

MEMO

To: MSL Commissioners
From: Jennie Stapp, State Librarian
Subject: Gertrude Buckous Meeting Room
Date: April 1, 2023

This winter, the Montana State Library staff participated in a process to name the meeting room in our new location at 1201 11th Avenue. After soliciting names from all staff, staff voted on the top six suggestions. Staff selected the Gertrude Buckhous Meeting Room, named for the first Librarian of the Montana Library Extension Commission.



Gertrude Buckhous

MONTANA LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION

MEETING - AUGUST 5, 1929

The first meeting of the Montana Library Extension Commission was held August 5, 1929 at Missoula, Montana. The meeting was called to order by Miss Buckhous.

It was moved by Miss Main and seconded by Miss Ireland that Miss Buckhous be made Chairman of the Commission. The motion carried.

The county library law gives the power to the State Library Commission to pass on the qualifications for county librarians in Montana. The Commission adopted the regulation that in order to qualify for county librarianship in Montana it is necessary to be a graduate of a library school or have two years full time experience in a library of not less than five thousand volumes.

Miss Buckhous reported that Miss Merrill of the American Library Association would be coming through Montana soon and would be able to give valuable suggestions for promoting library extension.

Mrs. Rosalia Lee Bell's application for a certificate of eligibility for county librarianship in Montana was considered. The application was granted.

Miss Buckhous read a letter from Mrs. M. R. Thompson of Denton, Montana requesting aid of the Commission in establishing a circulating library in Denton. The Commission decided to give help in every way possible.

It was moved by Miss Ireland and seconded by Miss Main that Miss Buckhous be made Secretary of the Commission. The motion carried.

The necessity for having trained librarians as well as the promotion of the establishment of libraries was discussed.

Instruction in the use of the library in the schools was discussed. Miss Buckhous announced that this was one of the topics for discussion at the coming Pacific Northwest Library Association meeting. Miss Ireland outlined a tentative plan that she hoped to introduce in the schools.

It was decided that it would be desirable to have the public libraries as well as the county libraries of the state listed in the Montana Educational Directory.

Traveling libraries and their establishment were discussed. It was decided to ask the Montana Federation of Women's Clubs to help in the establishment of some such libraries to serve communities where there are no libraries.

The bulletin "The County Library" prepared by Mr. Barger of the Agricultural Experiment Station of Bozeman, Montana was considered as a contribution to the publicity material for promoting the establishment of county libraries.

The possibility of sending out books to districts where no libraries are located from the various public, county and institutional libraries was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned.

(Signed) *M. Gustaf Buckhous*
Secretary