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Bell Library in Mentone hosts ALSA 2

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Miss Lower developed the genealogy collection at Fort Wayne from a few hundred titles to more than 125,000 books and 30,000 rolls of microfilm, covering material from the entire United States, Canada, and Great Britain. She and her department are well known throughout the entire country by people in search of their ancestry.

Miss Lower's purpose in visit-

ing the ALSA II group was to share information that would enable area librarians to better serve genealogical researchers. In addition to a thorough breakdown of Fort Wayne's offerings, Miss Lower reviewed several books she recommended each library have available to patrons.

Visitors were present from St. Joseph, Noble, Elkhart, Marshall, and Kosciusko Counties.