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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

LAWRENCE FREE PUBLIC
LIBRARY

— FOR THE YEAR ENDING —

DECEMBER 31, 1905.

LAWRENCE, KANSAS.

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MONOTYPED BY THE GAZETTE,
Lawrence, Kansas.

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COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD.

Buildings and grounds.....	Mr. Grovenor, Mrs. Henley, A. J. Dicker
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Library.....	Mr. Bennett, Mr. Bumgardner, Mr. Dick
Administration.....	Mr. Cox, Mr. Bromelsick, Mr. Hall

The mayor is, ex-officio, a member of the board and of all committees.

LIBRARY STAFF.

Librarian.....	Mrs. Nellie G. Beatty
First Assistant Librarian.....	Miss Virginia Edwards
Second Assistant Librarian.....	Miss Claudia Pendleton
Custodian Public Documents.....	Dr. E. Bumgardner

Library hours: 10 a. m. to 9 p. m. (Except Sundays, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas).

Report of the Board of Directors.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEN OF THE
CITY OF LAWRENCE.

GENTLEMEN:

The Board of Directors of the Lawrence Free Public Library respectfully submits for your information their third annual report. At the date of our last report, one year ago, we had just opened the library to the public, in the new building, and everything connected with the library was in a chaotic condition. This report therefore, covers the first year's actual work of the library, and, in a general way, covers the entire work of the Board of Directors from its organization.

Friends of the library can find abundant cause for congratulation in its rapidly growing popularity and usefulness. We think that during its first year, the library has more than met the expectations of its most ardent friends and supporters. Free public libraries are fast becoming prominent factors in our educational system.

In some cities, the public library is under the supervision of the Board of Education, and becomes a very important part of the public school system. It is very desirable, therefore that the management of our library, and of the public schools, be brought into closer touch with each other, and we believe that it would be for the public good, and especially for the young people, that our schools should have at least one active representative on this Board of Directors.

As far as we have learned of the work of libraries in other places, we believe that we lead, in all essential matters pertaining to the actual work of a library. This is due, in a large measure, to the painstaking care and capable management of our very efficient librarian and her assistants.

The various members of the Board of Directors have devoted much time to the work and welfare of the library, and at least two of them are worthy of special mention: P. E. Emery, chairman of the Finance Committee, has been untiring in this work, and has accomplished very much

in the addition of books and furniture and things material to the interests of the library. Dr. E. Bumgardner has given much valuable time, and has performed a great work in classifying and arranging for ready reference the large number of Government and State Publications, and Reports, which were in a perfect jumble when he assumed the task. We have about 2500 volumes of these works, and many of them are of great value. They are now classified under fifty different heads, of from five to two hundred volumes each, comprising records of our various wars from the American Revolution down, and statistics of all departments of the Government. It is probable that very few people in Lawrence know that we have such a valuable collection of these works.

During the year we have had 913 books rebound, have purchased 443, and received 402 by gift from various persons; so that we now have 5,798 volumes in use, classified as follows:

Bound Periodicals.....	770
Fiction.....	1,539
Reference.....	238
Young People's.....	789
Miscellaneous.....	2,462

There are also about 400 books now in the bindery. We are also in receipt of a splendid gift of about 1,500 volumes from Mrs. Theo. Poehler, which are not yet placed upon the shelves for use. The librarian has issued 2,421 borrower's cards, and during the year there have been taken from the library for home reading 50,903 books. There were about 74,000 visitors to the library during the year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Our total receipts from all sources, for what we term the building fund, were \$27,632.10.

Out of this fund there has been expended for building, walks, grounds, furniture and fixtures, the sum of \$27,580.70, leaving a balance on hand of \$51.40.

We received cash donations for the purchase of books amounting to \$134.64, with which sum books have been purchased. The receipts from fines and duplicate pay books have been \$217.20, out of which there has been expended for books, cards, etc., \$137.65, leaving a balance on hand of \$79.55.

MAINTENANCE FUND.

The City Treasurer received from the tax levy of 1904, the sum of \$2,761.85 which was for the running expenses of the year 1905. Previous to 1905, we had incurred necessary expenses to the amount of \$765.00 which had to be paid out of that fund, when it became available. This was practically beginning our administration with a deficit in that sum. Our expenses for the year have been as follows:

Salaries of Librarian and Assistants.....	\$ 975.00
Janitor.....	385.00
Light and Heat.....	318.15
Binding Books.....	521.60
Books, Periodicals and Papers.....	200.00
Library Bureau Supplies.....	75.00
Miscellaneous.....	\$1,082.86

Total.....	\$3,557.61
Deficit.....	795.76

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. GRIGGS,
President.

Attest:
CLARENCE S. HALL,
Secretary.

January 2, 1906.

Report of Librarian.

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAWRENCE FREE
PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Herewith is respectfully submitted my report of the work of the Free Public Library during its first fiscal year ending December 31st, 1905.

REGISTRATION. The large number of patrons using the Free Library proves its popularity. As a subscription Library about 350 people purchased annual tickets, while perhaps another 50 purchased tickets for one, three or six months. The applications on file now number 2421, of which 702 were made by young people and 1719 by adults. A large portion of the cards issued are in constant use.

CIRCULATION. The number of books circulated during the year was 50,903, divided as follows: adult fiction, 28,991; young people's fiction, 18,427; miscellany, 3,485. The largest month was February, 4,974; the smallest month, October, 3,573. The largest day was February 25th, 333; the smallest day, Decoration Day, 44.

Our statistics show a very large per cent of fiction drawn, probably a much larger per cent than the majority of libraries show. For this we attribute the following causes: while this is a city of clubs, and therefore students, there are very few families who are not able to draw on the University Library through its student members for reference and miscellaneous books. These same families, as well as a large number of the student body, come to us for fiction solely.

Then too, we find it necessary for the good of the majority of high School students to withhold from circulation books which are constantly in demand for reference. This also diminishes our miscellaneous circulation statistics, but the work is done and the books are actually used. We are now keeping a record of books taken from the stacks and used in the reading rooms. During the month of December, 331 such books were drawn.

REFERENCE. As our reference room with its dictionaries, atlases, and encyclopedias, is open to the public at all times and its nearness to the delivery desk makes an attendant unnecessary, it is impossible to make an estimate of such books consulted. There is hardly an hour of the day when readers are not availing themselves of the help this room affords.

PERIODICALS. Our periodical list is very complete for a Library of this size. With our "Poole's Index to Periodicals," covering magazines to 1900, the "Cumulative Index, 1900-1904," and the "Reader's Guide," issued monthly, our bound periodicals are a strong factor in our reference work. Our periodical list is as follows:

MONTHLIES.

- *American Monthly (D. A. R).
 - Arena.
 - Atlantic.
 - Biblical World.
- †Birds and Nature.
- Bookman.
- Book News.
- Century.
- Cosmopolitan
- *Crusader Monthly (W. C. T. U).
- Eclectic
- Everybody's.
- Forum.
- Harper's Monthly.
- Ladies' Home Journal.
- Lippincott's.
- McClure's.
- *Missionary Review of the World (Missionary Societies).
- Munsey's.
- North American Review.
- Outing.
- Popular Mechanics.
- Records of the Past.
- Review of Reviews.
- St. Nicholas.
- Scribner's.
- Success.
- World's Work.

WEEKLIES.

- *Charities (J. D. Faxon).
- *Christian Endeavor World (C. E. Society Presbyterian Church).
- *Christian Register (American Unitarian Association).
 - Harper's Weekly.
 - Independent.
 - Literary Digest.

Outlook.
 Saturday Evening Post.
 Scientific American.
 †Scientific American Supplement.
 *Sunday School Times (G. Grovenor).
 Youth's Companion.

DAILIES.

Chicago Tribune.
 Kansas City Journal.
 Kansas City Star and Times.
 Louisville Courier Journal.
 St. Louis Globe Democrat.
 Topeka Capital.
 *Lawrence Gazette (Publisher).
 *Lawrence Journal (Publisher).
 *Lawrence World (Publisher).

*Gifts. †New subscriptions.

DUPLICATE PAY COLLECTION. This collection of duplicate copies of recent fiction is one of the most practical departments of the Library. No books are in this collection which are not found in the general Library and only the latest and most called for fiction is purchased for it.

These books are rented for five cents a week until they pay for themselves—which they readily do—and then are placed in the general collection.

This method of supplying fresh, clean fiction, promptly, is the best solution of the vexed Library question, how to supply the demand for recent fiction without drawing too heavily on the public funds. This plan was inaugurated by the St. Louis Public Library over twenty years ago, and is practiced today by a majority of Libraries throughout the country.

CATALOGING. The work of cataloging has progressed slowly though steadily, until stopped altogether by the preparation of the Poehler collection of fifteen hundred books for the Young People's reading room.

At the opening of the new Library December 26th, 1904, our card catalog consisted of a few cards made for biographical collections. January 1st, 1906, finds us with our fiction, both adult and young people's, cataloged to date, two cards,—author and title, for each book, a total of 4,676 cards which are alphabetically arranged in fiction drawers.

We have also a dictionary catalog of 2516 cards, representing the careful analysis of 608 miscellaneous books. While this is a small portion of the useful books on our shelves it is already of great assistance to the Library staff. As yet, no great effort has been made to call the attention of the public to its use because of its present limitations.

With the work ahead of us,—the preparation of the Poehler books

for the shelves, and the care of several hundred books which rebinding entails, it is doubtful if the work of cataloging can be resumed before the early summer.

GIFTS. The year has been a remarkable one in gifts received. At the opening of the Library, Mrs. C. W. Babcock presented a picture of Lawrence done in water colors. This sketch was made on the North College grounds, October, 1857. The stones for the foundation of the building in are in the foreground, and the old Congregational and Unitarian churches, long ago destroyed, are plainly seen. The Eldridge House is also shown, and many other landmarks will be readily recognized by old settlers. The picture hangs on the west wall of the reading room.

Dr. Edward Bumgardner made, with pen and ink, a copy in old English, of the quaint and appropriate quotation, "O for a booke and a shadie nooke," etc. This artistic little sketch hangs at the entrance to one of the alcoves. A beautiful book-plate for gift books is another of Dr. Bumgardner's designs and gifts.

The clock presented by Mrs. Sara T. D. Robinson has been a pleasure to all. It stands back of the delivery desk where it is visible from all parts of the library and is a constant reminder of the little woman who is ever ready to "lend a hand."

Mrs. A. Henley generously gave three handsome rugs for use in the Librarian's office and at the delivery desk.

Mr. J. R. Griggs has thoughtfully presented the Library with many useful articles.

To the Willard W. C. T. U. the Library is indebted for a fine portrait of Miss Frances E. Willard which hangs on the south wall of the reference room.

Mrs. Woodward's memorial to the late Mr. B. W. Woodward, the furnishings of the Directors' room, were gifts greatly appreciated. These consisted of a finely finished oak table, fourteen feet long, and thirteen leather seated oak chairs. A portrait of Mr. Woodward was also given.

Soon after the opening of the Library the demand for new books caused an examination of the Library bank account, with the result that as the coming Library expenses were untried quantities, a call was made to the public for subscriptions to a book fund. The Federation of Women's Clubs responded with \$40.00, and the following persons with sums varying from \$25.00 to 25 cents.

Mrs. A. Henley	*Howard Thompson	Carl Mettner
Roy Henley	†Lend-a-hand club	Donald Hutt
G. Grovenor	Watkins Bank	Jessie Iliff
J. R. Griggs	Josephine Mackey	John Emmett
W. G. Banker	Frank Benedict	E. D. O'Bryon

D. F. McFarland	Frank E. Banks	A. W. Russell
Edward Wiedemann	C. H. Tucker	Helen Houghton
Mrs. E. D. O'Bryon	E. F. Landis	James Houghton
Sadie Mossler	Mabel Dick	Uriah Barnes
Clara Clingman	W. P. Briggs	

*El Paso, Texas. †Unitarian Church.

Mr. G. Grovenor was the first to present books. A handsomely bound set of "Larned's History for Ready Reference," and the 1905, two volume edition of Rand McNally's atlas given by him are fine additions to our reference room.

The following lawyers presented the new edition of Encyclopaedia Britannica:

Messrs. George J. Barker, L. H. Perkins, A. C. Mitchell, J. H. Mitchell, W. B. Brownell, J. Q. A. Norton, S. D. Bishop, W. S. Metcalf, M. A. Gorrill, Thomas Harley, W. W. Nevison.

Mrs. Richard Cordley kindly gave us two copies of "Pioneer Days in Kansas," Dr. Cordley's last book, published only a short time before his death.

Other books have been donated at follows:

Dr. Edward Bumgardner.....	10 v. Miscellany
W. Bromelsick.....	2 Atlases
University of Chicago Publication.....	10 v. Essays and lectures
A. C. Griesa.....	1 City Directory
Mr. and Mrs. A. Whitman & Miss Brown.....	60 v. Fiction and Misc.
W. G. Banker.....	1 v. Fiction
George T. Clark.....	2 v. Miscellany
Mrs. R. Preuszner.....	9 v. Fiction and Misc.
Mrs. H. E. Don Carlos.....	12 v. Fiction and Misc.
Miss Beatrice Newlin.....	5 v. Fiction and Misc.
Mrs. A. J. Griffin.....	7 v. Fiction and Misc.
Miss Anna Cockins.....	2 v. Miscellany
Carl Mettner.....	30 v. Wilkie Collins complete
Dr. A. W. Clark.....	11 v. Fiction and Misc.
Dr. Edward Bartow, U. of Illinois.....	1 v. Hopkins Experimental Sc.
Walter Coffin, Cleveland, Ohio.....	30 v. for young people
Arthur Bradley.....	56 v. for young people
Mrs. G. C. Bradley.....	9 v. Miscellany
Mrs. E. Carroll.....	6 v. Fiction and Misc.
Mrs. J. H. Gillham.....	4 v. Miscellany
Samuel Riggs.....	1 Atlas
Mrs. H. C. Palmer.....	1 v. Fiction
Miss Grace Beecher, K. C.....	1 v. Fiction
Mrs. L. C. Wilson.....	16 v. Fiction and miscellany
American Unitarian Assn.....	16 v. on liberal religious thought

Anon.....	21 v. Fiction
Mrs. N. Webster, K. C.....	4 v. Bound magazines
Mrs. J. N. Roberts.....	34 v. Bound magazines
Mrs. F. H. Snow.....	5 v. Fiction
Mr. C. L. Edwards.....	Biographical Dictionary

These books are valuable additions to our shelves.

Mrs. W. H. Carruth gave 35 portraits of eminent writers of the present time.

To Mrs. George C. Bradley we are indebted for the following works of art: illustrations of the Centennial Exposition in 20 parts; illustrations of the White City in 12 parts; and a portfolio containing 175 reproductions of American art.

Our latest acquisition, the Poehler collection of 1000 books for young people and 500 books in the German language is a gift of which this Library is justly proud. The books are given by Mrs. Poehler as a memorial to Mr. Theodore Poehler, whose death was a personal loss to nearly every citizen of Lawrence.

The young peoples collection contains histories of different countries, folklore and fairy tales, biography and travel, nature books, books on manual training, histories of literature, collections of poetry, and books on many delightful subjects, besides many stories.

Owing to delays in getting supplies it may be the first of March before the books can be circulated. They will be placed on the shelves of the young people's room and issued from that room instead of from the main desk.

BOOKS. There have been added to the Library 843 volumes, 443 by purchase and 402 by gift. These, with 913 rebound volumes, make a total of 1756 books prepared for the shelves since January 1st, 1905.

BOOKS PURCHASED. As we have neither time nor money to prepare a printed book list, below are given titles of some of the most notable purchases of the year.

Art of Newspaper Making.....	Dana, C. A.
Librarian of the Sunday School.....	Foote
Mental Development in Child and Race.....	Baldwin
Social and Ethical Interpretations.....	Baldwin
Citizen in his Relations to the Industrial Situation.....	Potter
Mission and Modern History.....	Speer
Christian Missions and Social Progress.....	Dennis
Myths of Greece and Rome.....	Gruerber
American Traits.....	Munsterberg
Social Settlement.....	Henderson
Burden of the City.....	Horton
American City.....	Wilcox
Tight for the City.....	Hodder

American Industrial Problem.....	Dawson
Municipal Government in Continental Europe.....	Shaw
Battle with the Slums.....	Riis
Evolution of the Constitution.....	Kasson
Art of Teaching.....	White
Negro, the Southern Problem.....	Page
Tuskegee and its People.....	Washington
Briefs on Public Questions.....	Ringwalt
Modern Scientific Chemistry.....	Lassar-Cohn
Introduction to Zoology.....	Davenport
Human Body.....	Martin
Home Mechanics for Amateurs.....	Hopkins
Text Book of Nursing.....	Shaw
Life Worth Living.....	Dixon
History of Music.....	Hunt
What is Good Music.....	Henderson
National Music in America.....	Elson
History of Sculpture.....	Marquand
Art for Art's Sake.....	VanDyke, J. C.
The Fine Arts.....	Brown
How to Judge a Picture.....	VanDyke, J. C.
History of Painting.....	VanDyke, J. C.
History of Art.....	Goodyear
Cranford, a Play.....	Merington
History of American Literature.....	Pancoast
Literary History of America.....	Wendell
Amateur Spirit.....	Perry
English Literature from the Beginning.....	Brooke
Shakespeare's works, Rolfe's ed. 40 v.	
Moliere's Dramatic Works, 3 v.	
Beowulf.....	
Poems every Child Should Know.....	Tinker tr.
American Songs and Lyrics.....	Bur's ed.
Lyrics of the Hearthside.....	Knox's ed.
Tar-baby and other Rhymes.....	Dunbar
Rhymes of Childhood.....	Harris
Farm Rhymes.....	Riley
Music and other Poems.....	Riley
Man with the Hoe.....	VanDyke, H.
Captain Myles Standish.....	Markham
Rossetti.....	Jenks
Who's who in America.....	Benson
Pitarch's Lives, 5 v.....	Leonard ed.
Roosevelt's complete Works, 14 v.....	Clough tr.
History of the 19th Century year by year.....	
Explorations in Bible Lands.....	Emerson
Outre Mer.....	Hilprect
	Longfellow

Things Japanese.....	Chamberlain
Young Japan.....	Scherer
New Era in the Philippines.....	Brown
Introduction to the Study of the Middle Ages.....	Emerton
Medieval Europe.....	Emerton
Europe in the Middle Ages.....	Thacher & Schwill
History of the Middle Ages.....	Duruy
Colonization of Africa.....	Johnston
Old Regime in Canada.....	Parkman
LaSalle and the Discovery of the Great West.....	Parkman
History of the U. S. (Story of Nations ser) 2 v.....	Sparks
History of the United States.....	Fiske
Romance of Discovery.....	Griffis
Civil War and the Constitution.....	Burgess
Reconstruction and the Constitution.....	Burgess
America's Foreign Policy.....	Woolsey
Making of the Nation.....	Walker
History of Plymouth Colony.....	Bradford
Destiny of Man.....	Fiske
Life Everlasting.....	Fiske
American Political Ideas.....	Fiske
Beginnings of New England.....	Fiske
Century of Science.....	Fiske
Civil Government in the United States.....	Fiske
Discovery of America.....	Fiske
Dutch and Quaker Colonies in America.....	Fiske
Excursions of an Evolutionist.....	Fiske
New France and New England.....	Fiske
Mississippi Valley in the Civil War.....	Fiske
Myths and Myth Makers.....	Fiske
Old Virginia and her Neighbors.....	Fiske
War of Independence.....	Fiske
Edward Livingstone Youmans.....	Fiske

The above works of John Fiske, together with those previously in the Library, give us Fiske's complete works with the exception of his Cosmic Philosophy."

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REBINDING. The statistics of rebinding will be found in the President's report. But no account has been kept of books repaired. Every effort is made to prolong the life of a book and at least 200 have been mended each month, from the pasting in of pictures or loose leaves with gummed tape, to actual rebinding with strong tarlatan for back and hinges. This work takes on an average, ten hours each week.

STAFF. Miss Virginia Edwards, as first assistant, has stood shoulder to shoulder with the librarian, and only for her untiring efforts and unflagging interest could the work have been accomplished.

With plans for the opening of the young people's room the need of another assistant was apparent. In October Miss Claudia Pendleton commenced an apprenticeship and at the December meeting of your body she received the appointment of second assistant. Her duties will probably place her with the young people's books and she will undoubtedly qualify for that work.

In closing my report I wish to express to you my deep appreciation of your unfailing kindness and your cordial support in all matters pertaining to the Library administration.

NELLIE G. BEATTY,
Librarian.

A library is a true fairyland, a very palace of delight, and haven of repose from the storms and troubles of the world. Rich and poor can enjoy it equally, for here, at least, wealth gives no advantage. You can transport yourself without delay and without expense to any part of the globe, or even in a region of the skies. You can call up the greatest men of the past or the present of this or any other country. * * * No country can boast a brighter, purer, and nobler literature, richer than our commerce, more powerful than our armies, the true pride and glory of our country. To this literature in every town, where a free library is erected, the very poorest citizen has access.—Sir John Lubbock.