

The year 1957 has been a year of growth and progress for the library. The acquisition of new books and periodicals has been a major task, and the staff has worked hard to keep the shelves up to date. The library has also been successful in securing additional space for the collection of books and periodicals. The staff has also been successful in securing additional space for the collection of books and periodicals. The library has also been successful in securing additional space for the collection of books and periodicals.

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Sincerely,
[Signature]
[Name]
[Title]

The Lawrence Free Public Library has again had its largest circulation in its history. During 1958, two hundred twenty-three thousand books, magazines, and records were loaned for home use. This is an increase of 25,000 units over 1957.

This steady year-by-year increase can be attributed to a number of factors; some obvious, others surmised. Obviously, Lawrence and the University of Kansas are growing in population, so more people are eligible to make use of the public library. And it's also apparent that these people are aware of their public library as a useful and stimulating tool for self-improvement. But credit for this last factor goes to the library staff who have worked and planned to provide the printed and non-book materials needed by individuals and groups in the community. A spiral of use is the result. The more the needs of the reader are satisfied, the more often he turns to the public library for assistance.

The major staff change this past year came when Head Librarian LeRoy Fox resigned on April 21 to become Director of the Public Library in Springfield, Missouri. Mr. Fox was replaced on August first by Mr. Edward A. Howard, former head of the Fine Arts Department at the Topeka Public Library.

High on the list of achievements for 1958 was the extensive painting and remodeling done in the interior of the library in anticipation of National Library Week, March 12-19. Later in the year, the exterior trim was likewise painted and repaired.

In anticipation of shoring-up the south end of the library, investigations of the foundation, including core samples and a weight bearing capacity chart, were made by the Engineering Geology Service of Topeka. Upon the recommendation of Professor Don Haines, Civil Engineer at Kansas University, a method known as intrusion grouting was approved as a means of stabilizing the shifting foundation. Work on this project is scheduled to begin in January 1959.

On October 23, at a special meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the purchase of a used bookmobile from the Topeka Public Library. Use of this vehicle will be limited in 1959 to playground service. It will replace the book wagon formerly used for this purpose. The vehicle was purchased and stored to await use in the summer of 1959.

Problems still facing the administration at the end of 1958 are 1) the securing of additional personnel to cover the increased demand for service, especially during the summer months, 2) the drafting and approval of a staff manual, 3) the extension of library service to outlying areas of the city, and 4) the addition to and renovation of the present book stock.

Sincerely yours,

Edward A. Howard
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Librarian

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is a pleasure to submit to you the fifty-fourth annual report for the year ending December 31, 1958.

The library has been open for reading and circulation of books for 307 days, eleven hours on week days and eight hours on Saturdays, closing Sundays and six legal holidays.

CIRCULATION

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Nonfiction lent	36,209		
Fiction lent	59,671		
Total	95,880	110,686	206,566

This circulation total represents an increase of 22,541 volumes lent over 1957.

In addition to books, there were 10,341 phonograph records and 6,244 magazines lent for home use.

REGISTRATION

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
December 31, 1957	5,517	2,764	8,281
Added	2,979	645	3,624
Withdrawn	1,934	269	2,203
December 31, 1958	6,562	3,140	9,702

BOOK STOCK

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
December 31, 1957	34,062	11,213	45,275
Added	1,595	1,849	3,444
Total	35,657	13,062	48,719
Lost or withdrawn	1,104	804	1,908
Total	34,553	12,258	46,811

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the Lawrence Free Public Library.

I have the honor to report the following receipts and disbursements for the year ending December 31, 1958.

MAINTENANCE FUND

Balance		\$ 874.04
Receipts		47,975.00
Warrants	\$47,974.99	
Balance	874.05	
	<u>\$48,849.04</u>	<u>\$48,849.04</u>

DESK COLLECTIONS

Balance		\$ 44.62
Receipts		2,342.99
Warrants	\$ 1,987.12	
Balance	400.49	
	<u>\$ 2,387.61</u>	<u>\$ 2,387.61</u>

L. H. PERKINS MEMORIAL FUND

Balance		\$ 93.24
Receipts		12.50
Warrants	\$ 91.08	
Balance	14.66	
	<u>\$ 105.74</u>	<u>\$ 105.74</u>

VIRGINIA S. EDWARDS MEMORIAL FUND

Balance		\$ 156.53
Receipts		25.00
Warrants	\$ 163.79	
Balance	17.74	
	<u>\$ 181.53</u>	<u>\$ 181.53</u>

GURDON GROVENOR MEMORIAL FUND

Balance		\$ 78.42
Receipts		110.00
Warrants	\$ 172.84	
Balance	15.58	
	<u>\$ 188.42</u>	<u>\$ 188.42</u>

MAY MOORE MEMORIAL FUND

Balance		\$ 47.55
Receipts		65.00
Warrants	\$ 75.23	
Balance	37.32	
	<u>\$ 112.55</u>	<u>\$ 112.55</u>

JANE WELCH MEMORIAL FUND

Balance		\$ 58.33
Receipts		25.00
Warrants	\$ 33.71	
Balance	49.62	
	<u>\$ 83.33</u>	<u>\$ 83.33</u>

ALL FUNDS

Balance		\$ 1,352.73
Receipts		50,555.49
Warrants	\$50,498.76	
Balance	1,409.46	
	<u>\$51,908.22</u>	<u>\$51,908.22</u>

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Mrs. A. B. Ewing
Treasurer