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James F. Holly, College Librarian at Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota, since 1959, has been appointed Dean of Library Services at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, according to President Charles J. McCann.

Holly, 53, officially will join the staff on July 1, but will play an active role in library development for the new college before then by consulting on physical planning for the library building, directing the purchase of materials and advising in personnel matters.

As Dean of Library Services, Holly ultimately will be responsible for selecting and supervising personnel; planning information distribution systems and facilities; developing operational procedures; acquiring written, audio-visual and other learning resources materials; and, integrating library services with the total college academic program.

President McCann said, "Changing concepts of library service make it imperative that a person with administrative experience, a wide knowledge of academic affairs and creative ability be named to direct planning. The State of Washington is fortunate that he is available for this key assignment."

President McCann added, "The library not only will be the physical hub of the college, but also may well be the most important support unit on the campus. Besides functioning as the traditional area for storage and dispensing of books, the library also will do the same for a wide variety of information and resources other than the printed page. It also will provide people and services to work with faculty in the development and evaluation of study programs and, most important, will offer facilities and resources for independent learning."

"The Dean of Library Services will coordinate all of this activity," President McCann concluded.

Holly received a bachelor's degree in English at Pennsylvania State College in 1939, a bachelor of science degree in Library Sciences at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, in 1941 and a master's in American Literature at Pennsylvania State College in 1951.

He served briefly as a member of the circulation staff, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh in 1941 and 1942 and was in continuous Army service from 1942 to 1957.

He was appointed Associate Librarian and assistant professor at the University of Omaha Library in 1957 and two years later became College Librarian and associate professor at Macalester College in 1959. While at Macalester he has been an elected member of the faculty personnel committee and a representative on various ad hoc committees of the college, including current participation in a learning resources committee charged with developing new integrated library facilities.

Holly has served as a member of various American Library Association Committees. He was chairman of the College Section, Minnesota Library Association, in 1961 and 1962 and chairman of the 1964 and 1965 Midwest Academic Librarians Conference. He also was a member-at-large on the executive board of the Minnesota Library Association in 1965 and 1966.

He has served as a college library consultant and as a visiting lecturer at colleges and universities in New York and the Midwest.

Married and the father of two grown sons, Holly is a member and elder in the Presbyterian Church and has been actively involved in community action programs in St. Paul.

He has a number of publications to his credit, including several articles and papers on library activity.
