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**LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL**

To the State Board of Administration,  
Bismarck, North Dakota.

Herewith is submitted the Eleventh Biennial Report of the North Dakota State Library Commission, covering the period from July 1, 1926, to June 30, 1928.

LILLIAN E. COOK,  
Secretary and Director.

## SUMMARY

|   |    |
|---|----|
| New libraries .....                     | 9  |
| Total tax supported libraries .....     | 28 |
| Association libraries .....             | 39 |
| New library buildings or quarters ..... | 6  |
| Advisory visits to libraries .....      | 46 |
| Addresses .....                         | 49 |
| Exhibits .....                          | 11 |

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR

Covering the biennial period July 1, 1927—June 30, 1928, this report marks the "Coming of age" of the State Library Commission, which, established in 1907, has served the state for twenty-one years.

The governing organization has differed from time to time and the staff personnel has had many changes, but the purposes of furnishing worth while reading to the residents of the small towns and the open country, and of aiding and encouraging the small libraries of the state, have remained constant.

The work of the Commission falls roughly into three classes, (a) office work, (b) field work with the state-at-large and state organizations, and (c) book service to communities, schools and clubs, and to individuals, given through the Traveling Library and Reference Departments.

### OFFICE WORK

The Commission has never kept track, as some commissions do, of the number of letters and circulars written, lists compiled, programs made out, and packages handled, during a biennial period. This work has been heavier the last two years because of the greater bulk of work and because there has been less field work done, necessitating more letter writing. When the Commission staff includes a field worker, much more efficient and concrete help can be given in the field.

**Cataloging.** Because, during disorganized years, the reference collection was not completely cataloged, reference work has been very difficult. The legislature of 1927 made an appropriation for a cataloger who began work August first of that year. Since then the regular cataloging has been done, the pamphlets and mounted clippings "headed," shelf list and catalog checked for about two-thirds of the collection, and 1500 books cataloged.

**North Dakota Teacher.** Through the courtesy of the editor, the Commission has had a page in the North Dakota Teacher each issue, which has been devoted to school library helps, suggestions, and information.

**Bulletin No. 5** is the buying list for grade school libraries and is published by the State Department of Public Instruction, although, the selection of books, the preparation of copy and the reading of proof is largely done in this office. An attempt is made to fit the books for each grade into the course of study for that grade, and each grade list is checked carefully that it in itself may be a balanced collection and appeal to the tastes of the various pupils.

**Library Notes** is a mimeographed sheet of North Dakota library news and helps issued about every two months. To keep twenty-five of the small libraries of the state informed of national library activities, to bring them some of the best library papers and addresses, and to furnish them with lists of books especially selected for small libraries, the Commission subscribes for the Wisconsin Library Bulletin (monthly),

which is a much more pretentious publication than the Commission can afford.

**Children's Book Week.** Because the Secretary and Director of the Commission happened to be also the State Club Federation chairman of library extension, through cooperation with the Federation state literature chairman, all of the Children's Book Week activity has been headed up by the Commission. In the larger towns the public libraries took over the work, the Commission furnishing some of the supplies. In the smaller towns where there were public or association libraries, the Commission cooperated with the libraries, furnishing posters, lists and publicity material. In the towns where there was a Federated club and no library, similar supplies were furnished and suggestions of the Week's observance made. Thanks to the whole-hearted help and interest of librarians and club women, some very effective and worth while "Weeks" have been developed.

**Circulars.** We find that in spite of being twenty-one years old, there are many who still do not know of our book service. To call attention to it, circular letters were sent out to the editors, lawyers, doctors, bankers and ministers of the small towns. In these circulars, the service was explained and a short list of books enclosed, a different list for each group, made up with their interests and preferences especially in mind.

#### FIELD WORK: STATE AND STATE ORGANIZATIONS

The field work of the Commission staff during the past four years was in twenty-two towns as follows:

|                               |                                   |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Less than 500 population..... | 6 towns                           |
| 500 to 1,000.....             | 8 towns                           |
| 1,000 to 1,500.....           | 7 towns                           |
| 1,500 to 2,500.....           | 5 towns                           |
| 2,500 .....                   | 9 towns                           |
| Visits .....                  | 46 public libraries               |
|                               | 10 school libraries               |
|                               | 18 state schools and institutions |
|                               | <hr/>                             |
|                               | 74                                |
| Organization .....            | 75 school and library collections |
| Conferences .....             | 20                                |
| Library board meetings .....  | 32                                |
| Talks .....                   | 6 public schools                  |
|                               | 11 state schools                  |
|                               | 3 clubs                           |
|                               | 5 Parent-Teacher Associations     |
|                               | 35 state and district meetings    |
| Exhibits .....                | 11                                |
| Fairs .....                   | 3                                 |

**League of Library Commissions** annual meeting was held in Chicago December 28-31, and the Secretary and Director went. The mid-winter meeting of the American Library Association is held at the same time, so general as well as league conferences were attended. On this trip, visits were made to the various libraries and book stores at Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis, and to the Wisconsin and Minnesota Commissions. Time was spent in the Hennepin County Library headquarters and a field trip was made with the librarian.

**Clubs.** A close and friendly relation is always maintained between the women's clubs and the Commission. During the spring of 1927, the Secretary attended all but one of the eight district meetings and during 1928, attended all of them. Literature in regard to Commission service and county libraries was distributed at each meeting and a short explanatory talk made.

**P. T. A.** The Commission offers program help and reference material to all P. T. A.'s. A special effort has been made to strengthen the collection along the lines of P. T. A. interests and the books on the lists recommended by the National Congress and those reviewed in Child Welfare are usually bought. The Secretary has attended the state meetings, having exhibits of books and program helps.

**San Haven.** A new library project of the state is one undertaken by the Federation of Women's Clubs, which has started and is developing a library for the new children's building at San Haven. The Library Commission secretary has been a committee of one to select the books. One hundred twenty-two clubs contributed \$174.45 and 135 books have been bought since January, 1928, with a small balance on hand toward the next purchase.

## **BOOK SERVICE**

### **Reference Department**

The reference work shows growth during the last biennial period. This department has worked under something of a handicap, for there has been a different librarian each year, but in spite of this, old borrowers have been satisfied and new ones secured, and the work has grown.

The only change in the work with individuals, clubs, P. T. A.'s and schools, has been in volume and not in kind. The needs of the club women and teachers have been kept constantly in mind and have determined, largely, the book selection for the reference department. Lists of pamphlets and government documents are carefully checked and much of the "live" reference material is furnished through them. These pamphlets, with mounted clippings, constitute the "vertical file" which is constantly weeded out that it may contain the latest and most up-to-date information. As in the past, special attention has been paid to the preservation of North Dakota material.

The work with the club women has grown, the monthly service for program helps being the most popular. Schools are more and more de-

pending on us for special topic, theme, debate, and special day material, and the grade and high school demand for required and credited outside reading books is heavy.

The working capital of the reference department is about 9,000 books and 16,000 pamphlets and mounted clippings, and this collection during the past biennial period, had a circulation of 35,918.

### TRAVELING LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

Two features mark the progress of the work in the last biennium: the addition of package library service and the purchase of community libraries designed to aid the clubs doing library work in small communities.

The package library grew out of two needs—that of supplying books to a family or individual where securing the five signers necessary to obtain a traveling library was not feasible, and where a small collection, changed more frequently, worked to a better advantage than a large collection kept six months. Over a thousand books have been sent out in this way since the service was started a year ago, and repeat orders have come from twenty-three of these borrowers. One shut-in, has had nine of these packages, which contain about a dozen books and can be kept two months.

The traveling libraries, planned to supplement small community libraries, have been so useful that the demand is greater than the supply. Repeat orders have come back from these in almost every instance. Towns taking advantage of this opportunity include Kay, Wishek, Sheyenne, Towner, La Moure, Cooperstown, Tioga, Rolla, Bowbells, Beach, Carrington, Hettinger, Van Hook and Windsor. These in addition to stations of long standing like Heaton, Loraine, and Medora, appreciate opportunity to get fresh reading material, and the traveling library longs for larger resources with which to meet the demand.

Fortunately the children's books do not go out of fashion and the school libraries, to which the department gave first emphasis in previous years, are now sufficient to supply the demand. The result of the new features has been a gain of over three thousand in circulation in the last two years. One hundred and nine package libraries do not appear in the healthy advance of 660 traveling libraries over 625 previously. Of the 660, the school libraries still hold the majority of 429. That service is well established and seems to be much appreciated by the rural and small town schools.

The total circulation of 27,623 books against 25,847 of the last report is encouraging. The map showing the distribution of the libraries is easier to comprehend than a written description.

## STATISTICAL REPORT, 1926-1928

## Books

## Traveling Library:

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Number of traveling libraries.....           | 350    |
| Number of libraries added during period..... | 50     |
| Number of books added during period.....     | 1,587  |
| Number of books in libraries.....            | 12,450 |

## Reference Department:

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Number of books .....                    | 9,000  |
| Number of books added during period..... | 1,301  |
| Number of pamphlets .....                | 16,000 |

## Circulation

## Traveling Library:

|                                  |        |        |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Number of libraries circulated   | 26-27  | 27-28  | Total  |
| School .....                     | 214    | 215    | 429    |
| Community .....                  | 120    | 111    | 231    |
| Package .....                    |        | 109    | 109    |
| Number of books circulated ..... | 13,174 | 14,457 | 27,631 |
| Number of stations .....         |        |        | 312    |

## Reference Department:

|   |        |        |        |
|---|--------|--------|--------|
|   | 26-27  | 27-28  | Total  |
| Number of requests .....                  | 5,672  | 5,478  | 11,150 |
| Number of club libraries sent .....       | 5      | 9      | 14     |
| Number of books in club libraries .....   | 171    | 202    | 373    |
| Number of reference books circulated..... | 11,241 | 13,644 | 24,885 |
| Number of pamphlets .....                 | 4,899  | 5,761  | 10,660 |
| Total reference circulation .....         | 16,311 | 19,607 | 35,918 |
| Total commission circulation .....        | 29,485 | 30,064 | 63,549 |

## Appropriation, 1927-29

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Books and periodicals .....   | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Binding .....                 | 500.00      |
| Salaries .....                | 17,440.00   |
| Furniture and fixtures .....  | 200.00      |
| Stationery and supplies ..... | 500.00      |
| Printing .....                | 300.00      |
| Postage .....                 | 200.00      |
| Miscellaneous .....           | 2,000.00    |
| Total .....                   | \$24,140.00 |

## NORTH DAKOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The 1926 meeting was held at Jamestown in October, Catherine McSherry of Minot presiding. The problems of the very small library were discussed. Clarence B. Lester of Wisconsin was the national speaker.

In 1927 the meeting was held in Dickinson. No speaker of national fame was present, but the central theme of the meeting was a better knowledge of our own state. North Dakota authors, books and pamphlets about North Dakota, North Dakota wild life and its conservation, were presented by speakers whose familiarity with their subjects gave particular zest to their contributions. Two of North Dakota's authors were present for evening addresses,— Mr. George Will and Mr. P. E. Byrne of Bismarck. The post-conference trip to Peaceful Valley and a first-hand acquaintance with the Bad Lands made a fitting close to this session.

Bessie R. Baldwin was the presiding officer at this session. The officers elected for 1928 were Harriet Pearson, president, and Gertrude Voldal, secretary.

### LIBRARY FACTS

Of the seven states without county library laws and service, North Dakota ranks highest in rural population (which county libraries serve most) and third in assessed valuation.

The United States Census Bureau and the American Library Association furnish the following population and public library figures for the whole United States.

|                    | Illiteracy | % population rural | % population without library service | Assessed valuation per capita | Book expenditure per capita | Book supply per capita | Book reading per capita |
|--------------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| High for           |            |                    |                                      |                               |                             |                        |                         |
| United States .... | 18.1       | 86.6               | 85                                   | \$3,106                       | 1.08                        | 2.22                   | 7.33                    |
| Low for            |            |                    |                                      |                               |                             |                        |                         |
| United States .... | 1.1        | 2.5                | 3                                    | 252                           | .02                         | .06                    | .18                     |
| Average for        |            |                    |                                      |                               |                             |                        |                         |
| United States .... | 6.0        | 48.6               | 43                                   | 1,280                         | .33                         | .62                    | 2.13                    |
| North Dakota ..... | 2.1        | 86.4               | 80                                   | 2,022                         | .12                         | .23                    | .77                     |

### COUNTY LIBRARIES

North Dakota is still interested in county library legislation and several meetings in its behalf have been held. Interest has been general wherever the matter has been presented and it is hoped that a permissive amendment, allowing county library work, may be secured at the 1929 legislative session. This amendment has been endorsed by the North Dakota Federation of Women's Clubs, the North Dakota Library

Association, the North Dakota Educational Association and the North Dakota Congress of Parent-Teacher Association. The accompanying cut shows the status of county library service in other states. According to figures compiled by the American Library Association, North Dakota ranks about one-third of the average for the United States for books provided through public libraries, funds expended for such books, and amount of reading done from them

### SCHOOL

The Commission is very happy in its close association with the schools. Both institutions are part of the educational system of the state and the cooperation is for mutual advantage and service. The lines of association are briefly indicated.

**Reference.** Books, magazines and clippings supplying reference material for reports, themes, debates, special days.

Books for required and credit outside reading for both high school and grades.

**Traveling Libraries** through which books for general reading are furnished for rural and small town schools.

**Organization** of school libraries by a staff member when possible, and printed and correspondence help when personal help cannot be given.

**North Dakota Teacher:** A page of school library help and information in each issue.

**Bulletin No. 5:** The Department of Education list of library books for grade schools, selected, copy prepared and proof read. The books listed in Bulletin No. 5 are collected at the Commission where they may be borrowed for examination or seen at the office by superintendents making up booklists.

**Librarians' Section North Dakota Educational Association:** The Commission has cooperated with the institutional librarians in arranging programs, and securing this section.

**High School** library service has been fostered by the Commission by cooperation with superintendents and board members. Mr. Frank Walter, librarian of the University of Minnesota, spoke on the general program of the N. D. E. A. in 1927 and Mr. Tighe, principal of Fargo High School, led a round table discussion on "The Place of the library in the high school program" in the high school section in 1928.

**Normals and State Teachers Colleges:** An attempt is made to visit each regular session and each summer school, to present to the students the help the Commission offers the teacher and the school.

### STATE WORK

The final summary of public library work for the period 1926-28 shows progress. More attention has been paid to careful book selection, especially for juveniles, book appropriations have been cut only in a few places, and gains in circulation have been made. The biennial re-

port shows that 247,172 more books were circulated through libraries with municipal support in 1926-28 than in 1924-26. The total circulation for such libraries was 1,393,161 and for association libraries 130,302, making a total of 1,523,463.

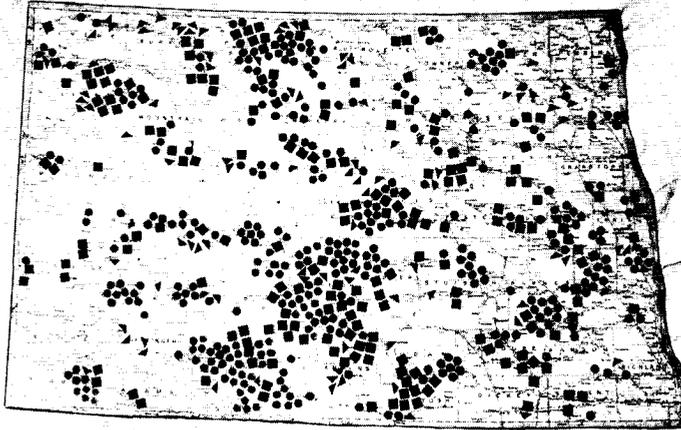
**Buildings:** Lakota (gift of A. M. Toftehaven,) and Lidgerwood (bought by the library board) have moved into new library buildings; Rugby and Edgeley have pleasant rooms in new city halls; Enderlin has a large ground floor room in the community building; Sanish bought a building for club and library purposes and the university library is to be moved into the old commons building which has been renovated and remodeled for its use.

**New Libraries:** Lakota became a tax supported library when it moved into the new building. The new association libraries are, Amidon, Bisbee, Bowbells, Goodrich, Hansboro, Ray, Sanish, Towner, and Wishek.

**New Librarians** are serving at Bismarek Public Library, Dickinson State Normal, Drake, Edgeley, Enderlin, Fargo High School, Jamestown Public Library, Lakota, La Moure, Oakes, Park River, Valley City State Teachers College and Van Hook. The directory gives a full list of all the librarians of the state and the statistical tables outline the work of the libraries.

# LIBRARY DEMAND

Traveling Libraries sent out by the  
State Library Commission 1926-28.

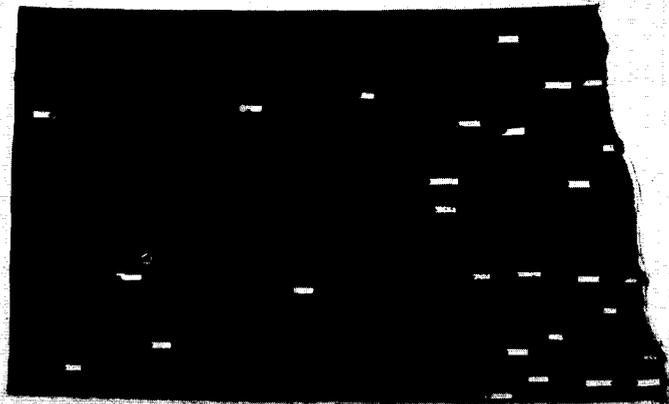


State Library Commission

| PLACE                  | Popula-<br>tion | Receipts |        |        |        | Salaries |       | Heat, Rent<br>Light |       | Books, Bind-<br>ing, Magazines |       | Expenditures<br>Total |        |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|----------|-------|---------------------|-------|--------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|--------|
|                        |                 | Tax      | Total  | Income |        | 1927     | 1928  | 1927                | 1928  | 1927                           | 1928  | 1927                  | 1928   |
| <b>Over 2,500</b>      |                 | 1927     | 1928   | 1927   | 1928   | 1927     | 1928  | 1927                | 1928  | 1927                           | 1928  | 1927                  | 1928   |
| 1. Fargo .....         | 24,921          | 11,448   | 11,464 | 15,383 | 13,169 | 6,171    | 7,069 | 728                 | 755   | 3,918                          | 5,318 | 12,406                | 14,882 |
| 2. Grand Forks .....   | 15,168          | 8,200    | 6,800  | 9,484  | 7,422  | 3,927    | 3,727 | 947                 | 1,116 | 1,903                          | 1,524 | 9,045                 | 7,714  |
| 3. Minot .....         | 12,245          | 10,538   | 8,289  | 11,458 | 8,762  | 4,623    | 5,251 | 753                 | 603   | 3,921                          | 2,019 | 1,386                 | 8,762  |
| 4. Bismarck .....      | 9,150           | 5,000    | 5,337  | 5,429  | 5,854  | 2,460    | 3,035 | 662                 | 595   | 1,125                          | 922   | 5,415                 | 5,705  |
| 5. Jamestown .....     | 7,230           | 5,167    | 5,889  | 8,276  | 6,464  | 2,785    | 2,709 | 887                 | 798   | 1,458                          | 1,579 | 7,978                 | 8,954  |
| 6. Devils Lake .....   | 5,409           | 5,031    | 4,730  | 7,233  | 5,163  | 1,653    | 1,724 | 643                 | 661   | 2,073                          | 1,959 | 4,810                 | 4,915  |
| 7. Valley City .....   | 4,695           | 3,151    | 3,412  | 5,546  | 3,673  | 1,413    | 1,639 | 506                 | 527   | 488                            | 1,147 | 3,225                 | 4,361  |
| 8. Dickinson .....     | 4,467           | 3,000    | 4,000  | 3,602  | 4,239  | 2,115    | 2,081 | 223                 | 270   | 1,004                          | 1,327 | 3,584                 | 4,199  |
| 9. Williston .....     | 3,948           | 4,240    | 4,058  | 8,019  | 5,509  | 2,980    | 3,158 | 518                 | 591   | 1,807                          | 1,362 | 4,123                 | 6,089  |
| 10. Wahpeton .....     | 3,187           | 3,646    | 3,798  | 5,922  | 3,892  | 1,509    | 1,723 | 675                 | 552   | 1,991                          | 482   | 4,301                 | 3,140  |
| 11. Grafton .....      | 2,913           | 1,600    | 1,100  | 2,617  | 1,296  | 647      | 645   | 184                 | 146   | 338                            | 187   | 1,275                 | 1,044  |
| <b>Under 2,500</b>     |                 |          |        |        |        |          |       |                     |       |                                |       |                       |        |
| 12. Bowman .....       | 775             | 652      | 957    | 1,253  | 1,163  | 627      | 613   | 112                 | 114   | 412                            | 171   | 1,199                 | 1,050  |
| 13. Carrington .....   | 1,315           | 1,120    | 1,384  | 1,564  | 1,493  | 650      | 600   | 42                  | 36    | 426                            | 368   | 1,260                 | 1,004  |
| 14. Casselton .....    | 1,416           | 250      | 300    | 254    | 321    | 150      | 150   | .....               | ..... | 88                             | 144   | 254                   | 321    |
| 15. Ellendale .....    | 1,094           | 450      | 450    | 754    | 578    | 360      | 295   | .....               | ..... | 305                            | 227   | 785                   | 596    |
| 16. Hankinson .....    | 1,390           | 120      | 420    | 120    | 537    | 120      | 120   | .....               | ..... | .....                          | 400   | 120                   | 537    |
| 17. Lakota .....       | 869             | .....    | 1,200  | 259    | 1,200  | 120      | 280   | .....               | ..... | 183                            | 250   | 259                   | 761    |
| 18. La Moure .....     | 994             | 473      | 600    | 682    | 647    | 300      | 300   | 3                   | ..... | 148                            | 239   | 504                   | 595    |
| 19. Langdon .....      | 1,239           | 600      | 500    | 787    | 500    | 153      | 150   | 275                 | 272   | 127                            | 235   | 562                   | 686    |
| 20. Leonard .....      | 541             | 250      | 250    | 250    | 250    | 125      | 140   | .....               | ..... | 125                            | 139   | 250                   | 250    |
| 21. Lidgerwood .....   | 1,009           | 1,400    | 1,400  | 1,551  | 2,137  | 955      | 912   | 104                 | 124   | 122                            | 160   | 1,458                 | 1,770  |
| 22. Lisbon .....       | 1,626           | 2,000    | 1,906  | 4,125  | 1,960  | 378      | 381   | 300                 | 300   | 176                            | 240   | 3,399                 | 2,531  |
| 23. Mayville .....     | 1,345           | 750      | 1,000  | 876    | 1,128  | 369      | 360   | 391                 | 256   | 72                             | 135   | 1,293                 | 993    |
| 24. Mott .....         | 810             | 400      | 560    | 400    | 597    | 185      | 180   | .....               | 180   | 17                             | 16    | 213                   | 401    |
| 25. New Rockford ..... | 2,050           | 100      | 100    | 360    | 774    | 200      | 208   | .....               | ..... | 125                            | 360   | 361                   | 774    |
| 26. Oakes .....        | 1,509           | 1,172    | 774    | 1,612  | 1,129  | 604      | 791   | .....               | ..... | 361                            | 281   | 1,581                 | 1,136  |
| 27. Park River .....   | 1,044           | 300      | 300    | 449    | 362    | 185      | 185   | .....               | ..... | 247                            | 62    | 449                   | 305    |
| 28. Rugby .....        | 1,509           | 300      | 220    | 361    | 232    | .....    | ..... | .....               | ..... | 65                             | 72    | 361                   | 232    |

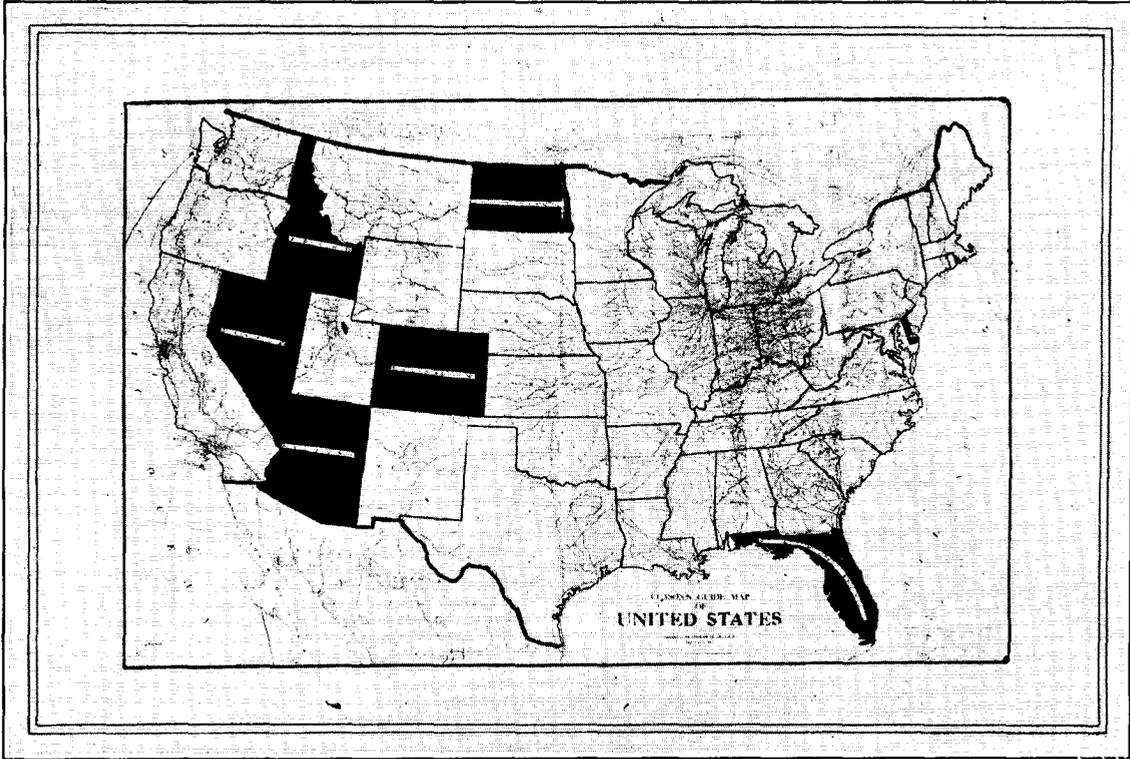
# **LIBRARY SUPPLY**

**Through Libraries with  
municipal appropriation**



**State Library Commission**

| PLACE              | Volumes |        | Borrowers |        | Circulation |         | Total   | Hours open per week | Terms of lending | County Borrowers |       | PLACE              |
|--------------------|---------|--------|-----------|--------|-------------|---------|---------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|-------|--------------------|
|                    | 1927    | 1928   | 1927      | 1928   | 1927        | 1928    |         |                     |                  | 1927             | 1928  |                    |
| <b>Over 2,500</b>  |         |        |           |        |             |         |         |                     |                  |                  |       |                    |
| 1. Fargo           | 22,417  | 23,962 | 7,000     | 7,841  | 125,741     | 141,318 | 267,059 | 76                  | Free             | 186              | 296   | 1. Fargo           |
| 2. Grand Forks     | 11,490  | 12,025 | 5,091     | 5,294  | 69,960      | 66,405  | 135,365 | 67                  | Free             | 67               | 97    | 2. Grand Forks     |
| 3. Minot           | 13,827  | 14,201 | 9,467     | 10,867 | 132,710     | 127,386 | 260,096 | 75                  | Free             | 250              | 250   | 3. Minot           |
| 4. Bismarck        | 8,199   | 8,722  | 2,800     | 3,511  | 32,056      | 44,768  | 76,824  | 45                  | Free             | 8                | ..... | 4. Bismarck        |
| 5. Jamestown       | 9,195   | 9,784  | 2,740     | 3,492  | 60,011      | 69,910  | 121,921 | 45.7                | Free             | .....            | ..... | 5. Jamestown       |
| 6. Devils Lake     | 7,669   | 8,259  | 1,983     | 2,432  | 30,128      | 30,499  | 60,627  | 40                  | Free             | 4                | 3     | 6. Devils Lake     |
| 7. Valley City     | 9,742   | 10,068 | 2,364     | 3,876  | 27,070      | 30,791  | 58,861  | 40                  | Free             | .....            | ..... | 7. Valley City     |
| 8. Dickinson       | 6,319   | 7,004  | 1,862     | 2,616  | 25,194      | 28,270  | 53,464  | 54.5                | Free             | 12               | 19    | 8. Dickinson       |
| 9. Williston       | 8,104   | 8,773  | 2,384     | 3,484  | 30,641      | 34,169  | 64,810  | 40                  | Free             | .....            | 314   | 9. Williston       |
| 10. Wahpeton       | 7,931   | 9,525  | 1,317     | 1,500  | 21,745      | 22,837  | 44,582  | 18                  | Free             | 32               | 50    | 10. Wahpeton       |
| 11. Grafton        | 2,605   | 2,714  | 307       | .....  | 7,482       | 9,558   | 17,040  | 16                  | Free             | 6                | 9     | 11. Grafton        |
| <b>Under 2,500</b> |         |        |           |        |             |         | 516,679 |                     |                  |                  |       | <b>Under 2,500</b> |
| 12. Bowman         | 3,353   | 3,530  | .....     | .....  | 6,170       | 6,413   | 12,683  | 21                  | Free             | .....            | ..... | 12. Bowman         |
| 13. Carrington     | 4,680   | 4,724  | 1,265     | 1,331  | 14,262      | 14,151  | 28,413  | 27.5                | Free             | 395              | 445   | 13. Carrington     |
| 14. Casselton      | 1,000   | 1,005  | 355       | 385    | 4,420       | 4,940   | 9,360   | 4                   | Free             | .....            | ..... | 14. Casselton      |
| 15. Ellendale      | 3,021   | 3,133  | 888       | 868    | 7,119       | 9,271   | 16,390  | 17 1/4              | Free             | 175              | 200   | 15. Ellendale      |
| 16. Hankinson      | 1,192   | 2,025  | 440       | 300    | 2,820       | 2,041   | 4,861   | 4                   | Free             | .....            | ..... | 16. Hankinson      |
| 17. Lakota         | 2,157   | 3,500  | 142       | .....  | 4,672       | 9,880   | 14,450  | 18                  | Free             | .....            | ..... | 17. Lakota         |
| 18. La Moure       | 2,467   | 1,797  | 615       | 646    | 5,106       | 6,290   | 11,396  | 6                   | Free             | 160              | 188   | 18. La Moure       |
| 19. Langdon        | 2,348   | 2,652  | 65        | 59     | 5,251       | 4,368   | 9,619   | 10                  | Free             | .....            | 16    | 19. Langdon        |
| 20. Leonard        | 1,328   | 1,510  | 150       | 165    | 2,340       | 2,340   | 4,680   | 6                   | Free             | .....            | ..... | 20. Leonard        |
| 21. Lidgerwood     | 3,388   | 3,407  | 767       | 850    | 19,839      | 14,968  | 29,807  | 29                  | Free             | .....            | ..... | 21. Lidgerwood     |
| 22. Lisbon         | 2,730   | 2,938  | 948       | 933    | 12,943      | 10,539  | 23,482  | 18                  | Free             | .....            | 82    | 22. Lisbon         |
| 23. Mayville       | 3,055   | 3,167  | 578       | 627    | 3,077       | 2,790   | 5,867   | 12                  | Free             | .....            | ..... | 23. Mayville       |
| 24. Mott           | 2,057   | 2,242  | 808       | 567    | 2,912       | 2,958   | 5,870   | 6                   | Free             | 120              | 87    | 24. Mott           |
| 25. New Rockford   | 1,800   | 2,000  | 200       | 200    | 4,369       | 4,500   | 8,869   | 8                   | Free             | .....            | ..... | 25. New Rockford   |
| 26. Oakes          | 3,939   | 4,102  | 804       | 986    | 11,545      | 13,832  | 25,377  | 3                   | Free             | 146              | 182   | 26. Oakes          |
| 27. Park River     | 2,889   | 2,949  | 1,012     | 1,032  | 4,940       | 4,628   | 9,568   | 8                   | Free             | .....            | ..... | 27. Park River     |
| 28. Rugby          | 1,901   | 2,028  | 672       | 729    | 5,310       | 5,510   | 10,820  | 4                   | Free             | 36               | 22    | 28. Rugby          |
|                    |         |        |           |        |             |         | 381,512 |                     |                  |                  |       |                    |



State Library Commission

STATISTICS OF ASSOCIATION LIBRARIES, 1926-1927

| PLACE           | Population | Expenditures |        |        |        | Volumes | Borrowers | Circulation |       |        | Hours Open Per Week | Terms of Lending | County Borrowers | PLACE |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-----------|-------------|-------|--------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|-------|
|                 |            | Books        | Total  | 1927   | 1928   |         |           | 1927        | 1928  | Total  |                     |                  |                  |       |
| 1. Amidon       |            |              |        |        |        |         |           |             |       |        |                     |                  | 1. Amidon        |       |
| 2. Ashley       | 962        | 72.87        | 124.20 | 152.07 | 202.95 | 4,228   | 237       | 4,420       | 4,680 | 9,100  | 6                   | Fee              | 2. Ashley        |       |
| 3. Bathgate     | 342        |              |        | 70.00  |        | 700     | 55        | 600         |       | 600    | 2                   |                  | 3. Bathgate      |       |
| 4. Beach        | 1,148      | 50.00        | 50.00  | 50.00  | 50.00  | 3,000   | 600       | 4,420       | 4,420 | 8,840  | 5                   | Free             | 4. Beach         |       |
| 5. Bisbee       | 449        |              |        |        |        | 188     | 35        |             |       | 247    |                     |                  | 5. Bisbee        |       |
| 6. Bowbells     | 615        |              |        |        |        | 155     | 134       |             |       |        | 4                   | Free             | 6. Bowbells      |       |
| 7. Cando        | 1,055      | 100.00       | 200.00 | 100.00 | 700.00 | 3,000   | 100       | 4,000       | 4,160 | 8,160  | 4                   | Fee              | 7. Cando         |       |
| 8. Cavalier     | 810        | 29.00        | 15.00  | 69.00  | 15.00  | 810     | 83        |             | 520   | 520    | 2.5                 | Fee              | 8. Cavalier      |       |
| 9. Center       | 200        | 80.00        | 50.00  | 80.00  | 50.00  | 1,100   | 105       | 6,760       | 4,940 | 11,700 |                     | Fee              | 9. Center        |       |
| 10. Columbus    | 471        | 50.00        |        | 61.50  |        | 581     | 825       | 750         |       | 750    | 2                   |                  | 10. Columbus     |       |
| 11. Courtenay   | 328        |              | 31.12  | 18.24  | 44.98  | 789     | 100       | 728         | 1,300 | 2,028  | 2                   | Fee              | 11. Courtenay    |       |
| 12. Drake       | 636        |              |        | 97.00  |        | 425     | 242       | 11,024      |       | 11,024 | 3                   | Free             | 12. Drake        |       |
| 13. Edgeley     | 735        | 52.00        | 100.00 | 117.68 | 147.21 | 1,778   | 50        | 1,260       | 1,075 | 8,385  | 3                   | Fee              | 13. Edgeley      |       |
| 14. Enderlin    | 1,824      |              | 72.58  |        | 145.09 | 1,971   | 770       |             | 5,966 | 5,966  | 8                   | Free             | 15. Enderlin     |       |
| 15. Fessenden   | 757        |              |        |        | 120.00 | 2,000   | 200       | 17,160      |       | 17,160 |                     |                  | 15. Fessenden    |       |
| 16. Goodrich    | 454        |              | 27.00  |        | 47.00  | 372     | 125       |             | 624   | 624    | 2                   | Free             | 16. Goodrich     |       |
| 17. Hamilton    | 179        |              | 25.00  | 25.00  | 25.00  | 700     | 50        | 1,500       | 2,500 | 3,000  | 2                   | Free             | 17. Hamilton     |       |
| 18. Hansboro    | 204        |              | 20.00  |        | 30.00  | 200     |           |             | 325   | 325    | 3                   | Free             | 18. Hansboro     |       |
| 19. Heaton      | 200        | 2.31         | 14.69  | 3.16   | 14.00  | 189     | 60        |             |       |        | 42                  | Fee              | 19. Heaton       |       |
| 20. Hettinger   | 1,009      | 25.00        | 32.00  | 45.00  | 67.00  | 675     | 130       | 2,556       | 2,080 | 4,636  | 2                   | Fee              | 20. Hettinger    |       |
| 21. Hope        | 577        | 20.00        | 25.00  | 20.00  | 25.00  | 720     | 46        | 1,300       | 676   | 1,976  | 1                   | Fee              | 21. Hope         |       |
| 22. Leeds       | 668        |              | 85.00  |        | 85.00  | 2,890   | 250       | 3,650       | 3,000 | 6,500  | 6                   | Free             | 22. Leeds        |       |
| 23. Maddock     | 583        | 88.85        | 87.07  | 119.25 | 117.41 | 864     | 433       | 4,000       | 3,380 | 7,380  | 3.5                 | Free             | 4. 23. Maddock   |       |
| 24. Mandan      | 5,068      |              |        |        |        | 5,163   |           |             |       |        | 8                   | Fee              | 24. Mandan       |       |
| 25. Milton      | 370        | 37.04        | 25.00  | 44.69  | 25.00  | 947     | 117       | 1,765       | 2,860 | 4,625  | 2.5                 | Free             | 25. Milton       |       |
| 26. Pembina     | 665        | 60.00        | 65.00  | 60.00  | 65.00  | 975     | 75        | 4,680       | 4,500 | 9,180  | 3                   | Free             | 26. Pembina      |       |
| 27. Ray         | 557        |              |        |        | 50.00  |         | 50        |             | 1,300 | 1,300  | 2                   | Free             | 27. Ray          |       |
| 28. Rolla       | 636        |              |        |        |        |         |           |             |       |        |                     |                  | 28. Rolla        |       |
| 29. St. Thomas  | 443        | 51.16        | 119.92 | 242.32 | 301.78 | 1,868   | 64        | 5,083       | 6,240 | 11,323 | 2.5                 | Fee              | 29. St. Thomas   |       |
| 30. Sanborn     | 323        | 8.48         |        | 8.48   |        | 888     | 21        | 262         |       | 262    | 1                   | Fee              | 5. 30. Sanborn   |       |
| 31. Sanish      | 296        |              | 30.00  |        | 130.00 | 800     | 50        |             | 1,810 | 1,810  | 3                   | Free             | 31. Sanish       |       |
| 32. Tioga       | 365        | 30.00        | 45.00  | 30.00  | 45.00  | 775     | 150       | 3,120       | 2,057 | 5,177  | 66                  | Free             | 32. Tioga        |       |
| 33. Tolna       | 192        | 10.00        | 25.00  | 20.00  | 35.00  | 200     | 150       |             | 4,650 |        | 3                   | Free             | 33. Tolna        |       |
| 34. Towner      | 581        |              |        |        |        | 211     | 77        |             | 572   |        | 4                   | Free             | 34. Towner       |       |
| 35. Turtle Lake | 472        | 90.41        | 71.63  | 98.91  | 71.63  | 736     | 51        | 1,525       | 4,004 | 5,529  | 2                   | Fee              | 35. Turtle Lake  |       |

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|---------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------------|---|-------|-------|---------------|
| 36. Van Hook .....  | 368   | 28.50 | 125.00 | 28.50  | 125.00 | 800   | 380   | 4,732 | 5,200 | 9,932            | 2 | Free  | ..... | 36. Van Hook  |
| 37. Velva .....     | 872   | ..... | 100.00 | 115.00 | 100.00 | 1,800 | 250   | ..... | 8,840 | <del>8,840</del> | 2 | ..... | ..... | 37. Velva     |
| 38. Wimbledon ..... | 447   | ..... | 48.00  | 7.50   | 53.00  | 700   | ..... | 8,900 | 4,160 | 8,060            | 1 | Free  | ..... | 38. Wimbledon |
| 39. Wishek .....    | 1,016 | ..... | 222.00 | 96.42  | 104.00 | 500   | 125   | 2,600 | ..... | .....            | 4 | Free  | ..... | 39. Wishek    |

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STATE INSTITUTIONAL LIBRARIES—1927-1928

| Place            | Name                         | Volumes | Employees |      | Amount Spent for Books | Librarian                 |
|------------------|------------------------------|---------|-----------|------|------------------------|---------------------------|
|                  |                              |         | Full      | Part |                        |                           |
| Bismarck.....    | Historical society           | 25,080  | 1         | 0    | 1,000                  | Mrs. Florence Davis       |
| Bismarck.....    | Law                          | 20,500  | 1         | 0    | 2,500                  | E. J. Taylor              |
| Bismarck.....    | Library Commission           | 21,450  | 5         | 1    | 2,500                  | Lillian E. Cook           |
| Bismarck.....    | Penitentiary                 | 7,000   | 5         | 1    | 633                    | Warden John Lee           |
| Bottineau.....   | Forestry school              | 1,500   | ..        | 4    | .....                  | L. M. Minkle              |
| Devils Lake..... | School for the deaf          | 2,372   | ..        | 1    | 577                    | Burton Driggs             |
| Dickinson.....   | Normal                       | 5,498   | ..        | ..   | .....                  | Matilda Stoxen            |
| Ellendale.....   | Normal and industrial sch'l  | 6,773   | 1         | ..   | 500                    | Carrie Tuttle             |
| Fargo.....       | Agricultural college         | 44,058  | 4         | 2    | 4,714                  | Mrs. Ethel McVeety        |
| Grafton.....     | School for the feeble-minded | 202     | ..        | 1    | 50                     | Maud Stewart              |
| Grand Forks..... | University                   | 95,215  | 5         | 9    | 7,536                  | Alfred Keator             |
| Jamestown.....   | Insane hospital              | 5,416   | 1         | 1    | 100                    | Mrs. A. W. Guest          |
| Jamestown.....   | College                      | 8,971   | ..        | ..   | .....                  | F. B. Taylor              |
| Mandan.....      | Training school              | .....   | ..        | ..   | 200                    | W. F. McClelland          |
| Mayville.....    | State teachers college       | 13,379  | 1         | 4    | 1,869                  | Mrs. Hazel Webster Byrnes |
| Minot.....       | State teachers college       | 11,071  | 1         | 3    | .....                  | Mrs. Mable W. Etheridge   |
| Valley City..... | State teachers college       | 24,336  | 4         | ..   | 2,486                  | Mathilde Maier            |
| Wahpeton.....    | State science school         | 3,232   | 1         | 2    | 606                    | Lilian Mirick             |

| Place       | Names of Library           | Librarian            |
|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Amidon      | Public Library             | Mrs. C. P. Brownlee  |
| Ashley      | Public Library             | Mrs. H. D. Piper     |
| Bathgate    | Public Library             | Annie Slagerman      |
| Beach       | Public Library             | Mrs. John Koehane    |
| Bisbee      | Clonian Club               | Mrs. B. J. LaRue     |
| Bismareck   | Public Library             | Helen Kennedy        |
| Bismareck   | State Historical Library   | Mrs. Florence Davis  |
| Bismareck   | State Law Library          | E. J. Taylor         |
| Bismareck   | State Library Commission   | Lillian E. Cook      |
| Bismareck   | State Penitentiary         | Warden John Lee      |
| Bottineau   | Forestry School            | Marguerite Walter    |
| Bowbells    | Study Club                 | Mrs. M. B. O'Rourke  |
| Bowman      | Public Library             | Mrs. Emil Scow       |
| Cando       | Public Library             | Mrs. C. J. Lord      |
| Carrington  | Public Library             | Edna Parker          |
| Casselton   | Public Library             | Mrs. E. D. Scott     |
| Cavalier    | Public Library             | Mrs. Fred Harris     |
| Center      | Public Library             | Mrs. M. Jennings     |
| Columbus    | Public Library             | Mrs. A. L. Tennis    |
| Courtenay   | Public Library             | Mrs. A. A. Hoffman   |
| Devils Lake | Public Library             | Marie O'Brien        |
| Devils Lake | State Deaf School          | Burton W. Driggs     |
| Dickinson   | Public Library             | Gertrude Voldal      |
| Dickinson   | State Normal School        | Matilda Stoxen       |
| Drake       | Public Library             | Mrs. B. Magnuson     |
| Edgeley     | Public Library             | Mrs. Mary Cornwell   |
| Ellendale   | Public Library             | Mrs. V. D. Coleman   |
| Ellendale   | Normal & Industrial School | Carrie Tuttle        |
| Enderlin    | Public Library             | Mrs. J. S. Sanders   |
| Fargo       | Public Library             | Inga Rynning         |
| Fargo       | High School                | Anabelle Smith       |
| Fargo       | Agricultural College       | Mrs. Ethel McVeety   |
| Fargo       | Masonic Library            | Clara Richards       |
| Fessenden   | Public Library             | Ella Marie Speiser   |
| Glenburn    | Public Library             | Mrs. Edward Simpkins |
| Goodrich    | Public Library             | Mrs. R. S. Troyer    |
| Grafton     | Public Library             | Emma Cobb            |
| Grafton     | School Feeble-Minded       | Maud Stewart         |
| Grand Forks | Public Library             | Ruth O. Brown        |
| Grand Forks | University                 | Alfred Keator        |
| Hamilton    | Public Library             | Mrs. Robert Kippen   |
| Hankinson   | Public Library             | Mrs. George Schuett  |
| Hansboro    | Public Library             | Mrs. R. T. Lymburn   |
| Heaton      | Public Library             | C. I. Turner         |
| Hettinger   | Public Library             | Mrs. F. T. Lembke    |
| Hope        | Public Library             | Mrs. Katie Gumb      |

| Place        | Name of Library        | Librarian                    |
|--------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Jamestown    | Alfred Dickey          | Agnes Hassell                |
| Jamestown    | Jamestown College      | Dean F. B. Taylor            |
| Jamestown    | Insane Hospital        | Mrs. A. W. Guest             |
| Lakota       | Public Library         | Mrs. Ellen Hullett           |
| La Moure     | Public Library         | Mrs. E. F. Coyne             |
| Langdon      | Public Library         | Mrs. D. W. Barker            |
| Leeds        | Public Library         | Nora Jacobsen                |
| Leonard      | Watts Free             | Agnes Roney                  |
| Lidgerwood   | Public Library         | Mrs. Elizabeth Kings         |
| Lisbon       | Public Library         | Mrs. H. S. Oliver            |
| Maddock      | Public Library         | Leila Anderson               |
| Mandan       | Public Library         | Mrs. John Biggs              |
| Mandan       | Training School        | Mr. W. F. McClelland         |
| Mayville     | Public Library         | Cora I. Ames                 |
| Mayville     | State Teachers College | Mrs. Hazel Webster<br>Byrnes |
| Milton       | Community              | Mrs. J. H. McCulloch         |
| Minot        | State Teachers College | Mrs. Mable W.<br>Etheridge   |
| Mott         | Inez Hendrickson       | Louise Wagner                |
| New Rockford | Public Library         | Mrs. E. R. Davidson          |
| Oakes        | Public Library         | Mrs. Edgar Christianson      |
| Park River   | Public Library         | Margaret Kohnen              |
| Pembina      | Public Library         | Mrs. Pauline Brennan         |
| Ray          | Public Library         | Mrs. S. E. Markel            |
| Rolla        | Public Library         | Mrs. C. Jacobsen             |
| Rugby        | Public Library         | Hattie S. Sikes              |
| St. Thomas   | Study Club             | Mrs. E. T. Thompson          |
| Sanborn      | Mysotis Club           | Mrs. G. D. Dysart            |
| Sanish       | Public Library         | Mrs. C. A. Pickering         |
| Tioga        | Masonic Lodge          | W. E. Berg                   |
| Tolna        | Public Library         | Mrs. C. S. Hawkins           |
| Towner       | Public Library         | Mrs. Elizabeth Gieseler      |
| Turtle Lake  | Public Library         | Mrs. E. J. Vonderheide       |
| Valley City  | Public Library         | Harriet Anfinson             |
| Valley City  | State Teachers College | Mathilde Maier               |
| Van Hook     | Woman's Civic League   | Mrs. G. E. Yonkers           |
| Velva        | Public Library         | Mrs. I. A. Beebe             |
| Wahpeton     | Leach Public           | Mrs. Jessie Searing          |
| Wahpeton     | State Science School   | Lilian Mirick                |
| Williston    | James Memorial         | Mrs. Ethel H. Kuenning       |
| Wimbledon    | Public Library         | W. O. Joos                   |
| Wishek       | Public Library         | Mrs. George Grant            |

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