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[[image – black and white photograph of three adults standing before a group of children seated at desks; bookshelves line both walls of room]]

STORYTELLING TIME IN LIBERIA

One of the outstanding activities of the National Sorority of PHI DELTA KAPPA was an activity of the CHILDREN'S LIBRARY in Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa. For the second year the VACATION READING CLUB was held during the Liberian Children's vacation which was from January 14 through February 15, 1974. The theme was "Reading Is Fundamental." Extensive publicity was given tot eh VACATION READING CLUB, over the Liberian Radio Station E L B C, and in the "Liberian Age."

Children came voluntarily every day, during vacation, to hear stories, see picture shows, enter poster contests and read books sent by the National Sorority of PHI DELTA KAPPA.

Professional story tellers gave of their time to entertain and encourage the children in establishing good reading habits.

Morals were not neglected. Every Friday morning, before storytelling or picture shows began, devotions, conducted by the children, were held.

Some of the special days were, "Poster Day." This was a contest in poster making between the boys and the girls. The girls won. Then there was "Letter Day", when the children wrote letters to the Director of Libraries, Mr. Osborne K. Diggs, telling him how much they enjoyed their Vacation Reading Club.

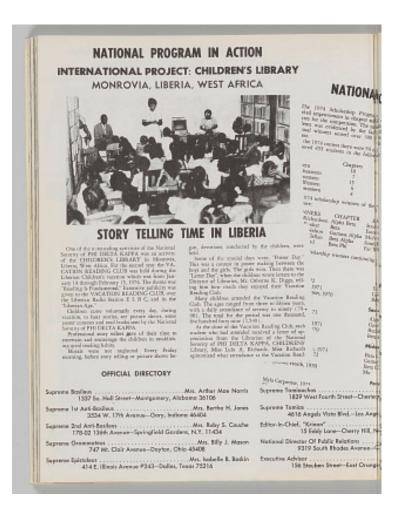
Many children attended the Vacation Reading Club. The ages ranged from three to fifteen years, with the daily attendance of seventy to ninety (70-90). The total for the period was one thousand five hundred fortynine (1,549).

At the close of the Vacation Reading Club, each student who had attended received a letter of appreciation from the Librarian of the National Sorority of PHI DELTA KAPPA, CHILDRENS' Library, Miss Lulu A. Richards. Miss Richards epitomized what attendance at the Vacation Read-

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