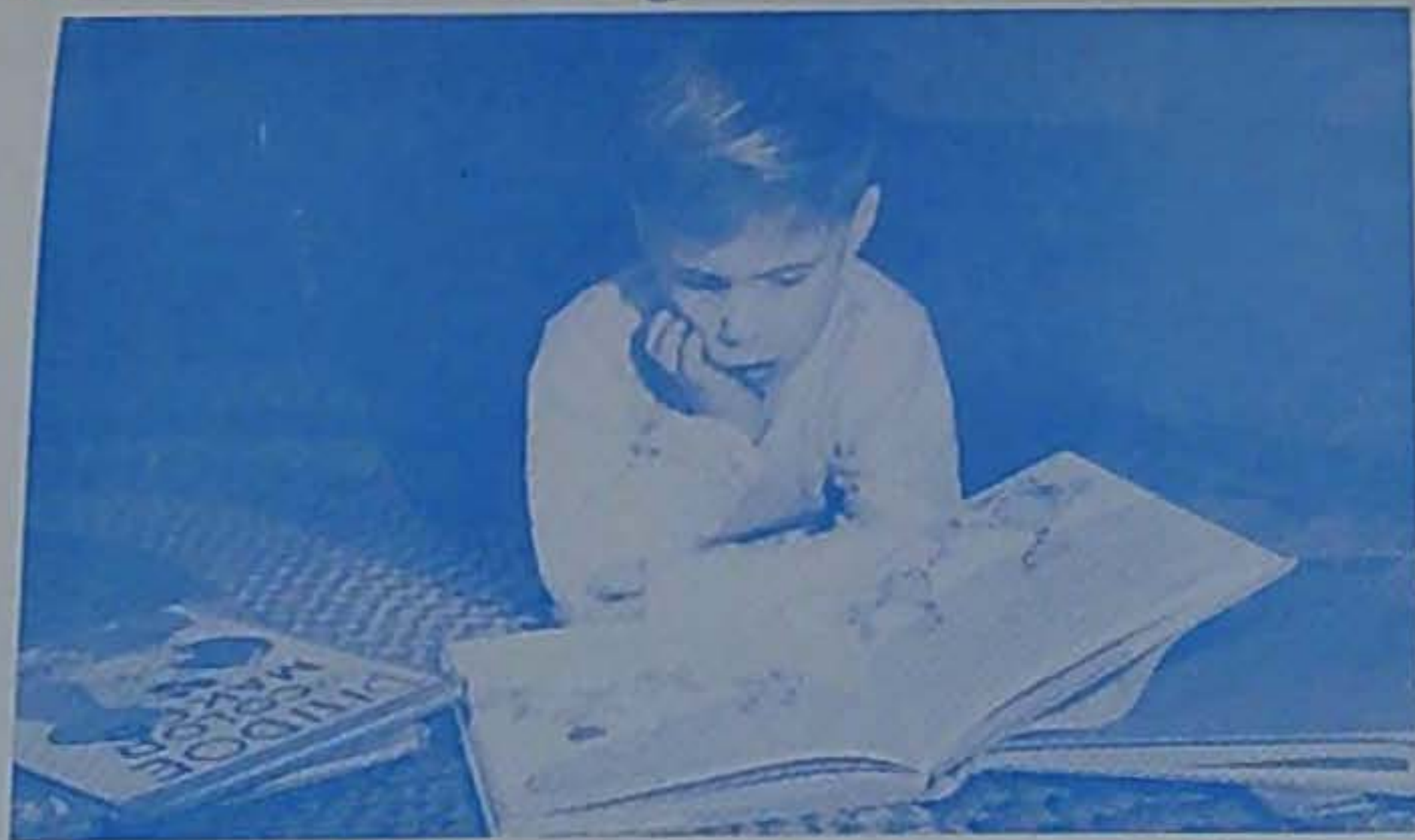


*Portrait of a Non-reading 'Reader' Who Likes Books*

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PRINTED WORDS DON'T MEAN MUCH TO HIM RIGHT NOW. BUT BOOKS DO. One of these days he will be ready to learn what the words mean. When that time comes, he will WANT to learn—and that's half the battle. Make books as easy for him to reach as your TV set.

**SERVICE IS THE KEY WORD** to describe the Library's accomplishments for 1965. Among the new services offered were: a professionally manned Reference Desk, book delivery services to those unable to come to the Library & a pilot project to provide book and library consultant service to small libraries in Douglas, Jefferson & Atchison Counties. In addition, rapid interlibrary loan service is now available by means of a hook-up with a 7-library teletype service in Kansas.

**EVERY THINK OF YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARIAN** as the Answer Man? Providing answers is one of your public library's major services to the public. In 1965, the importance of this function was formally recognized with the addition of a separate Reference Desk on the main floor. Trained personnel are scheduled at this desk to help you find what you need. Because of limited staff, the desk is not manned full-time as yet, but a trained Librarian is on duty during the busiest hours. The job of the person at this desk is to help you find books you need, provide reading suggestions & help you find answers—all kinds of answers from the thousands of reference books & indexes owned by the Library. Come in or phone your requests in. You will be pleasantly surprised at the wealth of information your Library has to offer you.

**A SAMPLE OF QUESTIONS ASKED IN 1965.**

- \* Who is U.S. Marshall for Kansas?
- \* Who was Dietrich Bonhoeffer?
- \* Find recent articles on Peace Corps
- \* Address of Assn. Of Consulting Chemists & Chemical Engineers.
- \* County Chairmen of local Democratic & Republican parties.
- \* Local School District Number (#60)
- \* Most American war dead (Civil War)
- \* Author of quotation, "No Man is An Island." (John Donne, 17th century Clergyman & poet.)
- \* Origins of term, 'Iron Curtain.'
- \* Name of the Mayor of Stratford-Upon-Avon.
- \* Longest sermon on record (48 hours 18 minutes)



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**Service At The New Reference Desk**

**FROM A BOOK CIRCULATION** of 141,000 in 1955, library use has grown to over 300,000 last year. In view of this large volume of book loans, the library changed to a more efficient charge-out system in April of last year. In view of the necessity of discontinuing telephone renewals under the new system, the loan period was increased from two to three weeks, reducing the need for renewing books. By saving staff time with the new system, our people have consequently been able to use more of their time for more direct help to our patrons. Resultant saving in time has made possible the new reference service, increased interlibrary loans for patrons, home service to shut-ins and increased attention to building up the pamphlet and newspaper clipping file.

**THE CHINESE WORD FOR 'CRISIS' IS MADE OUT OF TWO CHARACTERS; ONE IS "DANGER," THE OTHER IS "OPPORTUNITY."**

Justice Wm. O. Douglas



**Lawrence Public Library Goes To The Sidewalk Bazaar**

**WHAT HAPPENS IF THE LIBRARY** doesn't have the book you need? Or if the library has it but it is checked out? Either way, we can now get the book for you (excepting best sellers) in just a few days. Lawrence now makes use of an interlibrary loan service called Kansas Informational Circuit. KIC is a network of 6 main public libraries in Kansas whose collections total over one million volumes. By means of a teletype system between these libraries, requests for reserve books or interlibrary loans can be filled in just a few days, in over 85% of the requests. Lawrence public library began using this circuit in

October 1965, and by the end of the year was requesting book loans for its patrons at the rate of about 45 books EACH WEEK. That means we are borrowing books from other sources for our patrons totaling over 2,300 each year. Books come in from Wichita, Kansas City, Johnson County, Salina, Hutchinson, Topeka. If you place books on reserve, it will be the RULE rather than the exception to find you have brought home a book from one of these places. The success of this program seems to be in the fact that our reserve list is growing due to the speed at which books can now be obtained for our patrons.

**ONE CLIMBS 18 STEPS** to get to the main floor of the public library. For those unable to do so, a home delivery service was begun last year. By surveying reader interest of those unable to come to the library, the Adult Librarian has prepared a suggested reading list from which patrons may pick books of their choice for home delivery. Books are delivered twice a month to 25 people in Lawrence. A volunteer is currently delivering and picking up the materials. Anyone, who because of age or physical infirmities is unable to come to the library, is eligible to participate in the program. Call the Adult Librarian at VI 3-3833.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

- \* In addition to 57,000 books LPL has over 25,000 magazines and adds over 3,000 each year. Most are indexed.
- \* More than 15,000 book loans were made to teachers in Lawrence schools last year for classroom use
- \* the library is open 63 hours a week for your use
- \* almost \$400,000 in federal library funds was available in 1965 for new public library buildings in Kansas.
- \* a self-operated photocopier is available at the library
- \* reviews of encyclopedias and dictionaries are available at the library to help you choose the right one for your needs. Call or come in.

**Book Delivery To Baldwin Public Library**



**A MAJOR STEP FORWARD** for public library service in Kansas was taken in 1965 by passage of the Library Systems Law, Kansas House Bill 621. Under the law, a library may join a larger library system while maintaining its local autonomy. The system will serve to provide services to the local library which are too specialized or costly for one library to operate. This would include professional consultant services, cooperative film and rotating book collections to supplement a member library's permanent book collections. Financing of the system would be from taxes on areas not now taxed for library service, in addition to state aid to library systems. A step toward a possible library system in the Douglas County area was taken by Lawrence Public Library late in 1965. Lawrence contracted with the State library to provide rotating books and professional consultant services to Baldwin, Oskaloosa, Meriden, Valley Falls, Effingham and Nortonville. This pilot project is scheduled to run through June 30, 1966.

**THE CHILDREN'S DEPT.** again conducted a successful year in its summer reading program and pre-school story hours. A total of 1,998 children signed up for the summer reading program. Of these, 1,529 completed the required reading and became eligible for a reading certificate or seal. Stories for pre-schoolers continued to be popular with a total attendance of 952 children for the 23 story hour sessions during 1965. A highlight was the visit of a 300 lb. Galapagos turtle from the Topeka Zoo. Attendance reached 175 for this program.

To replace the old bookmobile, a smaller delivery-type truck was purchased in Early 1965. The truck holds about 1,000 books and is used for playground visits during the summer as well as service to other libraries throughout the year.

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### THE NEED FOR NEW LIBRARY

facilities becomes more apparent each year. The Library Board late in 1965 requested the State library to survey the building needs of the LPL and make recommendations. Results of the survey are expected in early 1966. New library buildings are available or being built in Johnson County, Salina, Topeka, Wichita, Hutchinson, Kansas City. In addition, 15 second class cities and nine third class are now developing plans for new libraries. It is estimated Lawrence now needs over 20,000 sq. ft. to adequately serve the current population and will need 37,500 to serve Lawrence in 1985. It now has slightly over 10,000 sq. ft.

#### SPAN OF SERVICE FOR 1965

Lawrence population (est. 1965)	41,000
registered borrowers	15,072
increase in borrowers for 1965	531
total book loans	301,344
magazine & pamphlet loans	8,938
phonograph records borrowed	15,581
children's books loaned	162,258
adult books loaned	139,086
total loans of all materials	325,863
book collection	57,229
net increase in book stock over 1964	1,587



### LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### BUDGET SUMMARY

Salaries & wages	\$51,609.37
Books, records & periodicals	17,547.05
Building maintenance & supplies	6,767.38
Binding & library supplies	3,195.70
Utilities & insurance	3,379.58
Retirement & Social Security	2,993.31
Bookmobile & other operating expenses	1,990.94
Total expenditures for 1965	\$87,483.33

The Library is supported mainly by a two mill tax as authorized by the State Statutes. In addition, income is received from charges on overdue books, gifts and income from five memorial funds whose principal is \$9,025.00.

Persons desiring to establish a library memorial or trust fund, or to provide for a library bequest, are invited to consult the Head Librarian or a member of the Library Board.