



Judith MacMahon

Librarian Appointed For Cache

Judith MacMahon, assistant librarian of the Cache Public Library for the past 14 months, Monday was named chief librarian.

The selection was announced following an hour-and-20-minute afternoon executive session of the Cache Public Library Board. Library Board Chairman Dr. J. Stewart Williams today told The Herald Journal that Mrs. MacMahon's appointment came by a unanimous vote of the board.

Williams said that Mrs. MacMahon was selected over a total of 15 candidates interviewed by the board in the past six weeks. Moreover, he said there was a total of 35 applicants for the opening created by the resignation earlier this summer of Chief Librarian George Boeck. Some of the applications came from persons as far away as Colorado and California, he added.

Mrs. MacMahon immediately named with board approval Ann Marie Olsen and Jerry Aldrich to serve as her assistants.

Williams today noted that the three members of the new library staff all have at least one year experience each in public library work as opposed to university or school media center experience. "We are going to get better library service now," Williams said. "We have a very talented staff."

Mrs. MacMahon, who has served as acting head librarian since Boeck's departure July 1, is the wife of Dr. James MacMahon, a professor of biology at Utah State University and assistant director of the Desert Biome Project.

A graduate of the University of Miami, Ohio, Mrs. MacMahon has also completed graduate work in media at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. Professionally, she has worked three years as children's librarian in the Dayton and Montgomery County, Ohio, Public Library System.

Mrs. Olsen and Mrs. Aldrich both also have educational and professional backgrounds in library science. Both will work half time at the Cache library.

Mrs. Aldrich completed undergraduate work at USU and received her master of library science degree at the University of Washington. She has served on the staffs of public libraries in Seattle and San Diego, as well as on the staff at the University of Utah. She and her husband, Jack, have two children and live in Logan.

Mrs. Aldrich is to be responsible for children's work and library displays.

Mrs. Olsen is a graduate of Connecticut State College and received her master of library science degree at USU. She is the wife of Emil Paul Olsen and they live in Hyrum.

Mrs. Olsen has worked as a librarian in Connecticut and Maine on staffs of libraries in communities comparable in size to Logan. She will take responsibility for some programming, book reviews and public relations, and will aid also in adult book selection here.

Asked about her immediate priorities, Mrs. MacMahon said she wants to complete purchases necessary to "provide a

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collection adequate to meet community needs." She said also that she plans to:

- Organize monthly family night programs;

- Improve reference services;

- Initiate a countywide book selection program;

- Increase services to young adults;

- Continue the library's preschool program, and

- Start a "campaign to bring about greater public awareness of public library services."