

Regular Meeting of the Library Board

February 21, 1929

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

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: Mr. Lorenz reported that he had seen Commissioner Earl Smith in regard to poor lighting when city lights are used and that Mr. Smith says that a high voltage wire will pass by the library before very long.

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

On motion, the change in the insurance made by the librarian, - taking out a \$500 policy on the East End branch library and \$1000 on the Evans branch library, was approved.

It was reported that Mr. Hardy and Miss Dill went to Springfield February 20 in the interests of the new library bill, and that this House bill, no. 105, was voted favorably out of the Committee. Resolutions were passed and signed by all members present to be sent to each of our representatives in the General Assembly urging their support of the bill.

Bills to the amount of \$2657.85 were approved by the Finance committee and ordered paid.

On motion, adjourned.

Minnie A. Dill

Secretary.

February 21, 1929

Librarian's Report for January, 1929

	<u>Book Account</u>					Hosp.	Schools	Total
	Adult	Child	Evans branch	E.End branch				
Total vols. 31 Dec. 1928	43964	7500	4661	1978	260	2896	61259	
New books added by purchase	78	17	2	2	0	0	99	
New books added by gift	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	
Magazines bound	131	1	4	5	0	0	141	
Books replaced	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	
Total additions	216	20	7	7	0	0	250	
Books withdrawn	93	41	15	4	0	2	155	
Total vols. 31 Jan. 1929	44087	7479	4653	1981	260	2894	61354	

	<u>Registration</u>						Total
	<u>Main lib.</u>		<u>Evans br.</u>		<u>E. End Br.</u>		
	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	
Cards in force 31 Dec. 1928	10317	3695	786	1162	434	807	17201
Borrowers registered	287	82	27	36	13	24	469
Borrowers cards cancelled	278	103	13	14	0	0	408
Cards in force 31 Jan. 1929	10326	3674	800	1184	447	831	17262

	<u>Circulation</u>										Total
	<u>Main Lib.</u>		<u>Evans Br.</u>		<u>E. End Br.</u>		Hosp.	School Stations			
	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child					
Books issued	14854	4728	1967	2810	1484	1759	243	4030	374	32249	
Largest daily circ. at Main Lib.	1546				At Evans br.	-284		At E. End br.	-	179	
Smallest " " " " " "				393	" " " "	113	" " " "			73	
Average " " " " " "				753	" " " "	183	" " " "			124	
Delinquent postals sent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	594	
Reserve postals sent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	197	
Pictures loaned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	244	

<u>Binding and Repair</u>		
Books sent to bindery	- - - - -	225
Books repaired in library	- - - - -	695

<u>Sunday Opening</u>			
Visitors: Men	--- 77	Women --- 39	Children --- 2
			Total- 118

	<u>Classified Report</u>				Total
	<u>Book Account</u>				
	Adult	Child	Evans branch	E. End branch	
General works	31	0	0	2	33
Philosophy	3	0	0	0	3
Religion	2	1	0	0	3
Sociology	27	1	0	0	28
Science	14	0	0	0	14
Useful arts	45	1	2	1	49
Fine arts	17	1	0	0	18
Literature	27	2	1	0	30
History	7	1	1	1	10
Travel	7	2	2	2	13
Biography	13	0	0	0	13
Fiction	23	11	1	1	36
Total	216	20	7	7	250
Rental coll.	0				

Classified Report
Circulation

	Adult	Child	Evans branch	E. End branch	Hosp.	Schools	Stations	Total
General works	36	1	4	7	0	0	0	48
Philosophy	172	3	2	0	0	0	0	177
Religion	110	19	27	7	0	82	0	245
Sociology	210	440	324	169	1	628	0	1772
Philology	19	0	0	4	0	0	0	23
Science	210	110	87	50	0	254	0	711
Useful arts	343	51	107	40	0	60	0	601
Fine arts	380	55	71	37	0	17	6	566
Literature	766	216	156	68	6	248	10	1470
History	287	86	131	32	0	334	1	871
Travel	355	176	102	66	1	465	27	1192
Biography	375	112	70	43	2	143	2	747
Fiction	11008	3411	3525	2533	208	1799	328	22812
Magazines	236	48	150	187	25	0	0	646
Foreign books	35	0	21	0	0	0	0	56
Rental coll.	312	0	0	0	0	0	0	312
Total	14854	4728	4777	3243	243	4030	374	32249

Finance

Receipts:

Balance due from appropriation 31 Dec. 1928 -----	\$14,461.43
Fees for non-residents -----	17.00
Fines, damages, lost bks. -----	151.74
Rental coll. -----	14.10
Reserve postals -----	2.16
Interest -----	8.45

Total receipts ----- \$14,654.88

Expenditures:

Salaries -----	\$1689.40
Janitor service -----	205.00
Books -----	390.04
Periodicals -----	30.00
Binding -----	353.69
Supplies -----	225.95
Repairs & improvements -----	166.97
Light -----	72.98
Heat -----	121.60
Furniture & fixtures -----	74.50
Rent -----	35.00
Telephone -----	12.20
Postage, freight, express -----	5.73
Miscellaneous -----	12.19
Total expenditure -----	\$3395.25
Balance due from appropriation 31 Jan. 1929 -----	11,259.63

Respectfully submitted,

Minnie A. Till

Librarian.

February 21, 1929.

Whereas, the present maximum tax that can be levied for library purposes is nine tenths of a mill, and

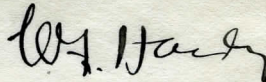
Whereas, the Decatur library is called upon to distribute annually 100,000 more books a year than when this tax went into effect, and

Whereas, needed extension work has had to be abandoned, and book purchases reduced and other stringent economies adopted, and

Whereas, there is now pending in the General assembly a bill, known as House Bill 105 to permit the library tax to be increased to one and five tenths mills,

Be it Resolved, that the Trustees of the Decatur Public Library declare themselves heartily in favor of the passage of this bill, and hereby urge their representatives in the Assembly to give it their support.

(Signed)



W. P. Shade
H. P. Bachman
Edgar H. Allen
R. Lorenz
Mrs. F. W. Vincent
Mrs. E. A. Gastman

Trustees of the Decatur Public Library