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To the Honorable Mayor and the Council of the City of Lawrence, Kansas.

## Gentlemen:

We herewith respectfully submit the forty-fourth annual report of the Board of Directors of the Lawrence Free Public Library for the year ending December 31, 1948.

MAINT	ENANCE FUND		
Balance Receipts		-CD-	4,228.47 12,514.48
L:	ibrary Maintenance		
Salaries Books Periodicals Binding Library supplies	\$ 8,226.15 1,451.22 349.25 232.33 448.93		
B	uilding Maintenance		
Janitor's salary Building supplies Repairs and equipment Heat, light, water Insurance Other items	\$ 1,349.40 1,451.22 3,064.61 525.40 123,11 75.37 842.95		
Balance	\$ 16,742.95	\$	16,742.95
DUPLI	CATE PAY COLLECTION FUN	D	
Balance Receipts		\$	1,823.79
Warrants Balance	\$\frac{1,374.18}{1,672.28}\$\frac{3,046.46}{5}\$	Se	3,046.46

### THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Book circulation is a convenient means of estimating the services a library gives to its mommunity, giving an indication of the books and periodicals used within the library, of reference questions answered and of the guidance given to readers; it also reflects the books selected for purchase, readers; it also reflects the books for use, the attitude of the preparation of those books for use, the attitude of the library staff, the convenience of the book arrangement, and the pleasantness or unpleasantness of the library surroundings. It is therefore a pleasure to announce that the book circulation has increased by 3,494 over last year's circulation, for a total of 89,815 books, or an average of twelve and one half books for each registered borrower.

The Children's Department, which accounted for 32% of this year's circulation, has been very active throughout the year. The class visits begun last year have been increased at the request of the teachers and children. There are now five classes visiting the library regularly and definite results have been noted. The third grade class that initiated the program was the highest Lawrence school class that took part in the Kansas University Reading Program. It was also well represented in the Parent-Teachers' Association Summer Reading Program. Their present teacher has said that she has never had a group that could read as well as this one, this being the class selected for the experiment by the Lawrence school officials as being very backward in reading.

Altogether there were 63 regular class visits to the Children's Room in 1948 as well as 18 special visits at Book Week, Christmas and before the Summer Reading Program. The Adult Department was visited by eight ninth grade classes at the beginning of the present school year for indoctrination in the use of the library.

Six hundred and twenty children enjoyed the 27 story hours given Saturday mornings during the school year by students in the University School of Social Sciences. On two occasions the University School of Social Sciences. On two occasions the Recreation Commission brought the North Lawrence story the Recreation Commission brought the North Lawrence story the Recreation to the library for a joint story telling, and a good time was had by all.

The Parent-Teachers' Association and the Library have again cooperated on the Summer Reading Program and Book Week, with satisfying results. This year 436 children received their satisfying results. It was a pleasure to note the increase reading certificates. It was a pleasure to note the increase in the number of poorer readers participating, indicating that the purpose of the program to promote reading was being carried out.

Special bulletin boards and exhibits of books were shown in both departments during Book Week. The Children's Department Blso had a Mother Goose window in the Round Corner Drug Store that received much favorable comment.

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In making the Juvenile Department a more attractive place In manual dren, chairs that were in the original children's for the library were enameled bright red, yellow, blue and green, causing many children and not a few of their parents and green, and green the library had purchased the "new" chairs. to ask "led shelf space was provided along the west wall that Additional the books to be arranged in a set west wall that Additional the books to be arranged in a more logical manner, permitted manner, and the furniture was shifted slightly to create the illusion and the space. Attractive bulletin bearing to create the illusion and the space. Attractive bulletin boards during the year and of mort Christmas tree in December have added to the charm of the room.

An inventory of the entire book stock made during the Summer showed the moderate loss of 171 books out of 39,000 volumes. A complete listing of periodicals in the library was also compiled to aid the public in its use of the Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature, our magazine index. New reference books have been added to supplement the collection, the most popular sets being the Encyclopedia Britannica and the Literary History of the United States.

In order to keep the library building in good repair and at the same time to avoid the burden a complete overhaul would involve, it was decided to make some improvements each year. Last year the heating system was improved, this year the wiring and lights were modernized. Two new wiring circuits and 80 light fixtures (76 fluorescent and 4 incandescent) now provide adequate illumination in adult and juvenile reading rooms and over staff working surfaces. Future plans call for the redecoration of interior walls and ceilings, a display case in the adult department, pointing up the exterior of the building and other projects to be done as the need arises.

The cost of maintaining the library divided among the 18,000 residents of Lawrence averaged 97¢ per person, of which 71% of the money was received from the city in 1948, the remainder came from special funds and accumulated balances. This is well below the \$1.50 per capita recommended by the American Library Association as the amount necessary to maintain minimum library service.

During the course of the year the library has taken an active part in community affairs, members of the staff have served on, or cooperated with committees of various groups; among them, the Lawrence Adult Education Advisory Group, the Perent-Teachers' Association, the Recreation Commission, the Lawrence Public Schools, Kansas University School of Social Sciences, the Freedom Train Committee, the Kansas Arts and Crafts Festival as well as other professional and local groups. A few of these committee meetings have been held at the library.

Gifts of flowers have made the library a more gracious place and have been appreciated as have the numerous gifts of books. The library is also indebted to the local newspapers for the Splenaid publicity that enabled the public to be kept informed on recent library books and library news.

The librarian wishes to express his gratitude to the Board of Directors and to the library staff for the encouragement, Support and cooperation that has made this report possible. Rolph a. Han Handel

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To the Honorable Board of Directors of the Lawrence Free public Library:

I have the honor to report the following receipts and disbursements for the year ending December 31, 1948.

	MAINTENANCE		
Receipts	\$ 16,863.27	4.0	5,191.74
Warrants	\$ 17,706.22	\$	17,706.22
Balance	DUPLICATE PAY	\$	1,823.79
Receipts Warrants Balance	\$ 1,374.18 1,672.28 \$ 3,046.46	\$	3,046.46
Balance	L. H. PERKINS MEMORIAL FUND	400	32.03
Receipts Warrants Balance	\$ 27.71 29.32 \$ 57.03	G.	57.03
Balance	VIRGINIA S. EDWARDS MEMORIAL	FU \$	ND 41.06 40.00
Receipts Warrants Balance	\$ 21.08 59.98 \$ 81.06	\$	81.06
Balance	GURDON GROVENOR MEMORIAL FUN	\$	73.89
Receipts Warrants Lalance	\$\\ \frac{61.44}{112.45}\\ \frac{1}{8}\\ \frac{173.89}{173.89}\end{array}	\$	. 173.89
Balance	MAY MOORE MEMORIAL FUND	. <del>(</del> <b>C</b> ).	70.97 50.00
Receipts Warrants Balance	\$\frac{70.00}{50.97}\$ \$\frac{120.97}{\$}	\$	120.97
Dalance	JANE R. WELCH MEMORIAL FUND	40	26.08
Receipts Warrants Balance	\$ 6.34 59.74 66.08	<b>*</b>	66.08
Becoint	ALL FUNDS	-C/-	7,259.56
Receipts Warrants Dalance	\$ 18,424.02 \$ 2.827.69 \$ 21,251.71	*	21,251.71

All or which is respectfully submitted,

## Tawrence Free Public Library /LL/14/1/kb/sh/h//L/sh/4// Tawrence, Kansas

To the Board of Directors of the Lawrence Free Public

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is a pleasure to submit to you the forty-fourth annual report for the year ending December 31, 1948.

The library has been open for reading and for the circulation of books 305 days, eleven hours each day, closing on the usual legal holidays.

#### CIRCULATION

Adult riction Adult non-fiction Juvenile fiction Juvenile non-fiction	43,866 17,335 11,087 17,527 89,815
Total	0,,02,

## CIRCULATION BY CLASSES - ADULT DEPARTMANT

General works Philosophy	936 807 551
Religion Social sciences	1,639
Philology	657
Science	2,031
Useful arts	2,607
Fine arts	3,049
Literature	1,457
History	2,079
Biography	1,399
Travel	17,335
Total	

## REGISTRATIONS

	Active 12/31/47	Added 1948	Withdraw 1948	m Active 12/31/48
Three year period Adult. Juvenile	4,283	1,457	1,941	3,799 2,136
One year or less Student County Rural students Total	702 83 35 7,037	791 59 47 2,771	399 32 37 2,624	1,094 110 45 7,184

## BOOK STOCK

	Adult	Juvenil	e Total
Don o	30,050	7.799	37,849
Dec. 31, 1947 Aquea 1948	1,402	313	1,844
Witharawn 1948	31,024	7,928	38,952
Gitts included above	199	31	230

## PERIODICALS

Man				eceived	137
MUTDEL	OI	magazines	currently r	received	,
number	Oľ	newspapers	currently		

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#### L. H. PERKINS MEMORIAL FUND

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		VIRGINIA S.	EDWARDS MEMORIA	I FUND	
Balance Receipts Warrants		\$	21.08	\$	40.00
Balance		\$	59.98	\$	81.06
		GURDON GROV	ENOR MEMORIAL FU	IND	
Balance		\$	61.44	37	73.89
Warrants Balance	\$\frac{1}{4\bar{\bar{\bar{\bar{\bar{\bar{\bar{	173.89	\$	173.89	
		May MOORE M	EMORIAL FUND		
Balance			70.00	\$	70.97
Warrants Balance	\$	120.97	\$	120.97	
		JANE WELCH	MEMORIAL FUND		
Balance				\$	26.08
Warrants Balance	\$	6.34 59.74 66.08	\$	66.08	
		ALL FUNDS			
Dalance				\$	6,296.29
Warrants		\$	17,460.75 2,827.69 20,288.44	\$	20,288.44

All of which is respectfully submitted,

President