

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I tender my sincere thanks to the Honorable Mayor and Common Council and to the committee on Fire Department for the valuable assistance rendered me, to the Chief of Police, the officers and men under his command, to the managers and operators of the Telephone Companies for the prompt transmission of fire alarms to the officers and members of the Department, I extend my sincere thanks for their hearty co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

P. P. KANE,
Chief of Fire Department.

RECAPITULATION OF EXPENSE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR END-
ING APRIL 15, 1901.

Services	\$ 45,069 00
Horse Feed and Bedding	1,715 60
New apparatus	3,450 00
Lot	1,400 00
Fuel	420 89
Ice	35 89
Oil and waste	93 04
Light	23 15
Telephone	25 00
Department supplies	101 81
House supplies	159 38
Repairing houses	544 71
Veterinary and medicine	56 00
Hardware and repairs	106 91
New harness and repairs	35 75
New houses	8,579 70
Horse Shoeing	479 80
Painting and repairing apparatus	226 15
Horses	185 00
New Hose	34 50
Sundries	53 27
Total Expended	\$ 62,795 00

Eleventh Annual Report

OF THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF

The City of St. Joseph, Missouri,

FOR

Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 1901.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY,

ST. JOSEPH, MO.

OFFICERS.

President J. W. Atwill
Vice-President John M. Stewart
Secretary-Treasurer Charles A. Pfeiffer
Assistant Secretary Purd B. Wright

DIRECTORS.

Term expiring 1901	Term expiring 1902	Term expiring 1903
Dr. J. B. Riley.	H. K. White.	J. W. Atwill,
John M. Stewart,	Charles A. Pfeiffer,	A. B. Weakley,
Charles P. Cargill,	James H. McCord.	John Michel.

COMMITTEES.

LIBRARY—White, Stewart, McCord.
ADMINISTRATION—Cargill, Michel, Atwill.
BUILDING AND GROUNDS—Riley, McCord, Weakley.
FINANCE—Pfeiffer, Cargill, Weakley.
BY LAWS—Stewart, White, Michel.
SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE—Pfeiffer, White, Stewart.

LIBRARY EMPLOYES.

Purd B. Wright, Librarian.
Lulu C. Senter, Assistant Librarian.
General Assistants—Annie M. Perry, Eudora Martin, Maggie Elmer,
Minnie Peterman.
Messenger—Roy Whitmore.
Janitor—F. G. Burgderfer.

President's Letter Transmitting Reports.

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Municipal Assembly of the City of St. Joseph, Mo.

Gentlemen: I have the honor to herewith transmit to you the report of the officers, committees and librarian of the Free Public Library for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1901. In addition to the financial operations of the Board of Directors, a detailed statement of the work sought to be accomplished, with the results obtained, is given. A perusal of these documents will show that the library is progressing along the general lines heretofore laid out, and that its growth is all that could be expected under existing conditions. In point of circulation of books there has been a decrease, the reason for which is generally understood, and to which the librarian calls attention.

The city is to be congratulated on the provisions just made for an extension of the library's work, through the donation of funds by Mr. Carnegie for a library building in the stock yards district, and of a block of ground on which to locate the same by the South St. Joseph Town Co., both secured by Mr. John Donovan, Jr. The promptness and unanimity with which the additional one-tenth of one mill from the city taxes for the support of the new institution was voted by the people augurs well for the future.

While work on the new building for the main library is progressing slowly, it is now hoped and believed that it will be ready for occupancy in the early fall. With its more central location, open shelves, attractive reading rooms, well supplied with current periodicals, and a general betterment of working conditions, a largely increased use of the library should soon follow.

That additional funds could be used to the best advantage goes without saying; and it is hoped that with the rapid growth of the city the increase in the assessed valuation of property will before many years place the library in position to secure the things needful to meet the wants of the most exacting patrons. In this connection it may not be out of place to call attention to the fact that the entire expenditures for the library during the fiscal year just closed represented but 7.65 cents for each inhabitant of the city; and that for the year just begun, including the branch library, will be a little less than 10 cents.

The Board of Directors express the feeling that the library is more and more each year filling the field open to it, and hope that the time is not far distant when it will completely occupy the same.

Again calling your attention to the reports herewith presented, I am
Yours respectfully,

J. W. ATWILL,

President Board of Directors of the Free Public Library.
St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1901.

Report of Treasurer.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Mo.

Gentlemen: I herewith submit a detailed report of the financial transactions of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library during the fiscal year, embracing all receipts and expenditures from May 10, 1900, to April 11, 1901:

GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT—(Schedule A).

Receipts from tax collections, upon an apportionment made by the Common Council of the City of St. Joseph, Mo., of \$7,500, and placed to the credit of the Free Public Library as collected:

1900	May 10	Balance in hand City Treasurer.....\$	04	
	May 31	Collections.....	4,155 75	
	June 30	Collections.....	494 62	
	July 31	Collections.....	422 70	
	Aug. 31	Collections.....	449 25	
	Sept. 30	Collections.....	442 98	
	Oct. 31	Collections.....	358 95	
	Nov. 30	Collections.....	347 25	
	Dec. 31	Collections.....	225 00	
1901	Jan. 31	Collections.....	195 82	
	Feb. 28	Collections.....	243 75	
	Mar. 31	Collections.....	163 93	
	Mar. 31	Collections, excess.....	7 07	
				\$ 7,507 11
	March 28	Deposited with City Treasurer...	357 00	\$ 7,864 11

DISBURSEMENTS—(Schedule B).

1900	May 10	Expenditures, April 12 to May 10.....\$	689
	June 14	Expenditures, May 10 to June 14.....	622
	July 12	Expenditures, June 14 to July 12.....	634
	Aug. 9	Expenditures, July 12 to Aug. 9.....	580
	Sept. 13	Expenditures, Aug. 9 to Sept. 13.....	633
	Oct. 11	Expenditures, Sept. 13 to Oct. 11.....	700
	Nov. 8	Expenditures, Oct. 11 to Nov. 8.....	857
	Dec. 13	Expenditures, Nov. 8 to Dec. 13.....	700
1901	Jan. 10	Expenditures, Dec. 13, 1900, to Jan. 10.....	603
	Feb. 14	Expenditures, Jan. 10 to Feb. 14.....	492
	Mar. 14	Expenditures, Feb. 14 to March 14.....	501
	Apr. 11	Expenditures, March 14 to April 11.....	522
			\$ 7,864 11

DISBURSEMENTS BY DEPARTMENTS.

Books.....	1,620 10
Periodicals.....	316 95
Binding.....	724 32
Rent.....	150 00
Heat.....	140 97
Salaries library employes.....	4,255 00
Printing and stationery.....	204 42
Postage.....	20 00
Furniture.....	11 00
Repairs.....	27 55
Insurance.....	110 00
Janitor service.....	216 00
Miscellaneous.....	67 80
	<u>\$ 7,864 11</u>

GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT.

RECAPITULATION—(Schedule C).

		RECEIPTS.	
1900	May 10	Balance in hands of City Treasurer.\$	04
1901	Mar. 31	Receipts from Tax Collections.....	7,500 00
	Mar. 31	Receipts from Excess Tax Collections.....	7 07
	Mar. 28	Receipts from Special Revenue Fund.....	357 00
			<u>\$ 7,864 11</u>

EXPENDITURES.

1901	Apr. 11	Vouchers paid as per Schedule B..	<u>\$ 7,864 11</u>
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SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS—(Schedule D).

		S. Duplts.	Fines	Catalogs	Suplmts.	Miscel.
1900	May 10	\$7 20	\$29 64	\$1 95	\$0 70	\$3 51
	June 14	9 20	40 92	3 25	85	3 64
	July 12	6 40	29 00	1 50	65	3 39
	Aug. 9	6 90	26 60	2 45	1 35	3 28
	Sept. 13	6 50	33 86	3 15	3 25	6 53
	Oct. 11	4 60	29 28	2 55	1 85	6 34
	Nov. 8	4 80	29 86	3 30	1 20	3 25
	Dec. 13	6 70	38 86	3 30	1 75	9 79
1901	Jan. 10	4 80	31 58	2 25	1 25	1 17
	Feb. 14	6 90	26 61	4 50	2 55	3 78
	Mar. 14	4 60	24 94	2 40	2 15	1 86
	Apr. 11	4 85	29 08	2 40	2 10	1 41
		<u>\$73 45</u>	<u>\$370 23</u>	<u>\$33 00</u>	<u>\$19 65</u>	<u>\$47 95</u>

PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT.

DISBURSEMENTS—(Schedule E).

Disbursements by Librarian from Special Revenue Fund, and reported to the Board of Directors by him at their regular monthly meetings:

1900	May	10	Incidental Expenses.....	\$ 18 25	
	June	14	Incidental Expenses.....	25 86	
	July	12	Incidental Expenses.....	15 75	
	Aug.	9	Incidental Expenses.....	16 98	
	Sept.	13	Incidental Expenses.....	20 88	
	Oct.	11	Incidental Expenses.....	16 50	
	Nov.	8	Incidental Expenses.....	17 00	
	Dec.	13	Incidental Expenses.....	25 49	
1901	Jan.	10	Incidental Expenses.....	14 79	
	Feb.	14	Incidental Expenses.....	18 36	
	Mar.	14	Incidental Expenses.....	13 48	
	Apr.	11	Incidental Expenses.....	17 03	\$ 220 37

RECAPITULATION—(Schedule F).

RECEIPTS—(D).

From Duplicate Books	\$ 73 45	
From Fines	370 23	
From Catalogues	33 00	
From Supplements	19 65	
From Miscellaneous sources	47 95	
Balance on hand May 10, 1900	10 37	\$ 554 65

DISBURSEMENTS—(E).

Paid Incidental Expenses	\$ 220 37	
Deposited with National Bank of St. Joseph.....	331 00	
Balance in hands of Librarian, April 11, 1901...	3 28	\$ 554 65

SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Showing Amounts Received from Librarian—(Schedule G).

1900	May	10	Received from Librarian	\$ 25 00	
	June	18	Received from Librarian	35 00	
	July	12	Received from Librarian	25 00	
	Aug.	15	Received from Librarian	25 00	
	Sept.	13	Received from Librarian	30 00	
	Oct.	11	Received from Librarian	28 00	
	Nov.	8	Received from Librarian	25 00	
	Dec.	13	Received from Librarian	35 00	
1901	Jan.	16	Received from Librarian	28 00	
	Feb.	14	Received from Librarian	25 00	
	Mar.	14	Received from Librarian	25 00	
	Apr.	11	Received from Librarian	25 00	\$ 331 00
			Amount on hand May 10, 1900	53 31	\$ 384 31

PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT.

SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT—Continued.

Disposition of Money Received from Librarian—(Schedule H).

1900.	May	11	Deposited with Nat. Bank of St. Joseph..	\$ 25 00	
	June	18	Deposited with Nat. Bank of St. Joseph..	35 00	
	July	13	Deposited with Nat. Bank of St. Joseph..	25 00	
	Aug.	16	Deposited with Nat. Bank of St. Joseph..	25 00	
	Sept.	15	Deposited with Nat. Bank of St. Joseph..	30 00	
	Oct.	12	Deposited with Nat. Bank of St. Joseph..	28 00	
	Nov.	9	Deposited with Nat. Bank of St. Joseph..	25 00	
	Dec.	17	Deposited with Nat. Bank of St. Joseph..	35 00	
1901.	Jan.	16	Deposited with Nat. Bank of St. Joseph..	28 00	
	Feb.	16	Deposited with Nat. Bank of St. Joseph..	25 00	
	Mar.	15	Deposited with Nat. Bank of St. Joseph..	25 00	
	Apr.	12	Deposited with Nat. Bank of St. Joseph..	25 00	\$ 331 00
			Money in Nat. Bank of St. Joseph May 10, 1900.		53 31
					\$384 31

RECAPITULATION—(Schedule I).

Deposited with National Bank of St. Joseph, (H).....	\$ 334 31
Check in favor of City Treasurer, Mar. 28, 1901.....	357 00

Balance in National Bank of St. Joseph

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1901.

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER, Treasurer.

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 above set forth are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand and seal this 2nd day of May, 1901.

(Seal.)

J. C. HEDENBERG,

Notary Public.

My Commission expires November 13th, 1901.

Report of the Librarian.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph.

Gentlemen: In accordance with the provisions of your by-laws, I herewith present the eleventh annual report of the Librarian.

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY—Circulation.

There are now 20,088 volumes in the library, the growth during the year being 1,714 volumes. In this latter regard, the year ranks as one of the most successful ones in the history of the library. No inventory was taken at this time, as the work will be done in a most thorough manner on removing into the new building within a few months.

The number of volumes issued during the year aggregated 105,415, the home use being 103,274. This is the smallest number issued for home use in a number of years. While it is seldom profitable to attempt to account for great changes in library circulation, it is well to remember that certain recognized conditions are accepted as causes for radical fluctuations in the use of books. Among these are business depressions, affecting library circulation favorably; extraordinarily busy periods in commercial life and the prevalence of epidemics of contagious diseases, causing a decreased use of libraries. The library has had experience with all these. My report for one year ago mentioned the effect the existence of smallpox in the city at the date of its submission was having on library use. Conditions have not improved during the year, but grown steadily worse until a comparatively recent date. The effect on home use of books from the library has been marked, especially during the past few months. No notable improvement is looked for until better control is secured of the epidemic by the health authorities and the people have recovered from their dread of the disease. Nothing has been left undone on the part of the library management to keep the library absolutely clear of contagion. No risks are taken with questionable books. They are burned, either by the health department or library employes. It was deemed necessary by the Library Board, as a matter of precaution, to discontinue Delivery Station No. 3 (South Park), and to temporarily suspend all cards held in that locality. As soon as conditions are satisfactory, these restrictions will be removed.

CARDHOLDERS.

There are now 4,665 cards in actual use. Of these, 43 are special teachers' cards. With these deducted from the total number, a slight increase in the number of cardholders is noted.

SCHOOL WORK.

Increased efforts in the work with the schools continue to give satisfaction. At the beginning of the school term last fall, instead of supplying

each pupil with a printed list of books for grade reading, in pamphlet form, a hanger was devised, containing the same titles, and three of these were furnished each school room in the city in which grades four to eight were taught. The use of the volumes listed were nearly as extensive as the year previous, when prizes were offered. A printed list of titles suggested for high school reading was furnished the pupils in the high schools, the selection being made by teachers, after consultation with the library force. The experiment proved eminently pleasing to all interested, and an attempt will be made this fall to have all the teachers co-operate in such a list. Another satisfactory plan of work with the schools is the issue of special teachers' cards, on which books for school use are permitted, four volumes being issued on one card to teachers in the lower grades and seven in the higher grades. With the growth of the library, these restrictions as to number can be gradually withdrawn. While a record may be kept of the number of volumes issued on these special cards, no attempt is made to keep such a record of the use of the books by the pupils, but it is large. It reduces library circulation somewhat, and in the better classes of books, but gives the teachers more satisfaction, in that it enables them to control, to a certain extent, class reading. To one class in the high school, that of chemistry, certain volumes were loaned for the term, and the teacher and pupils have been enthusiastic and earnest in their thanks. Selected libraries, numbering from 60 to 100 titles, have been placed in the suburban schools as heretofore. It is unfortunate that the library cannot extend this work among the schools more rapidly, as in no other way is so much accomplished. Means for its further development should be provided, even if some other departments of the library are slighted. The results will be of an immediate and abiding nature.

SUPPLEMENTS, BULLETINS AND LISTS.

The second biennial supplement to the finding list was issued during the year, being the matter in the quarterly bulletins for two years accumulated. Four bulletins of additions were also issued. These are printed from "slugs" furnished by the Gazette-Herald, after use in the columns of that paper, a continuation of the plan inaugurated four years ago. The first edition of the first supplement to the finding list becoming exhausted, a second edition was gotten out. A little folder containing lists of some of the later popular novels, with a few attractive titles in other classes, has been printed. These are placed in some of the older and lighter novels, with a view to helping readers of that class of books to something better. The success of the plan in other cities leads me to hope for good results here.

SPECIAL DUPLICATE COLLECTION.

The collection of special duplicates, established in February, 1900, has been successful in every way. Seventy-eight volumes have been in the collection, at a cost of \$77.99. They have earned \$92.55, thus paying for

themselves with a margin of \$14.56. The reduction of the price to 5 cents of the cards on which these duplicates are issued has increased the popularity of the department, and will also practically eliminate the profit. Forty-seven volumes have been transferred to the regular shelves, thus costing the library nothing, two have been sold, leaving twenty-nine volumes on the special shelves.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The steadily increasing use of the reference department, with the demand incident thereto for a wider range of reference books, makes it all but imperative that attention be given to completing as many sets of periodicals known as "Poole sets" as possible at once. During the year eight sets were completed. The addition, on the first of the year, of a large number of periodicals to the regular subscription list, will cover the current periodical field fairly well; but it is imperative, if good work is to be accomplished, that back volumes of all of them should be supplied at the earliest opportunity.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

Two additional delivery stations have been established, one in the drug store of James A. McEvoy, 2415 South Sixth Street, and one in the Wesley M. E. Church reading room, Eleventh and Monterey streets. This room is under the control of the church society, and is kept open from 2 to 9 p. m. daily. In addition to making it a delivery station, one hundred books have been placed therein. It is supplied with current periodicals and newspapers by the society. The other stations continue as heretofore. The number of volumes circulated through the stations during the year were 9,245, an increase of 39 per cent over the former year.

BINDERY EXPENSES.

Volumes bound and rebound numbered 1,417, at a cost of \$724.32; of the number bound, 191 were magazines. A comparison with the report for last year will show an increase in bindery expense and volumes bound. This may be attributed in part to the adoption of a plan of rebinding some books a second time by a process arrived at after considerable experimenting. The plan has been quite successful, in most instances the books so rebound standing more wear than new ones. One result is a large decrease in the number of withdrawals.

MISCELLANEOUS WORK.

The revision of the card catalogue is now practically complete. New shelf lists have also been completed for the reference room. The books in this room have all been classified and catalogued, with the exception of the bound periodicals. This has taken a great deal of time, but it was necessary work. The adoption of the Cutter-Sanborn author number in

the fiction department will necessitate additional work, but it is hoped to have this completed by the time the new building is ready for occupancy.

I have again to thank the members of the Board of Directors for their consideration, and to acknowledge a hearty and willing co-operation in all things on the part of the library staff.

On the following pages will be found (1) List of Accessions, (2) Circulation statistics, (3) Donors. The report of the treasurer covers the complete financial operations of the library, that of the librarian as well as the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

PURD B. WRIGHT, Librarian.

St. Joseph, Mo. May 1, 1901.

State of Missouri,
County of Buchanan, ss.

Before me, R. R. Calkins, 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, and made oath that the facts and figures herein, relating to receipts and expenditures, contents of library, books added and withdrawn, are correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

R. R. CALKINS,

(Seal.)

Notary Public.

Given under my hand and seal this 8th day of May, 1901. My commission expires April 11, 1905.

PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT.

(1) Accessions.

Number of volumes reported April 30, 1900.....		18,382
Accessions, year ending April 30, 1901:		
Purchased	1,343	
Transferred from special duplicate col	47	
Periodicals bound	146	
Donations classified	294	
Deposited by U. S. Government	316	2,146
Less withdrawals:		
Worn out	407	
Lost and paid for	10	
Burned	15	
Missing	9	441
Net increase for year.....		1,705
Total number volumes now in library		20,083

ACCESSIONS AND WITHDRAWALS CLASSIFIED FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1901.

Class	Accessions	Withdrawals	Net Gain
General	26	3	23
Philosophy	32	2	30
Religion	84	1	83
Social Science	92	2	90
Philology	8	0	8
Natural Science	34	1	33
Useful Arts	41	1	40
Fine Arts	38	2	36
Literature	80	9	71
Poetry and Drama	25	0	25
Travel	123	8	115
Biography	112	2	110
History	249	5	244
Periodicals, reference dept.	129	0	129
Fiction	757	396	361
Government Deposits	316	0	316
	<u>2,146</u>	<u>437</u>	<u>1,714</u>

(2)—CLASSIFIED TABLE OF CIRCULATION.

CLASS	Per Cent.												
	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	Total
General.....	63	66	61	65	52	36	37	41	54	41	49	50	616
Philosophy	49	50	48	67	45	44	42	64	55	70	67	40	641
Religion	53	53	34	61	48	71	81	62	64	78	84	64	753
Sociology	56	40	51	52	48	70	53	49	49	61	72	43	644
Philology	9	4	1	8	4	8	1	5	5	.....	4	6	50
Natural Science	75	92	64	70	63	72	115	104	101	110	118	98	1083
Useful Arts	35	27	46	40	46	41	49	46	45	53	59	63	550
Fine Arts	49	62	67	80	53	69	75	75	74	79	79	81	536
Literature	233	176	213	186	161	215	273	278	235	207	236	193	2606
Literature—poetry and drama	98	67	88	83	67	96	156	125	143	116	127	110	1276
Travel	214	223	199	176	148	226	237	280	252	237	238	234	2818
Biography	123	89	90	80	84	161	254	250	198	168	218	179	1963
History	381	216	204	183	154	374	455	397	358	381	431	316	3750
Magazines—current numbers	299	301	294	316	265	279	258	291	273	270	326	290	3482
Prose fiction—adult and juvenile	6733	7399	7553	7586	6093	6049	6549	6129	7045	6563	7608	6859	82226
Total home circulation.....	8480	8865	9013	9049	7331	7811	8686	8196	8951	8529	9796	8617	102274
Ref. use from Circulating Department.....	59	50	45	83	134	454	437	259	162	157	198	112	2141
Total issue.....	8480	8915	9058	9132	7465	8265	9113	8455	9113	8686	9994	8729	105415
No. days open	26	26	24	26	23	27	25	25	26	23	26	26	304
Average daily issue	324	341	368	339	305	290	347	324	344	371	373	331	347
Book overdue notices mailed	165	169	166	137	147	153	139	169	103	115	141	171	1836

(3) Donations.

Vols.	Nos.	Pamp.	NAMES.
2	...	...	Anonymous.
15	10	...	Bittinger, John L., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	3	...	Boston Book Co., Boston, Mass.
...	2	...	Brooklyn (Mass.) Public Library.
...	3	...	Buffalo (N. Y.) Public Library.
76	...	...	Bullard, Rev. Henry, St. Joseph, Mo., (2 maps, 2 newspapers.)
5	...	...	Butler, Sheldon & Co. (N. Y.)
...	4	...	Canada-Department Agriculture.
...	2	...	Carnegie Library (Atlanta, Ga.)
...	1	...	Cathedral Library Association, New York.
...	1	...	Chicago (Ill.) Public Library.
...	1	...	Chicago (Ill.) Municipal Library and Bureau of Statistics.
...	2	...	Commissioner General U. S.—Paris Exposition.
...	1	...	Council Bluffs (Ia.) Library.
...	2	...	Detroit (Mich.) Public Library.
2	...	...	Douglas, E. S., St. Joseph, Mo.
15	6	10	Douglas, Miss Ellen, St. Joseph, Mo
6	...	...	Dunham, Mrs. L., St. Joseph, Mo.
101	60	...	Edgar, C. B., St. Joseph, Mo.
1	...	...	Electric Fireproofing Co., New York.
...	1	...	Enoch Pratt Free Library (Baltimore, Md.)
...	1	...	Erie (Pa.) Public Library.
1	...	...	Evanston (Ill.) Free Public Library.
1	...	...	Farmer, J. Eugene, Concord, N. H.
1	...	...	Fanning, F., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	1	...	Gloversville (N. Y.) Free Library.
1	...	...	Goodwin, J. J., Hartford, Conn.
...	88	...	Holden, Joseph E., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	7	...	Hartford (Conn.) Public Library.
...	4	...	Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia, Pa.
...	1	...	Indiana Public Library Commission.
...	2	...	International Exposition Universelle, Paris.
...	2	...	Iowa Library Commission.
...	1	...	Iowa State Library, Des Moines.
...	1	...	James Pendergrast Free Library (Jamestown, N. Y.)
...	8	...	Jersey City (N. J.) Free Public Library.
1	...	...	Joseph Burnett Co., Boston, Mass.
2	1	...	Joseph Lodge No. 73, I. O. B. B., St. Joseph, Mo.
1	...	...	Judge, J. M. X., Philadelphia, Pa.
...	2	...	Kansas City (Mo.) Public Library.
...	1	...	Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station.
...	1	...	Lake Mohonk Arbitration Conference.
...	3	...	Lawrence (Mass.) Public Library.

Vols.	Nos.	Pamp.	NAME.
...	...	1	Library Co. of Philadelphia, Pa.
...	...	5	Los Angeles (Cal.) Public Library.
...	...	1	Madison (Wis.) Public Library.
1	McDonaid, Capt. C. C., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	...	7	Minnesota Library Commission.
...	...	2	Missouri State University.
...	2	...	Missouri State Board of Agriculture.
...	...	1	Missouri Normal School—2nd district.
...	11	...	Morton, Dr. Daniel, St. Joseph, Mo.
1	...	5	Newark (N. J.) Free Public Library.
...	...	10	New Haven (Conn.) Public Library.
...	...	12	New York (N. Y.) Public Library.
...	...	1	New York State University.
...	...	1	Montana Bureau of Agriculture.
...	...	1	Newton (Mass.) Free Library.
...	...	3	Norris F. Jewett Public Library, Trenton, Mo.
...	...	1	Ohio State Library.
...	...	5	Omaha (Neb.) Public Library.
...	...	1	Paterson (N. J.) Free Public Library.
...	1	...	Park College Review, Parkville, Mo.
2	Park, S. W., Jefferson City, Mo.
...	...	1	Peabody Institute, Danvers, Mass.
1	Penick, Will, St. Joseph, Mo.
...	...	6	Peoria (Ill.) Public Library.
...	...	1	Philadelphia (Pa.) Library Commission.
...	...	4	Portland (Ore.) Library Association.
...	...	1	Portland (Ore.) Public Library.
...	...	4	Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.
...	3	...	Prinz, Ed., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	...	8	Providence (R. I.) Library.
...	...	1	Quincy, (Ill.) Free Public Library.
...	1	...	Ransom, W. Z., St. Joseph, Mo.
2	Rutt, Chris. L., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	...	1	St. Louis Mercantile Library Association.
...	...	2	Salem (Mass.) Public Library.
...	...	9	San Francisco (Cal.) Public Library.
...	...	1	Scranton, E. C., Memorial Library, Madison, Conn.
...	...	1	Scranton (Pa.) Public Library.
...	...	3	Seattle (Wash.) Public Library.
2	Shoup, C. A., St. Joseph, Mo.
1	38	...	Smith, I. M., St. Joseph, Mo.
1	...	2	Sons of the Revolution (Missouri Society.)
1	Sprague, H. A., St. Joseph, Mo.
1	Stubenhaver, A., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	...	1	Syracuse (N. Y.) Public Library.
...	26	...	Taylor, E. M., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	...	1	Toronto (Canada) Public Library.

Vols.	Nos.	Pamp.	NAME.
...	...	1	Tufts Library, Weymouth, Mass.
3	Turner, T. H., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	...	3	Warren Co. (Ill.) Library and Reading Room Association.
10	Westheimer, S., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	...	3	Wisconsin Free Library Commission.
...	...	1	Worcester (Mass.) Free Public Library.

(4) Periodicals.

American Electrician, m.	Educational Review, m.
American Historical Review, q.	Engineering Magazine, m.
American Monthly Review of Reviews, m.	*Engineer's Review, m.
American Teacher, m.	*Finance, m.
Annals of American Academy, q.	Forum, m.
Arena, m.	Fortnightly Review, m.
Architectural Record, m.	*Gazette-Herald, d., St. Joseph, Mo.
Art Amateur, m.	Harper's Bazaar, w.
Athenaeum, w.	Harper's Monthly, m.
Atlantic, m.	Harper's Weekly, w.
Blackwood's, m.	Illustrated London News, w.
Bookman, m.	Inland Printer, m.
Book Buyer, m.	Independent, w.
Book Reviews, m.	International Monthly, m.
Boston Transcript, (Wednesday edition.)	International Studio, m.
*Bulletin of Bibliography, q.	*Journal of Commerce, w. St. Joseph, Mo.
Cassier's Magazine, m.	Journal of Education, w.
Catholic World, m.	Ladies Home Journal, m.
Century, m.	*Land of Sunshine, m. (Gift of Mrs. P. B. Wright.)
Chambers's Journal, m.	*L. A. W. Magazine.
Charities, w.	Library Journal, m.
Chautauquan, m.	Life, w.
*Chicago Banker, m.	Literary News, m.
*Christian Science Journal, m.	Literary World, m.
Contemporary Review, m.	Lippincott's Magazine, m.
Cosmopolitan, m.	Littell's Living Age, w.
Critic, m.	Macmillan's Magazine, m.
Current History, m.	Magazine of Art, m.
Current Literature, m.	Masters in Art, m.
Cumulative Index, m.	McClure's Magazine, m.
*Daily News, St. Joseph, Mo.	*Medical Herald, m., St. Joseph, Mo.
Dial, semi-m.	Missionary Review of the World, m.
Education, m.	*Modern Miller, w., St. Louis, Mo.

*Montana Daily Record, Helena, Mont.	*St. Andrew's Cross, w.
Munsey's Magazine, m.	*St. Joseph Union, w.
Music, m.	St. Nicholas, m.
Musical Courier, w.	School Journal, w.
Nation, w.	School Review, m.
New England Magazine, m.	Scientific American, w.
New England Historical and Genealogical Register, q.	Scientific American Supplement, w.
Nineteenth Century, m.	Scribner's Magazine, m.
North American Review, m.	*Sound Currency, q.
Outing, m.	*Stock Yards Daily Journal, d., South St. Joseph, Mo.
Outlook, w.	*Vegetarian and Our Fellow Creatures, m.
Overland, m.	*Volksblatt, d., St. Joseph, Mo.
*Park Review, m.	Western Electrician, m.
Political Science Quarterly.	*Western Fruit-Grower, m., St. Joseph, Mo.
Popular Science Monthly, m.	Westminster Review, m.
Public Libraries, m.	World's Work, m.
Public Opinion, w.	Youth's Companion, w.
Publisher's Weekly, w.	
Quarterly Journal of Economics, q.	
*Register-Lever, w., Plattsburg Mo.	*Gift of Publishers.

Report of Administration Committee.

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

Gentlemen: Two changes have occurred in the Library force during the year just closed, Misses Cornelia Rathbun and Miranda Olds resigning. Their places were filled by the appointment of Misses Maggie Elam and Minnie Peterman, both of whom had served a considerable period in the library class.

The training class now consists of Misses Tillie Lohr, Gibson and Wilson.

The general condition of the Library is about the same as usual, with the exception that the shelves are overcrowded, on account of the comparatively small use of books at this time. No additional expense is reported in this department, although additional shelving could have been used to great advantage.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. CARGILL,
J. W. ATWILL,
JOHN MICHEL,

Administration Committee.

Report of Building and Grounds Committee.

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

Gentlemen: The expenditures of the library under the immediate jurisdiction of this committee were as follows:

Rent	\$	150	00	
Janitor Service		216	00	
Insurance		110	00	
Fuel		140	97	
Furniture		11	00	
Repairs		27	55	\$ 655 52

Through the continued courtesy of the Park Commissioners and Superintendent Rau, plants will be furnished for beautifying the grounds again this season.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,
J. H. McCORD,
Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Report of Finance Committee.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph.

Gentlemen: The report of the Treasurer of the Board, showing all the transactions of a financial nature, both with the City and the Librarian, has been examined and found to be correct.

The apportionment of funds for library purposes for the ensuing year has been completed by the municipal assembly committees, and amounts to \$7,500 for the main library and \$2,500 for the branch library to be built in the southern portion of the city. This latter sum is an increase, having been voted at the city election, when the library portion of the city taxes was increased from three-tenths of one mill to four-tenths. Under the petition submitting the question, this amount is to be used for the maintenance of the new library.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,
C. P. CARGILL.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1901.

Finance Committee.

Report of Library Committee.

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

Gentlemen: The Library now contains 20,088 volumes, additions for the year being 1,705, as follows: Purchased, 1,433; Transferred from duplicate collection, 47; periodicals bound, 146; donations classified, 204; deposited by U. S. government, 316. In addition there were 29 volumes still in the duplicate collection, paid for and soon to be transferred to the free shelves.

Among some of the more important additions are the following:

Periodicals, completing sets: Banker, Chicago; Current Literature, Galaxy, Land We Love, Putnam, Munsey (monthly), Review of Reviews, Scientific American (10v.).

Bailey, Cyclopaedia of Horticulture, 2v. (2v. to follow).

Bell, Representative Painters of the Nineteenth Century.

Cheyne-Black, Encyclopaedia Biblica, 2v. (2v. to follow).

Coues, On the Trial of a Spanish Pioneer.

Dictionary of National Biography, concluding volumes.

Fairbairn's Book of Crests, 2v.

Hamilton, Writings of James Monroe, 2v. (others to follow).

Harnack, History of Dogma, 4v.

Jeffersonian Cyclopaedia.

Moulton, Library of Literary Criticism, 1v. (others to follow.)

Mumford, Oriental Rugs.

Parsons, Studies in Church History.

Pastor, History of the Popes, 5v.

Rodkinson, Babylonian Talmud, 10v.

Stoddard, Lectures, 10v.

Sturgis, Dictionary of Architecture and Building, 1v. (2v. to follow.)

Renewed efforts are made that the growth of the library be made as near uniform as the needs of the patrons will permit. Many things asked for, however, are not supplied, simply from lack of means.

The Librarian calls attention to the need of more books for direct school work, and the results secured would seem to warrant an extension of the library's usefulness in this direction.

Respectfully submitted,

H. K. WHITE,
JNO. M. STEWART,
J. H. McCORD,

Library Committee.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1901.

The New Building.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE.

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

Gentlemen: The report of this committee, made one year ago, concluded with the purchase of the site for the new building at Tenth and Felix streets.

At a meeting May 23 of the joint committee, composed of this committee and a like committee from the Board of Education, it was decided to invite architects to offer plans in competition, and it was announced that \$1,000 would be awarded in prizes, divided into four amounts, as follows: \$400, \$300, \$200, \$100, all drawings submitted, to which prizes were awarded, to become the property of the Board of Education.

June 23 seven sets of plans were submitted, and the awards were made in the following order: E. J. Eckel, Felt & Carr, W. Angelo Powell, Alfred Meier, all of St. Joseph.

At this meeting Mr. Mitchell, representing the Board of Education, and Mr. Pfeiffer, representing the Library Board, were authorized to arrange for final plans. The Board of Education in the meantime, employed Mr. Eckel as supervising architect, at an agreed compensation of three per cent.

August 21, final plans were adopted and the Board of Education advertised for proposals for the construction of the building and for stacks, to be received by that body Sept. 1. Sept. 4 the building contract was awarded to Charles Nowland at the sum of \$84,750, and the stack contract was awarded to the Art Metal Construction Co. at the sum of \$4,139.

Work was commenced on the excavation Sept. 12th, ground being broken by the librarian. For a time rapid progress was made, the foundation and basement walls being completed early in the fall. Delay was experienced by the contractors in receiving steel from the American Bridge Co., Pittsburg, and this has so interfered with the progress of construction that, while the first story walls are completed, work is still at a standstill. In fact, a portion of the steel for the basement is still lacking. No further work can be done until additional shipments of steel are received. The contractor and sub-contractor have repeatedly reported to the joint committee that they have done everything in their power to hasten matters; but at present the time for occupation cannot be fixed. The work done so far shows that the building, when completed, will be one that will give ample accommodations for our citizens and will be an addition to the architectural attractions of the city.

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,
H. K. WHITE,
J. M. STEWART,

Committee.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1901.

The Carnegie Library.

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

Gentlemen: Herewith find official proceedings in relation to the Carnegie library for South St. Joseph, as taken from the records in the office of the City Clerk:

Meeting of Common Council, March, 11, 1901:

31760. On motion of Ald. Spalsbury, Mr. John Donovan was granted permission to address the Council, which he did, regarding the Council proceedings for the maintenance of the library to be built in South St. Joseph, the estimated cost of which would be \$2,500.00 a year. The president appointed a committee to investigate the matter and draw up ordinance to cover the same, Aids. Spalsbury, Sack and Koch.

Meeting of Council, March 13, 1901:

31824. Report of special committee of three appointed on proposition to maintain by the city the library donated by Andrew Carnegie, was read and filed.

(The report referred to above was as follows:)

(To the Common Council of the City of St. Joseph: Your committee, appointed to investigate the proposition of Andrew Carnegie to donate to the City of St. Joseph the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) and of the South St. Joseph Town Company to donate a block of ground for the erection of a building to be used as a free public library and night school, beg leave to report that said donations be accepted upon the conditions named in the following resolutions, and recommend that resolutions be adopted.)

"31825. Resolution: 'Whereas, Andrew Carnegie has offered to donate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for the erection of a building to be used as a Free Public Library and Night School; and, whereas, the South St. Joseph Town Co. has agreed to donate a block of ground on which to erect said building, said donations being made on condition that the City of St. Joseph appropriate annually not less than twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for the support and maintenance of said building for said purposes: Now, therefore, it is the sense of this council that said donations so offered be accepted, and the city counselor is hereby requested to prepare an ordinance accepting said propositions and to submit the same at the next meeting of this body,' was offered by Ald. Sack, read and adopted."

Meeting of the Common Council, March 18, 1901:

"31853. Ordinance providing for the submission to the voters of the city of St. Joseph at the next annual election to be held on the 2d day of April, 1901, a proposition to increase the levy of a tax for a free public library, was introduced by Ald. Weakley, read and referred to a special committee of three. The president appointed as such committee Ald. Spalsbury, Sack and Bruce.

"31854. Petition signed by 280 tax-paying voters of the City of St. Joseph petitioning the Common Council to increase the levy of the annual tax of three-tenths of one mill on each dollar's valuation for the establishment and maintenance of a free public library, as provided by the laws of Missouri, to four-tenths of one mill on each dollar's valuation, the same to be taken out of the ten mills on the dollar allowed by law to be levied for general purposes, \$2,500.00 of which tax when so levied to be used for the support and maintenance of the free public library, located in South St. Joseph, and known as the Carnegie Library, was presented by Ald. Spalsbury, read and filed.

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 "31864. Report of special committee on ordinance (Doc. No. 31853) was read and filed.

"31865. Ordinance (Doc. No. 31853) providing for the submission to the voters of the city of St. Joseph at the next annual election to be held April 2, 1901, a proposition to increase the levy of a tax for a free public library was read second and third times and passed. Yeas—Akers, Birkes, Bode, Bodenhausen, Bruce, Garvey, Jamieson, Koch, Liebig, Meyer, Pohle, Sack, Spalsbury, Weakley—14."

Meeting of Common Council, April 8, 1901:

"31994. Communication of justice of the peace and city clerk, as follows, was read:

St. Joseph, Mo., April 5, 1901.

"We, the undersigned justices of the peace within and for Washington township, County of Buchanan, State of Missouri, do hereby certify that we have this day canvassed the returns of the city election held on Tuesday, the 2d day of April, 1901, for * * * * * the vote on the proposition of an increase of the tax for a free public library as returned by the judges of said election, and find the following votes were cast:

"For a four-tenths of a mill tax for a free public library, 3920 votes. Against a four-tenths of a mill tax for a free public library, 968 votes."

A certified copy of the vital proceedings were secured by me, through the courtesy of the City Clerk, and handed to Mr. Donovan, who forwarded the same to Mr. Carnegie.

The Common Council has further vacated the alley in block 16, South St. Joseph Town Company's Second addition, by the passage of Special Ordinance No. 3945, approved April 9, 1901. This is the block on which it is proposed to erect the new building.

Respectfully,

PURD. B. WRIGHT,
 Librarian and Assistant Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT
 OF THE
 BOARD OF HEALTH
 OF THE
 CITY OF ST. JOSEPH
 For the Fiscal Year Ending April 15, 1901.