

Regular Meeting of the Library Board

September 24, 1926

Present: Messrs Hardy, Shade, Scott, Lorenz, Mrs. Gastman and Mrs. Vincent.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The librarian's report was read, on motion approved and ordered placed on file.

The Board was reorganized for the year, with Mr. Hardy reelected president and Miss Dill secretary.

Unfinished business,- repairs on the roof and plumbing repairs in the staff and work rooms were reported. A.H. Cope had inspected the roof and found it satisfactory. Further work on the roof, to take care of the overflow, was to be taken up with the roofing company by the Building and grounds committee, with power to act.

On motion, the new books recommended by the Book committee were ordered purchased.

There was a discussion of janitor service and whether to ^{to inor} increase the salary of James Adams, the head janitor, who might leave. It was decided to offer him \$125.00 a month and left with the Administration committee.

Mr. Hardy read the comparative circulation statistics which showed a small loss at the Evans branch. Plans for publicity for both branches during Children's book week were mentioned. It is hoped to put on a play at the Durfee and Roach schools.

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Miss Dill was granted the trip to Atlantic City for the A. L. A. meeting, leaving Chicago, October 1, on a special train. This will be a very important meeting as it is the fiftieth anniversary of the organization.

It was decided to drop "Free" as a part of the name of the library and be known hereafter as the Decatur Public Library.

Miss Hildebrandt, ^{the new children's librarian,} was introduced to the members of the Board.
Board.

Bills to the amount of \$2,786.07 were approved by the Finance committee and ordered paid.

On motion, adjourned.

Minnie A. Dill

Secretary.

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Librarian's report for August, 1926

Book Account

	Adult	Child	Evans branch	E. End branch	Hospital	School	Total
Total vols. 31 July '26	40930	7036	3798	916	239	2597	55516
New books added by purchase	123	46	28	48	0	0	245
New books added by gift	0	0	33	0	0	0	33
Magazines bound	53	3	2	0	0	0	58
Books replaced	31	43	14	0	0	32	120
Total additions	207	92	77	48	0	32	456
Total vols. 31 Aug. '26	41137	7128	3875	964	239	2629	55972

Registration

	<u>Main lib.</u>		<u>Evans br.</u>		<u>E. End br.</u>		Total
	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	
Cards in force 31 July '26	9443	3666	610	974	111	214	15018
Borrowers registered	152	58	9	5	6	8	238
Borrowers' cards cancelled	111	56	21	31	0	0	219
Cards in force 31 Aug. '26	9484	3668	598	948	117	222	15037

Circulation

	<u>Main lib.</u>		<u>Evans br.</u>		<u>E. End br.</u>		Hosp.	Schools	Stations	Total
	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child				
Books issued	9868	4667	945	951	447	574	148	0	0	17600
Largest daily circ. at Main lib.-	829		At Evans br.-		123	At E. End br.-		63		
Smallest " " " " " "	401		" " " "		30	" " " "		14		
Average " " " " " "	559		" " " "		73	" " " "		39		
Delinquent postals sent	-----									375
Reserve postals sent	-----									151

Binding and Repair

Books sent to bindery	-----	130
Books repaired in library	-----	573

Classified Report

Book account

	Adult	Child	Evans branch	E. End branch	Schools	Total
General works	23	2	1	0	0	26
Philosophy	1	0	0	0	0	1
Religion	8	0	9	0	1	18
Sociology	17	9	2	4	13	44
Science	5	3	0	3	2	13
Useful arts	23	3	25	2	1	54
Fine arts	17	4	2	2	0	25
Literature	18	5	1	8	2	34
History	5	5	0	2	1	13
Travel	10	7	3	1	5	26
Biography	6	4	1	2	0	13
Fiction	74	50	33	24	8	189
Total	207	92	77	48	32	456
Rental coll.	14					

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Circulation

	Adult	Child	Evans branch	E. End branch	Hospital	Total
General works	28	16	1	0	0	45
Philosophy	108	0	0	0	0	108
Religion	77	12	6	3	0	98
Sociology	99	601	121	64	1	886
Philology	5	0	0	0	0	5
Science	81	61	12	12	0	166
Useful arts	173	71	9	10	0	263
Fine arts	210	96	17	23	0	346
Literature	327	108	48	26	2	511
History	69	65	27	18	0	179
Travel	152	33	9	25	3	222
Biography	119	25	10	18	2	174
Fiction	8017	3566	1546	771	140	14040
Magazines	95	13	90	51	0	249
Foreign books	18	0	0	0	0	18
Rental coll.	290					290
Total	9868	4667	1896	1021	148	17600

Finance

Receipts:

Balance due from appropriation 31 July '26	\$32,469.69
Fees for non-residents	9.00
Fines, damages & lost bks	90.39
Rental coll.	14.10
Reserve post cards	2.64
Sale of old paper	9.87
Interest	8.74

Total receipts ----- \$32,604.43

Expenditures:

Salaries	\$1727.20
Janitor service	244.00
Books	590.96
Printing	9.50
Binding	336.68
Supplies	56.89
Repairs & improvements	36.15
Light	63.70
Furniture & fixtures	32.87
Rent	35.00
Telephone	12.74
Postage, freight, express	20.90
Miscellaneous	19.30
Total expenditure	\$3185.89
Balance due from appropriation 31 Aug. '26	\$29,418.54

Respectfully submitted,

Minnie A. Dill
Librarian.