

Report of the Librarian.

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

I herewith submit the following report of the work of the Lawrence Free Public Library during its eighteenth fiscal year, ending December 31st, 1922.

The year just closed has been one of unusual activity. We have served more patrons than ever before. Our circulation the past year totaled 75,203, an increase of 11590 over 1921.

The credit for a goodly share of this increase should be given to our loyal and public spirited president, Mrs. Henly, who has so generously provided for the growing needs of this library by enlarging its capacity for service. The children of Lawrence have shown their appreciation of their new quarters, Mrs. Henley's gift, by taking home more books. Their circulation statistics show a gain of 3849 over the previous year.

In the adult department we notice a marked improvement in non-fiction reading, as the totals show an increase of 2281 over the year 1921. Duplicate magazines have circulated 1089 times.

The circulation statistics are as follows:

Adult fiction	42697
" non-fiction	11138
Juvenile fiction	13644
" Non-fiction	7724
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,203</b>
Average daily circulation	248

Comparative statistics for the two years are:

Adult fiction for	1922	42697
" non-f	1921	37237
Gain		5460
Adult non-fiction	1922	11138
" "	1921	8857
Gain		2281
Total gain in adult dept.		7741
Juvenile fiction	1922	13644
" "	1921	11618
Gain		2026
Juvenile non-fiction	1922	7724
" "	1921	5901
Gain		1823
Total gain in juv. dept.		3849
Total gain		11590



We have added to our collection 1224 books, 341 by gift.

The 1922 accessions distributed in the various classes are:

Adult bound periodicals	92
" fiction	364
" non-fiction	332
Reference	34
Juvenile bound periodicals	4
" fiction	217
" non-fiction	181
Total	1224

We have lost and withdrawn 3185. This takes into account books worn out, books lost, those missing on the shelves and those received from the basement last summer when we were remodeling.

The number of books in the library December 31, 1922 total 17707 and are distributed in the various classes as follows:

Adult bound periodicals	2148
Reference books	959
German collection	292
Adult non-fiction	6930
" fiction	4312
Total	14641
Juvenile bound periodicals	165
" non-fiction	1677
" fiction	1224
Total	3066

Total number of volumes in the library 17707

The new reference department which occupies the room formerly used by the children, makes our reference material easily accessible to the public, and the student, especially, has had free use of this room.

The librarians have given the usual talks to the students at the beginning of each semester. They came in classes accompanied by the instructor. In addition to the Senior High School students the Junior High School students have been included in these talks this year.

Children's Book Week was observed by the formal opening of the children's room. Also, by two after noon teas given for the mothers, at which time books for children were on display in the Director's room and informal talks given by interested patrons.



The story telling work has been continued under the direction of Miss Perkins, and has been established, we hope, as a permanent Saturday morning feature of our Children's department.

The 9th biennial registration opened August 1st, 1921. We now have 4243 registered patrons in the Adult Department and 1369 in the Juvenile, 5612 in all.

A number of gifts worthy of especial notice have been received. Mrs. Palmer's gift made possible many conveniences for the children. The Sir Galahad picture, and the book truck are two especially appreciated features.

Books have been given by the following patrons: Dr. Barrows, L. Russell, H. Lofgren, F. Pearson, Mrs. Preuzner, J.P. Flores, J.M. Gray, Mrs. Starck, Mrs. Bechtel, Miss M. Freery, F.H.S. Bailey, F. Brooks, J.F. Todd, Mr. Sauer, Mrs. C.C. Hanscomb, Mrs. Mason, G.H. Tucker, Mrs. Orr.

Various organizations continue to send us their official publications.

The personnel of our staff has changed during the year, and the work rearranged. Miss Carter continues to serve us in the same capacity and with her splendid efficiency. Mrs. Saunders resigned in April, her place being filled by Miss Perkins in the morning and Miss Steele in the evening. Mrs. McFarland left us August 1st, her work taken over by Miss Perkins assisted by Miss Houghton, who also assists in the Adult Department.

Our Janitor, John Porter, has given his usual faithful service, rounding out seventeen years of service with this library.

Thanks are due the Journal World for the generous space given us for notices, news items and book reviews.

The librarian wishes to take this opportunity to thank the Library Board for their generous cooperation. Through the exercise of your authority and judgment, and through the loyal support given by the staff members, we have been able to give this increased service which has reached out into more homes, and I trust, has had a little share in shaping the lives of our young people, paving the way for a useful citizenship.

Respectfully submitted.

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