

# Lawrence Free Public Library

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Lawrence, Kansas

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

It is my pleasure to submit to you the thirty-seventh annual report for the year ending December 31, 1941.

Our library has been open for reading and circulation of books 305 days from 10 A. M. to 9 P. M. We have closed the usual holidays with the exception of Washington's birthday which came on Saturday, our busy day.

## Circulation

Books have circulated	105,724 times
Adult fiction	65,298 - 62%
Adult non-fiction	17,066 - 16%
Juvenile books	23,360 - 22%

## Circulation by classes

General works	1582
Philosophy	624
Religion	709
Social sciences	1267
Philology	110
Science	511
Useful arts	1928
Fine arts	2013
Literature	2465
History	1388
Biography	2882
Travel	1587

The period of loan is 14 days for the majority of books. New fiction is issued for 7 days, current periodicals and a few books much in demand go out for 3 days.

## Registration

We closed a four year registration period with 10,229 borrowers.

Adult	7994	Juvenile	2235
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During the year 1459 new cards were issued, 1184 in the adult department and 275 in the juvenile.

We are changing our method of registration adopting a rotating system covering a period of three years. Approximately one third of our patrons cards will expire and new cards be issued January 1, 1942.

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Book Stock

Number of volumes at beginning of the year:

Adult department	25,587
Juvenile department	6,763

Accessions during the year

Adult	1,336
Juvenile	736
Total	2,072

Of these 431 were gifts.  
We have withdrawn

Adult	186
Juvenile	132
Total	318
Total number of volumes at end of year	34,104
Net gain	1,754
Newspapers received	10
Periodicals	109

The telephone service we have been giving our patrons has been a time saver to the librarian and the card holder.

Our series of book reviews is a new service that has been appreciated. The attendance has been good and we have been asked to continue.

We have the following to thank for these delightful reviews, Mrs. Boyce, Mrs. Barr, Mr. Barr, Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Six and Mr. King.

Miss Alice Rohe spoke one evening on her experiences as a journalist.

Mrs. Owens collection of buttons and charm strings started an epidemic of button collecting. Our three button books are most popular.

The library cooperated with the Parent Teachers Association in observing Book Week.

We feel that this has been a profitable year and we are ready to undertake anything asked of a public library whether it is collecting books for soldiers or doing some other defense work. We hope to do our part in keeping up the morale of the community by giving adequate reading service.

In behalf of the staff I thank the board for its ever loyal cooperation.

*Lillian J. Constant*