

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS ON THE MOVE:

**Transportation Division,
Special Libraries Association**

1943-1993

**Special Libraries Association Annual Conference
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INTRODUCTION

On the occasion of the Transportation Division's and my fiftieth birthdays, it seemed appropriate that I should write an informal and brief history of the Division. Our Chair, Jeanne Thomas, informed me a while ago that I was the oldest Chair of the Division participating in the fiftieth anniversary festivities: I guess that's another good reason to write something down while I can still remember things fairly clearly!

What has been assembled on this occasion is as follows:

1. Transportation Division program plans for the 1954 meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, reprinted from the December 1959

Transportation Division Bulletin.

2. "Thinking about the Division -- its Purpose and Work," compiled by Edith Stone, an early Division Chair and from whom Jeanne Thomas will read a letter of greetings. Edith Stone's article is reprinted from the Spring 1959 **Transportation Division Bulletin** and presents a history of the Division from 1943 to 1958, its first fifteen years.

3. Highlights of some of the programs and projects that the Division undertook from 1959 to 1993, arranged chronologically. This brief history has, unfortunately, a U.S. bias since I listed events in the Division's history which seemed important to me, a U.S. transportation librarian. It should be noted that Canadian Division members have, as members of committees or as chairs of the Division (there have been seven Canadian chairs), fully participated in the programs of the Division and have often been the spokespersons for causes the beneficiaries of which were U.S. transportation librarians.

4. A listing of the Chairs of the Transportation Division from 1943-1993 and a list of the recipients of the Professional Achievement Award.

5. **Just for fun:** a short multiple-choice quiz about present and former Transportation Division members. Any Division member may take the quiz and present it to me on Monday evening at the open house. The person who gets the most questions right will win a prize!

This is presented in memory of Judith Nogrady, James Webster and Ben Jacobson, all active members of the Transportation Division, whose earthly journey was much too short.

Michael Kleiber
1977 Division Chair

Tentative Convention Plans - May 17-20, 1954 at
the Netherland-Plaza Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Monday, May 17 - luncheon - Methods meeting

Tuesday, May 18 - breakfast followed by
tour of Cincinnati Union
Terminal. p.m. trip on
freighter or a trip to the
airport.
12:00 - private dining room -
Cincinnati Union Terminal

Wednesday, May 19 - luncheon - speaker
(possibly an Interstate
Commerce Commissioner)
(Transportation & Business
Divisions combined)

Wednesday evening - Banquet

Thursday, May 20 a.m. - S.L.A. annual
business meeting
p.m. - Transportation Division
business meeting followed
by cocktail party

Please send Elva Ferguson your suggestions for
a methods meeting for the May Convention.

Important!! When you pay your SLA dues be sure
and place a check opposite Transportation Division
on the back of the bill. Otherwise you will not be
continued as a member. Don't forget your
contribution to the Student Loan Fund.

THINKING ABOUT

THE DIVISION —ITS PURPOSE AND WORK



Edith Stone, compiler of this Division History, is the librarian of Simmons-Boardman Publishing Corporation in New York. The only active charter member of the Division, Edith's dedication to the job at hand when working for the Division has always produced results and been an inspiration to new members.

The Transportation Division of SLA was organized as the Transportation Group March 28, 1943, and held its first meeting during the 1943 Convention in New York. Adrian Paradis was appointed temporary chairman.

Unfortunately the historical files of the Division have been lost, and the files at SLA Headquarters are incomplete; therefore this history is not only brief but sketchy.

Two local Groups were formed - one in New York about 1944-45, and the other in Washington, D. C. in 1947. The New York Group was subsequently disbanded, but the Washington Group is still active.

Various projects have been undertaken by the Division over the years among which are the following:

Current Books. Lists issued in February 1944 and in March 1945; Adrian Paradis, editor.

Source List For Transportation Statistics. Catherine Anne Pearce, editor. Part I-Railroads, issued in May 1951, as a supplement to vol. VII, no. 1 of the Transportation Division Bulletin. It was originated by Edith C. Stone of Simmons-Boardman Publishing Corporation with the cooperation of Elizabeth O. Cullen of the Association of American Railroads and Glennie Norman of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Part II - Motor Transportation and Rapid Transit, originated with Orrena Evans of the Bureau of Public Roads, Mrs. D. Smith of the American Trucking Associations, Inc., and Julia Kelly of the American Transit Association.

Aviation Subject Headings. A concise list for civil aviation libraries or collections, compiled by Agnes A. Gautreaux, librarian, Civil Aeronautics Administration, and Mary Lally, librarian, Economic Planning Division, American Airlines. From discussions at the Boston and Chicago Conventions it was evident that there was a need for subject headings for civil aviation libraries and collections, and at the Chicago Convention in 1947, the Transportation Group endorsed the preparation of the list. It was issued as an Association publication in 1949.

List of Transportation Periodical Holdings, compiled by Grace Reynolds, Railway Association of Canada, 1957. In 1953 a list of transportation periodical holdings in Montreal transportation libraries was compiled by Miss Reynolds and other Canadian librarians and was distributed to members attending the Convention in Toronto. It was decided to expand this list into a "master list" to include eventually, all the transportation libraries in Canada and the United States. Beverly Hickok and Sara Price were appointed representatives for their respective areas of the United States. Entries collected by them were sent to Miss Reynolds for incorporation in the Montreal list. Some publicity was given the project in the Division Bulletin suggesting that all libraries in the transportation field send their lists of periodical holdings for inclusion in the project. As a result the present draft represents the holdings of 19 libraries in the Division. A committee, under the chairmanship of Agnes Gautreaux, is now working on a further expansion, and the title has been changed to Union List of Serials.

Transportation Subject Headings. This current project is under the chairmanship of Kanardy L. Taylor.

Membership Directories. Several membership directories have been issued. The latest is dated May 1958.

In September 1958 there were 71 members in the Transportation Division.

March 10, 1943

The undersigned respectfully request the Executive Board of the Special Libraries Association to give due consideration to the formation of a Transportation Group within the Association, said Group to be independent and not affiliated with any other present group.

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TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF S.L.A.

A CHRONOLOGY

1959-1993

1959: The age of the jet transport has arrived; several members of the Transportation Division join the jet set and travel to Europe and Asia. A major concern of the Division is the small size of its membership (under 70) and concerns that "Headquarters" does not see it as a viable division.

1960: The first "Union List of Serials" is issued by the Division covering nineteen libraries in the U.S. and Canada and produced from IBM punch cards.

1961: The first part of a planned suite of subject heading lists covering transportation is produced. This one covers highways. Although this was a project of the Division for several years, no other lists were prepared.

1964: The 1st edition of "Sources on Information in Transportation" is published. Prepared by members of the Transportation Division, it would be sixteen years before a 2nd edition would be published.

1965: A periodicals indexing project was begun. After several false starts, the project was abandoned in 1969.

1966: The Division presents its first program on "Automation in Transportation Libraries". This one covered serials, cataloging and special subject files.

1967: HRIS (the first component of TRIS) becomes operational

1968: A committee was formed to prepare the first "Directory of Transportation Libraries and Information Centers". The Directory was completed and published the next year.

1969: The U.S. Department of Transportation Library is created from several formerly independent libraries. A feature on the new Library is presented in the Spring 1971 "Transportation Division Bulletin".

1972: At the 1972 Annual Meeting, the Transportation Division presents the panel "Transportation Library Roles in National Transportation Information Systems Planning". A TRIS Committee is established by the Division (later names: Coordinating Committee for TRISNET, Transportation Networking Committee). For the next decade Division members work hard in lobbying the U.S. Department of Transportation for a national transportation information system with transportation library components.

1973: The U.S. Department of Transportation Library joins OCLC. TRIS is made available on-line through Battelle's BASIS computer system.

1976: The U.S. Department of Transportation funds the document delivery component of TRISNET by subsidizing loans made by the two large university transportation libraries. Funding for this project was discontinued in 1982. The Division membership voted to discontinue the "Transportation Division Bulletin" and instead join "Sci-Tech News" where Division news would be reported to the membership.

1978: The Special Projects Committee is formed. The Coordinating Committee for TRISNET prepares "Policy on the Organization and Dissemination of Transportation Information" for the National Transportation Policy Study Commission of the U.S. Congress.

1979: A State Department of Transportation Librarians Committee is formed is part to respond to the Federal Highway Administration's proposal to fund OCLC services to State DOT Libraries.

1980: Under the auspices of the Special Projects Committee, the 2nd edition of "Sources of Information in Transportation" is published after a hiatus of sixteen years. TRIS is made available on Dialog.

1981: The Federal Highway Administration decides not to fund the State DOT Library OCLC project. The MRIS component of TRIS is defunded (along with the RRIS component the next year). Under the auspices of the Coordinating Committee for TRISNET, plans are laid to lobby the Transportation Research Board for a TLIB file.

1982: The UMTRIS component of TRIS begins with funding from the Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

1983: The Transportation Division holds its 40th anniversary celebration in New Orleans. The Federal Highway Administration begins the Technology Transfer Program. The State DOT Librarians Committee is abolished. The Division confers its first Professional Achievement Award.

1984: The Transportation Research Board agrees to add the cataloging and indexing tapes of the two large university transportation libraries to TRIS. The resulting file (TLIB) joins TRIS with records beginning in 1985.

1985: The "Transportation Division Bulletin" is resumed. The first "Survey of Automation in Transportation Libraries" is conducted and the results issued by the Division.

1987: The first organized efforts to raise funds for the Division from vendors is begun.

1988: Work begins on a "Union List of Serials". Published in 1989 in paper and diskette versions, the List covers 52 libraries and 1262 titles. (The list of 1960 covered 19 libraries and about 400 titles.)

1990: The Transportation Research Board establishes the Information Services Committee. Eleven SLA Transportation Division members are appointed to serve on the Committee. It will later become the formal liaison between TRB and the Transportation Networking Committee of the Division.

1991: Transportation Division members recommend the funding of a transportation thesaurus.

1992: TRB and AASHTO form a State Department of Transportation Librarians Committee. The Division presents its first IVHS program.

1993: The National Cooperative Highway Research Program issues an RFP for a transportation thesaurus. The Division celebrates its 50th anniversary in Cincinnati.

TRANSPORTATION DIVISION MEMBERSHIP BY DECADE

1944 --- 118 members	1974 --- 134 members
1954 --- 70 members	1983 --- 211 members
1964 --- 71 members	1993 --- 198 members

Transportation Division
Special Libraries Association
Division Chairs, 1943-1993

Year	Name	Organization
1943	Adrian Paradis	American Air Lines
1944	Willard Dennis	Parks Air College
1945	Edith Stone	Simmons-Boardman
1946	Edith Stone	Simmons-Boardman (co-chair)
	Emma Quigley	Los Angeles Railway Corp. (co-chair)
1947	Mildred Baker	Bendix Aviation Corp.
1948	Agnes Gautreaux	U.S. Civil Aeronautics Admin.
1949	Agnex Gautreaux	U.S. Civil Aeronautics Admin.
1950	Catherine Pearce	Transportation Assoc. of America
1951	Catherine Pearce	Transportation Assoc. of America
1952	Maurice Smith	Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences
1953	Elizabeth Cullen	Association of American Railroads
1954	Elva Ferguson	Pennsylvania Railroad
1955	Sara Price	Port of New York Authority
1956	Grace Reynolds	Railway Association of Canada
1957	Beverly Hickok	University of California, Berkeley
1958	Elizabeth Mennie	Army Transportation School
1959	Eileen Tinkham	Pullman-Standard
1960	Margaret Sullivan	Dravo Corp.
1961	Helene Dechief	Canadian National
1962	Ronald Booser	General Electric
1963	Marianne Yates	Northwestern University
1964	Iris Land	Air Canada
1965	Wilmer Baatz	U.S. Federal Aviation Admin.
1966	Lois Zearing	National Safety Council
1967	Constance Moore	United Air Lines
1968	Bettie Dougherty	Port of New York Authority
1969	Mary Chatfield	Harvard University
1970	Patricia Smith	National Agricultural Library
1971	Ernest Horne	General Motors Corp.
1972	Benjamin Jacobson	Northwestern University
1973	Mary Roy	Northwestern University
1974	Winifred Desmond	U.S. Nat'l Hwy. Traffic Safety Admin.
1975	Neil vanAllen	General Motors Corp.
1976	Shirley Smith	Canadian National
1977	Michael Kleiber	University of California, Berkeley
1978	James Webster	State Univ. of N.Y. at Buffalo
1979	Stefanie Pavlin	Ontario Min. of Transp. & Communicatns.
1980	Janice Bain	Transportation Research Board
1981	Lillian Culbertson	Chicago Transit Authority
1982	Jane Janiak	Port Authority of N.Y. & N.J.
1983	Marty Lovelock	Canadian Transport Commission

Transportation Division Chairs

Year	Name	Organization
1984	Jerome Baldwin	Minnesota Dept. of Transportation
1985	Dian Gillmar	Metropolitan Transportation Commission
1986	Jean Lucas	ATE Management & Service Co.
1987	Judy Genesen	Chicago Transit Authority
1988	Toby Pearlstein	Massachusetts State Transp. Library
1989	Jean Thomson	Reebie Associates
1990	Gilda Martinello	Canadian National
1991	Joyce Koeneman	Assoc. of American Railroads
1992	Daniel Krummes	University of California, Berkeley
1993	Jeanne Thomas	Michigan Dept. of Transportation

Receipients of the

Transportation Division

Professional Achievement Award

1982	Beverly Hickok	University of California, Berkeley
1983	Helene Dechief	Canadian National
1986	Mary Roy	Northwestern University
1988	Michael Kleiber	University of California, Berkeley
1993	Barbara Russo	Washington State Dept. of Transp.

TRANSPORTATION DIVISION MEMBERSHIP QUIZ

1. Who used to commute to work by horse: (a) Barbara Russo; (b) Josephine Said; (c) Elizabeth Cullen; (d) Toby Pearlstein
2. Who was NOT a librarian at TRB: (a) Ann Sweeney; (b) Janice Bain; (c) Barbara Post; (d) Lisbeth Scott; (e) none of the above
3. Who began her professional career at the New Hampshire State Library: (a) Dian Gillmar; (b) Toby Pearlstein; (c) Iris Land; (d) Mary Roy
4. Who was once a neighbor of Ruby Keeler: (a) Mary McCreadie; (b) Emma Quigley; (c) Beverly Hickok; (d) Stefanie Pavlin
5. Which librarian is associated with chicken-iana: (a) Lillian Culbertson; (b) Gilda Martinello; (c) Jean Thomson; (d) Mary Roy
6. Who plays field hockey: (a) Ann Poole; (b) Marty Lovelock; (c) Toby Pearlstein; (d) Janice Bain
7. Who ran a library in Salzburg: (a) Jean Thomson; (b) Josephine Said; (c) Judy Genesen; (d) Daniel Krummes
8. Who was NOT a BPR librarian: (a) George Billy; (b) Mildred Helvestine; (c) Mary Jo Burke
9. Whose sister was Miss Florida: (a) Jane Janiak; (b) Jean Lucas; (c) Jo Cates; (d) Jerome Baldwin
10. Who organized an air transportation library in the Philippines: (a) Iris Land; (b) Esther Giles; (c) Ann Poole; (d) Ann Grimm
11. Who has driven to every SLA conference (except Hawaii): (a) Lillian Culbertson; (b) Jeanne Thomas; (c) Stephanie Pavlin; (d) Renee McHenry
12. Who runs a transportation library in the desert, miles from civilization, yet lives in a forest: (a) Mary Silva; (b) Diane Smith; (c) Joyce Koeneman; (d) Joan Kohout
13. Who does NOT have the middle initial "L": (a) Sandy Tucker; (b) Catherine Cortelyou; (c) Barbara Post; (d) Mary Roy
14. Match each transportation librarian to her other "career": (a) Jean Lucas; (b) Iris Land; (c) Dian Gillmar; (d) Marty Lovelock; (e) Ann Patterson. (1) Masseuse; (2) Stewardess; (3) Fundraiser; (4) Cardboard entrepreneur; (5) Welfare bureaucrat