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position of part time chaplain to enable the department to participate more adequately in the development and research program.

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

The functions of the Horger Library, Columbia Division, and those of the library located in the Fisher Auditorium, State Park Division, included the usual service within the library to individual patients and to groups escorted from their wards; visiting patients unable to come to the library and making reading material available to them; sponsoring and acting as counselors for patient groups or clubs; implementing cooperatively with psychiatrists, and other psychotherapists; bibliotherapy in referred or selected cases; rendering library service to various categories of professional personnel.

There was a noticeable increase in requests for service from both patients and personnel.

An effort was made to study and re-evaluate the overall program for patients, which is the primary function of this department.

General Service to Patients:

A total of 2046 individuals borrowed library material or used reading and reference material within the reading rooms of the Columbia and State Park Divisions. The circulation totaled 29,725.

The library purchased 205 books; 343 were added through contributions: There were gifts of 20 magazine subscriptions, and 48 were purchased. Magazines were supplied periodically to 68 wards. An additional contribution of 66,120 magazines made this service possible.

Patient Group Activity:

The patients' Book Club, Library Club and Library Garden Club, with their respective committees, held a total of 186 meetings during the year.

Considerable time was given to studying and exploring the most effective method of membership-selection and mode of functioning of these groups in order to realize to a greater degree the inherent therapeutic potential.

In addition to enjoyment, intellectual stimulation and opportunity to work with others, these activities afford a patient another,

er, and distinct, modality aimed toward assisting him to adjust to reality situations.

Medical Library:

There were 236 individual borrowers, and a circulation of 794. This increase over the previous year does not, however, adequately reflect a broader use of the professional library.

More ward nurses, psychiatric aides, psychiatric technicians and other personnel involved in hospital training programs, and in the care and treatment of patients, are using the library for study and reference. These additional demands were met inadequately due to the very limited professional staff of the library.

Personnel:

Mrs. Dorothy L. Sapp, formerly part time library assistant, was placed on a full time basis through funds of the National Institute of Mental Health Grant (OM-54). This was done to enable the librarian to spend more time on the multidisciplinary effort being carried on to develop a "therapeutic community" in a selected area of the hospital, which will eventually spread to other areas. This participation involved considerable time in meetings, active membership on an interdisciplinary treatment team, and serving on a planning and structuring committee for the "Activity Therapy Group".

In cooperation with other auxiliary departments and physicians a patient-personnel council was sponsored and organized.

The librarian participated in the therapy program for alcoholic patients, meeting weekly with selected patients in reading-discussion sessions. There was also participation in the various training programs within the hospital, talks being made to each group of affiliate student nurses, ministerial students, psychiatric aides and technicians. Two affiliate student nurses were assigned monthly to the library as a part of their psychiatric training program.

During the year 12 patients performed such routine duties as typing, filing, sorting magazines, keeping circulation records, shelving, processing and repairing books, typing and assisting in cataloguing. Of this number, 5 returned to their homes.

Appreciation:

There is sincere appreciation for the thoughtfulness and generosity of the many individuals, churches and various groups for