

Regular Meeting of the Library Board

March 25, 1926

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

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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

It was moved and seconded that Miss Dill be elected secretary of the Board.

James Adams who was offered the place of janitor had not given his decision. Mr. Scott was to tell him we must know by April 1.

Mr. Torrence had been consulted about the lawn. Grass seed has been sown and vigoro will be put on later.

No list of new book was presented as there were so many ordered and received for both the main library and branches and so many replacements to be ordered that no more could be handled. Recent purchases of new sets were displayed.

Miss Hazel Merry, who joined the staff as assistant cataloger, was presented to the Board.

Bills to the amount of \$3,821.03 were approved by the Finance Committee and ordered paid.

On motion, adjourned.

Minnie A. Dill
Secretary.

On Monday, Feb. 8, 1926, Mrs. Alice G. Evans, died in Los Angeles, California.

For 50 years she had been connected with the Decatur public library, first as assistant to her husband, Richard L. Evans, who had been made librarian upon the establishment of the library in 1876, and succeeding him in that position upon his death in 1881.

Of Mrs. Evans' services much has been said and written. Her work speaks for itself. She had been honored alike by her fellow citizens and by her professional associates. It was a matter of gratification to all that the end of a life so rich and useful should have been rounded out by a public recognition of her worth, and the granting to her of a year's holiday. The end came suddenly and with little suffering. Tributes to her have come from all parts of the country.

The board of trustees of the Decatur public library desire to memorialize their regard for Mrs. Evans as a librarian and a friend.

They esteem it a privilege to have worked with her. They recognize her great accomplishments, her high standards of service, her splendid leadership, her personal charm.

They desire that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes.

For the Board,

W. F. Hardy,

Mrs. F. W. Vincent,

Minnie A. Dill, Secy.

March 26, 1926.

Librarian's Report for February, 1926

Book Account

	Adult	Child	Evans Branch	E. End Branch	School	Hospital	Total
Total vols. 31 Jan. 1926	40,653	6,897	3,645		2,648	233	54,076
New books added by purchase	4			219			223
New books added by gift				58			58
Total additions	4			277			281
Books withdrawn	93	77	57				227
Total vols. 28 Feb. 1926	40,564	6,820	3,588	277	2,648	233	54,130

Registration

	<u>Main Lib.</u>		<u>Evans Branch</u>		<u>E. End Branch</u>		Total
	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	
Cards in force 31 Jan. 1926	9,189	3,742	584	962	27	80	14,584
Borrowers registered	269	83	18	27	17	44	458
Borrowers' cards cancelled	191	78	9	9			287
Cards in force 28 Feb. 1926	9,267	3,747	593	980	44	124	14,755

Circulation

	<u>Main Lib.</u>		<u>Evans Br.</u>		<u>E. End Br.</u>		School	Hospital	Total
	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child			
Books issued	10959	4557	1380	1581	489	828	3744	236	23,774
Largest daily circ. at Main Lib.	1365		At Evans Br.		227	At E. End Br.		117	
Smallest " " " "	" "		" "		62	" "		35	
Average " " " "	" "		" "		134	" "		59	
Delinquent postals sent	-----								380
Reserve postals sent	-----								174

Binding and Repair

Books repaired in library	-----	739
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Sunday Opening

Visitors: Men	--- 123	Women	--- 66	Children	--- 14	Total	--- 203
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Classified Report

Book Account

	Adult	East End Branch	Total
General works			
Philosophy			
Religion		2	2
Sociology		18	18
Philology			
Science		6	6
Useful arts		12	12
Fine arts		11	11
Literature		22	22
Travel	2	6	8
Biography		20	20
History		9	9
Fiction	2	171	173
Total	4	277	281
Rental coll.	5		

	<u>Classified Report</u>						Total
	<u>Circulation</u>						
	Adult	Child	Evans Branch	East End Branch	Schools	Hospital	
General works	4	8	11				23
Philosophy	107		4				111
Religion	102	21	19	7	88		237
Sociology	214	584	206	65	662	1	1732
Philology	13	3					16
Science	142	111	66	47	269		635
Useful arts	256	100	39	49	50	1	495
Fine arts	312	102	31	17	19	1	482
Literature	579	226	114	84	226	11	1240
Travel	204	143	59	48	344	4	802
Biography	244	98	35	37	123		537
History	260	123	75	55	293	1	807
Fiction	8208	3021	2229	907	1670	217	16252
Foreign books	27						27
Magazines	56	17	73	1			147
Rental coll.	231						231
Total	10959	4557	2961	1317	3744	236	23774

Finance

Receipts:

Balance due from appropriation 31 Jan. 1926	-----	\$18,790.47
Fees for non-residents	---	13.00
Fines, damages & lost bks.	---	139.82
Rental coll.	-----	13.00
Reserve post cards	-----	4.18
Total receipts	-----	\$18,960.47

Expenditures:

Salaries	-----	\$1855.00
Books	-----	472.94
Periodicals	-----	69.97
Binding	-----	1038.65
Supplies	-----	211.15
Light and heat	-----	250.45
Furniture & fixtures	-----	4.30
Postage, freight & express	-----	17.73
Telephone	-----	6.17
Rent- E. End Br. bldg.	-----	35.00
Insurance	-----	8.60
Miscellaneous	-----	71.09
Total expenditure	-----	\$4041.05
Balance due from appropriation 28 Feb. 1926	-----	\$14919.42

Respectfully submitted,

Minnie A. Dill

Librarian.