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Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.

THE MIDWEST INTER-LIBRARY CENTER

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HELEN B. SCHMIDT
Assistant Director

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Interlibrary Loan Librarian
University of Pennsylvania Library
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

February 3, 1960

Dear Librarian:

Enclosed please find your interlibrary loan request for *Modern Mexico*, v.1, 1895. As you probably have noticed, the ULS has two entries for this title:

1. *Modern Mexico*. N. Y.
1, 1930 ✓
2. *Modern Mexico*. St. Louis; Mexico City; New York.
v.1-29, no.21, S. 1895-My 25 1909 //

University of Chicago Library is listed as owner of both; and it is true that they have given us a file of the one that began in 1930. I have checked with the Serial Records Section of the University of Chicago Library; they found no record of ever having the other. We are sorry that we can not help you in this instance.

Very truly yours,

Esther K. T. Yen
(Mrs.) Esther K. T. Yen
Circulation Librarian

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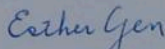
July 7, 1959

Dear Miss Langman:

We do have the thesis by Albert Gascard and it is available for interlibrary loan. We probably do not have the second one, but shall be glad to check again if you will give me the author's name for a second time. I can not quite read the handwriting.

Dissertations are just one kind of our specialties. We house and acquire other research materials to supplement the on-the-campus collections of our 20 member libraries. Enclosed please find a copy of the "Materials now available for use at the Midwest Inter-Library Center." There are certain changes, but most of the information is still true.

Very truly yours,



(Mrs.) Esther K. T. Yen
Circulation Librarian

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Inter-Library Loan

The University of Michigan
University Library
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Langman:

In your letter of March 30, you requested if our library had vol. 19, 1920, of the periodical: NATURURSSCHAFTLICHE ZEITSCHRIFT FÜR FORST-UND LANDSWIRTSCHAFT. We only have volumes 1-18, 1903-1920, of this periodical. We have not received vol. 19, which is lacking in our collection.

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Wisconsin
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Fred L. Dimock

Chief Circulation Librarian

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3509 Baring Street
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Philadelphia 4, Penna.

April 6, 1959

Dear Miss Langman:

This is to reply your letter of April 1. Among the six dissertations, we have the following four:

Engler, Victor.

Monographie der Gattung *Tilia*. Breslau, 1909.

Markowski, Alfred.

Beitrag zur Kenntnis der Gattung *Pedilanthus*. Halle, 1912.

Steiner-Bernier, Madeleine.

Contribution a l'etude du *Peyotl*. Paris, 1936.

Wiepen, Eduard.

Die geographische Verbreitung der *Cocheniillenzucht*. Koln, 1890.

All these are available through the interlibrary loan. The University of Pennsylvania Library or any other library you prefer can borrow these for your use. We failed to find the ones by Dietrich Friechtner, and A. Gascord (also checked under Gascard).

Very truly yours,

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Mrs. Ida K. Langman
3509 Baring Street
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

July 16, 1958

Dear Mrs. Langman:

This is in reply to your letter of July 13.

It is true that the Midwest Interlibrary Center has a large collection of foreign dissertations including those sent to us by the Library of Congress. But no list of any kind is available. They are arranged on shelves by author only. In order to check whether we have a certain dissertation, we need the author's full name and the title of the dissertation.

The Library is open Monday through Friday 9 A M to 5 P M, with no evening or weekend hours. Readers may use our materials in the Library, but all borrowing must be done through the interlibrary loan.

Very truly yours,

Esther K. T. Yen

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

January 13, 1969

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Dr. Richard S. Cowan
Director, Museum of
Natural History
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C. 20560

Dear Dr. Cowan:

Thank you for your letter of January 8, 1969 in reference to the matter of the Mexican bibliography.

Mr. Sherwin Helms, USIA, has agreed to look into the possibility of assisting Mrs. Langman and he will be in touch directly with her. I am sending your letter to Mr. Helms to bring him up to date. I hope that something can be worked out to avoid the destruction of this valuable reference material.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Michael Yohn
Chief, Political Section
Office of Mexican Affairs

BIBLIOTECA BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

PASEO DE LA REFORMA 34

MEXICO, D. F.

November 25, 1950.

Mrs. Ida Longman,
2316 Delancey Place,
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Dear Ida:

After many trials and tribulations on the telephone I have today succeeded in speaking personally with Mr. Manuel Alvarez Jr. who claims that he has not seen any letter from Mrs. Phillips of the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, nor has he heard from Dr. Manuel Maldonado. However, he admitted that since he has been away (one of the reasons I could not get in touch with him previously) the letter might be in a pile of stuff that he has not had time to look at.

Now, as regards the Boletín de la Asociación Mexicana de Geólogos Petroleros, the first two numbers cost Mex.Ps.30.00(not each but for both). These were published in 1949. The annual subscription to this Boletín is Mex.Ps.150. In other words, if Mrs. Phillips wants to buy all the numbers up to the present date, she would have to send Mr. Manuel Alvarez Jr. the amount of Mex.Ps.180. Moreover, if she wants to continue receiving it she would have to send an additional 150 Pesos to cover next year's subscription. He requests that future correspondence be addressed to his office address, Reforma 1 Desp. 656 in this city.

As regards your questions on Mexican History and the items you wished checked, Mr. Pompa y Pompa, Librarian at the Instituto de Antropología e Historia recommends very highly Lic. José Luis Razo Zaragoza. He says that you may write to him to the following address:

Sr. Lic. José Luis Razo Zaragoza
c/o Sr. Antonio Pompa y Pompa
Moneda 13,
Mexico, D.F.

If the questions are not too technical and do not need consultation of books not in this Library, we shall be glad to answer them from here.

I have asked several people who know Mr. Carrasco Fuente regarding his hobbies and habits but no one seems to have any ideas on the subject. I am afraid you will have to use your own good judgment in this case.

The only part of your letter which I am not able to answer yet is that concerning the magazine "Naturaleza" because I have not been able to contact the Librarian at the Escuela Normal. I shall continue my efforts Monday and will let you know the results later.

With kindest regards -

Jovita Zubaran
Jovita Zubaran

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PASEO DE LA REFORMA 34

MEXICO, D. F.

August 25, 1950.

Guatemala

Mrs. Ida Longman,
2316 Delancey Place,
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Longman:

I was very happy to know from your letter of August 13th that you have already delivered your manuscript to Washington. The subject is a tremendously interesting one and we shall look forward to receiving a copy for this Library.

Following is the information which you have asked for:

1. The Librarian at the Secretaría de Comunicaciones is Sr. Ramón Alvarez
2. Sr. Guillermo Espota Márquez is at San Jacinto (I called Dr. Parker, as you suggested)
3. The person on evening duty at the Biblioteca del Congreso is Sr. Alvaro Bojórquez
4. Fernando Sandoval I think is the person you refer to as doing research work at the Secretaría de Hacienda. He often does work for Mr. George Smlsor, Head of the Photoduplication Laboratory and if you want to write to him you may address him in care of this Library.

Mr. Edward M. Heiliger has been our Director since January of this year and although we have not received replacements for several staff members who resigned, our services continue to grow.

Many people pass through this Library but when I have spoken to anyone several times and have seen them for hours at a time, I do not forget them in one short year.

With kindest regards -

Sincerely,

Jovita Zubaran
Jovita Zubaran

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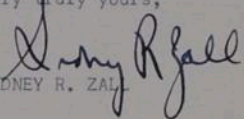
November 23, 1954

Mrs. Ida K. Langman
3509 Baring Street
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Langman:

Enclosed herewith please find a letter received from
Ancona Bro. Will you please translate same and return to me, to-
gether with your bill for services?

Very truly yours,


SIDNEY R. ZALL

SRZ/ep
Enclosure



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TEL. 35-31-20

MEXICO, D. F.

April 18, 1960.

Miss Ida Langman,
3509 Baring Street,
Powelton Village,
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Ida:

It was a delightful surprise to hear from you and especially to see the article you wrote on Mexican libraries in the News Bulletin of the Institute of International Education. I shall certainly show it to María Teresa Chávez and for my part I am greatly indebted to you for your favorable opinion of what we are trying to achieve.

One of the features that makes this article outstanding is the fact that it does not waver from the truth for literary or spectacular purposes. It is as true to the facts and correct in its statements as ever I have seen an article, something which is very rarely seen. Congratulations for giving this clear and accurate picture of our libraries, deficient as they are.

Cariñosamente,

Joita Zubaran

filson Sept 1958



BIBLIOTECA BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

NIZA 53

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TEL. 25-47-00

MEXICO 6, D. F.

September 22, 1958.

Miss Ida Langman,
3500 Baring Street,
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Ida:

Your letter of the 11th reached me Friday and I was not able to see María Teresa Chávez until this morning but over the week-end I showed your paper to several librarians, all of whom think the library situation in Mexico is well portrayed.

Miss Chávez has asked that I thank you for your letter and that I tell you that she appreciated your corrections and would like you to continue correcting her wherever necessary. She has suggested that on page 5 where you describe "a well planned program for students in library science" you might mention that there are two schools of Library Science: the Escuela Nacional de Bibliotecarios and the course on Library Science given by the Facultad de Filosofía y Letras, both 3-year courses. The National School of Library Science was established in 1945 and the University began to teach Library Science three years ago. The first graduates will finish this year.

When and if your report is published, I should like to beg a copy for the Asociación Mexicana de Bibliotecarios, of which I am secretary, and if possible, one for the Biblioteca Benjamín Franklin.

Kindest regards to you from

Jovita Zubaran