



YORK ELEMENTARY LIBRARY — Pictured here are scenes familiar almost every day at the York Elementary School Library. In the bottom photo Miss Betty Blair's section of the fourth grade spend their weekly period in the spacious library, reading, browsing through magazines, etc. In the top left pic-

ture Miss Sarah Crawford, librarian, checks out a book to Sylvia Bowman. In the other picture Miss Nancy Burge, supervisor of libraries at York schools, assists two of the fourth graders check references on a subject. They are Alice Morrison, left, and Guy Williamson. (Herald Photos.)

Library Very Popular At York Elementary School

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YORK — Parents of students attending the York Elementary School can be sure that there is one 45-minute period each week their children like. It's the period set aside for going to the library.

During this period the children enjoy a story hour, check books out and in, do reference work and just browse through the magazine rack. This is such a special occasion on the part of the youngsters that some of the first grade girls save their prettiest dresses to wear to school the day they are to visit the library.

According to Miss Nancy Burge, library supervisor of York schools, this is the only elementary school library in York County with a separate room and a full time elementary librarian.

Miss Burge last year saw the need of a library for the graded school which is located a considerable distance from the York High School. With the assistance of the school administration and several members of the faculty, a library was opened at the graded school November 15, 1951, during National Book Week.

Miss Sarah Crawford, who was an elementary teacher before she entered library work was employed as a full time librarian for the graded school library. Miss Burge has her office at the high school library.

Miss Burge is well pleased with the results of the library program in the graded school. She thinks that more emphasis should be placed on this phase of education in all elementary schools.

The library was opened with about 1,200 books, but now there are about 1,800 volumes. Two newspapers and about a dozen or more magazines are received at the library.

There is an average circulation of about 100 books a day.

Designed For Children

The shelving was designed especially for elementary children. It includes a corner for easy books and browsing. There is a built-in display case where much of the children's art and craft work is displayed. A beautiful display of several scores of different kind of rocks gathered by the seventh grade, was featured in the glass

cabinet yesterday along with art work of other classes.

Three bulletin boards are used to promote the library's publicity program. An example of how efficient this program works is found in the fact that during the week books about dogs were advertised, there was a big demand for all books that were even remotely connected with dogs.

The librarian's office located at the end of large 40 by 20 foot library, is used to keep audio visual and other materials used in the library program.

Although there are only seven grades in the elementary school, reference books are used extensively. Even the second graders are learning the use of reference books as an aid to education.