

Regular Meeting of the Library Board

March 30, 1923.

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

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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

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

Mrs. Meridith reported concerning new shrubbery for the lawn and said that Mr. Torrence would order at once. Arrangements had also been made with Mr. Spencer to order four new pecan trees to take the place of the ones which died.

Cleaning and re-decorating of most of the rooms in the library was necessary, and bids for the work would be asked for later in the season. The leaks in the roof were mentioned and Mr. Swisher was to look after this matter before any decorating was done.

On motion two new vertical files were to be ordered from the Library Bureau. These would be placed in the reference room and the one now in use there would be taken to the Branch.

The A.L.A. annual conference was to be held at Hot Springs, April 23-28, and the Librarian would attend.

Mr. Hardy brought up the subject of enlarging the stacks at the Main library as the next important step to be taken. He thought that, in case we could save \$10,000 out of the appropriation in three years' time, we might then ask for a bond issue to cover the remainder of the expense.

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Mrs. Gastman asked concerning the purpose of the Home-Coming for books, which had recently been observed with but little success. Mr. Shade thought we should take some definite steps to get overdue books back, even if we had to resort to the law.

Bills to the amount of \$2,370.22 were approved by the Finance Committee and ordered paid.

On motion adjourned.

Alice G. Evans.
Secretary.

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Librarian's Report for February 1923

	<u>Book Account</u>				Total.
	Adult.	Child.	Branch.	School.	
Total vols. 31 Jan. 1923	36,582	5,986	2,423	2,042	47,033
New books added by purchase	73	18	7		98
New books added by gift	33	2	21		56
Magazines bound	1				1
Books replaced	64	64	18	11	157
Total additions	171	84	46	11	312
Books withdrawn	58	37	18		113
Total vols. 28 Feb. 1923	36,695	6,033	2,451	2,053	47,232

	<u>Registration</u>				Total.
	<u>Main Lib.</u>		<u>Branch</u>		
	Adult.	Child.	Adult.	Child.	
Cards in force 31 Jan. 1923	7,916	3,631	273	787	12,607
Borrowers registered	179	98	22	19	318
Borrower's cards cancelled	145	122	3	22	292
Cards in force 28 Feb. 1923	7,950	3,607	292	784	12,633

	<u>Circulation</u>				School.	Deposit.	Total.
	<u>Main Lib.</u>		<u>Branch</u>				
	Adult.	Child.	Adult.	Child.			
Books issued	9,402	3,660	1,138	1,468	2,916	684	19,268
Largest daily circulation at Main Library-	1,078.					At Branch-	202
Smallest " " " " "	-				337.	" "	37
Average " " " " "	-				568.	" "	113
Books used in reading and reference rooms	-----						1,538
Delinquent postals sent	-----						259
Reserve postals sent	-----						129

<u>Binding and Repair</u>		
Books sent to bindery	-----	103
Books repaired in library	-----	520

Sunday Opening
 Visitors: Men -- 97. Women -- 47. Children -- 20. Total -- 164

	<u>Classified Report</u>				Total.
	<u>Book Account</u>				
	Adult.	Child.	Branch.	School.	
General works	3				3
Philosophy	3				3
Religion	7		2		9
Sociology	10	16	6	3	35
Science	3	1		1	5
Useful arts	6		1	1	8
Fine arts	2	1			3
Literature	13	5	4	1	23
Travel	3			1	4
Biography	9	2	2		13
History	15	2	6	1	24
Fiction	94	57	25	3	179
Foreign bks.	3				3
Total	171	84	46	11	312
Rental coll.	6				6

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	<u>Classified Report</u>					Total.
	<u>Circulation</u>					
	Adult.	Child.	Branch.	School.	Stations.	
General works	9	5	20			34
Philosophy	107	2	3		1	113
Religion	147	24	14	62	5	252
Sociology	196	423	184	477	30	1310
Philology	7					7
Science	106	81	91	183	24	485
Useful arts	249	62	37	57	23	428
Fine arts	296	63	39	30	11	439
Literature	545	168	110	232	42	1097
Travel	133	175	44	271	27	650
Biography	186	94	23	68	11	382
History	177	146	60	231	24	638
Fiction	6846	2405	11878	1305	450	12884
Foreign bks.	21					21
Magazines	101	12	103		36	252
Rental coll.	276					276
Total	9402	3660	2606	2916	684	19268

Finance

Receipts:

Balance due from appropriation 31 Jan. 1923 -----	\$11,837.12
Fees for non-residents ---	14.00
Fines, damages & lost bks. ---	100.40
Rental coll. -----	16.40
Other sources -----	3.20

Total receipts ----- \$11,971.12

Expenditures:

Salaries -----	\$1,242.10
Books -----	303.98
Periodicals -----	13.75
Supplies -----	9.01
Repairs & improvements -	2.50
Light & heat -----	178.82
Furniture -----	12.65
Telephone -----	3.60
Postage, freight & exp.-	12.15
Miscellaneous -----	11.77

Total expenditures --- \$1,790.33

Balance due from appropriation 28 Feb. 1923 -- \$10,180.79

Respectfully submitted,

Alice G. Evans
Librarian.