PUBLIC LIBRARY ART COLLECTION

- Miss Lucille Arceneaux, Lafayette Parish librarian, announced that the Lafayette Public Library has a collection of 58 reproductions of famous paintings which may be borrowed from the library by holders of cards for the adult library beginning in about two weeks. Shown above are several of the prints on display in the library.

Art Reproductions
On Loan By Library

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Art lovers in Lafayette will soon be able to borrow reproductions of fine paintings from the Lafayette Public Library, according to Miss Lucille Arceneaux, librarian. Fifty-eight prints will be available in about two weeks.

During December the board of directors of the library decided to invest $1,500 in prints for the library to lend. Each reproduction is comparable in cost to some of the books on art in the library, ranging in price from $19.00 to $38.50 with the library discount.

The prints are on heavy paper and framed appropriately according to the subject. Each has been sprayed with a fixative for protection; no glass is used. The prints look heavy but are easily handled. A finishing nail will support the weight of most. Hangers at the top of the frame eliminate the need for wire. Produced by an experienced company, they are intended to be easily cared for. Two local shops have these prints for sale.

These prints belong to us and may be borrowed," Miss Arceneaux said. "There is only one copy of each and a person may sign out only one at a time. They may be kept for two weeks. We plan to use notices when prints are due. It would be difficult to mark pictures just the way we do a book!"

Borrowing is restricted to library card holders and a person must hold a card for the adult library. Otherwise the same fine rules apply. A fine of twenty-five cents is planned for overdue prints. No fee is to be charged at first.

The works of American Art, Modern Art, Old Masters, and Oriental works are available. The selection was made by the staff of the company dealt with and represents the types of popular paintings.

Representative of the American artists are "Pleated Woodpecker" by John James Audubon; "Misty Morning" by James M. Sessions; and "Christ's World," by Andrew Wyeth. Modern Art includes "Lily" or "Arumes," by Bernard Buffet; "Morning Mist," by Marc Chagall; and "Basket of Bread" by Salvador Dali.

One fine print for sale is "Red and White Poppies." According to the success of the program the library will decide about adding to the collection.

Gifts for the print collection may be made to the library or to Miss Arceneaux and should be designated for the print collection.

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