

# Changing Concepts Of Librarianship

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DELANEY, SADIE PETERSON (1889-1959)

Sadie Johnson was born on February 26, 1889  
Rochester, New York. She was the daughter of Jan  
and Julia Frances Hawkins Johnson. In 1906,





Dr. Virginia Lacy Jones is truly a legend in the field of librarianship. Her name is synonymous with the word librarianship. She has made many, many contributions in the field on the national level as well as the regional and local levels. The staff of Trevor Arnett Library of Atlanta University is fortunate to be among those whose

lives she has touched and would like to pay tribute to her. When Atlanta University's 1940-41 CATALOGUE carried the announcement of the opening of its School of Library Service, one of its faculty was "Virginia Mae Lacy... (Instructor in) Cataloging and Classification." In the 1945-46 CATALOGUE she was listed "Virginia Lacy Jones, Ph.D., Director." The rapid progress illustrated here typifies Dean Jones' constant demands upon herself for excellence of performance and unceasing effort to move ahead. It also characterizes her forty years of association with Atlanta University and with the many professional and service organizations with which she has worked. Through her leadership and motivation, the School of Library and Information Studies (a new name as of 1979) and its 1,664 graduates have achieved national and international acclaim, and Dean Jones herself the affectionate title of 'the Deans' Dean.'

"Dean Jones", as she has affectionately been named by the many students who have attended the Atlanta University School of Library and Information Studies, holds two bachelor's degrees from Hampton Institute in Library Science and Education, the Master of Science degree in Library Service from University of Illinois and the Ph.D. degree in Library Service from the University of Chicago.

She served as Assistant Librarian and Librarian at Louisville Municipal College, Louisville, Kentucky and instructor of Library Science at Prairie View State College, Prairie View, Texas before coming to Atlanta University. She began as catalog librarian of Trevor Arnett Library, then became an instructor in the School of Library Science. After serving in that capacity for four years, she was appointed Dean of the Atlanta University School of Library Science, which she still presently holds.

The impact of her capability and indefatigable effort has extended far beyond the Atlanta University campus. Though her professional activities are too numerous to list all of them, among the most outstanding are: member of the Council of the American Library Association, 1946-1950, 1955-1959, 1967-1969 and 1970-1976; she served on the Board of Directors of the Beta Phi Mu International Library Science Honorary Fraternity, 1957-1959; the Association of American Library Schools, 1960-1964; and the Library Education Division, American Library Association, 1961-1963. Dean Jones has held offices in many professional organizations, among them are secretary-treasurer of the Association of American Library Schools, 1948-1954 and president of the same organization in 1967. She is currently serving as president of Zeta Chapter of Beta Phi Mu, Atlanta University. Among the committees of the American Library Association and its divisions on which she has served are the Committee on Intellectual Freedom, the Nominating Committee of the Library Education Division, the Federal Relations Committee and the Grants Committee of the Association of College and Research Libraries Division.

She served as Assistant Director of the Right to Read Institute which was jointly sponsored by the Atlanta University School of Library Service and the Emory University Division of Librarianship, U.S. Office of Education and the National Book Committee in 1970; she also served as Project Director of the Data Bank of Information on Black Librarians in the United States for the Black Caucus of the American Library Association in 1971.

Dr. Jones was appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson as a member of the President's Advisory Committee on Library Research and Training Projects, 1967-1970; she was appointed as a member of the Atlanta Sister City Program, Montego Bay, Jamaica by Atlanta Mayor Sam Massell in 1973. She has also served on numerous Visitation Committees for the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges, on Special committees of honorary fraternal organizations, and many library- and literacy-related organizations.

Among her local institutional activities are president of the Atlanta University Women's Club, 1952-1954; member of the University Senate, Academic Council, Affirmative Action Committee and Director of Atlanta University Project on Bibliographic Instruction.



Dean Jones holds membership in the American Library Association, Special Libraries Association, Association of College and Research Libraries, Southeastern Library Association where she served as a member of the Committee on Inter-State Library Cooperation and the Advisory Committee on Survey of Southeastern Libraries, the Georgia Library Association and Metro Atlanta Library Association.

Her publications include articles in Library Journal, Wilson Library Bulletin, the Southeastern Librarian, School Library Journal, Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science, Library Quarterly, Kentucky Library Association Bulletin and Phylon. She served as Editor of the Report of the Conference on Undergraduate Library Education in 1950; Editorial Consultant of Library Journal and Library Consultant for Grolier's encyclopedia, The New Book of Knowledge. She is the author of "A Dean's Career" which appears in E. J. Josey's work, The Black Librarian in America.

Dr. Jones is the recipient of many honors, all of which she is quite deserving. Among these are the Hampton Institute Alumni Achievement Award, 1956; Atlanta Bronze Woman of the Year Award, 1959; honorary membership in the West Virginia Library Association, 1972; the Melvil Dewey Award, 1973; honorary membership in the American Library Association, 1976; citation for service to the Atlanta University Center, 1976; citation from the Black Caucus of the American Library Association for thirty years of service to Black Librarians, 1976; the Joseph W. Lippincott Award from the American Library Association, 1977; the honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree from Bishop College, April 9, 1979 and the honorary Doctorate of Letters degree from the University of Michigan, August 19, 1979.

During the past 38 years, she has had the constant support of a devoted husband, Dr. E. A. Jones.

It is with pride and gratification that Trevor Arnett Library Faculty and Staff pays this small tribute to a most remarkable leader, educator, colleague, helper and friend.

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*"I'll find a way or make one."*