

Regular Meeting of the Library Board

June 26, 1931

Present: Messrs. Hardy, Shade, Allen, Bachman, Mrs. Vincent, and Mrs. Evans.

Minutes of the called meeting of May 12 to hear the annual report, were read and approved. There was no regular meeting in May, but the Finance committee met May 29 to pass the bills.

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

There was a discussion of the city's financial condition, and the library's finances in particular. It was stated that the library appropriation for 1931-32 in the city budget was \$39,000.00, - a reduction of \$1,000.00 from last year. This was the amount accepted by the president and chairman of the Finance committee of the Library Board, when in consultation with Commissioner Rugh.

Mr. Allen suggested a further reduction as a gesture on the part of the Board to <sup>encourage reduction of taxes</sup> ~~contribute a little more to the city.~~ Mrs. Evans made a motion that the \$39,000.00 specified in the budget be accepted. Four members voted in favor of the motion, Mr. Allen against, and Mr. Hardy did not vote.

On motion, a short list of new books recommended by the Book Committee was ordered purchased.

Miss Jane Hamand donor of the Lincoln Collection who was in Decatur for a week adding more items to the collection, was presented to the Board and said a few words.

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Bills to the amount of \$2,799.36 were approved by the Finance Committee and ordered paid.

On motion, adjourned.

*Minnie A. Dill*

Secretary.

Librarian's Report for May, 1931

Book Account

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Total vols. 30 April 1931	50573	14749	65322
New books added by purchase	275	116	391
New books added by gift	17	0	17
Magazines bound	3	0	3
Books replaced	32	31	63
Total additions	327	147	474
Books withdrawn	204	96	300
Total vols. 31 May 1931	50696	14800	65496

Registration

	<u>Main lib.</u>		<u>Evans br.</u>		<u>E.End br.</u>		Total
	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	
Cards in force 30 Apr. 1931	11186	3815	902	1306	620	1007	18836
Borrowers registered	181	65	9	14	8	11	288
Borrowers cards cancelled	150	42	10	8	5	6	221
Cards in force 31 May 1931	11217	3838	901	1312	623	1012	18903

Circulation

	<u>Main lib.</u>		<u>Evans br.</u>		<u>E.End br.</u>		Hosp.	Schools	Stations Oak. Cant. 372	Total
	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child				
Books issued	12686	4602	1895	1855	1319	1375	106	4239	429	28878
Largest daily circ. at Main Lib.-	1193				At Evans br.-		277	At E.End br.-		155
Smallest " " " " " "				422	" " " "		79	" " " "		49
Average " " " " " "				691	" " " "		150	" " " "		107
Delinquent postals sent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	612
Reserve postals sent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	189
Pictures loaned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	357

Binding & Repair

Books sent to bindery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	382
Books repaired in library	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1026

Classified Report

	<u>Book Account</u>							Total
	Adult	Child	Evans branch	E.End branch	Hosp.	Schools		
Total vols. 30 Apr. 1931	46236	8013	5230	2657	270	2916	65322	
New books added:								
General works	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	
Philosophy	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	
Religion	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	
Sociology	12	5	6	4	0	0	27	
Philology	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Science	7	9	2	2	0	0	20	
Useful arts	24	1	1	1	0	0	27	
Fine arts	17	5	4	3	0	0	29	
Literature	20	4	2	1	0	0	27	
History	7	2	0	1	0	0	10	
Travel	19	3	3	4	0	0	29	
Biography	14	1	4	3	0	0	22	
Fiction	134	33	53	39	0	10	269	
Total added	267	64	75	58	0	10	474	
Rental coll.- 17								
Books withdrawn	198	48	36	17	0	1	300	
Total vols. 31 May 1931	46305	8029	5269	2698	270	2925	65496	

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Classified Report

Circulation

	Adult	Child	Evans branch	E.End branch	Hosp.	Schools	Stations	Total
General works	50	1	2	0	0	0	0	53
Philosophy	242	0	2	2	0	0	0	246
Religion	191	25	9	15	0	71	0	311
Sociology	313	413	125	102	0	619	0	1572
Philology	12	0	1	1	0	0	0	14
Science	267	132	70	38	0	210	0	717
Useful arts	304	80	56	16	0	63	0	519
Fine arts	308	99	51	42	0	29	0	529
Literature	626	201	77	64	2	177	2	1149
History	211	65	36	38	0	328	4	682
Travel	382	144	64	54	0	349	3	996
Biography	378	57	38	50	1	156	0	680
Fiction	9052	3359	2999	2130	98	2237	792	20667
Magazines	127	26	203	142	5	0	0	503
Foreign books	20	0	17	0	0	0	0	37
Rental coll.	203	0	0	0	0	0	0	203
<b>Total</b>	<b>12686</b>	<b>4602</b>	<b>3750</b>	<b>2694</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>4239</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>28878</b>

Finance

Receipts:

Balance due <del>from appropriation</del> <sup>on hand</sup> 30 Apr. 1931	\$3,016.87
Fees from non-residents	7.00
Fines, damaged, lost books	129.85
Rental coll.	10.15
Reserve postals	3.00

Expenditures:

Salaries	\$1,844.65
Janitor service	235.00
Books	426.71
Periodicals	4.00
Binding	168.51
Supplies	128.35
Repairs & Improvements	65.00
Light	49.19
Heat	70.40
Furniture & Fixtures	20.40
Rent	35.00
Telephone	5.00
Postage, freight, express	6.16
Insurance	47.70
Miscellaneous	7.47
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>\$3,113.54</b>
Balance due from appropriation 31 May 1931	\$53.33

Total receipts ----- \$3,166.87

Respectfully submitted,

Minnie A. Till  
Librarian.