

ST. JOSEPH PUBLIC LIBRARY

TWENTIETH ANNUAL  
REPORT

1909-1910







Ground was broken for the new building, without formal ceremony, Sept. 9. In the absence of E. A. King, who had been prominent in securing the library and funds, the honor of digging the first shovel of earth was accorded Alderman George Meisner, the location being in the First Ward, and Mr. Meisner having been keenly interested. He was followed by G. D. Cartmell, then chairman of this committee, Alderman G. D. Morrison, Fred Ernst, of the North West Improvement Club, and other interested citizens.

Progress on the building was rapid until the latter part of November, when unseasonable weather stopped the work. It was anticipated that the building would be opened in February, but this was found impossible. It is hoped to turn the building over to the Library Board, ready for opening, within thirty days.

All minor contracts have been made, including seating for auditorium, lighting fixtures, etc. Total cost of building, equipped ready for books, will be about \$25,750.

We here wish to acknowledge the time and careful attention given to the building by G. D. Cartmell, who was chairman of this committee until January, when his removal from the city caused his resignation as a member of the Library Board. Also the kindly interest manifested at all times by Mr. Thomas Shaffer, City Comptroller.

Respectfully submitted,

SMITH A. PENNEY,  
W. E. WARRICK,  
HENRY BULLARD,  
CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,  
CHAS. P. CARGILL,  
Special Building Committee.

St. Joseph, Mo. May 1, 1910.

# St. Joseph Public Library

## TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
APRIL 30, 1910

Saint Joseph, Missouri  
1910



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janitor and other miscellaneous items. The total for this year was \$2,235.60, including a few strictly school items. Hereafter these expenses will be noted annually.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,  
SMITH A. PENNEY,  
CHAS. P. CARGILL,

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1910.

Finance Committee.

## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

*To the Board of Directors of the Public Library:*

Gentlemen: In addition to the usual minor matters coming before this committee as shown in the detailed statement of expenditures, the children's room at Central library received much needed attention. This has been rearranged, greatly improving its appearance and facilitating the work. Not the least of the improvements was the replacing of the old floor covering of linoleum with Petro-pulp, a sanitary covering made on the floor. One-half the expense was borne by the School District, which also had the corridors covered with the same material at its own expense.

About one-half the funds necessary for redecorating Carnegie branch were reserved from this year's appropriation, and it is hoped to have this work completed during the quiet period of the summer.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. WARRICK,  
SMITH A. PENNEY,  
M. F. BURKE,

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1910.

Buildings and Grounds Committee.

## SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

*To the Board of Directors of the Public Library:*

Gentlemen: It is a matter of keen regret that this report does not show the completion of Washington Park branch library, the gift of \$25,000 by Mr. Carnegie for the erection of which was reported at the close of the last fiscal year.

Immediately on its appointment in April, the committee was empowered to secure plans for the new building. Local architects declining to enter into competition for plans for the building, a satisfactory contract was entered into in May with Mr. Rudolph Meier, for preparing plans and superintending erection of the building.

Plans and specifications were submitted and approved Aug. 12, and on Sept. 1 contracts were awarded as follows: James E. Gates, general building contract, \$20,447.00; Davidson & Roster, plumbing and heating, \$1,594.30; Library Bureau, book stacks and furniture, \$2,331.92.



245 volumes were for the duplicate pay collection. Children's stories added numbered 634 volumes. Aside from the pay collection, fiction in all languages and children's stories formed 20 per cent of the accessions.

Three numbers of the Bulletin and three Special lists comprised the publications of the library.

For reasons reported by the librarian, an inventory was not taken this year. Hereafter the inventory will be made during the summer months, the least busy season of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. McCORD,

HENRY BULLARD,

J. W. ATWILL,

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1910.

Library Committee.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

*To the Board of Directors of the Public Library:*

Gentlemen: An examination of the report of the Treasurer, and comparison thereof with the books of the City Auditor and Comptroller and the library records, shows it to be correct.

The apportionment by the Council for library purposes was \$20,000; \$14,500 for Central library, \$3,000 for Carnegie branch, and \$2,500 for Washington Park Branch. Collections being in excess of the estimates, \$309.66 was added to the Central library funds and expended. Small balances remain in each branch fund, as will be seen by the report of the Treasurer, which will be carried forward to the coming year.

The subscription fund for Washington Park branch equipment and books, being slightly in excess of \$2,800, was guaranteed for \$2,500 by the Bank of North St. Joseph, through its president, Mr. E. A. King, on the letting of the contract for the building. Of the total subscribed, \$2,299.00 has been collected and very little will remain unpaid on the completion of the building. Of this amount, \$1,016.28 has been expended for books. A portion of the total will be added to the equipment fund, the remainder being used to purchase additional books, already ordered.

While rapidly nearing completion, but \$20,000 of the gift of \$25,000 from Mr. Carnegie has been drawn, of which \$14,525.23 has been paid on the building.

The apportionment ordinance for 1910-11, passed by the Council April 25, carries the minimum amount for the Central library provided by the new city laws, \$15,000; while \$3,000 is provided for each of the branches—a total of \$21,000.

Heretofore no report has been made of building expenses of Central library, borne by the School District, including repairs, proportion of heat,

# Free Public Library, Saint Joseph, Missouri

## OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1909-1910

President ..... J. W. ATWILL  
Vice-President ..... JAMES H. McCORD  
Secretary-Treasurer ..... CHARLES A. PFEIFFER  
Assistant Secretary ..... PURD B. WRIGHT

Term Expiring 1910  
CHARLES P. CARGILL W. E. WARRICK REV. HENRY BULLARD

Term Expiring 1911  
JAMES H. McCORD REV. LOUIS BERNSTEIN SMITH A. PENNEY

Term Expiring 1912  
J. W. ATWILL CHARLES A. PFEIFFER RT. REV. MAURICE F. BURKE\*  
(\*Succeeding G. D. Cartmell, Resigned)

## COMMITTEES

LIBRARY  
J. H. McCORD REV. HENRY BULLARD J. W. ATWILL

ADMINISTRATION  
CHAS. P. CARGILL W. E. WARRICK CHARLES A. PFEIFFER

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS  
W. E. WARRICK S. A. PENNY RT. REV. M. F. BURKE

FINANCE  
CHARLES A. PFEIFFER C. P. CARGILL S. A. PENNEY

BY-LAWS  
C. P. CARGILL REV. LOUIS BERNSTEIN RT. REV. M. F. BURKE

ART  
JAMES H. McCORD REV. HENRY BULLARD REV. LOUIS BERNSTEIN

LECTURE  
REV. HENRY BULLARD REV. LOUIS BERNSTEIN RT. REV. M. F. BURKE

SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE  
SMITH A. PENNEY W. E. WARRICK CHARLES A. PFEIFFER  
REV. HENRY BULLARD CHAS. P. CARGILL



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

*To the Board of Directors of the Public Library:*

Gentlemen: Changes in the staff during the year were as follows: Miss Eleanor Rankin, appointed in October to fill vacancy created by promotions for the new branch, resigned in April to accept a more lucrative position in another calling; Leon Lyddon resigned from the messenger force, being replaced by Stuart Poulson. Miss Bessie Albus was promoted from substitute to the regular staff, Miss Martha Brown being appointed substitute, and promoted to regular staff on resignation of Miss Rankin. The vacancy in position of substitute will be filled as soon as examinations can be arranged for.

These changes, as well as sickness among the members of the official family, affected the work of the library, necessitating the abandonment of a number of plans.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. P. CARGILL,  
CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,  
W. E. WARRICK,

Administration Committee.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1910.

### LIBRARY COMMITTEE

*To the Board of Directors of the Public Library:*

Gentlemen: Occasioned by purchases for the new branch, the growth of the library for the fiscal year just closed was the largest in its history, accessions being greater than for the entire opening year of the library. The library proper now contains 52,691 volumes, the growth for the year being 6,514. Of these, 3,000 have been "dead stock" and will so continue until the opening of the new branch, being shelved separately and set aside.

Increases are noted in the use of every department of the library. While the gain in the number of books issued for home use is not large, it is a distinct advance. The librarian has called attention to the effect on the use of books of the unusually warm weather of March and early April, and of the epidemic of measles and chickenpox among the school children, extending from February to this time.

Care has been taken in the selection of books for Washington Park branch. This library will open with approximately 3,700 volumes. Owing to its distance from the Central library, the reference department will be unusually full, including 350 volumes of the more popular periodicals in sets.

An examination of the statistics accompanying these reports shows that of the net growth for the year but 967 volumes were adult fiction, of which



## LIBRARY STAFF

PURD B. WRIGHT ..... Librarian  
 LULU C. SENTER ..... Assistant Librarian  
 (In charge Carnegie Branch)  
 CLARA B. DAVIS ..... Stenographer  
 (In charge of Mail)

## Departments

EUDORA MARTIN ..... MARY REICHERT  
 REFERENCE  
 LILLIAN C. KERR  
 CHILDREN'S LIBRARY  
 BESSIE MCCOY ..... Assistant  
 And in charge Supplementary Reading

DESK ATTENDANTS  
 JESSIE M. GIBSON ..... JOSEPH MANN  
 ANISE SANDFORD ..... BESSIE ALBUS  
 GENERAL  
 MESSENGER  
 STUART POULSON

## Library Hours

CENTRAL  
 Daily except Sundays and holidays, 8:30 a. m. to 9 p. m.  
 Sundays, 1:30 to 6:30 p. m.  
 CARNEGIE BRANCH  
 Daily except Sundays and holidays, 10:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m.  
 Sundays, 2:00 to 6:00 p. m.  
 WASHINGTON PARK BRANCH  
 Will have same hours Carnegie Branch from June 1.  
 DELIVERY STATIONS  
 Books called for at 9:00 a. m. Tuesdays and Fridays; delivered at 3:00 p. m.  
 Station 1—F. P. Moskau, 2002 St Joseph Avenue.  
 Station 2—J. M. Koch, 2613 Lafayette Street.  
 Station 3—D. W. Feltenstein, 1724 Commercial Street.  
 Station 4—Fred. Pierce, 1702 South Twenty-fourth Street.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER TRANSMITTING REPORTS

*To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of St. Joseph:*

Gentlemen—In submitting to you the reports of the various officers, committees and the librarian for the fiscal year 1909-1910—comprising the twentieth annual report of the St. Joseph Public Library—I cannot refrain from calling attention to the many activities in various directions for bringing before the people the books and periodicals of the library, as well as the methods employed to make these books accessible to as many readers as possible. When one considers the limitations in resources, which curtail purchases as well as limit the number of employees, the showing made is peculiarly gratifying to the Library Board. It is but fair to say that much of this is due to the real interest, resourcefulness and activity of the librarian and through him to his well organized staff.

It is a disappointment not to be able to report to you the completion of the Washington Park Branch library, secured through your co-operation with Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Bad weather caused a delay in the building work. Everything is ready from the library standpoint, and the promise is made that the building will be open within a few weeks.

Demands are constantly being made for branch libraries in other portions of the city. The needs of these sections are being tested through deposit stations. It will be a pleasure to the Board to make recommendations whenever the proper authorities indicate their readiness to provide the necessary maintenance funds. There has been no change in the policy outlined some years ago of providing well located branches rather than a large accumulation of books in one place.

The library authorities co-operate in every way possible with those in charge of school work, and find the school board officers and teachers most helpful and interested. Conditions represent co-operative educational work developed to a high degree.

The statistics of the various reports show a gratifying increase in the growth and use of the library. Your attention is directed to the reports as giving in detail all the transactions of the library.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. ATWILL,  
 President Public Library Board.  
*St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1910.*



## REPORT OF TREASURER

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

Gentlemen—The statement herewith shows the financial operations of the library by departments for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1910.

The total apportionment for the library for the year was \$20,000, of which \$14,500 was for the Central Library, \$3,000 for Carnegie branch, and \$2,500 for Washington Park branch. Excess collections were credited only to Central Library.

The statement includes the special fund account, or petty collections at library; the Andrew Carnegie fund for Washington Park branch, and the collection on the fund contributed by St. Joseph citizens for that branch.

All expenditures through the city departments are accounted for in duplicate vouchers, approved by not less than two members of the Finance Committee, allowed by the Board, after which they are certified to by the President. Original vouchers are on file in the office of the city auditor, duplicates being retained in the office of the librarian.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1910.

Treasurer.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }  
County of Buchanan } ss.

Before me, Clara B. Davis, 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 in his report are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand and seal this 4th day of May, 1910.

(Seal)

CLARA B. DAVIS,

Notary Public.

My commission expires June 1, 1910.

## LIBRARY EXCHANGES

Armour Institute of Technology, Chicago; Atlanta (Ga.) Carnegie library; Berkshire (Mass.) Athenaeum; Brooklyn (N. Y.) public library; Buffalo (N. Y.) public library; Burlington (Ia.) public library; Cong. library, Lexington, Mass.; Cedar Rapids (Ia.) public library; Chicago (Ill.) public library; Cleveland (O.) public library; Clinton (Ia.) public library; Council Bluffs (Ia.) public library; Davenport (Ia.) public library; Dayton (O.) public library; Decatur (Ill.) public library; Denver (Colo.) public library; Detroit (Mich.) public library; District of Columbia public library; Duluth (Minn.) public library; Dubuque (Ia.) public library; Duquesne (Pa.) public library; East Orange (N. J.) public library; Elizabeth (N. J.) public library; Enoch Pratt library, Baltimore, Md.; Erie (Pa.) public library; Evanston (Ill.) public library; Forbes library, Northampton, Mass.; Grand Rapids (Mich.) public library; Hartford (Conn.) public library; Haverill (Mass.) public library; Helena (Mont.) public library; Indiana public library commission; Iowa library commission; J. Herman Bosler library, Carlisle, Pa.; Jackson (Mich.) public library; Jersey City (N. J.) public library; John Crerar library, Chicago; Kansas City (Mo.) public library; Lawrence (Kan.) public library; Lawrence (Mass.) public library; Library Co. of Philadelphia; Library of Congress, Washington; Lincoln (Neb.) public library; Los Angeles (Cal.) public library; Louisville (Ky.) public library; Lynn (Mass.) public library; Mankato (Minn.) public library; Mercantile library, St. Louis; Milton (Mass.) public library; Milwaukee (Wis.) public library; Minnesota library commission; Missouri library commission; Nashville (Tenn.) public library; Nebraska library commission; Newark (N. J.) public library; New Haven (Conn.) public library; New Jersey library commission; New Orleans (La.) public library; Newton (Mass.) public library; New York (N. Y.) public library; New York state library; Omaha (Neb.) public library; Oregon library commission; Ottawa (Can.) Carnegie library; Ottumwa (Ia.) public library; Patterson (N. J.) public library; Pennsylvania free library commission; Peoria (Ill.) public library; Pittsburgh (Pa.) Carnegie library; Pratt institute free library; Brooklyn, N. Y.; Providence (R. I.) public library; Quincy (Ill.) public library; Rockford (Ill.) public library; Rosenberg library, Galveston, Tex.; St. Louis (Mo.) public library; Salem (Mass.) public library; San Antonio (Tex.) public library; San Francisco (Cal.) public library; Scranton (Pa.) public library; Seattle (Wash.) public library; Sedalia (Mo.) public library; Sioux City (Ia.) public library; Springfield (Mass.) public library; Syracuse (N. Y.) public library; Tacoma (Wash.) public library; Toledo (O.) public library; Toronto (Can.) public library; Trenton (N. J.) public library; Utica (N. Y.) public library; Westminster college, Fulton, Mo.; Western Reserve university, Cleveland; Wilmington Institute free library, Wilmington, Del.; Windsor (Can.) public library; Wisconsin library commission; Worcester (Mass.) public library.



Iron Age .....	1	...
Joseph Lodge No. 73, I. O. B. B. ....	5	...
Judson, Mrs. Winslow .....	100	...
Kansas Board of Agriculture .....	1	...
Karnes, J. H. ....	32	...
Loving, Mrs. Mabel Florence B. ....	15	2,000
Loyd, E. H. ....	21	...
Lytle, Mrs. M. A. ....	11	24
McDonald, John W., Ogden, Utah. ....	5	2
Mann, Jas. H., Tolsington, Pa. ....	1	...
Mayer, Emanuel .....	4	...
Means, Joseph .....	3	...
Minnesota State University .....	9	...
Missouri Bureau of Mines .....	5	...
Missouri, Secretary of State .....	6	...
Moffat, R. Burnham, New York. ....	1	...
Moss, Miss Catherine C. ....	1	...
Moss, Mrs. J. B. ....	1	...
Nelson-Hanne Ptg. Co. ....	1	...
Newburger, B. ....	2	...
News-Press .....	1	...
New York, Commission of Agriculture. ....	1	...
Oklahoma, Departments .....	4	...
Olvey, E. E. ....	60	100
Owen, Miss Luella .....	240	...
Plato, Mr. Roland .....	2	...
Reddish, Mrs. R. A. ....	50	...
Reisinger, Hugo, New York. ....	1	...
Rollins, Ed. T., New York. ....	1	...
Sadler, Wilbur F., Adjutant-General of New Jersey. ....	1	...
St. Joseph Clearing House Association. ....	1	...
San Francisco, Citizens Herald Com. ....	1	...
School District .....	2	...
Sherwood, W. E. ....	1	...
Southern Pacific Railroad. ....	1	...
Stone, Hon. W. J., Washington, D. C. ....	1	...
Taylor, Ed. M. ....	25	...
Towle Mfg. Co., Newburyport, Mass. ....	1	...
U. S. Brewers' Association, New York. ....	2	...
U. S. Departments, 8 maps .....	254	889
University of Maryland .....	1	...
Waddell, St. Louis, Mo. ....	1	...
Ware, E. F., Topeka, Kan. ....	1	...
Western Fruit-Grower, plants. ....	...	...
Wiltsee, Jerome, Falls City, Neb. ....	1	...
Willson, Jennie K. ....	1	...
Wyatt, J. C. ....	10	...
Wyeth, Mrs. Parker .....	43	...
Young, B. F. ....	25	...

## CENTRAL LIBRARY

### GENERAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS

From city .....	\$14,500.00	
Excess collections .....	309.66	\$14,809.66

### EXPENDITURES

By general warrants on city treasurer:

Book account—Books .....	\$3,481.09	
Periodicals .....	126.54	
Binding .....	1,617.55	\$5,225.18
Salaries, staff .....		7,667.71
*Heat and engineer .....		408.32
Janitor service .....		471.00
Printing and stationery .....		185.54
Postage .....		51.50
Repairs .....		.50
Insurance .....		121.00
Furniture .....		237.90
Telephone .....		42.00
Electric light .....		68.60
Cards .....		72.14
General .....	258.27	\$14,809.66

\*An item of \$57.71 against this account was paid from Carnegie Branch funds by city authorities.

### SPECIAL FUND ACCOUNT

#### RECEIPTS

Brought forward, in hands Board Treasurer. ....	\$848.03	
Brought forward, in hands Librarian. ....	23.28	
Received from Duplicate collection .....	405.55	
Penalties on overdue books. ....	886.08	
Supplements .....	1.80	
Miscellaneous .....	144.74	
Interest on bank balance. ....	24.78	\$2,334.26

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Paid by special warrant No. 6, periodicals. .	\$ 426.35	
Paid by special warrant No. 7, floor covering, children's room. ....	188.00	
By librarian:		
Freight and expenses .....	\$ 81.47	
Postage .....	33.54	
Stationery .....	27.05	
Delivery station expenses. ....	87.00	
Miscellaneous .....	95.02	324.08
Balances:		
In hands Board Treasurer .....	1,368.46	
In hands Librarian .....	27.37	1,395.83
		\$2,334.26



## CARNEGIE BRANCH

### RECEIPTS

From city apportionment, 1909-10.....\$3,000.00

### EXPENDITURES

By general warrants, city treasurer:  
 Book account—Books .....\$498.35  
                   Periodicals ..... 103.75  
                   Binding ..... 127.11   \$ 729.21  
 Salary, staff ..... 1,242.50  
 \*Fuel ..... 159.96  
 Janitor ..... 612.00  
 Telephone ..... 30.00  
 Cards ..... 20.00  
 Electric light ..... 70.80  
 Printing and stationery ..... 3.70  
 Building repairs ..... 44.00  
 General ..... 72.25  
 Balance in hands city treasurer..... 15.58   \$3,000.00

\*\$57.71 of this amount is chargeable to Central Library.

## WASHINGTON PARK BRANCH

### RECEIPTS

From city apportionment, 1909-10.....\$2,500.00

### EXPENDITURES

By general warrants, city treasurer:  
 Book account—Books .....\$1,619.56  
                   Binding ..... 144.00   \$1,763.56  
 Salaries ..... 484.50  
 Printing and stationery ..... 73.00  
 Cards ..... 90.00  
 General ..... 61.07  
 Balance in hands city treasurer..... 27.87   \$2,500.00

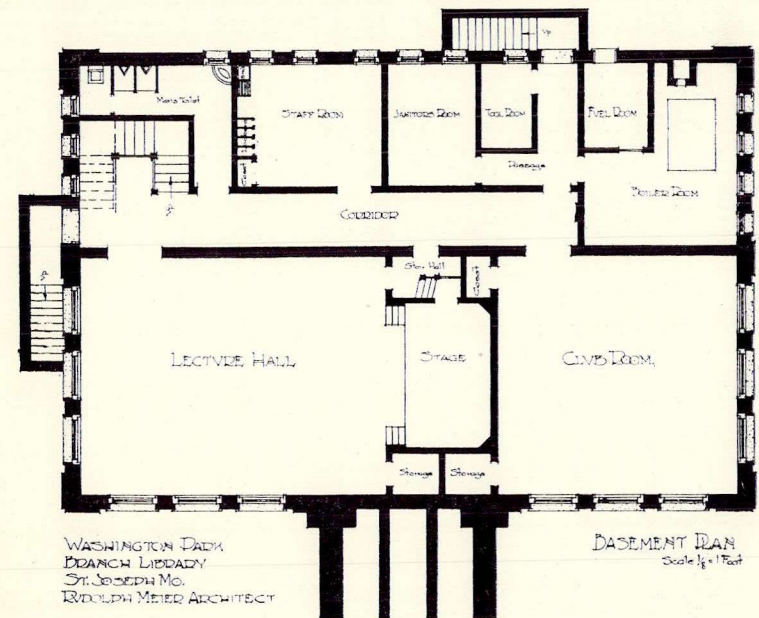
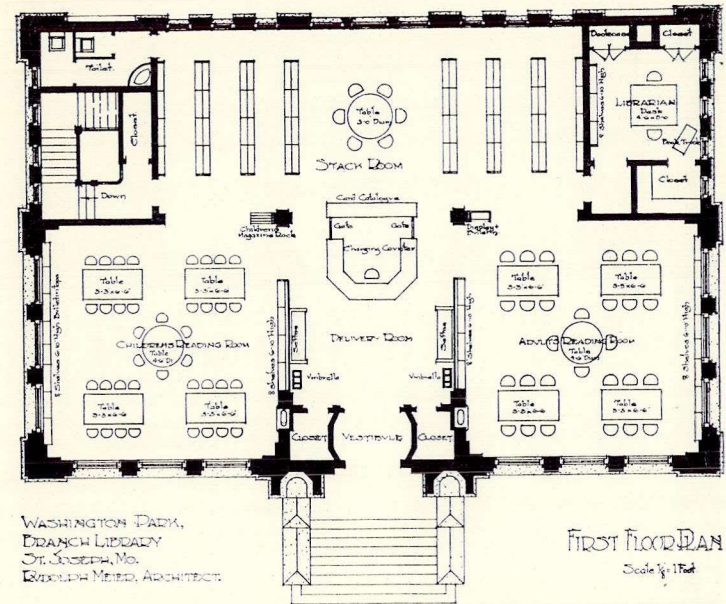
## SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTION FUND

### RECEIPTS

Collections to April 20.....\$2,299.00

### EXPENDITURES

Books purchased .....\$1,016.28  
 Balance in bank..... 1,282.72   \$2,299.00



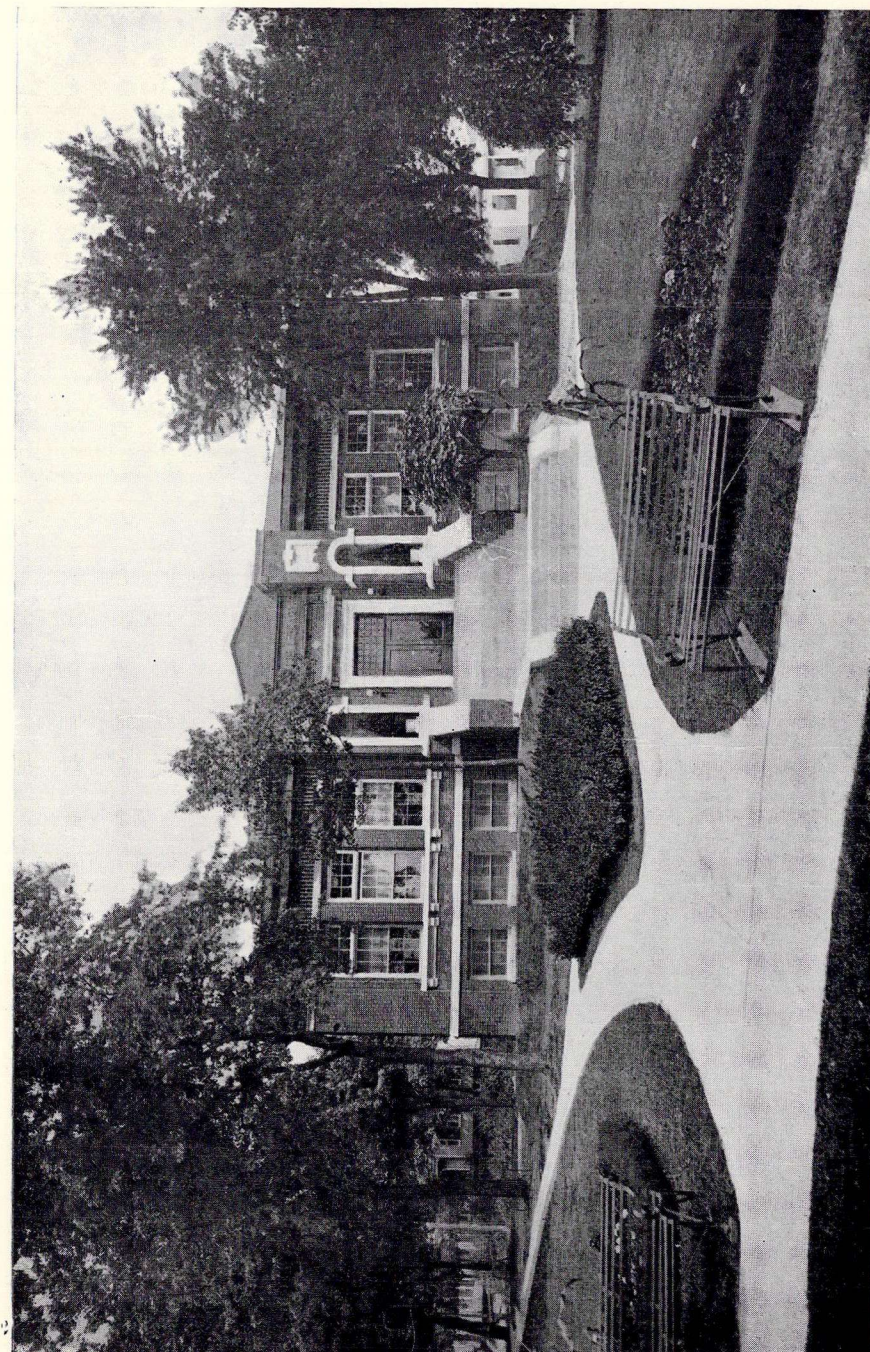


## SUMMARY AND GENERAL STATISTICS

Number of days open.....	359½
Average daily issue .....	634
Average Sunday issue.....	210
Total circulation for year:	
Adult .....	117,513
Children .....	89,157 206,670
Total circulation, March 21, 1891-date.....	2,527,461
Number registered card holders.....	8,694
School and station card holders.....	2,191
School pupils reached directly through supplementary readers...	9,561

## IV.—DONORS AND DONATIONS

	Vol- umes.	Pam- phlets
Abbott, Dr. E. Stanley, Waverley, Mass.....	1	...
Atwill, J. W.....	...	5
Atwill & Hyatt.....	10	...
American Prison Association .....	11	...
American Woman's League, subscription, Woman's National Daily .....	...	6
Association of Life Insurance Presidents, New York.....	1	...
Beatty, John W., Pittsburg, Pa.....	1	...
Bittinger, Maj. John L., miscellaneous papers and numbers..	66	...
Bittinger, Maj. John L.....	6	...
Boteler, Dr. W. C.....	82	...
Brewster, A. W.....	1	...
H. Brinsmade, Sec. Society of Colonial Wars, Missouri.....	29	...
Bullard, Rev. Henry.....	1	...
Casson, Herbert N., Pinehill, N. Y .....	1	...
Carus, Dr. Paul, Chicago, Ill.....	3	...
Chilton, Rev. C. M.....	30	...
Cleary, Dr. ....	55	...
Combe Printing Co.....	2	...
D. A. R., St. Joseph Chapter.....	2	...
Densmore, Emmet, New York .....	3	...
Donovan Cup Committee.....	1	...
Ellis, George B., Sec. Mo. State Board of Agriculture.....	1	...
Farnsworth, Edmund C., Portland, Me.....	58	...
Fulkerson, F. B.....	1	...
Garrett, Lida Bell.....	1	...
Gift, unknown .....	1	...
Gillette, King C., Boston, Mass.....	1	...
Gleed, C. S., Pres. Mo. & Kan. Tel. Co., Kansas City.....	1	...
Gordon, John P., State Auditor.....	1	...
Hildebrand, E. ....	2	...
Hispanic Society of America, New York.....	1	...
Hoard, W. D. Hon., Ft. Atkinson, Wis.....	2	...
Hyatt, C. C.....	...	...
Illinois Engineering Pub. Co., subscription.....	3	...
Illinois Historical Society.....	...	...



EXTERIOR VIEW WASHINGTON PARK BRANCH



## RECAPITULATION

(Exclusive of Carnegie Washington Park Branch building fund.)

### RECEIPTS

Central library, general fund .....	\$14,809.66	
Central library, special fund .....	2,334.26	
Carnegie branch, general fund .....	3,000.00	
Washington Park branch, general fund .....	2,500.00	
Washington Park branch, subscription fund .....	2,299.00	\$24,942.92

### EXPENDITURES

Central library, general fund .....	\$14,809.66
Central library, special fund .....	938.43
Carnegie branch, general fund .....	2,984.42
Washington Park branch, general fund .....	2,472.13
Washington Park branch, subscription fund .....	1,016.28

\$22,220.92

#### Balances:

In hands city treasurer, Carnegie			
Branch funds .....	\$ 15.58		
In hands city treasurer, Washington			
Park branch funds .....	27.87		
In hands board treasurer, special			
funds .....	1,368.46		
In hands board treasurer, Washington			
Park subscription funds .....	1,282.72		
In hands librarian, special funds .....	27.37	\$ 2,722.00	\$24,942.92

#### Washington Park Branch, Carnegie Building Fund

Received from Andrew Carnegie, on gift of \$25,000.....\$20,000.00

### EXPENDITURES

Paid on building contract.....	\$14,525.23	
Balance in bank.....	5,474.77	\$20,000.00

## DISBURSEMENTS

Deposited secretary-treasurer .....	\$1,110.00	
Incidental expenses:		
Freight and express.....	\$81.47	
Postage .....	33.54	
Stationery .....	27.05	
Delivery station expenses .....	87.00	
Miscellaneous .....	95.02	324.08
Balance forward .....	27.37	\$ 1,461.45

## III—CIRCULATION

Class	Main Library		Carnegie Branch		School Col-lection	School Sta-tions	Other Sta-tions	Total	Per Cent
	Adult	Chil-dren	Adult	Chil-dren					
General .....	2,267	268	17	17	....	....	....	2,569	1.25
Philosophy .....	966	9	81	1	....	....	....	1,057	.50
Religion .....	1,387	353	90	41	526	174	3	2,574	1.24
Sociology .....	1,352	771	121	217	1,475	217	1	4,154	2.00
Language .....	149	1,819	8	633	6,157	673	....	9,439	4.56
Nat'l science..	1,152	1,004	273	423	2,093	860	2	5,807	2.80
Useful arts ..	2,949	287	625	103	86	143	9	4,202	2.01
Fine arts .....	2,062	757	212	294	....	176	2	3,503	1.70
Literature .....	4,003	1,288	549	419	2,595	430	3	9,287	4.49
Travel .....	2,159	1,876	459	573	2,088	998	11	8,164	3.94
Biography .....	1,881	1,068	285	244	1,944	376	6	5,804	2.88
History .....	2,053	2,155	494	598	2,582	1,065	5	8,952	4.33
Current mag's	3,386	71	299	....	....	....	....	3,756	1.82
Child's stories	....	34,140	....	5,265	....	6,227	....	45,632	22.08
Fiction .....	79,830	....	8,248	....	3,578	....	114	91,770	44.4
Totals .....	105,596	45,866	11,761	8,828	23,124	11,339	156	206,670	100.00

## TOTAL CIRCULATION BY MONTHS

	Main Dept.	Juvenile Dept.	Sup. Reading	Carnegie Branch	Deposit Stations	Swift Dep. Station	Total
May .....	8,370	4,025	1,921	1,408	768	.....	16,492
June .....	8,189	4,241	.....	1,341	.....	.....	13,771
July .....	8,758	4,323	.....	1,414	.....	.....	14,495
August .....	8,388	3,863	.....	1,489	.....	.....	13,740
September ....	7,888	2,721	1,829	1,349	.....	.....	13,787
October .....	8,479	3,401	3,166	1,698	1,081	.....	17,825
November ....	8,894	4,105	2,506	1,960	2,104	.....	19,569
December ....	7,833	3,298	1,308	1,700	1,700	.....	15,839
January .....	10,153	3,772	4,078	2,100	1,595	.....	21,698
February .....	10,004	4,266	2,414	2,189	1,761	62	20,696
March .....	9,340	4,172	2,992	2,100	1,467	78	20,149
April .....	9,300	3,679	2,910	1,841	863	16	18,609
Totals .....	105,596	45,866	23,124	20,589	11,339	156	206,670



# CONTENTS OF LIBRARY CLASSIFIED, 1909-1910

Class.	As reported 1909.	Net gain 1910.	As reported 1910.	School Collection 1910.
General .....	1,117	98	1,215	....
Philosophy .....	444	98	542	....
Religion .....	1,295	262	1,557	150
Sociology .....	2,993	480	3,473	450
U. S. public documents .....	3,610	208	3,818	....
Language .....	364	86	450	1,815
Natural science .....	1,623	283	1,906	787
Useful arts .....	1,630	485	2,115	32
Fine arts .....	1,302	349	1,651	....
Literature .....	3,370	518	3,888	1,499
Travel .....	2,563	372	2,935	662
Biography .....	2,633	405	3,038	789
History .....	3,732	534	4,266	935
Fiction (inc. children's stories).....	14,279	735	15,880	1,293
Bound periodicals (R. L.) .....	5,222	1,601	5,957	....
Totals .....	46,177	6,514	52,691	8,412
Number volumes, circulating dept.....	33,955		39,280	
Number volumes, reference dept.....	12,222		13,411	

## II—LIBRARY EXPENDITURES

(Not including Carnegie Washington Park building fund.)

Book account—Books .....	\$6,615.64	
Periodicals .....	656.64	
Binding .....	1,888.66	\$9,160.58
Salaries, staff .....		9,394.71
Heat and engineer .....		568.28
Janitor service .....		1,083.00
Printing and stationery .....		289.29
Postage .....		85.04
Repairs .....		232.50
Insurance .....		121.00
Furniture .....		237.90
Telephone .....		72.00
Electric light .....		139.40
Catalog cards .....		182.14
General .....		486.61
Freight and express.....		81.47
Delivery station expenses.....		87.00
		\$22,220.92

## LIBRARY RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

### RECEIPTS

Brought forward .....	\$ 23.28	
From duplicate collection .....	405.55	
Penalties on over-due books.....	886.08	
Supplements .....	1.80	
Refund from Washington Park Branch, through city treasurer by warrant to Mr. Pfeiffer....	18.00	
Refund on overpaid magazine bill.....	14.45	
Books lost and paid for.....	53.06	
Miscellaneous .....	59.23	\$ 1,461.45

# REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

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

Gentlemen—The twentieth annual report of the librarian for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1910, is submitted herewith.

The work of the library shows a large increase in the number of books, a small gain in circulation, and a general widening of influence in the community at large through satisfied demands upon the reference and other departments.

A number of the lesser activities of the library were temporarily suspended in order that every attention could be given the Washington Park branch building, and the selection and preparation of books therefor. Extensive demands on the branch being anticipated, it was the desire to devote as large a proportion of the funds as possible to the purchase of books. That this was accomplished will be recognized when it is shown that the cost of assistance chargeable to the branch was but \$484.50. It was not, however, without more than a little sacrifice to other library work.

## VOLUMES IN LIBRARY

	1910	1905	1900	1895	1890-91
Contents of library proper.....	52,691	31,200	18,382	12,859	5,510

The library proper now contains 52,691 volumes, the net growth being 6,514. Of these, 2,929 were purchased or bound for the new Washington Park branch, and have been inactive, with 322 volumes transferred from Central Library, being held for the opening. Carnegie branch additions number 586, and school supplementary reading collection 1,231. Inventory having been changed to a less busy season of the year, no losses are reported in current statistics. However, these will not exceed previous years.

## LIBRARY CARD HOLDERS

	1910	1905	1900	1895	1890-91
Number of card holders.....	8,694	6,708	4,611	4,103	1,546

Card holders number 8,694, holding 13,925 cards. These totals do not include special pupils' cards, issued for use in school deposit stations, nor cards issued for use of the deposit stations elsewhere. These aggregate about 2,191, but cards are not usable other than at the special stations where issued. In this connection it should be borne in mind that all pupils in the public schools between the entering class in grade one and the high school are reached directly by the library through the means of the school supplementary reading collection.

Cards are issued for two years. Classification of holders, at issue, was as follows: Male, 3,479; female, 5,363; under 14 years of age, 3,128; over 14, 5,714; new, 4,488; re-registered, 4,459.

## CIRCULATION

	1910	1905	1900	1895
Books issued for home use.....	206,670	149,210	109,939	108,882

The issue of books for home use was 206,670, as compared with 203,005 for the previous year. While causes for fluctuations in library



use are usually difficult to ascertain with any degree of satisfaction, it is not impossible to note conditions which affect the reading of books among given classes. The abnormally warm weather in March started building operations and general outdoor occupations unusually early, and reading time was curtailed. The epidemic of children's diseases (chicken pox and measles) since January not only affected library use, but cut down the attendance of the schools. During March, 1,506 pupils out of a registration of 9,500, or about 16 per cent, were out of school on account of sickness. Two of the school deposit stations were closed temporarily, that at South Park school during February, and at Humboldt School on the 1st of April. The latter has not been re-opened.

Compared with former years, circulation of books was most erratic. An increase of 2,500 was shown for the first half of the fiscal year, November followed with an increase of over 2,000, December decreased 1,500, January and February gained 3,000, March decreased 2,000, and April was behind a small number. A study of circulation by classes shows a number of changes. Sociological books lead in percentage of increase, 33 1-3. Useful arts books follow with 21 per cent. None of the other classes showed changes of note. Adult fiction (all languages) comprised 44.4 per cent of total use, a gain of 1.2 per cent; children's stories, 22.08 per cent, a decrease of 1.08 per cent.

#### EXTENSION WORK

	1910	1905
Circulation .....	11,495	7,542

While many former activities of the library were curtailed, increased attention was given extension work, in an effort to make books more easily accessible to as many readers as possible. Deposit stations heretofore established at Humboldt, South Park and Floyd Schools were continued, with an increased number of books. In addition, deposits were made at Bliss, Maxwell, Pettepier and Florence schools, the Home for Little Wanderers, Detention Home, Rescue Home and Y. W. C. A. branch. Books were furnished the Y. M. C. A. for its work with paroled boys from the juvenile court. All of these were provided from the Central Library. From Carnegie branch experiments are being made with two systems. A deposit station of 100 volumes was placed in the Swift Packing Co. plant in February. For the Hammond Packing plant a special card was arranged for on which 25 books were to be issued at one time to one person, he distributing the books among the readers. This affords an opportunity for more frequent changes, and for learning what classes of books appeal to the readers. It was adopted from our method of issuing books to the fire department. Each fire station has a card, and the firemen select their own books, the number issued being regulated by the number of firemen at the station, and changed as often as desired.

The recorded issue of books at the various stations was 11,495 volumes. If to this were added the room use and the number issued from

## I—LIBRARY STATISTICS

### BOOK ACCOUNT

Number of volumes reported April 30, 1909.....	46,177
Additions for fiscal year:	
By purchase .....	6,021
By transfer, from duplicate collection.....	228
By periodicals bound .....	492
By donations, accessioned, and Govt. Docs.....	637 7,378
Withdrawals:	
Worn out, burned, etc.....	671
Lost or damaged and paid for.....	55
Lost and not paid for.....	14
Unaccounted for last year.....	124 864 6,514
Number of volumes now in library.....	52,691

### SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTARY READING DEPARTMENT

Number of volumes reported April 30, 1909.....	7,181
Additions for fiscal year.....	1,287
Withdrawals:	
Worn out, lost, etc. ....	53
Transferred to schools.....	3 56
Net increase for year.....	1,231
Number of volumes in school collection.....	8,412
Number of volumes in library.....	61,103

### ACCESSIONS AND WITHDRAWALS CLASSIFIED, 1909-1910

Class.	Accessions.	Withdrawals.	Net Gain.
General .....	101	3	98
Philosophy .....	102	4	98
Religion .....	270	8	262
Sociology (inc. pub. docs.).....	698	10	688
Language .....	122	36	86
Natural science .....	305	22	283
Useful arts .....	508	23	485
Fine arts .....	365	16	349
Literature .....	578	60	518
Travel .....	389	17	372
Biography .....	414	9	405
History .....	551	17	534
Periodicals (R. L.) .....	740	5	735
Childrer's stories .....	931	297	634
Fiction (inc. duplicate collection).....	1,304	337	967
Totals .....	7,378	864	6,514



It is with not a little pleasure that I acknowledge the hearty co-operation of each member of the library staff. A great deal of extra work has been accomplished, and to their cheerful willingness is this due. To the Board of Directors acknowledgment is made for many courtesies.

Respectfully submitted,  
PURD B. WRIGHT,  
Librarian.

State of Missouri, }  
County of Buchanan } ss.

Before me, Clara B. Davis, a notary public in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Purd B. Wright, Librarian of the 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 9th day of May, 1910.

(Seal)

My commission expires June 1, 1910.

CLARA B. DAVIS,  
Notary Public.

stations which kept no record, a fair idea of the value of the stations could be gained.

	No. pupils registered.	No. Vols.	No. months.	Issue.
*Humboldt school .....	697	400	7	4,862
**South Park .....	410	300	8	2,690
Floyd .....	357	300	8	1,483
Bliss .....	389	200	5	1,474
Maxwell .....	86	200	7	830
Pettepier .....	29	94	6	Not rep'ted
Detention Home .....	...	...	..	Not rep'ted
Rescue Home .....	...	...	..	Not rep'ted

\*Station closed April 1, on account of sickness in school, and not re-opened.

\*\*Station closed two weeks on account of sickness in school.

A copy of Vlastos' History of the United States, in modern Greek, was placed in the library. Being little used it was taken to the foreman of one of the shoe shining shops operated by young Greeks. These boys read it with avidity, and in one year it has been in seven shops, and read by 37 boys. Desiring to ascertain what was gained from the book the writer asked one little fellow who had been in this country but a few months, what he liked best. "Fighting" (meaning battles). "Which fighting?" "With the Spanishers. Didn't we lick 'em!" He already talks of the United States as "us." And the demand is for more books.

The library took part in the city charter campaign in the late summer by securing and circulating thirty-five copies of the proposed law. They were in constant use. In connection with the activities of the Anti-Tuberculosis League, special reading lists of helpful books were prepared and published in the local newspapers. The books, placed on the current events table the week preceding Tuberculosis Sunday, were largely used.

#### CHILDREN AND THE LIBRARY

	1910	1905
Central library .....	45,866	32,615
Carnegie branch .....	8,828	4,191
School supplementary reading .....	23,124	12,070
School deposit stations .....	11,339	....
Total circulation .....	89,157	48,876

Prior to the fiscal year ending in 1905, no separate record was kept of use of children's books. The growth since then has been steady. Despite the opening of school deposit stations, the books for which were from this department, the children's room at Central Library has shown a constant increase in use until last year. Statistics for the current year show 45,866 volumes issued, a decrease of 3,576, largely due to the deposit stations and the epidemic of chicken pox and measles. Increased issue at deposit stations was 5,042.

The rearrangement of the room, made at the time of putting on the new floor covering, is a notable improvement. Better provision is made for supervision, and the appearance of the room is decidedly better.



Miss McCoy, children's librarian at the Central Library, reports as follows:

The most gratifying feature of the year's work was the increase in reference work, both with teachers and pupils. The new reference books added have been the greatest help. Selected books set aside on special shelves for use of teachers in the lower grades have been in constant use. Miss Burris, primary supervisor of the public schools, has shown her interest in the work, and acknowledgment is made for outlines in language study and geography which made it possible to have ready each month book lists and timely reference reserves.

With a view to arousing interest in a higher class of stories for boys and girls, annotated lists were made, and the use of these exceeded our expectations. A shelf of books of standard authors borrowed from the adult department, was another means used to interest children in the best reading.

The usual monthly bulletins were posted, with special bulletins for topics of timely interest, such as North Pole, Airships, Comets, etc.

As will be seen by Miss Senter's report, use of this department at Carnegie branch is more pleasing than last year, on account of improved conditions among the people.

The use of the children's library, 89,157 volumes issued, is 43.1 per cent of the total. It is an increase of 4,355 over last year.

#### REFERENCE

Demands upon the reference department constantly grow. Every effort is made to meet all legitimate inquiries. Under Miss Kerr a number of changes have been made, notable among which was a rearrangement of reference periodicals. A premature announcement by a friendly reporter through his newspaper that the library had opened a new department, the Bureau of Information, and that any question would be answered over the telephone, simply swamped the force for a number of days. While a large proportion of the questions asked were of no consequence, the publication unquestionably proved of value to the library. Few questions of importance remained unanswered. The variety of topics covered caused an immediate strengthening of various divisions.

Growth in the use of the department by out-of-town residents is somewhat remarkable. As heretofore, requests for help from nearby colleges are granted if possible. It was found necessary, however, to curtail somewhat the borrowing privilege previously extended these institutions, especially as relating to reference books. Work with students of Tarkio, Park, Westminster, William Jewell and Camden colleges is noted, as well as the schools of Cameron, Savannah, Mound City and other places.

Little value is attached to the records of table use, as only a portion of the books used in the library are left on tables to be counted. By far the greater use of the reference department is by students, club workers, and others who replace the volumes used in their proper places, or upon the special reserve shelves. Books left upon tables numbered 27,084.

For the annual convention of the International Typographical Union held in St. Joseph last August, the library offered to co-operate with publishers of the leading daily newspapers of the country in furnishing the delegates news from home. About 146 newspapers were received and placed in the reading room, and announcement made at the convention of the arrangement. At the close of the convention, the newspapers were tied in bundles and placed in the hands of the delegates to look over on their way home. That the action of the publishers and the library was appreciated was proven by the many pleasant words, notes received, and by a vote of thanks.

#### WASHINGTON PARK BRANCH

Delay in the erection of Washington Park branch, caused by an early and hard winter, was a matter of deep disappointment. The building is now rapidly nearing completion, and it is hoped to have it open and in use within a few weeks.

The building, in so-called modern classic style, 52x78 feet, is located in Washington Park (which was extended for that purpose), with beautiful surroundings. It is of red brick, with stone and copper trimmings, slate roof, construction being reinforced concrete. Equipments are modern in every particular, the stack being of steel. The charging desk was planned especially for the building, with a view to ease and economy of administration. Illustrations accompanying show the building and interior arrangement. A high basement contains an auditorium with a seating capacity of over 200, a club room 26 feet square, rooms for staff and janitor, park tools, furnace and fuel rooms, and men's toilet. The main floor is devoted entirely to library purposes, with every convenience and well lighted. The floor is of patent construction, doing away with the necessity for linoleum or cork. Estimated cost of building and equipments, \$26,000.00.

To date 2,749 volumes have been purchased for the branch, 322 transferred from Central library, 180 volumes periodicals bound, and all are ready for use. One hundred sixty-four volumes are in the bindery, and 316 volumes ordered have been shipped, all of which are expected to be on shelves on opening day, giving a total of about 3,700 volumes.

The selection of books was made with especial reference to the community to be served. As the packing and live stock industry was and is the feature of Carnegie branch, extra attention has been given electrical and general mechanical books.

Books in Chivers' and reinforced bindings were given the preference in purchase in every instance. Periodicals in reference department are bound in pigskin.

A small reserve is held in the book fund for meeting any emergency which might arise.

The stacks and furniture were furnished, under competition, by the Library Bureau.

#### IN CONCLUSION

The accompanying tables cover the details of expenses, growth, circulation, donations, etc.



of taxes should be set aside annually for the library. Other provisions clarifying some business details were approved. St. Joseph is the only city in the state with this special public library law, all others being under the general laws.

#### IN GENERAL

Receipts from pay collection of fiction were \$405.15. The collection now contains 321 volumes, 245 having been added, 228 transferred to free collection, and four lost and paid for. Receipts cover cost of purchase and rebinding all volumes transferred to free collection, while the penalties on overdue books cover cost of care, etc.

The St. Joseph-Buchanan-Andrew County Medical Society has arranged to open a medical department in the library. The agreement is that the society shall purchase not to exceed 500 volumes of medical books and subscribe for twenty-five periodicals, all of which are to become the property of the library and to be circulated as are other books and periodicals. The library cares for, binds and issues these books and periodicals on regular library cards under the usual library regulations. Purchases are made by a committee from the society, all accessions being subject to approval of the library committee. The experiment will be watched with some interest.

Unsatisfactory under almost any condition, and partially replaced by the deposit stations, the delivery stations again show a decreased use. Books issued through delivery stations, 3,880.

For the first time in years, Sunday use of the library shows a decline. The number of visitors was 16,076, to whom 10,928 volumes were issued. Sunday circulation statistics are as follows: Adult, Central, 5,236; branch, 1,270; children, Central, 3,322; branch, 1,100; total, 10,928. The libraries were open fifty-two Sundays.

The reading rooms maintain their popularity. Periodicals to the number of 274 are received at Central, 67 being gifts. Carnegie branch has 50, and Washington Park branch will have about the same number.

The current events table is of constant interest, following the important happenings of the world and locality. It is beginning to be regarded as a guide to reading for those desiring to keep pace with things as they happen. Stars and comets, with especial reference to Halley's comet, just now occupy the general mind.

Service has been rendered a number of smaller libraries in the West by the loan of books for their patrons, the libraries assuming all responsibility. Acknowledgment is made to the Kansas Historical Society library, the St. Louis public library, John Crerar library, and the Congressional library for courtesies. Through the courtesy of the libraries named it has been possible to meet the wants of students here at little expense.

Recognizing the news value of matters connected with the library, all newspapers of the city have been most liberal in the publications of book lists and special articles furnished, as well as treating of minor matters by the editorial staffs. All the publications in the city are to be found on file in the reading room, gifts of the publishers.

#### LIBRARY AND SCHOOL

	1910.	1905.
	Volumes. Use.	Volumes. Use.
Number of volumes and use.....	8,412 23,124	3,027 12,070

The collection of books provided by the School District for supplementary reading numbers 8,412 volumes, a growth of 1,231. Circulation was 23,124, a gain of 2,210. As the books are retained an average of six weeks, and many teachers take but one-half as many books as they have pupils, the real use was probably 40 to 50 per cent greater.

Five deposit stations in schools, with 1,400 volumes, showed an issue of 11,339 volumes. No account is kept of use in school buildings.

The opening of the new branch will release the books from the Humboldt school station, and it is hoped to add sufficiently to this number to permit the opening of two stations in other districts.

#### CATALOGUING DEPARTMENT

Despite limitations and some disorganization, a great deal of work was accomplished in this department. Cataloguing the books for the new branch interfered somewhat with the revision of the catalog of the Central Library, but classification of all titles duplicated for the branch were revised. The classification, changes and records were under Miss Martin, as heretofore, and Miss Reichert, with one assistant for six months, and under the general supervision of Miss Kerr, reference librarian, was in charge of cards. Typewritten cards numbered 6,125; Library of Congress and other printed cards, 13,304; total, 19,428. Cards for the publications of the United States Geological survey to the number of 3,521 were purchased from the Library of Congress, and it was hoped to have these filled out and filed, but it was found impossible. These are not included in the above total.

Each year the school superintendent selects a number of titles of books for professional and academic studies, and teachers reading one title from each list and passing a satisfactory examination thereon are granted an increase of salary of \$2.50 a month. The library duplicates these titles liberally, and it is hardly necessary to say that all are in constant use.

Special school cards are now held by 353 teachers, and their use is general. A gratifying proportion of the increase in the 300 class is credited to teachers, especial attention having been given to the purchase of educational books.

#### BINDING AND REPAIRING

The number of books bound or rebound was 3,738, at a cost of \$1,888.66, or an average cost of 50.5 cents. This is an increase over former years, occasioned by the fact that better material was used, and that 772 volumes of magazines were bound, a larger number than heretofore. No record is kept of the number of volumes repaired in the library, but an estimate from the daily average places this at 27,263. This work includes everything from the repair of a damaged page to replacing an entire cover.



#### CARNEGIE BRANCH

More settled conditions in a business way in the southern part of the city was reflected in better use of Carnegie branch library. A notable increase is shown in the use of the branch by children, the direct result of the employment of fewer foreigners in the industrial plants. The same improvement is noted in school attendance.

Miss Senter, librarian in charge of this branch, reports as follows:

The branch now contains 7,404 volumes, 590 being added during the year. This number includes additions by gift, by purchase, transferred from the main library (four in number), and one volume added to the duplicate pay collection. There were also sixteen pamphlets added. To the circulating departments belong 5,949 volumes, to the reference department 1,455 volumes. The juvenile department contains 1,623 volumes, 88 of which are reference. One hundred and eight books were cancelled and withdrawn during the year. Of this number 76 were worn out, 11 burned on account of contagious diseases, 7 lost and paid for, 12 missing last year and 2 transferred to the main library for the Washington Park branch.

The number of registrations for the year was 614, of which number 373 were new members and 241 renewals. Adults 287, children 327. One hundred sixty-seven non-fiction cards were issued. Eight cards were cancelled this year. The number of cards now in force is 1,377.

The number of books issued for home use for the year was 20,589, an increase of 542 over last year, with an increase in the juvenile department of 923. While the adult department falls 381 below last year, the distinct gain in several classes indicates a broadening in the scope of reading and a noticeable decrease in the percentage of fiction.

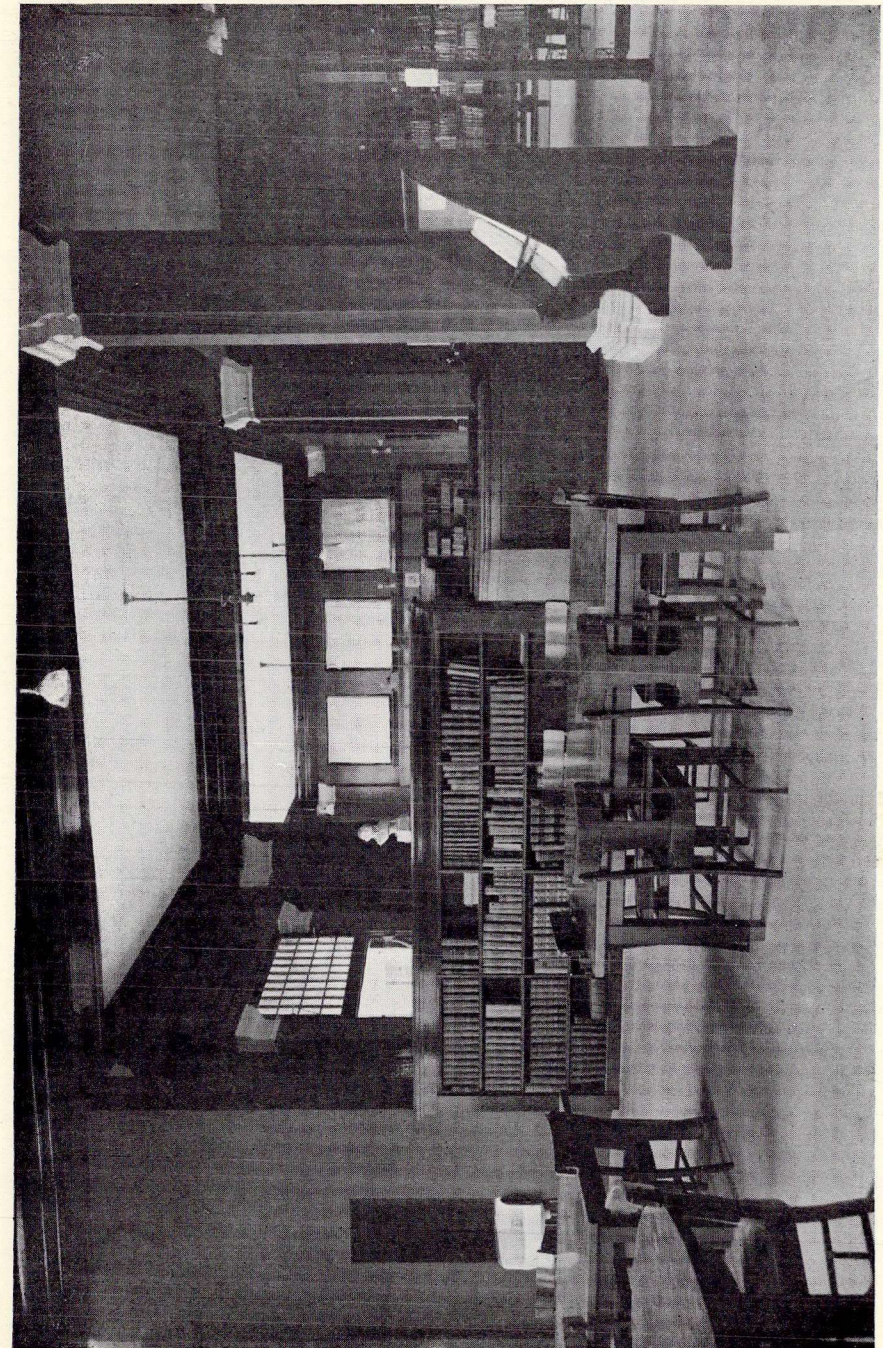
The number of young readers is steadily increasing.

Use of the library by students of all classes is growing. The number of persons using the reference rooms, aside from the Sunday readers and visitors, was 10,275, a daily average of 33. The number of Sunday readers and visitors was 4,367 for the year, an average of 84. The number of books used as reference was 7,780. Reference lists upon the following subjects were in use during the year: Out-door books, Electricity, George Eliot, Arctic explorations, Forestry, American railroads, American writers 1776-1850, 1850-1900, St. Joseph and the Pony Express.

January 28, 1910, a station was established at the Swift packing house. But little can be said of this undertaking, as it has been in operation but three months. The number of books circulated for that period was 156; fiction 73 per cent.

#### NEW LIBRARY LAW

When the so-called new charter for St. Joseph (properly, law governing cities of the first class) was being drafted, a chapter devoted to libraries was submitted by the librarian, with the approval of the Library Board. A provision for increase of the library tax by a vote of the people was stricken out. Instead it was provided that not less than a certain proportion



INTERIOR VIEW WASHINGTON PARK BRANCH