STUDY LIBRARIES
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Suggestions to clubs

Select a subject, or group of related subjects, on which a sufficient amount of material is available to cover a year's study. Find how much of this material can be obtained in the local library and ask the librarian to make a list of it. Send this list with your application for a library to the Study Club Department of the Library Commission. A list of the books furnished for this subject and when possible an outline will be sent to the club, and from these and the books available in the local library the program can then be made. Do not choose a subject and print a program before ascertaining whether or not a library can be furnished for it. If there is no local library, or it has little or no material on the subject chosen, the Commission will cover the whole year's study as fully as possible. It cannot undertake, however, to supply books for a program which scatters over a wide field. The more closely a study is restricted to a single subject, or a group of related subjects, the more satisfactory can the library be made. Clubs which have limited their study in this way testify to the greater interest and profit of the year's work.

Conditions

The only charge is that of transportation, both going and returning. The libraries are sent in wooden boxes, by freight unless otherwise requested. When a club asks for material on short notice it is sent by express collect or, if cheaper, by post. In the latter case return of postage is expected.

The library is sent in July, August or September, depending on when the club begins its work. It can be kept till the end of the year's work in April, May or June, unless otherwise stated. In the case of books and pamphlets which are in constant demand throughout the year by individuals, clubs, libraries and schools, clubs are sometimes requested to return them as soon as used.

The books are sent to the local library where possible, and clubs usually prefer to have them housed there. Where the
library is open but a few hours a week, however, it is ad-
visable to have the books kept in the house of a club member.

The club secretary, or librarian, is requested to check the
books with the list accompanying them, and to report at once
if they do not agree. This list should be kept, and checked
with the books as they are packed for return. The record of
books loaned to club members can be most easily kept by
means of the book card, to be found in the pocket inside the
back cover. By writing the borrower's name on the card and
retaining it, the secretary can at once locate any book that
is not in her possession.

Two copies of the program or the year book prepared by the
club should be sent to the Study Club Department as soon as
issued. The department needs these records in order to be
of the greatest usefulness to the club, and clubs frequently
request the loan of year books on subjects they are considering.

Outlines lent to clubs should be returned promptly. With
all clubs planning the year's work at the same time, it is diffi-
cult to meet requests for outlines adequately with the greatest
promptness on the part of clubs borrowing them.

Clubs should not choose a subject which they cannot finish
in nine or ten months' time. Except under very exceptional
conditions libraries cannot be kept a second year, to finish a
study planned for a single year.

Subjects represented in study libraries

The following list of subjects on which libraries can be fur-
nished is printed here in order to aid clubs in choosing a sub-
ject for the year's study. It does not fully represent the re-
sources of the Study Club Department, and requests for books
on other subjects will be considered and granted whenever
possible. With a few exceptions, the printed outlines are
those published by the Library Commission. Printed out-
lines are indicated by a star; typed outlines by a dagger.

Art
American†
Dutch
English
Flemish and Dutch†
French*
German†
Greek†
Italian†
Italian painting†
Municipal†
Architecture†
Sculpture (syllabus)
Roman†

Art poems: Browning, Longfellow, Tennyson†
Arts and crafts†
   Home decoration†
Bible as literature
Bible study
Child study and training†
Civic improvement†
Drama
   Shakespearean
   General†
   Plays*
   Post-Shakespearean†
   Modern†
      English prose dramatists of our day†
      Ibsen, Sudermann, Maeterlinck†
Education†
   Current educational topics
   School systems of the United States†
   Women's education
Family and society†
History and travel
   Africa
      Egypt†
      South Africa
   America
      Alaska†
      Canada*
      United States: history
         Discovery and exploration*
         Colonial period*
         Revolution*
         Formation period, 1783–1817*
         Expansion period, 1817–1860*
         Civil War and reconstruction, 1860–1876*
         From reconstruction to date, 1876–*
         Wisconsin*
      United States: travel†
      United States: possessions†
   Asia
      China†
      India
      Japan*
      Palestine and Syria†
   Europe
      European history since 1815 (syllabus)
      Austria-Hungary†
      Balkan States†
      Denmark (with Norway and Sweden)
      England: history*
         Early English history†
Restoration†
Victorian age†
England and Wales: travel*
France*
Paris†
Germany†
Greece (with Italy)
Ireland (with Scotland)
Italy†
Medieval†
Medieval and modern Italy and Greece†
Modern*
Florence (syllabus)
Netherlands†
Norway† (also with Scandinavia)
Roman history†
Scandinavia†
Scotland and Ireland†
Spain†
Switzerland†
Turkey (with Balkan States)
Wales (with England)
Mexico†
Panama†
South America†
Home economics† (syllabus)
Food (syllabus)
Household management†
Shelter (syllabus)
Hygiene and sanitation†
Literature (see also Drama)
American†
English†
Arthurian legends†
Early Victorian period*
English poetry†
French
German (syllabus)
Italian
The novel†
Representative 19th century authors†
 Twelve famous novels (syllabus)
Writers of to-day†
Authors
Browning, Robert*
Chaucer (syllabus)
Dickens, Charles†
Eliot, George†
Hawthorne's Marble Faun*
Longfellow, H. W.†
Meredith, George
Scott, Walter†
Ivanhoe*
Stevenson, R. L.
Tennyson, Alfred
Thackeray, W. M.†
Henry Esmond*

Music (The 10 printed outlines of the National Federation of Musical Clubs are available on request)

Appreciation of music
Grand opera
Oratorios and symphonies
Nature study

Problems of the day
Many of these subjects are important enough to warrant a year's study. In the case of others a grouping under a general heading can be made; e.g. Social welfare, consisting of a study of Child conservation and training, Divorce, Eugenics, Immigration, etc.; or, Industrial reforms, consisting of a study of Child labor, Industrial accidents, Minimum wage, Labor problems, Mothers' and old age pensions, Women and children in industry, Workmen's compensation, etc. Brief outlines can be furnished with most subjects.

Capital punishment
Child problem: conservation, guardianship laws, labor, home training, schooling, etc.
Churches and the changing order
Civic improvement†
Civics
Civil service reform
Commission government
Conservation, natural
Conservation of human life
Cooperation
Cost of living
Currency system
Divorce
Equal pay for equal work
Eugenics
Fire prevention
Government ownership
Immigration
Industrial accidents
Initiative
Judiciary
Juvenile delinquency
Labor problem (syllabus)
Leisure, use of
Liquor problem
Minimum wage
Moral and religious training in schools
Mothers' pensions
Municipal government
Occupational diseases
Old age pensions
Poverty and pauperism
Prisons and penal reform
Public health†
Race problem
Recall
Recreation
Referendum
Rural problems
School hygiene
Sex education and instruction
Short ballot
Socialism (syllabus)
 Strikes
Syndicalism
Tariff
Trade unions
Transportation: railways, waterways, etc.
Trusts and corporation
Vice regulation
Village and town improvement†
Vocational education
War and peace
White slavery
Woman: suffrage, political and economic status, property
  rights, etc.
Women and children in industry (bulletin)
Workmen's compensation
Social service†
Social welfare†
Women, Famous
Women, Professions for†
Women in education†