

Called Meeting of the Library Board

June 16, 1925.

Present: Messrs. Hardy, Shade, McGaughey, Mrs. Leon
and Mrs. Gastman.

The meeting was called to pass on the designs submitted by Decatur high school pupils in the contest for a cover of the fiftieth anniversary booklet. Two prizes had been offered—first for \$10.00 and second for \$5.00. Thirty drawings were submitted,— many very good. The choice was soon narrowed down to two. Three members of the Board and Mrs. Evans and Miss Dill voted Helen Hackett the first prize and Frances Hays the second. Mrs. Gastman and Mr. McGaughey reversed the order of the prize winners.

Plans were discussed for the anniversary celebration, especially about the speaker and the lighting. Mr. McGaughey was to investigate the lighting of the grounds

On motion adjourned.

Alice G. Evans.

Secretary.

Regular Meeting of the Library Board

June 26, 1925.

Present: Messrs. Hardy, Shade, Lorenz, Swisher and
Mrs. Gastman.

Minutes of the called meetings of May 15 and June 16 were read, and on motion approved.

The Librarian's report for May was read, accepted and ordered placed on file.

Mrs. Evans' fifty years' service in the Library was discussed, and, on motion, the Board voted unanimously to give her a year's leave-of-absence with full pay,- the year to begin at her pleasure after the celebration. Mrs. Evans, who was not present during the early part of the meeting, was now called in and the resolution as to her year's leave was read to her. She was quite overcome and expressed her appreciation.

The matter of selecting a speaker for the fiftieth anniversary celebration was to be attended to by Mrs. Evans, in case Mr. Bostwick could not come.

The question of a flag pole was taken up and left in Mr. Swisher's hands.

No new books were ordered, as there were about 500 books to be replaced and 100 or more to be duplicated.

Bills to the amount of \$3,995.15 were approved by the Finance Committee and ordered paid.

On motion adjourned.

Minnie A. Dill
Acting- Secretary.

June 26, 1925.

Librarian's Report for May 1925

* Differences in dept. totals in this report and that for Apr. 24 due to transfers from our dept. to another at end of year.

Book Account

	Adult.	Child.	Branch.	Schools.	Total.
Total vols. 30 Apr. 1925	*39,558	*6,857	*3,328	*2,332	52,075
New books added by purchase	166	31	24		221
Magazines bound	123	2			124
Books replaced	44	22	7	1	474
Total additions	332	55	31	1	419
Books withdrawn	115	92	47	354	608
Total vols. 31 May 1925	39,775	6,820	3,312	1,979	51,886

Registration

	<u>Main Lib.</u>		<u>Branch</u>		Total.
	Adult.	Child.	Adult.	Child.	
Cards in force 30 Apr. 1925	8,902	3,748	521	859	14,030
Borrowers registered	134	51	11	11	207
Borrowers' cards cancelled	109	71	2	6	188
Cards in force 31 May 1925	8,927	3,728	530	864	14,049

Circulation

	<u>Main Lib.</u>		<u>Branch</u>		Schools.	Pines.	Staley.	Total.
	Adult.	Child.	Adult.	Child.				
Books issued	8,115	3,435	852	1,125	2,478	372	403	16,779
Largest daily circulation at Main library-	859.				At Branch-			145
Smallest " " " " "	- 306.				" " "			42
Average " " " " "	- 481.				" " "			79
Delinquent postals sent	-----							482
Reserve postals sent	-----							77

Binding and Repair

Books sent to bindery	-----	194
Books repaired in library	-----	535

Classified Report

	<u>Book Account</u>				Total.
	Adult.	Child.	Branch.	Schools.	
General works	30	2			32
Religion	5	1			6
Sociology	38	5	2		45
Philology	1				1
Science	44	3	1		48
Useful arts	44	3	2		49
Fine arts	21	2	1		24
Literature	45	4	2		51
Travel	11	2	1		14
Biography	11	3			14
History	5	1	4		10
Fiction	76	29	18	1	124
Total	332	55	31	1	419
Rental coll.	17				17

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	<u>Classified Report</u>					Total.
	<u>Circulation</u>					
	Adult.	Child.	Branch.	Schools.	Stations.	
General works	21	5	1			27
Philosophy	73		3		1	77
Religion	127	9	13	36		185
Sociology	174	419	159	448	37	1237
Philology	4					4
Science	127	51	34	168	8	388
Useful arts	226	72	23	43	5	369
Fine arts	313	50	16	18	15	412
Literature	604	141	97	204	20	1066
Travel	166	116	30	233	17	562
Biography	128	44	38	88	3	301
History	160	81	44	174	9	468
Fiction	5644	2432	1405	1066	630	11177
Foreign bks.	18					18
Magazines	75	15	114		29	333
Rental coll.	255					255
Total	8115	3435	1977	2478	774	16779

Finance

Receipts:

Balance due from appropriation 30 Apr. 1925 ----- \$14,706.98

(Apr. fines, etc. included in Apr. report)

Total receipts ----- \$14,706.98

Expenditures:

Salaries ----- \$1,662.40
 Books ----- 464.45
 Periodicals ----- 1.40
 Binding ----- 270.06
 Supplies ----- 173.00
 Repaire & improvements - 850.58
 Light & heat ----- 103.16
 Furniture & fixtures --- 1,480.00
 Postage, freight & exp.- 12.38
 Interest ----- 157.77
 Insurance ----- 47.70
 Miscellaneous ----- 362.12

Total expenditures --- \$5,585.02

Balance due from appropriation 31 May 1925 --- \$9,121.96

Respectfully submitted,

Alice G. Evans.
 Librarian.