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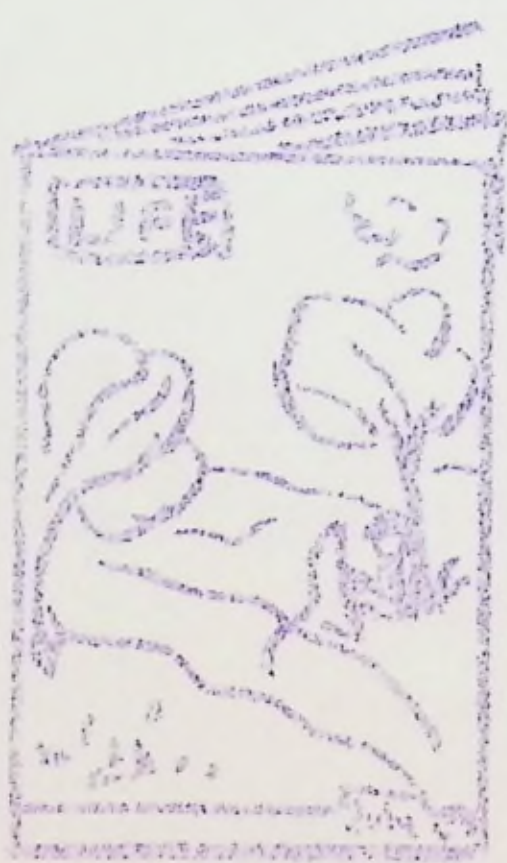
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PERIODICALS

in School Libraries

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PERIODICALS FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Everyone will agree that periodicals, and back issues of periodicals, are an excellent supplementary source in a school library. Much current information, not yet in a book, is available this way. Often both sides of a controversial issue are discussed in one source or another. Periodicals bring the world to our doorstep in a way that few other media can.

Back issues of magazines are of little use without indexes for finding the materials. Small schools will find the **ABRIDGED READERS' GUIDE TO PERIODICAL LITERATURE** (a cumulative source obtained on a service basis from H. W. Wilson Company, 950 University Avenue, New York 52, New York) useful. The following periodicals are indexed in the **READERS' GUIDE**:

America	National Geographic Magazine
Atlantic Monthly	Nature Magazine
Better Homes and Gardens	Newsweek
Consumer Reports	Parents' Magazine
Coronet	Popular Mechanics Magazine
Current History	Popular Science Monthly
Farm Journal	Reader's Digest
Field and Stream	Saturday Evening Post
Flying	Saturday Review
Good Housekeeping	School Arts
Harper's Magazine	Scientific American
Holiday	Science Digest
Industrial Arts and Vocational Education	Science News Letter
Ladies' Home Journal	Senior Scholastic
Life	Time
New York Times Magazine	Today's Health
Journal of the National Education Association	United States News and World Report
	Wilson Library Bulletin

When elementary schools take a number of magazines and encourage students to use back issues for research projects, the **SUBJECT INDEX TO CHILDREN'S MAGAZINES** (a cumulative service from Meribah Hansen, Editor, 301 Palomino Lane, Madison 5, Wisconsin,

at a subscription price of \$7.50 per year) is a very useful index to make available to students and teachers. The following magazines are indexed in its

American Girl	Illinois History
American Junior Red Cross Journal	Jack & Jill
American Junior Red Cross News	Junior Crusader
Arizona Highways	Junior Historian of Texas State
Badger History	Junior Natural History
Boys' Life	Junior Review
Canadian Audubon	Junior Scholastic
Child Life	Keyboard Junior
Children's Activities	My Weekly Reader
Children's Digest	Nature Magazine
Children's Health Bulletin	Newstime
Children's Playmate	Plays
Current Events	Popular Mechanics
Explorer	Science World
Geographic School Bulletin	Read
Gopher Historian	See Wisdom
Highlights For Children	The Yorker
Horn Book	Young Citizen
Humpty Dumpty's Magazine For Little Children	Young Elizabethan
	Young Keyboard Junior

It goes without saying that the skills for using an index must be taught a student before it can be used efficiently. Librarian and teacher will need to plan and work with individual students, groups of students and classes to develop skill for using this service.

When back issues of magazines are not available, many times people in the community can aid in accumulating them, particularly the more popular magazines. Sometimes an individual will turn over to the library issues of magazines not so available when he has finished with them.

It is advisable to keep magazines for only three or four years for the following reasons:

- a. Back issues mount up in numbers and take up space.
- b. By this time valuable information is in a book and the library probably has the book.

4. Keeping magazines in order requires lots of clerical help and the average library does not have such help.

It may be helpful in keeping magazines to paste together all of one volume or set. The "new" transparent glue plus a strip of magazine tape will hold a group of periodicals together. If they are then filed in a case (Princeton File or Magofile, for instance) they are kept more easily.

Nonexpensive file cases (or boxes) may be obtained for volumes of magazines from:

The Magofile Company
P. O. Box 2625
Merchants Station
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Write to the above address and ask for prices and instructions for ordering by size. Sizes are available from Readers' Digest size to Life Magazine size.

When magazines are widely used, there will be many requests to take them out of the library. This will be a matter of policy with the individual school. Our library checks out on an overnight basis all current periodicals. Back issues are used in the library (as they are in any library). Sometimes, however, if an illustration is to be used with an opaque projector or to support a report to be made to the class, the student or teacher may take the magazine out on an hourly basis.

Magazine cards, cherry-colored, are available from library supplies houses for the purpose of checking out periodicals.

Many people ask about plastic covers for current issues. The writer feels that money spent for expensive

covers would be better spent for magazine subscriptions (unless you have more money than you need). Such covers may be a deterrent to using the magazine by some readers, too.

The choices of daily or weekly newspapers to which a library subscribes will depend upon the locality and upon the way in which teachers, social studies classes and individual students use these. In the experience of this writer, too, newspapers are more often read when they are not placed on racks (or files as they are called in library circles) but are to be found in inviting magazine racks or baskets. The important thing to remember is that service and use is the main function of the materials center.

PERIODICALS SUBSCRIBED TO BY THE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL LIBRARY
(1958-1959):

Americas (Spanish ed.)	Mechanics Illustrated
American Girl	Miami Herald
Arizona Highways	National Parent Teacher
Arts and Activities	National Geographic
Atlantic Monthly	Natural History
Better Homes & Gardens	Nature Magazine
Booklist	Newsmag of The Week
Calling All Girls	Newsweek
Camping Magazine	New York Times
Car Craft	Outdoor Life
Changing Times	Parents' Magazine
Charm	Plays
Child Life	Popular Mechanics
Children's Activities	Popular Science
Children's Digest	Public Affairs Pamphlets
Children's Playmate	Radio & TV News
Christian Herald	Reporter
Christian Science Monitor	Readers' Digest
Compass	Safety Education
Consumer's Report & Buying Guide	Saturday Evening Post
Cornet	School Activities
Current History	School Arts
Design	School Life
Educational Screen	School Musician
Florida Grocer & Rancher	Science & Mechanics
Florida Historical Quarterly	Science Digest
Florida Times Union	Scientific American
Florida Wildlife	Science Newsletter
Florida Grocer	Senior Scholastic
Flying	Seventeen
Goodhousekeeping	Sport
Harpers	Sports Illustrated
Highlights for Children	Stamps
Hobbies	Student Life
Holiday	Subject Index to Children's Magazine
Hot Rod	Tallahassee Democrat
House Beautiful	Tampa Tribune
Humpty Dumpty	Teen Magazine
Industrial Arts & Vocational Educational	Theatre Arts
Jack & Jill	Time
Junior Historian	Today's Health
Junior Natural History	Travel
Junior Scholastic	U. S. News & World Report
Ladies Home Journal	U. S. Camera
Library Journal	Woe Warden
Life	The Writer
Living	
Look	
McCall's	



