

Library Training Is Offered For Liberal Arts Students

Childrens, General Library Service To Help Relieve Nation's Need

Library training will be available to Youngstown College students in two new departments scheduled to open next fall, library director James W. Pirie announced today. Major fields in Children's Library and General Public Library Service will be offered to liberal arts students pursuing a four-year B.A. degree.

Complete preparations for the two types of library serv-

ice is the aim of the new curriculums, according to administration authorities. The studies are designed to give students broad liberal education with specific courses in library training. The latter includes 34 semester hours, concentrated mostly in the junior and senior year. The case method of instruction will be used in the classrooms.

Along with class instruction on library service, the curriculums include four-hour courses in practical field work. Student librarians will serve Youngstown area libraries for the equivalent of six weeks full time work. This "on the job training" may be completed in one six-week period or in several part-time sections.

The American Library Association has reported that there is a large demand and a serious shortage of trained librarians. It disclosed the need in this country for more than 10,000 persons schooled in library service, Children's and General. It is partly in recognition of this need that the library preparation curriculums are being adopted, Mr. Pirie said.

Examples of the advance courses offered in the library field are: References and Bibliography, Book Selection, Communications and the Library in Society and Books for Children.