

Among botanical garden libraries, the LASCA (Arboretum) library is uncommon in that it is open on a reference basis to the public as well as to the staff. Its diversified botanical and horticultural holdings include strong sections on world floras and on the culture of ornamentals. There is also a good representation in natural history, and a modest collection covering the history of the area.

Public use of the library has increased from 3,310 persons in the 1965-6 period, to 4,229 in 1966-7. A sizable part of this increase was represented by students especially from two-year and four-year colleges.

Acquisitions - In this biennial period catalogued holdings increased from 14,430 to 16,329, an average of 949 additions per year. Uncatalogued items increased from 12,763 to 13,812. Currently received periodicals increased from 330 to 350. Fields that have been enlarged include virology and local history.

Among outstanding purchases were: Martius - *Flora Braziliensis*, 15 vols., (re-print); Andrews - *Botanists Repository* (10 vols.); Paxton's *Magazine of Botany* (16 vols.); *Journal of Experimental Botany* (complete set); Trimmen and Hooker - *Flora of Ceylon* (7 vols.); and Maiden - *Forest Trees of New South Wales* (8 vols.).

Important gifts included 132 issues of *Phytopathology*; 28 issues of *Virology*; Guerin - *Dictionnaire pittoresque a histoire naturelle* (11 vols.); 98 issues of *Hilgardia*; Nuttall - *The North America sylva* (3 vols.); Dawson - *Birds of California* (3-volume student edition).

The library now handles 5 motion picture films available for loan and 9 microfilm items.



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