

EARLY HISTORIC TIMES OF THE STATE LAW LIBRARY

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Who are we? Where are we going? Where have we been? These questions are commonly asked when looking at the institution and the past.

is subject to criticism from various groups, but I am sure that the Judicial Council will be able to adapt its plan to meet the major objections.

When the plan is completed it will be necessary for the lawyers of the state to obtain public support for its passage. This

activity will be under the jurisdiction of the Administration of Justice Committee under the chairmanship of Harold M. Langer of Baraboo.

These three projects are now in their early stages. More will be said about each as plans progress.

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The State Law Library

By GILSON G. GLASIER

THE State Law Library, which occupies the third and fourth floors of the State Capitol at

more and more complex as civilization advances. Our whole governmental system is based on *Law* as enacted by Congress and the state legislatures and interpreted by the courts.



HISTORY OF THE WISCONSIN STATE LIBRARY

by
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The Wisconsin State Library, now one of the oldest and largest law libraries in the Midwest, had its origin in the Act of Congress of April 20, 1836 which established the Territory of Wisconsin. Section 17 of this act appropriated the sum of five thousand dollars for the purchase of a library for the accomodation of the legislative assembly and the supreme court of the new territory.

This was an innovation in governmental affairs. Previous acts establishing new territories did not have such a provision, but it served as a precedent for the later acts of Congress establishing territories.

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