

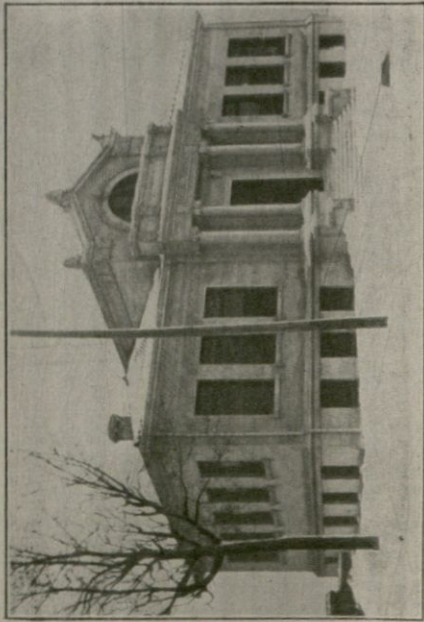
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Annual Report

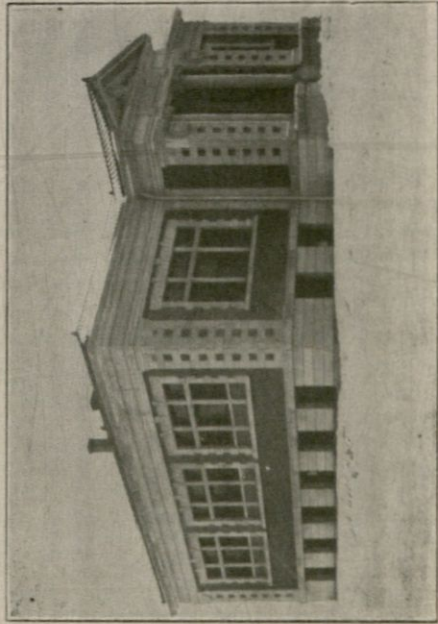
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SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
WATERLOO PUBLIC LIBRARY
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10:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m.	- - -	Week Days
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Annual Report of the Board of Library Trustees

Waterloo, Iowa, January, 1910.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:—

In behalf of the Trustees of the Waterloo Public Library, I wish to present to you the financial statement for the year 1909, and the very complete report of the Librarian, which shows the statistics as to the circulation of books, and a brief resume of that part of the work of the Trustees and Library Staff, which cannot be gathered from statistics, all of which, I believe, is worthy of your attention and interest.

In submitting this report we wish to call your attention to the unique position the Waterloo Public Library occupies by reason of the two divisions of the Library, calling for the solution of administration problems not involved in the handling of a Library occupying one building, and I believe credit should be given for the successful operation of our two Libraries to our very efficient Librarian and the faithful assistance of our Library Staff. I believe that during the last year we have taken greater strides than ever before, and that we now have an organization that will make better and more effective work possible from now on. Recapitulation of the activities and work of the Library is unnecessary, as the report which is hereby transmitted fully covers the ground.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. M. Reed, President.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT RECEIPTS

	Div. A	Div. B.	Total
Balance on hand January 1, 1909.....	\$1111.28		\$ 2140.47
Tax fund	248.56	4272.63	9541.19
Rent	279.50	273.00	5525.50
Fees, fines, etc.	211.80	133.69	345.49
Other receipts	72.29	10.00	82.29
Total	\$6943.43	\$5718.51	\$12661.91

DISBURSEMENTS.

Heat	\$ 244.96	398.83	\$ 643.79
Light	261.08	239.71	500.79
Lantern service	280.30	290.00	570.30
Salaries	1743.00	1415.99	3158.99
Repairs and improvements.....	357.28	345.92	703.25
Printing and Library supplies.....	92.41	93.48	185.89
Books	864.38	872.64	1737.02
Periodicals.....	160.30	217.35	377.65
Binding	202.80	198.35	401.15
Miscellaneous	266.70	187.68	454.38
Total expenditures	\$4473.21	\$4015.04	\$8488.25
Balance on hand December 31, 1909.....	2470.22	1793.47	4263.69
Total	\$6943.43	\$5718.51	\$12661.91

LIBRARIAN'S CASH ACCOUNT RECEIPTS.

	Div. A.	Div. B.	Total
Balance on hand January 1, 1909.....	\$ 11.97	\$ 17.67	\$ 29.64
Fines	175.30	116.03	291.39
Damaged or lost books.....	15.00	1.95	16.95
Fees for duplicate fiction.....	31.45	14.85	46.30
Sale of books	1.60	1.00	2.60
Monthly orders	130.00	120.00	250.00
Total	\$365.38	\$271.50	\$636.88

DISBURSEMENTS.

Freight, cartage, express	\$ 34.21	\$ 26.18	\$ 60.39
Books, periodicals	13.69	5.23	18.92
Postage	10.08	14.43	24.51
Incidentals	82.36	61.55	143.91
Deposit with City Treasurer.....	211.80	133.66	345.46
On hand December 31, 1909.....	13.24	39.45	43.69
Total	\$395.38	\$271.50	\$666.88

ANNUAL LIBRARY REPORT.

To the Board of Trustees of the Waterloo Public Library:

Ladies and Gentlemen:—

I have the honor of submitting to you the sixth annual report of the Waterloo Public Library for the year ending December 31, 1909.

Three years ago when you adopted the plan practically as well as nominally of placing the management of both divisions of the library under one head, the remark was made by one of your number that we would not look for immediate results of this experiment; in the course of, say five years, we would hope to have proved it a success. Two years yet remain of the given five and each day we realize the wisdom of the remark, that time is required for the development of a policy for the wise and effective administration of an institution constantly confronted by questions unknown to the library housed under one roof. When we apply the final test of a library, its actual use to the community in which it exists, each year leaves less room for doubt that the single institution in two divisions is rendering a large service to the entire community.

We watch with admiration our neighbor libraries emerging beyond the stage of organization, free to direct their energies toward wider extension while we are still concerned over the problems of staff organization, charging systems, specialization or duplica-

tion in book purchase, a clearly defined plan for our work with the children. An effort is being made, however, to lay our foundations firm and sure; to weigh our peculiar problems pro and con before coming to final conclusions. Unique in its character there lies before the Waterloo Public Library unusual possibilities for far-reaching influence into every part and interest of the city and the surrounding country.

The year 1909 marks no new lines of activity entered upon but rather the clarifying of plans already attempted, testing and strengthening them for more permanent work in the future. The loaning of books through the schools has become a regular feature of the work; the story hour has been permanently established; the staff has assumed definite organization providing for a first and a second assistant for each division, a book critic and a cataloger as well as the librarian for the two divisions combined. That the regular work of the library has advanced is demonstrated by the fact that our collection of books shows a net increase of 1,617 volumes added during the year; 628 readers have been added to the list of borrowers and the number of books loaned for home use was 2,626 above the number for the year 1908.

Accessions.

We have added 1897 volumes to the library; 1001 to Division A and 896 to Division B. Two hundred and eighty volumes have been withdrawn as worn

out and discarded or duplicates sold to other libraries. Books missing in the annual inventory taken in August have not been withdrawn from the records as experience has proved that books reported missing at that time frequently appear later on the shelves. In the future such books will not be permanently withdrawn until after the second inventory. Notable among the books added to the library during the year are:

Cyclopedia of Electricity 5v.
Page Works (Plantation edition) 10v.
Hastings Dictionary of the Bible.
Moulton Library of Literary Criticism 10v.
Bronte Works (Thornton edition), 10v.
Marsh Thesaurus of the English Language.
Famous Composers and Their Music 16v.
Nicolay and Hay Lincoln 10v.
Poe Works, 10v.
Lowell Works (Riverside edition), 11v.
Rural Science Series 10v.
Colvin and Stanley Kink Books, 10v.

German Department.

To meet a growing demand from our German readers about forty books in the German language have been added to the library among which are noted "Blatter und Blüten," recommended by Rev. Wolfram at whose suggestion the German periodical "Die Abendschule" has been placed upon the periodical list of each division for the coming year.

Registration.

Borrowers cards to the number of 2483 have been issued during the year; of these 1413 are new cards and 1070 reissued cards; 1743 cards have expired and 112 have been cancelled, which makes a total of 4648 cards in force December 31. This marks an increase of 628 readers over the year 1908.

Circulation.

During the year 76,117 books were loaned for home use; 47,506 from the adult department, 26,423 from the juvenile department and 2188 through the schools. Reference to the statistical tables of this report will show the circulation by months for the past three years, indicating that the increase in circulation has been constant until the last three months when there was somewhat of a decrease. This is accounted for in part by the fact that with the circulation of books through the schools certain children have transferred their cards from the library to the school in the vicinity of their homes. The statistics of school circulation are given in another table.

An effort has been made to stimulate the reading of standard fiction by the use of the Newark list of one hundred best novels which has proved a welcome guide to many of our readers.

Following the plan adopted last year small collections of books have been loaned to the Presbyterian hospital at intervals of three months. Although it has been impossible to obtain statis-

tics of the actual use of these books Miss Perry assures us that they are much appreciated by both patients and nurses.

Lists of the week's additions are posted on Saturday mornings on the bulletin boards in the delivery rooms with the books on the display shelf below. Books are not reserved save as some individual reader has made request for the purchase of a particular book or something on a special subject; in this case he is notified when the book is ready for circulation and is given first use of it if he desires.

Monthly lists of additions have been published in the papers and have served as call slips for readers who often present them at the desk with request for books there noted.

Books still readable yet worn beyond library use have been given to the county superintendent of schools who distributes them in some of the rural communities which he visits. A use has also been made of worn out books by one of our physicians who places them in homes quarantined for contagious disease where they are destroyed when the quarantine is lifted.

Reference Work.

The reference work the past year has centered chiefly about the work for study clubs, the high school debating teams, and general school work. During the summer bibliographies were prepared for the Ladies Literary society, Daughters of Isabella, Westminster Literary society, Fortnightly

club and the P. E. O. Reserve shelves were provided if desired where special books were shelved for a limited time. The privilege of using the reference rooms for conferences has been granted debating teams, a privilege which has been gratefully appreciated by our young people.

From time to time special reference lists have been published in the newspapers covering the subjects Railroads, Gardening, Poultry, Municipal Ownership, Books Suitable for Christmas Gifts, etc.

As the demand for the earlier bound periodicals is infrequent, our shelving capacity limited, and the expense of binding large it has been decided to bind only periodicals indexed in the Reader's Guide for 1900 and its supplements and not to attempt to complete earlier files.

From unbound periodicals donated to the library, we are gradually acquiring duplicate files of many of the more recent magazines; these are preserved unbound, stamped "duplicate periodical," filed in the basement at Division B and are loaned as books. This collection has proved invaluable in our reference work for students who were glad to draw for home use material which we were unable to circulate in our reference sets.

Bibliography.

At the meeting of the Iowa Library Association at Cedar Rapids in October 1908, Mr. Sias presented the subject of Books on Industrial Arts. Numer-

ous were the requests for a list of the books mentioned and with much care and effort Mr. Sias prepared a list which was published early in the year as a Selected List of Books on Industrial Arts in the Waterloo Public Library. The list has been of great use to our own patrons and has been much sought after by libraries elsewhere. The preparation of brief usable bibliographic lists of books which have been tested is a means of advertising the resources of the local library and of practically co-operating with neighboring libraries. We have gained much from such lists and are glad to have been able to reciprocate. During the coming year we hope to publish a list of the books in our Mission department.

Catalog Department.

With the reorganization of our staff during the past year there was created the position of cataloger and substitute desk assistant which we count a decided step in the progress of our library. The cataloger has entire charge of classification and cataloging in both divisions; she devotes two sessions a day to cataloging with one session at either the main or the juvenile desk in one division or the other in order to keep in touch with the more active life of the library. Her time is about evenly divided between Division A and Division B. Fourteen hundred, seventy four books were cataloged and thirteen hundred twenty nine recataloged during the past year. The work of revising the classification and duplicating the shelf list will soon be com-

pleted and a list of classed books in each division filed in the other. A new and larger card cabinet has been purchased for Division A and the former Division A cabinet transferred to Division B.

Children's Department.

Our ideal of a librarian for the children's department of the library as a whole is still unrealized but we feel that with the adjustment of our staff we have taken steps in the right direction. In each division the second assistant is in charge of the children's room during the busy hours after school and in the evening. This brings her into closer touch with the children and gives her an opportunity to assist them in the selection of their books.

The percentage of juvenile books circulated at Division B has increased from thirty three per cent in 1908 to thirty eight per cent in 1909, due largely to new books added during the year and to more careful oversight over the children than was possible before the plan was adopted of charging books in the children's room. The desks and tables in both juvenile rooms have been rearranged to give a more home-like appearance. Four sets of stereoscopic views, Real Children, Yosemite Valley, Yellowstone Park and the Grand Canon have been purchased and are in constant use.

Story Hour.

Not until this year has it seemed practicable to attempt a regular story hour at the library, no member of our staff being trained for such work. Miss

Wightman and Miss Hattendorf have devoted much time and thought to the matter and the services of two outside friends, Mrs. L. E. Fowler and Miss Eleanor Johnson have been enlisted with the result that since November there has been a story hour every Saturday morning in each division of the library. The plan has met with great favor among the children and has been the means of bringing many new children to the library. No regular course of stories has been followed but the aim has been to stimulate the imagination and raise the ideals of the children by the relation in story form of the best in literature.

During the holidays there was a twilight story hour in the children's rooms every afternoon between five and five-thirty. The shades were drawn, lights turned out and the children were gathered about the fireplaces which were decorated with Christmas greens, snow covered Christmas trees standing nearby. The story-teller sat by the open fire with the little people about her listening for a pleasant half hour to a Christmas legend or tale.

Christmas Exhibit.

For several weeks before Christmas there were on display in the two delivery rooms collections of books suitable for Christmas gifts for children. These were carefully chosen from standard authors of children's works, good editions, well illustrated books and those attractively bound. The exhibit won the attention and examination of many library visitors and we

trust proved suggestive to parents and friends seeking gifts for the children.

We are not unmindful of the work thus far accomplished in our juvenile department and yet when we consider that 4500 children are enrolled in the public schools of our city and but 1700 are drawing books from our public library we feel that there are still wide fields for endeavor. Nor is it purely a question of the number of children who come to the library; we must give more careful attention to the books we are providing for them and to means for winning them to the best books. The need of our library today is a children's librarian; one who herself knows and loves children's books, who shall be able to recommend the purchase of suitable books for our children's shelves, who shall be trained in methods of bringing the book to the child and the child to the book. The crowded condition of our reading rooms during the busy months suggests that the time is not far distant when we will find it necessary to transform our little-used assembly rooms into rooms especially fitted for the use of the children and adopt the present children's rooms for general reading room use. In that event we must provide for a supervisor of children's work who shall have charge also of the circulation of books through the schools.

The Schools.

Last year books were loaned for home use on the west side through the Westfield and Lowell schools; this year the work has been enlarged to

include the Washington and McKinley schools on the east side. One hundred and fifty dollars for each division was allowed during the summer months for the purchase of books to be used as a duplicate school collection. There are now 340 volumes in this collection, 166 in Division A and 174 in Division B. Two hundred and ninety eight children are registered as school borrowers, 150 from Division A and 148 from Division B. Although the work on the east side was not begun until Thanksgiving, 546 books have already been circulated which with 1642 from the west side makes a total of 2188 books loaned through the schools. Following the plan begun last year the library assistant visits the school one day in the week attending to the details of charging and discharging the books thus placing no extra burden upon the teachers. During the vacation months of July and August the work was continued at Westfield and Lowell and time was given for a story hour for the children which was much enjoyed. Various requests have come from parents of the children at Westfield for books for their own use and a few adult books have been taken to the school from time to time. This demand reveals to us the possibility and the necessity for a library station in this rapidly growing part of our city.

Staff.

There have been various changes on our staff during the past year. In May Miss Welch resigned her position as substitute assistant to take up the study of domestic science, Miss Marion

Wyant and Miss Kate Hattendorf taking her work temporarily. Miss Gregory resigned her position in September to take a course in library science and Miss Grace Wormer was elected to fill the vacancy, Miss Beatrice Wightman being elected at the same time to a position at Division B. At the annual meeting in October a regular organization of the staff was for the first time completed. Miss Wormer was made first assistant and Miss Hattendorf second assistant at Division A; Miss Brainard first assistant and Miss Wightman second assistant at Division B. The first assistant in each division has charge of the main desk in her division and is on duty mornings, late afternoons and evenings. The second assistant in each division has charge of the juvenile department in her division and is at the juvenile desk in the latter part of the afternoon and in the evening, being at the main desk the early part of the afternoon and during the supper hour; she has charge also of the circulation of books through the schools connected with her division.

Miss Noll who was formerly general assistant in both divisions was made cataloger and substitute assistant for the two divisions combined.

Mrs. Brainard who has been identified with the library from its beginning was relieved of all routine work in the library and elected to the position of book critic for the library as a whole. After years of faithful and devoted service at the desk at Division B she has transferred her activities to the

examination of books sent on approval, estimating those already on the shelves but little known, preparing book reviews for the library columns in the press. This is proving a valuable service to the library and to the community, a work which has heretofore been neglected.

A regular library messenger, Nels Madsen, has been employed to make daily trips between the two divisions of the library carrying books—other than fiction—for the convenience of readers wishing to draw books from the part of the library not most easily accessible. Staff meetings have been held once in two weeks rather than weekly as in former years on Wednesday mornings at eight-thirty alternating between Divisions A and B. No regular course has been pursued, the time being devoted to the discussion of every-day library matters, library news in general, reviews of books by our book critic and an occasional social hour. Early in the spring we had the pleasure of entertaining the library workers of the Iowa State Teachers College and of the Public Library of Cedar Falls informally in our library and in the autumn our staff were guests at a delightful breakfast given in the Cedar Falls Public Library.

Library Day.

Our library seems to have been unfortunate in choosing February 23 as annual Library Day since for two successive years on this date has occurred the severest storm of the season. February 23, 1909, the third anniversary

of the opening of the new library buildings was celebrated despite the storm. The public were given a special invitation to visit the library from three to six in the afternoon, the staff and representatives of the board being present to show people about the library buildings. All were asked to register in a guest book and copies of our List of Books on Industrial Arts and of the first printed Annual Report were given out for the first time. In the evening the library rooms were closed and an address was given in the assembly room at Division A by Rev. W. H. Rollins who spoke enthusiastically and forcibly on the subject "The Public Library, the People's University." Mr. Bragdon gave a brief resume of library work for the year and delightful musical selections were rendered by Miss Georgiella Lay, Mr. Scott B. Prowell, and the Girls' Glee Club of the West Side high school.

Lincoln Centenary.

The Lincoln centenary was celebrated by the addition of the work on Lincoln by Nicolay and Hay and various minor collections and biographies. A large brown carbon portrait of Lincoln was purchased for each division, a copy of the St. Gauden's statue in Lincoln Park for Division A and of the Rice portrait for Division B. These were purchased in part by contributions placed in the Lincoln picture boxes kept at the delivery desks for a few weeks prior to the birthday.

Club and Assembly Rooms.

The club rooms have been used regularly by the Ladies' Literary society and during the last few months by the Chautauqua Circle and the Fortnightly club. The Calvary Baptist church and the Church of Christ have held their services in the assembly rooms during the erection of their new buildings. The assembly room at Division A was used as a public kindergarten while the manual training building was in process of construction and during the past three months as a private kindergarten.

Mission Department.

With the excellent nucleus for a special department on missions already begun in Division B early in the year it was decided to transfer all entire books on the subject to that division. Thirty seven volumes were transferred from Division A and the entire collection was carefully reclassified and cataloged in a special catalog. Sets of pictures, maps, etc., illustrative of mission work were mounted and cataloged and the department is increasing in value to mission study workers throughout the community. It is our hope during the coming year to publish a list of the material in this department.

Repairs and Improvements.

Four additional sections of shelving have been placed in the magazine room

in Division A and a third stack in the book room in Division B. Substantial metal flag poles have been placed upon both buildings for the beautiful flags given by Mr. Cropper and by the Daughters of the American Revolution this last year. A low wire fence over which vines have been trained was placed between the library and the adjoining lot at Division B, serving as a protection from teams driving over the rear lawn and also as an ornament to the grounds. In common with many other buildings a few years after their erection our library buildings have this year suffered some damage from leaks in the roofs. These have been repaired at some expense but we trust are now secure. An experiment in lighting was tried, replacing the former low hung chandeliers with others nearer the ceiling and fitted with Tungsten lamps, the table lights being removed entirely. The result has been very satisfactory, a brighter and more diffused light being shed throughout the rooms.

Binding.

One hundred and two magazines have been bound; 79 for Division A and 23 for Division B. This number includes various volumes bound in completing sets. With the use of the list of one hundred best novels the plan was adopted of purchasing these books in the Huntting special library binding, fifty books in this binding

being added to Division A and seventy to Division B. Six hundred and six books have been rebound; 267 for Division A and 339 for Division B. A total of 4472 books have been repaired in the library.

Gifts.

A list of donors is not included in this report as the list has already appeared in the newspapers. We wish, however, to express our gratitude to friends for the numerous books, magazines, flowers, etc., which have been given to the library. We make special mention of the large flags, the gifts of Mr. H. B. Cropper and of the Waterloo Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; Hasting's Dictionary of the Bible, given by Rev. W. H. Rollins; the four volume History of Woman Suffrage by the National Woman Suffrage Association; and Professor Raymond's Comparative Aesthetics in ten volumes, the gift of the author.

Library Meetings.

Our library was represented at the meeting of the Iowa Library Association at Des Moines by Mr. Reed and the librarian. Mr. Reed and Miss Noll attended the meeting of the northeast district at Iowa Falls. Through the courtesy of your board the librarian was given an opportunity of spending two weeks studying library methods in the Cleveland Public Library and

other libraries en route. In October the librarian had also the pleasure of being present at the opening of the new library building at Onawa.

We gratefully acknowledge courtesies tendered the library by the Courier, Reporter and Times-Tribune in providing space for the weekly library notes; by the Corn Belt and Iowa Telephone companies for the free use of their telephones; by Chief Dunham and the members of the Fire Department for unremitting care of the heating plant and the grounds at Division A. I wish to express appreciation for the loyal support of the staff and of your Board whose spirit of harmony and co-operation are seldom paralleled.

Respectfully submitted,

FANNY DUREN,
Librarian.

STATISTICS.

BOOK ACCOUNT.

	Div. A	Div. B	Total
Volumes in Library, January, 1909.....	8262	6565	14827

Additions, 1909.

Books purchased...	772	812	1584
Books donated	143	29	172
Magazines bound ...	79	23	102
Books exchanged between divisions..	32	7	11
Total additions ..	1001	896	1897

Withdrawals, 1909.

Books discarded	154	48	202
Books lost by borrowers	5	6	11
Books sold	12		12
Books exchanged between divisions ...	32	7	39
Duplicates withdrawn	16		16
Total withdrawals	219	61	280

Volumes in Library December 31, 1909.	9044	7400	16444
Net increase	782	835	1617

BINDING ACCOUNT

Magazines bound ...	79	23	102
Books rebound	267	339	606
Books repaired in the Library	2679	1793	4472

CLASSIFIED LIST OF BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY 1909

	Div. A		Div. B		Total	
	a	j	a	j	a	j
General works						
Philosophy	89	4	38		127	4
Religion	6		5		11	
Sociology	13	3	6	4	19	7
Philology	89	50	25	58	114	108
Natural Science			6		6	
Useful Arts	41	29	9	46	50	75
Fine Arts	75	25	31	14	106	39
Literature	39	6	13	15	52	21
History	59	31	55	40	114	71
Travel	27	14	26	21	53	35
Biography	24	27	15	28	39	55
Fiction	20	9	35	28	55	37
Mission Department	200	121	204	139	404	269
Total	682	319	593	393	1185	712
Final Total	1001		896		1897	

CLASSIFIED REPORT OF CIRCULATION, 1909

	Div. A.			Div. B.			Total
	a	j	s	a	j	s	
General works	97	83	39	159	236	39	256
Philosophy	186	22	2	62	14	2	321
Religion	222	105	7	129	38	13	242
Sociology	521	1258	108	413	1229	273	351
Philology	7	1	4	4	1	11	143
Natural science	185	449	48	170	444	103	2487
Useful arts	383	192	32	268	173	46	803
Fine arts	333	299	6	202	276	42	364
Literature	1643	726	41	1132	528	168	893
History	407	387	38	221	429	93	364
Travel	533	520	47	443	310	69	364
Biography	313	225	22	233	183	64	364
Current periodicals	22561	8975	207	16237	9318	707	364
Missions	96	1	1	137	137	137	364
Total	27514	13243	546	19992	13180	1642	47506
		41393			34814		76117

	Div. A.	Div. B.	Total
Number of days open for circulation	304	304	304
Average daily circulation	135	114	309
Largest daily circulation	368	226	241
Smallest daily circulation	39	22	51
Percentage adult fiction circulated	54	47	36
Percentage juvenile books circulated	32	38	

Comparative Monthly Circulation,
1907, 1908, 1909.

(Div. A and Div. B Combined.)

	1907	1908	1909
January	6051	7011	7659
February	5984	6589	7172
March	6188	6899	7887
April	4294	6173	6663
May	4860	5581	5741
June	4821	5156	5492
July	3480	4524	5229
August	4285	4887	5141
September	3602	4701	4911
October	4923	6098	5840
November	5913	6703	6327
December	5741	6540	5867

Total 60142 70862 *73929

*This does not include school circulation.

Registration of Borrowers.

	Div. A.	Div. B.	Total.
Cards in force January 1, 1909	2276	1744	4020
New cards issued	739	674	1413
Expired cards re-issued	645	425	1070
Cards expired	969	774	1743
Cards withdrawn	43	69	112
Total number cards in force December 31, 1909	2648	2000	4648
Net increase in borrowers	372	256	628

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