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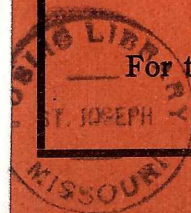
Fifteenth Annual Report of the

Free Public Library

OF THE

City of St. Joseph, Mo.

For the Fiscal Year Ending April 30th, 1905.



FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
OF THE
CITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MO.,
FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1905.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

ST. JOSEPH, MO.

OFFICERS.

President.....J. W. Atwill
 Vice-President.....H. K. White
 Secretary-Treasurer.....Chas. A. Pfeiffer
 Assistant Secretary.....Purd B. Wright

DIRECTORS.

Term expiring 1905	Term expiring 1906	Term expiring 1907
H. K. White,	John Michel,	Charles P. Cargill,
Charles A. Pfeiffer,	J. W. Atwill,	W. E. Warrick,
James H. McCord,	Dr. Daniel Morton,	Rev. Henry Bullard.

COMMITTEES.

Library—White, McCord, Atwill.
 Administration—Cargill, Michel, McCord.
 Buildings and Grounds—Morton, Warrick, Bullard.
 Finance—Pfeiffer, Cargill, Michel.
 By-Laws—White, Morton, Warrick.
 Art—McCord, Bullard, Morton.

LIBRARY STAFF.

Librarian—Purd B. Wright.
 Assistant Librarian—Lulu C. Senter.
 Assistants—Annie M. Perry, reference; Eudora Martin, Lillian C. Kerr, cataloging; Bessie McCoy, children's room; Jessie M. Gibson, Jennie Wilson, desk; Ethel Fife, Annie Knight, substitutes; Milton Meyer, Joseph Mann, messengers.
 Carnegie Branch—Lulu C. Senter, Librarian in Charge; Frank Weary, assistant.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER TRANSMITTING REPORTS.

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen: In forwarding for your consideration the reports of the various committees and officers of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1905, I earnestly ask careful reading.

The work of the library is gradually extending along desirable lines, and the year covered by these reports has been one of great activity in all departments.

It is a matter of deep concern to all connected with the library that the application of the Board for an increase in funds for library maintenance could not be granted by your honorable body. Last year a ten per cent increase in library allowance was provided. The reports herewith show this was followed by an increase of 25 per cent in the number of volumes issued for home use, and a much larger gain in the use of the library in its other departments. Of necessity this caused a larger expenditure in maintaining the physical condition of books, bindery expense being one-third larger than the year before. The library force was taxed to the limit in caring for the increased demand, and if this growth in use continues through the coming year, provision will have to be made, in the opinion of the committee in charge, for additional assistance. This will be at the expense of library growth.

The offer of Mr. Huston Wyeth to deposit in the library his curio collection, which he has for years been engaged in gathering, could not be accepted, solely on account of lack of money to procure the cases necessary to comply with the conditions of loan, reasonable as they were. The members of this Board, being unwilling to assume the entire responsibility of saying the offer must be declined, forwarded to you a copy of Mr. Wyeth's letter, and asked thorough consideration of the matter. Your apportionment, just completed, does not carry the amount required, and it will thus be necessary to notify Mr. Wyeth that the Library Board is powerless to comply with his conditions and to accept and care for the exhibit this year.

Without attempting to summarize the statistics of these reports, some few points will be presented. Home use of books totaled 149,210 volumes, an increase of 25 per cent; net increase in number of volumes in the library, 3,151, or but 11.2 per cent. If a library at all approaching the needs of the community is ever to be had, proportion of growth to use must be more nearly equalized.

The library is daily becoming more and more a factor in the social life of the city; as an educational feature it surely ranks with the schools, and as a moral influence it occupies a prominent place. The members of the Board, realizing these things, feel that they are not performing their duties as they should be performed without calling your earnest attention to the needs of the library, as they are daily forced upon them.

The library force is to be commended for services under trying conditions. The work accomplished speaks for itself.

Respectfully submitted,

St. Joseph, Mo., May 11, 1905.

J. W. ATWILL, President.

PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

Gentlemen: The statement herewith shows the receipts and disbursements of the library in detail for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1905.

The library apportionment for the year was \$13,200, \$10,700 being for the main library and \$2,500 for the Carnegie branch. Actual credits to the main library account were somewhat less, as is explained fully in the report of the finance committee.

It is proper to state that this report covers the entire receipts and expenditures of the library, including the petty or "special" library account. This special fund includes the collections at the library from the duplicate collection, penalties collected from over-due books, books lost and paid for, catalogs and supplements sold, and any miscellaneous receipts.

As heretofore, expenditures through the city departments, auditor and comptroller, are all accounted for in detail, on duplicate vouchers, approved by at least two members of the Finance Committee, certified by the President after being allowed by the Board, the originals of which are on file with the city auditor. The duplicate vouchers are retained at the library in the hands of the librarian. Expenditures by the librarian from the special account are reported monthly, itemized, to the Library Board and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,

Treasurer.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1905.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
County of Buchanan } ss.

Before me, J. C. Hedenberg, a notary public in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Charles A. Pfeiffer, Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, and made oath that the facts and figures contained in his report are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand and seal this 26th day of May, 1905.

(Seal)

J. C. HEDENBERG,

My commission expires Nov. 11, 1905.

Notary Public.

PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT.

MAIN LIBRARY.
GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

From city apportionment.....	\$10,350.50	
Deposit by Board Treasurer from special fund	650.00	\$11,000.50

DISBURSEMENTS.

By general warrants on City Treasurer:		
Book account--		
Books	\$ 2,207.75	
Periodicals.....	573.18	
Binding	1,253.77	\$ 4,034.70
Salaries, librarian and assistants.....		5,144.40
Heating, fuel and engineer.....		696.92
Printing and stationery.....		254.80
Janitor service.....		450.00
Electric light.....		7.88
Furniture.....		46.20
Postage.....		27.00
Miscellaneous:		
Telephone	32.25	
Catalog cards: L. of C., Pittsburg and A. L. A.....	125.00	
Expense, A. L. A.....	70.00	
Supplies: Ice, etc	102.65	329.90
Repairs.....		8.70
		\$11,000.50

SPECIAL FUND ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Brought forward in hands Board Treasurer.....	\$ 135.48	
Brought forward in hands Librarian.....	13.99	
Received from Duplicate collection	218.90	
Penalties on overdue books.....	566.04	
Catalogs.....	7.90	
Supplements	7.10	
Miscellaneous sources.....	67.14	\$ 1,016.55

DISBURSEMENTS.

Deposit in general fund by Board Treasurer	\$ 650.00	
Disbursements by librarian;		
Freight and express	\$ 77.72	
Postage.....	27.35	
Stationery	26.10	
Delivery stations.....	91.50	
Periodicals.....	1.85	
Miscellaneous.....	47.12	\$ 271.64
Balances: In hands Board Treasurer	80.48	
In hands Librarian.....	14.43	\$ 94.91
		\$ 1,016.55

RECAPITULATION

TOTAL RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES—MAIN LIBRARY.

RECEIPTS.

From city apportionment.	\$10,350.50	
Special fund.	1,016.55	\$11,367.05
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DISBURSEMENTS.

By vouchers on City Treasurer, general fund.	\$11,000.50	
By librarian.	271.64	
Balances:		
In hands Board Treasurer	80.48	
In hands Librarian.	14.43	\$11,367.05
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CARNEGIE BRANCH.

RECEIPTS.

From city apportionment	\$ 2,500.00
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DISBURSEMENTS.

By general fund warrants on City Treasurer:		
Book account:		
Books	\$ 467.61	
Periodicals.	100.63	
Binding	84.16	\$ 652.40
Salaries, library assistants	1,026.00	
Coal.	172.23	
Electric light.	38.55	
Building improvements.	48.32	
Repairs.	3.53	
Janitor.	480.00	
Miscellaneous.	78.97	\$ 2,500.00

GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Main library, general fund	\$ 10,350.50	
'Special fund'	1,016.55	
Carnegie branch, general fund.	2,500.00	\$13,867.05
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Main library, general fund	\$11,000.50	
Special fund.	271.64	
Carnegie branch, general fund.	2,500.00	\$13,772.14
Balances forward:		
In hands Board Treasurer.	80.48	
In hands Librarian.	14.43	94.91
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		\$13,867.05

CARNEGIE BRANCH BUILDING FUND.
RECEIPTS.

Received from Mr. Andrew Carnegie.	\$25,000.00
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DISBURSEMENTS.

For building, furniture, library equipment	\$24,806.74	
Balance on hand, reserved for completing walk (not built on account of filled ground)	193.26	\$25,000.00
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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

Gentlemen: Herewith is presented the annual report of the Librarian, covering the fifteenth year, May 1, 1904, to April 30, 1905.

SUMMARY.

Number of volumes in library, 31,200; increase for year, 3,151; in school supplementary reading collection, 3,027, placed in library by school district of St. Joseph, October, 1904.

Number of volumes issued for home use, 149,210; increase, 25,075, of which 12,070 were from school collection. Average daily issue, 416.

Percentage fiction circulated (including children's stories), 69.218; Decrease, 8.252 per cent.

Financial: Total receipts, \$13,867.05; expenditures, \$13,772.14; balances, \$94.91.

Number card holders, 6,708; increase, 483; number of teacher's cards, 246; increase, 140.

GROWTH AND CONTENTS OF LIBRARY.

Additions for the fiscal year numbered *3,806; withdrawals, 655; net increase, 3,151. Of the 55 volumes reported missing last year, 11 were found, leaving 44 unaccounted for, which are included in books withdrawn. This year the inventory discloses 55 volumes missing. For an open-shelf library, this percentage of loss is regarded as small.

By taking advantage of the many opportunities to purchase books at clearance sales, through cut price dealers, second-hand and foreign dealers, and including large numbers of books published longer than one year—evading the limited discount books to as great extent as possible—the average cost per volume of books added is somewhat less than for several years.

CIRCULATION AND LIBRARY USE.

The issue of books for home use was †149,210 volumes, an increase of 25,075. The use of fiction was 69.218 per cent of the total, as against 77.47 last year, a decrease of 8.252 per cent. While an increase is noted in the use of the adult department of the main library of over 1500 volumes, fiction shows a decrease of 2012 volumes.

No attempt is made to include in the statistics a statement as to library or reference use. An account is kept of books used in the library and left upon the tables, but this comprises such a small proportion of the actual use that it is regarded as worthless as statistics. Volumes left upon the tables, 21,617. As all club and school reference books are placed on specified shelves, used by persons interested and replaced, no one can know the number of times they are consulted. Possibly a fair estimate of library use would be two and one-half times the number left upon the tables, or approximately 50,000 volumes. No attention whatever is paid to library use in any of the tables or percentages used in this report.

*Library Statistics, book account. †Same, circulation.

CARD HOLDERS.

Number of card holders, 6,708; increase 483. Total cards outstanding, 9,456. These figures include 246 teachers' cards, 1 deposit card, 2 cards for the blind, 19 "life-membership" cards, and 2,748 non-fiction cards. Registration is required every two years, and from this registration all cards cancelled, for any reason, are deducted. Cards reported, therefore, may be regarded as active.

BRANCH AND STATIONS.

Continued good work is reported from Carnegie Branch. An increase in circulation of *639, was noted, with a still further reduction in the use of fiction. Additions numbered 666 volumes, 169 being for the reference department. The branch now contains 4,230 volumes. It participated in the school supplementary reading work to the extent of being the depository for all schools in the southwestern part of the city. The circulation of these books, however, is not included in the branch report, being reported with the collection.

The work of Miss Senter has continued along lines heretofore reported. Personal work with the clubs and visits to the schools tributary to the library keep it before the people. Two children's clubs were formed during the year which meet in the library building.

It is to be regretted that Miss Senter was compelled to ask for sick leave for two months from April 15, and hopes are entertained that she will return fully recovered. In the meantime her work is carried on by Miss Fife from the main library.

But 4,833 volumes were circulated through the delivery stations, a falling off of 719 for the year. Number of stations continue as last year, and service as for several years. People prefer to come to the library for books in the absence of daily deliveries, which continue to be asked for.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY.

The feature of the library work for the year was that with children. Miss McCoy, in charge of the room at the main library, reports a circulation of *32,815, a gain of 11,701, or 55.41 per cent. Of the total circulation, 71.35 per cent was children's stories. The classification in this department is not close, many books being placed in stories which, under A. L. A. rules, would be classed as animal books, folk stories, legends, etc. All fairy tales are placed in the story collection rather than in the 300 class. With the exception of June, when a decrease of 335 was noted, each month witnessed an increased use as compared with the same month of the year before. These increases were as follows: May, 221; July, 541; Aug., 791; Sept., 686; Oct., 708; Nov., 1,032; Dec., 1,118; Jan., 1,418; Feb., 1,390; March, 2,068; April, 2,063, or, from 16.4 per cent in May, 1904, to 105 per cent, by steady progress, in April, 1905.

The children's room has been made as attractive as possible. In two years 1,500 volumes have been added. An attempt has been made to pro-

*Library statistics. Circulation.

vide books covering a wider field, lowering the age limit as well as raising, and results were gratifying. A feature of the work with children in this room was substituting for lists of books a display of the books themselves, on special shelves, attention being called to them by pictures instead of signs. These included bird books, animal books, games, colored pictures being used when possible. This for the vacation period. During the school term, birthdays were recognized in the same way. Lessons were specialized similarly. Maps of the different countries studied, headed lists of books on those countries, covering stories, travel, history, etc. Titles in many instances do not mean anything to the little ones; books themselves often mean everything.

The card catalog in this department will be completed the coming year, supplementing the printed cards of the Cleveland-Pittsburg libraries list.

The room has grown so popular that children are loth to leave it for the main library, as formerly; indeed, many have returned to it after using the adult department. This was especially noticeable in the summer months. The introduction of supplementary reading in the schools has had a marked effect upon the use of this department.

In the purchase of books for the children's room, acknowledgement is made of the great helpfulness of leading library lists, the A. L. A. catalog, Miss Hewins' list of books for children, and suggestions by local teachers.

Personal work with the children—cheerful, intelligent assistance in the selection of books and the consideration of individual wants and needs—has had no small share in adding to the popularity and usefulness of the room.

Lack of books and crowded rooms are the serious handicaps at present. Efforts are being made to overcome the former, and it is hoped that through co-operation with the school district, owner of the building, an arrangement may be made which will secure larger quarters.

So far as means permitted, work with children has been duplicated at Carnegie branch, with results nearly as gratifying.

LIBRARY AND SCHOOL.

With the approval of the library committee, a proposition was made last summer to the School District of St. Joseph, through Mr. J. A. Whiteford, superintendent, to assume the work of preparation and circulation of any books purchased by the district and placed in a supplementary reading collection in the library. With the approval of the plan, heartily endorsed by Mr. Whiteford, he was authorized to expend \$1,000 in the purchase of books. Of volumes purchased, 3,027 volumes were turned over to the library in August, and they were accessioned, classified and fully prepared for circulation on the opening of the school. Oct. 12, 2,825 volumes were issued, the first selection being made by Mr. Whiteford and sent to the various buildings by wagon. Since that time the books have been returned by the teachers, who select and usually take away with them readers wanted.

*Library statistics. Circulation.

The time limit on volumes in this collection is two months. Teachers in grades one and two are permitted to take a volume for each pupil in the largest class; grades three-six, but one-half as many volumes as there are pupils. Grades 7-8 have two copies only of four different titles, which are retained through the school term. With approximately 7,000 pupils attending the first six grades, it will be seen that a large number of pupils are without supplementary reading some of the time. No higher compliment can be paid the teacher than the simple statement of the earnest way they repeatedly visit the library in search of supplementary reading books for their pupils, and their keen regret when their efforts fail, as they so often do.

Through the labels on the books, the aid of the school teachers in distributing application blanks and instructing the applicants how to fill them, the library has reached every child in the public schools in a more direct and convincing way than has heretofore been possible. It is estimated that 70 per cent of the new cards issued during the year, and 60 per cent of the increase in the use of the children's rooms, may be attributed to this source.

A little pamphlet, containing an author-list, by grades, of titles in the supplementary collection, with regulations for their use; also "Partial list of books in the library of interest to teachers: On education; Teaching—theory and practice; Methods—special aids to teachers," was printed and each teacher provided with a copy. It has been of much value. One hundred copies of the A. L. A. list of books for boys and girls (Miss Hewins), have been placed in the different school buildings as an aid to the teachers. This assistance is appreciated by the teachers, and is of importance to the children. It is also an aid to the library.

CATALOGING.

In addition to cataloging the new accessions, the work of revising the card catalog progresses favorably. Use is made of all printed cards obtainable. From the library of Congress, 10,590 cards were received at a cost of \$100.64. The L. of C. traveling card catalogs have been used and found of much assistance. At this writing the traveling card catalog of English history titles is in this library. Agricultural department cards have also been received and filed. From the A. L. A. publishing section were secured cards for the Old South leaflets, 6v, and Chicago University bi-centennial publications, 10v. The library is also a subscriber for cards as published for important annuals and government publications. Misses Martin and Kerr, of this department, have accomplished a great deal of work in a very satisfactory manner.

DUPLICATE COLLECTION.

Volumes in the duplicate (pay) collection were issued 4,378 times; receipts, \$218.90. Expended for 174 volumes, \$161.00. Transferred to main collection, 123 volumes.

LIBRARY IN GENERAL.

REFERENCE—An increasing use is reported from the reference department. In recognition of this, greater expenditures than usual have been made. A number of periodical sets have been completed, and others added. The library is not strong in bound periodicals, as will be seen by the list accompanying this report. An effort will be made to fill many of the gaps and to add important sets. Miss Perry, reference librarian, reports a steady increase in the demands upon her services by clubs, high school pupils, and the public in general. The recognition of the library by business men, as furnishing much desired information, is of rapid growth.

LIBRARY PUBLICATIONS.—Publication of the Library Bulletin bi-monthly for free circulation, begun with the fiscal year, has proven most helpful. Its circulation has not been confined to library patrons, being mailed regularly to various societies, clubs, lodges, reading rooms and educational institutions. At a small additional expense, annotations could be provided. This would greatly enhance its value to the reading public. Titles are often misleading, if not meaningless.

The yearly finding list, a consolidation of the quarterly bulletin, was published as usual.

The newspapers have published library news as usual, including lists of important new titles, popular books, lists, etc.

Reading lists on various subjects have been compiled and printed and found helpful to many people. Possibly the best results were obtained from the list for the civic Improvement League, "The Flower Garden," circulated by the League in its attempts to aid in beautifying the city; "Business Books," reading list for students of the commercial colleges; and "Aids for the Sunday School Teacher—Books in the Library."

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.—United States public documents are gradually being brought into accessibility through cataloging. In the completion of the more important sets valuable aid has been rendered through the office of the Superintendent of Documents, Smithsonian Institution, and Agricultural Department.

DONATIONS.—With the exception of last year, when the Neely collection was given the library, donations are the largest in number in the history of the library. The list contains more names than usual, an indication of a more widespread interest in the work of this institution.

It is a source of keen regret that the offer of Mr. Huston Wyeth to place in the library his magnificent collection of curios could not be accepted. The conditions precedent to the acceptance of the loan, that the library provide regular museum cases, catalogue the collection, and provide an attendant for specified hours, were regarded as just and fair. It is to be deplored that the city was not in financial condition to provide the amount required by the library board to permit it to accept the trust.

BINDING EXPENSE.—Binding expense, \$1,253.77, is approaching a point where it will prove profitable to operate a library bindery.

CHRISTMAS EXHIBIT.—The usual exhibit of books suitable for Christmas presents was made at the library, and was visited by many people. As here-

tofore, Mr. W. Schroeder permitted the use of any volumes desired from his store.

Four representatives from this library attended the meeting of the American Library Association in St. Louis in October and participated in the proceedings of the Missouri Library Association at the same time and place.

The library force accomplished a great deal of work during the year, and I feel constrained to commend each member thereof for cheerful and intelligent interest. To the members of the library board acknowledgment is due for kindly suggestions and aid at all times.

Following will be found: I. Library statistics: Book account, Accessions and withdrawals for year classified; Expenditures of library; Circulation by departments. II. Donors and donations. III. Periodicals received. IV. Bound periodicals in reference collection.

Respectfully submitted,

PURD B. WRIGHT,

Librarian.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1905.

STATE OF MISSOURI, {
County of Buchanan, ss }

Before me, H. H. Smith, a notary Public in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Purd B. Wright, Librarian of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Mo., and made oath that the facts and figures submitted are correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand and seal this 6th day of May, 1905.

H. H. SMITH,

Notary Public.

My commission expires October 29th, 1905.

I—LIBRARY STATISTICS.

BOOK ACCOUNT.

Number of volumes reported April 30, 1904		28,049	
Additions for fiscal year:			
By purchases	2,566		
By transfer from duplicate collection	123		
By periodicals bound	634		
By donations	483	3,806	
Withdrawn (worn out, destroyed on account of con- tagion, etc.,)	584		
Lost and paid for	27		
Unaccounted for	44	655	
Net increase for the year			3,151
Number volumes now in library			31,200

SCHOOL DISTRICT DEPARTMENT.

Number volumes in supplementary reading department, purchased during the year by the School District and maintained by library as a separate collection	3,027
Total volumes in library, library and school collections	34,227

ACCESSIONS AND WITHDRAWALS FOR THE YEAR.

Class.	Accessions.	Withdrawals.	Net gain.
General	172	7	165
Philosophy	31	1	30
Religion	134	2	132
Sociology, (inc. pub. docs)	512	116	396
Language	41	5	36
Natural science	177	4	173
Useful arts	158	9	149
Fine arts	139	6	133
Literature	229	32	197
Travel	235	9	226
Biography	217	3	214
History	195	10	185
Periodicals, R. L.	504	3	501
Fiction (inc. children's stories)	1,062	448	614
Total	3,806	655	3,151

ACCESSIONS SCHOOL DISTRICT DEPARTMENT.

Language	1,100
Literature	610
Travel	360
Biography	100
Natural science	100
History	100
Children's stories	657

CLASSIFICATION OF VOLUMES REPORTED LAST YEAR AS ACCESSIONED, BUT NOT CLASSIFIED.

General	1
Philosophy	11
Sociology	96
Language	23
Natural science	20
Useful arts	12
Fine arts	8
Literature	57
Travel	3
Biography	1
History	35
Fiction	20

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EXPENDITURES OF LIBRARY.

FROM GENERAL FUND.

Book account:			
Books	\$ 2,675.36		
Periodicals	673.81		
Binding	1,337.93	\$ 4,687.10	
Salaries, librarian and assistants		6,170.40	
Heating, fuel and engineer		869.15	
Printing and stationery		254.80	
Janitor service		930.00	
Electric lighting		46.43	
Furniture		46.20	
Postage		27.00	
Miscellaneous:			
Telephones	64.50		
Catalog cards, L. of C., A. L. A. and Pittsburg	125.00		
A. L. A. expense	70.00		
Supplies, ice	149.37	408.87	
Repairs		12.23	
Building improvements		48.32	\$13,500.50

FROM SPECIAL FUND.

Freight and express \$	77.72	
Postage	27.35	
Stationery	26.10	
Delivery station expenses	91.50	
Periodicals	1.85	
Miscellaneous	47.12	271.64
		\$13,772.14

LIBRARY CIRCULATION.

CLASS	MAIN LIBRARY			School Sup. Reading	Total	Percent.	Inc. for year
	Adult	Children	Carnegie Branch				
General	1599	244	34		1877	1.252	432
Philosophy	793	24	94		911	.611	195
Religion	1033	191	104		1328	.891	319
Sociology	1172	324	176		1672	1.120	577
Language	96	234	70	4578	4978	3.340	4888
Natural science	1019	1290	321	565	3195	2.141	1584
Useful arts	1131	126	189		1446	.976	413
Fine arts	1014	454	164		1632	1.093	476
Literature	4328	1378	597	2199	8502	5.700	3278
Travel	2995	2700	865	821	7381	4.940	3072
Biography	2137	854	355	512	3858	2.586	1037
History	2063	1535	549	583	4730	3.170	1474
Current magazines	4158	46	122		4326	2.900	121
Fiction, inc. children's stories	69065	23415	8082	2812	103374	69.280	7209
Total	92603	32815	*11722	12070	149210	100.	25075

*Children's use: Fiction. 2948; class books, 1243.

Number of days open, 358. (Sundays, 1:30 to 6:30 p. m.)
 Number of Sundays open, 53.
 Average daily issue, 416. Increase, 71.
 Average secular daily issue, 476. Increase, \$5.
 Average Sunday issue, 71. Increase, 21.
 Largest issue in one day, (not inc. school sup. reading) 880, Feb. 25, 1905.
 Smallest issue in one day, (not inc. school sup. reading) 158, Dec. 27, 1904.
 Largest issue school supplementary reading, 2,825, Oct. 11, 1904.
 Largest issue in one month, all departments, March 16; 14,700, increase, 3990.
 Smallest issue in one month, Sept., 9,724. Increase, 857.

II. DONORS AND DONATIONS.

Vols.	Nos.	Pamp.	Donors.
...	14	...	Adams, Mrs. Lizzie. (Magazine for the blind)
18	...	1	American book Co., N. Y.
1	American thresherman, Madison, Wis.
...	...	1	Armstrong association, N. Y.
10	Arrowsmith, H. W., St. Joseph, Mo.
10	6	8	Atwill, J. W., 1 picture.
9	Atwill & Hyatt, St. Joseph, Mo.
160	200	...	Barnard, Col. J. F., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	3	...	Boston book co., Boston, Mass.
2	Bridge, J. H., New York.
36	Browne, Ed. C.
...	...	1	Buckner, W. T., Wichita, Kas.
8	Bullard, Rev. Henry.
...	...	2	Canada, minister of agriculture.
2	Carnegie, Andrew, New York.
2	Carter, Lillian.
1	Carrington, W. F., state supt. of education.
50	...	100	Cockrell, Hon. Francis M.
3	Combe printing co.
2	Cook, Samuel B.
1	Cox, Miss M. E.
94	Cundiff, Mrs.
9	Daughters of American Revolution, St. Joseph chap.
7	Druckemiller, P. P.
22	Elliff, J. D., Columbia, Mo.
36	...	5	Gilkey, Mrs.
1	Gordon, W. H.
1	Haferkorn, H. E., St. Paul, Minn.
3	Harrah, W. F., Des Moines, Ia.
1	Harrison, Carter H., Chicago, Ill.
65	200	...	Harris, Edward.
39	Heath & Co., Boston, Mass.
1	Hyatt, Mrs. C. C.
2	Illinois state historical library, Springfield, Ill.
...	...	1	International Catholic truth society.
1	Jewish pub. soc. of America.
4	Joseph Lodge, No. 73, I. O. B. B.
1	...	1	Kansas state historical society, Topeka, Kas.
3	Lemmel, Henry.
1	Lodge of Sons of Israel
			Lowenstein, Mrs. E. W., 3 pictures.
1	Lowell, J. Paul, Minneapolis, Minn.
16	McCabe, Mrs.
1	McCoy, Miss Bessie.
1	Meyer, Sol.
32	...	21	Michel, John.
4	Missouri commission, Louisiana purchase exposition

Vols.	Nos.	Pamp.	Donors.
1	12	...	Morton, Dr. Daniel.
3	Moss, Mrs. J. B.
1	Oil City Derrick co., Oil City, Pa.
15	...	2	Orr, Mrs.
...	2	...	Park, Clay.
...	...	1	Pennsylvania prison society, Philadelphia, Pa.
1	Phillips, Mrs. R. T.
12	Riemer, H. H.
2	Robinson, Miss Emily.
...	...	1	Robinson, Dr. J. H., Maryville, Mo.
1	St. Louis public library.
1	School district of St. Joseph.
10	Silver, Burdett & Co., N. Y.
...	...	2	Sons of the Revolution, Missouri society
1	Theosophical society, St. Joseph.
1	Union Press, N. Y.
257	...	245	United States government—Departments.
10	University of Chicago.
...	10	...	University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.
1	Unknown.
2	Vesey, Mrs.
1	Watkins, Robert Lincoln.
1	Westminster college, Fulton, Mo.
1	Wilder, W. W., state auditor.
14	Wilson, J. M., (Deposit)
1	Wilson, Sidney.
3	Wright, Mrs. Purd B.

LIBRARY EXCHANGES

BULLETINS AND ANNUAL REPORTS.

Pamp.	Nos.	
1	1	Allegheny (Pa.) Carnegie library.
3	3	Atlanta (Ga.), Carnegie library.
1	...	Baltimore, Enoch Pratt free library.
...	3	Bradford (Pa.) Carnegie library.
1	7	Brooklyn (N. Y.) public library.
...	2	Buffalo (N. Y.) public library.
...	4	Carlisle (Pa.) J. Herman Bosler library.
1	...	Cedar Rapids (Ia.) public library.
7	...	Chicago (Ill.) public library.
...	5	Cleveland (O.) public library.
1	...	Davenport (Ia.) public library.
4	...	Dayton (O.) public library.
...	6	Decatur (Ill.) public library.
1	3	Detroit (Mich.) public library.
1	...	Dubuque (Ia.) public library.
2	...	Duluth (Minn.) public library.

Pamp.	Nos.	
1	...	Evanston, (Ill.) public library.
1	...	Fremont (Neb.) public library.
2	...	Gloversville (N. Y.) public library.
...	3	Hartford (Conn.) free library.
...	6	Haverhill (Mass.) public library.
2	...	Helena (Mont.) public library.
...	4	Iowa library commission, Des Moines, Iowa.
...	5	Jersey City (N. Y.) public library.
...	4	Kansas City (Mo.) public library.
1	...	Lawrence (Mass.) public library.
...	5	Lexington (Mass.) public library.
1	...	Marshalltown (Ia.) public library.
...	4	Milwaukee (Wis.) public library.
3	...	Minnesota library commission.
...	2	Missouri historical society, St. Louis.
2	...	Missouri state historical society, Columbia,
1	...	Nashville (Tenn.) public library.
1	...	Nebraska library commission, Lincoln, Neb.
14	12	Newark (N. J.) public library.
...	2	New Haven (Conn.) public library.
...	2	Newton (Mass.) public library.
...	12	New York (N. Y.) free library.
...	6	Omaha (Neb.) public library.
1	...	Ottumwa (Ia.) public library.
2	...	Patterson (N. J.) public library.
1	...	Peabody institute, Danvers, Mass.
...	7	Peoria (Ill.) public library.
1	...	Philadelphia library company, Philadelphia, Pa.
1	...	Pittsburgh (Pa.) Carnegie library.
...	2	Pratt institute library, Brooklyn, N. Y.
...	3	Quincy (Ill.) public library.
1	...	Reading (Pa.) public library.
2	10	St. Louis (Mo.) public library.
1	...	St. Louis mercantile library.
...	12	San Francisco (Calif.) public library.
1	...	Salem (Mass.) public library.
1	6	Scranton (Pa.) public library.
1	...	Sedalia (Mo.) public library.
1	...	Syracuse (N. Y.) public library.
1	...	Tacoma (Wash.) public library.
1	...	Toronto (Can.) public library.
2	...	Washington (D. C.) public library.
3	...	Western Reserve university library school, Cleveland, O.
2	...	Worcester (Mass.) public library.

III. PERIODICALS RECEIVED.

A. L. A. booklist.
 Amateur work, m.
 American boy, m.
 cAmerican Catholic quarterly, q.
 American electrician, m.
 American historical review, q.
 American journal of sociology, b-m.
 cAmerican monthly review of reviews, m.
 American primary teacher, m.
 Annals of American academy of political and social science, b-m
 Architectural record, m.
 Arena, m.
 Athenaeum, Lon., m.
 cAtlantic, m.
 cBirds and all nature, m.
 Blackwood's magazine, m.
 *Blue jacket, m.
 *Book buyer, m.
 cBookman, m.
 Bookseller, Lon., m.
 Bookseller, m.
 Boston transcript, Mon., Wednes. and Sat
 Brush and pencil, m.
 *Bulletin of bibliography, q.
 Camera craft, m.
 *Cameron (Mo.) sun, w.
 Canadian magazine, m.
 cCassier's magazine, m.
 *Catalogue of U. S. public documents, m.
 Catholic world, m.
 cCentury magazine, m.
 Chambers' journal, m.
 Charities, w.
 Chautauquan, m.
 *Chicago banker, w.
 Chicago Record-Herald, d & S.
 Chicago Tribune, d & S.
 *Christian science journal, m.
 *Christian science sentinel, w.
 Contemporary review, m.
 cCosmopolitan, m.
 Country life in America, m.
 Critic, m.
 Cumulative book review digest, m.
 Current literature, m.
 Delineator, m.
 cDial, s. m.

*Dzennik Polski, w.
 Education, m.
 cEducational review, m.
 Electrical age, m.
 Engineering magazine, m.
 Engineering news, m.
 Era magazine, m.
 Fortnightly review, m.
 Forum, q.
 *Forum (St. Joseph high school) m.
 *Fresno, (Cal.) Guide, w.
 *Genealogical magazine, q.
 cHarper's bazaar, m.
 cHarper's monthly magazine, m.
 cHarper's weekly, w.
 Harvard graduate's magazine, m.
 House beautiful, m.
 *Herald of the cross, m.
 *Herald of the golden age, m.
 Illustrated london news, w.
 Independent, w.
 *Indian friend, m.
 Inland printer, m.
 International quarterly, q.
 International studio, m.
 *Invitation, m.
 *Jewish review, m.
 Journal of education, w.
 *Journal of osteopathy, m.
 Judge, w.
 *Labor, w.
 Kindergarten magazine, m.
 cLadies' home journal, m.
 *Ladies' review, m.
 cLeslie's weekly, w.
 Library index to periodicals and current events, m.
 Library journal, m.
 Life, w.
 Lippincott's magazine, m.
 Literary digest, m.
 cLittell's living age, w.
 cLittle chronicle, w.
 *Lyceumite, m.
 cMcClure's magazine, m.
 Macmillan's magazine, m.
 Magazine of history, with notes and queries, m.
 *Medical fortnightly, s-m.
 *Medical herald, m.
 cMissionary review of the world, m.

Missouri school journal, m.
 *Modern architecture, m.
 *Modern farmer and busy bee, m.
 *Modern miller, w.
 cMunsey's magazine, m.
 Musical courier, w.
 *Mystic worker, m.
 cNation, w.
 National geographic magazine, m.
 New England historical and genealogical register, m.
 New England magazine, m.
 New York Tribune, d. & S.
 Nineteenth century, m.
 cNorth American review, m.
 *Official Gazette U. S. patent office, w.
 *Official journal painters and decorators, m.
 cOuting, m.
 cOutlook, w.
 Out west, m. (Formerly Land of Sunshine).
 Overland, m.
 *Park review, q.
 Photo-miniature, m.
 Political science quarterly, q.
 cPopular science, m.
 Public opinion, w.
 Publishers' weekly, w.
 Public libraries, m.
 Puck, w.
 Quarterly journal of economics, q.
 Reader's guide to periodical literature, m.
 Records of the past, m.
 Revue des du mondes, w.
 Review of reviews (Eng.), m.
 *St. Andrews cross, m.
 *St. Joseph News-Press, d.
 cSt. Joseph Gazette, d. & S.
 *St. Joseph Post, w.
 *St. Joseph Union, w.
 cSt. Nicholas, m.
 School journal,
 School review, m.
 Scientific American, w.
 cScientific American building monthly, m.
 cScientific American supplement, m.
 cScribner's magazine, m.
 *Sound currency, m.
 *Stock yards daily journal, d.
 cSuccess, m.
 *Sunday magazine, with Chi., N. Y. and St. Louis papers.

Uber land und meer, w.
 *Uj Vilag, s-m.
 *University of Missouri studies, q.
 *Virginia magazine of history and biography,
 *War cry, w.
 Western electrician, w.
 *Western fruit-grower, m.
 *Western home journal, m.
 Westminster review, m.
 William and Mary college quarterly, q.
 cWorld's Work, m.
 cYouth's companion, w.

 cAlso in Carnegie Branch.
 *Gift

IV. BOUND PERIODICALS IN REFERENCE COLLECTION.

MAY 1, 1905.

- American geographical society bulletin, v. 28, 1896, date.
 American historical review, v. 1, 1895, date.
 American illustrated methodist magazine, v. 1-4, 1899-1901.
 American journal of politics, v. 1-9, 1892-96. (v. 4-9 as American magazine of civics).
 American journal of sociology, v. 1, 1895, date.
 American magazine of civics. (See American journal of politics).
 American primary teacher, v. 15, 1891, date. (American teacher to 1897).
 Annals of the American academy of political and social science, v. 1, 1890, date.
 Arena (c), v. 1, 1889, date.
 Architectural record, v. 11, 1901, date. (v. 1-10 purchased).
 Art amateur, v. 22-49, 1889-1903, (lacking v. 32-41).
 Athenaeum, (Lon.), 1898, date.
 Atlantic monthly, (c), v. 1, 1857, date.
 Author, v. 1-3, 1889-91.
 Birds and all nature, (c), v. 1, 1897, date, (Formerly Birds.)
 Blackwood's magazine, v. 107, 1870, date, (lacking v. 116-123, 131-148.) (v. 1, 152, called Blackwood's Edinburg magazine.)
 Book Buyer, II ser., v. 22-28, 1901-1904. V. 26-28 called The Lamp. (Dis. as sub. magazine, now pub. as house bulletin.)
 Bookman (c), v. 1, 1895, date.
 Bulletin of University of Missouri (catalogue), v. 1, 1900, date, (lacking v. 3.)
 Bulletin of bibliography, v. 1, 1897-99, date.
 Canadian magazine, v. 1, 1893, date.
 Cassier's magazine, v. 19, 1900, date.
 Catholic world, v. 72, 1900, date.
 Century magazine, (c), n. s. v. 1, 1881, date.
 Chamber's journal, v. 77, 1898, date.
 Charities, v. 8, 1902, date. (See note after Charities review.)
 Charities Review, v. 1-10, 1891-1901, (Pub. dis., sub. carried by Charities)
 Chautauquan, v. 1, 1880, date.
 Chicago banker, v. 1, 1899, date.
 Contemporary review, v. 59, 1891, date, (lacking v. 63-78.)
 Cosmopolitan, v. 4, 1887, date.
 Country life in America, v. 1, 1901, date.
 Critic, v. 18, 1891, date.
 Current history, v. 1-12, 1890-1902. (Dis.)
 Current literature, v. 1, 1888, date.
 Dial, v. 19, 1895, date.
 Eclectic magazine, v. 31-130, 1854-1898. (Monthly ed. Little's living age from 1897.)
 Education, v. 21, 1900, date.
 Educational review, v. 1, 1891, date.

- Engineering magazine, v. 1, 1891, date.
 Engineering news, v. 4, 1877, date. (Lacking v. 27-50.)
 Evening Press, St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 26, 1902, Sept. 19, 1903. (All pub.)
 Fortnightly review, v. 55, 1891, date. (Lacking 59-74.)
 Forum, (c), v. 1, 1886, date.
 Galaxy, v. 1-22, 1866-76, (Lacking 23-24 to complete set.) (Merged in Atlantic monthly.)
 Genealogical quarterly, v. 2, 1901, date. (V. 1, purchased.)
 Godey's lady's book, v. 64-72, 1862-1866.
 Green bag, v. 1-5, 1889-1893.
 Harper's bazaar, v. 2, 1869, date, (Lacking v. 7-34.)
 Harper's magazine, (c), v. 1, 1850, date.
 Harper's weekly, v. 1, 1857, date.
 Harper's young people, 1891-1893.
 Harvard graduate's magazine, v. 1, 1892, date.
 Hours at home, v. 1-11, 1865-1870, (Merged in Scribner's monthly.)
 Independent, v. 56, 1904, date.
 Inland printer, v. 19, 1897, date.
 International magazine, v. 1-5, 1850-1852. (All pub.,) (Merged in Harper's magazine.)
 International studio, v. 1, 1897, date.
 International quarterly, v. 1, 1900, date. (International Monthly prior to 1903.)
 Journal of education, v. 33, 1891, date. (Lacking v. 34.)
 Land of sunshine, v. 1-15, 1894-1902, (Title changed to Out West, 1902 For continuation see Out West.)
 Land we love, v. 1-4, 1866-1867. (Lacking v. 5-6 to complete.) (Merged in New eclectic.)
 Library journal, v. 16, 1891, date.
 Lippincott's magazine, v. 43, 1889, date.
 Littell's living age, v. 1, 1844, date.
 McClure's magazine, v. 1, 1893, date.
 Macmillan's magazine, v. 64, 1891, date.
 Magazine of American history, v. 1-30, 1877-1893. (All pub.)
 Magazine of western history, v. 7-8, 1897-98, (Complete set, 1884-91.) (Continued as National magazine.)
 Missionary review of the world, v. 1, 1888, date.
 Municipal affairs, v. 1-6, 1897-1902.
 Munsey's magazine, v. 6, 1891, date.
 Nation, v. 46, 1888, date.
 New England historical and genealogical register, v. 53, 1899, date.
 New England magazine, n. s. v. 1, 1889, date.
 Nineteenth century, v. 29, 1891, date. (Lacking 34-48.)
 North American review, v. 10, 1820, date. (Lacking v. 59-69, 92-123.)
 Official Gazette, U. S. patent office, v. 1, 1872, date. (Lacking v. 17-32.)
 Outing, v. 19, 1891, date.
 Outlook, v. 55, 1897, date.
 Out West, v. 16, 1902, date. (Former title, Land of Sunshine, v. 1-15, 1894-1901.)

Overland monthly, n. s. v. 17, 1891, date.
 Park review, (Park college, Parkville, Mo.) v. 1, 1899, date.
 Poet-lore, v. 1, 1889, date.
 Popular science monthly, v. 1, 1872, date.
 Political science quarterly, v. 1, 1886, date.
 Public libraries, v. 1, 1896, date.
 Public opinion, v. 22, 1897, date.
 Putnam's magazine, v. 1-16, 1853-57, 1868-70, (Merged in Emerson's magazine.)
 Quarterly journal of economics, v. 15, 1900, date.
 Records of the past, v. 1, 1902, date.
 Review of reviews, (American monthly) (c), v. 1, 1890, date.
 St. Joseph daily news, now News-press, 18-date, lacking portions of several years.
 St. Joseph Gazette, 1845, date, lacking portions of 9 years. (Originally St. Joseph Gazette to 1898, Gazette-Herald to 1903.)
 St. Joseph Herald, 1865-1898, lacking portions of 3 years.
 St. Nicholas, (c), v. 1, 1873, date.
 School journal, v. 44, 1892, date.
 School review, v. 9, 1901, date.
 Scientific American, v. 11, o. s., 1856, date. (Lacking n. s. v., 50-68.)
 Scientific American building monthly, v. 33, 1902, date.
 Scientific American supplement, v. 30, 1890, date.
 Scribner's magazine, (c), v. 1, 1887, date.
 Scribner's monthly magazine, v. 1-22, 1870-1881. (Afterwards Century magazine.)
 Southern magazine, v. 14-17, 1874-75.
 Universal review, v. 1-5, 1888-89. (Lacking v. 6-8 to complete set.)
 Virginia magazine of history and biography, v. 1, 1893, date.
 Westminster review, v. 150, 1898, date.
 William and Mary college quarterly, v. 1, 1892, date.
 World's work, v. 1, 1900, date.
 Youth's companion, v. 77, 1903, date.
 (c) after title, indicates same also in Carnegie branch.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library.

Gentlemen: During the year the following changes occurred in the library staff: Miss Tillie Lohr, librarian of the children's room, resigned to be married, Miss Bessie McCoy being promoted from the substitute list to fill the vacancy. After competitive examination, Miss Annie Knight was appointed to the substitute list. On account of sickness, Miss Lulu C. Senter, assistant librarian and in charge of Carnegie branch, was given leave of absence for two months, dating from April 15. Miss Ethel Fife, substitute, was detailed to the branch, and Miss Knight takes full time at the main library.

The increased use of the library during the year has taxed the ability of the force. Should the increase continue, especially in the children's department, it will probably be necessary to furnish additional assistance for the rush hours, from 3 to 6 p. m., and Saturdays.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. CARGILL,

JOHN MICHEL,

JAS. H. McCORD,

Administration Com.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1905.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

Gentlemen: As predicted in the report of this committee one year ago, the annual period just ended has been an eventful one in the history of the library. During this time its largest use was recorded, and, with the exception of the year in which Carnegie branch opening purchases were made, its growth was larger than in any previous year. This was made possible by additional funds, largely expended for the book account; purchases of books on which the limited discount period had passed; selections from bargain lists, and the securing of standard works not heretofore in the library.

The report of the librarian as to the inventory of the library, shows that it contains 31,200 volumes, with an additional 3,027 volumes cared for in the school collection; a total of 34,227 under its control. The increase for the year in the library proper was 3,151 volumes. All purchases were made under the rules governing the Board.

It has been the policy of the library control to purchase only the better class of fiction—not necessarily the most popular—although the wants of library patrons in this particular are always given consideration. In this connection, it is not deemed out of place to emphasize one point in the report

of the librarian. Of a total of 3,806* volumes added for the past year, 26.34 per cent were fiction and children's stories. Of the net increase, 3,151 volumes, only 19.5 per cent were for the classes named. On the other hand, of the volumes withdrawn, (665), 68.4 per cent were of those classes. No record is kept as to purchases of books by classes, but a conservative estimate places the expenditures for fiction and stories at less than 20 per cent of the total book purchases.

The increased use of the library has materially advanced the binding expense, and the condition of volumes in the children's department, from excessive handling, is somewhat below former years.

In co-operation with the schools, with the hearty assistance of the school board and its officers, great advance has been made, and it is hoped that the field thus entered upon will be materially widened. The librarian reports the hearty interest of the teachers in the work, which is a matter of satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,
H. K. WHITE,
JAS. H. McCORD,
J. W. ATWILL,
Library Committee.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1905.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

Gentlemen: Your committee begs to report that, as required by the by-laws, it has examined the statement submitted by the Treasurer and finds that it shows the financial transactions of the Board of Directors, checking with the report of the librarian and the books of the city auditor.

For the year just closed, the city apportionment for library purposes was \$13,200, \$10,700 for the main library and \$2,500 for the Carnegie branch. The estimate of receipts of the city, however, was too high, and all departments were required to cut down their expenditures to a sum less than that apportioned them, with the exception that Carnegie branch was permitted to expend the full \$2,500. The shortage for the main library to March 31, amounted to \$349.50, \$98.12 having been transferred to this department from another. Had the library been credited with the full percentage of collections to the close of the fiscal year, April 17, there would be a credit to its account at this time of \$71.40, after repaying the \$98.12. We shall ask that this sum be credited to the library account.

By order of the Board, a request was transmitted for an increase in the funds to be apportioned for library purposes, but the decreased assessment, in the opinion of the city's fiscal officers, precluded this. The apportionment, therefore, will be the same for the coming year as last.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,
C. P. CARGILL,
JOHN MICHEL,
Finance Committee.

St. Joseph, Mo. May, 1, 1905.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

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

Gentlemen: An examination of the report of the Treasurer will show the expenditures which have been made under the jurisdiction of this committee. All of these have been reported to, or were authorized by, the Board.

The conference with the Park Commissioners of the city looking to the turning over to them of the grounds surrounding Carnegie branch library (reported to your body one year ago), resulted agreeably to both sides. In the month following the report, the grounds were placed in their charge, with the permission of the city government. The success of the plan is apparent. The grounds are better cared for, and improvements therein are contemplated which would not have been possible otherwise.

In this connection, the recommendation is made that the walks provided for in the original plans, but omitted on account of filled ground, and for which funds from the original Carnegie donation are held, be put in this year, in connection with whatever work is done by the commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,
DANIEL MORTON,
W. E. WARRICK,
HENRY BULLARD,
Buildings and Grounds Committee.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1905.

ART COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

Gentlemen: Through the generosity of the St. Joseph Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, there have been hung in the art room of the library, as a loan, print reproductions of thirty famous paintings.

The library has also received and placed in this room oil portraits of ex-governors Stuart, Woodson, and Hall, who were from St. Joseph, presented by the citizens of St. Joseph and the painter, Prof. J. V. D. Patch.

Your committee feels that these additions may be considered as a nucleus around which in time may be assembled a worthy collection. That the pictures are appreciated by the public is demonstrated by the numbers which visit the room every day.

Respectfully,
JAS. H. McCORD,
DANIEL MORTON,
HENRY BULLARD,
Art Committee.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1905.