

Work Experience Trains Librarians

A new pilot program at the Fairbanks North Star Borough Library will train eight Natives for jobs as library aides and technicians in school, university, public and industrial libraries.

The pilot project, which was developed in cooperation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Fairbanks Native Community Center, will train unemployed natives eligible for BIA assistance. Persons interested in applying for the program should do so through the Community Center.

Under a training proposal submitted by library director Patsy Willey, the eight people will undergo a 38-week training program which will familiarize them with all areas of the library's work and enable them to specialize in one of its four main divisions.

After an initial two week orientation, trainees will spend one week each in the Circulation and Public Services Division, Pro-

cessing and Technical Services Division, Acquisitions and Receiving Division and the Community Relations and Outreach Program Division.

They will later spend at least one month in each of these divisions and choose one in which to train for the last fifteen weeks of the program.

During the entire training program, trainees will work at the circulation desk and be in frequent contact with the public.

Trainees wages will be paid from the BIA's general assistance Financial Aid Fund and administered, under contract, by the Fairbanks Native Association.

The program is one of the several Work Experience Programs being coordinated by the BIA.