

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

LAWRENCE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

==== FOR THE YEAR ENDING ====

DECEMBER 31, 1907

LAWRENCE, KANSAS

MONOTYPED BY THE GAZETTE CO.
Lawrence, Kansas.

LIBRARY BOARD.

President.	J. R. Griggs..	.....	term expires	February 1, 1911
Vice Pres't	F. H. Smithmeyer	.....	term expires	February 1, 1911
Treasurer	Wm. Bromelsick	term expires	February 1, 1910
Secretary	Clarence S. Hall	term expires	February 1, 1912
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	J. D. Bowersock	term expires	February 1, 1909
	Mrs. A. Henley	term expires	February 1, 1909
	E. Bumgardner	.....	term expires	February 1, 1910
	Harry Dick	.....	term expires	February 1, 1910
	A. J. Dicker	.....	term expires	February 1, 1911
	P. E. Emery	.....	term expires	February 1, 1912
	G. Grovenor	.....	term expires	February 1, 1912

COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD.

Building and grounds	.....	Mrs. Henley, Mr. Smithmeyer, Mr. Grovenor
Finance	.....	Mr. Emery, Mr. Dicker, Mr. Griggs
Library	.....	Mr. Bennett, Mr. Bumgardner, Mr. Dick
Administration	.....	Mr. Bowersock, Mr. Hall, Mr. Bromelsick

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 May Stevenson
Custodian Public Documents	.....	Dr. E. Bumgardner

Library hours: 10 a. m. to 9 p. m. (Except Sundays, New Year's Day, Decoration Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.)

Report of the Board of Directors.

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

GENTLEMEN:

We submit for your information our fifth annual report of the trust you placed in our hands.

The library is in an excellent condition in every particular, the arrangement and care of the library proper being second to none of its size and class. The building and grounds are in good condition, and are well cared for by a very capable janitor.

In the matter of finances, we are, for the first time since the library was opened to the public, nearly out of debt, having made a gain during the past year of about six hundred dollars.

In August we received a bequest from the late L. H. Perkins, of \$1,000.00, which has been by the advice and consent of Mrs. L. H. Perkins and her sons, set aside as a permanent endowment fund, the income from which is to be used in the purchase of historical works, as requested by Mr. Perkins.

This fund is now loaned, and secured by first mortgage on good farm lands, and bears 6% interest, payable semi-annually.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Maintenance fund from tax levy of 1906.....	\$3 291.90
Credit with Poehler Mercantile Company.....	9.29
Total.....	<u>3 301.19</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries of librarian and assistants.....	\$1 160.00
Janitor.....	435.00
Binding.....	427.95
Books purchased.....	100.00
Periodicals, two years.....	212.15
Electric lighting.....	68.52
Miscellaneous.....	289.46
Deficit January 1907.....	756.41
	<u>3 449.49</u>
Deficit January 1908.....	148.30

BOOK STATEMENT.

Total volumes, January 1907.....	8 094
Added by purchase and gift.....	405
	8 499
Total.....	8 499
Discarded.....	83
	8 416
On hand.....	8 416
Net gain.....	322

BOOKS CIRCULATED.

Fiction.....	27 796
Miscellaneous.....	13 547
	41 343
Total taken out of library.....	41 343
Used in reference rooms.....	4 842

BOOK FUND FROM FINES AND COLLECTIONS.

On hand January 1907.....	\$ 10.18
Collected at the desk.....	270.20
	280.38
Total.....	280.38
Paid for books.....	114.67
	165.71
Balance on hand.....	165.71

Respectfully submitted.

J. R. GRIGGS,
President.

Attest:

CLARENCE S. HALL,
Secretary.

January 15, 1908.

Treasurer's Report.

Lawrence, Kansas, February 1, 1908.

To THE HONORABLE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAWRENCE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

I have the honor to report the following collections and disbursements, of the several funds, for the year ending December 31, 1907:

DUPLICATE PAY COLLECTION FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand last report	\$ 10.18
February 11, Received from Librarian	28.44
March 7, Received from Librarian	17.62
April 8, Received from Librarian	20.10
May 17, Received from Librarian	28.58
June 4, Received from Librarian	27.72
July 3, Received from Librarian	19.08
August 7, Received from Librarian	21.35
September 4, Received from Librarian	12.54
October 4, Received from Librarian	27.03
November 5, Received from Librarian	21.68
December 5, Received from Librarian	20.80
January 8, Received from Librarian	25.26
Total	280.38

DISBURSEMENTS.

January 4, Paid A. C. McClurg & Co	\$ 77.15
August 7, Paid A. C. McClurg & Co	31.83
October 4, Paid A. C. McClurg & Co	4.56
October 4, Paid A. H. Clarke	1.13
Balance	165.71
Total	280.38

POEHLER MEMORIAL FUND.

January 5, Received Cash	\$ 50.00
March 6, Paid Nellie G. Beatty for Palmer Co.	2.00
June 5, Paid McClurg & Co	45.77
Balance	2.23
Total	50.00

PERKINS MEMORIAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

July 30, Received Check.....	\$1 000.00
September 9, Received from Sale of Bond.....	1 000.00
September 9, Received Accrued Interest.....	3.25
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Total.....	2 003.25

EXPENDITURES.

August 16, Bought Bond.....	\$1 000.00
September 9, Bought Mortgage.....	1 000.00
Balance.....	3.25
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Total.....	2 003.25

CITY FEDERATION FUND.

Received Cash.....	\$	25.00
June 5, Paid A. C. McClurg & Co.....	\$21.81	
October 7, Paid A. C. McClurg & Co.....	3 19	
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Total.....	25.00	25.00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. BROMELSICK,
Treasurer.

Report of the 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 third fiscal year, ending December 31st, 1907.

The Library shows small gains for the year 1907. The reason for this is lack of funds, owing to the large deficit of the two preceding years. The President's report shows this deficit nearly covered and we hope the ensuing year will prove a notable one in the number and value of accessions to our miscellaneous department.

The total gain for the year was 322 vols., 164 of which were added by gift and the balance, 158, by purchase. Of these accessions, 193 were miscellany and 129 fiction.

Mrs. T. H. Chalkley presented a fine portrait of Tennyson as a memorial to her father, the late Dr. C. G. Howland. It was purchased by Mr. Chalkley while in London especially for the Library. The portrait is a rare one and is a valuable acquisition.

Mr. G. Grovenor, at the urgent solicitation of the Board of Directors, presented them with a portrait of himself, taken at the time he was Mayor of Lawrence. Mr. Grovenor was the first President of the Board and the gift is greatly appreciated.

The Teutonia club gave \$8.00 to help in maintaining the German department.

Mr. C. J. Eriksen and Mr. J. W. Robertson each gave an oak stand for electric fans, and Mr. Griggs and Mr. Bromelsick donated the rent of two fans during the summer.

Mr. Harry Dick's receipted bills for dusters and brushes are always appreciated.

The Kempton pictures of Longfellow's Hiawatha were purchased from the Poehler Memorial Fund for the young peoples room. These are fine photographs illustrating the poem as played by the Ojibway Indians at Deberats, Ontario. They have recently been mounted in a large picture album and are a source of much profit and pleasure to the children.

The three sets of stereoscopic travels purchased during the summer have proven a very attractive feature of the young peoples room.

The total accessions to the Library are 8499; books worn out and discarded 83; making the number of books now the shelves 8416, which are classified as follows;

Bound Periodicals.....	894
Unbound Periodicals.....	38
Adult Fiction.....	2150
Miscellaneous Department.....	2871
Reference Works.....	293
German Collection.....	374
Young People's Collection.....	1796
Total.....	8416

The following are the statistics of circulation:

Adult Fiction.....	27796
Miscellany.....	3365
Young Peoples Collection.....	9776
German Collection.....	406
Total.....	41343

There were 4842 books used as reference in the reading rooms. This record is kept to show the amount of reference work which is necessarily done in the Library. Owing to our limited number of books, we are obliged to withhold from circulation, a large number for use in the reading rooms by the High School students, that more may in this way be accommodated. This, of course, lowers our record of miscellaneous books circulated. Were we better equipped so that these books might always be taken out, our miscellaneous statistics would be more than doubled.

There have been 709 books rebound, 70 volumes of current periodicals bound and over 1000 books repaired.

The number of application cards filed from the opening of the Library December 26th, 1904, to July 1st, 1907, was 3406. A new registration was necessitated at this time by the fact that many borrowers and guarantors had removed from the city, and a large number of juvenile borrowers had reached the age for adult cards. The total registration since July 1st is 1703.

During the summer and fall, the cataloging was pushed as rapidly as possible and October 1st found the Library cataloged up to date.

A list of donors of books, and of newspapers and periodicals currently received is attached.

Respectfully Submitted,
 NELLIE G. BEATTY,
 Librarian.

LIST OF DONORS.

Poehler Memorial Fund.....	59 v.	Young peoples books.
G. Grovenor.....	21 "	Cambridge Bible.
		Wanting from Christmas Gift of 1906.
Mrs. R. B. Preuszner.....	12 "	Miscellany
Mrs. H. E. DonCarlos.....	1 "	First Steps in Theosophy.
Anonymous.....	1 "	Raymond's Oratorical Manual
Federation fund.....	17 "	Miscellany.
Mrs. O. T. Brown.....	1 "	Fiction.
Mrs. S. T. D. Robinson.....	3 "	Miscellany.
Christian Scientists.....	2 "	Eddy's Science and Health.
Primary Teachers S. S. Union.....	1 "	Harrison's Study of Child Nature.
Mrs. A. Henley.....	10 "	Self Culture for Young People.
Miss Beecher.....	2 "	Miscellany
Carl Mettner.....	3 "	Fiction
Mrs. J. H. Blythe (Leavenworth).....	7 "	Bound Scribners.
Beatrice Newlin.....	1 "	Fiction..
Mrs. Hill P. Wilson.....	10 "	Miscellany

C. S. Gleed, (Topeka).....	1	"	Thos. E. Dewey's Poetry in Song and other Essays.
G. Grovenor.....	3	"	Fallow's Bible Encyclopaedia, (Christmas gift for 1907).
G. Grovenor.....	3	"	Bound Harpers.
Thomas (Publisher).....	1	"	Register of Am. Manufacturers.
Ethel Louise Cox (Author).....	1	"	Poems.
Max Ehrman.....	1	"	Poems
C. C. Grafton.....	1	"	Christian and Catholic.
Vernon L. Kellogg.....	1	"	Darwinism Today.
H. G. Sheldon.....	1	"	Notes on the Nicaragua Canal.

LISTS OF PERIODICALS AND NEWSPAPERS CURRENTLY RECEIVED.

*Gifts.

Forum.

*American Monthly

Arena.

Atlantic.

Biblical World.

Bookman.

Book News.

Century.

*Christian Science Journal.

Cosmopolitan.

*Crusader Monthly.

Eclectic.

Everybody's.

*Graduate Magazine.

Harper.

Harvard Theological Review

Journal of Political Economy

Ladies Home Journal.

Charities.

*Christian Register.

*Commoner.

Harpers Weekly.

*Interior.

Literary Digest.

Outlook.

Scientific American.

*Springfield Republican.

*Western Christian Advocate.

QUARTERLY.

*Theosophical Quarterly.

MONTHLY.

Lippincott.

McClure.

*Missionary Review.

*Missionary Tidings.

Munsey.

North American Review

Outing.

Pacific Monthly.

Popular Mechanics.

Popular Science.

Review of Reviews.

St. Nicholas.

Scribner.

*Service

Success.

*Union Signal

World's Work.

WEEKLY.

*Christian Endeavor World.

*Christian Science Sentinel.

Epworth Herald.

Independent.

Journal of Education.

*Northwestern Agriculturist.

Saturday Evening Post.

Scientific American Supplement.

Sunday School Times.

Youths Companion.

DAILY.

Chicago Tribune.
Kansas City Journal.
Kansas City Times.
*Lawrence Daily Journal.
*Lawrence Germania.

Courier Journal.
Kansas City Star.
*Lawrence Daily Gazette.
*Lawrence Daily World.
St. Louis Globe Democrat.
Topeka Capital.

Report on Public Documents.

This department has now on the shelves a total of 2250 volumes, a net increase of about 250 volumes during the year. The largest increase was in Kansas State documents and most of these came from Secretary Geo. W. Martin of the State Historical Society. The heirs of the late C. W. Smith also presented a number of volumes containing material on the history of Kansas. We have now a complete set to date of the State Historical Society Collections and many other documents which deal with the development of the state. Our state alcove is now of considerable importance, and it was a compliment to our collection that a writer for a Kansas City newspaper on at least one occasion came to us for material for an historical article.

The number of government documents has not increased much during the year. We no longer receive large consignments from Washington of documents without reference to their value to Lawrence people. The government has at last adopted a system by which requisition is made by depositories for the documents wanted and no others are sent. This will prevent the accumulation of so much material that is not suited to local needs.

I still feel that the people of Lawrence should be encouraged to make more use of our public documents when studying the subjects which are here so well covered.

EDWARD BUMGARDNER,
Custodian.

Feb. 4, 1908,

A book is a friend; a good book is a good friend. It will talk to you when you want it to talk, and it will keep still when you want it to keep still—and there are not many friends who know enough to do that. A library is a collection of friends.

LYMAN ABBOTT.