

# Friends of the A.R.E. Library



## Newsletter

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Serving the Edgar Cayce Foundation, the Association for Research and Enlightenment,  
Atlantic University, and the Harold J. Reilly School of Massotherapy

### Message from Dr. Windsor

Dear Friends of the Library:

Our Library, which contains the Edgar Cayce legacy and related information, is one of our greatest assets. It houses the metaphysical wisdom of the ages and is a true haven for those on the spiritual path. The Library is the heart of this work.

Because funds available to us are not quite sufficient to provide the margin of excellence we seek, we rely on additional private and personal support, which is the vital ingredient that enriches our collection and facilities.

We are grateful for your contribution, which is indeed an investment in the future.

Sincerely yours,

*James C. Windsor*  
James C. Windsor, Ed.D.  
President  
Edgar Cayce Foundation

### Friends of the Library

In 1987, we initiated a Friends of the Library Society. Two mailings were sent to members asking for their support: one to 14,600 members in January, 1987, and another to 12,000 members last September. Nearly 1,000 people responded with contributions totaling over \$50,000. This generous donation helped to underwrite the purchase of a new card catalog and a double bank of free-standing reference shelves. Both have recently arrived and are currently in operation. In addition, the contributions have provided support for our operating budget.

In 1988, these donations continue to help us obtain needed equipment and improved services, including: (1) two I.B.M. memory typewriters for our catalogers (\$1,600); (2) automated circulation and computerization of collection systems (\$13,000); (3) a new shelf-list card catalog to house the record of the collection (\$1,850); (4) a reprint of the library booklist (\$1,700); (5) Mircea Eliade's sixteen-

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### 1987 Library Watermarks

The A.R.E.<sup>®</sup> Library experienced a year of sustained growth in 1987. The numbers pertaining to book circulation, visitor traffic, and reference service increased significantly.

Library book circulation totaled 19,107, an increase of 3,437 over 1986. Local chargeouts accounted for two-thirds of the increase; out-of-town chargeouts for the remaining one-third. This represents an 18% increase in book circulation.

In 1987 2,042 books were mailed to members, or forty-one fewer books than were mailed the year before. More members—regardless of where they lived—actually came to the Library in person to check out material, suggesting that vacations and conference attendance were on the rise in 1987.

Visitor traffic for the year was 80,319. In 1986, the figure was 71,544. This represents an 11% increase.

Reference questions requiring one-half hour or longer to answer totaled 1,350 in 1987. The total for 1986 was 758. This is a 44% increase in service in one year. In January, 1988, we hired June Wareing for twelve hours a week to help Grace Fogg with researching the hundreds of queries directed to the Library.

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*Left to right: Isabelle Gaspar, Shirley Gillespie, Ruth White, Cheryl Karr, Mary Lawsine, Anita Daskam, Sharon Karrick, June Wareing, Stephen Jordan, Helen Olsen, Mae Christopher, Adelaide Crockett, Bill Schultz (volunteer), Jerry McDowell, and Grace Fogg. Birley Schoen not pictured.*

## Library Staff

At present the Library staff numbers fifteen full- and part-time employees who work 405 hours a week to build, preserve, and disseminate the Library's diversified holdings.

Shirley Gillespie and Mae Christopher send Circulating Files to members who request them. Through the years, Circulating Files have remained one of the most popular member benefits.

Mary Lawsine is our Circulation Librarian. She supervises activities at the charge-out desk and handles Interlibrary Loan. If a member has questions about borrowing books, Mary is the person to contact.

Grace Fogg is our Reference and Periodicals Librarian. Reference and research questions pertaining to subjects in the readings or other sources are directed to Grace, who also maintains the Library's newsletters, periodicals, pamphlets, and vertical file collections.

Ruth White serves as our Technical

Services Librarian. She directs cataloging, book processing, bindery, collection maintenance, and acquisitions activities. Inquiries about book donations, new book acquisitions, or book-buying suggestions are directed to her.

Other staff members, each of whom plays an important role in the delivery of library services, are: Adelaide Crockett, Overdues Librarian; Cheryl Karr, Cataloger; Sharon Karrick, Library Secretary; Isabelle Gaspar, Mailables; Anita Daskam, Circulation Desk; Jerry McDowell, Book Processing; Helen Olsen, Circulation Desk and Tapes; Birley Schoen, Circulation Desk; and June Wareing, Reference and Periodicals Assistant.

We all look forward to seeing many of you in the Library this year and assisting you with your research, study, and information needs.

## Other Library Activities

A total of 28,460 Circulating Files were loaned to members during 1987. This is 14% fewer files than were loaned in 1986, when the total was 32,902. On the one hand, new members are joining A.R.E. and requesting files, while on the other, the effect of a \$1.00 postage and handling fee per file instituted in January, 1987, has reduced the number of loans by nearly 4,400.

The most frequently requested files are: Akashic Records, Meditation, Kundalini, Principles of Healing, Soul Mates, Angels and Archangels, Earth Changes, Arthritis, Psoriasis, Multiple Sclerosis, Baldness, Tinnitus, and Obesity.

Recently Ruth White, who works in Acquisitions, wrote to several metaphysical organizations that publish material and maintain libraries. She asked if they might be

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volume set of *Encyclopedia of Religion* (\$1,200); (6) a library booktruck (\$200); and (7) an office adding machine (\$55). This is a dramatic beginning for a long-anticipated activity. The Library staff is very grateful to members for their strong show of support, which we hope will continue this year as we focus confidently on the future.

Our patrons have frequently remarked about the need for an updated library booklist to facilitate the borrowing of library books from one's home. Staff members are currently preparing the manuscript for a new booklist which will include about 13,000 titles added to the collection since 1982. Computer-generated booklists are still several years away because of the time and expense

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interested in acquiring a set of the Edgar Cayce Library Series in exchange for titles of comparable value which they publish. Manly P. Hall of the Philosophical Research Society said he would like to have copies of the *Study Group Readings* (vol. 7) and *Astrology* (vols. 18 & 19). In exchange, he sent us seven volumes of his work including *Sages and Seers* and *Buddhism and Psychotherapy*. Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship has also responded to our offer.

The San Francisco Metaphysical Collection contains 4,000 volumes of mostly pre-1950 classics on spiritual development, which the Library obtained from Artists Embassy International in 1986. Part of the collection rests on shelves in the Library's workroom, while the remainder of books are stored in cartons on the third floor of the Library/Conference Center. At present, there is no place to house the collection as a unit, but work has begun on pre-processing the books systematically to identify new acquisitions and duplicates. Toward this goal, a proposal to provide additional man-hours for this important project was approved for 1988.

Library hours during the past winter were extended to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday to accommodate Atlantic University and School of Massotherapy students. This is a ten-hour-per-week increase over previous

required to computerize a 52,000-volume collection. Meanwhile an interim resource will allow members access to book acquisitions of the last eight years. We hope that this year's Friends of the Library appeal will help fund this important project.

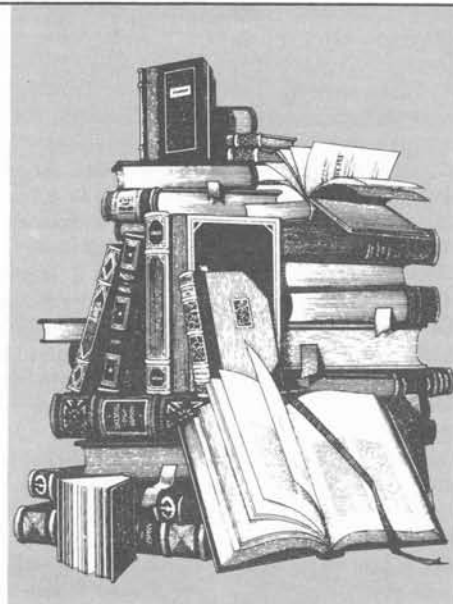
Other future Library projects include the addition of a fourth 60-drawer section of card catalog, which will be positioned on top of one of the present three sections. The table base will require reinforcement to accommodate the additional weight. Library catalogers add about 16,000 cards a year, representing 2,000 or so new acquisitions. Also, the Library has space for one more double bank of free-standing reference shelves, which we hope to obtain soon.

winter hours and reflects the growing demand for Library services.

The A.R.E. Library continually receives compliments from enthusiastic users on its quality and depth of material. Donations of books have brought us to this respectable level of collection development. In February, for example, a Virginia Beach resident gave us twenty cartons of largely metaphysical titles totaling over 425 volumes. This generous gift included a beautifully illustrated, oversized astronomy book by George Sergeant Snyder called *Maps of the Heavens* (Abbeville Press, 1984), a profusely illustrated, oversized book on Hindu mythology edited by Enrico Isacco entitled *Krishna: The Divine Lover; Myth and Legend Through Indian Art* (Serindia Publications, 1982), and an incredible anatomy book by Johannes W. Rohen and Chihiro Yokochi called *Color Atlas of Anatomy: A Photographic Study of the Human Body* (Igaku-Shoin, 1983). These books have been added to the Library's Reference Collection.

If you are thinking of thinning out your own personal library shelves, we hope you will consider the A.R.E. Library as a possible home for your treasured tomes.

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## Quote from the Readings

Q-7. Name books I should read to help me develop now.

A-7. Any that makes for the more and more awareness of that influence of Spirit in the earth among those that name the Name of the One God.

(Edgar Cayce reading 378-16)

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In 1987, the Library staff repaired 865 books (831 in 1986), cataloged 3,475 volumes into the collection (4,050 in 1986), and accepted 2,396 gift books from donors (4,221 in 1986). We also permabound 697 paperbacks and worn hardbacks (544 in 1986), as well as 97 cumulated volumes of periodicals (108 in 1986).

A group of Library volunteers donated 2,420 hours to the Library in 1987. They shelved books, straightened bookshelves, filed catalog cards, mended books, processed books, researched reference questions, and checked in periodicals and newsletters—to mention a few of their varied activities.

People often ask to volunteer in the Library. The pleasant atmosphere and presence of the Edgar Cayce readings create an irresistible attraction. Ten Library volunteers currently help us serve our members and visitors.

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