

# Fifty-second annual report of the Madison Free Library, Madison, Wisconsin, for the year 1926. 52nd

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FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MADISON FREE LIBRARY
MADISON, WISCONSIN

FOR THE YEAR 1926

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Librarian
Cataloguer
Children's Librarian
Assistant
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Assistant
Assistant
Williamson St. Branch
Ninth Ward Branch
Central School
Central School
East High School
Emerson School
Randall School

(Staff is given as of Jan.1, 1927)

#### REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

To the Board of Directors of the Madison Free Library:

The fifty-second annual report of the Madison Free Library shows a year very much like its predecessors of recent years. The library has started no new projects and accomplished no new feats. A circulation of over 360,000 books in a city, the size of Madison, shows a year of the steady, every day type of work.

The changes in circulation of books is rather interesting, as such changes are likely to occur often in the next few years. Any public library that is go closely connected with the school library development is going to see some shifting in that part of its circulation, affected by conditions in the school libraries. To say the circulation went beyond the 360,000 mark, but made a gain of only 2154 does not give a correct impression of the circulation tables. The following table shows clearly the meaning of this statement.

Increases			Decreases		
Main - Adult	281		Main - Children	783	
Sixth - Adult	1648		Ninth- Children	425	
Ninth - Adult	643		Grade -Schoolro	om	
Stations-Adult	199		librario	38	
Emerson-Adult	1965	4736		16989	
			Stations-Childre	en 4	18201
Sixth- Children	581				
Randall-Children	958		Central school	3183	
Emerson-Children	18749	20288	East high	1456	
		25024	Randall-Adult	30	4669
					22870

The increases in both adult and children's book circulation, shown at the different distribution points were actual gains and, except partially at one place, not shifts due to decreases at other points. The increase in adult books is good, as it is not connected with school libraries at all, but looks like an actual larger use of books by adults, coming to the libraries. The decrease in use of books in the high school libraries, which classify as adult, is due to changes in teaching methods or changes in teachers and is likely to occur any year.

The children at the Emerson school did actually read 13544 more books than in 1925. In 1925 that school for the period Jan. through June had schoolroom libraries with a circulation of 5205 volumes and in the 1925 report this circulation was counted in grade schoolroom library figures. If this same 5205 is subtracted from the 16989 decrease shown in 1926 for grade school-room libraries, the decrease in the 1926 table becomes 11,784. This 11,784 decrease occurred largely in schools where there were the more changes in teaching staff. Another factor might have been the fewer school visits made by the children's librarian, During 1926 the children's librarian did a large part of the instruction of eighth grade pupils and did not for that reason have so much time for other school visits.

The record of the children's librarian work show that eighteen talks were given to groups of people interested in children's reading and thirtytwo visits were made to schools for book talks. Four hundred and fifty children came to the library in the small group to do the library work after the instruction at school.

This instruction work takes much time and energy of librarians, but is a sound educational work. The results are noticeable more and more in use of the library by the younger adults out of school. The instruction was carried on in the high schools in all ninth and tenth year classes, as has been done heretofore.

The stations corculation of books is only slightly larger than in 1925. The hospital was 145 less, but not so large a loss as was expected on account of fewer readers in the maternity ward. Schenk's store station was faithfully attended by Miss Hough and shows a 483 increase. Wingra Park was 111 less. It is very doubtful whether the stations at the Franch Battery and the Telephone Co. serve enough people to warrant keeping books at either place.

Book Account --- The book account table shows a net gain of 4240 volumes. The figures for the main library are not accurate as again no inventory was taken of nonOfiction books. We expected the new stacks would be in and waited to take this inventory at that time to avoid the lifting of books twice. Taking inventory of books so crowded, as they now are on main library stacks, is a too time consuming task of hard manual labor to justify it.

Registration of Borrowers --- This shows the ever present shift in Madison population. The thousands of new people were present in 1926, as in previous years, and several thousands have evidently left the city. The library is giving only three months now for reregistration.

Music scores were bought from the rent fund to amount of \$244. 29. These were purchased from lists submitted by committee of the Civic Music Association, Mr.B.Q.Morgan, chairman. There was a twenty per cent increase in the use of music scores. 840 in 1926 against 698 in 1925.

Victrola records were given library by the Wisconsin State Journal, most of them being the nucleus of a collection for the Williamson St. branch library.

The catalogue department had a busy year and a sheet is given showing by count of cards something of what was done. This is only a rough measure, but somewhat useful in showing the scope of the work. The librarians of both the Central School and the East Side High did the cataloguing for those libraries.

The cramped quarters for the catalogue work continued until Dec. when the order and catalogue department was moved to Room A. Though the room is not ideal in its relation to other working rooms of the library, the added space gives much expedites the work.

The report of 1925 gave much in detail information of working details of the library and that is omitted this year.

Staff -- Miss Moehlmann was granted a year's leave of absence to go to Honolulu. Miss Reese resigned and her work was taken by Miss Mary Ayres. Miss Johnson resigned to be married and her work was taken by Mrs Cardiff with Mrs Filson as new assistant in the Central School. Mrs Merrill resigned as librarian at the Randall school and in Dec. Mrs Alice Levenich began work there. The completion of so full a year's work was due in large measure to the readiness with which new assistants took

up the duties of their predecessors, who left their work in excellent condition.

The librarian feels under obligation to the staff who have served the whole year, as well as those who left and those who came during the year, for their responsibilty felt and accepted for giving the best service they could to the patrons of the library.

To the members of the Library Board, the librarian wishes to express again appreciation for cooperation and support in her work.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Bruith

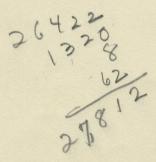
Librarian

#### RENT BOOK COLLECTION

Main Library	
No. of volumes Jan. 1,1926 371	
Additions 375 746	3
Withdrawals Transfers to main 429 Transfers to Ninth 15 Worn out	3
No. of volumes Jan. 1, 1927 293	3
Branch on Williamson St	
No. of volumes Jan. 1, 1926 49	
Additions	
No.of volumes Jan.1,1927 55	
FINANCIAL STATEMENT	
Unexpended balance Jan.1,1926 1183.13	
Receipts Main library 705.90 Williamson St. branch. 37.65 743.55	1926.68
Expenditures Main library - Rent books 613.05 Music scores 244.29	
Hospital	885.47
Balance on hand Jan.1,1927	1041.21
GCRCULATION OF BOOKS  Main library - Fiction 8605  Non-fiction 374 8979	
Williamson St.branchFiction. 636 636	9615

## CATALOGUING DEPARTMENT

	New Titles	Cards Typed	Cards Revised Added	Cards & Remade	Titles Re-cata logued	Guides Made	
Main Adult	955	5351	862	8			
Main							
Children	169	1049	179			939	
Williamson					11		
St.Branch	279	2043			1 1		
Ninth Ward Branch	338	1595	43	•••	62		
branch							
Central							
School	73	643	•••		•••	•••	
East High							
School	107	1349	•••				
Emerson							
School	549	3349	149				
D1-11							
Randall School	1357	10367	87			377	
	1001	10001	Ŭ.			011	
Official		0.00					
Catlogue	•••	676	•••	•••	•••	•••	
		-					
Total	3717	20422	1700		00	3730	
Total	SITI	26422	1320	8	62	1316	



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# BOOK ACCOUNT 1926

L		Ward Branch	Ward Branch	School Library	East Side High	Grade School Libraries	Hospital Library	Total
No. of vol Jan.1,192	s 6	4574	2602	76 <b>96</b>		18373	282	71027
Additions: Purchase		495	439	387	269	3004		6118
Gift	166	15	22	30	7	208	1	449
Binding	87	3	3			2		95
Transfers	407		15	22	1	147	•••	592
Re-acces- sioned	42	2	1		•••	8		53
Total	2296	515	480	439	277	3369	1	7377
Withdrawal Worn out	s: 365	167	118	59	7	1185	•••	1901
Lost by borrower	31	1	9	18	6	29		94
Missing	216	58	71	433	29	148	•••	955
Other causes	2	3	•••	149	31	13		487
Total	614	228	198	659	63	1375	000	3137
No.of vols Jan.1,192		4861	2884	7476	3167	20367	283	75267

#### REGISTRATION

	Adults	Children at Main & Branches	Libraries	Total	
No. of borrowers Jan.l 1926	17080	4736	1704	23520	
Additions: New borrowers	2323	739	148	3210	
Re-registrations	867	218	•••	1085	
Transfers	239		•••	239	
Summer borrowers 1926	153	23	•••	176	
Subscription borrowers	13	•••	•••	13	
Deposit borrowers	201		•••	201	
Tctal	3796	980	148	4924	
Withdrawals:					
Re-registrations	867	218	•••	1085	
Expired-Not reregistered	1770	374	•••	2144	
Transfers	•••	239	•••	239	
Summer borrowers 1936	153	23	•••	176	
Subscription borrowers	11		•••	11	
Deposit borrowers repaid	205		•••	205	
Cards cancelled	557	99	•••	656	
Total	3563	953	000	4516	
No. of borrowers Jan.1	17313	4763	1852	23928	

## CIRCULATION STATISTICS 1926

	Main Libra:	ry C	Six Ward Bra		Was	nth rd anch C	Central School	East Side High A
PeriodBd PeriodCur Gen'l works	115 2951 367	5 <b>8</b> 6 99	2272	422	735 1	251 11	615 28	494 22
Philosophy Religion Fairy tales Sociology	1502 920 2696	65 305 4104 216	57 42 73	9 79 25 <b>5</b> 3 18	1 5 76	54 263 3973 106	127 379 2381	64 607 669
Language Science Useful arts	160 1835 2299	3 2133 792	15 137 124	1 1450 413	2 32 75	1504 582	73 644 379	30 793 301
Fine arts Literature Biography	4070 7526 2767	519 1616 588	146 270 170	294 685 390	34 94 129	25 <del>5</del> 1964 401	300 2617 2556	111 2297 793
Travel History French	2640 3497 77	1068 1437	197 208	465 604	63 84	1327	398 11356 690	341 3059 32
Cerman Norwegian Yiddish	635	:::	16 38	•••	16	••••	163	10
Italian Music score Pamphlets Fiction	840 30b 67145	1039 17366	76 15209	177 96 <b>0</b> 6	25 8 4761	211	624 7555	1282 5185
Total :	102445	31936	19055	17176	6160	23455	30885	16090
Pictures Maps Viotrola records	338	5541	:::	1422	494	1583	61	1068

## CIRCULATION STATISTICS 1926 - Continued

	Grad	e aries	Stations				Adult Total	Children Total	Grand Total
	<b>A</b> .	G	A	C					
PeriodBd. PeriodCur. Gen'l works	277	974 5	2398		115 9742 423	2233 115	115 11975 538		
Philosophy Religion Fairy tales Sociology	18 14  162	268 1385 12676 396	3	'iż	1769 1980 6069	396 204 <b>4</b> 23306 736	2165 4014 23306 6805		
Language Science Useful arts	17 106 143	11 7903 1999	29	24	297 35 <b>76</b> 3353	15 13014 3786	312 16590 7139		
Fine arts Literature Biography	112 65 54	607 5314 3146	2 1 45	:::	4775 12870 6514	1675 9579 4525	6450 22449 11039		
Travel History French	73 66	4536 6997	185 57	•••	3897 18327 799	7406 10399	11303 28726 799		
German Norwegian Yiddish	:::	:::	29		869 142 .19	:::	869 142 19		
Italian Music scores Pamphlets Fiction	71 2723	392 5285 <b>7</b>	6813	::: 10	25 840 2362 102391	1819 91031	25 840 4181 200422		
Total	3901	99466	9608	46	188144	172079	360223		
Pictures Maps Victrola	6079	:::	:::	::	66	15693	156 <b>93</b> 66		
records	378		•••		1210		1210		

#### STATIONS - CIRCULATION

•••••	Schank Store	French Battery			tal	Wingra Park	Total	Child- ren Total	
			• • • • • • •		• • • •				
Periodic		•••		1345			2398	•••	2398
Religion	n 3		•••		12	•••	3	12	15
Sociolog	gy 12	•••	•••	•••		•••	12		12
Science	28		•••		24	1	29	24	53
Useful a	arts32		•••	•••		•••	32		32
Fine art	ts	• • • •	• • • •	,		3	2	•••	2
Literatu	ire			•••	••	1	1		1
Biograph	ny 39		•••	1	••	5	45	••	45
Travel	172					13	185		185
History	43		•••	• • •	••	14	57	••	57
German	29			•••			29		29
Norwegia	an 2			•••			2		2
Fiction	2331	348	612	1490	10	2032	6813	10	6823
Total	3744	348	612	2836	46	2068	9608	46	9654

#### GRADE SCHOOL LIBRARIES - CIRCULATION

Emer	Rand	lall	Schoolroom		tal	
A	a	A	a	Libraries C	Adult	Children
PeriodCur.32	248	245	726	•••	277	974
Gen'l works	3	•••	3		•••	5
Philosophy 13	56	5	26	186	18	268
Religion 7	341	7	116	928	14	1385
Fairy tales	3811	•••	2225	6640	•••	12676
Sociology 19	219	143	58	119	162	396
Language	4	17	7	•••	17	11
Science 24	2063	82	1430	4410	106	7903
Useful arts109	738	34	540	721	143	1999
Fine arts 65	385	47	108	114	112	607
Literature 43	1581	22	754	2979	65	5314
Biography 16	797	38	300	2049	54	3146
Travel 42	993	31	733	2810	73	4536
History 24	1605	42	1129	4263	66	6997
Pamphlets 3	343	68	49	•••	71	392
Fiction 1763	17179	960	10357	25321	2723	52857
Total 2160	30365	1741	18561	50540	3901	99466
	30363		10001			33400
		602		4680	6079	
Maps						
Victrola records		378			378	

## REPORT of E.O.KNEY

Financial Secretary Madison Free Library Madison, Wisconsin

PINNEY FUND -		
Balance on hand Jan.1,1926	\$251.50	
Receipts - Interest June 1926 \$50.00 Interest Dec. 1926 50.00	100.00	351.50
Expenditures - Feb.3,1926 R.C.Nicodemus 10.00 Apr.7,1926 Dane Co Atlas Co. 25.00 June 16,1926 Macmillan Co 6.00 June 16,1926 Bellows-Durham Co. 79.50	120.50	120.50
040 10,1000 201	130.00	231.00
Balance on hand Jan.1,1927		231.00
STEENSLAND FUND -		
Balance on hand Jan.1,1926	\$210.58	
Receipts -		7
Interest June 1926 \$25.00 Interest June 1926 25.00	50.00	260.58
Expenditures - Feb.2,1926 R.C.Nicodemus 5.00		5.00
Balance on hand Jan.1,1927		255.58

TOTAL BALANCE of PINNEY & STEENSLAND FUNDS ... 486.58

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS	~	
1925 balance	6,768.59	
1926 appropriation of city funds 1926 interest on library funds.		
New cards	10.75	
Lost books	169.25	
Postals	7.82	
Fines	1,968.80	
Rooms -Wis.Library Comm. 1552.4 Rooms 357.2		
Subscriptions	49.08	
Waste paper	8.50	67,101.37
Waste paper  EXPENDITURES	8.50	67,101.37
		67,101.37
EXPENDITURES	26,875.73	67,101.37
EXPENDITURES  Main library	26,875.73	67,101.37
EXPENDITURES  Main library  Branch on Williamson St	26,875.73 . 3,615.52 . 3,194.48	67,101.37
EXPENDITURES  Main library  Branch on Williamson St  Ninth Ward branch	26,875.73 . 3,615.52 . 3,194.48 . 4,437.66	67,101.37
EXPENDITURES  Main library	26,875.73 . 3,615.52 . 3,194.48 . 4,437.66 . 2,712.26	67,101.37
EXPENDITURES  Main library	26,875.73 3,615.52 3,194.48 4,437.66 2,712.26 8,506.95	67,101.37

## EXPENDITURES

MATN	LIBRARY		
	2 Salaries and wages		
- 0	Librarians	14,791.71	
	Service by hour	247.93	
	Schenk-Huggel station	194.90	
		188.44	
	Pages	2,224.90	
	Janitors	175.00	
	Librarian- Vacation substitutes.	12.70	17,835.58
	Janitor - "	10.10	11,000.00
7	Deinting distinguis & office suppli		
0.	Printing, dtationery & office suppli	32.15	
	Record books and forms	403.72	
	Other stationery	1,095.08=	
	Binding	346.11	
	Postage	65.33	
	Other expense	24.33	
	Printing	64.00	1,300.12
1	Malambana and talamanh		
#.	Telephone and telegraph	72.00	
	Telephone	1.60	73.60
	Telegraph	1.00	13.00
5	Traight agreed and dray		
٥.	Freight, express and dray	35.26	-
	Freight	23.93	
	Express	11.69	
	Dray	10.00	
	Car fare	10.00	00.00
9	Insurance	155.80	155.80 -
٥.	Insurance	100.00	100.00
10	General supplies and expense		
10.	Paints, oil , varnish	12.00	
	Hardware	3.91	
	Electrical supplies	50.58	
	Miscellaneous	52.03	118.52
	Wiscerraneons	33.03	110.00
77	Daymonda launday and inniton guanli	00	
11.	Drygoods, laundry and janitor suppli	.25	
	Towells	16.00	
	Soap, brushes , brooms	11.22	
	Laundry	2.50	29.97
	Miscellaneous	2.50	20.01
17	Comerce armonas	96.50	96.50
10.	Garage expense	30.30	30.30
14	Automobile repair		
14.	Repairs	64.20	
	Batteries	31.63	
		16.00	
	License plates	48,40	159.23
	Insurance, tax, & miscellaneous	40 140	203,602

15.	Automobile gas and oil Gasoline	47.67 13.52	61.19
16.	Automobile tires	51.38	51.38
17.	Heat, light, power, gas and water Heat Motor Light Gas Water Lubricants	1725.26 183.17 564.30 6.27 49.20	2528.95
18.	Repairs and replacements Building Furniture Machinery Dayton St. paving	316.02 128.45 24.50 133.06	602.03
20.	Furniture and fixtures	230.85	230.85
22.	Books and periodicals Books	459.45	2884.53 26875.73

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#### BRANCH ON WILLIAMSON ST.

2.	Salaries and wages Librarian Page Janitor Librarian-Vacation substitute.	1650.00 79.70 284.03 76.00	2089.73—
3.	Printing, stationery and office expense Record books and forms Other stationery Binding Postage Other expense	5.00 14.25 201.46 14.98	235.99
4.	Telephone	33.00	33.00
5.	Freight, express and dray Freight Express Dray	.72 — .45 — .11	1.28
10.	General supplies and expense Paints, oil, varnish Hardware Electrical supplies Miscellaneous	5.65 .75 1.90 3.50	11.80
11.	Drygoods, laundry and janitor supplies Soap, brushes, brooms Laundry Miscellaneous	.18 1.40 5.60	7.18
17.	Heat, light, gas and water Heat Light Gas Water	414.20 95.12 6.00 6.13	521.45
18.	Repairs and replacements Building	97.40	100.00
22.	Books and periodicals Books	516.79	615.09
		1	3615.52

#### NINTH WARD BRANCH

2.	Salaries and wages Librarian Librarian - half time Janitor Librarian - vacation substitut	600.00	2317.75	
3.	Printing, stationery and office supplies Record books and forms Other stationery Binding Postage Other office expense	5.00 17.70 205.71 — 8.98 — 2.15	239.96	
4.	Telephone	33.00	33.00	
5.	Freight, express and dray Freight Express Dray	1:15 —	1.57	
10.	General supplies and expense Miscellaneous	<b>.7</b> 5	.75	
11.	Drygoods, laundry and janitor supplies Laundry	.27	.27	
17.	Heat and light Heat Light	32.50 — 10.00 p	42,50	
18.	Repairs and replacements Furniture	5.75	5.75	/
22.	Books and periodicals Books	495.15	553.35 3194.48	

2.	CENTRAL SCHOOL Salaries and wages Librarian Librarian - assistant	1800.00 1533.32	3333.32	_
3.	Printing, stationery and office expense Other stationery Binding Postage Other expense	42.97 252.15 3.31 .20	298.63	
5.	Freight, express and dray Freight Dray	4.26 - .75	5.01	
10.	General supplies and expense Miscellaneous	.75	.75	
22.	Books and periodicals Books	700.68	799.95	4437.66
	EAST SIDE HIGH	SCHOOL		
2.	Salaries and wages Librarian Page	1800.00	1831.05	_
3.	Printing, stationery and office			
	Other stationery  Binding  Postage  Other expense	27.62 137.73 3.24 .40		
4.	Telephone	28.50	28.50	
5.	Freight, express and dray Freight Express Dray	4.26 1.36 -	6.37	
10.	General supplies and expense Miscellaneous	2.75	2.75	
221	Books and periodicals Books	547.52 127.08	674.60 2712.26	

#### GRADE LIBRARIES

2.	Salaries and wages Librarians	3591.19 291.15 19.50	3901.84	
3.	Printing, stationery and office expense Other stationery	е		
	Postage	13.52		
4.	Telephone	46.77	46.77	
5.	Freight, express and dray Freight Express Dray Car fare	16.45 8.12 120.31 5.50	-	
10.	General supplies and expense Miscellaneous	2.00	2.00	
20.	Office furniture and fixtures	51.45	51.45	
22.	Books and periodicals Books	3224.63	3231.93	8506.95
22.	Books	3224.63 7.30 356.75 30.00	3231.93	8506.95
	Books  Periodicals  EMERSON - ADULT  Salaries and wages Librarian	356.75 30.00	3231.93	8506.95
2.	Books Periodicals  EMERSON - ADULT Salaries and wages Librarian Janitor  Printing, stationery and office expense Other stationery	356.75 30.00	386.75	8506.95
3.	Books Periodicals  EMERSON - ADULT  Salaries and wages Librarian Janitor  Printing, stationery and office expense Other stationery Postage  General supplies and expense	356.75 30.00	386.75	8506.95