

cease in case the legal voters of any such village or township shall so determine, by a majority vote, at any annual election held therein, and the corporate authorities of such villages or townships may exercise the same powers conferred upon the corporate authorities of cities under this act.

SEC. 11. At the next regular election, after any town, village or township shall have voted to establish a free public library, there shall be elected a library board of six directors, one-third for one year, one-third for two years, and one-third for three years; and annually thereafter there shall be elected two directors, who shall hold their office for three years, and until their successors are elected and qualified, which board shall have the same powers as by this act are conferred upon the board of directors of free public libraries in cities.

Approved April 10, 1885.

(Missouri Session Laws, 1885; pp. 192-195.)

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## ANNUAL REPORT

OF

# Free Public Library

FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR, ENDING APRIL 18, 1892.

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H. L. FOOTE, PRESIDENT.

H. G. GETCHELL, SECRETARY.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY, }  
 St. JOSEPH, Mo., APRIL 18, 1892. }

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council :

The Board of Directors of the Free Public Library herewith submit their annual report of the condition of their trust for the year ending April 30, 1892 :

The report of the acting Librarian, with its appendix, gives a fair view, both of the advance which the Library has made and its present condition, and we are sure that our next annual statement will show much greater growth than the past year does. The popularity and usefulness of this institution is evinced in the steady increase of the number of borrowers, which is now 2,336 more than it was at last report, and also in the much larger daily issue of books for home use.

Our Library is now made one of the U. S. Depositories of its public documents, so that we can expect substantial additions to the Reference Department of the Library from that source as years go on. Respectfully submitted,

H. L. FOOTE, President.  
 H. G. GETCHELL, Secretary.

St. JOSEPH, Mo., MAY 26, 1892.

To the President and Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of St. Joseph :

The acting Librarian herewith presents the report of the Library for the year ending April 30, 1892.

In November, 1891, for various reasons, it was thought necessary by the Board of Directors to secure other quarters for the library, and the building at the corner of Tenth and Sylvania Streets was rented for one year for that purpose, the library being closed from November 7th to November 14th, for the purpose of moving.

BOOKS.

According to the last annual report, the number of volumes belonging to the library April 30, 1891, was 5,510. The number of volumes entered in the accession register during the past year was 1,264. The number deducted by wear and loss was six. The number unaccounted for was three, making a net gain of 1,255.

A statement of the number of books added to the Circulating and Reference Departments will be found in Exhibit A.

CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT.

This department has been open 302 days, being every week day in the year, except the holidays, and the days on which the library was closed for the purpose of moving. The hours are from 10 a. m. to 9 p. m. The number of books issued during the year was 92,292, the average daily use being 305. Number of borrowers' library cards issued during the year was 2,336.

READING ROOMS AND REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The reading rooms and reference department have been well patronized. No record has been kept of the number of visitors to these departments during the year. These departments have been open every day during the year except the holidays. The hours being from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m., every day except Sunday, when the hours are from 2 to 6 p. m.

CATALOGUE.

In May, 1891, a classified list of the books in the library was published, its expense being borne by advertising.

LULU C. SENTER, Acting Librarian.

EXHIBIT A.

Financial and Statistical Statement of the condition of the Free Public Library of St. Joseph, for the year ending April 30, 1892, as required by Library Law.

RECEIPTS.

Warrants drawn by City Auditor per vouchers issued by the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, viz :

To April 30, 1892 . . . . . \$ 7,365 13

EXPENDITURES.

For Books . . . . .	\$2,403 52	
Periodicals . . . . .	262 30	
Binding . . . . .	295 15	
Furniture . . . . .	93 71	
Repairs . . . . .	10 20	
Insurance . . . . .	53 00	
Heating and Lighting . . . . .	284 02	
Rent . . . . .	607 00	
Miscellaneous . . . . .	78 37	
Express and Postage . . . . .	19 56	
Stationery and Printing . . . . .	83 30	
Salaries . . . . .	3,175 00	\$ 7,365 13

REVENUE FROM OTHER SOURCES

From Library Fines, April, 1892 . . . . .	\$113 10	
Rents . . . . .	30 00	\$ 143 10
Cash on Hand April 30, 1892 . . . . .		143 10

STATISTICS

Number of Volumes Placed on the Shelves since April 30, 1891 . . . . . 841

GENERAL CHARACTER OF THE COLLECTION.

No. of Volumes—Arts and Sciences . . . . .	61	
“ “ Biography . . . . .	79	
“ “ History . . . . .	32	
“ “ Travel . . . . .	35	
“ “ Literature . . . . .	73	
“ “ Fiction . . . . .	362	
“ “ German . . . . .	145	
“ “ Reference ( general ) . . . . .	54	841

There are also a number of volumes (number not given here) not entered in the accession register ; also 41 volumes presented by the American Unitarian Association.

REPORT OF DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED FOR HOME USE.

In May,	1891,	( 25 days ) . . . . .	5,759	
In June,	1891,	( 26 days ) . . . . .	6,838	
In July,	1891,	( 26 days ) . . . . .	8,069	
In August,	1891,	( 25½ days ) . . . . .	8,373	
In September,	1891,	( 25½ days ) . . . . .	7,429	
In October,	1891,	( 27 days ) . . . . .	7,078	
In November,	1891,	( 19 days ) . . . . .	6,120	
In December,	1891,	( 26 days ) . . . . .	7,367	
In January,	1892,	( 25 days ) . . . . .	8,520	
In February,	1892,	( 24 days ) . . . . .	8,722	
In March,	1892,	( 27 days ) . . . . .	9,441	
In April,	1892,	( 26 days ) . . . . .	8,577	92,293

Number of Borrowers' Library Cards in force	April 30, 1891 . . . . .	1,546
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The increase for the year being . . . . .		2,336

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