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Even with the galleries of The Museum of Modern Art closed for the current rebuilding program, activity during the Christmas season continues without a break. It is an especially hectic time for the members of the Junior Council of The Museum of Modern Art, the group of volunteers who operate the Art Lending Service, organize special exhibitions and lectures, and publish the Museum's Christmas cards and yearly appointment calendars.

The 1964 Appointment Calendar, the eighth to be published by the Junior Council, is an especially popular Christmas gift. Illustrated with color reproductions of 27 posters by 25 artists, the calendar is designed so that the date pages can be removed at the end of the year converting the calendar into a permanent album of poster art. It is available in the Bookstore, now located in the first floor gallery connecting The Museum of Modern Art at 21 West 54 Street with the Whitney Museum.

(Price \$2.75 plus 20 cents per book if ordered by mail.)

Twenty-nine Christmas cards, selected by a committee from the Junior Council in cooperation with the Museum staff, are also on sale at the Museum Bookstore. Under the direction of Mrs. Robert Gatje, the Christmas Card Committee went through the Museum collections for new material for this year's selection and also solicited some designs from outside artists.

Seven new designs were selected this year, three from the Museum's collections: Laughing Gothic by Paul Klee, April Snow, Salem by Maurice Prendergast, and Color Rhythm I by Alejandro Otero; and four new designs from work submitted by Ivan Chermayeff, Angelo Lomeo, Richard Anuskiewicz and Alexander Liberman. The Council also reissued cards designed by Ben Shahn and Saul Steinberg. (Price: Five to thirty-five cents. Some are already out of print.)

For the first time this year, the Junior Council has also printed a selection of note paper with reproductions of drawings from the Museum collection. Attractively boxed and printed in black on buff color paper, the note cards feature drawings by van Gogh, Klee, Kuniyoshi, Matisse and Steinberg. (Price: Ten cards and envelopes for 95 cents.)

For the Art Lending Service on the sixth floor of the building at 21 West 53 Street, this is also a busy season since many Museum members give works of art as gifts. The Art Lending Service now has over 750 works from which to select.

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