Nishioka
 June Tajiri
 Janitor.....Taroichi Tomihiro

The most important news of Poston II Public Library, The Novel Hut this month is the addition of a Reference Room (214-13-A & B) in the barracks adjoining the library itself. Thus the library is departmentalized--214-14-A-B-C & D being (A) Office and periodical room; (B) A new book display and a special corner for the younger children; (C) & (D) Adult fiction including books for older children. Rooms A & B in the next barracks (214-13) have been turned into one to make an adult non-fiction library and a reference room.

The present library is devoted to fiction both juvenile and adult and periodicals. The reference room in the next barrack is for those who like to spend a quiet hour or two in reading, studying or in browsing around.

Our library is a member of the Literary Guild and of the Book-of-
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REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

the-Month Club. Our pay shelf consists of many fine best-sellers. "Who-dun-it" fans will be glad to know that the library is also a member of the Detective Club which sends us the latest in "blood and thunders." There is a long waiting list for these books for which a charge of 5¢ a week is made. Among the recent fiction that are most popular are:

The Robe.....Lloyd C. Douglas
 The Valley of Decision.....Marcia Davenport
 The Prodigal Women.....Nancy Hale
 Time of Peace.....Ben Ames Williams
 The Day Must Dawn.....Agnes S. Turnbull
 Drivin' Woman.....Elizabeth Chevalier

The popular non-fiction are:

See here, Private Hargrove.....Marion Hargrove
 They were Expendable.....W. L. White
 This Is My Best.....Whit Burnett
 Guadalcanal Diary.....Richard Tregaskis

Sport books and mystery books are much in demand here as in other libraries. Some of them are:

Gridiron Girt.....Noel Sainsbury Jr.
 Fighting 5.....Noel Sainsbury Jr.
 Navy Blue and Gold.....Helen Reilly
 Three Thirds of a Ghost.....Fuller
 The Moving Finger.....A. Christie

Poston II Public Library subscribes to the following magazines:

Mademoiselle	McCall's
Hygeia	Child Life
Harper's Magazine	Readers Digest
Nature Magazine	

From time to time we receive many fine donations of books and magazines from our friends in camps as well as our many Caucasian friends on the outside.

By the record of attendance and the number of books that circulate daily, we are glad to report that the library is one of the most popular places in camp. The staff is endeavoring to keep the Novel Hut up to date in current books and magazines and in service. We hope the people of Poston II will continue to enjoy many hours of reading.

A collection of religious books from the Edward B. Davis collection is being placed in the Camp II Religious Library (Block 211 Rec. Hall).

POSTON III.....Population.....4,000
 Location.....Block 325 Recreation Hall
 Established.....August 13, 1942 by Fumi Shiota
 Hours.....8:30 to 12:15 A.M.
 1:30 to 5:15 P.M. daily except Sun

Staff.....:

Librarian.....	Fumi Shiota
Asst. Librarian.....	Atsuko Aoki
Asst. Librarian.....	Anna Yamada
Issei Librarian.....	Sue Ishida
Library Clerks.....	Tokito Hirashima
	Totomi Mano
	Satsuko Uyeno
Part-time.....	Shizuko Mano

ISSEI LIBRARY OPENED

For the benefit of Issei readers, an Issei library was officially opened on February 25th, in block 310-13-B, adjoining the Adult Education Office. Sue Ishida is the librarian in charge.

All Japanese books formerly at the public library are in this new library. Other books available are English textbooks, for the use of the teachers of Adult English.

Those possessing membership cards at the public library may use the same card at this library. List of books in the Issei Library are:

SEKAI BUNGA KU ZENSHU

5	Wilton.....	Paradise Lost
7	Scott.....	Ivanhoe
10	Old German Drama
	Modern French Drama
11	Poe.....	Scarlet Letter & other Masterpieces
12	Fugo.....	Les Miserables Book 1
13	Hugo.....	Les Miserables Book 2
14	Hugo.....	Les Miserables Book 3
24	Hara.....	Three Russians
25	Sienkiewicz.....	Quo Vadis
	Iwamura.....	Christ Ni Torawareta Seimatsu
	Kagawa.....	Peimei Wo Yobi Samase
	Kinoshita.....	Seikoku Alps Tohaki
	Koizumi.....	Moguchi Hideyo
	Sekine.....	Jido Sekkyo Ichinen
	Komuro.....	Helen Keller
	Yoshida.....	Hitori Ayumu

BOOK REVIEW

Reviewed by Totomi Mano

"OUT OF THE NIGHT"

"Out of the Night", one of the most popular books in our library was written by Richard Julius Herran Krebs, under the pen-name, Jan Valtin. This autobiography of an active German Communist is one of the most tense, gripping stories on our pay shelf.

Without security or happiness in childhood, Valtin at the tender age of fourteen, was won to the Communist Party. His hatred for the

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rich stayed with him through the years he served for the cause. As a well-trained Communist agent, Valtin spread discontentment in many countries throughout the world.

While serving in the United States, he was sentenced to San Cuent for perjury. There he educated himself to the utmost, mastering Eng French, Spanish, and learning other things which were of value in his work for Communism. Even in prison he spread his doctrine. After his release he went to Europe to study and carry on his work.

Then Hitler came into power, the ruthless Nazi machine riddled the ranks of the Communist Party in Germany. At that time Valtin, who had been summoned to Germany, escaped to Denmark, only to be sent back into Germany by his leaders and to be caught in the nightmare of fear-playing hide and seek with Gestapo agents and facing torture in the hands of the Nazis. After three years of imprisonment, he managed to hoodwink his way into the Gestapo and finally make his escape to America.

Recently Krebs was in the public eye again. After five years of residence in the United States, he was found to be an undesirable character and is to be deported to Germany after the war. In the meantime Krebs, at the age of thirty-seven, will await his fate at Ellis Island.

List of periodicals on regular subscriptions are:

Life	Time
Reader's Digest	Mademoiselle
McCall	Red Book
Boys' Life	Parents Magazine
Newsweek	Young America
American Girl	Arizona Highways

Newspapers:

Los Angeles Examiner	San Francisco Chronicle
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SCHOOL LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

POSTON I.....	Block 12-14
Librarian.....	Ruth Sato
High School Lib.....	Maria Ishida
Elementary Lib.....	Chizuko Fujiwara
Branch Lib.....	Kazuko Furuta
Library Clerk.....	May Tanimoto

Because of the acute housing shortage and the fact that classroom are scattered from one end of the camp to the other, the school libraries of Camp I are inadequately housed in five-sixth; of a barrack in block 12 near the edge of the camp. A carpenter's shop takes up the other sixth of the building.

An attempt is being made to provide all elementary classrooms with classroom libraries. Because of the lack of equipment-shelves, etc.-- in the school library, new books for the elementary school are kept in:

~~the other sixth of the building.~~ **Professional Library, Camp II.**

Teachers are urged to check out several of these books at a time when they attend Saturday morning classes in Camp II. These books may be kept a month then returned and a new collection taken out.

Chizuko Fujiwara, Elementary School Librarian is always on hand at Camp II Saturday mornings and Sue Kobayashi, Professional Librarian, through the week, to check out the books. The school library at Block 12 has a great many older books on all levels, from Nursery School through the eighth grade. These may be taken to classrooms by the teacher and checked out to individual students.

In the high school department, a beginning has been made to place a library of reference materials in each core classroom. A great many new titles in the field of government-English, science, etc. are arriving almost daily and teachers are asked to confer with Miss Sato about books for a classroom library.

POSTON II.....Block 210-7
 Librarian.....Evelyn Onoye
 Asst. Lib.....Hisako Yamashita
 High School Lib.....Sumi Kusunoki
 Elementary Lib.....Jerry Takemoto
 Department of Exhibits
 and Displays.....May Tsukamoto
 Part-time Workers.....Ted Tsuruki
 Chihiro Sato

A complete set of library furniture--shelves, tables, dictionary stand, newspaper and magazine racks and a standard circulation desk--was completed for Camp II School Library, early in the school year. The furniture is made of redwood, and the work was done at the Camp II carpenter's shop under the direction of Carl Puterbaugh and Masao Iyama.

The library occupies the entire building. At one end, small tables and stools surrounded by low shelves of interesting and colorful books constitute a reading corner for the little children. These books may be checked out directly by the children--one book and one magazine at a time--or a small collection for a classroom library may be taken out by primary teacher. It is hoped each teacher will train a child as classroom librarian to check the books in and out and to keep a simple circulation record sheet.

In the main part of the library, magazines and newspapers line one side of the room. Story books and reference materials for older children on low shelves within easy reach--make an interesting color scheme the length of the building along the other wall. One corner is devoted to reserve collection for the 12th grade core classes.

One quarter of the building is shut off for textbook room and work shop for the librarians. A copy of every text used in the school is placed on a shelf for inspection by the teachers and the number of copies available in Camp II is noted inside the cover. Tall stacks gleam with the new textbooks--but not for long at one time. Teachers and students like are eager to get them.

Across the firebreak, three large rooms house the overflow of discarded textbooks sent by California schools which are used as supplementary materials both by the schools and in the adult education classes. These rooms are used also by the Central Library for processing and allocating discards for the schools and public libraries of the three camps. (This work is under the direction of Laurie Masuehige of Camp I and Emma Takasaki of Camp III.)

Special exhibits are sometimes placed on display at the school library. So far, both Washington and Lincoln have been honored. At the North end of the library, Charles Onoye, head of the Agriculture Department of Camp II, has placed an exhibit which draws considerable attention from all who see it. It is a model of the Camp II of the future--football stadium-Greek theatre-churches etc.--a complete town miniature. At the south end of the library, another model gives an idea of what the swimming pool, now under construction, will look like when it is completed.

POSTON III.....Block 324 Recreation Hall
 Librarian.....Mary Miyoshi
 Asst. Librarian.....Terry Fukuda
 Textbook Lib.....Jean Kobayashi
 Part-time Lib. Clerk.....Mark Ota

Poston III School Library, like all Gault, is divided into three parts;--a textbook room (324-1-A); a Professional Library (chiefly magazines and pamphlets) in the teacher's lounge (324-9-A); and the library itself (324-Recreation Hall). The library and the textbook room occupy adjoining buildings and the teacher's lounge is next to the school office.

The library occupies one-fourth of the study hall building. A door between the two makes the books easily accessible to study-hall teachers and students. Students are admitted to the library by permits signed by the study-hall teacher. Restful green curtains were given for the library by Mrs. Robertson, head of the Mathematics Department. Another Camp III teacher, Miss Finch has donated a subscription to Time Magazine and a number of books for the library. Another donation of books came from Miss Barley, who is in charge of the Camp III Junior High School.

Six new bookcases have just been completed for the textbook room in the Camp III carpenter's shop under the direction of Mr. Uyeda. As in Camp II, sample copies of all texts are kept on an inspection shelf. New textbooks also are shelved in the textbook room but owing to lack of space most of the older books which were sent from California are kept in the Camp II school textbook storeroom.

Camp III took the initiative in organizing classroom libraries. Teachers and librarians worked together to establish these libraries, and to work out a simple system of classroom library service. Camp III has also taken the initiative in opening the library for study in the evenings--from 7:00 to 8:30--four nights a week (Monday through Thursday).

POSTON II

CENTRAL LIBRARY.....Block 210-14
 Librarian.....Chiyo Okimoto
 (Emma Takasaki)
 Assistant Librarians.....(Sonoko Kida
 (Edna Ishikawa)
 Librarian, Professional
 Library.....Sue Kobayashi
 Custodian, Administration
 Library.....Paul Kamitsuka
 Library Clerk (part-time), Janet Yamamoto

The Central Library occupies approximately half the building (barrack 14) next door to the school office, in Camp II. The south end of the library is the workshop where all books for the three camps are unpacked, inventoried, processed, classified, cataloged and distributed. They are inventoried and distributed by Laurie Masushige assisted by Emma Takasaki and are classified and cataloged under the direction of Chiyo Okimoto.

At the north end of the building, two rooms have been thrown into one and fitted up as a Professional Library for the teachers of the three camps. A library of books on the Japanese-American problem, Arizona and the South-West and related subjects--donated for the purpose by WRA in Washington--occupies part of the Professional Library. Two rooms between the workshop and the Professional Library are the offices of the Librarian and the Assistant Librarian.

All textbooks and school library books are ordered by the Education Department upon the recommendation of principals and department heads. They are allocated to the three camps by department heads, usually upon a 2-1-1 basis. The three public libraries select, order, process and catalog their own new books. (The Central Library is often asked to order books direct from the publishers for private individuals. Most publishers allow a library discount of 20% on educational editions and 25% on trade editions if ordered by a library).

From October 1 to March 15, 24,886 new textbooks and 1,119 new library books have been prepared for circulation in the Central Library. Approximately 50,000 used books from California schools and public libraries as well as private donations have been received, inventoried and distributed by the Central Library. Used books are sent not only to the schools and the public libraries but also to the Adult Education Department and Block Manager libraries. Some of the older children's books are sent to the Nursery schools for picture scrapbooks.

Catalog cards for new books for the school libraries are prepared in the Central Library. The Dewey Decimal System is used throughout. Two sets of cards are prepared for each book. One set goes into a Union Catalog in the Professional Library, the other is sent with the book to be filed in the school library catalog. Cards are being typed also for all books in the public and special libraries so that the Central Library in its Union Catalog will have a record of every book in all the libraries at Poston.

Printed catalog cards are being ordered from the Library of Congress for Professional and Administration library books and H.W. Wilson printed
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cards for high school non-fiction. These will be placed in the Union Catalog and copies made for school library catalogs. Books for special libraries--agriculture, hospital, law, public health the religious library and the Issei libraries are also prepared for circulation in the Central Library.

The Professional and Administration Libraries are under the direction of Sue Kobayashi, librarian and Paul Kamitsuka, custodian. At present, the library is open from 8:30 to 5 through the week and from 8:30 to 12:30 on Saturday. Plans for opening the library two evenings a week, from 6:30 to 8:30 and from 2 to 4 Sunday afternoons, are being considered.

Books from the Professional Library may be taken out on Saturday mornings for one week and may be renewed for one week only. Camp II teachers or other teachers may take books out during the week if they are returned the following Saturday so that all teachers have a chance to look them over.

The Professional Library sponsors exhibits of outstanding work done in the schools. At the present time, the library has two display one of art work done by Mrs. Kerbers classes in Camp II: Still Life in Pastel by Gene Nakata; Modern Design by Toshiko Higashi & Haruye Koda; Crayon Tapestry by Shig Hatakoda; Black & White drawings by Isao Kyohara; Carved Horse and Indian by Seiichi Yoshida and Black & White still life by Takako Yagi. The other, graphs and charts done by Mrs. Snelsons eleventh core class of Camp II. Teachers in the other camps who have work they would like to exhibit are urged to get in touch with the Professional Library.

Administration Library books may be checked out any time during the week. For the benefit of Camps I and III personnel, a messenger service has been started. A list of the books in this library is given in each issue of Poston Library News and is posted in each administration mess hall. A penny postcard addressed to the Central Library, 210-14, Camp II will bring the book to any office in Camps I or III. New Administration Library books marked with an asterick may be kept one week, and may not be renewed. Used books in this library may be kept two weeks and will be renewed for an additional week upon receipt of a postcard.

PROGRESS REPORT

When Randall Henderson, editor of Desert Magazine wrote about the Camp I Public Library last summer--that was the only Poston library in full operation. He visited Poston in July just as Camp II Public Library was getting under way and two months before Fumi Shiota organized a library in Camp III.

With the opening of schools in October, school libraries were started in each camp. Toward the end of October, the necessity for a central clearing house for all books became apparent and the Central Library was opened in Camp II because of lack of housing facilities in Camp I.

In December, library service to the hospital was started and the first library in a Block Manager's office was established. Library service was offered to the clergy of Camps I and III; to the agricultu

law and adult education departments of Camp I and to the Issei of the three camps, early in January. The Professional Library was opened March 6, when Saturday morning classes for teachers were inaugurated. The administration library will have its formal opening early next month when it is hoped a few comfortable chairs, a cooler and a drinking fountain will have been installed.

The greatest needs of Poston libraries are, first; typewriters, second, an adequately equipped, centrally located school library building in Camp I. Under present condition, evicuee teachers whose classrooms are at the far end of the camp must walk the length of the camp to sign in at the school office and walk back, approximately two miles, with no place to rest before making the return trip. This will cause great hardship when the hot weather arrives. The third need is for a more adequate budget for new books for the public libraries--particularly for up-to-date books on current affairs and professional books for doctors, lawyers and others cut off from normal professional contacts.

POSTON PUBLIC LIBRARIES

STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

	Camp I	Camp II	Camp III
CARDHOLDERS:			
Adult	1,621	853	783
Juvenile	1,840	722	548
Total	<u>3,461</u>	<u>1,575</u>	<u>1,331</u>
BOOK COLLECTION:			
Adult	3,221		1,289
Juvenile	3,053		2,240
Pay Collection	149	60	71
Total	<u>5,423</u>	<u>4,260</u>	<u>3,500</u>
MAGAZINES:			
Adult	2,074		
Juvenile			
Total	<u>2,074</u>	<u>1,150</u>	
CIRCULATION:			
Adult Fiction	1,962	1,142	860
Adult Non-fiction	538	171	178
Juvenile Fiction	2,718	1,827	597
Juvenile Non-fiction	313	400	594
Magazines	1,647	3,540	740
Total	<u>7,178</u>	<u>7,080</u>	<u>2,969</u>
PERSONS USING THE LIBRARY:			
		6,286	4,048

LIST OF ADMINISTRATION LIBRARY BOOKS

<u>COPIES</u>	<u>AUTHORS</u>	<u>TITLES</u>
*5	Beard, Charles & Mary R.	The Rise of American Civilization
*5	Coulter, John Wesley	Fiji, Little India of the Pacific
1	Dimnet, Abbe.	The Art of Thinking
*1	Eleanor Tupper & George E. McReynolds	Japan in American Public Opinion
*1	Embree, John F.	Suye Mura, A Japanese Village
*1	Haring Clarence H.	South America Looks at the United States
1	Huxley, Julian	If I were Dictator
1	Latane	From Isolation to Leadership
*1	Levinger, Rabbi Lee J.	Anti-Semitism, Yesterday and Tomorrow
*1	Lippman, Walter	Public Opinion
*1	Lippman, Walter	Method of Freedom
*1	Mahn, Helen O.	The Editor and His People
1	Manley, Christopher	Chimney Smoke
*5	Mears, Helen	Year of the Wild Boar
*1	Nitti, Francisco	Bolshevism, Fascism and Democracy
*1	Parrington, Vernon L.	Main Currents in American Thought
*4	Richards, J. Morris	The Birth of Arizona
*1	Russell, et al	Dare We Look Ahead
*1	Salter, et al	The Causes of War
*1	Sayre, Francis Bowes	The Way Forward
1	Shaw, Bernard	Intelligent woman's Guide to Socialism
*1	Smith, Nicol	Burma Road
*1	Strong, Edward K., Jr.	The Second-Generation Japanese Problem
*1	Taft, Henry W.	Japan and America
1	Wallace, Henry	New Frontiers
1	Wells, H. S.	Salvaging of Antagonism
1	Wells, H. S.	Outline of History
*1	Work Projects Administration	Arizona, A State Guide
*1	Hamilton, Fish Armstrong	Hitler's Reich