

Annual Report 1952

Lawrence Free Public Library

Lawrence, Kansas

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is a pleasure to submit to you the forty-eighth annual report for the year ending December 31, 1952.

The library has been open for reading and for the circulation of books 304 days, eleven hours each day, closing on the usual legal holidays.

CIRCULATION

Adult fiction	45,957
Adult non-fiction	20,218
Juvenile fiction	34,724
Juvenile non-fiction	6,983
Total	105,882

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41,787

NON-FICTION BY CLASSES

General	1,085
Philosophy	853
Religion	858
Social Sciences	2,819
Philology	124
Science	1,884
Useful arts	3,564
Fine arts	3,630
Literature	3,418
History	2,218
Biography	4,503
Travel	2,102
Pamphlets	145
Total	27,201

REGISTRATIONS

	Active 12/31/51	Added 1952	Withdrawn 1952	Active 12/31/52
Three year period				
Adult	3,670	1,332	1,133	3,869
Juvenile	1,810	757	1,095	1,472
One year or less				
Student	426	588	775	239
County	51	104	78	77
Rural students	22	50	27	25
Total	5,979	2,811	3,108	5,682

BOOK STOCK

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
December 31, 1951	32,416	8,920	41,336
Added by purchase	1,075	761	1,836
Added by gift	198	106	504
Total	33,689	9,787	43,476
Lost or withdrawn	252	227	479
December 31, 1952	33,437	9,560	42,997

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To the Honorable Mayor and the Commission of the City of
Lawrence, Kansas:
Gentlemen:

We herewith respectfully submit the forty-eighth annual report
of the Board of Directors of the Lawrence Free Public Library for
the year ending December 31, 1952.

MAINTENANCE FUND

Balance		\$	864.02
Receipts			21,050.00
Warrants			

Library Maintenance

Salaries	\$	12,291.95	
Books		2,795.09	
Periodicals		496.30	
Binding		366.02	
Library supplies		690.99	
			\$ 16,640.35

Building Maintenance

Janitor's salary	\$	1,880.80	
Bldg. supplies		104.50	
Repairs & Equip.		1,256.21	
Utilities		828.96	
Insurance		291.39	
Miscellaneous		67.78	
			\$ 4,409.64

Balance			864.03
Totals		\$ 21,914.02	\$ 21,914.02

DESK COLLECTION FUND

Balance			\$ 438.52
Receipts			1,723.96
Warrants	\$	1,678.09	
Balance		484.39	
Totals	\$	2,162.48	\$ 2,162.48

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L. H. Perkins Memorial Fund

Balance		\$	93.00
Receipts			25.00
Warrants	\$	0.00	
Balance		<u>118.00</u>	
	\$	118.00	\$ <u>118.00</u>

Virginia S. Edwards Memorial Fund

Balance		\$	101.37
Receipts			25.00
Warrants	\$	0.00	
Balance		<u>126.37</u>	
	\$	126.37	\$ <u>126.37</u>

Gurdon Grovenor Memorial Fund

Balance		\$	282.82
Receipts			100.00
Warrants	\$	166.15	
Balance		<u>216.67</u>	
	\$	382.82	\$ <u>382.82</u>

May Moore Memorial Fund

Balance		\$	63.94
Receipts			50.00
Warrants	\$	0.00	
Balance		<u>113.94</u>	
	\$	113.94	\$ <u>113.94</u>

Jane Welch Memorial Fund

Balance		\$	37.50
Receipts			25.00
Warrants	\$	0.00	
Balance		<u>62.50</u>	
	\$	62.50	\$ <u>62.50</u>

All Funds

Balance		\$	1,881.17
Receipts			22,998.96
Warrants	\$	22,894.23	
Balance		<u>1,985.90</u>	
	\$	24,880.13	\$ <u>24,880.13</u>

All of which is respectfully submitted.

President

Secretary

Lawrence Free Public Library
Lawrence, Kansas

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, 1952.

MAINTENANCE

Balance		\$	864.02
Receipts			21,050.00
Warrants	\$	21,049.99	
Balance		864.03	
	\$	<u>21,914.02</u>	\$ <u>21,914.02</u>

DESK COLLECTION FUND

Balance		\$	436.52
Receipts			1,725.56
Warrants	\$	1,667.39	
Balance		494.49	
	\$	<u>2,161.88</u>	\$ <u>2,161.88</u>

L. H. PERKINS MEMORIAL FUND

Balance		\$	95.00
Receipts			25.00
Warrants	\$	0.00	
Balance		118.00	
	\$	<u>118.00</u>	\$ <u>118.00</u>

VERGINIA S. EDWARDS MEMORIAL FUND

Balance		\$	101.57
Receipts			25.00
Warrants	\$	0.00	
Balance		126.37	
	\$	<u>126.37</u>	\$ <u>126.57</u>

GURDON GROVEMOR MEMORIAL FUND

Balance		\$	282.82
Receipts			100.00
Warrants	\$	166.15	
Balance		216.67	
	\$	<u>382.82</u>	\$ <u>382.82</u>

MAY MOORE MEMORIAL FUND

Balance		\$	63.94
Receipts			50.00
Warrants	\$	0.00	
Balance		113.94	
	\$	<u>113.94</u>	\$ <u>113.94</u>

JANE WELCH MEMORIAL FUND

Balance		\$	37.50
Receipts			25.00
Warrants	\$	0.00	
Balance		62.50	
	\$	<u>62.50</u>	\$ <u>62.50</u>

ALL FUNDS

Balance		\$	1,381.17
Receipts			22,996.56
Warrants	\$	22,885.53	
Balance		1,996.00	
	\$	<u>24,879.53</u>	\$ <u>24,879.53</u>

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Treasurer.

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WHAT THE STATISTICS SAY

The mill-rate tax for 1952 was .935 mills or, in terms of dollars, about \$0.90 per person including the university student population or \$1.12 excluding the students from out of town. The actual cost falls somewhere in between.

Circulation has dropped from the preceding year. It is interesting to note, however, that the circulation of factual and informational books has done a little more than hold its own. This does indicate that the library program must be under constant examination and calls for greater effort in making the library known and used by those who are not doing so at the present. This can be accomplished in part by striving always to improve library services, library materials, and the physical plant itself while the publicizing of our wares still constitutes the major problem. In the juvenile department circulation has picked up even as it continues to attract more children. A warm and attractive children's department today will do much to assure wide library use tomorrow.

THE LIBRARY IN PUBLIC

The Lawrence Daily Journal World is still regarded as a library benefactor as is demonstrated by the frequency with which the library is mentioned in its pages. An especially well received feature is weekly appearance of the list of adult books and the biweekly list of children's books.

The Monday morning radio book talks go on through the courtesy and helpfulness of KLMW and its staff. During the summer additional time was made available to the library for story telling as well as innumerable special and spot announcements.

Exhibits of authors' and illustrators' works have been featured from time to time. One of the most successful was the display of the books and original illustrations of Mrs. Marguerite de Angeli at the open house held for her at the library.

Book Week was a second big item with a special window display in one of Weaver's windows and a display of library books in each of the elementary schools during the week.

The library is especially proud of the happy cooperation with the PTA and the summer reading program. Already children are anticipating next summer's reading fun.

A ceiling projector for the reading comfort of bed-ridden people was in part realized with a substantial contribution from the Lawrence Junior Chamber of Commerce and the efforts of the men's chorus of the adult education program.

During the Hobby Fair conducted by the Recreation Commission a special exhibit of library materials was made up to invite hobbyists to make use of the library as well as to suggest reading as a hobby.

INSIDE THE LIBRARY

Staff changes have been major. Miss Margaret Perkins retired after some thirty years of work with Lawrence children. Her retirement caused the library to add to the staff the services of Mrs. Helen Osma as cataloger while Miss Bessie Daum, the former cataloger, assumed the position of children's librarian. Jack Porter, janitor for an impressive 48 years, retired to a well-earned rest.

TOMORROW

The librarian has been, not infrequently, impressed with the wisdom of the library board and looks forward to the coming year with confidence in the board and staff.