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at the Lawrence Free Public Library. Mr. William  
L. Brown, who had been in charge since 1931,  
was succeeded by Mr. Philip J. Brown, who had  
been in charge of the Lawrence Free Public  
Library since 1931.

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In 1955 there was a change of head librarians in the Lawrence Free Public Library; Mr. Donald Potter resigned as librarian June 18, to take the position of head librarian at Duluth, Minnesota; he was replaced July 9, by LeRoy Fox. Mrs. Helen Osma became assistant librarian effective May 1.

The circulation of books from the library reached an all time high. A 12% gain over the preceding year was attained. There were three days when over 1,000 books were charged in a twelve hour period, however for the most part the circulation increase was uniform and evidenced in a steady daily increase.

The growing interest in the Junior High and High School collection is especially marked. About 500 new books were added to that section. This was done when the increasing demand for material, both by parents and the children, reached a point where an extension of services was merited. This area in library service, young people's work, is one that deserves the constant attention of librarians, if the student is to continue to use the library after he leaves school.

Perhaps the most rewarding gain came in the Children's Department, where there was a 22% increase over the preceding year's volume of books circulated. This increase is probably caused by two things, first the population of our community is on the upswing and secondly the Children's Department was given the full time services of the children's librarian, who is no longer required to work a portion of her schedule in the adult area. The summer reading program was again carried out by the PTA and the library working jointly to promote library use by students during their summer vacation. Of the 2700 elementary students in Lawrence, 1,123 participated in the program. The success of this endeavor was due to the publicity it received in the homes, at school, and from the library. The parents and teachers endorsed and supported this plan and that had no small influence in the community. The work done in this department by the children's librarian and her assistants has been on a high professional level.

The library purchased 2,816 books or 284 more than the previous year, and the amount spent for books was \$257.54 less than in 1954.

Additional service space was added to the library by the remodeling of the storage room adjacent to the Children's Department. This area is now being used for Story Hours.

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is a pleasure to submit to you the fifty-first annual report for the year ending December 31, 1955.

The library has been open for reading and circulation of books 304 days, eleven hours each day, closing the usual legal holidays.

CIRCULATION

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Nonfiction lent	26,182	10,025	36,207
Fiction lent	49,997	55,125	105,122
Total	76,179	65,150	141,329

This circulation total represents an increase of 14,962 volumes lent over 1954.

*Jan - April 9,000*  
In addition to books, there were 4,294 phonograph records lent for home use.

REGISTRATION

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
December 31, 1954	4,604	2,008	6,612
Added	2,224	854	3,078
Withdrawn	2,040	778	2,818
December 31, 1955	4,788	2,084	6,872

BOOK STOCK

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
December 31, 1954	34,062	10,332	44,394
Purchased	1,692	1,124	2,816
Gifts	82	47	129
Total	35,836	11,503	47,339
Lost or withdrawn	1,416	600	2,016
Total	34,420	10,903	45,323

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

I have the honor to report the following receipts and disbursements for the year ending December 31, 1955.

MAINTENANCE FUND		
Balance		\$ 867.27
Receipts		32,495.00
Warrants	\$32,495.17	
Balance	<u>867.10</u>	
	\$33,362.27	<u>\$33,362.27</u>
DESK COLLECTIONS		
Balance		\$ 302.18
Receipts		1,660.74
Warrants	\$ 1,482.07	
Balance	<u>480.85</u>	
	\$ 1,962.92	<u>\$ 1,962.92</u>
L. H. PERKINS MEMORIAL FUND		
Balance		\$ 168.00
Receipts		25.00
Warrants	\$ 000.00	
Balance	<u>193.00</u>	
	\$ 193.00	<u>\$ 193.00</u>
VIRGINIA S. EDWARDS MEMORIAL FUND		
Balance		\$ 176.37
Receipts		25.00
Warrants	\$ 000.00	
Balance	<u>201.37</u>	
	\$ 201.37	<u>\$ 201.37</u>
GURDON GROVENOR MEMORIAL FUND		
Balance		\$ 199.45
Receipts		100.00
Warrants	\$ 46.92	
Balance	<u>252.53</u>	
	\$ 299.45	<u>\$ 299.45</u>
MAY MOORE MEMORIAL FUND		
Balance		\$ 55.10
Receipts		65.00
Warrants	\$ 4.97	
Balance	<u>115.13</u>	
	\$ 120.10	<u>\$ 120.10</u>
JANE WELCH MEMORIAL FUND		
Balance		\$ 112.50
Receipts		25.00
Warrants	\$ 000.00	
Balance	<u>137.50</u>	
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ALL FUNDS		
Balance		\$ 1,880.87
Receipts		34,395.74
Warrants	\$34,029.13	
Balance	<u>2,247.48</u>	
	\$36,276.61	<u>\$36,276.61</u>

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Treasurer