

Regular Meeting of the Library Board

January 29, 1944

Present: Messrs Knuth, Imboden, Hanes and Mrs. Evans.  
Consent to pass the regular bills was given by Mrs. Buckner and Mrs. Garman.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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

Unfinished business: The salary of S. F. Hiser, head janitor, which was increased to \$125.00 per month by the three members present at the last meeting, was, on motion of Mr. Imboden and seconded by Mr. Hanes, approved by the Board.

It was mentioned that August Lischewski had been given the place of George Rogers, resigned, as second janitor at the salary of \$90.00 per month.

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

The subject of an increased tax rate levy to two mills on referendum vote was discussed. Letters were read from the librarians of Clinton and Paris and the State library. All of these favored a special election as the surest way of success for the passing of the measure. The P-T.A. which always cooperates with the library and knew of the plan for increased support for the library, asked for a letter regarding it. This was sent to Mrs. Reuben Judge, president of the Council and was read at the meeting, January 11, and endorsed with recommendation of a special election. Services of the Association to help before and during an election were offered.

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Mr. Knuth recommended that preliminary to presenting the matter to the Mayor and Commissioners a committee of the lawyer-husbands of our three women members,- Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Garman and Mrs. Buckner, be asked to pass on the legal phases of the election. On motion of Mrs. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hanes, Mr. Imboden was asked to contact these three men and get their consent.

Bills to amount of \$3085.38 were approved by the Finance committee and ordered paid.

On motion, adjourned.

*Minnie A. Dill*

Secretary.

Librarian's Report for December, 1943

Book Account

|                             | Adult | Juvenile | Total |
|-----------------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Total vols. 30 Nv. '43      | 62510 | 17185    | 79695 |
| New books added by purchase | 37    | 47       | 84    |
| New books added by gift     | 108   | 0        | 108   |
| Magazines bound             | 9     | 0        | 9     |
| Books replaced              | 28    | 5        | 33    |
| Total additions             | 182   | 52       | 234   |
| Total vols. 31 Dec '43      | 62692 | 17237    | 79929 |

Registration

|                           | Main lib. |       | Evans br. |       | Total |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|
|                           | Adult     | Child | Adult     | Child |       |
| Cards in force 30 Nv. '43 | 12233     | 3536  | 661       | 773   | 17203 |
| Borrowers registered      | 167       | 35    | 10        | 10    | 222   |
| Borrowers cards cancelled | 218       | 71    | 19        | 17    | 325   |
| Cards in force 31 Dec '43 | 12182     | 3500  | 652       | 766   | 17100 |

Circulation

|                                      | Main lib. |       | Evans br. |                 | Schools | Total |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|-----------------|---------|-------|
|                                      | Adult     | Child | Adult     | Child           |         |       |
| Books issued                         | 7730      | 2254  | 635       | 1013            | 3460    | 15092 |
| Largest daily circ. at Main library- |           |       | 633       | At Evans branch |         | 108   |
| Overdue notices sent                 | -----     |       |           |                 |         | 611   |
| Reserve postals sent                 | -----     |       |           |                 |         | 109   |
| Pictures loaned                      | -----     |       |           |                 |         | 472   |
| Telephone calls                      | -----     |       |           |                 |         | 493   |

Binding and Repair

|                           |       |     |
|---------------------------|-------|-----|
| Books repaired in library | ----- | 485 |
|---------------------------|-------|-----|

Classified Report

Book Account

|                       | Main lib. |       | Evans branch | E. End branch | Schools | Total |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------|--------------|---------------|---------|-------|
|                       | Adult     | Child |              |               |         |       |
| Total vols. 30 Nv '43 | 57922     | 9323  | 6875         | 2337          | 3238    | 79695 |
| New books added:      |           |       |              |               |         |       |
| General works         | 4         | 0     | 0            | 0             | 0       | 4     |
| Religion              | 2         | 0     | 0            | 0             | 0       | 2     |
| Sociology             | 15        | 2     | 2            | 0             | 0       | 19    |
| Science               | 1         | 2     | 1            | 0             | 0       | 4     |
| Useful arts           | 1         | 1     | 0            | 0             | 0       | 2     |
| Fine arts             | 3         | 1     | 0            | 0             | 0       | 4     |
| Literature            | 2         | 1     | 1            | 0             | 2       | 6     |
| History               | 2         | 0     | 1            | 0             | 0       | 3     |
| Travel                | 4         | 0     | 3            | 0             | 0       | 7     |
| Biography             | 2         | 1     | 3            | 0             | 0       | 6     |
| Fiction               | 132       | 10    | 32           | 0             | 3       | 177   |
| Total added           | 168       | 18    | 43           | 0             | 5       | 234   |
| Rent coll. 9          |           |       |              |               |         |       |
| Total vols. 31 De '43 | 58090     | 9341  | 6918         | 2337          | 3243    | 79929 |

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|               | Classified Report |       |              |         | Total |
|---------------|-------------------|-------|--------------|---------|-------|
|               | Circulation       |       |              | Schools |       |
|               | Main lib.         | Child | Evans branch |         |       |
| Adult         |                   |       |              |         |       |
| General works | 14                | 0     | 0            | 0       | 14    |
| Philosophy    | 126               | 1     | 0            | 0       | 127   |
| Religion      | 112               | 18    | 4            | 64      | 198   |
| Sociology     | 294               | 44    | 30           | 61      | 429   |
| Fairy tales   | 0                 | 81    | 32           | 184     | 297   |
| Language      | 18                | 0     | 0            | 0       | 18    |
| Science       | 138               | 52    | 33           | 143     | 366   |
| Useful arts   | 308               | 104   | 33           | 124     | 569   |
| Fine arts     | 236               | 38    | 24           | 24      | 322   |
| Literature    | 367               | 89    | 64           | 175     | 695   |
| History       | 436               | 39    | 51           | 203     | 729   |
| Travel        | 305               | 71    | 14           | 241     | 631   |
| Biography     | 360               | 38    | 35           | 159     | 592   |
| Fiction       | 4553              | 1643  | 1164         | 2082    | 9442  |
| Magazines     | 208               | 36    | 164          | 0       | 408   |
| Foreign books | 15                | 0     | 0            | 0       | 15    |
| Rent coll.    | 240               | 0     | 0            | 0       | 240   |
| Total         | 7730              | 2254  | 1648         | 3460    | 15092 |

Volumes used for reference in Main adult dept. ----- 793

Finance

RECEIPTS:

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Balance on hand 1 De'43----     | \$1271.48 |
| Fines, lost & damaged bks.-     | 174.28    |
| Non-resident fees -----         | 24.00     |
| Rent collection -----           | 12.00     |
| Reserve postals -----           | 2.06      |
| Refund on metal drum & postage- | 5.52      |
| Sale of old bks, mags & paper-  | 11.22     |
| Amount placed to account ---    | 2000.00   |

Total receipts ----- \$3500.56

DISBURSEMENTS:

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Salaries: (Includes tax) -- | \$1825.85 |
| Janitors service " --       | 235.00    |
| Books -----                 | 439.86    |
| Periodicals -----           | 29.60     |
| Binding -----               | 5.50      |
| Supplies -----              | 85.90     |
| Repairs & improvements ---- | 16.90     |
| Light -----                 | 10.07     |
| Heat -----                  | 92.10     |
| Furniture & equipment ----  | 12.50     |
| Telephone -----             | 15.25     |
| Postage, drayage, etc. ---- | .91       |
| Insurance -----             | 58.20     |
| Miscellaneous -----         | 19.16     |
| Total disbursements -----   | \$2846.80 |
| Bal. on hand 3 Jan'44 ----- | \$ 653.76 |

Respectfully submitted,

*Minnie A. Dill*  
 Librarian.