

List of Sevensma Prize Essay Subjects and Winners, 1947–1977

1. Subject: *Simplification and Unification of Catalogue Rules.*

Prize Essay: Unit Cataloguing,

by Valter Ahlstedt (Stockholm, Sweden) 1948. Published in *Libri* 1 (1950), no. 2, 113–170.

2. Subject: *A Study in the Field of Rural Library Services.*

Prize Essay: A Rural Library,

by Olga S. Newman (Northallerton, Yorks., Great Britain) 1950. Published in *Libri* 4 (1953), no. 1, 26–60.

3. Subject: *A Study in the Field of Photographic Reproduction in Libraries* (photocopy, microfilm, microcard, etc.), their possibilities and limits.

Prize Essay: (Title not mentioned. Not all aspects of the subject had been treated)

Author: Walter Denis Richardson (Leeds, Great Britain) 1952.

4. Subject: *Structure and Organization of a Union Catalogue in Relation to its Utilization.*

Prize Essay: Der schweizerische Gesamtkatalog,

by Eugen Josef Egger (Zurich, Switzerland) 1952. Published in *Libri* 6 (1956), no. 2, 97–170.

5. Subject: *The Information Service in the Library.* Dateline extended to 1-7-1959.

Prize Essay: (Two authors shared the prize; each received one half of the prize money):

- The Information Service in the Library,
by Harry Fairhurst (Salisbury, British Rhodesia).
- The Reference Service in the Library,
by Wanda Polaszewska (Poznań, Poland) 1961.

6. Subjects:

a. *Reading Rooms in National and University Libraries.*

b. *Central Library Storage of Books.* Dateline extended to 31-12-1963,

Prize Essay: A Study on Storage Libraries,

by Philip W. Plumb (London, Great Britain) 1963. Published as *Central Library of Storage Books* by the Library Association, London 1965, 56 p. (Library Association. Pamphlet no. 24)

7. Subjects:

a. *Specialized Reading Rooms in National Libraries*, problems of organization.

b. *The Co-ordination of Activities between National and Special Libraries*,
Book Purchase, Bibliographical Work, Readers.

- c. *Libraries for the Handicapped*, with special reference to co-ordination between Voluntary and Charitable Organizations on the one hand, and Statutory Bodies for Library Provision on the other.
- d. *The Need for University Libraries to adapt their Philosophy and their Traditional Structure to the present situation*, in which the number of Students and of Publications is ever increasing, while at the same time Scientific Research tends to become more and more specialized.

Prize Essays: 1st Prize: *Libraries for the Handicapped*, by M. Joy Lewis (London, Great Britain) 1968. Published by the Library Association, London 1969. 48 p. (Library Association. Pamphlet no. 33)
 2nd Prize: *University Library Problems, a study and suggested solutions*, by John Lubans (Troy, N.Y. USA) 1968.

8. Subject: *The Problems of Comparing the Library Services of Different Countries.*

Prize Essay: Alfred David Burnett (Durham, Great Britain) 1971,
 The essays by Mrs. S. Simsova (London, Great Britain) and Mr. R. K. Gupta (Hyderabad, India) were highly commended by the jury.
 The three essays were published on behalf of IFLA, by The Library Association as: *Studies in Comparative Librarianship*, London 1971. 95 p.

9. Subject: *Regional Co-operation in Library Services, an Opportunity for Developing Countries.*

Prize Essay: *Regional Co-operation in Library Services: an opportunity for developing countries*, by J. S. Parker (Aberystwyth, Great Britain) 1975. Published in *IFLA Journal* 2 (1976) no. 1, 1–33.

10. Subject: *Co-operation between Libraries and other Components of the Information Community*, 1977.

(No prize was awarded)