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WELCOME NEW BOOK STOCK

Close to 900 new books and pamphlets are listed in the most recent supplement to the catalogue of reading material supplied by the University Extension Library of the University of Manitoba.

Presently being issued to custodians of travelling libraries and "open-shelf" borrowers, the supplement offers volumes for adults in 12 categories. Extension librarian, George C. Noble, reports that much of this advanced material will be read by senior teeners, aged 16 to 20, the library's "reading-est" group.

"They are reading us right out of stock," Mr. Noble commented, noting that the adult catalogues are mailed to 15-year-olds on request. Bright youngsters of 13 and 14 also request and are granted adult catalogues.

The book stock of 35,000 volumes includes some 10,000 books for young adults and junior readers. In addition to reading in quantity, Mr. Noble said that the young people show excellent taste in choice, picking career books, current fiction, and volumes offering tips on manners and etiquette.

While every attempt is made to supply the particular book requested it often happens that the reader's choice is not available. When this occurs Mr. Noble -- or members of his staff of 7 full-time and 4 part-time library assistants -- make appropriate substitution.

"This is our chance," he said, "to introduce^a/growing mind to new authors and fields of interest."

Copies of the new supplement are being mailed during the current month to individual borrowers with their parcels of books and supplies of the pamphlets have been distributed to the 250 custodians of travelling libraries.

Other borrowers, who do not intend ordering books before the end of January, can receive the supplement by writing to the University Extension Library, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg.

Mr. Noble noted that the Extension Library is for the use of residents of Manitoba who are not served by public or regional libraries in their communities. There is no charge for this service.

Open-shelf or individual borrowers are loaned books for one month, while lots up to 150 books are loaned to travelling libraries for four months -- or less, if desired.

In eight Manitoba communities the duties of custodian of travelling libraries is handled by the secretary of the district agricultural representative. Mr. Noble said that 10,000 readers use the facilities of travelling libraries. Open-shelf readers total 7,000. A whopping 100,000 books are sent out by mail and express each year.

The new supplement includes 714 books and 179 pamphlets, among them works by a dozen Manitoba authors in a variety of fields.

One new book -- received too late for inclusion in the booklet -- is the last work of the world-renowned author and naturalist, Ernest Thompson Seton. Entitled "Animal Tracks and Hunters' Signs." It was completed by Mrs. Seton following the death of the author. Other works by this famous Manitoba writer are among the most popular in the Extension Library, Mr. Noble commented.

Another recently published volume missed the supplement deadline. It is "Fifty Mighty Men", by Grant MacEwan, former dean of agriculture at the University. It is a collection of magazine articles telling of the accomplishments of leading figures in the history of Manitoba and Western Canada.

Three Manitoba women also contributed to the 1958 list of new books and pamphlets. They are : Olive Knox, with her biography, "John Black of Old

Kildonan"; Elsie McKay, "Selkirk's 75th Anniversary"; Kenneth Haig, "Epic March of the Mounties."

Also listed is H.J. Scoggan's, "Flora of Manitoba"; a volume prepared by the Winnipeg Horticultural Society and titled, "The Prairie Garden"; the late Robert Matheson's moral essay, "The Philosophy of All Possible Revelation"; is listed in the supplement.

C. Robert Hiscocks, professor of political science at the University of Manitoba, is represented with his book, "Democracy In Western Germany"; "The First Fifty Years", a history of the United Grain Growers Limited, by R.D. Colquette, is included in the section on applied science.