Mrs. Raymond E. Crews, Jr. 702 North Third, Lawrence, Kansas 66044 February 10, 1968

Mrs. L. E. J. Helyar 808 Tennessee Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Dear Mrs. Helyar:

The Board of Trustees of the Lawrence Free Public

Library wishes to express its appreciation to you and commend you for your volunteer work at the library station in Ballard Community Center.

We are aware that the station could not have been established without unselfish work such as yours. The residents of North Lawrence--particularly the children--stand to benefit a great deal.

Again, for your contribution and fine community spirit, our deep appreciation.

Sincerely, Harbara L. braws

Barbara E. Crews, Secretary Board of Trustees Lawrence Free Public Library

REGULAR MEETING FOR JANUARY, 1968

The Board of Trustees of the Lawrence Free Public Library held its regular meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 1968 at 2:00 p.m. in the Directors Room of the library.

Members present were: Chairman John Peters, Clark Coan, Barbara Crews, Max Stalcup and Skipper Williams.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

The Librarian gave the financial and statistical report as follows:

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1967 -- FOR THE LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Balance, December 1, 1967 Total receipts Total funds available Disbursements Outstanding book orders, 1967 Balance, January 1, 1968

\$16,623.73 \$1,275.49 \$17,899.22 \$12,903.02 \$2,721.36 \$2,274.84

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1967-FOR NEKL

Balance, December 1, 1967 No receipts Disbursements Balance, January 1, 1968

\$8,564.37 \$2,123.56 \$6,440.81

CIRCULATION REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1967

Total book circulation (decreased compared with 12-66)	15,128
Total book stock report	64,076
Films	90
Reference questions	288
Total registered borrowers	17,143

A discussion followed regarding the noon luncheon meeting at the Eldridge Hotel which the Board of Trustees and Mr. Mayo had just attended with Mayor Richard Raney, City Commissioners John Emick, Don Metzler, Clark Morton and Jim Black, City Attorney Milton Allen, City Manager Ray Wells and Celia Patti of Radio Station KLWN. Mr. Peters asked Mr. Mayo to get some approximate figures for the cost of a site survey for the Commission.

The Librarian gave the following report:

Initial figures following the inventory indicate that approximately 2,500 books are missing in the Adult Department and 1,250 books are missing in the Children's Department. Periodic checking over the next six months should bring this down to about 2,000 adult books and 1,000 children's books missing.

The new shelving has arrived and 12 sections have been put up in the Children's This should be adequate for 1968. The new shelving has arrived and 12 second should be adequate for 1968. Room, 15 sections in the Adult Department. This should be adequate for 1968. Miss Nancy Wert has been hired as Mrs. Osma's assistant to replace Marsha De Graff who resigned in December. Regarding NEKL: A system wide central processing and ordering service is Regarding NEKL: A system wild of will be spent for each library to being initiated by NEKL. Approximately \$300 will of Ottawa Public Library to being initiated by NEAL. Approximately handle all of Ottawa Public Library's book budget in this matter. Under old business, no decision has yet been reached on health insurance for full-time library employees. Disadvantages to the library of the hospitalization policy accepted by the city for its employees are: 1) a set figure of \$22.00 per day for a room and 2) the hospitalization is not in force if injury should result while the employee is on the job. Since the library has no Workman's Compensation, this would be a definite disadvantage for library help injured at work would have no insurance.

Mr. Peters asked Mr. Mayo to get some competitive figures and make a recommendation to the Board at the February meeting.

Mr. Peters named Barbara Crews representative to the NEKL System Assembly and Clark Coan, alternate.

Bills totaling \$19,343.83 (\$12,903.02 for the Lawrence Public Library and \$6,440.81 for NEKL) were allowed by roll call.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Barbara E. Crews, Secretary

John P. Peters, Chairman

Approved:

February

Mrs. Raymond E. Crews, Jr. 702 North Third, Lawrence, Kansas 66044

February 10, 1968

Miss Cora Davenport Lakeview Village 9100 Park Lenexa, Kansas 66215

Dear Miss Davenport:

How we miss you! The coffee pot is set at its regular place but Miss Davenport is no longer there as our "official pourer".

We do want to make official 1)our regret at your decision to leave Lawrence and 2)our commendation of your faithful attendance at our meetings as a representative from the League of Women Voters.

Yes, we shall miss you and we send this epistle as an official notification of same--and include in it also our very best wishes to you.

Sincerely, Darbara

Barbara E. Crews, Secretary Board of Trustees Lawrence Free Public Library

cc: Mrs. Charles Oldfather President, League of Women Voters

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Lawrence, Kansas

Report To The Board Of Directors For 1967

To The Board Of Directors:

Perhaps the 1967 development which has the most far-reaching potential was the designation of an official system of cooperating libraries by the State Library Commission in November 1967. At this time, recognition was given to an experiment in library cooperation which had its beginnings in 1965. Official designation of the system included recognition of Lawrence Public Library as resource center and administrative headquarters for the seven-county regional federation.

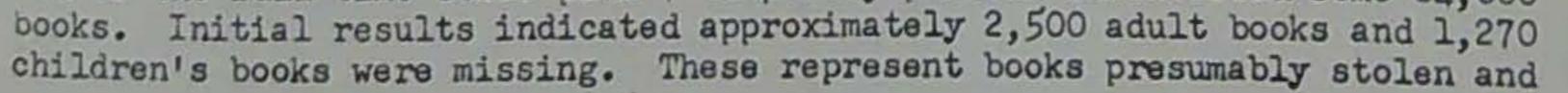
Lawrence has, of course, been acting in this capacity since July, 1966. During this time much trial and error has taken place in an effort to develop a pattern of cooperation between 30 varied public libraries. Progress has been made. Much remains to be made. Public libraries as a whole in Kansas are experiencing the pains and rewards of learning new ways of doing things. Learning ways to work together to avoid having each procedure and expenditure repeated 360 ways in needless duplication. As this system will benefit other libraries in the area, so it will benefit Lawrence. The benefits will be varied, and will increase with the growth of the system concept itself. But among them will include access to centrally cataloged and processed books (possibly state subsidized), availability of large central collections of films and special resource materials, and hook-ups with large reference centers. As administrative and reference center for the system, Lawrence will benefit from increased professional personnel and resource materials. An immediate example would be the anticipated \$5,000 - \$8,000 reference grant expected to be made by the State this Spring.

As system headquarters, Lawrence in 1967 instigated a central reference and interlibrary loan service to libraries in the system area. In addition, late in 1967, we began a service of central purchasing and processing of materials for libraries in the system. Materials are bought through Lawrence and sent to Kansas City, Kansas, for processing. One major benefit to all libraries, Lawrence included, is a larger discount on materials through bulk buying.

Other major points of interest for 1967 include:

BALLARD CENTER COLLECTION. In December, we loaned some 600 children's and young adult books to the Ballard Center to begin their library. The library, staffed on a volunteer basis, is under the direction of Mrs. Helyar, who has worked part-time for the Lawrence Public Library for over six years. Gifts of area residents, in addition to the loan collection, have made the Ballard Library a very useful educational tool for all ages in the North Lawrence area.

INVENTORY. To keep our collection up-to-date and to insure accuracy of the card catalog, a complete inventory of our book holdings was made in December of 1967. The library closed its doors December 15-18 and during those four days all of the full-time staff plus 7 temporary persons inventoried some 64,000



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do not take into account those legitimately charged out but not returned. A monthly check will be made for items presumed missing. This will continue until Summer. Undoubtedly, a number of these items will turn up due to errors, etc. We anticipate that our final count will be 3,000 books missing - 2,000 adult and 1,000 children's. These will then either be replaced or withdrawn from the card catalog.

PHYSICAL FACILITIES. Major physical problems for 1967 included replacement of the roof and of the front stairs. The roof had deteriorated so badly early in 1967 that it had to be replaced. Late in the same year the front stairs began to collapse and presented a danger to library users. Both the roof and the stairs were replaced by the city. Problems of outdated electrical wiring and of seepage of water in the basement continue to exist. During 1967, lack of space for books became critical. It became necessary late in the year to purchase some 27 sections of library shelving to house anticipated book purchases through the year 1968. Several investigations by architects and the city engineer disclosed the danger in placing additional load-bearing book shelves in many areas of the first floor. This problem will become even more critical by 1969 when virtually no safe area will be left in the adult area for the placing of more stacks. It may be that material will then be put in storage, until such time as additional facilities become available. The above items merely serve as added indications that the current library plant is physically obsolete and spatially inadequate for modern day library operations. A building initially built for a population of 10,000 now serves 46,000.

SALARIES. The 1968 budget drawn up in June of 1967 provided increases for professional, non-professional and part-time employees. To more closely meet prevailing area salaries for non-professional personnel, beginning salaries were increased by \$100 and an annualincrement of \$150 was provided. This brings us nearer to competing institutions, but will need reviewing at the coming budget session. Part-time wages were increased to a minimum of \$1.00 per hour which would seem to be sufficient for the immediate future. Beginning salaries for professional librarians with no experience were raised to \$6,600. This is competitive with KU but still some \$400-700 less than prevailing national averages.

CIRCULATION OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS. The old method of using audio charging for children's books was replaced in 1967 by a self-charge method, similar to the system in the adult department. Initial reaction to this change seems to be favorable. One innovation, suggested by Mrs. Halfen, was to provide a carbon copy of each charge-out list, thus providing mothers with records of all materials checked out. Many patrons have expressed satisfaction with this added touch.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM AND STORY HOURS. 1,976 children enrolled in our summer reading program in 1967. Of this number, 1,202 read 20 books or more and a total of 1,515 read more than 10 books to qualify them for a reading certificate or a seal for their previous reading certificate. Spring and Fall story hours for pre-school children continued to be popular. 931 children attended the sessions, 354 during the spring period and 577 in the Fall. Story hours are held on Friday mornings at 10:30. One session is held for the 4 to 5 year old group and one for the toddlers.

NEW LAW TO AFFECT LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY. Under a law passed in the State Legislature in 1967, local communities will base their population figures on Federal census procedures. Douglas County will begin this with its census

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report in the Fall of 1968. This will mean that Lawrence should register a population count of well over 40,000. Under a previous state law, cities over 35,000 population fall into a special library category. Library boards in these cities are authorized to turn in levy request directly to the County Clerk for a maximum of 2.5 mills. Thus, the budget for 1970 will no longer be a integral part of the total city budget as in the past. Hutchison, Salina and Topeka now come under this category.

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BOOK CIRCULATION. Reversing a two-year drop in book circulation, the library experienced an increase in books checked out of 2,188 over 1966. In the total pattern of book circulation, adult books increased 3,460 over the previous year while circulation of children's books dropped 1,272. This has been a continuing pattern for three years. Circulation of adult books has continued to rise while juvenile circulation has decreased. This pattern would seem to be following a nation-wide trend toward decreases in circulation of children's books in public libraries. The most obvious reason for this decrease is growth, through Federal funds, of resources and personnel in school libraries across the country in the last few years. Much of the service provided by public libraries to children in the past was in lieu of needed services at the school level, especially in the elementary grades. A fair assumption is that schools and public libraries will work out their individual roles in the years to come and that the public libraries, more to their nature, will become resource centers concentrating on building collections of informational materials which are being increasingly demanded at the elementary level. This would follow the pattern of the public library at the secondary level. Many of the more commonly used materials are available at the school level while the public library serves more in the capacity as a factual and informational resource center for the student. In addition, of course, the children's library will continue its role in providing pre-school materials as well as supplementary reading for students of all levels. In the long run, increased excellence of school libraries will mean increased awareness of the importance of books and the public library will continue to fill a vital, if changed, need.

REFERENCE SERVICES. In conjunction with services performed for the Northeast Kansas Libraries, we have been able to increase our reference services to local patrons by additional personnel in our reference dept. We have not yet managed to make this service available at all times the library is open, but are slowly reaching this goal. Gradually, as the patron is able to have the services of a professionally trained person when he needs it, he takes increasing advantage of the service. For the Lawrence, Public Library, this can be considered the single most significant step forward for 1967 - the strengthening of our informational services to the patron. Eventually, we would hope to have a staff of at least 3 full time persons for the most consistent service, but the current availability of one and 3/4 persons is a marked improvement over the past. Thus, a major function of the public library is being built up - direct service to the public by professionally trained information librarians. For years we have had a fine collection of materials and much better than average circulation of these materials. But we have lacked the trained staff who could be consiste . ently available to interpret this collection to the public.

INTERLIBRARY LOANS. Lawrence continues to make use of the state-wide teletype service (Kansas Informational Circuit) in borrowing books for its patrons. In addition, in 1967 we began a weekly circuit of sending lists of reserved materials between here and Johnson County. Each week lists of books on reserve

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for patrons are exchanged between the two libraries, each of which fills what it is able to for the other. This has worked out very well, decreasing the wait for books by several weeks in many cases. Of course, this does not work for books such as best sellers, but has proved very useful for individual titles which are asked for in one area but not being used in another. Some 15-20 books a week are exchanged by this method.

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Thanks go again this year to all of the staff for a job well done. Special thanks to Mrs. Osma, whose excellent book selection throughout the years has made the collection one of the best in the state; to Mrs. Halfen, our Children's Librarian; Mrs. Weeks, our bookkeeper; Mrs. Meyer, head of circulation and Mr. Anthony, our custodian, who somehow manages to consistently keep the library presentable and inhabitable - a formidable task.

In summary, new physical innovations in many areas will continue to be impractical due to space limitations. But new ways of doing old tasks can always be found. Our role in working with other libraries brings new insight into such ways. Better library service will be the result of cooperative library practices. It is my opinion that the future of top quality library service in Lawrence is excellent. With the continued support of the Board, the Staff and the City, I think we can look forward to a very high percentage of improved library service to patrons over the next few years.

Wayne Mayo Head Librarian

1967 STATISTICS

CIRCULATION

	Adult '	Juvenile	Total
Books Records Periodicals & Pamphlets Films	149,286 11,168 8,120 1,067	149,913 2,097	299,199 13,265 8,120 1,067

The above represents a total increase in book circulation of 2,188. Circulation of adult books shows a rise of 3,460 while circulation of childrens' books decreased by 1,272.

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REGISTRATION

Adult	Juvenile	County	Total
10,726	5,818	153	16,697
	5,993	151	17,143

1966 1967

> The total number of registered borrowers increased by 446 for 1967. Of this, 273 represented additional adult borrowers and 175 more juvenile borrowers were registered.

BOOK STOCK

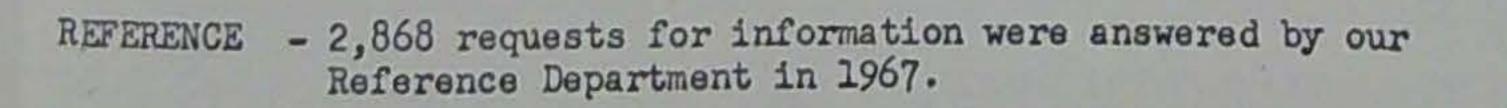
	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Added 1967 Withdrawn	3,325	1,377 404	4,702
On hand Dec. 31, 1967	41,839	22,229	64,068

Total book stock increased by 3,780 over the previous figure of 60,288 for 1966. 188 Gift books were accepted during the year.

RECORD STOCK

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
On hand as of Dec. 31, 1967	1,608	429	2,037

The above represents a net increase of 229 records over the previous year.



BUDGET SURVEY FOR 1967

	Budgeted	Added Receipts	Spent
SALARIES: Full Time	\$ 54,675.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 51,050.55 9,257.74
	\$ 61,775.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 60,308.2.
LIBRARY MAINTENANCE: Books Periodicals Records Binding Supplies Custodian	\$17,700.00 1,025.00 600.00 1,100.00 2,700.00 3,140.00	\$ 944.31 36.95 121.10	*\$ 19,276.47 1,343.93 680.39 1,100.00 3,380.07 3,230.00
	\$ 26,265.00	\$1,102.36	\$ 29,010.86

BUILDING MAINTENANCE: Supplies Repairs and Equipment Utilities Insurance	\$ 823.00 2,400.00 2,100.00 1,000.00	\$	\$ 698.78 3,674.21 ~ 2,146.50 739.00
	\$ 6,323.00	\$1,647.17	\$ 7,258.49
SOCIAL SECURITY KANSAS RETIREMENT (Employer's contrib.) POSTAGE CONTINGENCY PHOTO COPIES *1 BOOKMOBILE	\$ 2,550.00 1,900.00 420.00 500.00	\$ 22.00 22.50 54.15 519.72 1,025.85 200.00	\$ 2,606.66 1,866.66 653.80 1,539.14 770.70 644.06
	\$ 5,670.00	\$1,844.22	\$ 8,081.02
GRAND TOTAL	\$100,033.00	\$5,293.75	\$104,658.66

* The amount spent for books includes \$2,721.36 outstanding book orders for 1967. *1 Photo Copies (the receipts and expenses) were under Contingency until June 1, '67 ~

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, 1967.

	Balance	Receipts .	Warrants	Balance
Maintenance Fund Transfer of funds from D.C Outstanding Invoices for '		\$ 99,426.75 5,231.91*	\$101,937.30 2,721.36	\$2,721.36
Desk Collections Bal. for '66 Outstanding Transfer to Maintenance	\$ 502.38 1,656.89	6,324.13	10.50 1,656.89 *(5,231.91)	1,584.10
Perkins Memorial Fund	103.12	\$ 52.50	85.82	. 69.80
Edwards Memorial Fund	160.80	42.10	160.80	42.10
Grovenor Memorial Fund	186.35	195.00	281.14	100.21
Moore Memorial Fund	128.83	65.00		193.83
Welch Memorial Fund	120.80	42.10	58.70	104.20
Adult Gift Fund	77-17	72.13		-149.30
Children's Gift Fund	21.55	9.75		31.30
NEKL Fund	17,253.15	8,958.75	26,211.90	
All Funds	\$20,211.04	\$120,420.12	\$133,124.41	\$4,996.20

* note - The \$5,231.91 of Desk Collections was transferred to Maintenance in December, 1967 and is included in Warrants under Maintenance thus not added again in total figure in Warrant column.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Mrs. Barbara Crews Treasurer

ANNUAL MEETING, FEBRUARY, 1968

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lawrence Free Public Library was held at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 7, 1968 in the Director's Room of the Library prior to the regular February meeting. Members present were: Chairman John Peters, Clark Coan, Barbara Crews, Larry Flannery, Jean Ulmer, Max Stalcup and Skipper Williams. The minutes of the 1967 annual meeting were read and approved. Mr. Mayo presented copies of the annual report to each member of the Board for the calendar year 1967. Skipper Williams moved and Max Stalcup seconded that the annual report be accepted. The motion carried. Max Stalcup moved and Jean Ulmer seconded that Mr. Mayo be rehired as

head librarian for the Lawrence Free Public Library and commended for a job well done.

Skipper Williams moved and Clark Coan seconded that the same slate of officers be retained for the next year-John Peters, Chairman, Max Stalcup, Vice-Chairman, Barbara Crews, Secretary-Treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Barbara E. Crews, Secretary

Approved: February 13, 1969

REGULAR MEETING FOR FEBRUARY, 1968 The Board of Trustees of the Lawrence Free Public Library held its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 7, 1968 at 5:00 p.m. in the Director's Room of the library following the annual meeting. Members present were: Chairman John Peters, Clark Coan, Barbara Crews, Larry

Flannery, Max Stalcup, Jean Ulmer and Skipper Williams.

and approved.

The Librarian gave the financial and statistical report as follows: FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY, 1968 --- FOR THE LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

 Balance, January 1, 1968
 \$2,274.84

 Outstanding book orders, December 31, 1967
 2,721.36

 Total receipts
 8,289.33

 Total funds available
 13,285.53

 Disbursements
 12,048.50

 Balance, February 1, 1968
 \$1,237.03

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY, 1968 --- FOR NEKL:

Balance, January 1, 1968 Total receipts Total funds available Disbursements Balance, February 1, 1968 \$6,440.81 23.95 6,464.76 4,347.66 \$2,117.10

CIRCULATION REPORT FOR JANUARY, 1968

Total book circulation (642 decrease compared with 1-67) 21,971 Book stock report Reference questions Registration (156 county patrons) 21,971 64,300 292 17,113

The Librarian made the following announcements:

Mrs. Louise Lester, the children's librarian, was married January 28th to Mr. James Halfen, a student at the University.

Mr. Mayo is at present seeking a replacement for Mrs. Leslie Petrie in the children's department who has resigned effective February 23rd.

Following a request from Mrs. Margarett Lowman, library consultant for School District #497, Mr. Mayo has agreed to provide space in the library for

a book fair. Elementary and junior high books will be exhibited at Woodlawn School and senior high books will be on display at the Lawrence Public Library.

Beginning February 1, county cards will be reduced each month and all cards will expire on December 31, 1968. A letter of explanation is being given out with each

county county card issued. Mr. Mayo will appear on KLWN Friday, February 9 at 8:15 a.m. with Arden Booth on

a program called, "Conversation". The library is going to use a postage meter for a few months on a trial basis. Regarding NEKL: The NEKL System Assembly will meet on February 29 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Little Banquet. The Assembly will select an executive committee and officers. The City of Eudora has voted to have a public library and will soon be coming into NEKL.

Regarding health insurance for full-time employees of the library, Max Stalcup moved and Larry Flannery seconded that the Board accept Mr. Mayo's proposal stipulating athat there be no coverage provided by the library for the first three months of employment and that the expenditure of such insurance not exceed \$1,400 without consulting the Board.

The motion was carried.

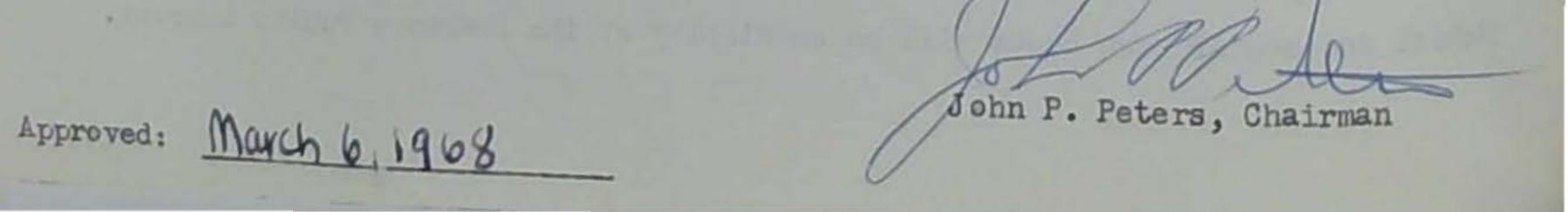
Now that inventory is complete, Mr. Mayo stated the library will need two 15-drawer card catalog units at a cost of \$542.10. Skipper Williams moved and Jean Ulmer seconded that the Board approve the purchase of the card catalog units as requested by Mr. Mayo. The motion was carried.

Clark Coan requested the secretary to write a letter to Miss Cora Davenport, an observer for the League of Women Voters, who has attended the Lawrence Library Trustee meetings for many years, commending her for her years of service with a copy to the President of the Lawrence League of Women Voters. Miss Davenport has recently moved to Lenexa, Kansas.

Bills totaling \$14,165.60 (\$12,048.50 for the Lawrence Public Library and \$2,117.10 for NEKL) were allowed by roll call.

The meeting was adjourned.

Barbara L. Cruss -Barbara E. Crews, Secretary



REGULAR MEETING FOR MARCH, 1968

The Board of Trustees of the Lawrence Free Public Library held its regular meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 1968 in the Director's Room of the Library.

Members present were: Chairman John Peters, Clark Coan, Barbara Crews, Max Stalcup and Skipper Williams.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.

The Librarian gave the following financial and statistical report:

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT --- FOR THE LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Balance, February 1, 1968	\$ 1,237.03
Total receipts	71,260.90
Total funds available	72,497.93
Disbursements	9,163.39
Balance, March 1, 1968	\$ 63,334.54
FERRIARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR NEKL	

Balance, February 1, 1968

\$ 2,117.10

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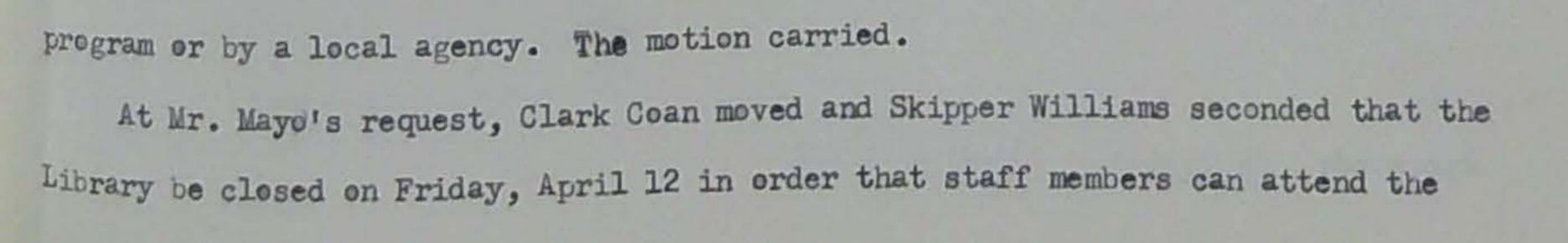
Total receipts	8,958.75
Total funds available	11,075.85
Disbursements	2,804.59
Balance, March 1, 1968	\$ 8,271.26

CIRCULATION REPORT

Total circulation (410 decrease compared with 2-67)	22,335	1mg
Total book stock report	65,002	
Total registration (153 county patrons)	17,069	
Total film circulation	88	
Total reference questions	266	

Mr. Mayo asked the Board to consider taking out Workmen's Compensation for full-time library staff members since the present insurance does not cover on-the-job accidents. Cost for the clerical staff is 10¢ per \$100 salary and \$1.54 per \$100 salary plus \$19.00 surcharge for janitorial staff. The total cost of Workmen's Compensation for the clerical staff and the janitor would be approximately \$125 to \$140 per year.

Jean Ulmer moved and Max Stalcup seconded that the library take Workmen's Compensation for the full-time library staff members either through the city's



KLA meeting in Topeka. The motion carried. Mr. Mayo added that a KLA [1] Trustees meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10 at the Ramada Inn

in Topeka. Regarding library staff changes, Mr. Mayo announced that Ruth McCrank is replacing Leslie Petrie in the Children's Room. Regarding NEKL, Mr. Mayo said it would be necessary for the Lawrence Ibbrary Board of Trustees to meet with the executive committee of NEKL before this committee presents its budget to the NEKL System in May. Chairman Peters appointed Larry Flannery, Jean Ulmer, Max Stalcup and Barbara Crews to the Budget Committee, Larry Flannery serving as chairman. Mr. Peters asked that this Committee meet before the April meeting so that they may make budget recommendations to the Board before the NEKL executive committee meeting with the Trustees. The Trustee-NEKL executive committee

is tentatively set for May 8 at 2:00 p.m.

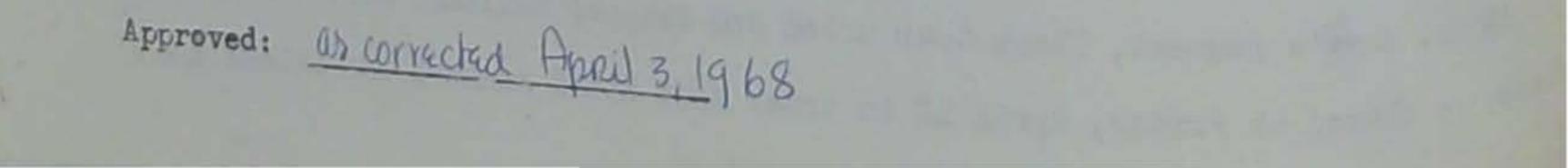
Mr. Mayo asked the Board's permission to purchase a rug for the Director's Room so that the children's Story Hour may be held in this room. Skipper Williams moved and Max Stalcup seconded that the librarian be allowed to spend up to \$130 for the purchase of a rug. The motion carried.

Bills totaling \$11,132.91 (\$8,328.32 for the Lawrence Public Library and \$2,804.59 for NEKL) were allowed by roll call.

The meeting was adjourned.

Barbara E. Crews, Treasurer

John P. Peters, Chairman



REGULAR MEETING FOR APRIL, 1968

The Board of Trustees of the Lawrence Free Public Library held its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 4 at 4:00 p.m. in the Director's Room of the Library. Members present were: Chairman John Peters, Clark Coan, Barbara Crews, Jean Winny, Larry Flannery and Skipper Williams.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

The Librarian gave the statistical and financial report as follows:

FINANCIAL REPORT, MARCH, 1968-FOR THE LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Balance, March 1, 1968 Total receipts Total funds available Disbursements Balance, April 1, 1968 \$58,272.60 5,808.69 64,081.29 12,242.53 \$51,838.76

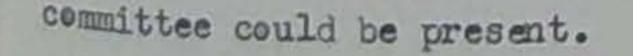
FINANCIAL REPORT, MARCH, 1968 --- FOR NEKL

1 1 1	Balance No receipts Fotal funds available Disbursements Balance, April 1, 1968	\$8,271.26 8,271.26 3,489.34 \$4,781.92
2	STATISTICAL REPORT, MARCH, 1968	
ETF	Circulation (4,056 less than March, '67) Book stock report Notal registration (145 county patrons) Films Reference questions	21,530 65,232 16,985 70 3364

Mr. Mayo reported that full-time library staff members are now covered by Workmen's Compensation under the city's policy.

Because the Lawrence Library has been designated as Reference Center for NEKL, the State Library has approved a reference book grant of \$8,613 for reference books. These books will not belong to the Lawrence Library but to NEKL.

The 1969 budget was discussed and tabled until all members of the budget



Much discussion followed concerning the proposed system program -- copies of which Mr. Mayo had sent earlier to members of the Board. No action was taken but a meeting with the executive committee of NEKL and the Board of Trustees was tentatively scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 8 prior to the regular May meeting. Larry Flannery moved and Barbara Crews seconded that the Board express its appreciation to Chairman John Peters who is retiring from the Board of Trustees for his eight years of service and the Board's gratitude for his work. The motion carried unanimously.

Bills totaling \$15,731.87 (\$12,242.53 for the Lawrence Public Library and \$3,489.34 for NEKL) were allowed by roll call.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Approved: May 8, 1968

REGULAR MEETING FOR May, 1968

The Board of Trustees of the Lawrence Free Public Library held its regular meeting on Wednesday, May 8 at 4:00 p.m. in the Director's Room of the Library. The Board welcomed Dr. James Drury as a new member and was pleased to have Mayor John Emick present. Other members present were Max Stalcup, Clark Coan, Larry Flammery and Jean Ulmer.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved as corrected. Mr. Flannery moved that Max Stalcup be nominated as President. Mr. Coan seconded the motion. The motion was carried. Mr. Flannery moved that Jean Ulmer be nominated as Vice-Chairman. This motion was seconded by Mr. Coan and darried.

The report of the budget committee was presented by Mr. Flannery as submitted by Mr. Mayo with two corrections. A discussion followed including some

discussion of the KPERS item; the suggestion was made that this item be deleted. A motion was made by Mr. Coan to approve the budget as presented by the budget committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Drury; the motion was carried.

The librariants report followed:

FINANCIAL REPORT, APRIL, 1968 - FOR THE LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Balance, April 1, 1968 Total Receipts Total Funds Available Disbursements	\$51,838.76 2,412.10 54,250.86 10,731.73
Balance, May 1, 1968	\$ 43,519.13
FINANCIAL REPORT, APRIL, 1968 - FOR NEKL	

 Balance, April 1, 1968
 \$ 4,781.92

 Receipts
 630.66

 Total Funds Available
 5,412.58

 Disbursements
 2,651.85

 Balance, May 1, 1968
 \$2,760.73

20,057

65,373

17,064

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STATISTICAL REPORT, APRIL, 1968

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Circulation (2,977 less than Apri., '67
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Book stock report Total registration (146 county patrons) Films

Reference Questions

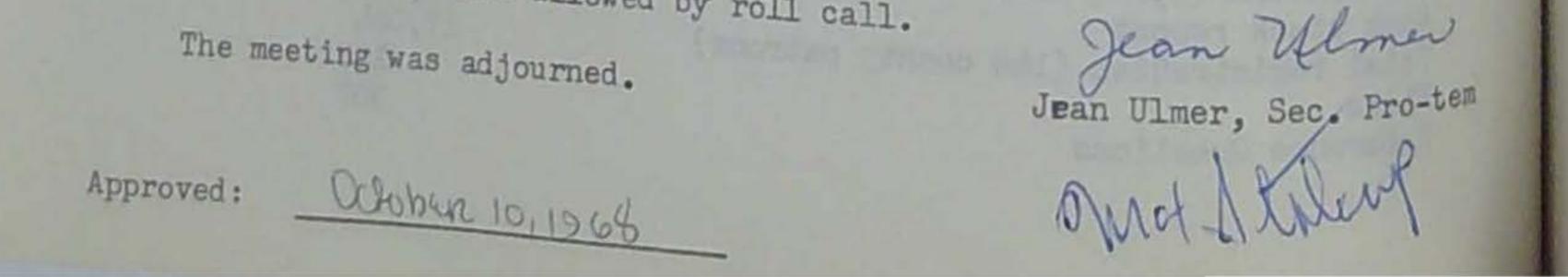
Nr. Mayo continued his report with some facts on the anticipated change of employees during the coming year including a discussion of the possibilities of a Head of the Reference Department. He suggested that the Board members for a Head of the Reference Department. He suggested that the Board members body's backing of a new building. He also made an initial statement regarding bady's backing of a new building. He also made an initial statement regarding bady backing of a new building. He also made an initial statement regarding bady backing of a new building. He also made an initial statement regarding bady backing of a new building. He also made an initial statement regarding bady backing of a new building the personnel. He reported his recent visit to a suggested work-study program for personnel. He reported his recent visit to bas been appointed the new Administrative Librarian for NEKL. He is expecting continuing relations with NEKL and told us of budget requests for 1968 and 1967. Mr. Mayo reported that plans are going forward for the summer reading program and that the theme will be Dr. Doolittle with free publicity forthcomes He also reported that Welcome Wagon International will help with publicity both

for the Library and for the summer reading program.

Mayor Emick reported that the City Commission is planning a bond election possibly in late November and that the library building will probably be include. Mr. Flannery suggested that we concentrate on the building program at our next meeting and Mr. Flannery further suggested that Mr. Stalcup take the necessary steps to contact the City Commission with regard to a joint luncheon meeting in the near future.

Jean Ulmer moved that Mr. Mayo be instructed to purchase a paper folding machine for \$283.50. The motion was seconded by Mr. Drury and the motion was carried.

Mr. Stalcup raised the question of the library's help at the Day Camp at the LH Grounds and Mr. Mayo said that the camp would be added to the Bookmobile schedule. Also that Ballard Center would be the stop in place of Woodlawn. Bills totaling \$13,383.58 (\$10,731.73 for the Lawrence Public Library and \$2,651.85 for NEKL) were allowed by roll call.



REGULAR MEETING FOR JUNE, 1968

The Board of Trustees of the Lawrence Free Public Library held its regular meeting on Wednesday, June 5 at 4:00 p.m. in the Director's Room of the Library. Members present were Mayor John Emick, Chairman Max Stalcup, James Drury and Jean Ulmer.

Bills totaling \$10,694.52 for the month of May were approved. Mayor Emick next reported to the Board the action taken by the City Council at its meeting on June 4 in regard to the inclusion of the Library as one of three issues to be studied with a view to their inclusion on a bond issue to be presented to the people of Lawrence in November. He reported that the Council had asked the staff to prepare a report to be given to the Council within a period of the next two weeks on the matter of three items to be included possibly in an election in November. These were a vehicle tax,

a city service center, and a library building. Following his report to the members of the library board, there was considerable discussion with regard to past and present feeling of the board members with regard both to site and to the proper use of a Library Consultant in the planning stages of any proposed building. The Board asked the mayor to convey the feeling of the library board in these matters to the Council and also suggested that Mr. Mayo contact Mr. Wells with regard to our thinking on these matters. Members present again reiterated their willingness to cooperate in any way possible with the Council and to meet with them if it was thought desirable.

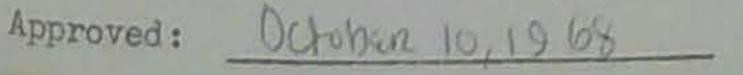
Jean Ulmer wax appointed to be the board representative to NEKL and Dr. Drury agreed to be the alternate.

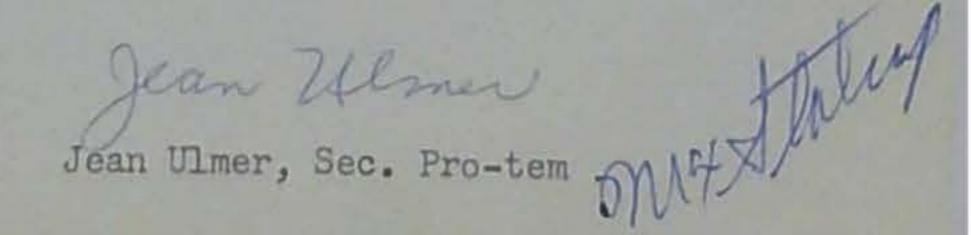
A motion was made and seconded that Mary Murphy be hired as head of the Reference Department at a salary of \$8,800 per year (her current salary now) to be paid from system funds. A discussion followed and the members present

voted in favor of the motion with the proviso that the absent members be

polled by Mr. Mayo.

The meeting adjourned.





REGULAR MEETING JULY, 1968

The Beard of Trustees of the Lawrence Free Public Library held its regular meeting on Wednesday, July 10 at 4:00 p.m. in the Director's Room of the library.

Members present were: Chairman Max Stalcup, Clark Cean, Barbara Crews, James Drury and Larry Flannery. Also present was Miss Pam Reeves of the Lawrence Journal-World.

The reading of the June meeting was deferred until the next meeting. The Librarian gave the financial and statistical report as follows: FINANCIAL REPORT, JUNE, 1968-FOR THE LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Balance, June, 1968	\$34,057.68
Tetal receipts	2,373.20
Total funds available	36,430.88
Disbursements	12,567.09
Balance, July 1, 1968	\$23,863.79

FINANCIAL REPORT, JUNE, 1968-FOR NEKL:

Balance, June 1, 1968	\$7,268.15
No receipts available	
Tetal funds available	7,268.15
Disbursements	3,752.06
Balance, July 1, 1968	\$3,516.09

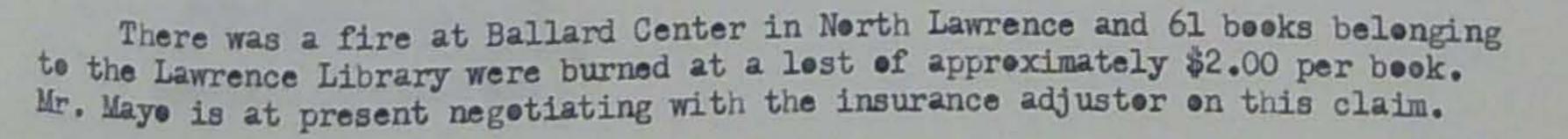
STATISTICAL REPORT -JUNE, 1968

Total circulation (4	,918 decrease over 6-67)	33,949
Book stock report		65,714
Total registration (1)	54 county patrons)	17,154
Film circulation		66
Reference questions		192

Mr. Mayo reported that the final inventory which was done in May shows that 831 juvenile books and 1,823 adult books have been lost -- making a total of 2,654 missing books.

The Kansas legislature has passed a law eliminating the necessity for the check vouchers to be signed by the payee. From now on checks issued by the Library need only a simple endersement.

Mr. Mays reported that he spent two days going over numerous circulation systems employed by various libraries at the ALA convention in Kansas City. Unless the Lawrence library would go to a computer system, he feels our system is the most satisfactory he has found.



The Library's participation as the center for the NEKL Planning Grant is now being phased out. The Library is scheduled to get \$5,000 from the system as a reference center for next year. Mr. Maye distributed copies of the NEKL proposed budget to be presented by NEKL executive committee to the State Library Commission.

Chairman Stalcup reported that he and Mr. Mayo met with City Manager Ray Wells on the need to get library consultant experts in now if a new library building will be on the November bond election. Mr. Wells stated that he has no preconceived notion as to the location of a new building and that he has no preconceived notion as to the location of a new building and that he bas no preconceived notion as to the location of a new building and that he bas no preconceived notion as to the location of a new building and the bas defined for the state of the state of

It was agreed by the Beard that there would be no August meeting and the next official beard meeting would be Thursday, September 12.

It was moved by Larry Flannery and seconded by James Drury that the Beard of Trustees change its meeting schedule to the second Thursday of the month and that all utility bills be paid in advance if necessary. The motion carried unanimously.

The six month budget survey was distributed. Mr. Mayo stated that the budget appears pretty tight but it is still a little too early in the year to predict its adequacy.

Clark Cean moved and James Drury seconded that Mrs. Mary Murphy be hired as head of reference services at a salary of \$8,800 as of July 1, the salary to be paid by the NEKL system in its entirety--provided the system budget is approved by the Kansas Library Commission. The motion carried.

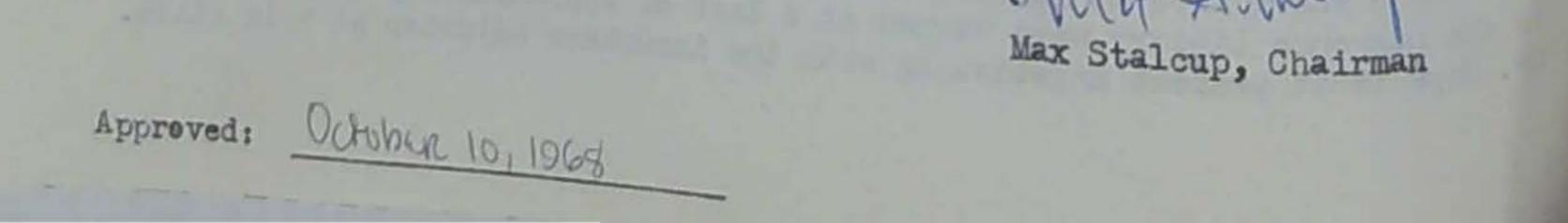
Larry Flannery moved and James Drury seconded that Mr. Mayo be authorized to purchase a water fountain for the first floor of the Library after obtaining two bids from local contractors--both bids to benof comparable size and to include installation--the lowest bid to be accepted.

Mr. Maye presented two bids for Quick Lock steel shelving to be placed in in the Reference Room for the 700 books which will be purchased with the \$8,630 reference grant from the State Library. M and M Office Supply bid \$289.90 and Lawrence Typewriter \$325.95. Clark Coan moved and James Drury seconded that the lowest bid be accepted. The motion carried.

Bills totaling \$16,319.15 (\$12,567.09 for the Lawrence Public Library and \$3,752.06 for NEKL) were allowed by roll call.

The meeting was adjourned.

Barbara E. Crews, Secretary



REGULAR MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER, 1968

The Board of Trustees of the Lawrence Free Public Library held its regular meeting on Thursday, September 12 at 4:00 p.m. in the Director's room of the library.

Members present were: Chairman Max Stalcup, Jean Ulmer, Larry Flannery, Clark Coan and James Drury.

Reading of the July minutes was deferred until the next meeting with a request that minutes for May, June, July and the current meeting be sent by mail to members before the October meeting. Also, that if time permits, that future minutes be sent to members prior to meeting time.

The librarian gave the financial and statistical report as follows:

FINANCIAL REPORT, AUGUST, 1968 -- FOR THE LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Balance, August 1, 1968	\$16,301.56
Total receipts	30,330.71
Total funds available	46,632.27
Disbursements for August	9,501.07
Balance, September 1, 1968	37,131.20

FINANCIAL REPORT, AUGUST, 1968 -- FOR NEKL:

Balance, August 1, 1968	\$ 1,096.85
No receipts for August Total funds available Disbursements for August, '68 Balance, September 1, 1968	1,096.85 149.88 946.97

STATISTICAL REPORT -- AUGUST, 1968:

Total circulation	(585	decrease under 8-67)	27,187
Book stock report	(210	to materia)	64,756
Total registration Film circulation	(140	county patrons)	17,297
Reference questions			219

Mr. Mayo commented on the need for an estimated \$2,000 in shelving by the first of 1969 to accommodate the book collection. Plans are to move periodicals into the west reading room by placing shelving around the walls and to thus free stack space in the main area.

He discussed the recommendation that circulation of periodicals be discontinued as of October. After some discussion it was proposed that a detailed recommendation of such plan be presented to the Board at its next meeting.

Mr. Mayo mentioned the new vouchers were in use and explained the new procedures of their handling.

Summer Reading Program finished with 1,868 children participating and 985 completing the requirements to receive a reading certificate.

Discussed was a forthcoming experiment to mail reserve books to patrons rather than require them to come into the library. Postage costs would approximate costs of the now-used postal notification and the patron would have the option to return the books in person or mail them back at the same low postal rate.

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Mr. Mayo brought up the new law requiring that all public employees attest to an oath declaring they will uphold the constitutions of the U.S. and the State of Kansas. Such must be done by January, 1969 for all employees.

It was moved by Larry Flannery and seconded by Clark Coan that the 1969 budget be lowered from the previously requested \$121,778 to \$117,828 in view of the amount granted by the City Commission. The specific item to be reduced was books which would be reduced to \$19,750 instead of the previously budgeted \$23,700.

Mrs. Ulmer reported that her time would not permit her attendace at NEKL quarterly meetings as a representative of the Board. Chairman Stalcup then appointed James Drury as regular representative and Wayne Mayo as alternate representative.

A discussion of the possible bond issue for a new library took place. It was felt that it was unlikely this item would appear on the ballot in November because of the time element. However, if such a possibility arose, the Board would be called to a special meeting to discuss whether it could realistically support such a late move due to the lack of preparation time now available.

Bills totaling \$ 9,650.95 (\$9,501.07 for Lawrence Public Library and \$149.88 for NEKL) for August disbursements as well as bills for July of \$12,399.90 (\$9,980.66 for Lawrence Public Library and \$2,419.24 for NEKL) were allowed by roll call.

The meeting was adjourned.

Jean Ulmer, Sec. Pro-tem

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Approved: Mater Octobur 10, 1968

Final Revision September 12, 1968

LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

BUDGET 1969

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Head Librarian Assistant Librarian Children's Librarian Head, Circulation Dept. Reference Librarian Asst., Circulation Dept. Asst., Circulation Dept. Asst., Children's Dept. Asst., Children's Dept. Order Assistant	
Order Assistant	3,630
Secretary-bookkeeper	4,785
Part-time	

\$ 70,485

LIBRARY MAINTENANCE

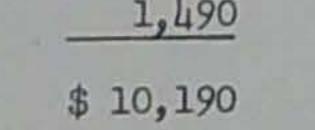
Books Periodicals Library Materials Binding Supplies Custodian	\$ 19,750 1,700 1,200 1,100 3,400 3,795
	\$ 30,945
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	
Building Supplies Repairs and Equipment Utilities Insurance	\$ 800 2,158 2,200 1,050
	\$ 6,208
SOCIAL SECURITY KPERS POSTAGE CONTINGENCY TRAVEL BOOKMOBILE BLUE CROSS PLUE SUTEID	\$ 3,400 3,500 so 650 300 450 400

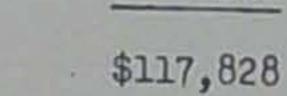
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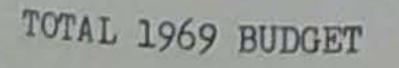
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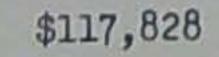
Tax revenue	\$112,128
Desk Collections	5,500
Photocopy	200









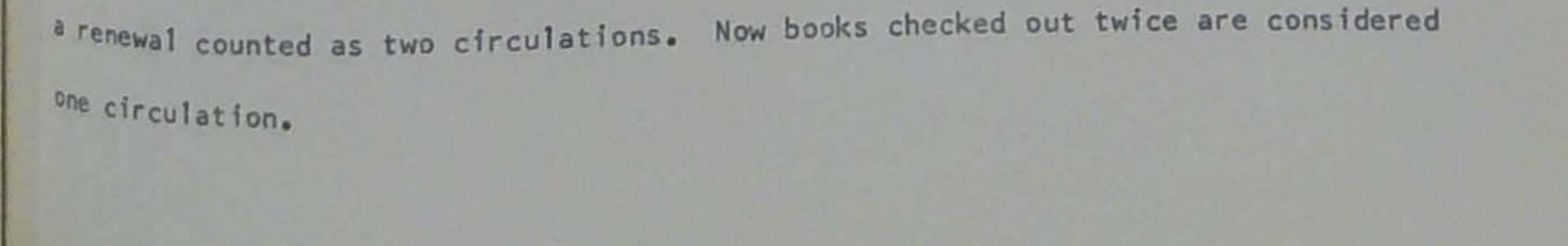


REGULAR MEETING FOR OCTOBER, 1968

The October meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lawrence Free Public Library was held on Thursday, October 10 in the Directors Room of the Library. Members present were: Chairman Max Stalcup, Clark Coan, Barbara Crews, James Drury and Jean Ulmer. Also present was Mrs. H. V. Sanders, observer for the Lawrence League of Women Voters.

The minutes of the May, June, July and September meetings which had been mailed to individual Trustees prior to the meeting were approved as written. The Librarian gave the financial and statistical report as follows: FINANCIAL REPORT, SEPTEMBER, 1968--FOR THE LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY Balance, September 1, 1968 Intal receipts

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Total receipts
                                                                   37,718.38
    Total funds available
                                                                   12,601.46
    Disbursements
                                                                 $25,116.92
    Balance, October 1, 1968
    FINANCIAL REPORT, SEPTEMBER, 1968 -- FOR NEKL
                                                                    $946.97
    Balance, September 1, 1968
    No receipts
                                                                     253.07
    Disbursements
                                                                     $693.90
    Balance, October 1, 1968
    CIRCULATION REPORT, SEPTEMBER, 1968
                                                                  18,806
   Total circulation (1,961 less than September, 1967)
                                                                     594
    Periodicals
                                                                     75
    Films
                                                                     321
    Reference questions
                                                                  65,048
    Total Book Stock Report
                                                                  17,362
    Total registration (142 county patrons)
   Mr. Mayo continued his report as follows:
    Children's circulation is dropping off while the pattern for adult circulation
remains fairly continuous. Some of the loss in children's circulation is a paper
loss Mr. Mayo explained because in the past checking a book out for two weeks with
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The Lawrence Library is scheduled to do reference service for 20 libraries. In November the library is scheduled to do away with the telecopier and go directly into Kansas City headquarters with a teletype. Mrs. Elizabeth Barlow has been hired to handle the teletype receipts, verify authors, titles, etc. NEKL will pay her salary now but the Lawrence Library plans to hire her in January when funds of \$25,800 come in from NEKL for our services for 1969 as contracted.

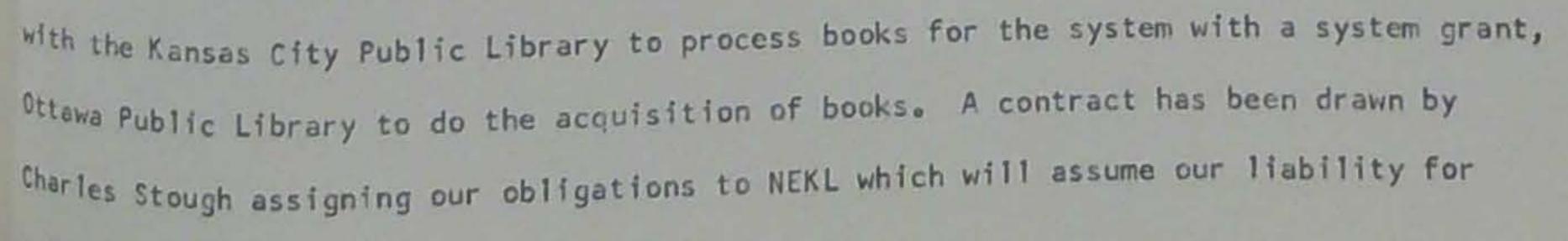
Mr. Robert Taylor, coordinator of elementary education, has asked the Lawrence Library to send the Bookmobile around to the schools a week before school closes when the school libraries will be closed for inventory. Mr. Mayo has no objection to the Library's providing this service but stated it would be difficult to find personnel for this. Chairman Stal cup suggested that the school provide the library with the

personnel for this service.

The Library has received \$122.00 from the insurance company for the loss of 61 books in the fire at Ballard Center.

Mr. Mayo announced he will present figures for shelving which will be needed in 1969 at the next month's meeting. The Librariannexplained that delivery of the shelves comes 4 to 6 weeks after the order has been placed and the Library would be in bad straits if the order is not placed until January under the 1969 budget. He estimates the cost will be approximately \$2,000.

Discussion followed on the problem of our need for a new library building and how interested groups could be contacted to provoke interest and support. Moved Jean Ulmer, and Barbara Crews seconded that we accept Mr. Mayo's proposal to discontinue circulation of certain periodicals. The motion carried. Chairman Stalcup asked that Mr. Mayo report any dissatisfaction with the procedure. Under new business, in November, 1967 the Lawrence Board of Trustees signed a contract



the rest of the year. The Ottawa and Kansas City Public Libraries have been notified that the contract will not be renewed. Clark Coan moved and Jean Ulmer seconded that the Board accept the assignment and instruct Max Stalcup and Barbara Crews to sign the contract.

Mr. Mayo is eligible to attend the Public Library Building Institute November 11 - November 22 at Wayne State University in Detroit. The Institute is being financed in part by a federal grant and is limited to 50 library administrators who have had no experience with a building program. James Drury moved and Clark Coan seconded that the city librarian be instructed to attend the meeting as prescribed the library to take care of expenses not covered by the federal grant and that the City Manager be informed of the meeting and asked to designate an appropriate person to attend the

meeting with Mr. Mayo. The motion carried.

Bills totaling \$12,854.53 (\$12,601.46 for the Lawrence Public Library and \$253.07 for NEKL) were allowed by roll call.

The meeting was adjourned.

Barbara E. Crews, Secretary

Max Starcup, Chairman

Approved:

REGULAR MEETING FOR DECEMBER, 1968

The November meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lawrence Free Public Library was held on Thursday, December 12, 1968. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Max Stalcup and other members responding to roll call were Clark Coan, James Drury and Jean Ulmer. The minutes of the last two meetings were read and approved. A motion was made and seconded and carried that in the future the minutes be mailed to the board members for their approval ahead of the meeting date. A thank-you note from Mrs. Weeks was read by the secretary-pro-tem.

Mr. Mayo presented the librarian's report as follows:

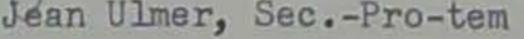
FINANCIAL REPORT, NOVEMBER, 1968 -- FOR THE LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

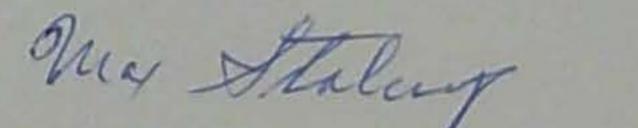
Balance, November 1, 1968	\$18,016.62
Total receipts	3,553.60
Total funds available	21,570.22
Disbursements	8,471.05
Balance, December 1, 1968	13,099.17

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FINANCIAL REPORT, NOVEMBER, 1968 -- FOR NEKL
                                                               $457.83
Balance, November 1, 1968
No receipts
                                                                457.83
Disbursements
Balance, December 1, 1968
CIRCULATION REPORT, NOVEMBER, 1968
Total circulation (2,189 less than November, 1967)
                                                        21,726
                                                           574
Periodicals
                                                            95
Films
                                                           314
Reference questions
                                                        65,546
Total Book Stock Report
                                                        17,343
Total registration (143 county patrons)
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Dr. Drury interrupted the Librarian's report to suggest that the rest of his report be delayed and that Mr. Ray Wells be permitted to speak informally with the Board regarding the progress of the building program. An informal discussion followed.

The bills for October and November were approved by roll call.









you are most welcome to schedule your Library Board meeting any Wednesday at 4:00 P.M. at 1900 Park apt. 310 B; the coffee will be ready. Sincerely, Cora Davenport

Lenexa, Kansar Feb., 29, 1968 Dear Lawrence Library Board, I wish to thank you very much for your note of Commendation, and it truly muss taking care of the coffee pot. I also appreciated the opportunity of being the League of Voters représentative to the Courence Library Board, Those fortif-five years that & spirit in Lawrence are treasured nemories of happy experiences, now, I feel I have turned "the page" to a quite different life which offers much worthwhile but does not require quite the effort,

Miss Cora Davenport 9100 Park, Apt. 310B Lenexa, Kansas 65215/

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