

Lawrence Free Public Library

LILLIAN J. CONSTANT, LIBRARIAN

Lawrence, Kansas

Jan. 22, 1943.

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

It is my pleasure to submit to you the thirty eighth annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1942.

Our library has been open for reading and circulation of books 305 days closing the usual holidays.

Circulation

Books have circulated 94,196 times.

Adult fiction	55395-59%
Adult non-fiction	13949-15%
Juvenile books	24852-26%

Circulation by classes

General works	1365
Philosophy	316
Religion	471
Social sciences	1068
Philology	68
Science	420
Useful arts	1765
Fine arts	1444
Literature	1886
History	1327
Biography	2608
Travel	1330

The period of loan is 14 days for the majority of books. For a few fiction it is 7 days and for current periodicals and a few books in demand it is 3 days.

Registration.

We closed the first year of our new 3 year registration period with 8450 borrowers; Adult 7177, Juvenile 1273. During the year we issued 3576 cards. Adult 2303, Juvenile 1273. 126 of these are rural residents.

Book Stock.

Number of volumes at beginning of year:

Adult department	26,737
Juvenile "	7,367

Number added during year;

Adult department	1,092
Juvenile "	445

1547

Number withdrawn;

Adult department	206
Juvenile "	144

Total number volumes at end of year:

Adult department	27,623
Juvenile "	7,668
Total	35,291

Net gain 1,187

Newspapers received	9
Periodicals "	120

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Our book reviews have continued with increased interest.

The following have entertained us with their excellent reviews, Mr. Barr, Mrs. Barr, Mr. Hankins, Mrs. Hankins, Mrs. Calderwood, Mrs. Gagliardo and Mrs. Owen.

The childrens department cooperated with the Parent Teacher's Association in their program for vacation reading. 165 certificates were awarded to children who participated in this program. 2700 books were read by them. The department's circulation was increased 49.1% during the 3 summer months.

Book week was observed with a contest for children in the grades from the 4th through the 8th. 187 pupils competed, the award going to the Junior High School.

3242 books were collected, boxed and sent to the camps for our soldiers, sailors and marines.

The Sunflower Ordnance Works has brought many new patrons to the library but has made no increase in the circulation. Everyone is too busy to do much reading. Many who formally read four books a week now have difficulty in finishing one. War books and murder mysteries hold first place in popularity.

We feel that even though the war has created unusual situations we have had a profitable year. We have not only collected books for the soldiers but have been generous in our service to the transient population brought in by the Sunflower Ordnance Works.

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

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