

Lawrence Free Public Library

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Lawrence, Kansas

To the Board of Directors of the Lawrence Free Public Library.
Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is my pleasure to submit to you the forty-first annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1945.

The library has been open for reading and for circulation of books 302 days, eleven hours each day, closing on the usual legal holidays.

Circulation Statistics

Books circulated	83,645 times
Adult fiction	44,292
Adult non-fiction	13,442
Juvenile fiction	13,206
Juvenile non-fiction	12,705

This service has been given at a cost of .10 per book circulated. Each man, woman and child in the city reading an average of 5.1 books each.

Registration Statistics.

Total number of registered borrowers:

Adult	Juvenile	Total
4899	1186	6085

Borrowers registered or ^{re}registered during the year:

Adult	Juvenile	Total
1925	1186	3111

Number of non-residents included in the above 157.

Three years is the length of the registration period.

Book Stock Statistics

Number of volumes at the beginning of the year:

Adult	Juvenile	Total
28503	7889	36,392

Number of volumes added during the year

979	208	1,187
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Number of volumes withdrawn during the year

127	164	285
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Total number at end of year

29361	7933	37,294
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Number of volumes received as gifts, included above 187

Number of volumes lost or missing 1 reference, 61 non-fiction.

Inventory of non-fiction and reference was taken in June.

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Children's Library

The children's library with its separate entrance on Vermont street has a collection of approximately 8000 well selected books. There is also a Modern Youth Collection in the main library which serves as a link between the departments.

The usual summer reading program was carried on with increased interest as shown through book circulation.

An outstanding service of this department the past year has been our cooperation with KFKU in their series of broadcasts sponsored by the Division of Dental Hygiene of the Kansas State Board of Health and the American Medical Association.

This program consists of a dramatization of a classic serving as a key book. Inserted in each broadcast is a message dealing with dental and health problems, at the same time developing an interest in good literature. In connection with the key book is a correlated list of books to be found in our library. Noting the calls at the desk for these books we realize the value of these programs.

Other services of the Library.

Transient service: a deposit system provides a simple way for visitors to our city to use the library.

Rural patrons: a fee of \$1.00 provided library service to a resident of the county who is not a city tax payer. A card is given to rural residents who are employed in the city.

University faculty members; a courtesy card is issued to those living outside the city.

Book reviews have continued with increased interest. The following friends have assisted with these programs; Mr. Snodgrass, Mr. Weatherbee, Mr. and Mrs. Hankins, Mr. and Mrs. Barr, Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Pearson.

Your librarian takes this opportunity to thank this board of directors for their hearty support, the staff for their splendid cooperation and the press for their notices, keeping the library before the public.

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