

BENNINGTON COLLEGE LIBRARY

BLACK LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of 3 October 1973.

Present: Miss Wilson; Messrs. Agard, Kensinger, Means.

There was general agreement that the Black Library Funds should not be used for the purchase of materials to be used in course instruction but should supplement the money available for the purchase of books in the general area of Black Studies. There was a discussion of book lists and bibliographies that might be used in the purchase of books. Lists from the Schomberg Collection or Library of the New York Public Library were mentioned as important sources. Titles selected by the Black Scholar Book Club were also considered important. Mr. Agard is to investigate lists available from these two sources.

It was agreed that it is important to expand the library's holdings of materials on the ethnography and anthropology of Africa. Two basic bibliographies or sources for the teaching of anthropology are Resources for the Teaching of Anthropology (Mandelbaum) and American Field Service Select Bibliography.

There was interest in Black English and it was suggested that Mr. Kensinger might write to Roger Shuy and William Stewart of Georgetown University for recommendations or bibliographies in this matter.

It was agreed that the Oxford African Series would be good. It was further agreed that we again should ask faculty, especially Kenneth Mayers, for recommendations.

The Committee agreed to purchase as available books by Kwame Nkrumah and Nyerere, The autobiographie of Jackie Robinson and a book by Jamal - Toward the dead level. The library will also purchase the African writers series and the African-American library.

Mr. Agard will recirculate as an attachment the Survey of Periodicals which he prepared last term.

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Periodicals are an important part of any library collection, and we need to work in this area. Magazines for libraries by Bill Katz is the most useful currently available annotated guide to periodicals for libraries. His first choices for academic libraries are:

BLACK WORLD
LIBERATOR
JOURNAL OF BLACK POETRY
JOURNAL OF NEGRO HISTORY
EBONY
ESSENCE

From his list I would suggest that the Bennington College Library add the following on a first choice basis:

BLACK POLITICIAN
CRICKET
CRISIS
JOURNAL OF BLACK STUDIES
LIBERATOR
NEGRO HISTORY BULLETIN
PHYLON

I would suggest that the Bennington College Library add the following on a second choice basis:

AIM
BIBLIOGRAPHIC SURVEY
NOMMO
JET

We should try to purchase back files of CRISIS and PHYLON. We currently receive the following Black periodicals:

AMISTAD
BLACK ENTERPRISE
BLACK PANTHER
BLACK REVIEW
BLACK SCHOLAR
BLACK THEATRE
BLACK WORLD
EBONY
JOURNAL OF BLACK POETRY
JOURNAL OF NEGRO HISTORY