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A FREE PUBLIC REFERENCE LIBRARY . . . and the country's largest research library devoted exclusively to science, technology, and medicine.

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Crerar Library was founded in 1895 with funds provided by John Crerar, one of Chicago's leading industrialists. Adhering to the policy of concentration in scientific fields, as set up by the Board of Directors, Crerar's collections on many specialized subjects are comprehensive. Here, in one library, are scientific and technical publications of all kinds from all over the world, covering all phases of interest — up-to-date reports on new scientific discoveries and on new product or process developments, as well as volumes containing historical background material.

THE COLLECTIONS, including current subscriptions to 10,000 periodicals and other serial publications, are of research strength in many fields, including:

The basic sciences, especially chemistry, physics, geology, and others mentioned below.

Technology, including all branches of engineering — civil, mechanical, electrical, metallurgical, chemical, petroleum — and applications of the physical sciences in communications, transportation, and many other industries.

Medicine, including related basic sciences — anatomy, biochemistry, physiology, pharmacology, pathology — and such medical specialties as cardiology, pediatrics, ophthalmology, and radiology.

Agriculture, especially agricultural engineering; insecticides, fertilizers, and other agricultural chemicals; and other agriculturally related industries, such as foods and food processing.

FREE PUBLIC SERVICES . . .

Reference service, book service, and study facilities are available in two public departments—the Technology Department and the Medical Department. Each of these departments has an author-title catalog of all titles in the collections, and a subject catalog of the fields appropriate to the respective department. These catalogs are the general keys to the collections.

Professionally trained and experienced personnel, thoroughly familiar with the resources of the Library, are on duty in each department to assist in use of the catalogs and reference collections, and to give limited reference service. Questions regarding the resources and services of the Library are welcome.

Each department provides service of books from the closed stack collections, and maintains collections of reference books, indexing and abstracting journals, and current periodicals in the reading rooms.

The Technology Department, on the 14th floor, contains the books and periodicals on the physical and biological sciences, and their applications in all fields of engineering and agriculture. Here are the handbooks, general reference works such as dictionaries, bibliographies, biographies and encyclopedias of the various sciences. Here, too, are readily available on open shelves, almost 2,000 current periodicals containing the latest information in any given area. A special feature of the department is its reference alcove of indexing and



The Catalogs are Keys to the Collections



Corner of the Technology Department Reading Room

abstracting journals, including such standard sources as "Chemical Abstracts" and "Engineering Index" (with the special card index to current engineering literature), and many specialized services.

As you get off the elevator on the 12th floor, you are in the **Medical Department**—the largest medical library west of the Atlantic seaboard. The collections include current periodicals and other serials in the field of medicine, new medical books, and rich holdings in the history of medicine. The Senn collection of some 28,000 volumes, and medical research publications in cancer, heart disease, pediatrics, poliomyelitis, and other medical specialties are prominent in this comprehensive medical library of over 150,000 volumes. A picture of the Senn Room of the Medical Department appears on page 9 of this brochure.

LET'S TOUR THE BUILDING . . .

at the northwest corner of Randolph Street and Michigan Avenue. The Library occupies sixty percent of the floor area of its fifteen story building, or 48,800 square feet. The remainder of the building is occupied by tenants.

Starting at the top of the building pictured opposite the Library's several services and departments are located on floors as indicated below. The services are described on other pages of this brochure.

15th Floor: Research Information Service.

14th Floor: Technology Department (public book and reference services).

13th Floor: Checkroom; Bindery; and public rest rooms.

12th Floor: Medical Department (public book and reference services).

11th Floor: Administrative Offices; Acquisitions Department; Catalog Department; and SLA Translation Center.

10th Floor: U. S. Office of Naval Research.

9th Floor: Chicago Medical Society.

8th-6th Floors: Book stacks.

5th Floor: Photoduplication Service; the Library's print shop; American Nuclear Society; and library research offices of Sherwin-Williams Company and Western Electric Company.

4th Floor: Chicago Section, American Chemical Society; Chicago Chemists Club; Central Services for the Chronically Ill; and Institute of Medicine of Chicago.

3rd-1st Floors: John T. Shayne Company.

The Library's building at 84 East Randolph Street is occupied by the Western Society of Engineers and affiliated societies; and a Pixley & Ehlers restaurant.

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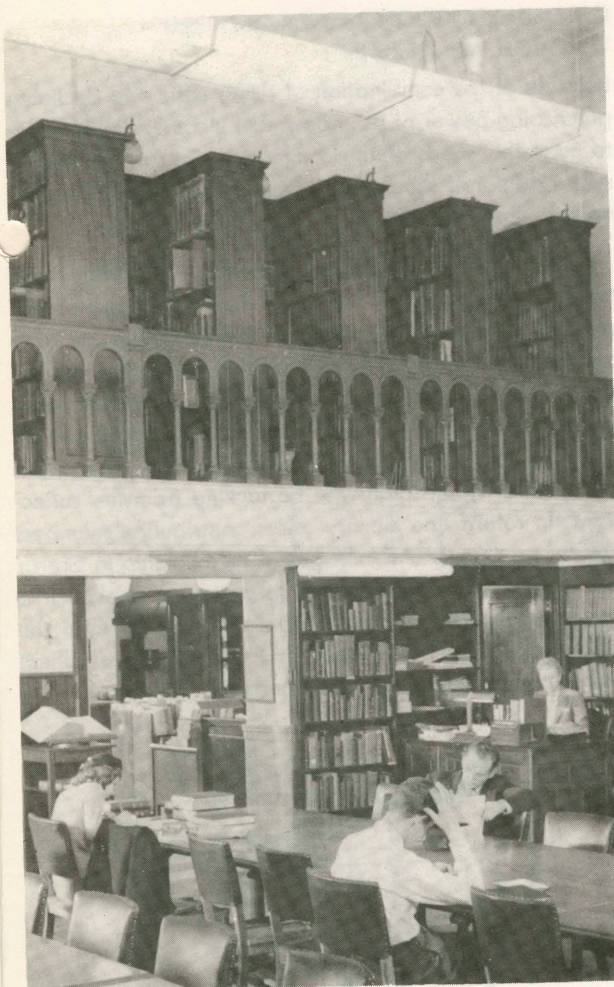
SPECIAL SERVICES . . . to industry and research organizations, as well as individuals, are outstanding in the service program of the Library. In large part, these are not offered by any other public library.

The **Research Information Service** carries out library research projects for companies, as well as individuals on a non-profit fee basis. Comprehensive bibliographic searches, abstracting, current reporting, prior art searches, and other research projects are done by skilled personnel in the Library. (A detailed brochure, **For Economy in Research**, describing this service, is available on request.)

The **Photoduplication Service** provides a variety of copying services, including microfilm, photostats, electrostatic prints, enlargement prints from microfilm negatives, and microcards. Crerar was one of the first libraries in the United States to offer such service, having initiated the service in 1912. Offered on a reimbursable basis, reproduction of materials owned by the Library serves also in lieu of loans. A feature of the service is a system of deposit accounts with advantages in both convenience and economy. More than 700 organizations regularly maintain such accounts with the Library. (A description of services and costs can be obtained on request.)

The **SLA Translation Center** is maintained at Crerar, under the sponsorship of the Special Libraries Association. The collection approximates 25,000 translations, and the Center works in close cooperation with the Foreign Technical Translation Center in the U.S. Office of Technical Services, Department of Commerce, in Washington, D. C. There is a full exchange of translations between the two centers, and all translations are listed in FTTC's bulletin, **Technical Translations**. The Center maintains card indexes of translations, not only for its own collection, but also for translations which can be obtained from commercial agencies and other services.

THE PUBLISHING PROGRAM includes three abstract journals — **Crerar Metals Abstracts**, **Abstracts of Bioana-**



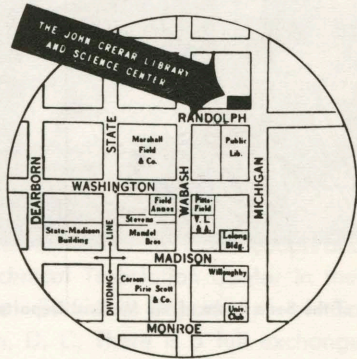
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lytic Technology, and **Leukemia Abstracts**. All of these journals are prepared and edited by Research Information Service. Until the end of 1958, the Library also prepared and issued **Translation Monthly** for the SLA Translation Center. And, for the interest of its supporters and friends, the Library publishes **Crerar Current**, with news of its activities, collections and services. Other publications, particularly of bibliographical interest, are issued occasionally.

**COMMUNITY COOPERATION
THROUGH MEMBERSHIP . . .**

Because of the combination of rising costs and declining purchasing power of its endowment income, and in order to meet the needs of the community, Crerar has had to seek additional sources of income. (The Library receives no tax support.)

Since 1947, companies, societies, and individuals have been invited to contribute to the supplementary support of the Library through membership. Company and society membership contributions have helped the Library to maintain a balanced budget. Individual membership funds are used to buy current books and periodicals, enabling the Library to purchase many new publications that would otherwise be lacking from the collections. In return, the Library offers contributing members certain privileges. (Advantages of membership in Crerar are described in leaflet "How to Borrow a Book.") It is very largely due to this voluntary support that the Library collections have been maintained at an excellent rather than average or mediocre level.



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