

Report of the Highland Park Public Library for the Year ending June 1st, 1907

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Highland Park, Gentlemen:

I have the honor herewith to present the annual report of the Public Library of the City of Highland Park for the year ending June 1st, 1907.

Total number of books in Library June 1st 1906 4699
 Added during year,
 Fiction, 109
 Juveniles, 64
 Bound periodicals, 104
 Classed books, 129
 Reference books, 22

428
 To replace old books, 25
 Net increase for year, 403
 Total volumes in Library June 1st, 1907, 5102

Of books added during the year, 99 were received as gifts.

Books and periodicals have been bound to the number of 195.

Only 2 books have been lost.

The circulation during the year has been,

Fiction 7536
 Juveniles 3914
 Classed books 1383
 12833

A monthly average of 1069 as against 805 last year. For the nine months we have occupied the new library building the monthly average of circulation has been 1156, a gain of 44 per cent over last year.

The financial report is as follows:

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand June 1st, 1906 \$ 600.99
 Tax levy for 1906 1200.00
 Proceeds of bond issue 1500.00
 Rent of library hall 84.50
 Fines, catalogues etc. 92.40
 Insurance rebates 18.59
 \$3496.48

EXPENDITURES

Salary of librarian and assistant, \$347.50
 Books, 366.33
 Rebinding books 128.07
 Janitor service, 145.50
 Fuel 177.85
 Light 58.90
 Insurance, five years, 179.27
 Library supplies, 43.85
 Subscription to periodicals, 16.80
 Clock, shelving etc. 48.95
 Moving 20.50
 Screen door, repairs etc. 14.44
 Stationery and sundries 15.90
 Building contracts paid in full, 1533.27
 Balance on hand June 1st, 1907, 399.35
 \$3496.48

The new building, which we have occupied since September 1906 is beautiful and convenient and in every way satisfactory. We have opened the library for three hours every week day afternoon and upon one evening every week, thus giving the public much better service than formerly, which is greatly appreciated. This however, along with the added

expense of maintaining the new building makes the income of the library inadequate to its proper support, and the Board earnestly requests that you will grant to us for the coming year the full amount of the two mill tax authorized by law.

One member of the Board, the Rev. Eugene F. Fuessle has resigned and the terms of two others, Mrs. George B. Cummings and Mrs. Francis D. Everett expire at this time. The Board therefore request the Mayor to appoint three members of the Board to hold office until the year 1910.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Public Library Board by,
 P. C. WOLCOTT,
 President.

GLEANINGS--WISE AND OTHERWISE

"The chief assets of a city is the character of its citizens."—BRAND WHITLOCK.

Mr. Stronge: "Have you a large family, sir?" Mr. Newcomb (who has a somewhat stout wife but no children): "Large, but not numerous."

To walk and live unsexed within arm's length of what is not your own with nothing between your desire and its gratification but the invisible law of rectitude—this is to be a man.—Horace Mann.

The man who strives merely to run with the biggest crowd is, at best, a sorry creature. The man who strives to be right and to do right is, after all, the only citizen who can rest under the infinite comfort of an approving conscience.—JOHN WATSON.

There can, in truth, be no such thing as government of the people by the people, for the people, unless there is a saving majority composed of those who spurn the temptations which entrap the weak, the avaricious, and the unscrupulous, and who intelligently and persistently unite in labors for the benefit of all.—Editor of the Common Good.

"Tommy," said his Sunday school teacher, "Your cold is much better than when I saw you last." "Yes'm," answered Tommy, "I cured it by praying."

"By praying; I am glad to hear you say that."

"Yes'm, I asked the Lord to take it away from me and give it to Dich Binger and Dick's got it, all right."—SELECTED.

An Irish priest had labored with one of his flock to induce him to give up whisky. "I tell you, Michael," said the priest, "whiskey is your worst enemy and you should keep it as far from you as you can." "Mienemy, is it, father," responded Michael. "And it was your riverence's self that was telling us in the pulpit, only last Sunday to love our enemies." So I was Michael, said the priest; but I didn't tell you to swallow them.—San Francisco Labor Clarion.

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