

# LIBRARY



Do you know these important facts about Highland Park's library?

It is a publicly owned, co-operative concern, which lends books to everybody without charge.

It is staffed by persons who know books and are prepared to help people to get what they want from books.

It is as William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor says, "a necessary part of the educational equipment of every city, a storehouse of the tools of education."

It offers the means of continuing one's education regardless of how far that education has proceeded.

Your library is located at 380 Laurel avenue.

It is open every day from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. except Sunday.

It can be reached by telephone by calling 312.

### "Taxes"

The Tax Situation in Illinois, by Herbert D. Simpson.

"We in Illinois perhaps have the unenviable distinction of having the worst assessment of real property in the United States," so says Richard T. Ely in his introduction to this enlightening book, in which Mr. Simpson gives not only facts concerning conditions in the state but contrasts conditions in Wisconsin and other localities with conditions in Illinois.

This study which was begun in August, 1926 has been continued to the present time.

If you wish to see this book soon, call 312 and ask to have your name placed on the reserve list.

### Medals Awarded

The Parents Magazine announces its fourth annual medal awards for the best books for parents. On the advice of a committee of experts, medals are awarded to the authors of the following books published in 1929, each of which makes a distinctive and outstanding contribution in the field of child care and training.

To the late Elizabeth Cleveland for her book, If Parents Only Knew. A message from teachers to parents telling what the modern school is doing for the child and how the home can help.

To William E. Blatz and Helen Bott, for Parents and the Pre-School Child. The results of observation and scientific research clearly and interestingly presented which will help parents to find an answer to the question: How can we best train our young children?

To John E. Anderson and Florence L. Goodenough for The Modern Baby Book and Child Development Record. A book that enables parents to make an interesting and valuable record of the development, behavior and experience of their children from birth to 16 years of age.

### Arthur Rackham

The exhibit case in the lobby of the library is this week showing an original work of the famous English illustrator, Arthur Rackham. The illustration is that of The Witch Brewing Storms, which was done for none other than his first publication,

Rip Van Winkle which volume is shown in an edition de luxe. They were loaned by a friend of the library.

### The Pulitzer Awards

On Tuesday, May 13, the Pulitzer awards for 1929 were announced by the Trustees of Columbia university on the recommendation of the Advisory Board of the School of Journalism. The winners of the prizes in letters include Oliver LaFarge, Marc Connelly, Claude H. Van Tyne, Marquis James and Conrad Aiken.

Laughing Boy, by Oliver LaFarge. Green Pastures, by Marc Connelly. The War of Independence, by Claude H. Van Tyne.

The Raven, a biography of Sam Houston, by Marquis James.

Selected Poems, by Conrad Aiken.

### Believe It or Not

"For some reason or other the effect of long absorption in reading—and let parents and authorities of all kinds note this well—is to purge the mind of annoying and teasing thoughts and to leave us amiable, genial, benevolent."

The Meaning of Culture, by John Cowper Powys, page 210.

### Library Memorials and Gifts

A unique gift to a mid-western library was recently presented in the form of a memorial by Charles N. Thompson. Because he feels the importance of the American home, one of the fundamental factors in our civilization, as a place of beauty and relaxation, he has made provision in his last will and testament for a trust fund of not less than \$25,000 which will endow a collection in the public library on the finer arts of home making. The collection is to be established in memory of his wife.

During the past month the Highland Park library has received gifts of books and magazines from the following friends: Mrs. Rosa Flocchi, Mr. W. B. Wrenn, Mrs. A. E. Smith, Mrs. Charles Rubens.

### Hester Ann Thomas Wins Byrn Mawr Scholarship; Is to Study in Europe

Miss Hester Ann Thomas, a graduate of Deerfield-Shields in the class of 1928 and now a sophomore at Byrn Mawr college, has been admitted to the Delaware Foreign Study plan, which provides in part for one year's supervised study abroad for undergraduate work with full credit toward the American bachelor of arts degree. She will sail July 18 with 60 other students.

She will spend 12 weeks studying the French language in preparation for the winter's courses. The winter term is to be spent at the Universite de Paris and the Ecole Libre des Science Politiques, where a varied program of courses suitable for undergraduates is available.

She also has been awarded the Illinois "Regional" scholarship by the Bryn Mawr, alumnae for next year.

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