

Regular Meeting of the Library Board

April 30, 1937

Present: Messrs. Shilling, Knuth, Mrs. Vincent, Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Buckner.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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

The budget for the library year beginning May 1 was presented, discussed and accepted. The increase in the salaries item permits an assistant cataloger and raises the wages of the second janitor \$120.

On motion, \$38,000 tax levy for 1937-38 for running expenses was to be requested of the City Council- this is \$500 over last year but still allows the library to be under 12 mills maximum levy. On motion, the special levy for 1937 of \$2,500 to retire part of the mortgage obligation contracted in the construction of additional stack room was to be certified to the City. The secretary was instructed to send a copy of both of these requests to Mr. Rugh, Commissioner of Finance

Mention was made of the new library bills which were introduced into the House of Representatives April 26, 1937. House Bills 756 and 757 are companion bills to provide for the certification of librarians, and House Bill 758 is an Act making an appropriation of \$840,000 for the biennium, to aid tax supported public libraries in Illinois and for establishing and maintaining library service in communities not now having such service. This Bill is a continuation of the Library Relief Fund of the last biennium, from which our library received \$2,875.50 each year.

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These bills are sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries that received this aid are expected to support these measures. The A. L. A. suggested an extensive publicity program through the newspapers and contacts with various organizations. The Board decided to limit its appeal for support of these bills to our three representatives, and the secretary was instructed to write them stressing the value and necessity of State aid for libraries. It was also suggested that a letter be sent to Mrs. Cora B. Ryman, Supt. of Macon County schools, asking her to lend support and to contact the rural teachers.

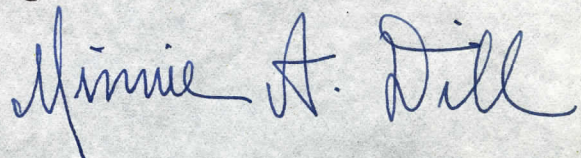
A report of the regional meeting held in Urbana, April 28, was made by Mrs. Buckner who attended as did the Misses Dill, Wayne and Pollock. Miss Dill was on the program presenting non-fiction of the last three months and reviewing several books.

It was reported that Mrs. Miller was confined to the house with a broken heel resulting from a fall from a ladder. Flowers were to be sent to her. Miss Clara Baker, head of the loan dept. was again in the Hospital with complications following an operation.

It was mentioned that the annual meeting must be held before May 15, and that there would be no regular monthly meeting in May as the April report would be included in the annual report. The Finance committee is to meet the last of the month to approve the May bills, and the president to sign the checks.

Bills to the amount of \$2436.19 were approved by the Finance committee and ordered paid. Mr. Knuth was appointed to act on the committee at this meeting.

On motion, adjourned.



Secretary.

Librarian's Report for March, 1937

Book Account

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Total vols. 28 Feb. 1937	54285	15445	69730

Books added during March will be counted later

Registration

	Main Lib.		Evans Br.		Total
	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	
Cards in force 28 Feb. '37	12243	3894	900	1101	18138
Borrowers registered	267	55	20	13	355
Borrowers cards cancelled	270	71	24	12	377
Cards in force 31 Mar. '37	12240	3878	896	1102	18116

Circulation

	Main Lib.		Evans Br.		Schools	Total
	Adult	Child	Adult	Child		
Books issued	14333	3614	1443	1558	5095	26043
Largest daily circ. at Main library-			1259	Evans branch-		197
Overdue notices sent - - - - -						419
Reserve postals sent - - - - -						244
Pictures loaned - - - - -						908

Binding and Repair

Books sent to bindery - - - - -	199
Books repaired in library - - - - -	1444

Classified Report

Book Account

	Main Lib.		Evans	E.End	Schools	Total
	Adult	Child	branch	branch		
Total vols. 28 Feb. '37	49963	8265	6130	2472	2900	69730

New books accessioned during March are not yet classified. Report will be made later.

Classified Report  
Circulation

	Main Lib.		Evans	Schools	Total
	Adult	Child	branch		
General works	21	2	2	0	25
Philosophy	251	1	5	0	257
Religion	185	35	7	59	286
Sociology	516	53	35	365	969
Fairy tales		191	73	398	662
Language	13	0	2	0	15
Science	267	139	44	284	734
Useful arts	527	119	56	104	806
Fine arts	587	85	48	16	736
Literature	744	127	66	222	1159
History	441	55	52	353	901
Travel	530	167	61	437	1195
Biography	467	60	28	147	702
Fiction	9063	2542	2328	2710	16643
Magazines	359	38	194	0	591
Foreign books	16	0	0	0	16
Rent coll.	346	0	0	0	346
Total	14333	3614	3001	5095	26043

Finance

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand 26 Feb. '37	- \$1997.56
Fines, damaged & lost bks.	- 114.12
Fees from non-residents	- 10.00
Rent collection	- 17.30
Reserve postals	- 3.58
Amount placed to account	- 500.00

Total receipts - - - - - \$2642.56

EXPENDITURES:

Salaries	- - - - -	\$1592.05
Janitor service	- - - - -	175.00
Books	- - - - -	252.09
Periodicals	- - - - -	1.50
Binding	- - - - -	5.00
Supplies	- - - - -	5.59
Repairs & improvements	- - -	43.93
Light	- - - - -	5.27
Heat	- - - - -	136.00
Furniture & fixtures	- - -	8.76
Telephone	- - - - -	5.00
Postage, drayage, etc	- - -	1.78
Miscellaneous	- - - - -	10.16
Total expenditures	- - - - -	\$2242.13
Balance on hand 26 Mar. '37	-	\$400.43

Respectfully submitted,

*Minnie A. Dill*

Librarian.

CERTIFICATE FOR LEVY OF SPECIAL TAX FOR YEAR 1937 TO RETIRE  
PART OF MORTGAGE OBLIGATION CONTRACTED BY THE BOARD OF  
LIBRARY DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS,  
IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL STACK  
ROOM FOR DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

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The Board of Library Directors of the City of Decatur, Illinois, hereby certifies to the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, that for the purpose of retiring in part the mortgage obligation incurred by it for the construction of additional stack room for Decatur Public Library, its action, plans, estimates and spreading of collection of costs having been approved by said City Council, said The Board of Library Directors of the City of Decatur requires that there be levied for the tax year 1937 a special tax of Twenty-five Hundred Dollars (\$2500.00) over, above and not including the aggregate amount of taxes as limited by Section 1 of Article 8 of "An Act for the Incorporation of Cities and Villages", approved April 10, 1872, and amendatory acts thereto, and not affecting or including appropriations made or to be made for the support of the Public Library in the City of Decatur, Illinois.

The Board of Library Directors of the City of Decatur, Illinois, requests that the City Council of the City of Decatur, on receiving this certificate, include in its next annual appropriation bill the amount so certified, and for the amount so certified, levy and collect a tax to pay the same, with other general taxes of the City of Decatur, Illinois, as required by law.

THE BOARD OF LIBRARY DIRECTORS OF  
THE CITY OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

By

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President

*Minnie A. Dill*  
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Secretary

*File after  
April minutes*