

ANNUAL REPORT OF LIBRARIAN ISSUED

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needs might be given to several committees. The subjects to be considered might include county service in such form as a contract plan with our adjoining neighbor, the city of Highwood where 20,353 books were loaned from the Oak Terrace school by Highland Park and Highwood children in the last three years; a library station in Ravinia; further co-operation with the city schools; municipal reference service; endowment funds for the library; and a consideration of the fields in which this library of the same size. The activity collections. Such committees would be a help to the library board and to the staff in making the library of greater service to the community.

Of highest importance for the future development of the library is the maintenance of the library personnel at a high standard. From suburban libraries in such towns as the north shore represents, is demanded a type of service far above the average library of the same size. The activity of the past year was possible only through the faithful interest of each member of the staff with the constant encouragement of the library board, and the happy relations with our friends, the library patrons.

Circulation Department

The circulation department is where we balance our ledger, with an eye on the number of new book borrowers who are using the library, on the increase in number of books lent for home reading, on the extent to which our book collection has measured up to the demands made upon it, and on the new points of contact we have made outside the doors of the library. Some one has said "a friendly public made friendlier, a mutual satisfaction in a service rendered, and for prosaic testimony increased circulation."

Mr. R. L. Duffus, as the result of a survey undertaken by the Carnegie Corporation to see what could be done to enlarge the reading of "serious non-technical books" says in his book entitled "Books: Their place in a democracy," that "though libraries had failed to make us a book-reading nation, they have been more successful in getting books read than have the publishers and book sellers."

The residents of Highland Park and vicinity borrowed last year 100,662 volumes for home use, an increase of 16 per cent over the preceding year.

On the minus side of the ledger go the disappointed patrons whose interests and needs we have failed to meet, books we have bought which proved to be mistaken selections, the interests we have as yet failed to arouse or discover.

No one class of books has been greatly favored with use because of a change of location or the trend of the times. A consistent increase in every department seems to bear out the surprising rapidity with which every good book finds a reader. The great diversity of interests is a never ending source of joy to those individuals who make the contacts at the loan desk.

Next to literature the fine arts book (those including such subjects as architecture, flower gardening, in-

terior decoration, music, painting, etc.) lead non-fiction in numbers read, but in the preceding year fell to religion, first, and the natural sciences, second.

According to a vote from the staff the titles most in demand have been Margaret Barnes "Years of Grace," Dorothy Canfield Fisher's "Deepening Stream," "Humanity Uprooted" by Maurice Hindus, "The Story of San Michele" by Dr. Axel Munthe, and "The Education of a Princess" by Marie, grand duchess of Russia, and possibly the play "Green Pastures" by Marc Connelly.

Registration

In order that our file of library borrowers may be free of all names of persons who have moved away or for some other reason no longer make use of the library, re-registration goes on daily. Each borrower re-registers every three years. The system of giving each borrower an identification card has recently been put into effect. It does away with questioning and long waits at the desk, and the spelling out of proper names. With it he may quickly draw an unlimited number of books.

Since May 1, 1930, 2076 persons have come to the library for these borrowers cards. Of these 1438 had not used the library in Highland Park before. The total number of active borrowers is now 5098.

Order and Catalog Dept.

The total accessions for the year were 2566. 506 were withdrawn, making the total number of volumes now in the collection 23,234.

New illustrated editions of the classics in literature were purchased for the intermediate room, and noteworthy additions were added to the reference collection. About \$150 was used for the purchase of music to supplement a small beginning made some years ago.

In contrast to other years when definite classes have been chosen for up-building, the choice this year was to supply, as far as funds permitted, all specific requests of individuals. We wish to thank our friends for the gifts of books and periodicals which have measurably increased the resources of the library.

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Reference Department

There is little to be said for the reference work, so-called. Enlarged display and easier accessibility will intensify the use of this important material. A somewhat different type of reference question has been due to this locality; and the changes in the curriculum of many high school courses has been obvious. A noteworthy addition to this group was the "Dictionary of National Biography."

Children's Work

The children's department for many years has suffered the necessary misfortune as one child express it "of either having to go downstairs or upstairs." The choice southwest corner on the main floor is theirs in the new building.

This past year for the first time a professionally trained children's librarian has been in charge. This has made possible the weekly story hour on Saturday mornings which attracted 799 listeners. 22,343 books were borrowed for home use. A small beginning was made in acquainting class groups from the schools, with the library, and the ar-

rangement and use of its books.

Twenty-six per cent of the book fund was spent in the purchase of books for this department to meet the wide-spread concern for books for children and the newer methods education.

Publicity

The Highland Park Press and the Highland Park News have been our chief aids in keeping this public institution and its work before the city. Our grateful acknowledgement is made to them.

Respectfully submitted,
Cora Hendee.

Discuss Plans For Vacation Bible School

Representatives from the Presbyterian and St. Paul's churches met Sunday afternoon at St. Paul's church to discuss plans for co-operating in a Daily Vacation Bible school. The school will be in session from June 15 to July 10. Classes will be held in both churches.

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