

SCIENCE LIBRARY'S NEW ROLE

The National Science Library of the National Research Council of Canada has assumed an important new role in the fields of medicine and the health sciences.

Under an agreement with the National Library of Medicine of the United States, the NSL has been designated as the Canadian MEDLARS branch. MEDLARS is an acronym for Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System, developed in Bethesda, Maryland, and having national centres in Britain, France, Sweden and Australia.

Dr. Jack E. Brown, National Science Librarian, says that the Canadian branch of the MEDLARS system will further extend the reference and bibliographic services of the National Science Library. It will form an integral part of NSL's Health Sciences Resource Centre, which is responsible for national services provided for the Canadian medical community and researchers in the various fields of the health sciences. The MEDLARS branch will also co-operate with NRC's mechanized system for the Selective Dissemination of Information.

The main products of MEDLARS system are the monthly *Index Medicus*, with annual cumulations, numerous recurring bibliographies and a demand search service processing individual requests. The system covers about 2,300 of the world's biomedical journals in 38 languages. About 250,000 articles in these journals are indexed annually using a controlled vocabulary of medical subject headings.

ALBERTA SUMMER SCHOOLS

Each summer hundreds of young Albertans who have shown ability and interest in drama, music or recreation leadership are assisted in pursuing their chosen fields through attendance at one of three provincially-sponsored courses: the Summer Drama Seminar, the Music Workshop, or the Recreation Leadership School. Although a nominal fee is charged, most of the financing is provided by the government of Alberta and the organization and supervision of each school is under the direction of government specialists. All are fully residential, with board, room and tuition provided.

DRAMA SEMINAR

This is the eleventh year in which the drama seminar has been conducted. Beginning in 1960 with 30 students and two teachers, the seminar this year had 170 students in two courses.

The first two-week course accommodated 120 students from 14 to 19 years of age and covered both first and second year instruction. The curriculum included acting, speech, and active drama, movement and technical theatre, which consists of such skills as make-up and set design.

The second course is designed for those who

have had previous training, such as drama teachers, community drama leaders and selected second-year students from the first session. About 50 advanced students were enrolled in the course this year, studying acting, playwriting, creative drama and speech.

MUSIC WORKSHOP

Held annually in Camrose, the Provincial Music Workshop provides instruction to instrumentalists, vocalists, band directors, church choir and junior directors.

The instrumentalists are divided into two-week sessions, one each for juniors and seniors. This year, almost 200 juniors attended the first course, with 130 seniors at the second. The former were divided into two concert bands and a string orchestra, while the latter formed a band and symphony orchestra. As well as working with their assigned organization, each student received individual instruction on theory and practical music, as well as sectional and ensemble practice.

The choral groups, a 22-voice mixed choir and a 23-member girls' choir, attend a three-week course which overlaps the instrumental sessions, finishing at the same time as the senior course.

At the end of the workshop, two concert tours are organized to appear throughout the province. The senior band and mixed chorus form one tour, while the symphony orchestra and girls' choir make-up the second touring group.

RECREATION LEADERSHIP

Leaders for recreation programs throughout Alberta are trained at the Recreation Leadership School in Drumheller, an annual four-week course provided by the Recreation Branch of the Alberta Department of Youth.

Candidates for this course are sponsored by their local recreation authority and must be prepared to offer leadership service to the community in return.

First and second-year courses are provided at the school, each with specific required and optional subjects. First-year students must take community recreation, first-aid, minor games, square and round dancing, community singing and fitness. Options include men's and women's gymnastics, creative drama, crafts for young adults and swimming.

Second year required courses are recreation workshop, arts workshop and social dancing, while options include tennis, archery, swimming, outdoor education and crafts for children.

This year, for the first time on this continent, recreation for the developmentally handicapped was offered as a specific course, an option for both first and second year students.

During the 1970 session, its thirty-third year, the Provincial Leadership School had an enrolment of 106, of which 36 were second-year students.