

Board of Trustees

June 24, 1947

The regular meeting of the Board was called to order at 4:00 o'clock.

Members present: Mr. Knuth presiding, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Garman, Mrs. Huff, Mrs. Loewen, Mr. Nalefski.

The Minutes of the April meeting and the Annual meeting were read and approved.

The bills were approved by the Finance committee and ordered paid.

The Librarian read a letter which she had sent to the Mayor expressing concern about the current budget which, according to Mr. Merris the City attorney, will be some \$2690.00 less than last year.

The matter of finances was thoroughly discussed, and it was agreed that we must be more articulate in expressing our needs both to the City government and the public.

The Librarian reported that Mr. Hiser, first janitor, and Betty VanHyning, clerk, were both leaving the Library July first.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Muriel E. Perry

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Secretary

Librarian's Report for
May, 1947

Financial Statement

Receipts:

Bal 1 May '47	\$10627 11
Fines, lost & dam bks	254 14
Non-resident fees	25.75
Rental collection	22.25
Other sources	2.64
	\$10931.89

Disbursements:

Staff salaries	2362 27
Janitor salaries	282 50
Books	1025.90
Periodicals	16 30
Microfilms	245.26
Supplies	280.14
Repairs	2.50
Light	6.56
Furniture	432.55
Telephone	29.06
Postage	9.68
Insurance	1316.83
Miscellaneous	44.32
	\$6053.87

Balance in checking account June 1, 1947 - - - - -\$4690 52

Circulation

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Juvenile</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1946</u>
Main Library	9633	3399	13032	11796
Evans Branch	751	1470	2221	1974
D. & M. C. Hospital	231	2	233	0
Schools	Not yet counted	0	0	2592
	10615	4871	15486	16362
			1947	1946
Largest daily circ. at Main - - -(Evans Br. 137) - - - - -			773	729
Overdue notices mailed - - - - -			583	652
Reserve postals mailed - - - - -			101	123
Pictures loaned - - - - -			372	562
Telephone calls - - - - -			545	530
Volumes used for reference - - - - -			885	530

Registration

	<u>Main Library</u>		<u>Evans Branch</u>		<u>1947</u>	<u>1946</u>
	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child</u>		
Borrowers 1 My '47	11137	3286	513	904	15840	15126
New borrowers	214	75	10	11	310	317
Cancelled	- 170	-70	-6	-11	-257	-271
Borrowers 31 My '47	11181	3291	517	904	15893	15172

Book Stock*

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Juvenile</u>	<u>Total</u>	
			<u>1947</u>	<u>1946</u>
Total vols May 1 1947	67602	18969	86571	84450
Books added	334	74	408	350
Books withdrawn	0	0	0	0
Total vols. May 31 '47	67936	19043	86979	84800

Binding and Mending

	<u>1947</u>	<u>1946</u>
Books mended in library - - - - -	1279	737

* The figures used for our bookstock on May 1, 1947 are taken from an actual count of shelf list holdings made by the Librarian. This accounts for the difference in the figure carried forward from last month.

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The American Association of University Women sponsored an exhibit in the upper hall of sculptures in wood by John Rood. The exhibit was of unusual interest and attracted numerous visitors. The Decatur Herald and Review gave us excellent copy on it.

A clinic on Family Guidance was held in the Northwest Study Room for two weeks under the auspices of the Council of Social Agencies in cooperation with civic and religious groups. Although not too many people took advantage of the browsing room, the Council felt that good groundwork had been laid for future activity in this field. Parents from the various Parent Teacher Associations voluntarily gave their time in supervising the Room.

The annual regional meeting held under the auspices of the Illinois State Library took place in Gilman May 16th. Decatur was represented by five staff members, Miss Baker, Miss Pollack, Miss Wurdell, Miss White and the Librarian.

Two groups of young people came for inspection tours of the Library - one from a rural school and one, a Girl Scout Troop. One local group held a meeting in the Library.

The Summit New Jersey Public Library requested twelve copies of our Annual Report. They are under-taking a re-organization program and they wanted knowledge of Decatur's activities.

The Annual report was typed and mimeographed by Miss White and Miss Bloomquist who worked under great pressure to finish it in time for the Annual Meeting. The Librarian wishes to express her appreciation for their fine spirit of cooperation.

On June first, Claire Wurdell, assistant Cataloger, resigned to accept a position with the St. Louis Public Library.

Mrs. Evans of our Trustees spoke for a group of the United Brethern Church on the subject "Partners in the Home."

The Librarian was present at two hearings in the Illinois State House for Bill 287, sponsored by the Illinois Library Association, which seeks to separate the State Library from the Office of the Secretary of State.

She was a guest at St. Theresa's Academy's Senior Class Play and also at the Decatur Day Nursery's Reception to City Officials and Social Agencies.

She spoke on the subject "The place of the Public Library in education" for the City Council on Education.

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