

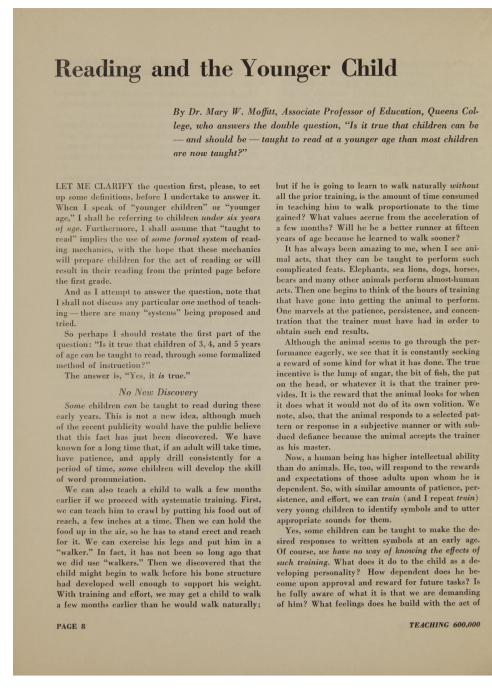
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Spotlight on: Teaching Reading in Schools

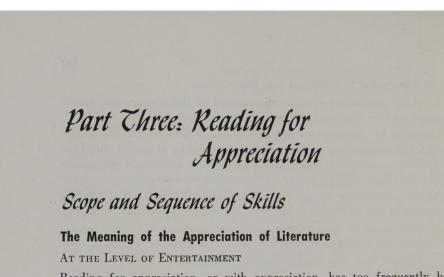
By Christine Bruzzese, Director, Municipal Library

Reading is one of the most important skills to learn and there are many approaches to teaching reading that have evolved over time. This article includes a few resources in the Municipal Library collection on teaching reading.

The report, "Teaching 600,000 "Johnnys" to Read" was published in 1962 by the Division of Elementary Schools at the New York City Board of Education. It summarizes the proceedings of the Reading Academy of the Division of Elementary Schools. Here is one page from an address "Reading and the Younger Child" by Dr. Mary W. Moffitt, Associate Professor of Education, Queens College.



"Reading Grades 7-8-9: A Teacher's Guide to Curriculum Planning" dates from 1958 and was reprinted in 1964. This guide focuses on how teachers can assist the more advanced students at intermediate and early high-school level to grow and develop their reading skills. Beyond school, they would need to be efficient and good readers in their adult lives. Pictured below is the introduction to teaching Reading for Appreciation.



Reading for appreciation, or with appreciation, has too frequently been regarded as reading for mere pleasure or entertainment. In common practice this has tended to become a quick and easy way to obtain only the sheer action elements of the story, especially the adventure and suspense, and consequently to ignore or skim hurriedly over everything between stirring incidents.

There would be but little reason to turn to great literature if appreciation meant no more than this. Such thrills can be obtained much more readily from the comic strips or from TV. But this is appreciation at its most crude level, the instinctive level that requires no learning, no guidance by the teacher. It is as natural as the response to the jungle rhythm of jazz music.

LEVEL OF RICHER UNDERSTANDING

There are, however, other levels of pleasure in reading, just as there are in music. At one such level the reader reads not only for the interest of the story as action, that is, to see what happens, but also to understand the characters, their ever-changing personalities, their feelings and their motives, and to recognize how all these elements shape the nature of the events that follow. This fuller understanding enriches his appreciation.

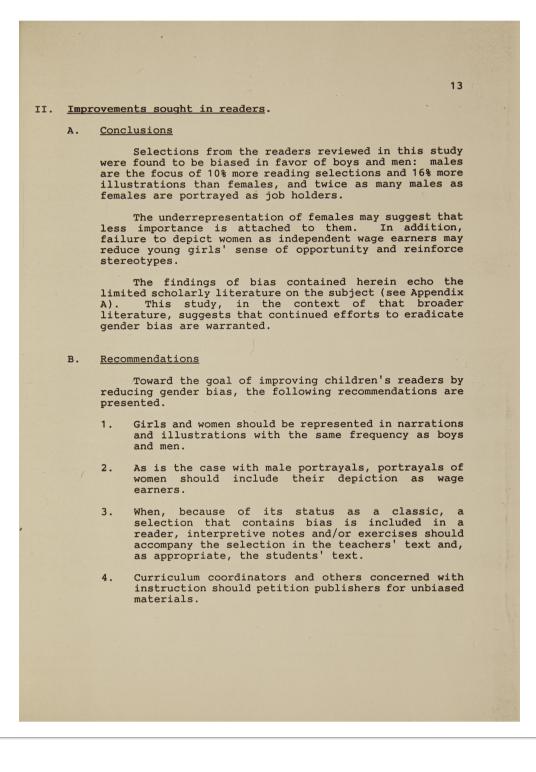
LEVEL OF EMOTIONAL RESPONSE

Even so, appreciation is incomplete without the reader's own changing emotional responses as his sympathies follow the experiences in the selection. This appropriate emotional rapport with the selection is an essential element in appreciation.

LEVEL OF ACTIVE PARTICIPATION

Furthermore, he should read actively and creatively. Just as a tennis player 122

"Dick and Jane Revisited: A Study of Gender Bias in Children's Reading Materials" is a report published by the Comptroller's Office in 1991. Ten readers used in New York City schools were examined and it was found that men were more frequently and positively presented then women. Here is a summary of the conclusions and recommendations from the researchers.



Municipal Library Notes April 1922 "What Other Cities are Doing" and the Role of Policewomen

By Christine Bruzzese, Director, Municipal Library

The Municipal Library Notes issue for April 26, 1922, included a periodic feature called "What Other Cities are Doing." News from London reveals that the Metropolitan Police Force was eliminating police jobs for women, believing these positions to be unnecessary and expensive. Below is the article from Municipal Library Notes.



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What Other Cities are Doing

A 6-cent street car fare for Chicago, effective May 1st, has been ordered by the Illinois Commerce Commission. Transfers will be issued at present without additional charge. Children may ride for 3 cents. The new order was announced by Chairman Smith as an experiment to be tried until January 1st.

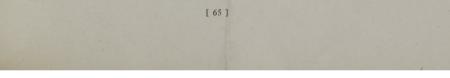
The Milwaukee, Wis., Harbor Commission will make a commercial and industrial survey of the harbor of that city and the country tributary to the Lake Michigan ports. Upon this will depend the character of the terminals that first will be planned in the harbor development.

A *Toledo* port zone survey will be a valuable piece of municipal advertising, its sponsors say, even if the St. Lawrence deep sea waterways project is not con-summated. A \$5,000 appropriation to carry on this study was recommended by a Council committee recently. It will be done by experts under the supervision of the service director and port commission, so the "Toledo City Journal" informs us.

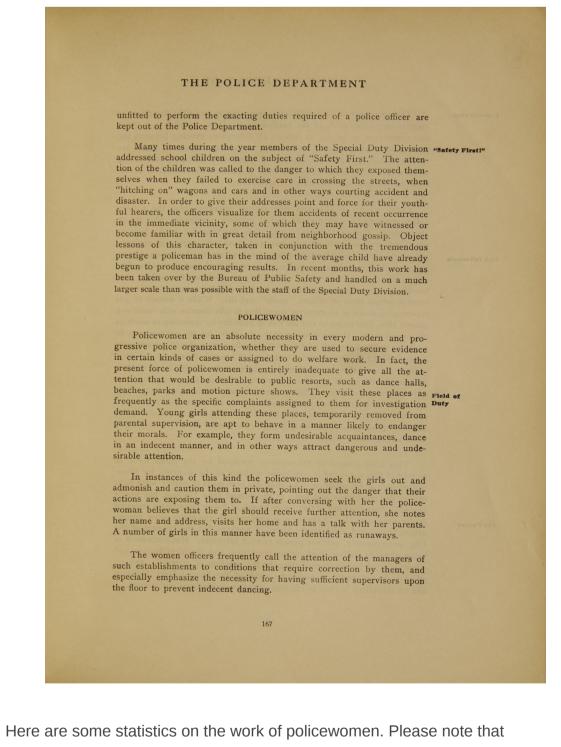
Under the provision of a law passed last year by the State of Wisconsin, the City of Milwaukee has created the office of Real Estate Agent.

London's women police are "not a necessity and are too costly to maintain as a luxury." Sir William Horwood, Commissioner of Metropolitan Police, has found, and as a result the women's patrols will be disbanded, according to the "Daily Mail." London has 100 police women and the maintenance of them costs \pm 50,000 annually.

St. Louis Chamber of Commerce has created a Citizens Committee of 206 prominent men and women similar to the one existing in Pittsburgh. Many public problems and improvements will receive the attention of the Committee. Some of them are zoning laws, the elimination of grade crossings, a river front park and a municipal auditorium.



In contrast, the New York City Police Department in its 1922 Annual Report, states that it is necessary to employ women on the force. Here is part of the description of their work.



"policewoman" or "policewomen was the term used at the time.

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Convictions	-	-	-	-		_	_	1	1	
Discharged	-		-	-		-	_	2	5	
Pending	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	
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Complaints unfounded		-	_	-	-	-	_	38	55	
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Complaints unfounded	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	44	
Arrests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	13	
Convictions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	10	
Discharged	-	_		-	-	-	-	-	3	
Pending investigation	-	-		-	-		-	14	-	
RAPE :										
Complaints received -	_							9	25	
Insufficient evidence								7	23	
Arrests							-	2	3	
Convictions			•				-	2	3	
Discharged		-	-	-	-	-		-		
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Pending investigation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
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Convictions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	9	
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Celebrate Olmsted Bicentennial: The Greensward Plan for The Central Park

By External Affairs

In honor of famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted's 200th birthday, the NYC Department of Records & Information Services will host a pop-up exhibition at 31 Chambers Street featuring the rarely seen original Greensward plan - the winning master plan submitted in 1858 by Olmsted and Calvert Vaux as part of the proposal for the Central Park design competition. The plan is considered a masterpiece of 19th century landscape architecture. Timed tickets for 30-minute slots on April 22nd, 11am - 7pm and April 23rd, 10am - 4pm are available.

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