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The task of launching a college library in a new institution is a complex one, Donald W. Gray, University of Minnesota, Morris library head, declared as he prepared for the influx of students who will begin a new quarter of classes this month.

The problem, he pointed out, is one of developing a significant collection within the limitations of the budget available for books. And in a liberal arts program such as UMM's the range of subjects in which strength must be maintained is extensive.

From one book on July 1, 1960, the UMM library has grown steadily and will have more than 4,000 volumes at the close of its first year. Between 10,000 and 15,000 volumes will be housed in Edson Hall library rooms by the end of three years.

Assembling of a beginning store of books was aided considerably by Theodore C. Bl^uegen, former dean of the University of Minnesota Graduate School who gave UMM his 600-volume personal library and two journal series, "The American Historical Review" and "The Mississippi Valley Historical Review" both of which date back to 1920.

Through the Minneapolis Campus library another scholar, Lawrence D. St^eefel, University professor ^{ar}em^{er}itus of history, donated volumes on European history from his personal collection plus a complete background of the quarterly "Foreign Affairs".

The UMM library also has a complete file of "Minnesota History", a quarterly journal of the Minnesota Historical Society.

Subscriptions to more than 200 periodicals including both general magazines and journals in specialized subject areas, are carried by the library.

UMM Library (cont.)

Recent book acquisitions have included current best-sellers as well as classics and reference works.

Adequate library facilities for the immediate future will be assured when UMM undertakes an expansion program this summer and converts a portion of the Edson Hall basement into a stack area which will hold an estimated 25,000 volumes.