

IAIA Expands Facility's Library

To maintain and improve the academic and artistic excellence of programs at the Institute of American Indian Arts, and in conjunction with the new, 1975 Institute charter authorizing a junior college degree program at IAIA, renovation of the academic building is now underway which will expand existing library facilities by more than 60%.

Completion of this expansion is scheduled for the latter part of August shortly before the opening of school.

This interim expansion of the library area will permit the housing of the Institute's complete collection until a projected Instructional Materials Center can be built several years from now.

The current expansion will increase stack space, provide for an additional readers room, provide for a separate audio-visual room for self-pacing students, and it will give more flexibility to current library programs.

Housed in IAIA's library are excellent collections of Native American ethnic materials, a wide selection of Native American newspapers, and a large selection of periodicals with emphasis on the fine arts.

Developing library programs

include a growing ethnic research materials potential, and a growing audio-visual potential with emphasis on the slide, tape and record collections.

IAIA's Head Librarian indicated that she is hoping to rapidly increase the library's collection through public, tax-deductible donations of college-level hard bound books.

"Expansion and improvement of the library materials is tied to the Institute's budgetary framework. For rapid improvement of our library program, we need to go beyond that framework, and to receive the help and support of the public through book donations.

"Some help has already been received. Internationally known Osage painter, Yeffe Kimball, recently donated a \$50,000 collection representing almost 40 years of work on her part. Efforts of staff members from the Rhode Island School of Design resulted in the donation of over 300 significant hard bound books to our collection," stated the IAIA librarian.

Library personnel hope to increase the Institute's library holdings to over 30,000 volumes in the next year or two, which will represent a major school effort.