

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## HOURS

### MAIN LIBRARY

|            |                    |
|------------|--------------------|
| Open Daily | 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. |
| Sundays    | 2 P. M. to 6 P. M. |

### BRANCHES

|                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Monday, Wednesday, Friday and |                        |
| Saturday                      | 10 A. M. to 9 P. M.    |
| Tuesday and Thursday          | 10 A. M. to 6:30 P. M. |
| Sunday                        | 2 P. M. to 6 P. M.     |

## GENERAL STATISTICS

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Number of volumes in the library        | 81,930  |
| Total number of registered borrowers    | 18,604  |
| Books lent for home use:                |         |
| Main Library                            | 186,299 |
| Carnegie Branch                         | 47,715  |
| Washington Park Branch                  | 48,087  |
| 282,101                                 |         |
| Additions by gift and purchase:         |         |
| By purchase                             | 5,873   |
| By gift                                 | 1,147   |
| 7,020                                   |         |
| Population (estimated by Polk Directory |         |
| Company)                                | 80,000  |

## CIRCULATION OF BOOKS

A total of 282,101 books were circulated from the public libraries and its various agencies during the year. The main library issued 181,570 books and 4,729 mounted pictures; Carnegie Branch, 47,715, and Washington Park Branch, 48,087 volumes. A liberal allowance of books is granted to all the patrons, with the privilege of renewing one or more times in case of special work and study.

## REGISTERED BORROWERS

A complete revision of the registration files at Central library shows 8,669 adult borrowers and 4,066 card-holders in the children's department, a total at the Central library of 12,735. Carnegie Branch has 2,929 card-holders, and Washington Park Branch, 2,941. The total for the system is 18,604 borrowers. During the year 6,455 new cards were issued, divided as follows: Main, adult, 3,287; juvenile, 1,500; Carnegie Branch, 781, and Washington Park Branch, 887.

## BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

The accessions for the year were 7,020 volumes, making the total number of books belonging to the library, 81,930. Main library has 62,141; Carnegie Branch, 11,087; and Washington Park Branch, 8,702. The net gain for the year is 4,908 volumes.

## REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

This department now occupies a large well lighted room in the new museum addition. All purely reference books such as encyclopedias, dictionaries and handbooks, bound magazines, bibliographies, maps and atlases comprise the collection in this room or the stack immediately adjoining. No actual record of work done in this department is kept, but the capacity of the new room is already taxed on the busy days of the week. The service is available by telephone or mail and a great deal of the work with business and professional men as well as the women's clubs is carried on by this method. The room is open from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. daily and Sunday from 2 to 6 p. m.

## CHILDREN'S READING

The central children's room has been thoroughly cleaned, redecorated and reorganized, and the book collection has been carefully revised. This department now contains 7,612 volumes, 5,462 comprising the collection in the children's room and 2,150 books compose the school collections for use in the outlying districts. The care and circulation of mounted pictures is under the supervision of this department. During the months of March and April, 2,536 children from the schools in the Central library district were brought to the library for instruction in the use of catalogs, indexes and the scheme of classification. The circulation including school collections and playgrounds was 61,119.

## BRANCHES

The Carnegie Branch in South St. Joseph and the Washington Park Branch on the North side have made very substantial gains for the year in all departments of the work. Instruction in the use of the library has been given to the grade school children by each branch in its own district. In the South side this instruction included the Saint Stanislaus (Polish) and the Saint James parochial schools.

The Benton High School library is administered by the staff of the Carnegie Branch.

It is expected that the work of the Washington Park Branch will receive considerable impetus by the opening of the North St. Joseph High School next fall.



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Condensed from extended reports, verified by affidavits of the Treasurer and Librarian now on file in the office of the City Auditor.

### RECEIPTS

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| City apportionment .....  | \$24,47 |
| Library collections ..... | 1,58    |
| Total .....               | \$26,06 |

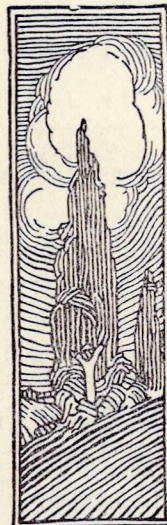
### EXPENDITURES

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Books .....                   | \$ 4,18 |
| Periodicals .....             | 1,18    |
| Binding .....                 | 1,28    |
| Salaries .....                | 12,98   |
| Heat .....                    | 61      |
| Janitor service .....         | 2,38    |
| Printing and stationery ..... | 38      |
| Repairs .....                 | 78      |
| Furniture .....               | 42      |
| Telephone .....               | 12      |
| Light .....                   | 30      |
| Cards .....                   | 17      |
| Miscellaneous .....           | 1,34    |
| Balance on hand .....         | 7       |
| Total .....                   | \$26,06 |

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## Summary

### TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
APRIL 30, 1917

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SAINT JOSEPH, MISSOURI

