

Called Meeting of the Library Board.

Friday, May 13, 1927.

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

The meeting was called for the purpose of hearing the Librarian's fifty-second annual report for the year ending April 30, 1927. As the report for April was incorporated in the annual one, it was accepted without being read. The annual report was then read by the President of the Board, Mr. Hardy. On motion it was approved. The President's report was also read and signed by the members present. The two reports were to be sent to the Mayor and Commissioners.

The budget for 1927-1928 was presented by the President, with some comment as to balances and overdrafts from last year, and adopted as presented.

One of the large outlays of the coming year will be the overhauling of the heating system, according to recommendations made by E.P. McCune, of the Illinois Power and Light Corporation. It was suggested that he be asked to make specifications, and that several different firms bid on the work.

Mr. Scott reported on the progress of Senate bill #244, on increasing library tax from 1.8 to 2.5 mills. He was in Springfield when this was reported out of the committee. Our representatives had promised support.

The head janitor, Mr. Adams, asked permission to shoot the pigeons which are a nuisance around the front of the building. He was referred to the police department for a license.

Mr. Hardy extended the invitation of the Kiwanis club to the members of the Library Board and the Misses Dill and Wayne, to attend their luncheon, May 31, at the Orlando.

On motion adjourned.

Minnie A. Dill, Secretary.

Librarian's report for April, 1927.

	Book Account						Total
	Adult	Child	Evans Branch	E.End Branch	Hosp.	Schools	
Total vols 31 Mar. 1927	41975	7313	4064	1343	236	2648	57579
New books added by purchase	121	27	42	40			230
New books added by gift	8	0	3	23			34
Books replaced	60	17	7	0		2	86
Total add.(new & replaced)	189	44	52	63		2	350
Books transferred during year	2	2	39	4			47
Books found during year	39	2	3	3		3	50
Total added	230	48	94	70		5	411
Books missing in inventory	349	31	22				402
Books withdrawn by transfer	42	44	1				47
Total withdrawn	391	35	23				413
Total vols. 30 Apr. 1927	41814	7326	4135	1413	236	2653	57577

	Registration							Total
	Main Lib.		Evans Branch		E.End Branch			
	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child		
Cards in force 31 Mar. 1927	9820	3672	627	966	224	405	15714	
Borrowers registered	188	59	20	20	6	13	306	
Borrower's cards cancelled	179	66	11	16	0	0	272	
Cards in force 30 Apr. 1927	9829	3665	636	970	230	418	15748	

	Circulation										Total
	Main Lib.		Evans Bran.		E.End Bran.		Hosp.	Schools	Station		
	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child					
Books issued 12142	5089	1113	1615	908	1521	147	3335	942	26812		
Largest daily circ. at Main Lib.	1284	At Evans Br.		174	At E.End Br.				132		
Smallest " " " "	"	"	"	377	"	"	"	"	54		
Average " " " "	"	"	"	663	"	"	"	"	94		
Delinquent postals sent	-----									626	
Reserve postals sent	-----									194	

	Binding and Repair										
Books repaired in library	-----										735

Sunday Opening							
Visitors: Men----	67	Women----	51	Children----	3	Total-----	121

	Classified Report						Total
	Book Account						
	Adult	Child	Evans Branch	E.End Branch	Hosp.	Schools	
General works	14						14
Philosophy	3		1	1			5
Religion	1						11
Sociology	14	5	3	3		1	26
Philology	1						1
Science	5	3	2	2			12
Useful arts	19	3	5	3			30
Fine arts	12	1	1	2			16
Literature	16	2	2	2			22
History	18	3					21
Travel	7	6	6	4			23
Biography	11	2					13
Fiction	67	19	32	46		1	165
Foreign books	1						1
Total	189	44	52	63		2	350
Rental coll.	15						

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	Circulation							
	Adult	Child	Evans Branch	E.End Branch	Hosp. ls	Schools	Stations	
General works	27	8	4	1				40
Philosophy	179	3	1	5			12	200
Religion	147	26	11	8		79		271
Sociology	248	503	196	116	1	553		1617
Philology	15	3						18
Science	187	110	47	30	1	266	11	652
Useful arts	279	119	40	23		62		523
Fine arts	339	80	23	30	2	23	9	506
Literature	652	206	95	87	7	227	22	1296
History	248	105	76	31	4	330	5	799
Travel	261	167	66	56	2	102	26	680
Biography	272	90	51	26		257	11	707
Fiction	8875	3659	2040	11909	130	1436	846	18895
Magazines	100	100	78	107				295
Foreign books	37							37
Rental coll.	276							276
Total	12142	5089	2728	2429	147	3335	942	26812

Finance

Receipts:

Balance due from appropriation 31 Mar. 1927-----	\$ 6642.31
Fees for non-res. -----	15.00
Fines, damages & lost books-----	328.20
Rental coll. -----	27.80
Reserve post. cards -----	8.40
Interest -----	15.43
Total receipts -----	\$ 7037.74

Expenditures:

Salaries-----	\$1841.70
Janitor service-----	257.00
Books -----	481.51
Periodicals-----	8.95
Binding -----	141.09
Supplies -----	125.60
Repairs and improvements	8.02
Light -----	81.00
Heat -----	60.64
Rent -----	35.00
Telephone -----	12.20
Postage, freight etc. -	15.86
Miscellaneous -----	51.79
Total expenditures---	\$3120.36
Balance due from appropriation 30 Apr. 1927----	\$3917.38

Respectfully submitted,

Minnie A. Dill
Librarian.