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North Dakota State Library Bismarck, ND 58505 TO THE STATE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION: M. I. Forkner, Chairman, R. H. Sherman, O. A. Braseth, Math Dahl and Arthur E. Thompson, Bismarck, North Dakota.

Herewith is transmitted the Nineteenth Biennial Report of the North Dakota State Library Commission covering the period from July 1, 1942 to June 30, 1944.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR, NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION—1942-1944

As in every other line of service and activity the regular routine work of the State Library Commission has been vitally affected by the war. Briefly the effect has been: less use of general books; an increased demand for specialized books; delay and difficulty in obtaining books and supplies; a great shortage and turnover in personnel; cancellation of professional meetings; and a critical budget-complicating increase in prices and salaries.

To meet the requirements for a condensed report because of printing and paper restrictions the work of the secretary is presented in outline form.

Library visits, Public Libraries:

Beach, December 1943 Devils Lake, June 1943 Dickinson, September 1943 Edgeley, January 1944 Ellendale, October 1942 Fargo, October 1942 Forbes, January 1944 Grafton, June 1943 Grand Forks, June 1943 Jamestown, May 1943

LaMoure, January 1944 Lidgerwood, January 1944 Lisbon, June 1943 Mayville, June 1942 Mott, June 1942 Oakes, January 1944 Rugby, July 1943 Valley City, May 1943 Wahpeton, June 1944

Library visits, Special and Institutional:
State Teachers College, Dickinson
State Teachers College, Ellendale
State Teachers College, Mayville
State Teachers College, Valley City
University of North Dakota, Grand Forks
State College, Fargo
Normal and Industrial, Ellendale
Jamestown College, Jamestown
Crippled Children's Home, Jamestown

Meetings attended:

Library

North Dakota Library Association, Fargo, May 1944 Regional Library Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota Special

N. Dak. Federated Womens Clubs, Valley City, May 1943
N. Dak. Federated Womens Clubs, Jamestown, May 1944
N. Dak. Educational Association, Fargo, October 1942
N. Dak. Educational Association, Bismarck, November 1943
Leadership Training Institute, Bismarck, April 1943
Missouri River Valley Association, Bismarck, August 1943
Board Meeting, Leadership Training, Fargo, November 1943
County Superintendents, Bismarck, February 1943
County Superintendents, Dickinson, October 1942
Regional Library, Grand Forks, June 1943

Talks: North Dakota Library Association, North Dakota Federated Women's Clubs, County Superintendents, Library Training Classes State Teachers College, Valley City, Dickinson, Grand Forks, Mayville; Teachers Institute, Ellendale, Community meetings for beginning libraries, Cooperstown and Forbes; North Dakota-Minnesota regional library meeting, Grand Forks.

STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION

Because of the great turnover in personnel the Secretary has had to devote most of her time to routine work. The administrative activities have been carried in a limited way, the outline report shows the field work. The "Library Notes" have been issued irregularly; book exhibits have been sent each spring and fall to the Public Libraries of the state; a column of free and inexpensive material useful for schools has been prepared each month for the North Dakota Teacher; book lists, library planning, positions, problems as usual.

The chief of the Traveling Library Department left in September 1942 and the Secretary and Director has largely had charge since then. The collections have been almost entirely revised, made over and brought up to date. Material past salvaging went to the "paper drive" and hundreds of old, shabby out-of-date books have been withdrawn, leaving only usable collections. Rural and small town schools continue to make the greatest use of collections suited to grade and high school ages, while the small public libraries use the adult and mixed collections.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

The country-wide characteristic of decreased library circulation due to the war has been noted by the Reference Department also. However, during the past year there has been a heartening upward trend. Through the Reference Department, individuals of the state who are without available or adequate library facilities are served, and their recreational and informational needs are taken care of by selection of up-to-date and tested material. Book lists of recent additions or bibliographies for individual study courses are sent on request. Forty-five registered, and a dozen or more non-registered women's clubs continue to use the program suggestions, outlines, and material available from the Library Commission. These clubs reflect the serious consideration that is being given to post-war planning and present-day problems. School collections are being supplemented by books from this department-500 rural teachers used the Reading Circle monthly collections, declamations and special day material; high schools continue to call for themes, debates, plays and outside reading; the State Agricultural College refers its correspondence students to us for books they need. Over sixty carefully selected periodicals are obtainable as well as a continuous addition of approved books.

The Reference Department has supplied Camp Trenton, the camp for conscientious objectors, with books and reference material. This service has also been given to individual borrowers from the camp for prisoners of war at Fort Lincoln.

We are grateful to the WPA for the gift of 3,500 books left with us when that project was discontinued. Such a substantial gift has aided greatly in the satisfactory service it is our aim to give.

The STATE AT LARGE shows the following gains: the public library at Towner reopened and a new library opened at Forbes under the sponsorship of the PTA; Wahpeton is sending collections of books to nearby small towns; Mandan, since January 1943, has had municipal support and an appointed library board; Turtle Lake and Forman are having municipal financial help; Fargo purchased land which makes future expansion possible; Bismarck sponsored a very successful series of open forums. Renovation and new equipment are reported from Carrington, Casselton, Devils Lake, Dickinson, Ellendale, Fargo, Grafton and Wahpeton; Cooperstown, one of the few county seats in North Dakota without a public library, has plans so nearly complete that the library will open in July; most of the libraries helped in the Victory Book Drive and a satisfactory number of books were shipped from North Dakota. All libraries are cooperating with government war work, information centers, government projects, such as canning, salvage, etc.

LILLIAN E. COOK Secretary and Director State Library Commission

STATISTICAL REPORT, 1942-45

BOOKS

Traveling Library Department

*Number of traveling libraries						
Number of libraries added during this bier						
Number of books added during this period						
*Number of books in traveling libraries			5,004			
Reference Departm	nent					
Number of books in this department			21,868			
Number of books added during this bienniu	m		4,392			
Number of pamphlets in collection			24,000			
CIRCULATION	I	•				
Traveling Library Dep	artment					
Number of Libraries Circulated	1942-43	1943-44	Total			
Schools	276	285	561			
Communities	79	. 56	135			
Number of books circulated	11,360	9,832	21,192			
New T. L. stations	, 71	74	145			
Reference Departs	nent					
Number of requests filled	6,937	6,976	13,913			
Number of books circulated	39,960	43,050	83,010			
Magazines and pamphlets sent out	4,617	5,854	10,471			
Total reference dept. circulation						
TOTAL CIRCULATION OF	. ———					
COMMISSION	55,937	58,7 36	114,673			

^{*} Only new and revised libraries, cleaned, mended and ready for circulation July 1, 1944 are included in this count.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

•	Date	1940		RECEI	PTS	
Town	Estab-	popula-	Tax App	ropriation	Total F	leceipts
	lished	tion	1942-43	1943-44	1942-43	1943-44
Bismarck	1914	15,496	\$11,975.00	\$12,000.00	\$13,355.77	\$13,874.41
Bowman	1916	967	233.78	279.99	529.06	697.09
Carrington	1906	1,200	1,200.00	1,200.00	2,618.10	2,667.09
Casselton	1906	1,358	310.41	333.25	637.50	591.21
Devils Lake	1898	6,204	4.197.21	3,472.70	6,348.66	7,041.92
Dickinson	1908	5.839	4,750.00	5.750.00	5,254.69	6,320.11
Ellendale	1912	1,517	475.00	650.00	661.66	854.66
Fargo	1900	32,580	20,196.62	21,844,73	36,610.50	32,938.45
Grafton	1895	4,070	1,600.00	2,700.00	1,839.10	4,286.41
Grand Forks	1899	20,228	12,030.00	10,500.00	12,909.61	13,745.26
Jamestown	1901	8,790	4,000.00	4,500.00	5,574.47	5,820.66
Lakota	1906	907	398.82	213.39	1,077.08	768.99
LaMoure	1924	990	600.00	600.00	645.97	663.12
Leonard Township	1912	465	125.00	125.00	125.00	129.57
Lidgerwood	1913	1.042	685.00	855.00	745.79	891.44
Lisbon	1915	1,997	1,403.25	1,577.45	2,808.83	3,485.07
Mandan	1896	6,685	599.71	3,000.00	723.25	3,156.95
Mayville	1900	1,351	750.00	755.00	1,065.16	917.36
Minot	1908	16,577	9,168.93	9,389.88	15,329.41	17,483.07
Mott	1912	1,220	380.00	298.24	426.42	403.70
Oakes	1905	1,665	1,000.00	985.95	1,667.75	1,635.69
Park River	1900	1,408	300.00	300.00	397.26	393.17
Rugby		2,215	1,000.00	400.00	1,649.12	1,227.83
Turtle Lake	1926	632	160.00	60.58	105.74	66.58
Valley City	1900	5,917	3,967.76	5,349.69	6,424.89	8,225.71
Wahpeton		3,747	4,000.00	4,000.00	7,096.99	6,096.50
Williston	1910	5.790	3,308.32	4,069.57	5,587.82	5,212.99
Wishek	1926	1,112	200.00	150.00	346.02	396.96

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

•			EXPEN	DITURES					
	Sal	aries	Maint	enance	Books-Pe	eriodicals	Total		
Town	1942-43	1943-44	1942-43	1943-44	1942-43	1943-44	1942-43	1943-44	
Bismarck	7,693.30	\$ 7,894.01	\$ 1,040.95	\$ 850.37	\$ 2,377.34	\$ 2,932.02	\$12,553.78	\$12,667.51	
Bowman		324.00	77.32	69.84	127.74	150.54	529.06	697.09	
Carrington	670.00	665.00	75.23	21.86	315.86	265.20	1,115.00	2,667.10	
Casselton	114.00	116.00	164.01		164.09	158.45	451.79	300.94	
Devils Lake	1,551.15	1,845.00	657.39	649.71	759.58	812.05	3,464.14	3,495.50	
Dickinson		2,938.00	518.22	584.42	1,043.81	1,079.56	5,085.62	5,591.34	
Ellendale	370.00	494.80	9.50	******	141.24	250.03	636.81	854.66	
Fargo		12,871.58	3,518.99	1,897.50	3,711.87	3,565.57	29,960.21	19,242.90	
Grafton		1,165.15	302.56	331.70	359.75	293.40	1,714.04	1,791.96	
Grand Forks	6,327.06	7,168.20	1,038.17	667.11	2.076.37	2,452.89	10,543.15.	11,144.61	
Jamestown	2,377.21	2,710.61	936.05	1,196.51	1,144.37	1,035.51	5,195.21	5,523.05	
Lakota	312.00	264.00	156.98	140.67	58.84	27.61	678.26	459.36	
LaMoure	332.94	324.50	7.04	80.01	144.10	170.57	564.98	663.12	
Leonard Twp	75.00	75.00	4.25	11.68	25.18	1.97	124.29	96.15	
Lidgerwood	416.00	588.00	142.41	46.48	123.65	128.13	725.22	851.66	
Lisbon	617.50	617.50	664.85	571.15	331.19	369.27	1,735.28	1,654.10	
Mandan	663.88	1,464.50	11.84	57.60	109.80	519.22	723.25	2,122.65	
Mayville	370.00	329.80	395.95	196.91	183.61	231.96	1,037.51	842.84	
Minot	4,568.87	5,339.60	405.30	1,021.30	2,596.57	2,442.13	8,102.24	9,782.24	
Mott	188.40	180.00	1.08		126.19	105.81	347.64	288.57	
Oakes	807.40	812.10		***********	445.50	326.88	1,287.52	1,182.51	
Park River	270.00	270.00	•••••	8.09	102.25	5.79	379.87	309.38	
Rugby	735.25	720.03	•••••	******	139.51	176.08	977.11	945.40	
Turtle Lake		35.00		*******	14.39	11.25	39.42	46.25	
Valley City	1,997.00	2,195.50	584.06	465.29	612.07	588.66	3,539.86	3,457.21	
Wahpeton		2,603.06	477.82	597.83	1,493.03	942.12	5,295.93	4,429.83	
Williston		2,553.32	525.56	510.56	1,261.13	393.10	4,478.59	3,665.23	
Wishek	52.50	52.00	•••••	************	55.83	137.82	115.81	197.45	

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	Ci	rculatio	n		`1	Hours Open	Rural
Town	1942-43	1943-44	Total	$\mathbf{Volumes}$	Borrowers	Week	Borrowers
Bismarck	128,910	122,075	250,985	20,284	5,894	66	••••
Bowman	3,388	2,889	$6,\!277$	6,918	551	30	••••
Carrington	15,665	11,263	26,928	6,216	838	33	261 .
Casselton	4,221	3,772	7,993	2,397	294	4	12
Devils Lake		25,457	56,685	12,612	3,988	36	27
Dickinson	40,497	36,001	76,498	16,830	2,704	36	236
Ellendale	11,928	11,978	23,906	5,511	1,028	30	325
Fargo	186,802	173,723	360,525	44,266	18,678	76	481
Grafton		9,923	22,079	6,562	1,821	24	6
Grand Forks		65,443	140,448	22,526	5,864	66	106
Jamestown		50,369	104,719	14,831	4,795	52	531
Lakota		2,205	5,908	5,238	170	9	••••
LaMoure	4,215	4,038	8,253	4,370	929	12	435
Leonard Township	1,040	1,040	2,080	1,980	37	37	. 12
Lidgerwood	8,770	12,030	20,800	6,371	901	30	548
Lisbon	9,930	11,396	21,326	2,555	1,006	19	339
Mandan	3,966	8,885	12,851 -	4,939	1,040	28	1
Mayville	4,183	3,372	7,555	4,986	394	24	
Minot	61,667	60,530	122,197	19,801	7,617	60	97
Mott	2,144	2,858	5,002	3,040	367	6	45
Oakes	17,095	17,145	34,240	7,557	1,509	28	426
Park River	8,320	8,580	16,900	2,945	287	16	85
Rugby		11,829	18,983	6,425	2,665	30	215
Turtle Lake	1,880	1,820	3,700	1,463	210	2	. 3
Valley City		19,851	42,986	15,784	2,532	36	438
Wahpeton	18,335	17,656	35,991	10,379	3,512	33	370 ·
Williston	18,038	19,522	37,560	10,353	4,215	36	370
Wishek	4,160	2,600	6,760	1,532	423	4	80 -

ASSOCIATION LIBRARIES GIVING FREE SERVICE

Town 1	Date Established	1940 Popu- lation	Municipal Help	Hrs. Per Week	Volumes	Bor- rowers	Circu- lation		2-44 ditures Total
Bathgate	1916	312	None	2	1,513	448	3,432	\$ 53.71	\$ 61.67
Beach	1912	1,178	Room \$310	6	2,436	1,112	3,790	228.11	461.07
Beulah	1931	942	Room	11/2	1,735	259	2,100	121.38	126.33
Bottineau	1915	1,739	Room	2	900	210	1,300	70.00	75.00
Cogswell	1935	430	Room	5	2,305	246	3,380	24.90	39.47
Crosby	1930	1,404	No report	••••					
Dawson	1932	263	Room	3	1,188	98	3,585	16.69	25.86
Drake	1920	654	Room	3	2,037	480	3,500	123.47	192.37
Elbowoods	1941		Room	all	1,563	361	8,892	none	20.00
Enderlin		1,593	Room	4	3,268	50	2,800	222.46	233.46
Flaxton	1935	362	Room	3	1,630	36	780	6.00	48.00
Forman	1939	500	Room	4	1,310	321	3,952	58.4 8	331.83
Gackle	1936	537	Room	2	585	*******	2,704	10.21	12.95
Goodrich	1926	476	Room	2	831	71	2,704	93.02	120.53
Halliday	1937	395	Room	7	934	425	5,460	14.00	125.10
Hamilton	1916	255	Room	2	1,116	32	856	35.68	35.68
Hankinson	1907	1,420	Room	4	1,590	247	2,496	2.00	122.00
Hebron	1938	1,267	Room	4	837	289	1,612	Closed 19	44
Hettinger	1912	1,138	Room \$25	3	1,305	89	1,456	None	53.50
Hoople		346	Room	2	885		3,120	None	30.00
Killdeer		650	None	2	948		4,277	97.95	155.38
Kulm	1937	734	Room	2	655	796	1,768	None	29.08
Leeds	1902	782	Room \$50	5½	2,187	7 98	2,600	Not Giv	en

Lehr	1941	458	\mathbf{Room}	2	171	1,033	1,924	16.05	33.53
Linton	1936	1,602	Room	~ 7.	1,875	254	4,776	20.00	299.79
Mohall	1937	687	Room \$141.75	15	679	298	3,203	52.26	79.20
New Salem	1935	875	Room	7		N	o Report		
Northwood	1941	1,063	None	4	520	458	3,848	63.59	107.76
Petersburg	1938	285	None	2	632	40	1,612	100.03	145.98
Portal	1935	499	Room	2	767	193	2,900	23.51	88.62
Sanish	1928	455	*******	1	803	136	3,224	92.83	180.67
Towner			Room \$80	4	1,910	175	In	complete	
Verona	1925	201	Room	$1\frac{1}{2}$	137	77	2,600	None	39.75
Wimbledon	1915	357	Room	1	1,000	40	1,952	1.80	2.00

ASSOCIATION LIBRARIES CHARGING FOR SERVICE

Town	Date Established	1940 Popu- lation	Municipal Help	Hrs. Per Week	Volumes	Bor- rowers	Circu- lation		2-44 ditures Total
	Established	1201011	ПСТР	W CCK	- Torumes	1017013			
Ashley	1913	1,345	Room	6	4,254	500	7,072	\$183.07	\$370.32
Cando	1902	1,282	None.	2	3,500	75	7,200	251.04	413.04
Cavalier	1915	1,105	Room \$25	6	2,668	242	5,200	192.24	213.46
Edgeley	1912	803	Room	2	2,514	35	7,280	82.84	
*Forbes	1944		Room	6	530	79	3,536	None	44.09
Hansboro	1928	196	\$10	2 .	717	44	1,456	35.44	52.81
Harvey	1909	1,851	Room	3	1,108			61.04	72.32
Hope	1910	474	Room	3	750	78	3,500	139.17	168.17
Langdon	1912	1,546	Room & \$250	8	6,348	169	18,200	189.83	588.73
New England	1931	895	Room	2	1,737	110	3,305	41.47	41.47
New Rockford	1917	2,017	Room & \$300	8	3,670		3,000	139.53	769.03
Oberon	1938		None	4	609	67	1,300	39.84	127.87
Regent	1935	261	Room	2	834	71	2,486	None	45.59
Rhame	1938	283	\$15	2	950	85	· I	ncomplete	
Rolla	1924	1,008	Room	2	1,251	58	4,940	48.72	59.63
St. Thomas	1917	503	\$50 and light heat and ins		2,850	51	5,460	119.36	176.18
Watford City	1924	1,073	None	10	2,400	200	2,080		144.00

^{*} Free to children.

LIBRARY DIRECTORY

Town	Name of Library	Librarian
Ashley	Public Library	Mrs. Max A. Wishek
Bathgate	Free Public Library	Mrs. Henry Kane
Beach	Public Library	Grace Houck
	Public Library	
	Public Library	
	State Historical Library	
	State Library Commission	
	Public Library	
	Clara Lincoln Phelan	
	Library	
Cando	Public Library	Lucile Harris
Carrington	City Library	Mrs. Ella Mae Hargrave
	Public Library	
Cavalier	Public Library	Mrs. Clark Brown
	Public Library	
	Divide County Library	
Dawson	Public Library	Mrs. Joseph A. Kooker
	Carnegie Library	
	Public Library	
Dickinson	State Teachers' College	Mathilda L. Stoxen
	Public Library	
	Public Library	
Elbowoods	Public Library	Alice M. Watson
	Public Library	
Ellendale	Normal & Industrial School	Lois Bailey
Enderlin	Public Library	Mrs. E. B. McLeod
	Public Library	
	State Agricultural College	
	Public Library	
Forbes	Public Library	Mrs. Isabel Vick
	Public Library	
	State University Library	
	Public Library	
Hamilton	Public Library	Mrs. Andrew Knutson
	Public Library	
	Public Library	
	Public Library	
Hettinger	Public Library	Mrs. Beulah De La
Hoople	Public Library	Audrey Heder
Hope	Public Library	Mrs. D. J. Gumb
Jamestown	Alfred Dickey Free Library	Mercedes Muenz

LIBRARY DIRECTORY

Town	Name of Library	Librarian
Jamestown	Jamestown College Library	Mrs. Florence Summers
Killdeer	Public Library	Mrs. J. O. Severtson
Kulm	Public Library	Mrs. E. E. Orth
Lakota	The A. M. Tofthagen Library	Mrs. Inga Ferris
	Public Library	
	Public Library	
	Public Library	
Lehr	Public Library	Mrs. Eugene Grenz
Leonard	Watts Free Library	Mrs. Elsie Greuel
	City Library	
	Public Library	
	Public Library	
	Public Library	
	Public Library	
	State Teachers College	
	Public Library	
Minot	State Teachers College	Marion Grady
	Public Library	
	Inez Hendrickson Library	
	Public Library	
	Public Library	
	Public Library	
	Northwood City Library	
	Public Library	
	Public Library	
	Public Library	
	Public Library	
	Public Library	
Regent	Public Library	Mrs. E. A. Reitan
	Public Library	
Sanish	Public Library	Mrs. Arvid Olson
Towner	Public Library	Mrs. Kathryn Stiehm
Turtle Lake	Public Library	Mrs. John Frey
Valley City	Carnegie Public Library	Mrs. Helen H. Tracy
	State Teachers College	
	Public Library	
	Leach Public Library	
	State Science School	
	Masonic Library	
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