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To the Director of Institutions

Mr. Walter Fiedler:

I hereby submit the Thirty-Second Biennial Report of the Director of the State Library Commission for the period July 1, 1968 to June 30, 1970.

Respectfully,

RICHARD J. WOLFERT
Director

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

The State Library Commission during this period has been at a crossroad. It has become increasingly clear that the ways of the past will no longer entirely do for the future and much thought needs to be given toward the future direction of the State Library Commission.

American citizens have traditionally provided tax support for public projects which they believed needed to be done. Funds were not enough from the point of view of the professionals and the administrators of the projects, but the funds usually did permit carrying on of the job mandated.

Today, and for the near future, a trend may be evident that what has here-to-fore appeared as clearly public tax supported projects, may now languish from public apathy or hostility.

Historically, North Dakota public library programs have generated little hostility but much apathy from the North Dakota citizen. The reasons are diverse but they include a subsistence attitude toward life where libraries were hardly a priority item, a religious bias that reading was an idleness not to be encouraged, and a circumscribed view of the universe.

These attitudes have changed to a large extent, but public tax support for libraries remains meager. In this time of rapid inflation, the meagerness of the past does not even insure survival of our mediocrity.

The new directions for library development in our state will be formulated by a few people and hopefully a responsive chord will be struck in the populace.

**NOTABLE EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS
OF THE BIENNIAL PERIOD
SECRETARY - DIRECTOR OF THE
STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION**

Mrs. Freda W. Hatten resigned as Secretary-Director of the State Library Commission on July 31, 1968. Mrs. Leone Morrison was appointed Acting Director and served until November 1, 1969 when Richard J. Wolfert was appointed Director by Walter R. Fiedler, Director of Institutions.

LEGISLATION

Eight bills pertaining directly to libraries were introduced into the 1969 session of the 41st Legislative Assembly. Three of the bills became law. House Bill 247 amended North Dakota Century Code 40-38-02 and made it mandatory that the school board member of a city library board must be a resident of that city. House Bill 458 amended section 54-40-08 to permit the joint exercise of governmental powers for library site acquisition and construction. House Bill 26 provided for the biennial appropriation of the State Library Commission. State funds were increased by \$18,021.00 over the previous biennium to a total state appropriation of \$192,421.00. This is 20.15 percent of the total appropriation of \$954,921.00. The remaining 79.85 percent is federal Library Services and Construction Act funds.

Also by legislative action, the composition of the State Library Commission was changed from the Board of Administration to the Director of Institutions. Mr. Walter Fiedler, the Director of Institutions, is now the State Library Commissioner.

GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON LIBRARIES

The North Dakota Governor's Conference on Libraries held in Bismarck, April 22, 1968 was followed by a series of regional conferences in late 1968. The participants, comments and results of these meetings were published in early 1970.

**NORTHERN RED RIVER VALLEY
BOOKMOBILE DEMONSTRATION No. 2**

Inaugurated during this biennium was another multicounty bookmobile demonstration after the completion of the demonstration centered in Grafton. The new demonstration consists of two bookmobiles operating over a six county area.

NORTHWEST FEDERATION, MINOT

Another new project started was the Northwest Federation centered in the Minot Public Library. Thirty-eight school and public libraries have banded together in a cooperation agreement to improve library service in multicounty area surrounding Minot.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

A high point in the promotion of North Dakota libraries was reached with the enthusiasm and hard work of the state's first lady, Mrs. William L. Guy as the State Chairman of National Library Week of 1970. Through visits to libraries, television and radio appearance, letters to newspapers, Mrs. Guy contributed greatly to public awareness of our libraries and their inadequacies. Mr. Michael Miller, Librarian at North Dakota State University served as State Executive Director of National Library Week in 1970. Mrs. Ruth C. McMartin, Fargo Public School was the director in 1969.

STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS

A full listing of all State Library Commissions publications for this biennial period will be found in **North Dakota State Publications:** Lists nos. 7, 8, 9, and 10.

STATE LIBRARY BUILDING

In October of 1970, the entire State Library operation will move into the lower level of the Randal Professional building now under construction on Highway No. 83, one mile north of Bismarck. The new quarters, containing 10,820 sq. ft. is being leased to the State Library by a private contractor.

SCHOLARSHIPS

In 1970 the \$2,000 scholarship aid for students working toward a master's degree in library science was discontinued. The scarcity of professional public library jobs in our state and low salaries prevent the students fulfilling their contract agreements to work in a North Dakota public library for two years upon receiving their masters degree in library science. The undergraduate subsidy for library studies is being continued and encouraged.

REGIONALIZATION OF LIBRARY SERVICE

In agreement with Governor Guy's executive order No. 49 pertaining to the regionalization of state services, the State Library has established eight regions for planning comprehensive library service for the entire state. Regional Task Forces for Library Development will be appointed to study libraries in depth and make recommendations for future library services, finance and government organizations.

NORTH DAKOTA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LIBRARIES

Governor Guy issued executive order No. 50, establishing the North Dakota Advisory Council on Libraries to provide advice and council to the State Library Commission on matters of policy and programs pertaining to the State Library and to statewide library service and development.

AUDIT OF STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION

The regular state audit of the State Library recommend certain improvements in the fiscal management, records, and reporting procedures of the State Library. The audit report was presented to the Legislative Fiscal and Audit Review Committee for review and the Committee voted to have its own auditor make further studies of the problems reported by the State Auditor. Upon presentation of the second audit, a request was made to the regional office of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare for a federal audit of the State Library Commission. The latter report is not yet available.

Fiscal managements, records, and reporting procedures have been revised to meet the requirement of the state auditor and Legislative Fiscal and Audit Review Committee report.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE PLAN

The North Dakota State Plan for Library Development is the contract between the State Library Commission and the U. S. Office of Education for administering the federal Library Services and Construction Act program in North Dakota. The State Plan was revised in 1970 and all applications for funds under the plan in fiscal 1971 and forward will be reviewed on the basis of the new plan. Some of the provisions of the new plan include regionalization of library service on the eight region basis, building on existing strength in libraries, and maximum local effort and cooperative agreements for participation in the plan.

Library Services and Construction Act annual appropriations are part of the HEW budget and have been slashed in the President's budget for each of the past two years but restored by Congress each time to the 1969 level. The funds have reached the State Library late in the fiscal year and have made planning of services and disbursements of funds difficult.

The Library Services and Construction Act expires June 30, 1971. Proposed revisions combine several of the titles into one title and should simplify administration of the Act.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Statistics of North Dakota Public Libraries formerly appearing in the biennial report, now appear in an expanded format in **North Dakota Library Notes**.

BIENNIAL APPROPRIATION**July 1, 1969 — June 30, 1971**

Salaries and Wages	\$248,135.00
Fees and Services	81,000.00
Supplies and Materials	140,000.00
Equipment	60,786.00
Grants	445,000.00
TOTAL	\$974,921.00
State General Fund	192,421.00
Federal and Minor Miscellaneous Collections	782,500.00

EXPENDITURES — 1968/69

	General Fund	Federal
Salaries and Wages	\$ 50,717.74	\$ 39,434.62
Fees and Services	9,269.08	9,494.14
Supplies and Materials	20,519.66	29,667.52
Equipment	3,529.05	6,056.95
	\$ 84,035.53	\$ 84,653.23
TOTAL		\$168,688.76

LIBRARY SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ACT**TITLE I****LIBRARY SERVICE GRANTS****1968/69**

	Total Grants
Veterans Memorial Public Library, Bismarck	\$ 5,000.00
Carrington Public Library	500.00
Divide County Library, Crosby	1,000.00
Fargo Public Library	10,000.00
Grafton Carnegie Public Library	10,000.00
Grand Forks Public Library	8,000.00
Harvey Public Library	3,785.00
McLean - Mercer Regional Library, Riverdale	8,000.00
Mott Public Library	2,000.00
Northeastern Dakota Bookmobile Library, Grafton	36,000.00
Northwest Library Federation, Minot	20,000.00
Sioux County Library, Fort Yates	3,000.00
Stutsman County Library, Jamestown	4,000.00
Valley City Public Library	2,500.00
West Plains Rural Library, Williston	4,000.00
James Memorial Library, Williston	1,000.00
Northern Red River Valley Bookmobile Demonstration, Cooperstown	45,000.00
TOTAL GRANTS	\$163,785.00

TITLE II
LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION
1968/69

October 1968 — Rugby	\$ 69,000.00
October 1968 — Cooperstown	13,600.00
	\$ 82,600.00

TITLE III
INTERLIBRARY COOPERATION

Northwest Federation of Libraries, Minot	\$ 30,000.00
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TITLE IV A
STATE INSTITUTIONAL LIBRARY SERVICES

State Hospital, Jamestown	\$ 4,716.15
Grafton State School	1,768.72
State Penitentiary, Bismarck	191.79
School for the Deaf, Devils Lake	9,144.52
State Industrial School, Mandan	5,640.47
	\$21,461.65

TITLE IV B
LIBRARY SERVICES TO THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

Vocational Rehabilitation, Bismarck	\$ 5,500.00
Grand Forks Public Library	3,856.48
Divide County Library, Crosby	500.00
Northeastern Dakota Bookmobile Library, Grafton	2,430.00
James Memorial Library, Williston	1,000.00
Dickinson Public Library	885.00
	\$ 14,171.48
TOTAL GRANTS	\$312,018.13

EXPENDITURES 1969/70

	General Fund	Federal
Salaries and Wages	\$ 59,833.82	\$ 38,751.05
Fees and Services	10,446.06	5,020.99
Supplies and Materials	23,564.59	13,771.08
Equipment	2,365.58	27,271.14
	\$ 96,210.05	\$ 84,814.26
TOTAL		\$181,024.31

**LIBRARY SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION — TITLE I
LIBRARY SERVICES GRANTS**

Fargo Public Library	\$ 2,500.00
Grafton Carnegie Library	1,000.00
Grand Forks Public Library	2,500.00
Harvey Public Library	250.00
Minot Public Library	5,000.00
Mott Public Library	250.00
James Memorial Library, Williston	1,000.00
Divide County Library, Crosby	250.00
McLean-Mercer Regional Library, Riverdale	2,500.00
Stutsman County Library, Jamestown	250.00
West Plains Rural Library, Williston	13,000.00
Veterans Memorial Public Library, Bismarck	5,000.00
Northeastern Dakota Bookmobile Library, Grafton	2,500.00
Sioux County Library, Fort Yates	2,737.00
Northern Red River Valley Bookmobile Library, Cooperstown	45,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 83,737.00

**TITLE II — CONSTRUCTION
NONE**

TITLE III — INTERLIBRARY COOPERATION

Northwest Federation of Libraries	\$ 30,000.00
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TITLE IV A — STATE INSTITUTIONAL LIBRARY SERVICES

State Industrial School, Mandan	\$ 6,750.00
State Hospital, Jamestown	8,700.00
Grafton State School	281.80
School for the Deaf, Devils Lake	10,784.29
State Penitentiary, Bismarck	1,149.93
TOTAL	\$ 27,666.02

**TITLE IV B — LIBRARY SERVICE TO THE
PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED**

Vocational Rehabilitation, Bismarck	\$ 6,300.00
Veterans Memorial Public Library, Bismarck	500.00
Dickinson Public Library	590.00
Grand Forks Public Library	3,800.00
Alfred Dickey Free Library, Jamestown	350.00
Mandan Public Library	500.00
Minot Public Library	6,000.00
James Memorial Library, Williston	1,000.00
Divide County Library, Crosby	315.00
McLean-Mercer Regional Library, Riverdale	590.00
Northeastern Dakota Bookmobile	1,850.00
South Central Area Library	525.00
West Plains Rural Library, Williston	500.00
	<u>\$ 22,820.00</u>
TOTAL OF ALL GRANTS	\$164,223.02

EMPLOYEES

Wolfert, Richard J., Director	(8 Mo.)	\$12,000.00
Bougie, Maureen	(24 Mo.)	6,260.00
Buchert, Thelma	(24 Mo.)	7,440.00
Carlson, Gail	(8 Mo.)	2,465.00
Chambers, Linda	(3 Mo.)	480.00
Conner, Marshall	(11 Mo.)	2,775.00
Crawford, Duane	(2 Mo.)	1,080.00
Crimmins, Inez	(24 Mo.)	6,840.00
Davenport, Josephine	(24 Mo.)	8,256.00
Ellingson, Paul	(22 Mo.)	2,584.45
Enders, Marie	(7 Mo.)	690.20
Gimble, Duane	(2 Mo.)	450.00
Gion, Paulette	(24 Mo.)	5,700.00
Hatten, Freda W.	(2 Mo.)	1,610.00
Johnson, Mildred	(24 Mo.)	6,120.00
Knoepfle, Clara	(3 Mo.)	675.00
Mertz, Lois	(24 Mo.)	7,080.00
Miller, Clara	(13 Mo.)	3,315.00
Moreland, Carol	(1 Mo.)	600.00
Morrison, Leone	(24 Mo.)	17,771.00
Munsch, Judy	(3 Mo.)	855.00
Nelson, Mildred	(24 Mo.)	3,994.50
Nielsen, Thomas W.	(8 Mo.)	4,370.00
Norton, Mary Lou	(24 Mo.)	5,950.00
Sadler, Pauline	(24 Mo.)	14,114.00
Saufferer, Sheila	(4 Mo.)	963.00
Schafer	(24 Mo.)	5,880.00
Schoenhard, Ruth	(24 Mo.)	11,532.00
Sprynczynatyk, Betty	(24 Mo.)	8,079.00
Stocker, Arlene	(24 Mo.)	12,876.00
Vangsness, Nellie Jean	(1 Mo.)	90.00
Wald, Donald G.	(4 Mo.)	2,300.00
West, Renee	(2 Mo.)	450.00
Williams, Sally	(2 Mo.)	263.40
Wolf, Diane	(2 Mo.)	450.00
Ziegler, Shirley	(24 Mo.)	6,780.00

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