

Small Grants
Adult Education
Special Projects
Special Services

General
Physiology
Behavior
Special Studies
Special Projects
Special Services
Special Reports
Special Publications
Special Exhibits
Special Collections

Total

REVENUES

From State of Michigan
From Federal Government
From University of Michigan
From Other Sources
From Gifts
From Publications
From Special Collections

Total

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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-seventh annual report for the year ending December 31, 1951.

The library has been open for reading and for the circulation of books 303 days, eleven hours each day, closing on the usual legal holidays.

CIRCULATION

Adult fiction	47,566	
Adult non-fiction	20,140	- 67,706
Juvenile fiction	34,597	
Juvenile non-fiction	6,993	41,596

NON-FICTION BY CLASSES

General	1,062
Philosophy	645
Religion	910
Social sciences	2,745
Philology	182
Science	1,752
Useful arts	3,990
Fine arts	3,398
Literature	3,778
History	2,087
Biography	4,443
Travel	2,012
Total	27,133

REGISTRATIONS

	Active 12/31/50	Added 1951	Withdrawn 1951	Active 12/31/51
Three year period				
Adult	2,489	1,446	1,287	2,648
Juvenile	1,558	469	217	1,810
One year or less				
Student	965	835	1,441	359
County	119	99	74	144
Rural students	26	26	30	22
Total	5,157	2,875	3,049	4,983

BOOK STOCK

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Dec. 31, 1950	31,781	8,479	40,260
Withdrawn	532	297	1,829
Added	1,167	738	1,905
Dec. 31, 1951	32,416	8,920	41,336
Gifts (incl. above)	91	27	118

Lawrence Free Public Library
Lawrence, Kansas

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

Gentlemen:

We herewith respectfully submit the forty-seventh annual report
of the Board of Directors of the Lawrence Free Public Library for
the year ending December 31, 1951.

MAINTENANCE FUND

Balance	\$ 859.24
Receipts	19,220.00
Warrants	

Library maintenance

Salaries	\$11,219.14
Books	2,220.01
Periodicals	390.50
Binding	183.59
Library supplies	507.80
	\$14,521.04

Building maintenance

Janitor's salary	\$ 1,650.00
Bldg. supplies	230.65
Repairs & equip.	1,222.25
Utilities	381.35
Insurance	219.18
Miscellaneous	211.65
Social security	279.10
	\$ 4,694.18

Balance	864.02
	\$20,079.24 \$20,079.24

DUPLICATE PAY COLLECTION FUND

Balance	\$ 455.47
Receipts	1,329.74
Warrants	\$1,346.69
Balance	438.52
	\$1,785.21 \$ 1,785.21

Lawrence Free Public Library

Lawrence, Kansas

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I have the honor to report the following receipts and disbursements for the year ending December 31, 1951.

MAINTENANCE

Balance		\$ 1,788.84
Receipts		19,220.00
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	\$ 21,008.84	\$ 21,008.84

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VIRGINIA S. EDWARDS MEMORIAL FUND

Balance		\$ 76.37
Receipts		25.00
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Balance	<u>101.37</u>	
	\$ 101.37	\$ 101.37

GURDEN GROVENOR MEMORIAL FUND

Balance		\$ 183.99
Receipts		150.00
Warrants	\$ 51.17	
Balance	<u>282.82</u>	
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MAY MOORE MEMORIAL FUND

Balance		\$ 68.64
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Balance	<u>63.94</u>	
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JANE WELCH MEMORIAL FUND

Balance		\$ 12.50
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Balance	<u>37.50</u>	
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ALL FUNDS

Balance		\$ 2,662.71
Receipts		20,824.74
Warrants	\$ 21,606.28	
Balance	<u>1,881.17</u>	
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	\$	<u>22,548.95</u>	<u>22,548.95</u>

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President

Secretary

Lawrence Free Public Library
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The year has been an eventful one.

The administration of the library changed as of March 1, when Mr. Ralph Van Handle resigned and the present librarian assumed his duties.

The interior of the adult department was brightened considerably as a result of cleaning the ceilings and painting the walls in soft, pastel colors.

An aggressive publicity program has been adopted. On June 4, a radio program was inaugurated over KLWN which amounts to a 15 minute talk every Monday morning. Other radio time consists of "spot" announcements from time to time. On April 23, the first weekly annotated list of new adult books to be added to the library shelves appeared in the Journal-World. Later in the year, in addition to the adult list, a biweekly annotated list of children's books was begun as an aid to parents in selecting books for their children.

To encourage a wider use of the library's materials, the Duplicate Pay (rental shelf) was abolished putting all books, new and old, on a free loan basis. Heretofore, duplicate copies of the more popular magazines were loaned for a 3 day period. This loan period was increased to 7 days which proved to be a saving in the time required to charge the magazines in and out as well as allowing a more reasonable length of time for the borrower. The paper-backed "pocket" books were added to the collection. These books lessen the book budget load by furnishing many new titles and duplicates of light reading at practically no cost since the replacement of these is taken care of by gift almost exclusively.

A most important piece of legislation was passed in the state legislature providing old age benefits for the library staff where there had been no provision for retirement.

When floods struck Kansas and Missouri, the library joined in a nation-wide book drive to collect books for those libraries in stricken areas. This drive resulted in the collection of some 2,000 usable books, 1,000 of which were shipped immediately for distribution. The remainder were found to be in excess of the need and are now being drawn upon as replacement copies for badly worn books in the library.

The life blood of a library is the bringing together of books and people. Toward this end, the place of the library is to project itself beyond its material walls and to encourage and invite a more active participation in all community affairs.

The librarian wishes to express his deep appreciation to the Board of Directors for their counsel and consideration since he has been here. He further wishes to commend the members of the library staff to the Board for their helpfulness and cooperation during the period of change and adjustment in the administration of the library.