

SCHOOL LIBRARIES SECTION
Division of Libraries for Children and Young People
American Library Association

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Dear Member,

Of major consideration at this time are the election of certain officers and a consideration of the revised constitution.



As you know, the constitution for the School Libraries Section has been the recent study of a committee headed by C. Irene Hayner. Our present constitution, as printed in the A.L.A. Bulletin for June 1937, does not conform to certain requirements necessitated by the reorganization of A.L.A. and the subsequent organization of the Division of Libraries for Children and Young People, of which we are one section. I am enclosing a mimeographed copy of the proposed constitution for your consideration and vote. Please study it carefully and compare it with our present constitution cited above. The major proposed changes have to do with the name and with the election and organization of the Board of Directors for the Section. The new constitution proposes an organization similar to that of A.L.A. and of the Division with the vice-president (president-elect) elected each year. Provision is also made for carrying out business by mail. **BE SURE TO SEND IN YOUR VOTE.**

The ballot for a Section director, Section secretary, and a Division director is enclosed. The ballot should be marked and returned immediately. Ballot for Division officers nominated by the School Libraries Section but to be voted on by all members of the Division will be sent out by the Division.

The Woodrow Wilson Foundation has kindly supplied us with copies of certain declarations which have definite bearing on world organization for peace, following the war. I am sure this leaflet giving five well-known documents will prove helpful to you.

Have you received a copy of The Communication Arts and the High School Victory Corps from the U. S. Office of Education? It is of outstanding importance to us, and the bibliographies are especially helpful. Attention is called to the chapter on libraries prepared by Mildred Batchelder. Copies of the 77-page bulletin are available from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D. C., for 25¢ a copy.

Miss Batchelder has prepared a challenging article on the place of school, children's, and young people's libraries in the demobilization program which is scheduled for the May issue of the A.L.A. Bulletin. Do not miss it.

British Information Services, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, has an excellent pamphlet, Introducing Britain; a Junior Booklist, for free distribution. Write for it and use the books suggested to further friendship with this ally of ours.

The mimeographed list of recordings was prepared in response to requests from North Carolina. I thought perhaps you might be interested in a copy. Even though it does not give complete information in every instance, it should prove useful as a brief list of recordings which have proved useful if you are just beginning your collection of records.

The end of the school year is approaching and with it the end of my term as chairman of the A.L.A. School Libraries Section. My major interest has been to bring the Section closer to you and to emphasize to you that the development of school libraries is largely the result of the efforts of the individual school librarians who collectively make up our organized group. The organized group becomes the A.L.A. School Libraries Section and works for your expressed interest to the extent that you are articulate. As you share your ideas, as you express your needs, as you participate in the work entailed in promoting and improving school libraries, so shall they grow and be recognized for their worth.

This School Libraries Section Letter has been a means whereby the Section could reach you periodically with concrete suggestions. Do you recommend to your Board of Directors that it be continued?

Thank you for your generous cooperation and best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely yours,

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