
Jeremiah A. O'Mara, M.A., Chief Librarian of the Library of the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Bibliography in the Department of Psychiatry, School of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh, and Research Editor of the *Bulletin* since its inception, died at age 50 after a short illness in the Methodist Hospital, Brooklyn, New York, on June 5, 1974.

Born in New York City, the only child of the late Michael and Helen Foley O'Mara, Mr. O'Mara was the Director of Library and Archival Service of the American Psychiatric Association, 1700 Eighteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., from 1961-1962. Here, he organized the library, *ab initio*, and accessioned the collection of Adolf Meyer and numerous rare book collections. He initiated the organization of the Association's archives. A former librarian of the Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis (1956-1961), he reorganized its specialty library and developed a new and effective system now nationally and internationally known as the Chicago Index. While in Chicago, he obtained his M.A. from the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago. In 1962, Mr. O'Mara was appointed the Chief Librarian of the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Bibliography, School of Medicine and the Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences, at the University of Pittsburgh, positions he held at the time of his death.

A graduate of Queens College of the City of New York in 1949 with honors in history, he pursued this interest throughout his academic life. His vast and accurate knowledge of his multiple fields was enriched by his fluency in many languages. After his experience in the Office of Naval Intelligence, 1943-1946, he was employed as a translator at Stechert-Hafner, Inc., Antiquarian and General International Booksellers, New York City, 1951-1954. His interest in and acquisition of rare books for all of those institutions and for others for which he was employed were outstanding.

Mr. O'Mara's contributions extended far beyond his library. Possessed of a phenomenal memory and an intense and alert curiosity, he was an exceptional bibliographer. Constantly available to associates, he was an informal and formal teacher, not alone to the immediate psychiatric and psychoanalytic faculties of the Department, but also to the total academic scene at the University of Pittsburgh, and was continuously in demand as a consultant. Furthermore, via his precision of resourcefulness, he implemented not alone the scientific and research assets of his colleagues and students but also the treatments of thousands and thousands of people because of his assistance to the systems of care and thus the recipients thereof. Very disciplined, he provided for wide usage of the library. In his work, he facilitated the insight through which the personnel for mental health and related care systems learned and practiced. As a university professor, he was a consistent ally in any attempt to further the understanding of the development of man.

Surviving is a paternal aunt, Mrs. Hannah G. O'Mara.

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