



IOWA STATE HISTORICAL BUILDING, DES MOINES



LIBRARY COMMISSION, HISTORICAL BUILDING  
FREE TRAVELING LIBRARY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

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OF THE

# Iowa Library Commission

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

TO HONORABLE WARREN GARST, *Governor of Iowa:*

In compliance with Section 2888-f, Chapter 18-A, Supplement to the Code of Iowa, I herewith transmit the fourth report of the Iowa Library Commission for the biennial period, July 1, 1906, to June 30, 1908.

ALICE S. TYLER,  
*Secretary Iowa Library Commission.*

IOWA LIBRARY COMMISSION.

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HEADQUARTERS: State Historical Building.



## LIBRARY COMMISSION, STATE OF IOWA

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The Library Commission is able to report continued growth and activity since the date of the last report, July 1, 1906.

An event of the greatest importance, is the occupancy of the permanent quarters in the new Historical building. The commodious and convenient rooms in the east wing (ground floor) of the building provide ample space and convenience for caring for the large volume of work that is daily necessary in the handling of the Traveling Library books as they come in and out; there is also adequate provision for the clerical and office work necessary in connection with the correspondence and other details of library extension carried on by the Commission.

The personnel of the Commission remains the same, the appointments of Captain W. H. Johnston and Mrs. D. W. Norris having been renewed by Governor Cummins. Meetings have been held by the Commission every three months, in January, April, July and October of each year and as heretofore, members have attended library dedications and library meetings in the state in their official capacity.

The Secretary has traveled more than 10,000 miles within the borders of the State in giving personal aid and advice to the various communities in the State that are either attempting to make a beginning in library work, planning a library building, or, developing a public library with its many details of book selection, organization and adaptation to the needs of the community. She has also spoken on various phases of the library question at District Club meetings, Teachers' meetings, Farmers' Institutes, etc., and has been authorized by the Commission to attend the meetings of the American Library Association at Asheville, N. C., in May, 1907, and Lake Minnetonka in June, 1908, as a representative of the Iowa Library Commission. Time was also granted for giving a course of lectures on library organization and management before the Library School of Western Reserve University, Cleveland, O.,

and the Training School for Children's Librarians at the Carnegie Library, Pittsburg.

The staff employed for the regular activities of the Commission has included the services of an organizing assistant during this biennial period, to assist the Secretary in installing modern library records in libraries in the smaller towns; about half of the libraries thus aided were new, making a beginning, usually, with an inexperienced librarian, so that the assistance was most welcome and enabled the library to begin work under more favorable conditions than would otherwise have been possible. Aid was also given many of the older libraries that had not had the means to employ a trained library worker to install proper records in the beginning, and grateful appreciation has been expressed by the Boards of Library Trustees and librarians in all these libraries for this aid, which will enable these institutions to become more efficient in their communities.

The responsibility laid by the General Assembly upon the Library Commission of advancing the library interests of the State and of making good books accessible to all the people, has been fully appreciated by the Commission and to accomplish these ends, two special lines of activity have developed, viz: Field Extension work in connection with local public libraries and the Traveling Library work. Results have been most gratifying, and the citizens of the State are learning of the possibilities of public collections of books and hence are turning to the Library Commission more and more for direction and aid in establishing libraries and making them effective. The practical service rendered by the Traveling Library has reached such proportions that it is practically indispensable in the small towns and country neighborhoods, providing as it does, not only for general reading and entertainment, but also for study, making accessible the best books on the various subjects of perennial and present-day interest.

The rapid increase of the free public libraries, supported by municipal tax from 41 (in 1900 when the Commission was created) to 102, is most gratifying, but it also shows the value of the work of field supervision and the need of adequate funds to extend it. There should be personal knowledge obtained by visits to these libraries, to know of conditions and methods and to further develop the educational work to be done by these libraries for effective service in the communities. The Association and Subscription Libraries of the State, numbering almost 40, should be nurtured and encouraged in their struggles for existence, and many of them

should be developed into free public libraries; likewise many of the smaller college libraries should as soon as possible receive assistance at the hands of the Commission in properly organizing and caring for their books. All this means constant field work by efficient trained people to supplement the work done by the Secretary.

*New Libraries.* During the biennial period the following towns and cities have voted the municipal tax for a free public library:

Clarion,	Paullina,
Emmetsburg,	Red Oak,
Humboldt,	Rockwell City,
Lake City,	Villisca,
New Hampton,	Woodbine,
Oceola,	

Library associations have been formed in the following places:

Belle Plaine,	Rhodes,
Delmar,	Sac City,
Galva,	Sibley,
Hornick,	Wellman,

Many of these charge a fee or subscription for the use of the books, with the hope of making the library free as soon as possible.

The following libraries have occupied new buildings during this period, these having been gifts from Andrew Carnegie unless otherwise stated:

Albia,	DeWitt,
Tama,	Parsons College at Fairfield,
Clarion (gift of Mr. Morgan Everts of Los Angeles, Cal.),	Simpson College at Indianola,
Glenwood,	Pella,
	Stuart.

The township extension feature of the library law was adjusted by the Thirty-second General Assembly so that it is now operative in several libraries of the State, thus providing library facilities for families residing in the country adjacent to a town or city, having a free public library, on the same basis as residents of the town or city, upon the action of the township trustees. So far as reported libraries in the following places have secured the co-operation of one or more townships:

Iowa City,	Ames,
Clarinda,	Eldon,
Nevada,	Denison.



*Summer Library School.* The course of instruction given at the State University under the direction of the Secretary of the Library Commission, continues to provide opportunity for the librarians of our smaller libraries to learn something of modern library methods, and the sessions of 1907 and of 1908 covered practically the same subjects that had been presented heretofore, with the addition of certain special courses.

The instructors for the session of 1907 were: Mr. Malcolm G. Wyer, Resident Director and Instructor in Reference Work; Miss Harriet E. Howe, cataloging and accession; Miss Irene Warren, classification, book numbers and related topics; Miss Edna Lyman, library work with children. A special course for teachers or others in charge of school libraries was given by Miss Irene Warren, of the School of Education, Chicago. Lectures were given by Miss Lorena N. Webber, librarian Iowa City public library; Miss Edith Tobitt, librarian Omaha public library; Miss Grace D. Rose, librarian, Davenport public library; Miss Harriet A. Wood, librarian Cedar Rapids public library; Mr. M. H. Douglass, librarian Iowa College library, Grinnell; Dr. Shambaugh, Iowa City; Miss Carey of the Iowa State Institutions libraries, and by Mrs. Towner and Mrs. Howe, of the Library Commission, and the Director, Miss Tyler.

The session of 1908 was shortened two weeks to avoid conflict with the dates of the meeting of the American Library Association at Lake Minnetonka. The instructors were, Mr. Malcolm G. Wyer, Resident Director and Instructor in Reference Work; Miss Harriet E. Howe, accession, cataloging and related subjects; Miss Miriam E. Carey, classification and shelf list; Miss Edna Lyman, library work with children; Miss Margaret W. Brown, supervision of practice work.

An advanced course including cataloging, book evaluation and U. S. documents was given for those who had attended former sessions or were sufficiently proficient to enter for advanced work. Miss Harriet A. Wood of the Cedar Rapids public library, gave the course in Book evaluation, considering the principles upon which a correct estimate of books as literature may be made. The course in U. S. documents was given by Mr. J. I. Wyer, Director of the New York State Library School, whose thorough knowledge of this perplexing class of books, made this course one of great value and keen interest.

There were 23 students in attendance for the session of 1907, and 40 for the session of 1908.

## LIST OF SUMMER SCHOOL STUDENTS

### ELEMENTARY COURSE—1907.

Basten, Mrs. C. V.	Kearney, Neb.
Broderick, Louise L.	Mason City, Iowa
Bryant, Mrs. Charlotte	Newton, Iowa
*Crouse, Lucile	Fort Madison, Iowa
Clark, Carrie B.	Clinton, Iowa
*Cutler, Flora G.	Waterloo, Iowa
Denny, Eva G.	Washington, Iowa
Duncan, Mrs. Laura M.	Albia, Iowa
Frank, Mrs. Pauline	Kearney, Neb.
Gibbs, Stella O.	Council Bluffs, Iowa
Gregory, Winifred	Waterloo, Iowa
Hauk, Grace E.	Peoria, Ill.
Hicks, Gratia	Monticello, Iowa
Houston, Mrs. Mattie C.	Corsicana, Texas
Hughes, Ruth P.	Freeport, Ill.
Jefferson, Sue M.	Iowa City, Iowa
Lillis, Dolores G.	Clinton, Iowa
*McKibbin, Mrs. Florence	St. Pleasant, Iowa
McWilliams, Emma	Fulton, Mo.
Penrose, Alma M.	Grinnell, Iowa
Taylor, Florence S.	Hopkinton, Iowa
Vittum, Bertha	Fargo, N. D.
Wood, Mrs. Olive	Baldwin, Kan.

\*For children's course only.

### ELEMENTARY COURSE—1908.

Barker, Frankie J.	Villisca, Iowa
Colville, Nellie V.	Oskaloosa, Iowa
Galt, Beth	Centerville, Iowa
Greef, Elva	Eldora, Iowa
Hesser, Rebecca	Ft. Madison, Iowa
Huntington, Ida M.	Des Moines, Iowa
Lasher, Grace E.	Evanston, Ill.
Letson, Helen E.	Des Moines, Iowa
Palmer, Sarah	Red Oak, Iowa
Pedalty, Ella M.	Mason City, Iowa
Taylor, Grace	Humboldt, Iowa
Watts, Blanche V.	Sioux City, Iowa
Williams, Elizabeth F.	Vinton, Iowa
Wilson, Florence O.	Springfield, Mo.
Woods, Arabella C.	Manchester, Iowa



## ADVANCED COURSE—1908.

Bailey, Flora B.	Perry, Iowa
Brainard, Mary A.	Waterloo, Iowa
Cook, Estella	Chariton, Iowa
Duncan, Charlotte	Sioux City, Iowa
Gibbs, Stella O.	Council Bluffs, Iowa
Gladden, Alice R.	Carthage, Mo.
Parker, Marian	Fremont, Neb.
Penrose, Alma N.	Iowa College Library, Grinnell, Iowa
Terrill, Katharine	Ames, Iowa

## FOR SPECIAL COURSES—1908.

c—Arthur, Muriel	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
c—Bachman, Gertrude M.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
c—Burd, Mrs. Priscilla	Kansas City, Mo.
d—Chaplin, Mrs. Anna H.	Mason City, Iowa
c—Coulter, Mrs. Helen	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
c—Doughty, Anna P.	Joliet, Ill.
d—Forward, Mary C.	Rockton Ill.
d—Frank, Mrs. Pauline	Kearney, Neb.
c—Giffman, Lillian R.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
d—Gregory, Winifred	Waterloo, Iowa
d—Hill, Grace	Oskaloosa, Iowa
d—McRaith, Helen	Iowa City, Iowa
c—Robbins, Ethel A.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
d—Rosemond, Mary	Des Moines, Iowa
d—Sawyer, Mrs. Nellie S.	Muscatine, Iowa
d—Swan, M. Blanche	Mt. Pleasant, Iowa

NOTE.—Letter c indicates those taking children's course only; letter d indicates those taking documents course only.

*Periodical Exchange.* Librarians are encouraged to collect volumes of a few selected magazines that are of value for reference purposes, and hence the periodical exchange is placed at the service of the libraries of the State, without any cost further than the payment of transportation on the magazines sent. Individuals and libraries in all parts of the State have contributed generously, both entire volumes and single numbers to the collection.

During the biennial period there have been 1782 complete volumes and 3506 single numbers of magazines sent out, making an aggregate of about 13,718 single magazines contributed to the various libraries to aid in building up their reference collections.

## TRAVELING LIBRARY

The Library Commission believes that the most effective Traveling Library work is accomplished through co-operation with other educational agencies. The stimulus given by such organizations to study and reading is met by the books loaned from the Traveling Library. Many organizations have made use of the books, while the following organizations have constantly utilized the Traveling Library to supplement and extend their work in connection with lectures, classes, etc.

*State Agricultural Extension Department.* Traveling libraries of agricultural books have been loaned to the Agricultural Extension Department for exhibits, wherever a "Short Course" is given. The farmers have had an opportunity to examine the books and are encouraged to send for books for further reading. Farmers' study clubs have been formed in conjunction with the "Short Course" work, and the Traveling Library books used for the course of study. Books on the following subjects have been in demand:

Crops,	Drainage,
Soils,	Corn culture,
Milk,	Animal husbandry,
Butter-making,	Poultry raising,
Corn judging,	Vegetable gardening,
Fruit growing,	Pests and blights.

The books purchased have been carefully selected in consultation with the Agricultural Extension Department, and many valuable federal and state agricultural bulletins recommended by the Department have been circulated by the Traveling Library.

*State High School Debating League.* The Traveling Library has furnished a list of books and magazine references on the annual subject of debate, which has served not only to show available material in the Traveling Library but as an aid to public libraries and debating teams for local purchase.

Many of the teams depend entirely upon the Traveling Library for references, being located in towns where there are no public libraries and many have expressed the belief that were it not for the literature furnished by the Traveling Library to these teams, the work could not have been developed to its present state of efficiency in the discussion of the stimulating and timely subjects considered by the League.

Y. M. C. A. Through the county system of the Y. M. C. A., use is made of the regular Traveling Libraries, while special books to assist the secretaries in the study of the boy problem have been selected at the request of the State Secretary of Boy's Work Department, and are loaned to the several county centers.

*Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs.* Constant and increasing use has been made by the Federated Clubs of the Traveling Library for reference books on subjects of club study. Frequent expressions of grateful appreciation of the books have been made by the clubs in the towns where no public libraries exist as it would be almost impossible to carry on their club study without the use of these books.

The active work of this organization had much to do with securing the creation of the Library Commission and the Traveling Library, and the co-operation has continued since that time.

The study club programs provided by the program committee of the I. F. W. C. have been in constant use in connection with the loan of books to study clubs. The co-operation with this committee is especially close inasmuch as the Librarian of the Traveling Library is a member of the Committee.

The Library committee of the I. F. W. C. has for years been active in promoting the use of the Traveling Library, and the present committee has urged through letter, printed matter and public address the use of the Traveling Library for general reading in the smaller towns where no library exists, as a method of altruistic work for the clubs, in behalf of the young people.

*Reference material for study and debate.* Many study clubs and debating teams, not a part of the State organizations, and individual students preparing for State certificates, graduation orations and thesis work, have made continuous use of the Traveling Library.

Each mail brings requests for reference aids on many subjects, and when there is little material in book form because of the current interest in the subjects, the periodical exchange is drawn upon for magazines. It is seldom that the Traveling Library is not able to meet in some measure, usually a large one, the demands made upon it.

Among the many subjects upon which material has been furnished, in addition to the many topics under the general head of literature, art, history, etc., are the following:

Postal Savings Banks,	Ship Subsidies,
Guarantee Bank Deposits,	Direct Primaries,
Parcels Posts,	Patent Medicine,

Initiative and Referendum,  
Election of Senators,  
Waterways,  
Manual Training,  
Capital Punishment,  
Juvenile Courts,  
Domestic Science in Schools,  
Child Labor,  
Disposal of Garbage,  
Prevention of Tuberculosis,  
Divorce Laws,  
Municipal Ownership,  
Disarmament,  
Prohibition,  
Need of Local Hospitals,  
Reclaim of Arid West,  
Forestry,

Revision of Tariff,  
Trade Unions,  
Inheritance Tax,  
Spelling Reform,  
Commission Plan of City Government,  
Federal Regulation of Railroads,  
Church Union,  
Equal Suffrage,  
Open Shop,  
Immigration,  
Industrial Training,  
Pure Food Laws,  
Hygienic Homes,  
Sanitary Conditions of Dairy Products.

*Books for the Blind.* There are 122 books in the collection for the use of blind readers, most of these being in New York Point, including a few primers for beginners. The use of the books must of necessity be limited and the circulation of the books is not large as the process of reading is more or less laborious. During the period covered by the report 520 volumes have been loaned, these being mailed singly to individual readers. 72 applications have been filed for use of the books.

*Traveling Picture Collections.* Two picture collections, Gallery of Masterpieces and Venice of To-day, have been exhibited in libraries and public schools and used by study clubs in the following places:

Eagle Grove,	Whiting,
Clarksville,	Marshalltown,
Dunlap,	Onawa,
Iowa City,	Manilla,
Marengo,	Manning,
Pella—Central College,	Newton,
Clinton,	Oskaloosa,
Boone,	Sanborn,
Nevada,	Charles City,
Des Moines College,	Dallas Center.

A collection of books accompanies each of these exhibits. The reports regarding the interest manifested by the public are most satisfactory, and there is no doubt but that the lending of good pictures has a place in the work of a Traveling Library.



Stereoscope pictures of travel have been circulated in connection with study club work, and "for shut ins" and have proven to be a valuable supplement to the books.

Picture bulletins have been loaned to libraries, accompanied by a group of books on the subject of the bulletin, thus stimulating and encouraging the reading of books on specific subjects. It is hoped to extend this work.

In order to safeguard those who use the Traveling Library books the collections are thoroughly fumigated when returned. If books are in use in a household where there are such contagious diseases as diphtheria, scarlet fever or small-pox, the books are destroyed by the health officer and a signed statement from him is placed on file.

*Summary.* The books in the entire Traveling Library collection, July 1, 1908, numbered 16,849 and are divided as follows:

160 libraries for general reading in fixed collections.....	8,000
Open shelf—subject collections for study and graded books for rural schools .....	8,849
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>16,849</b>

During the biennial period there were sent out 37,322 books in answer to 1,489 requests as follows:

	No. Lib. Sent.	No. Vols. Sent.
Public Libraries .....	174	7,350
Public Schools .....	127	5,402
Study Clubs .....	527	6,430
Library Associations and other organizations .....	255	12,241
Taxpayers .....	117	5,418
	1,200	36,841
Requests from Individuals .....	298	481
	1,498	37,322

## FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES ARRANGED BY COUNTIES

(On a municipal tax basis.)

Adair County.....	None
Adams County .....	Corning
Allamakee County .....	None
Appanoose County .....	Centerville
Audubon County .....	None
Benton County .....	Vinton
Black Hawk County .....	Waterloo, Cedar Falls
Boone County .....	Boone
Bremner County .....	Waverly
Buchanan County .....	Independence
Buena Vista County .....	Storm Lake
Butler County .....	None
Calhoun County .....	Rockwell City, Lake City
Carroll County .....	Carroll
Cass County .....	Atlantic
Cedar County .....	Tipton, West Branch
Cerro Gordo County .....	Mason City
Cherokee County .....	Cherokee
Chickasaw County .....	Nashua, New Hampton
Clarke County .....	Osceola
Clay County .....	Spencer
Clayton County .....	None
Clinton County .....	Clinton, De Witt
Crawford County .....	Denison
Dallas County .....	Perry
Davis County .....	None
Decatur County .....	Leon
Delaware County .....	Manchester
Des Moines County .....	Burlington
Dickinson County .....	Spirit Lake
Dubuque County .....	Dubuque
Emmet County .....	Estherville
Fayette County .....	Hawkeye
Floyd County .....	Charles City
Franklin County .....	Hampton

Fremont County	Tama
Greene County	Jefferson
Grundy County	None
Guthrie County	Stuart
Hancock County	None
Hardin County	Eldora, Iowa Falls, Alden
Harrison County	Missouri Valley, Woodbine
Henry County	Mt. Pleasant
Howard County	Cresco
Humboldt County	Humboldt
Ida County	None
Iowa County	Marengo
Jackson County	Maquoketa
Jasper County	Newton, Colfax
Jefferson County	Fairfield
Johnson County	Iowa City
Jones County	Anamosa, Monticello
Keokuk County	None
Kossuth County	Algona
Lee County	Ft. Madison, Keokuk
Linn County	Cedar Rapids, Central City, Marion, Mt. Vernon
Louisa County	None
Lucas County	Chariton
Lyon County	Rock Rapids
Madison County	Winterset
Mahaska County	Oskaloosa
Marion County	Pella
Marshall County	Marshalltown
Mills County	Glenwood
Mitchell County	Osage
Monona County	Onawa
Monroe County	Albia
Montgomery County	Red Oak
Muscatine County	Muscatine, West Liberty
O'Brien County	Sheldon, Sanborn, Paullina
Osceola County	None
Page County	Clarinda, Shenandoah
Palo Alto County	Emmetsburg
Plymouth County	Le Mars
Pocahontas County	Laurens
Polk County	Des Moines
Pottawattamie County	Council Bluffs
Poweshiek County	Grinnell
Ringgold County	None
Sac County	Odebolt
Scott County	Davenport
Shelby County	None
Sioux County	Hawarden
Story County	Ames, Nevada, Maxwell

Tama County	Tama
Taylor County	None
Union County	None
Van Buren County	None
Wapello County	Ottumwa, Eddyville, Eldon
Warren County	Indianola
Washington County	Washington
Wayne County	None
Webster County	Ft. Dodge
Winnebago County	Forest City
Winneshek County	None
Woodbury County	Sioux City
Worth County	None
Wright County	Clarion, Eagle Grove

## ENDOWED LIBRARY.

Hamilton County	Webster City (Kendall Young Library)
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## STATISTICS OF IOWA

## FREE PUBLIC

Number	Place	Population 1905	Name of Library	Librarian	Year Founded	Total Number Volumes
1	Albia	2,057	Free Public	Mrs. Laura M. Duncan	1905	2,223
2	Algona	3,047	Free Public	Mrs. E. M. Horton	1899	5,103
3	Ames	3,232	Free Public	Kittie B. Freed	1904	3,096
4	Anamosa	2,578	Free Public	Cornelia McCann	1908	4,223
5	Atlantic	4,893	Free Public	Mary N. Adams	1903	3,953
6	Boone	9,600	Free Public	Bessie Moffatt	1885	9,757
7	Burlington	25,318	Free Public	Daisy B. Sabin	1880	24,957
8	Carroll	3,233	Free Public	Mrs. Martha H. Bangs	1900	2,349
9	Cedar Falls	5,329	Free Public	Eunice H. Overman	1876	6,151
10	Cedar Rapids	25,759	Free Public	Harriet A. Wood	1886	16,395
11	Centerville	5,997	Free Public	Beth Gault	1902	6,907
12	Central City	607	John C. Clegg	Mrs. Howard Bliss	1895	2,000
13	Chariton	4,045	Free Public	Estella Cook	1898	2,509
14	Charles City	4,566	Free Public	Eva L. Fitch	1878	6,519
15	Cherokee	3,998	Free Public	Jessie P. Swem	1908	5,117
16	Clarinda	4,020	Free Public	Mrs. Clara B. Willis	1906	2,797
17	Clarion	1,885	Morgan Everts	Mrs. George Eldridge	1907	1,949
18	Clinton	22,756	Free Public	Grace Mullany	1902	14,670
19	Colfax	2,533	Free Public	Josephine B. Logsdon	1902	1,857
20	Corning	1,943	Free Public	Sara Shepard	1897	4,198
21	Council Bluffs	25,231	Free Public	Mrs. Mary E. Dailey	1883	21,800
22	Cresco	3,231	Free Public	Margaret E. Copeland	1903	3,235
23	Davenport	39,707	Free Public	Grace D. Rose	1900	20,112
24	Denison	3,173	Free Public	Grace E. Myers	1904	4,905
25	Des Moines	75,626	Free Public	Ellis M. McLoney	1882	37,440
26	De Witt	1,508	Free Public	Elzie Saxton	1902	1,800
27	Dubuque	41,941	Carnegie-Stout	Lillian B. Arnold	1902	24,302
28	Eagle Grove	3,122	Free Public	Mrs. B. Y. Miller	1902	1,681
29	Edgelyville	1,127	Free Public	Mabel Rigs	1902	1,313
30	Elton	2,316	Free Public	Jessie Alford	1905	1,102
31	Eldora	2,278	Free Public	Elva Greef	1878	4,070
32	Emmetsburg	2,750	Free Public	Miss Florence Bust	1900	1,800
33	Estherville	2,659	Free Public	Mrs. H. H. Davidson	1894	4,075
34	Fairfield	5,009	Free Public	H. M. Dysart	1900	14,317
35	Forest City	1,963	Free Public	Pearl M. Bahner	1900	2,317
36	Fort Dodge	14,329	Free Public	Mrs. J. M. Carpenter	1890	10,357
37	Fort Madison	8,287	Cattermole	Rebecca Hesser	1893	6,500
38	Galva	500	Free Public	Ida Ackert	1900	544
39	Glenwood	3,305	Free Public	Emma Beckman	1900	1,810
40	Grinnell	4,234	Stewart Public	Flora F. Carr	1894	3,648
41	Hampton	2,900	Free Public	Helen Sweet	1891	4,878
42	Hawarden	2,019	Free Public	Jennie P. Smith	1901	1,719
43	Hawkeye	635	Free Public	Mrs. L. J. Shales	1898	1,000
44	Humboldt	1,637	Free Public	Grace Shellenberger	1907	900
45	Independence	2,838	Free Public	Minnie Markham	1874	3,567
46	Indianola	3,358	Free Public	Fannah M. Bebl	1893	5,372
47	Iowa City	8,497	Free Public	Helen McRath	1897	10,366
48	Iowa Falls	3,049	Free Public	Mrs. Florence Anders	1901	2,797

## LIBRARIES FOR 1908

## LIBRARIES

Number	Volumes Added 1908	Number Volumes Loaned 1908	Borrowers		Expenditures		Persons Employed not including Janitors						
			City	Country	Tax Income	Income from Other Sources	Books	Binding	Periodicals	Salaries of Librarians and Assistants	Paid	Volunteer	Hours per Week
1	266	13,408	1,627	10	1,181	190	187	47	77	486	9	1	23
2	383	12,426	1,145	9	1,118	180	365	75	69	540	8	1	25
3	564	9,288	427	12	1,013	83	136	50	50	629	8	1	24
4	195	10,302	1,200	8	988	219	136	50	50	819	1	1	27
5	590	30,024	2,000	14	1,890	202	245	50	50	480	1	1	28
6	945	14,700	3,342	8	2,858	1,022	114	74	1,000	5	1	1	66
7	1,674	79,556	6,322	6	6,809	180	1,081	677	181	2,310	4	2	75
8	252	6,017	572	6	829	176	81	80	450	36	1	1	36
9	255	30,220	1,559	3	2,972	394	304	73	791	7	2	1	51
10	1,890	99,630	8,298	171	8,558	1,615	1,923	705	855	3,955	9	2	54
11	411	21,628	2,057	3	1,480	1,524	354	77	47	600	9	2	54
12	149	150	130	150	130	130	130	130	130	130	130	130	130
13	238	19,387	870	24	906	144	44	42	42	308	2	1	23
14	292	22,219	2,733	15	1,859	274	55	43	48	482	2	1	24
15	372	15,732	1,448	9	1,247	221	91	80	470	1	1	1	33
16	675	13,750	1,533	347	1,537	731	132	89	132	890	1	1	30
17	1,949	18,000	813	9	2,801	1,481	1,120	80	63	275	1	1	20
18	591	69,095	7,879	4	4,703	799	134	130	1,712	4	1	1	72
19	243	7,006	588	4	485	69	12	35	900	30	1	1	30
20	267	7,802	1,000	4	785	131	85	23	229	1	1	1	18
21	1,023	87,199	6,884	14	7,791	601	714	749	27	3,332	2	1	70
22	291	6,521	646	4	435	69	12	35	900	30	1	1	11
23	2,838	158,972	10,070	5	11,263	727	2,280	874	274	3,996	7	1	75
24	769	16,732	1,629	5	1,628	420	1,640	51	47	429	1	1	70
25	4,581	189,352	9,472	18,408	4,535	1,696	628	9,390	12	1	1	1	70
26	232	6,881	400	5	615	89	105	20	220	1	1	1	30
27	1,611	112,081	11,700	7	7,772	1,079	556	337	3,155	8	1	1	75
28	131	6,471	880	7	717	19	60	22	28	309	1	1	14
29	18	678	5,994	14	134	104	15	18	48	1	1	1	1
30	254	7,074	700	22	418	202	5	18	308	1	1	1	30
31	896	10,686	708	5	1,436	303	14	66	360	1	1	1	33
32													
33	402	15,332	1,147	4	1,015	188	169	78	445	1	1	1	45
34	107	11,288	9,259	1	1,030	417	43	44	68	630	3	1	14
35	130	6,727	702	1	613	90	44	40	206	1	1	1	30
36	648	31,632	1,001	16	3,681	25	559	267	173	1,900	2	1	66
37	214	23,402	1,661	1	1,802	290	15	9	83	570	3	1	54
38	98	1,774	90	39	85	9	118	70	27	390	1	1	48
39	14	7,689	640	94	633	110	70	87	390	1	1	1	48
40	283	27,976	2,038	44	1,750	297	117	103	772	2	1	1	50
41	223	7,155	938	3	1,371	245	215	75	286	1	1	1	30
42	159	6,968	643	4	470	54	144	48	95	195	1	1	10
43		2,189				54		5	25	1	1	1	4
44					1,020								
45	176	5,645	684	4						47	300	1	27
46	328	11,492	1,100		1,517		255	81	96	506	2	1	61
47	841	39,598	3,234	396	2,518	122	845	266	853	1,340	3	1	75
48	143	10,629	750	4	1,002	40			90	300	1	1	46



Number	Place	Population 1905	Name of Library	Librarian	Year Founded	Total Number Volumes
49	Jefferson	2,456 Free	Public	Mrs. Ida B. Head	1891	2,981
50	Keokuk	14,004 Free	Public	Nannie P. Fulton	1894	17,888
51	Laird City	1,400 Free	Public	Blanche L. Hockett	1894	1,835
52	Laurens	753 Free	Public	Mrs. E. C. Strain	1894	1,000
53	Le Mars	5,041 Free	Public	Mae Smith	1885	5,429
54	Leon	2,027 Free	Public	Mrs. Edmondine Jackson	1898	4,000
55	Manchester	2,073 Free	Public	Archie C. Woods	1884	4,040
56	Maquoketa	5,696 Free	Public	Ida M. Stimpson	1904	6,288
57	Marengo	2,072 Free	Public	Pearl Hamilton	1902	5,700
58	Marion	1,112 Free	Public	Mabel Alexander	1902	2,138
59	Marshalltown	12,045 Free	Public	Grace King Haviland	1888	12,500
60	Mason City	5,837 Free	Public	Mrs. Anna H. Chapin	1899	8,180
61	Maxwell	881 Free	Public	Effie Blosser	1902	1,111
62	Missouri Valley	2,380 Free	Public	Mrs. M. J. Graybill	1900	5,014
63	Monticello	2,156 Free	Public	Mrs. A. E. Hosford	1904	3,677
64	Mount Pleasant	5,576 Free	Public	Mrs. Flor. McKibben	1902	5,571
65	Mount Vernon	1,404 Pub. and College		May L. Fairbanks	1884	800
66	Muscatine	15,087 P. M. Musser		Mrs. E. L. Mahin	1901	11,111
67	Nashua	1,838 Free	Public	Fannie V. Eastman	1902	2,438
68	Nevada	1,032 Free	Public	Kate E. Thompson	1876	900
69	New Hampton	2,000 Free	Public	Mrs. C. V. Bryant	1907	1,241
70	Newton	4,308 Free	Public	Mrs. M. A. Satchell	1903	5,200
71	Ohelsht	2,031 Free	Public	Stella L. Wiley	1903	2,600
72	Okear	2,061 Free	Public	Etta Westlake	1875	3,121
73	Osgae	2,677 Sage	Public	Mrs. Emma H. Wilson	1898	3,000
74	Osceola	2,550 Free	Public	Grace Hill	1899	2,925
75	Oskaloosa	10,503 Free	Public	May B. Ditch	1900	24,005
76	Ottumwa	20,181 Free	Public	Ethel Hall	1907	6,000
77	Paulina	672 Free	Public	Irvin Van Zante	1898	4,000
78	Pella	2,000 Carnegie-Verseu		Flora B. Bailey	1904	3,330
79	Perry	4,173 Free	Public	Sarah Palmer	1907	893
80	Rock Oak	4,007 Free	Public	Mrs. H. Allen	1898	1,000
81	Rock Rapids	1,709 Free	Public	Mrs. Patti S. DeBoer	1892	4,000
82	Saraborn	1,720 Free	Public	Marguerite E. King	1903	3,475
83	Sheldahl	2,664 Free	Public	Mrs. M. C. McColl	1895	3,800
84	Shenandoah	1,248 Free	Public	M. Berdena Jay	1905	3,263
85	Sioux City	10,932 Free	Public	Mrs. R. Oberholster	1877	20,000
86	Spencer	5,137 Free	Public	Mrs. L. M. Doble	1899	3,450
87	Spirit Lake	1,841 Free	Public	Minnie Stowe	1901	1,000
88	Storm Lake	2,329 Free	Public	Grace L. Yerington	1906	1,830
89	Stuart	2,046 Free	Public	Kathryn McMullin	1902	1,970
90	Swanwick	2,212 Free	Public	Charles C. Chase	1902	1,000
91	Tipton	2,123 Free	Public	Helen Harwood	1901	1,740
92	Villisca	2,180 Free	Public	Frankie J. Barker	1907	1,730
93	Winton	18,871 Free	Public	Elizabeth P. Williams	1907	1,000
94	Washington	4,446 Jane A. Chilcote		Eva G. Denny	1878	7,723
95	Waterloo	9,475 Free	Public	Fanny Duren	1907	14,827
96	Waverly	3,353 Free	Public	Mrs. B. Whitmore	1902	2,953
97	Webster	2,000 Free	Public	E. D. Burgess	1898	1,000
98	West Branch	67 Enlow		Golda Branson	1904	1,000
99	West Liberty	1,633 Free	Public	Mrs. Lou Harow	1901	1,000
100	Westport	2,050 Free	Public	Edna Cady	1902	2,225
101	Woodbine	1,500 Free	Public	Maud Van Scoy	1908	1,000

\* Indicates Carnegie building occupied.  
\*\*Endowed.

FOR 1908—CONTINUED

Number	Borrowers				Expenditures										Persons Employed not including Janitors	Hours Per Week
	Volumes Added 1908	Number Volumes Loaned 1908	City	Country	Tax Income	Income from Other Sources	Books	Blinding	Periodicals	Salaries of Librarians and Assistants	Paid	Volunteer				
40	333	9,818	649	2	1,065		314		39		1		80			
41	220	6,229	4,267	1	3,000	878	682	234	72	1,308	3		54			
42	31	269	2,601	103						300	1		5			
43	15	9,000	50	30	804					52			5			
44	215	14,438	11,531	14	533		213	319	41	62			5			
45	215	9,093	860	8	600		284			20			30			
46	304	9,955	1,312	12	1,065	156	55	95	62	419	1		33			
47	281	11,185	1,692	26	1,222	305	279	39	62	369	1		33			
48	308	11,983	1,000	10	958	431	216	90	69	300	1		38			
49	197	10,212	1,400	80	1,183		189	88	4	1,169	1		86			
50	151	5,419	4,983	36	3,538		389	333	177	2,100	2		68			
51	498	32,743	2,000		8,114	150	293	388	177	1,165	3		101			
52	61	559	715	3	585		59		11	239	1		3			
53	123	1,622	1,100	2			241		150	480	1		25			
54	329	16,828	953	3			5	150	110	480	1		25			
55	64	7,118	7,112	1,555	11	9,506	1,273	116	156	600	2	2	72			
56	119	10,287	1,000	20		5,328	2,038	44	331	1,700	3		62			
57	177	41,983	5,066	106	4,123		990	40	139	1,788			83			
58	67	371	7,612	41	27	400	40	144	47	236	1		18			
59	65	6,665	565	4	976	47	177		50	809	1		24			
60	99	6,657	320													
61	399	18,560	1,833	50	1,830	149	885	19	79	787	1	1	43			
62	153	5,768	708	10	497	154	87	40	4	134	1		21			
63	197	14,155		78	787	970	698	80	50	220	1	1	21			
64	127	12,665	1,013	15	1,384	538	130	50	75	200	1		83			
65	111	35,881	6,718	9	3,339		670	238	98	1,059	3		93			
66	176	1,887	80,044	8,232	33	5,232	1,690	201	176	2,155	4	9	69			
67	230	1,969	27				100			35	200					
68	199	17,831	8,232	36	1,005					43						
69	618	14,580	1,490	24	1,105		473	65	33	439	1		81			
70	807	5,185	792	6	1,438		705		38	112	1		31			
71	218	5,383	456	6	505		90	9		141	1		33			
72	230	1,969	27				100	9	100	49	1		7			
73	256	8,292	802	8	1,200		20	22		1			16			
74	445	10,964	1,432	191	1,339		211	80	60	480	1		79			
75	255	85,465	1,432	191	1,339		1,348	473	673	8,323	3		70			
76	230	10,978	1,432	7	927	19	139	168		100	1		70			
77	6	6,889			975	11	172	33	16	82	1		10			
78	214	7,658	904	10			320	1	38	873	1		35			
79	308	14,965	500	12	657	14	61	124	33	216	1		30			
80	97	9,159	84	7	679		197	17	9	180	1		11			
81	608	9,773	836	34	2,985	64	331	62		435	3		39			
82	608	9,773	836	34	1,104		431		24	100	1		31			
83	164	16,588	1,030	9	1,432		611	126	81	600	1		35			
84	176	14,796	1,049	8	654		185	67	83	890	1		38			
85	1,960	70,869	4,000		7,302	29	1,386	903	237	2,977	6		69			
86	131	6,941	848		1,103		444	48	49	400	1		33			
87																
88	168	4,681	282	14	250	49	44	11	52	150	1		27			
89	168	14,201	1,097	28	784	39	120	34	55	800	1		80			
90	875	15,151	1,430		1,682		704	82	60	605	2		16			



## COLLEGE AND ACADEMY LIBRARIES.

Place	Name of Library	Librarian	Volumes Added, 1908	Total Num- ber Volumes
Cedar Rapids	Coe College	Mary I. Amidon	303	4,914
Charles City	Charles City College	H. Kuhlmann		
Clinton	Warburg College	Blanche Van Wagoner		1,178
College Springs	Amity College	C. E. Naeseth	748	15,394
Decorah	Luther College	Caroline B. Freese		
Denison	Normal College	Miss Blanche Galloway		
Des Moines	Des Moines College	P. P. Hornsby	2,846	10,881
Des Moines	Drake University	Prof. Geo. J. Fritschel	100	8,000
Des Moines	Grand View College	Helen I. Hanna	10	8,965
Des Moines	Highland Park College	Mrs. Elizabeth Whitney	8,224	5,017
Dubuque	Warburg Seminary	Mrs. Perrin H. Alderson	563	4,022
Epworth	Epworth Seminary	L. A. Mathre	100	1,100
Fairfield	Parsons College	A. L. Brown		
Fayette	Upper Iowa University	L. L. Dickerson	1,793	32,377
Forest City	Waldorf College	Chas. E. Drake	400	5,000
Fort Dodge	Webster County Teachers	J. P. Peterson		
Grimmell	Iowa College	Theodosia Hamilton		
Hopkinton	Lenox College	Wendell Thorpe	400	2,000
Humboldt	Humboldt College	T. J. Fitzpatrick		4,125
Indianola	Simpson College	Mrs. Kate L. Hanson		482
Iowa Falls	Ellsworth College	Hortense M. Stetler	320	2,790
Lamoni	Graceland College	M. Blanche Swan	1,084	5,555
Le Grand	Palmer College	May L. Fairbanks		
Mason City	Memorial University	Henry W. Pletenpol	40	3,000
Mount Pleasant	Iowa Wesleyan University	M. Alice Fullerton	300	4,000
*Mount Vernon	Cornell College	Rose E. Lewis	1,000	6,000
Orange City	Rapely Academy	Martha Firth	50	2,750
Osage	Cedar Valley Seminary	Ruth Snider	10	200
Oskaloosa	Penn College	Mrs. J. M. Hussey		
Pella	Central University	Blanche B. Watts	1,787	6,688
Salem	Whittier College	Irwin Billman	338	5,100
Shenandoah	Western Normal College	Harriet K. Avery	270	7,000
Sioux City	Morningside College	W. L. Veny	28	5,000
Storm Lake	Buena Vista College			
Tabor	Tabor College			
Toledo	Leander Clarke College			

\*Joint use of college and town.

FOURTH REPORT

## STATISTICS OF IOWA LIBRARIES FOR 1908—ASSOCIATION AND SUBSCRIPTION LIBRARIES.

Place	Population	Name of Library	Librarian	Total Num- ber Volumes
Alden	775	Public	Florence E. Hill	1,729
Anthon	606	Public	Mrs. Margaret Cooney	1,478
Andubon	1,794	Columbian	Miss R. J. Fish	1,435
Avoca	1,315	Public	Mrs. C. B. Consigny	611
Belle Plaine	3,222	Public	Mayme Fisher	1,829
Clear Lake	1,629	Public	Hannah Bowers	1,800
Correctionville	1,300	Association	Mrs. F. W. Woodruff	1,400
Corydon	1,080	Public	Mrs. L. O. Reed	1,500
Decorah	2,518	Public	Elizabeth B. Patterson	625
Dunklap	1,222	Fortnightly Club	Mrs. Bertha Born	
Exira	820	Thursday Club	F. P. Reed	1,550
Garden Grove	630	Association	Marion Hodgdon	1,212
Garner	1,200	Association	Mrs. Stella G. Sargent	1,200
Greene	1,224	Public	Anna Goodrich	200
Grundy Center	1,500	Association	Alice Sandberg	200
Ida Grove	2,100	Public	Mrs. H. H. Scott	200
Kiron	200	Association	Della C. Renaud	284
La Porte City	1,347	Public	Mrs. Ella F. Dickinson	5,213
Lynnville	500	Association	D. A. Dale	200
Lyons	500	Young Men's Association	Mrs. Kate S. Eno	577
Macedonia	353	Public	Lester Cooley	
Manson	1,350	Public	Mrs. Carrie Jones	1,650
Monroe	836	Association	E. C. Latta	628
Northwood	1,373	Association	Mrs. May H. Douglass	
Norwalk	332	Association	Belle Scott	
Parkersburg	1,114	Public	Clare Persons	605
Paton	321	Public	Mrs. Anna Wilmet	700
Postville	908	Public	Mrs. C. W. Banning	881
Redfield	609	Association	Mrs. Taylor	645
Sac City	2,120	Public	Florence Stafford	505
Salem	600	Association	Mrs. Roma W. Woods	
Seymour	2,063	Association	Miss Zella Skinner	
Sibley	1,500	Association	Florence Kirkendall	
Sumner	1,474	Culture Club		
Sutherland	602	Gen. N. B. Baker		
Wauke	400	Association		
Wellman	700	Public		
West Union	1,883	Public		
What Cheer	2,381	Thursday Club		
Wilton	1,120	Association	Miss Allen	2,000

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## LIBRARIES IN STATE INSTITUTIONS.

Place	Name of Library	Librarian	Volumes Added, 1908	Total Num- ber Volumes
Ames	Iowa State College	Vina E. Clark		10,000
Cedar Falls	State Normal School	Ellen B. Biscoe	2,184	24,900
Des Moines	State Library	Johnson Brigham	5,346	102,471
Des Moines	Historical Department		712	16,353
Des Moines	Traveling Library	Margaret W. Brown	1,596	17,574
Des Moines	Horticultural Society	Wesley Greene	35	1,462
Des Moines	State Board of Health	L. A. Thomas		
Iowa City	State Historical Society	Eliza L. Johnson	4,281	31,883
Iowa City	State University	Malcolm G. Wyer	4,576	60,000
Iowa City	Law Library	Merton L. Ferson	290	12,952

## STATE INSTITUTION LIBRARIES UNDER THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

Place	Name of Library	Total Volumes	Accessions	Volumes Loaned
Anamosa	State Reformatory	10,708	234	60,063
Clarinda	State Hospital	1,667	2	2,501
Cherokee	State Hospital	1,418	223	8,529
Council Bluffs	School for Deaf	5,125	67	6,063
Davenport	Soldiers' Orphans' Home	2,758	305	8,908
Ft. Madison	State Penitentiary	5,907	380	16,381
Glenwood	Institution for Feeble-Minded Children	1,341		815
Independence	State Hospital	2,854	359	2,240
Knoxville	Hospital for Inebriates	1,136	32	4,250
Marshalltown	Soldiers' Home	2,138		7,778
Mitchellville	Industrial School for Girls	1,977		4,943
Oakdale	State Sanatorium	108	108	
Vinton	College for Blind	6,077		1,323

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Place	Name of Library	Librarian	Volumes Added, 1908	Total Num- ber Volumes
Atlantic	J. K. Powers (I. O. O. F.)	W. B. Martin		
Cedar Rapids	Bohemian Reading Society	Frank Kurka	148	1,713
Cedar Rapids	Iowa Masonic	N. B. Parvin		23,000
Creston	Public School	Mrs. Gertrude Jay		3,372
Davenport	Academy of Science	J. H. Paarmann	1,308	
Davenport	Turner Bibliothek	J. G. A. Wunder		
Fort Dodge	James Grant Law	J. W. Ballinger		7,000
Knoxville	Webster County Teachers'		256	3,440
Lamoni	I. O. O. F.	Amanda Elliott		1,400
Lamoni	L. D. S. Church	H. H. Smith		
Sioux City	Teachers	Elizabeth Glenn	75	1,080
Trenton	Henry County Institute	Mrs. Carrie Morrison	40	1,900