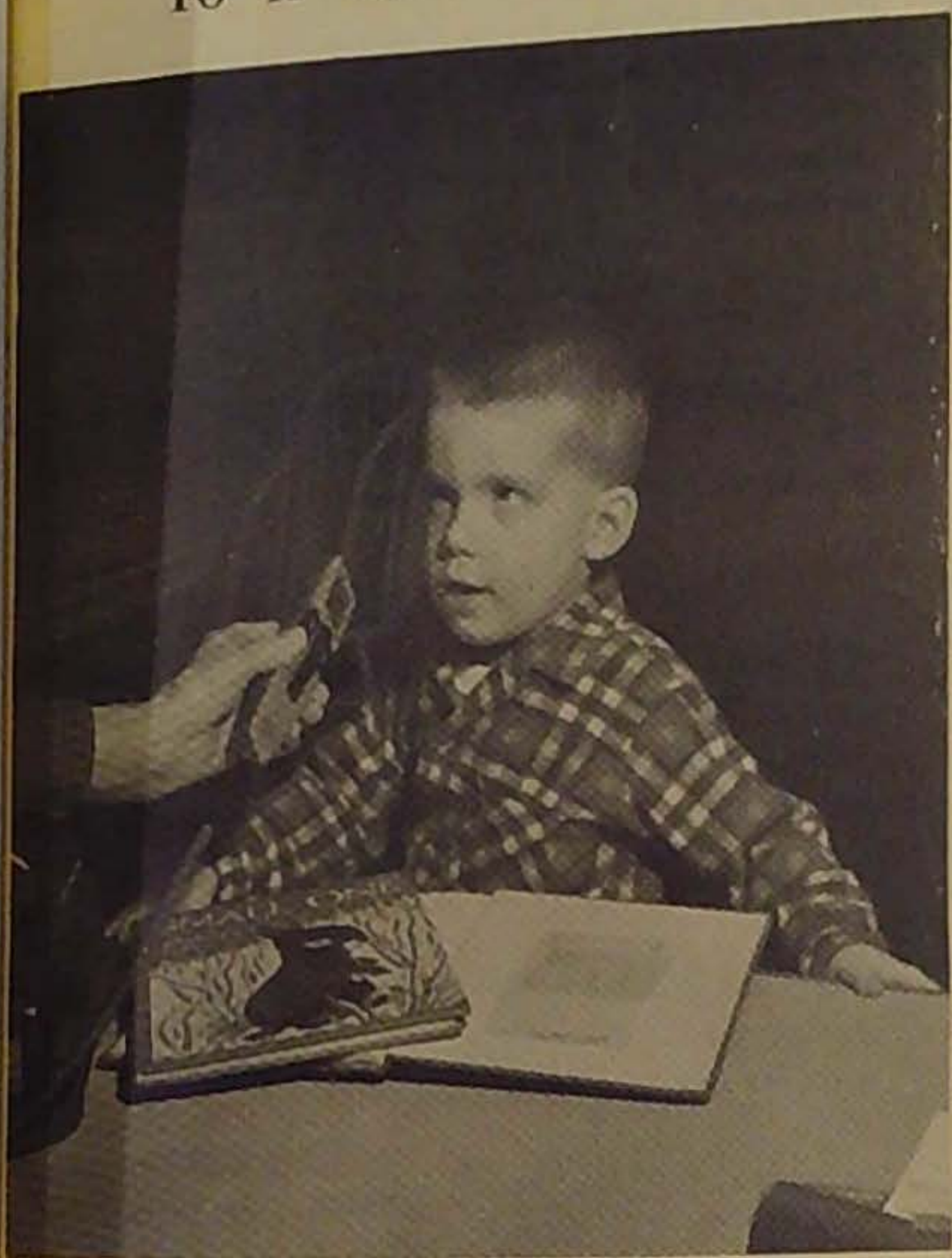


SOME THINGS
CAN BE PRETTY IMPORTANT
TO A LITTLE GUY...



like checking out his
own Library Books.

1963 Annual Report

LAWRENCE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Wayne Mayo, Librarian
Lawrence, Kansas

YOU AND THOUSANDS OF OTHERS in Lawrence used the services of your public library more than ever before. Here is a resume of your library activities this past year.

YOU WERE ONE of the 13,781 borrowers who were registered with the library. This represents an increase of 1,613 over 1962. Of our borrowers, 9,211 were adults and 4,363 were children. 207 of our borrowers were non-residents and paid a fee of \$5.00 for a year's family membership.

THE LIBRARY LOANED MORE BOOKS TO YOU than ever before. The total number of books loaned was 281,156, an increase of 20,949 over the preceding year.

RECORDS WERE ALSO FAVORITES of yours. LP records loaned included jazz, folk, classic, spoken, children's and Broadway plays. In all, 14,434 were checked out, almost 13 per cent more than in 1962.

THE CHANGING EMPHASIS in secondary school assignments was illustrated quite graphically by the 48 per cent rise in magazine circulation. Research assignments are replacing text book assignments and periodical loans reflect this trend.

ALL TOLD, YOU AND YOUR 13,780 fellow library users in Lawrence borrowed a total of 304,990 books, records and magazines from us last year. That's 25,674 more than the year before.

If I see further than others it is because I stand on the shoulders of giants.

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1963 AT A GLANCE

Lawrence population (est)	38,083
Registered borrowers (up 13%)	13,781
Children's book loans (up 4.1%)	154,544
Adult book loans (up 13.3%)	126,612
Periodicals loaned (up 48%)	9,400
Records loaned (up 12.9%)	14,434
Total circulation of books, magazines and records (up 9.2%)	304,990
Book stock (52,715 in 1962)	55,260

SOME PATRONS ARE UNFAMILIAR with our gift and memorial books. Last year 117 books were purchased from gift funds and added to the collection. Many of these were given in memory of a loved one. In addition, numerous books were purchased from the interest received on 5 perpetual trust funds left to the library. Anyone interested in providing a memorial book or library trust fund is invited to consult the Librarian or any Library Board Member.

A NEW AND POPULAR SERVICE ADDED IN 1963



was the inclusion of 500 paperback books housed in a special wire browsing rack. In the 3 months of 1963 they were available, almost 1,900 paperbacks were lent.

A SUGGESTION BOX is available in the Adult Dept. for your convenience. Several requests were acted upon last year. A sign of the times was the suggestion that we purchase "More Tom Swift & Hardy Boy Adventures for science and detective-minded boys like me."

SOME CHANGES IN 1963

Over 90 library items were reproduced for patrons through our new photocopy service. Requests came from students, genealogists, business people, etc.

Through the efforts of the Library Board, a library organization manual was adopted in July. It outlines aims, objectives and personnel policies of the Board. Copies went to officials and organizations in the city.

THE LIBRARY INTENDS to follow up unpaid library fines periodically. 150 letters were sent last year requesting that these be cleared up. Over half have responded. We feel that this is the fair thing to do in respect to the many who pay fines for overdue books when they are returned.

NEW DUE DATES became effective Dec. 5. Now all books are due on a Thursday, regardless of when they went out. This system has been used in the Children's Dept. for several years. Reaction has been favorable and it has been of much help in consolidating the routine desk procedures and thus providing more staff time to help you with your book needs.

IT'S A FACT

The Library takes over 130 magazines and newspapers (plus 60 gift magazines).

2,030 children participated in the Summer Reading Program last year.

7.4 books per capita went out to city residents in 1963. The national average for public libraries in cities over 35,000 is 4.05 per capita.



Many of the 1500 LP records are now grouped together by subject for more convenient use.

THE FUTURE

A growing dilemma faces the Library during the coming years . . . A lack of adequate building facilities to meet the needs of increasing numbers of library users. The library serves a population of 38,000 in a building designed for 14,000. The present 75 seat capacity of the library should be doubled immediately. If Lawrence is to meet the educational needs of the estimated 63,000 population by 1980, a building of at least two and one-half times the present size is mandatory.

The preliminary report on public buildings issued in connection with the Comprehensive City Plan was released in January. It recognized the need for a new public library when it stated, "Facilities are crowded, the appearance is uninviting and space arrangement is poor".

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Dale Farney	Circ. Asst. (p-t)

BUDGET SUMMARY 1963

Salaries and Wages	\$43,108.16
Books, records and periodicals	17,198.34
Building Maintenance and supplies	5,450.56
Binding and library supplies	3,316.95
Utilities and Insurance	3,045.83
KPERS and Social Security	2,453.72
Bookmobile and other operating expenses	1,897.21
total expenditures	\$76,470.77

The Library is supported mainly by taxation as provided in the state Statutes. In addition, income is received from charges on overdue books, gifts and the income from 5 memorial funds whose principal is \$9,025.00.