

Lawrence Free Public Library
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Lawrence, Kansas

To the Board of Directors of the Lawrence Free Public Library:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1925.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to report to you the constant progress of the work of our institution.

Our circulation of books for the year of, 96,600, shows an increase of 12,302 over the year previous, with an average daily circulation of 319. This increase has been steady in both departments and in all classes of books. The duplicate magazines have circulated 1,319 times.

The circulation statistics are as follows:

Adult fiction-----	58,264
" non-fiction-----	13,907
Juvenile fiction-----	15,681
" non-fiction-----	19,744
Total	<u>98,596</u>

This is the first year of our two-year period of registration. We have, since August 1, registered 3,389 patrons, of these 760 are juvenile readers.

Our book accessions show a slight increase. We have added to our collection 1,564 books. Of these 1,353 were by purchase and 211 by gift. We have withdrawn 853 books. We fell a little short in our number of purchases on account of our funds having to be used for improvements in the building. However, we have tried to extend the usefulness of our books through our system of repair. The librarians have mended 4,000 books. We have sent 332 volumes to the bindery to be re sewed and recovered. We have taken advantage of sales on used books and bought for a small sum very desirable titles. We have bought a number of books, both

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st hard and popular, in rescued and buckram bindings which eliminates the cost of rebinding. We have received the usual number of donations from our friends for which we are always grateful.

Book accessions for the year distributed by classes follow:

Adult bound periodicals-----	98
" fiction -----	722
" non-fiction-----	377
Reference-----	20
Total-----	1,217
Juvenile bound periodicals-----	4
" fiction-----	196
" non-fiction-----	147
Total ---	347
Grand total	1,564

The total number of accessions distributed by classes

is as follow:

Adult bound periodicals--	2,452
" reference-----	678
" non-fiction--	7,903
" German collection- -----	392
" fiction-----	5,139
Total	16,564
Juvenile bound periodicals-----	178
" reference-----	109
" non-fiction-----	2,073
" fiction-----	1,467
Total	3,827
Grand total	20,391

We have been able to make a few improvements in the building and grounds which have long been needed. We now have a large coal bin that will care for the winter's fuel, new concrete floors in the basement, a re-arrangement of storage stacks in the basement, and through the generosity of Mrs. Henley, we have a much better looking parking. I hope another year will bring the much desired lighting system, redecoration of our walls, additional catalog filing space, a display stack

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for new books and new typewriters,

Our work has been moving along quite smoothly, the work in the reference department, with the students, with the club women, and with the general reader has filled our hours completely leaving no time to drag on our hands, but it has all been enjoyable and I believe profitable. We are happy to note that the reading rooms during the evenings are well filled, not only with students but with older people who come to read the newspapers and magazines.

The juvenile department has been^{an} unusually busy place with its crowds of interested children. The Saturday story hour has been continued under Miss Perkins' direction. Book week was devoted largely to publicity work with the children, although we had one afternoon with the Parent-Teachers Association at the Junior High School. This meeting was well attended and, I believe appreciated.

The staff of workers remains the same with one exception. Miss Steele, who has been with us for some time, in charge of the evening work, left us and Miss Daum has taken her place. Miss Carter and Miss Perkins have given us their customary faithful service and with the assistance of our apprentice workers we have been able to carry the increased volume of our work with comparative ease. Our janitor, Jack Porter, has rounded out twenty years of service.

I wish to thank the Journal World for their generosity in giving us space for notices, book lists, and general publicity which has been an aid in extending our service.

I wish to thank you, this loyal board, for your support. Any success that may have attended our efforts the past year has been due to the ready response of the board of directors and the staff of workers. Thank you.

Lillian J. Constant