9-10-1974

Letter to William Younger regarding report on county libraries, September 10, 1974

J. Lamar Woodard

Follow this and additional works at: https://uknowledge.uky.edu/seaall_cor

Part of the Law Librarianship Commons

Repository Citation
https://uknowledge.uky.edu/seaall_cor/1976

This Correspondence is brought to you for free and open access by the SEAALL Archive at UKnowledge. It has been accepted for inclusion in Correspondence by an authorized administrator of UKnowledge. For more information, please contact UKnowledge@lsv.uky.edu.
September 10, 1974

William C. Younger, Librarian
Supreme Court and State Law Library
Judicial Building - Capitol
Montgomery, Alabama, 36104

Dear Bill:

Enclosed find a copy of my letter to Carol Bratton. If I have mistated the conclusions, please let me know so I can correct the error.

I received the copy of your report on county libraries and appreciate your assistance. The report will remain confidential. I still want to do my study but, after preliminary research, I may do a report on the availability of legal research materials in each of the twenty judicial circuits. The study would involve surveys of practicing attorneys and judges to see what materials are available to them and what materials they feel they need. On-site inspections would be required to see which counties do, in fact, maintain a law collection. Some 35 counties have specific special laws authorizing the establishment of a law library. Only 12 are reported in the A.A.L.S. directory and 3 of those reported do not have special law authorization. There are 28 counties listed in the 1973 Florida Bar Directory, four of which have more than one law library. The only general statutory reference to county law libraries is the provision in F.S. 28.241 and F.S. 34.041 which authorizes the clerk of the circuit and county courts, respectively, to collect a library fee when an ordinance or local or special law permits the imposition of the fee.

From the above you can see that we have the same problems in Florida that you indicate exist in Alabama. Unfortunately,
we do not have an Advisory Commission or an Office of Court Management to take an interest in the problem.

Thank you again. I hope to see you later this year.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

J. Lamar Woodard,
Law Librarian

JLW/bes

Enclosure