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TWELFTH REPORT  
OF THE

# IOWA LIBRARY COMMISSION

TO THE  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

FOR THE

BIENNIAL PERIOD JULY 1, 1922 TO  
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Secretary

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Arrival of Box of Travelling Library Books at a Rural School

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

To HONORABLE NATHAN E. KENDALL, *Governor of Iowa:*

In compliance with Section 2888-f, Code Supplement 1913 (Section 4539, Code of 1924), I herewith transmit the twelfth report of the Iowa Library Commission for the biennial period, July 1, 1922, to June 30, 1924.

JULIA A. ROBINSON,  
Secretary, Iowa Library Commission.

Des Moines, Iowa, November 1, 1924.

## IOWA LIBRARY COMMISSION

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HEADQUARTERS: State Historical Building.

## Report of

## IOWA LIBRARY COMMISSION

### PERSONNEL

*Membership.* The terms of office of Mr. Orchard expired in 1923 and Mrs. Howe in 1924. Both were reappointed by the Governor.

Mrs. Towner's place on the commission became vacant by her removal to Porto Rico on the appointment of Judge Towner as Governor and Mr. Addison M. Parker of Des Moines was named to fill the vacancy.

Mrs. Towner was active in the promotion of the legislation establishing the Iowa Library Commission and was made a member of the commission on its creation in 1900. Her active interest and inspiration have been of large value to the commission and to library work in the state during the years of her membership and her resignation was a cause of much regret to all library workers in Iowa.

Mr. Parker who succeeded her is a strong friend of libraries and especially of the Traveling Library and his appointment was most satisfactory to all concerned.

The activities of the Iowa Library Commission are two-fold (1) extension and supervision of library facilities in Iowa and (2) the distribution of books through the Traveling Library.

*Commission Staff.* (1) The work of supervision and extension including as it does the oversight of all the libraries of the state involves a large correspondence with libraries of all kinds regarding beginnings, methods of operation, book selection, solution of problems, employment and instruction of librarians, and other phases of library work, also the sending out of blanks for the collection of library statistics and library data of all kinds, tabulating such statistics and connecting the library work of Iowa with that of other states by correspondence and attendance at library meetings.

It also includes, on the part of the secretary, visits to communities wishing to start libraries, to libraries already in existence for conferences with library boards and librarians, for the promotion of greater efficiency on the part of the libraries, and for addresses before communities and organizations of various kinds in the interest of reading and libraries. Some of the details are given later in this report.

For the actual work of organization of libraries according to modern methods the secretary does not have time and for this she has had the help of one or more trained assistants.

(2) To loan books by mail requires a larger working force than is necessary in loaning books over a library desk. The requests come by mail, there are letters to be opened and sorted, books and other material to be looked up and assembled for shipment, necessary records to be made that the whereabouts of the books may be known and their return assured, the books must be wrapped and shipped, letters and lists sent to borrowers, and on the return of the books they must be unwrapped and checked



Public Library Building, Harlan, Iowa

to be sure that none are missing and finally they must be returned to their places on the shelves to be ready for future use.

There is also included in the Traveling Library work the selection and ordering of books, the making up of fixed groups and the preparation of all books for circulation, the preparation of books for binding and after their return from the binder for circulation again and many minor details taking time, intelligence and accuracy.

The work of supervision and extension and much of the Traveling Library work can only be done by people of education, library training, knowledge of books, experience in handling them and knowledge of library methods.

The trained help in the Library Commission office for several years past has consisted of four librarians, being the Librarian

of the Traveling Library, the Reference Librarian, the Library Organizer and the Library Cataloger. This force has not been increased since 1915 when the requests numbered 2,544 and 36,000 books were loaned. In 1923 the requests numbered 6,875 and 62,000 books were loaned. With this increase of work a Library Assistant is needed who should be a trained librarian but need not have as wide an experience as the Librarian of the Traveling Library or the Reference Librarian as she will work under their supervision.

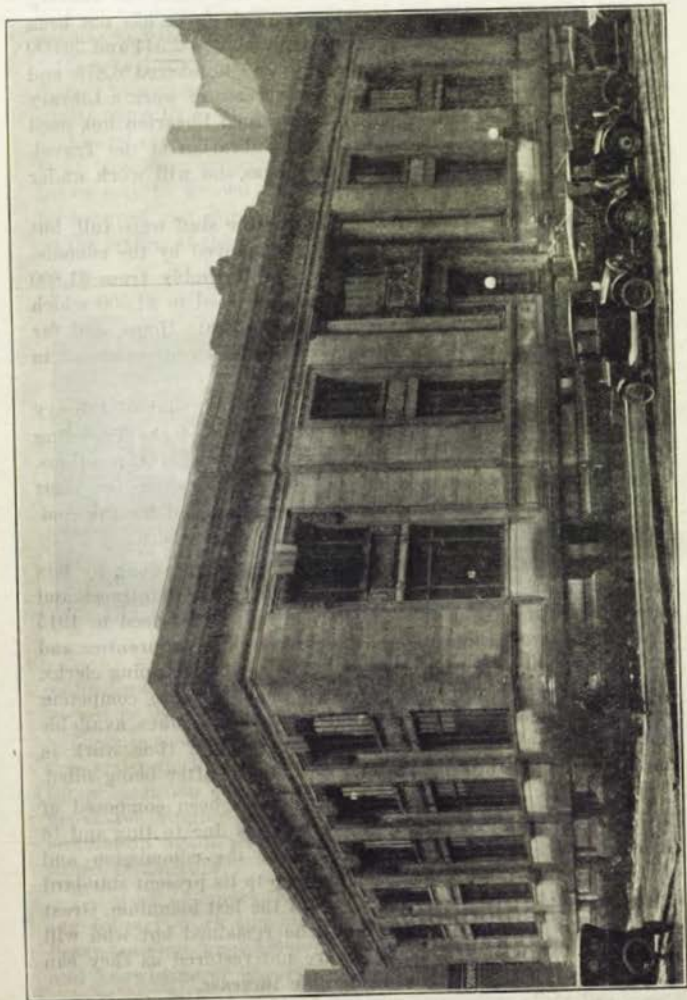
Not only is this number insufficient, if the staff were full, but a cut in salaries of the four librarians employed by the commission was made by the Fortieth General Assembly from \$1,800 and \$1,620 which they have previously received to \$1,500 which is less than is paid to many clerks in the State House and far less than librarians of even less qualifications can command in other libraries.

In consequence two vacancies soon occurred, that of Library Cataloger in September and of the Librarian of the Traveling Library in December, both going from \$1,500 to \$2,000 positions. Only temporary assistance has been available since for their work, as competent librarians such as are required for the commission work are receiving higher salaries elsewhere.

There is also much routine work which can be done by less skilled workers but requiring accuracy, intelligent interest and careful attention. For this the clerical help authorized in 1915 consisted of two stenographers, a record clerk, an apprentice and two high school boys who work half time each as shipping clerks. With the increase of work indicated above a more competent person is needed than an apprentice's salary makes available and there should be an additional boy for half time work in shipping that the orders may not be delayed after being filled.

The Library Commission staff has always been composed of faithful and conscientious workers and it is due to this and to their intensive service that the work of the commission and of the Traveling Library has been kept up to its present standard with a reduced staff during the stress of the last biennium. Great credit is due to the two librarians who remained but who will no longer remain if their salaries are not restored as they can go to other positions at a considerable increase.

The Library Commission is therefore asking that the salaries of the Librarian of the Traveling Library and the Reference Li-



Davenport Public Library, with Addition

brarian be restored to \$1,800 and of the Library Organizer and Library Cataloger to \$1,620 from which they were reduced by the last legislature, and that the commission be granted a library assistant at a salary of \$1,400 and that instead of an apprentice there shall be a general assistant at \$1,200 and three half time high school boys instead of two. Only this will enable the Library Commission to give satisfactory service to those dependent upon it for the book supply and library help which it was created to give.

## EXTENSION AND SUPERVISION

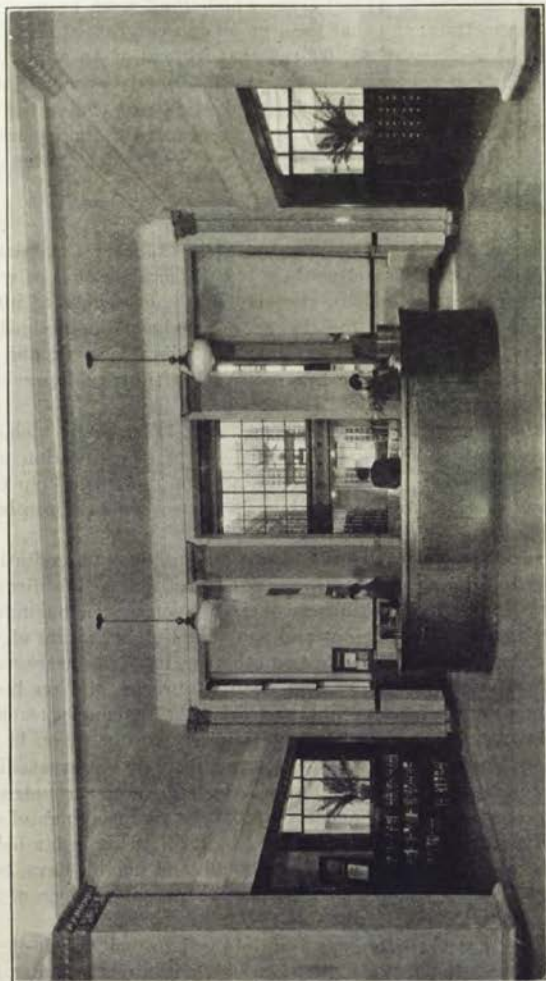
In view of the foregoing, a report of the Library Commission work for the biennium ending July 1, 1924, must be that of work done under pressure and unsatisfactorily done because of insufficient help in all lines for the Secretary has been obliged to carry the supervision of the Traveling Library work and its many details in addition to her own work of library supervision and extension in the state.

For this reason the Secretary was able to make no visits to public libraries during the biennium except in connection with meetings and when passing through a town and much help thus given to librarians and library boards in the past has been lacking.

Some help has been given in library beginnings but invitations of that kind often have been necessarily refused to the discouragement of the undertakings or their less successful beginning.

The Secretary was present and spoke at the dedication of one new building and additions to two others, a few talks were made before various organizations on county libraries and on books and the encouragement of library work. A few county teachers institutes were also visited but no publicity can be given to the Traveling Library work lest the demands become too great. District meetings of the Iowa Library Association were attended by the Secretary each year and six of the district meetings of the State Federation of Women's Clubs in 1923. This is far below what is usually done and what should and might have been done with sufficient help in the office to permit absence of the Secretary.

Not only has the Secretary been obliged to omit much of the work of supervision and extension which is directly under her charge that she may give time to the Traveling Library work but the details to which she must give attention because of



Loan Desk—Showing Catalogue and Reading Alcoves, Davenport Public Library

lack of help are many of them such as could be handled by a less expensive person and it does not seem good economy to employ her time in this way.

*Organizing.* A library to function efficiently needs modern methods of arrangement and management and for this special training and experience are necessary. As libraries in their beginning and the smaller libraries of the state at all times are unable to afford librarians so prepared the Library Commission is expected to help in placing the library in good working order.

As stated the commission in the past has had two assistants who gave their time to cataloging in the office and giving organizing assistance in the state. The continued vacancy in the cataloger's position with the pressure of work in the Traveling Library, caused by the vacancy there, has made it necessary to keep the one Organizer in the office much of the time for assistance in the Traveling Library work.

In consequence less help has been given in this direction during the past two years than the needs called for. Thirty-three libraries received help in organizing or cataloging, ten being public libraries, five school, two colleges, and fifteen association libraries, many of these making a beginning and requiring only a few days help in the simple organization necessary for them. This means a loss of efficiency on the part of the libraries as this organization is essential as a foundation for present usefulness and future growth.

Miss Beatrice Snow who occupies the position of Library Organizer is very competent for this work and her resignation would be a loss to library efficiency in the whole state but she cannot be retained longer at the low salary she is now receiving.

*Public Libraries.* As there are but five towns in Iowa with a population over 2,000 without libraries, the increase in tax supported libraries cannot be large as it is a question whether a town under that population can properly support a library. Nevertheless, five towns during the past two years have been successful in passing a vote for library support by tax, viz., Arnolds Park in Dickinson County with a population of 478, Arthur in Ida County with a population of 290, Coon Rapids in Carroll County with a population of 1,328, Humeston in Wayne County with a population of 1,214, and Ida Grove in Ida County with a population of 2,020. Coon Rapids had voted twice before without success. Farmington and Keosauqua both in Van Buren

County, one of the counties in Iowa without a tax supported library, failed to secure a majority for the establishment of a library.

*Subscription Libraries.* Library interest in the state, however, is very great and twenty-seven towns of various sizes have made library beginnings through association or membership libraries. Some of these may become tax supported, others will assist in creating a sentiment for a county supply of books and become the nucleus for a branch or station when county libraries shall be established.

As the support of these libraries is always precarious the number is always fluctuating, some dying and remaining so or afterwards being revived.

The women and women's clubs are generally responsible for these beginnings as well as the continuance of the libraries and much credit is due to those who have succeeded in maintaining a small collection of books for the use of the community through years of discouragement. Loans from the Traveling Library are valuable aids to these small libraries. The new ones are at Alton, Bellevue, Burt, Corwith, Dumont, Early, Everly, Farmersburg, Fonda, Gildden, Gravity, Hospers, Hull, Inwood, Ireton, Jesup, Lake Mills, Lake Park, Mapleton, Martinsburg, Milford, Newell, Pomeroy, Riceville, Sheffield, Silver City and Sioux Rapids.

*County Libraries.* As yet no county libraries have been established in Iowa. In Warren, Scott, Polk and other counties a quiet, continuous campaign is being carried on and this when taxes are not so high must result in favorable action on the part of the county officials.

Attempts to revise the law have been unsuccessful in two legislatures. The present law is workable but a county library can only be established by contract with a tax supported library already in existence and there are five counties with no tax supported library within their borders. Some of these have no town large enough to adequately support a library and a county library is therefore the best method of book supply but under the present law no county library can be established in those counties. Authority on the part of the county officials to establish an independent library would be desirable in the counties without tax supported libraries.

*Township Extension.* While Iowa has as yet no county libraries there are, however, twenty-three libraries in the state which are

extending their privileges to one or more townships outside their corporation limits. A list of these libraries follows:

	Townships	Mill Levy	Amount
Alden	1	.4	\$ 343.87
Cedar Rapids	1	..	..
Charles City	1	..	175.00
Clarinda	5	.5	1,273.09
Cresco	2	.5	944.62
Davenport	1	..	856.04
Dunlap	1	..	321.69
Eldon	1	..	373.39
Eldora	..	..	..
Ft. Dodge	1	..	275.00
Garner	1	..	93.98
Grinnell	1	.25	..
Grundy Center	1/2	..	31.75
Logan	1	..	73.75
Montezuma	1	.5	399.00
Onawa	..	..	717.87
Reinbeck	1/2	..	27.14
Sac City	1	.6	171.02
Sibley	1	..	881.65
Tipton	1	.4	297.60
Truer	1	.5	170.95
Winterset	1	..	..
Woodbine	1	1	1,214.62

*Library Buildings.* Two new library buildings have been erected during the biennium, the beautiful large one built by state appropriation at the State College at Ames costing \$47,000 and the public library building at Harlan through the gift of \$20,000 from Mr. H. H. Paup, a public spirited citizen.

An addition to the Davenport library building was made costing \$180,000 raised by city bonds and one to the Ericson building at Boone, the gift of Miss Rena Ericson, daughter of the donor of the building, and a \$6,000 addition to the Red Oak building given by Mrs. H. C. Lane to house the collection of books the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Lane in memory of their son.

*School Libraries.* Development of school libraries in Iowa is far less advanced than that of public libraries. There are school libraries in charge of librarians in the larger cities only and some of these are under teacher librarians.

The interest in school libraries is on the increase and requests for assistance in their organization are constantly received by the commission and help given where it is possible to do so. A school library supervisor would aid greatly in promotion of school libraries.

At present many rural towns and even consolidated schools depend largely on the traveling Library for their book supply. This is an impossible task and a school law requiring the purchase of a certain amount of books rigidly enforced is greatly needed.

*Supervising Librarian of State Institutions.* After a vacancy of four years this position was filled by the Board of Control in October, 1923, by the appointment of Miss Julia Stockett, a graduate of the Wisconsin Library School and with experience in army hospitals during and since the war.

*State Fair Exhibit.* Each year an exhibit of books, pictures, posters and other material representing the Traveling Library and library work of the state is held in the Women and Children's Building at the State Fair. While the attendance is never large the interest is such as to warrant the continuance of the exhibit.

The room in the basement assigned to the Library Commission is very damp and therefore unsatisfactory. With the erection of the new Education Building on the Fair Grounds the library exhibit will have a place with the other educational interests of the state.

*Efficiency.* A library is ranked today not by the number of volumes on its shelves but by the service which it renders to its community in the supply of books for reading for all purposes and in help in reference work on the part of the schools, women's clubs and all who wish for information of any kind.

The latter is difficult to measure for the number of questions answered gives no account of the time consumed in finding the information desired, and no satisfactory method of computation or report has been found.

Neither does the number of books loaned furnish a correct idea of the amount of reading furnished for some books may not be read at all while others are read many times. As this is something which can be counted in figures it is generally taken as the measure of a library's usefulness and the per capita circulation of books in a community as the basis for a library's ranking. As the per capita decreases with the increase in population comparison must be made between towns of the same size. Below is given the per capita circulation and per capita income of the libraries of the state arranged by population to facilitate comparison.

Place	Population	Income per Capita	Circulation per Capita
*Arthur	290	.....	.....
†Callender	376	.....	.....
Faton	478	.....	.....
*Arnolds Parks	414	1.93	10.7
Galva	539	.84	9.1
Hawkeye	582	1.20	5.5
Whiting	625	.....	18.6
Central City	688	.50	7.2

Place	Population	Income per Capita	Circulation per Capita
West Branch	688	.59	25.8
Mediapolis	780	1.64	9.7
Maxwell	811	.59	2.8
Alden	840	1.48	6.5
Wellman	875	.68	8.6
Laurens	914	.55	4.0
Pringhar	972	1.10	.....
Eddyville	961	.24	4.6
Paulina	987	1.17	.....
Parkersburg	1,108	.44	3.3
Malvern	1,195	1.46	4.3
*Humeston	1,214	.....	.....
Montezuma	1,273	2.18	7.0
Alta	1,290	1.08	7.1
Garner	1,311	1.23	13.0
Nashua	1,317	1.17	19.8
Coon Rapids	1,328	.....	.....
Traer	1,329	1.02	8.8
Reinbeck	1,415	2.06	8.3
Odebolt	1,445	.....	.....
Adel	1,445	1.90	7.0
Dunlap	1,445	1.05	6.1
Woodbine	1,463	1.59	9.8
Sanburn	1,498	.75	4.5
Toledo	1,604	1.04	6.3
Britt	1,619	1.11	6.7
Logan	1,637	1.64	6.4
Spirit Lake	1,701	1.59	8.3
Greenfield	1,707	1.09	8.3
Stuart	1,716	.86	8.4
Mt. Ayr	1,738	1.02	8.6
Grundy Center	1,749	1.92	13.2
Belmond	1,797	.90	5.9
Sibley	1,803	1.21	7.9
West Liberty	1,838	1.02	7.3
Corning	1,840	.99	7.1
DeWitt	1,849	.99	6.9
Corydon	1,867	.78	8.2
Hamburg	2,017	.91	7.6
*Ida Grove	2,020	.24	2.5
Hockwell City	2,039	1.40	8.4
Marengo	2,048	1.28	5.7
Bloomfield	2,064	.78	4.7
Bedford	2,073	1.33	6.9
Eldon	2,091	.73	6.1
Audubon	2,108	1.99	12.0
Lake City	2,110	.81	7.8
Willisca	2,111	.78	5.9
Tipton	2,142	1.10	14.3
Forest City	2,145	.88	5.2
Rock Rapids	2,172	1.32	7.1
Leon	2,193	.47	4.8
Sigourney	2,210	.92	8.3
Humboldt	2,232	1.32	9.8
Onawa	2,256	1.29	13.0
Monticello	2,257	.92	6.2
Waukon	2,259	.71	6.3
Hawarden	2,491	.62	3.7
Colfax	2,504	.70	3.8
New Hampton	2,539	1.13	6.6
Tama	2,601	.74	6.8
Sac City	2,630	1.03	9.9
Nevada	2,658	1.15	4.0
Oscola	2,684	.71	7.6
Emmetsburg	2,762	.69	8.9
Clear Lake	2,804	1.18	8.5
Clarion	2,826	1.05	7.6
Annamosa	2,831	.90	9.1
Harlan	2,878	1.24	9.0
Osage	2,881	.32	7.0
Winterset	2,906	1.23	7.5
Hampton	2,992	1.16	10.3
Manchester	3,111	.90	8.0
Eldora	3,189	.94	9.2
Grasco	3,195	1.01	8.1
Pella	3,238	.87	7.3
Waverly	3,252	.94	7.9
Vinton	3,381	.60	4.7



Place	Population	Income per Capita	Circulation per Capita
Jefferson	3,416	.59	4.2
Sheldon	3,485	1.14	4.5
Knoxville	3,523	.63	7.4
Denison	3,581	.96	7.9
Maquoketa	3,628	.89	6.2
Indianola	3,628	1.32	8.9
Storm Lake	3,658	1.23	8.3
Independence	3,672	.47	4.8
Algona	3,724	.98	8.1
Glenwood	3,862	.48	5.4
Iowa Falls	3,964	1.13	5.5
Missouri Valley	3,985	.71	3.8
Mt. Pleasant	3,987	.86	7.9
Decorah	4,039	.39	5.6
Marion	4,138	.65	5.3
Carroll	4,254	.41	3.9
Eagle Grove	4,433	.39	5.7
Clarinda	4,511	.84	9.6
Spencer	4,599	.51	5.8
LeMars	4,683	.69	4.3
Washington	4,697	.62	4.9
Estherville	4,699	.56	8.1
Albia	5,037	.56	4.7
Shermandale	5,255	.73	7.9
Atlantic	5,329	.59	3.9
Grinnell	5,362	1.26	8.5
Red Oak	5,578	.69	6.1
Perry	5,642	.87	5.5
Chariton	5,715	.42	6.9
Cherokee	5,824	.84	5.5
Fairfield	5,948	.84	4.2
Ames	6,270	1.31	5.6
Cedar Falls	6,316	.69	6.9
Newton	6,627	1.01	7.8
Charles City	7,350	.78	4.8
Oelwein	7,455	.35	4.4
Centerville	8,486	.32	3.4
Oskaloosa	9,427	1.09	9.9
Iowa City	11,267	.99	7.0
Ft. Madison	12,066	.48	3.6
Boone	12,451	.52	3.2
Keokuk	14,423	.61	9.5
Marshalltown	14,731	.66	6.3
Muscatine	16,068	.70	5.0
Ft. Dodge	19,347	.89	8.5
Mason City	20,065	1.21	7.8
Ottumwa	23,003	.51	4.6
Burlington	24,057	.57	6.9
Clinton	24,153	.81	6.6
Council Bluffs	26,182	.61	6.0
Waterloo	36,230	.68	7.3
Dubuque	39,141	.52	5.1
Cedar Rapids	45,566	.64	6.7
Davenport	56,727	.97	8.1
Sioux City	71,227	.43	4.3
Des Moines	126,486	.95	5.8

\*New libraries.

†Delinquent in report for 1923.

*Income.* The amount of money available for the support of a library naturally has a large bearing on its efficiency governing as it does the book supply, the building and its equipment and therefore its convenience, and the librarian upon whom so largely the efficiency of a library depends.

As a result of an investigation made by the American Library Association \$1.00 per capita has been decided to be a reasonable amount only upon which a library can be expected to function efficiently. The smaller the community the larger the per capita must be for satisfactory service. Even the excess over this

amount which some libraries in the state are receiving as shown by the table is not too large as the conduct of the library shows. The only conclusion then must be that many are not receiving adequate support to render the greatest usefulness to their communities.

*Librarians.* The efficiency of a library depends very largely upon the efficiency of the librarian as no matter how large the collection of books unless they are made useful to the community their value is negligible and only a librarian who knows how to bring them to the people can make a successful library.

Therefore library schools exist in different parts of the country for giving this preparation which should have for a background a college education.

The supplementary reports received from the libraries at the end of 1923 show that with a few exceptions all librarians of the state at the head of libraries have a high school education. It is a mistake to appoint any librarian who has not. Approximately fifty-three have had some college or normal school work, fifty-seven have had summer library school training and seventeen have attended regular library schools.

Of the assistants forty-three have had library summer school work and forty-one are library school graduates. This in some respects is not an increase and cannot be until the salaries shall be sufficient to call our fully trained people to library positions in Iowa. Libraries in other states are paying attractive salaries and the librarians will naturally seek those positions which afford good remuneration as well as attractive work.

*Trustees.* Upon the trustees also rests a responsibility for the success of the library. The library boards of the state include many interested and conscientious men and women who seek the best means of making their libraries useful to their communities. They are all busy people, serving without compensation, but could they stop long enough to take a short course, not in library technique or methods, but in library standards the efficiency of the libraries would be increased thereby. Library meetings furnish such a course to some extent, but unfortunately they are not well attended by trustees.

#### IOWA SUMMER LIBRARY SCHOOL

This school is conducted as a part of the summer session of the State University in co-operation with the Library Commission and such instruction is given as six weeks permits in cataloging,

classification, book selection, reference and children's work, library administration and minor subjects.

It is not the intention to compete with the full courses given by the regular library schools, but by giving the principles with an opportunity to practice under trained librarians to better fit the librarians to advance the efficiency of the smaller libraries of the state. Summer school students very frequently later take the full course at the regular schools.

The class in 1923 numbered 39; in 1924, 42.

Miss Blanche V. Watts, of Spencer, of the New York State Library School, was Director both years. In 1923 instruction in reference work was given by Miss Watts, book selection and classification by Miss Cora Hendee, cataloging by Miss Alice Story, children's work by Miss Grace Shellenberger, library administration by Miss Julia A. Robinson. Miss Pearl Carlson acted as reviser and Miss Mary Stewart, general assistant.

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*Trustees Conference at State Fair.* In 1923 a third Trustees Conference was undertaken at the State Fair and letters of notification sent to each trustee in the state. An attendance of only about twenty was the result and although there was considerable interest in the subjects discussed the attendance did not seem to justify a meeting in 1924.

*Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs.* As the Secretary of the Iowa Library Commission is Chairman of the sub-committee on Library Extension of the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs the affiliation between the women's clubs and library work in the state is very close and county libraries and other progressive library ideas receive the support of the State Federation as a whole and of state, county and club officers.

The Secretary is also privileged to speak each year at the district club meetings on phases of library work in which the clubs should be interested.

## PUBLICATIONS

*Iowa Library Quarterly.* Volume 9 of the *Iowa Library Quarterly* will be completed with December, 1924.

*Leaflets.* One new leaflet has been issued during the past two years, "Is your library organized?" There have been also reissues of several of those already in print.

*Booklists.* The graded lists have been revised and lists reissued for the First and Second, the Third, the Fourth and the Fifth and Sixth grades. In preparation of these lists the children's librarians of the state co-operated.

The Junior and Senior High School lists have also been revised by the Library Commission in co-operation with the English Teachers' Association of Iowa. They have greatly raised the standard of outside high school reading judging by the requests for loans coming to the Traveling Library for school use.

A "List of books for farm homes" has been prepared.

Leaflets and booklists now in print are as follows:

Iowa Library Commission laws.  
Iowa Library Commission: its purposes and activities.  
Making a library beginning.  
Rural extension of public library privileges (Laws).  
Good reading for your neighborhood.  
Free Traveling Library of the State of Iowa.  
Books that travel.  
Books for the blind.  
Traveling Library picture collections.  
Is your library organized?

## TRAVELING LIBRARY SUBJECT LISTS

Agriculture.  
Child welfare.  
Domestic science.  
Nurses and social workers.  
The rural church and its task.  
Picture lists.  
Good books for a farm home.

## JUVENILE BOOKLISTS

One hundred good books for boys and girls.  
Reading list for first and second grades.  
Reading list for third grade.  
Reading list for fourth grade.  
Reading list for fifth and sixth grades.  
Reading list for Junior High School.  
Reading list for Senior High School.

## PUBLICATIONS OUT OF PRINT

Iowa day and a few books about Iowa.  
Periodicals; their value and use.  
Birthdays, anniversaries and events.  
Library buildings.  
Study club programs.

List of books recommended for children's library; compiled by Annie Carroll Moore.

Traveling Library lists.

Check-list of state publications.

List of books by Iowa authors.

List of art books.

List of books on modern philosophy and religion.

Study club outlines.

Debate Traveling Library.

Suggestive list of children's books for Christmas purchase.

Shall a free public library be established? (Public library laws).

Recent books of interest (three series).

*A. L. A. Booklist.* To assist in the better selection of books by librarians and the best expenditure of their funds, the A. L. A. Booklist is furnished by the commission to forty of the smaller libraries of the state.

*Statistics and Blanks.* The annual report required by law from the public libraries of the state and the statistics for publication in the Iowa Official Register are regularly collected from the libraries by the Secretary. Blanks for this purpose are prepared and furnished free, as are also blanks for keeping the daily and monthly reports in the libraries, the preparation of the annual budget by library boards and the making of the certificate of tax levy to the city council.

A register of the librarians at work in the libraries of the state is also kept on blanks for that purpose.

#### LIBRARY MEETINGS

*Librarians' Conference.* As a part of the Summer Library School for the past five years a Librarians' Conference has been held, open to all the librarians of the state. Addresses on library and associated subjects are given by prominent librarians from outside the state and members of the State University faculty. This conference is open to all interested in libraries and library work.

*Iowa Library Association.* The annual meeting of the Iowa Library Association for 1923 was held in Fort Dodge and for 1924 in Boone, the former with an attendance of 167 and the latter 225. This was the largest of the association meetings.

The Spring District Meetings for 1923 were held at Fort Madison, Red Oak, Iowa City, Carroll, Spencer, Humboldt, Nevada and Independence with a total attendance of 210 at all the meetings.

In 1924 they were held at Sioux City, Shenandoah, Centerville, Davenport, Grinnell, Jefferson, Estherville and Waterloo with a total attendance of 288.

The district meetings being more accessible and continuing for one day only are more easily attended by the librarians of the small libraries and their informal character in the discussion of everyday problems make them especially helpful.

*American Library Association.* The meeting of the American Library Association was held at Hot Springs in 1923 and at Saratoga Springs in 1924. The Chairman and Secretary of the Iowa Library Commission were present at the Hot Springs meeting and the Secretary at Saratoga Springs.

It is the custom each year for Iowa Librarians past and present in attendance at these gatherings to hold a special luncheon or dinner. At the luncheon at Hot Springs, life memberships in the A. L. A. were presented to Mr. Brigham and Miss Robinson from the librarians of the state.

*State Teachers Association.* Meetings of the Library Section of the State Teachers Association are now held regularly. Attendance and interest are growing as the number of school libraries and librarians increase.

#### TRAVELING LIBRARY

*Circulation.* The Traveling Library has now approximately 61,000 volumes. About 15,000 of these are in fixed groups of fifty books each for general reading by adults and children.

The balance consists of an open shelf or general loan collection including juveniles from which selected groups on special subjects are loaned.

Both forms of loans are made upon request from clubs and other organizations, schools, churches and individual borrowers. To many applications, especially from schools, not nearly the number of books requested can be sent as the supply of suitable books is always in a depleted state. This is especially true of the standard books required for reading in High School work, although these titles are duplicated many times, and the requests come from schools with no town library facilities. This indicates why the increase in circulation has not kept pace with the increase in requests.

The number of individual borrowers desiring books both for personal reading and study has greatly increased during the past two years. Many of the requests cannot be filled when received, but reservations are made and in course of time the book is sent to all who wish it, though it may be several months delayed. For books in such great demand the period of loan is

made one month instead of three that more people may be served and the time of waiting shortened.

As has already been indicated the office force for filling orders during the past months has not been adequate to do the work of the Traveling Library satisfactorily. It has been done but only by extra effort on the part of a faithful few and there have necessarily been delays in filling orders which have been very annoying to the borrowers and in some cases the books have been received too late to be of use.

*Reference Work.* As important as the direct loan of books and as large a part of the work is that done by the Reference Librarian in the supply of material to the women's clubs for their study club programs, the debate work with the schools and individual requests for material and information on many subjects.

This work is constantly increasing in volume many of the inquiries requiring lengthy search through catalogs indexes, books and magazines to secure exactly the right material to answer the purpose. Miss Clara Abernethy, who has filled the position of Reference Librarian for the past three years is doing excellent work as the words of commendation which constantly come show. She is prepared for the work as a college and library school graduate, knows books and is conscientious and painstaking, can command much higher salary elsewhere and will go elsewhere unless she can be paid more in the commission as I have already indicated.

The work is too heavy for one person and requests must lie for one or two weeks before receiving attention because of the large number. There is great need of an assistant who will divide her time between the reference and school work if they are to be done in a manner satisfactory to borrowers and without obliging them to wait for books and material often until need for them is over.

*Growth.* The increase in all this work has come without effort. Any attempt to extend or advertise the work would bring an increase in demands far beyond the ability of the Library Commission to supply. And yet there are many schools and many people in Iowa without books or library facilities who need them and would use the Library Commission if they knew of it and if its resources were adequate to supply their needs.

*Study Club Outlines.* The Traveling Library maintains a collection of outlines and syllabi to assist study clubs in the prep-

aration of their programs. The large use of these outlines shows their value to the clubs. The outlines now number 275. Thirty-five hundred were loaned during the past two years.

*Debate Material.* References covering the affirmative and negative sides of the question used each year by the High School Debate League are selected by the Reference Librarian and material provided in a large number of duplicates. Help is also given on various other debate questions coming to the reference department.

*Books for the Blind.* Books in Revised Braille as well as New York Point have been added to the collection of books for the blind. The collection now numbers 550 divided between New York Point and Revised Braille. Eight hundred forty-eight books were loaned during the past two years.

*Picture Collections.* No large collections have been added during the past biennium but the open collection of mounted pictures has been enlarged. Calls for both framed and mounted pictures and for stereoscopic views seems to justify the continuance of this department.

#### SUMMARY

Books added to the Traveling Library.....	5,427
Total number of books in Traveling Library, July 1, 1924.....	61,685
Books loaned from Traveling Library from July 1, 1922 to June 30, 1924.....	127,793
Gain.....	12,691
Requests filled from Traveling Library from July 1, 1922 to June 30, 1924.....	13,767
Gain.....	1,924
Books for blind loaned from July 1, 1922 to June 30, 1924.....	848
Traveling Library stations established.....	1,044

#### DETAILED STATEMENT

The total annual appropriation for the work of the Library Commission is \$12,000.00. This covers all the activities of the Commission, Traveling Library, extension, traveling expenses, etc. Inasmuch as the law provides that all accounts and expenditures must be audited by the State Executive Council, the detailed statement of expenditures is given in the printed records of the council.

#### SOME THINGS TRAVELING LIBRARY BORROWERS SAY ABOUT THE TRAVELING LIBRARY

##### SCHOOLS

"I feel that the books have been a great aid in the English department of our school."

"With best wishes for the progress of the work that is so really worth while to the schools and other readers of the state."

"I take this opportunity to thank the Library Commission for the service rendered to the school through the book loans."

"I thank you very much for the loan of the books that I have borrowed from you this year. My pupils have certainly enjoyed reading them."

"I hardly know what we should have done without the books which I am returning today. We had orders out for them but learned at the last minute that they could not be filled so it was with the greatest expectancy that we turned to you."

"I certainly thank you for the splendid selection \* \* \* I am sure the children will not only enjoy the books but will be greatly benefited by them."

"Debate material on the League of Nations for our high school use is received. Many thanks for such prompt and efficient service. It is of inestimable value to the schools of the state."

"In another package I am mailing the book 'Making of Iowa' which \* \* \* was just what we wanted. The youngsters certainly enjoyed every page."

"I appreciate the use of these books for I am in a small school with no town or public library."

"I cannot tell you how much enjoyment my fifth grade has gotten from your books. May we have another shipment?"

"I am returning the seventh grade books. The children enjoyed them greatly."

"We people—especially those in school work—certainly appreciate the work your department is doing and boost at every chance. (Later.) The time is rapidly approaching when it will be necessary for us to return the books from your library. While these have been greatly appreciated, they have been wholly inadequate to meet the demands for good literature from our pupils. (I suppose that this is the same cry from all over the state)."

#### CLUBS AND INDIVIDUALS

"I wish to thank you for the benefits that I have received from the library during the past year. It certainly is a splendid thing."

"You can scarcely realize the great joy it is to my husband and me to be able to borrow books from the Iowa Library Commission."

"Your work is surely wonderful service to the Iowa people."

"I think these free books are a great thing for the rural people."

"I do not know what we rural people would do without the Traveling Library."

"Thank you very much for the two reference magazines which met my needs exactly."

"I want to thank you for what you sent me was just what I wanted for the occasion. I am so glad we have some place like the Traveling Library when we have no references at home."

"Accept my hearty thanks for the material sent me. You are surely rendering a great service for the people of Iowa."

"Thank you for your selection and \* \* \* all the splendid service."

#### GIFTS TO IOWA LIBRARIES

*Arnolds Park.* Site for a library building from Mrs. Martin Gates as a memorial to her husband, Mr. Oluf Gates.

*Boone.* \$100 by the will of Mr. Louis Goepfinger—to be known as Goepfinger endowment fund.

*Cedar Falls.* \$2,000 in trust, the proceeds for the purchase of books, from Mrs. Bryant, widow of Major Bryant, for many years a member of the library board.

*Cedar Rapids—Coe College.* \$6,000 from Mrs. J. E. Joy as a memorial to her sister, Miss Alice King, an instructor in the college for many years.

*Centerville.* \$100 from the P. E. O. for the purchase of books.

*Clear Lake.* Memorial to Lowing S. Dorchester, being his book fund, the interest to be used for purchase of boys' books.

*Indianola—Simpson College.* \$500 by the will of Mrs. W. E. Hamilton for the purchase of books.

*Oskaloosa—Penn College.* The "Holy Experiment" illumined by Violet Oakley, the gift of Mrs. Maria C. Scattergood of Philadelphia, valued at \$190.

*Red Oak.* \$6,000 from Mrs. H. C. Lane for an addition to the library building.

GENERAL STATISTICS OF IOWA LIBRARIES FOR 1923—FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

No.	Place	Librarian	Building		Books		Borrowers						
			Donor	Year erected	Cost	Total number volumes	Volumes added in 1923	Volumes loaned in 1923	City	Country	Hours open	Branches or stations	
1	Adel	Pearl DeRues			\$ 1,300	1,788	239	11,040				18	
2	Albia	Mrs. L. M. Duncan	Carnegie	1908	10,000	6,425	277	23,961	6,004	35		26	
3	Alden	Mrs. Kittie Catlin	Carnegie	1914	9,000	3,125	69	15,494	507	108		22	
4	Algona	Gertrude I. Sheridan	Carnegie	1904	19,000	8,840	281	30,193	1,640	8		12	
5	Alta	Grace Clements				3,180	229	9,223	481	30		16	
6	Ames	Oliver Ryder	Carnegie	1904	16,000	13,489	402	28,563	4,394	72		75	1
7	Anamosa	Maye Birk	D. A. R.	1903	12,000	6,514	172	23,019	3,000	15		32	
8	Arnolds Park	Dorothy Porter											
9	Arthur	Helen Hink											
10	Atlantic	Gertrude Bernard	Carnegie	1903	12,500	8,936	96	22,064	3,855			42	
11	Audubon	Mrs. Gertrude Nelson	Carnegie	1912	10,000	6,211	688	25,301				33	
12	Bedford	Mrs. C. F. Beall		1916	10,000	3,200	370	14,403	1,306	17		33	
13	Belmond	Mrs. Annie Case	H. Crist	1917	18,000	2,631	247	10,873					
14	Bloomfield	Mrs. Mary H. Hinkle	Carnegie	1913	10,000	4,370	184	9,835	1,200	13		42	
15	Boone	Bessie Moffatt	Erison	1901	30,000	20,680	1,448	40,955	4,516	28		66	1
16	Britt	Ada Chaplin		1918	8,000	3,063	132	10,357	617			24	
17	Burlington	Mrs. C. P. Millard	P. M. Crapo	1888	60,000	46,856	890	168,231	9,545	72		72	13
18	Callender	(George W. Knutson)											
19	Carroll	Sadie Stevens	Carnegie	1905	10,000	6,321	374	16,628	1,231	11		29	
20	Cedar Falls	Mary O. Stuart	Carnegie	1903	15,000	11,900	842	43,806	2,619	75		57	
21	Cedar Rapids	Mr. Johnny Hagerty	Carnegie	1905	75,000	51,822	1,739	314,119	36,356			72	39
22	Centerville	Mrs. Ada Peavey	Drake	1903	30,000	9,348						14	
23	Central City	Mrs. Bertha Reed	Clegg	1917	2,000	3,460		5,065				14	
24	Chariton	Mrs. Ida R. Leonard	Carnegie	1904	11,000	6,440	600	25,033	3,300	61		36	
25	Charles City	Belle Caldwell	Carnegie	1904	12,500	13,196	145	35,283				30	1
26	Cherokee	Bessie Fensler	Carnegie	1905	12,000	10,015	444	32,395	1,360	20		39	
27	Clarinda	Harriet Foster	Carnegie	1909	15,000	1,190	787	14,514	3,150			42	7
28	Clarion	Mrs. Belle B. Birdsall	Everts	1907	10,000	6,083	29	21,732	960	90		30	
29	Clear Lake	Mrs. M. J. Bowman	Carnegie	1917	10,000	6,420	629	24,926	2,126			50	
30	Clinton	Mary A. Egan	Carnegie	1904	45,000	31,087	774	100,590	7,644	28		75	19
31	Collas	Josephine Logsdon	Carnegie	1913	6,500	4,872	174	9,618	806	31		30	
32	Coon Rapids	Mrs. Mae Schlotterback		1900	8,000	6,945	194	13,193	1,641			21	
33	Corning	Idelle Riddle	Rawson	1919	8,000	3,902	241	15,334	963	28		25	
34	Corydon	Flora Harper	Carnegie	1905	70,000	38,286		218,181	12,118	76		14	
35	Council Bluffs	Eva T. Canon	Carnegie	1914	17,500	8,969	116	36,271	2,275	270		241	2
36	Cresco	Abbie Converse	Carnegie										

37	Davenport	Grace Shellenberger	Carnegie	1904	270,000	83,225	5,007	405,514	17,906	86		76	16
38	Decorah	Katharine Jewell	Purchase	1922	9,000	3,714	334	21,005	994	149		40	
39	Denison	Grace D. Meyers	Carnegie	1904	12,500	8,864	131	28,430				35	
40	Des Moines	Grace D. Rose	City Tax	1904	350,000	167,492	13,949	734,637	42,126	66		78	
41	DeWitt	Elie F. Saxton	Carnegie	1908	6,500	3,708	134	11,084	657	23		26	
42	Dubuque	May M. Clark	Carnegie	1902	100,000	49,013	3,465	300,482	14,545	39		72	36
43	Dunlap	Mr. Bessie K. Manchester	Carnegie	1912	10,000	4,967	500	8,369				25	
44	Eagle Grove	Mrs. Abbie Lockenmeyer		1903	10,000	4,545	122	25,905	1,454	40		30	
45	Eddyville	Mrs. Bird Kussart	(City Hall)			2,563	86	4,792	404	63		6	
46	Eldon	Reva Hughes	Carnegie	1913	7,500	4,342	17	12,590	618	80		53	
47	Eldora	Fannie R. Wilson	Carnegie	1902	10,000	9,087	539	26,143	1,800	20		56	
48	Emmettsburg	Mrs. Lillian Appleby	Carnegie	1912	10,000	6,103	303	34,303	805	27		30	
49	Estherville	Lucile Peterson	Carnegie	1903	10,000	10,488	451	38,161	2,102	102		42	
50	Fairfield	Emma L. Kirk	Carnegie	1892	40,000	16,830	835	25,055	2,885			48	
51	Forest City	Mrs. A. V. Erickson	City Tax	1899	5,000	3,682	135	11,350	1,639			32	
52	Fort Dodge	Isabella Hopper	Carnegie	1904	30,000	24,975	1,411	164,745	6,117	227		17	
53	Fort Madison	Rebecca Heaser	Caternole	1886	25,000	11,700	500	44,000	2,854	9		54	9
54	Galva	Mrs. G. E. Musselwhite				2,701	106	4,980	272			19	
55	Garner	Mrs. F. M. Spayde	Carnegie	1915	6,500	2,780	194	17,454	930	24		30	
56	Glenwood	Emma Hanna	Carnegie	1907	7,500	4,900	182	20,534	762	75		29	
57	Griffith	Isabel Sides	Carnegie	1916	7,500	3,827	206	14,297	975	28		27	
58	Grinnell	Mrs. E. S. Banta	Stewart	1901	15,000	15,970	720	46,110	3,904	98		73	1
59	Grundy Center	Mrs. W. R. Halden	Carnegie	1913	6,000	5,744	275	17,869	799	239		30	
60	Hamburg	Mrs. Ruth Holmes	Carnegie	1918	9,000	6,543	266	15,322	1,181	27		36	
61	Hampton	Mary E. Kingsbury	Carnegie	1905	11,000	7,821	325	31,043	1,475	78		45	
62	Harlan	Mrs. Minnie Brazie	H. H. Paup	1924	25,000	4,072	553	29,017	1,068	150		27	
63	Hawarden	Mrs. Lillian Parker	Carnegie	1903	5,000	3,500	89	9,261	1,008	17		30	
64	Hawkeye	Mrs. Lillian Parker				3,065	89	1,967	193	143		4	
65	Humboldt	Nellie F. Pimney	Carnegie	1909	10,000	5,641	839	21,965	1,415	58		30	
66	Humeston	Mrs. Ruth C. Oulmsee											
67	Ia Grove	Mrs. Frank Reed				2,886	135	5,107	922			9	
68	Independence	Mrs. M. Taber	Munson	1894	15,000	8,922	404	17,783	1,059	18		32	
69	Indianola	Mary E. McCoy	Carnegie	1904	25,000	11,781	213	32,383	2,586	56		54	
70	Iowa City	Mrs. Jessie B. Gordon	Carnegie	1904	25,000	22,111	1,312	1,270				22	75
71	Iowa Falls	Mrs. Vivian Klemme-Ellis	Carnegie	1905	18,000	5,741	119	19,532				22	
72	Jefferson	Nellie Hopper	Carnegie	1904	10,000	6,587	81	14,640	906	21		36	
73	Keokuk	Nellie F. Fulton	Rice	1883	30,000	30,880	600	137,301	4,690	14		69	9
74	Knoxville	Ruth E. Breake	Carnegie	1913	10,000	6,801	227	26,044	1,482	101		25	
75	Lake City	Blanche I. Hackett	Carnegie	1910	7,500	4,310	147	16,260	1,132	29		16	
76	Laurens	Mrs. E. G. Coffin	Carnegie	1910	2,800	1,722	142	3,492				11	
77	LeMars	Ada Richards	Carnegie	1904	10,000	7,335		22,743	2,943	91		48	
78	Leon	Mrs. Sada F. Stout	Carnegie	1906	6,000	4,412	165	9,980	1,792	2		27	
79	Logan	Winifred McCall	Carnegie	1920	10,000	4,067		10,001	847	5		8	
80	Malvern	Mrs. Alice B. Keckley	Carnegie	1917	8,000	3,213	35	5,135	617	143		30	
81	Manchester	Margaret Lindsay	Carnegie	1903	10,000	10,708	330	25,756	2,012	17		48	
82	Maquoketa	Helen M. Morse	Carnegie	1902	12,500	10,924	302	23,234	1,828	54		42	
83	Marengo	Esther Edwards	Carnegie	1905	10,000	5,040	75	11,689	1,519	103		39	
84	Marion	Leona Huffman	Carnegie	1904	11,000	7,137	294	22,071	1,561	25		36	
85	Marshalltown	Alice Story	Carnegie	1904	30,000	19,690	1,567	100,227	5,513	48		75	11
86	Mason City	Lydia M. Barrette	Carnegie	1904	30,000	30,024	2,801	137,887	8,445	78		17	

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				Year erected	Cost	Total number volumes	Volumes added in 1923	Volumes removed in 1923	City	Country	Hours open	Branches or stations
87	Maxwell	Ione Westcott				1,944	55	2,349	256	13	19	
88	Mediapolis	Ella M. Graham				3,309	241	7,571	166	148	15	
89	Missouri Valley	Estella Turner	Carnegie	1911	10,000	5,361	241	15,439	2,178	102	30	
90	Montezuma	Mrs. Marion H. Clark	Carnegie	1918	8,000	3,012	216	8,983	1,273	39		
91	Monticello	Mrs. Hilah Hutton	Carnegie	1904	12,500	6,187	187	14,152	1,198	18	35	
92	Mount Ayr	Mrs. Luella Tidrick	Carnegie	1917	8,000	3,848	466	15,011	1,100	180	28	
93	Mount Pleasant	Elena E. Budde	Carnegie	1905	12,500	18,705	586	31,540	2,155	78	72	
94	Muscatine	Ellen G. Stocker	Musser	1902	48,000	19,149	800	80,502	7,538	39	72	
95	Nashua	Fannie V. Eastman	Carnegie	1905	6,000	4,886	110	14,351	763	51	24	
96	Nevada	Elizabeth Haswell	Silliman	1900	10,000	5,136	347	10,519	757	12	30	
97	New Hampton	Isabella Powers	Carnegie	1910	10,000	7,719	331	16,929	975	253	34	
98	Newton	Gypse N. Patton	Carnegie	1902	10,000	14,172	583	51,947	2,966	288	66	2
99	Odebolt	Grace Hanson	Carnegie	1904	4,000							
100	Oelwein	Mrs. E. D. Glenson	(City Hall)			7,005	336	29,905	2,009	15	6	
101	Onawa	Mrs. A. W. Burgess	Carnegie	1909	20,000	11,619	232	30,383	1,330	85	36	
102	Osage	Rena Gray	Carnegie	1910	10,000	8,250	306	25,195	1,280	85	36	
103	Oseola	Clarice J. Baird	Carnegie	1911	12,000	5,401	125	30,452	1,125	85	28	
104	Oskaloosa	Mary B. Lee	Carnegie	1903	22,000	20,706	1,768	94,080	6,880	278	66	2
105	Ottumwa	May B. Ditch	Carnegie	1902	50,000	40,447	1,838	105,713	4,593	94	75	4
106	Parkersburg	Mrs. E. A. Betz	(M. E. Church)			3,043	219	10,359	451	12		
107	Paton	Mrs. W. S. Grant				2,373	52	4,442	278	75	5	
108	Pella	Fvelyn Cowan	Frothingham	1907	5,000	2,744	226		343	130	6	
109	Pella	Agnes Bousquet	Carnegie	1907	11,000	8,072	292	24,692	2,295	121	37	
110	Perry	Flora B. Bailey	Carnegie	1904	10,000	10,939	692	31,324	1,705	38	36	
111	Princhar	Celia Hinz				1,248	69		559	34	3	
112	Red Oak	Sarah Palmer	Carnegie	1909	12,500	10,197	228	34,408	3,052	87	45	
113	Reinbeck	Sara Brown	Carnegie	1917	6,000	2,225	134	11,847	842	138	30	
114	Rock Rapids	Mrs. Nelle M. Wilson	(Citizens)	1908	6,000	6,001	163	15,471	1,074	6	36	
115	Rockwell City	Mrs. Sara Cooper	Carnegie	1909	8,000	4,845	235	17,336	1,039	52	29	
116	Sac City	Mrs. H. B. Klove	Carnegie	1913	8,000	5,956	513	24,572	1,962	224	33	
117	Samborn	Zelma McMillow	Carnegie	1912	4,000	4,300	229	6,880	594	35	7	
118	Shaldon	Mrs. Electa McIntire	Carnegie	1909	10,000	6,821	248	15,806	1,694	65	36	
119	Shenandoah	M. Berdena Jay	Carnegie	1905	10,000	9,730	183	40,571	2,809	851	69	
120	Sibley	Mrs. H. J. Harvey	Carnegie	1917	10,000	3,027	288	14,338	1,446	225	30	
121	Sigourney	Mrs. Orel M. Crocker	Carnegie	1914	10,000	5,446	329	18,353	2,704	75	36	
122	Sioux City	C. W. Sumner	Carnegie	1913	75,000	72,530	1,700	317,523	20,092	74	21	
123	Spencer	Mrs. O. M. Oids	Carnegie	1905	10,000	8,632	613	26,918	1,314	46	74	
124	Spirit Lake	Sadie Currey	Carnegie	1912	10,000		3,800	258	14,184	160	33	
125	Storm Lake	Elizabeth Walpole	Carnegie	1906	10,000	9,368	935	30,609	1,150	50	35	
126	Stuart	Mrs. C. H. Leighton	Carnegie	1908	6,000	5,561	240	14,482	718	90	30	
127	Sutherland	Mrs. Florence Louthen										
128	Tama	Mrs. H. J. Woods	Carnegie	1907	8,000	5,694	145	17,806	1,403	12	15	
129	Tipton	Mayne Walters	Carnegie	1903	12,000	9,178	40	30,805	1,417	514	44	4
130	Toledo	Mrs. Velma Harlow				5,120	306	10,245	842	56	27	
131	Traer	Alma Law	Carnegie	1915	10,000	3,567	316	11,808	675	125	27	
132	Villisca	Frankie J. Barker	Carnegie	1909	10,000	5,625	196	8,263	922	15	25	
133	Vinton	Elizabeth F. Williams	Carnegie	1902	12,500	11,119	269	15,640	2,880	9	37	
134	Washington	Eva G. Denny	Chileote	1901	6,000	10,974	201	23,414	1,632	75	36	
135	Waterloo	Oaile Wieder	Carnegie (Two Bldgs.)	1905	45,000	47,649	3,149	207,408	10,451		76	12
136	Waukon	Jennie M. Jones	(City Hall)			3,314	372	15,012	979		30	
137	Waverly	Mrs. E. L. Kenney	Carnegie	1904	10,000	8,765	806	26,554	1,736	33	33	
138	Webster City	Mr. E. D. Burgess	Young	1905	50,000							
139	Wellman	Ellis Weller				2,835	187	7,698	373	45	12	
140	West Branch	Mabel Leech	Enlow	1904	2,000	3,080	223	1,779	660	224	24	
141	West Liberty	Mrs. A. Stober	Carnegie	1906	7,500	5,374	191	18,461	1,056	77	39	
142	Whiting	Mrs. Alice Moad					178		239	270	11	
143	Winterset	Mrs. B. F. Howard	Carnegie	1905	10,000	10,597		21,827	1,800	236	51	
144	Woodbine	Mrs. Belle H. True	Carnegie	1910	7,500	4,568	224	14,397	850	307	15	

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\*New Libraries.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF IOWA LIBRARIES FOR 1923—FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

No.	Place	Population	Year founded	Receipts			Expenditures							Salaries						
				Income from city tax	No. mills city tax	Township tax	Income from other sources	Books	Binding	Periodicals	Building, furniture and grounds	Heat and light	Miscellaneous	Libra- rians	Assistants	Janitor	Number em- ployed			
1	Adel	1,452		\$ 1,000			\$ 250			102	672	58	112	30	312	300	255	1		
2	Albia	5,067	1906	4,122	5			\$ 343		107	682	68	121	56	300	300	255	1		
3	Alden	846	1882	800	5					109	135	68	135	56	300	300	411	1		
4	Algonna	8,774	1888	2,600	5					425	900	624	131	1,000	10	400	411	1		
5	Alta	1,276	1882	4,882						725	314	250	103	907	10	400	401	1		
6	Alton	4,270	1904	6,882						344	320	45	79	123	301	187	230	1		
7	Anamosa	2,881	1903	921						344	320	45	79	123	301	187	230	1		
8	Arnolds Park	478																		
9	Arthur	290																		
10	Atlantic	5,000																		
11	Atterton	2,189	1917	3,189	5.1					132	311	34	84	221	211	180	19	185		
12	Beaumont	2,673	1912	1,849	5					160	81	81	81	81	100	400	300	1		
13	Bedford	2,073	1917	1,849	5					296	351	77	94	86	353	135	300	1		
14	Belmond	1,797	1917	1,629	4					288	91	70	101	211	94	400	112	1		
15	Bloomfield	2,604	1912	1,608	3.4					409	50	70	129	151	67	500	300	1		
16	Bloomington	12,451	1883	1,788	3.4					219	20	10	10	10	185	1,000	400	4		
17	Bonanza	1,285	1885	1,285						63	30	15	479	75	435	1,000	200	1		
18	Burlington	24,057	1885	14,301	2.2					2,642	497	277	1,407	1,000	430	1,862	5,355	7		
19	Calmar	276	1908																	
20	Carroll	4,254	1909	1,770						63	25	119	19	87	10	1,500	40	53		
21	Cedar Falls	6,516	1870	1,931	3					239	109	281	109	281	1,871	2,500	405	23		
22	Cedar Rapids	22,000	1882	2,500	2.2					2,500	1,871	1,871	1,871	1,871	2,500	12,012	210	12		
23	Centerville	8,488	1901	2,500						294	300	164	12	372	106	822	210	11		
24	Central City	688	1846	850	3					92	52	33	52	47	8	100	40	1		
25	Chariton	5,715	1900	2,179	3					40	739	171	91	478	53	90	500	480	1	
26	Charles City	7,309	1877	5,218						175	309	109	696	509	176	1,410	304	80	2	
27	Cherokee	5,814	1908	1,402						651	531	151	301	404	180	1,225	1,000	300	2	
28	Chickasaw	2,811	1908	2,402						87	679	78	51	568	273	800	133	465	2	
29	Clarion	2,830	1908	2,683	5					317	150	78	51	568	273	800	133	465	2	
30	Clear Lake	2,804	1900	2,312	5					321	159	74	602	565	78	600	140	300	1	
31	Clinton	24,151	1892	20,135	5					562	2,506	871	276	865	1,813	1,137	5,720	23	1	
32	Colfax	2,004	1892	1,906	5					50	308	87	68	162	179	54	730	23	1	
33	Corning	1,840	1887	1,704	4.1					60	292	309	89	63	219	72	509	55	150	1

34	Corson	1,497	1919	1,470						605	121	59	122	109	30	530	70	1		
35	Costart Bluffs	36,106	1881	21,127	3.5					1,684	1,723	392	53	1,146	1,000	10,000	1,480	11		
36	Cresco	3,185	1904	2,151	2					4,239	1,633	81	46	717	45	1,100	605	242	2	
37	Davenport	26,777	1900	52,000	1.5					12,859	2,312	2,621	2,115	3,042	2,500	19,043	3,506	18		
38	Decorah	4,009	1884	1,454	1.6					131	304	137	294	244	315	723	224	250	1	
39	Denison	1,871	1882	1,871						1,871	1,871	1,871	1,871	1,871	1,871	1,871	1,871	1,871	1	
40	Des Moines	137,626	1882	136,262	4.05					23,620	11,880	907	8,772	2,723	4,210	4,300	46,678	5,464	42	
41	Diablo	1,849	1902	20,508	4.9					4,025	104	55	142	308	79	629	6,078	5,464	42	
42	Doyle	1,420	1913	1,133	2.1					4,405	892	909	431	1,000	1,121	1,000	7,446	1,200	1	
43	Dunlap	4,402	1914	1,387	1.5					75	275	54	78	109	319	70	480	110	1	
44	East Liberty	4,402	1914	1,387	1.5					109	161	109	210	379	307	70	50	340	1	
45	Elm	2,001	1907	682	2.5					273	739	101	102	59	122	109	300	260	1	
46	Elora	3,189	1878	3,021	4.5					439	115	59	514	128	105	1,300	300	265	1	
47	Emmetsburg	2,702	1908	1,915	4.1					61	319	429	63	61	319	429	63	61	319	429
48	Empire	4,009	1902	2,602	3					77	223	696	640	640	223	1,500	439	730	2	
49	Fairfax	2,145	1900	1,814	4.5					63	508	791	69	54	156	56	565	56	565	
50	Farmington	2,145	1900	1,814	4.5					41	545	69	54	156	56	565	56	565		
51	Ferris	30,397	1895	17,115	3.5					2,000	391	274	1,042	982	892	1,800	4,973	1,300	0	
52	Fort Dodge	12,066	1890	5,485	3.5					375	273	107	566	149	390	1,030	700	430	2	
53	Fort Madison	12,066	1890	5,485	3.5					275	273	107	566	149	390	1,030	700	430	2	
54	Galva	1,311	1895	1,362	4.61					15	135	131	64	65	133	127	275	285	1	
55	Garden Grove	2,862	1906	1,102	5					637	234	145	69	58	245	45	739	300	21	
56	Greenfield	1,707	1910	1,600	5					181	292	58	64	42	48	900	21	116	1	
57	Grundy	5,302	1894	5,297	5					1,890	449	305	6	221	132	1,470	1,501	425	1	
58	Grundy Center	2,017	1912	1,751	3					1,886	55	37	276	179	74	600	37	101	1	
59	Hampton	2,662	1892	2,351	4.1					82	111	111	64	640	78	1,370	60	255	2	
60	Hartman	2,831	1901	2,670	4					140	427	228	96	770	300	78	1,300	21	162	1
61	Hawarden	2,491	1901	1,553	3					288	69	91	64	640	78	1,300	21	162	1	
62	Hawley	2,491	1901	1,553	3					288	69	91	64	640	78	1,300	21	162	1	
63	Hempstead	2,491	1901	1,553	3					288	69	91	64	640	78	1,300	21	162	1	
64	Humboldt	2,491	1901	1,553	3					288	69	91	64	640	78	1,300	21	162	1	
65	Humboldt	2,491	1901	1,553	3					288	69	91	64	640	78	1,300	21	162	1	
66	Humboldt	2,491	1901	1,553	3					288	69	91	64	640	78	1,300	21	162	1	
67	Ida Grove	1,514								107	126	427	78	6	730	19	530			
68	Independence	2,000								174	317	352	216	354	129	117	200	200	1	
69	Jefferson	3,672	1872	1,728	2					284	470	182	100	519	493	1,013	400	200	1	
70	Johnston	11,297	1887	11,231	4.5					2,370	385	176	300	519	493	1,013	400	200	1	
71	Low Falls	3,654	1846	4,369	4.6					123	133	60	1,012	754	115	977	2	1,026	6	
72	Lewistown	3,416	1901	1,994	5					149	305	60	1,012	339	219	900	24	510	1	
73	Knox	14,423	1862	1,622	1.5					1,768	95	211	430	725	1,469	1,980	2,189	780	4	
74	Lake Park	2,114	1905	1,451	3.2					314	205	62	54	335	35	400	517	185	1	
75	Laurens	914	1900	908	4.1					102	159	88	63	127	34	1,000	480	1	1	
76	LeMars	4,688	1905	3,299	3.6					388	188	104	99	60	621	1,000	480	1	1	
77	Leon	2,192	1906	1,661	2.8					80	80	51	45	133	34	400	166	148	1	
78	Liberty	1,196	1915	1,045	5					972	39	44	134	138	30	300	166	148	1	
79	Lodi	2,114	1900	2,070	4.5					7,323	6	4	18	30	40	100	166	148	1	
80	Mapleton	3,111	1904	2,770	2.9					285	121	80	298	410	139	1,222	171	181	1	
81	Manchester	2,000	1904	2,000	4.5					15	285	382	80	144	469	60	1,000	300	2	1
82	Marengo	2,040	1904	1,569	5					15	285	382	80	144	469	60	1,000	300	2	1



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No.	Place	Population	Year founded	Receipts				Expenditures							Salaries			
				Income from city tax	No. mills city tax levy	Income from township tax	Income from other sources	Books	Binding	Periodicals	Building, furniture and grounds	Heat and light	Miscellaneous	Librarians	Assistants	Janitor	Number employed	
84	Marion	4,138	1902	2,681	2.5		50	439	99	99	130	401	150	600	100	103	2	
85	Marshalltown	15,731	1868	9,915	4	501		3,692	432	247	2,483	741	494	12,100	2,661	610	4	
86	Mason City	20,665	1863	23,549	5		770	4,530	694	524	2,254	1,353	1,087	12,230	8,773	1,300	9	
87	Maxwell	811	1901	362			69	134			19	88	6	139		1	1	
88	Mediapolis	780		1,185			101	453	320	71	149	24	6	269		1	1	
89	Missouri Valley	3,985	1887	2,732	5		100	401	8	71	1,568	477	158	888		371	1	
90	Montezuma	1,273	1919	2,363	7	300	128	211	6	50	876	236	80	543		240	1	
91	Monticello	2,275	1904	2,044			60	297	110	97	211	393	100	780	277	308	1	
92	Mount Ayr	1,283	1913	1,791	4.5			646	45	72	182	257		875	27	106	1	
93	Mount Pleasant	2,387	1907	3,277	4		168	866	191	129	159	114		730	567	300	5	
94	Muscatine	16,068	1901	11,373	2			1,516	396	207	1,274	788	176	1,640	3,700	1,094	5	
95	Nashua	1,317	1902	1,518			129	225	28	77	177	127	34	730		112	1	
96	Nevada	2,698	1876	2,556	4.4		514	356	196	84	407	390	127	600	60	198	1	
97	New Hampton	2,329	1868	2,314			459	285	44	78	275	344	39	719	77	208	2	
98	Newton	6,227	1898	8,474	5		273	1,139	269	121	566	692	220	1,465	1,566	431	2	
99	Odebolt	1,445	1898															
100	Oelwein	7,455	1911	2,666	3			368	87	64	66		133	915	105	2	2	
101	Onawa	2,256	1902	2,158		718	74	227	155	125	866	20	89	1,200	630	180	2	
102	Osage	2,573	1875	3,099	2.5		536	2,374	166	106	456	877	136	943		412	1	
103	Oswego	2,884	1911	1,822	3.3		97	343	97	71	179	390	39	60	80	162	1	
104	Oskaloosa	9,427	1890	9,872			456	1,954	361	340	1,721	1,019	433	4,751		780	5	
105	Ottumwa	23,003	1902	5,554			6,224	2,822	1,430	341	1,071		1,174	1,800	4,650	861	6	
106	Parkersburg	1,108		495	1			247		25	41		58	217	12	6	1	
107	Paton	414	1909	405	5		23	100		163	10	10		50	79	10	1	
108	Paulina	587	1908	990			164	313			923	46	15	132		30	1	
109	Pella	3,283	1906	2,972			25	320	110	110	400	200	37	680	474	190	3	
110	Perry	5,642	1904	4,833	5		97	917	227	120	488	635	77	1,000	430	300	2	
111	Pringhar	972		1,076	4.2			3	8	2			35			1	1	
112	Red Oak	5,378	1908	3,711	3.5		372	1,133	97	164	276	397	233	1,200	480	375	2	
113	Reinbeck	1,415	1915	2,900	1.5	97		142	29	94	302	346	25	505		144	1	
114	Rock Rapids	2,172	1903	2,876			18	298	26	121	589	240	49	818		134	1	
115	Rockwell City	2,639	1900	3,496	5		3,067	613	69	81	430	282	341	600	5	360	1	
116	Sae City	2,630	1912	2,474	4	171	78	1,092	34	68	273	501	221	870	102	306	2	
117	Sanborn	1,467	1901	1,108	5		25	342		17								
119	Sheldon	3,488	1897	3,796	5		245	379	5	71	173	107	17	180		88	1	
120	Shenandoah	5,255	1905	3,861	4.5			368	218	30	1,177	549	44	795	15	247	1	
121	Sibley	1,803	1905	1,170			882	133	37	128	154	625	89	2,020	69	300	2	
122	Sigourney	2,210	1914	2,651	4.9			473	72	54	000	262	51	675	18	61	1	
123	Sionx City	71,227	1877	49,097			1,930	6,833	1,814	92	5	226	115	735		300	1	
124	Spencer	4,599	1905	2,318			28	394	153	2,194	3,855	2,563	4,058	3,000	23,952	3,397	50	
125	Spirit Lake	1,701	1894	2,261	5		456	515	31	197	22	501	25	640	268	180	2	
126	Storm Lake	3,658	1905	4,536	2.9			954	215	192	222	345	152	1,238	372	492	2	
127	Stuart	1,719	1901	1,690				363	64	88	548	284	211	559		300	1	
128	Tama	2,901	1906	1,550	4			424	29	100	32		130	600		1	1	
129	Tipton	2,142	1901	2,594	5	308	171	444	263	85	413	197	32	480		249	1	
130	Toledo	1,904	1929	1,660	4		19	437	42	114	335	452	207	1,020	439	309	2	
131	Traer	1,289	1912	992	2.5	171	302	316	19	42	173	446	41	540	21	74	1	
132	Villisca	2,111	1908	1,696				227	105	56	249	233	23	480	13	137	1	
133	Vinton	3,381	1909	2,633	2.5			482	5	13	206	213	41	600	66	349	1	
134	Washington	4,697	1878	2,920	2.5			471	168	94	302	346	131	980	316	173	1	
135	Waterloo	36,239	1897	23,527	4.5		522	4,410	697	898	2,660	1,388	1,849	39,328	2,670	18	18	
136	Waukon	2,359		1,678	3			148	65	73	56		14	900	12	129	1	
137	Waverly	3,352	1905	3,177	3			1,213	225	163	512	239	88	680	243	2	2	
138	Webster City	5,657	1908					180	22	18	136	21	112	251	14		1	
139	Wellman	875	1908					62	41		106	113	369			1	1	
140	West Branch	688	1904	688				219									1	
141	West Liberty	1,824	1900	1,821			58	322	69	107	7	189	54	645		180	1	
142	Whiting	625	1913				1,066	407	63	44	1	691	66	300		1	1	
143	Winterset	2,906	1892	3,588	3.5	1,215	59	256			257	591	33	1,500	600	600	2	
144	Woodbine	1,463	1908					256	62	60	394	184	69	480		240	1	

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 †Delinquent in report for 1923.  
 ‡Staff salaries included.  
 §Supported by endowment.  
 ¶Includes township tax.

STATISTICS OF IOWA LIBRARIES FOR 1923—ASSOCIATION AND SUBSCRIPTION LIBRARIES.

Place	Population	Year founded	Librarian	Management	Number volumes added in 1923	Total number of volumes	Number volumes loaned in 1923	Number hours open per week
Allerton	964	1922	Guy J. Winslow	Library Association	300	1,000	500	
*Alton	1,007	1923	Elizabeth V. Pitts	Library Association	837	837	1,429	8
*Anita	1,236	1911		Library Association				
Anthony	783	1903	Mrs. Mate Chaitin	Women's Club				
Amelia	768	1917	Fearl L. Miller		10	618	1,416	9
Avoca	1,482	1900	Mrs. W. A. Maxwell	Library Association	64	2,968	3,944	
Battle Creek	785	1922	Mrs. G. S. Millie	Library Association	109	1,131	3,466	10
Belle Plaine	3,887	1907	Mrs. Ida H. Rank	Library Association	43	2,600	371	14
Brooklyn	1,533	1908	Gertrude A. Newkirk	Columbian Club	90	810	5,335	2
Buffalo Center	894	1922	Mrs. Fred Miller	Community Club	50	250		
*Burt	629	1923	Rev. M. E. Seltz	Library Association				
Clearfield	665	1915	Mrs. Amy Townsend	Library Association	75	1,019	1,727	10
Correctionville	1,016	1898	Mrs. F. W. Woodruff	Library Association				
*Corwith	635	1923	Mrs. Kathryn Filmore	Amer. Leg. Aux.				
Creston	8,034	1873	Bella Alderson	Board of Education	740	5,300	13,421	38
Dow City	1,145	1916	Ellen Goddard	Library Association	228	1,138	1,492	
Dumont	600	1921						
*Early	568	1924	Mrs. J. W. Graham	Civics Improvement Club				
Elliot	686	1916	Mrs. Mae Aton	Library Association	140	1,254	3,784	8
Elma	874	1913						
Everly	480	1916	(Mrs. F. N. Wood)	Women's Club	101	676	3,000	3
Extra	840	1894	Mrs. Mary Fulton	Thursday Club	75	2,500	3,000	4
*Farmersburg	290	1921		Woman's Club				
Farmington	1,086	1921		Library Association				
Fonda	1,136	1913	Mrs. H. F. Wykoff	Woman's Civic Club	236	574		5
Garden Grove	664	1913	Hazel L. Vail	Library Association	440	3,257		
*Gidden	867	1924	Mrs. H. W. Porter	Woman's Club				
Gowry	804	1916	Mrs. W. E. Bornberger	Library Association	28	474		6
Grand Junction	1,010		Mrs. Lettie Dietz		123	557	300	9
*Gravity								
Greene	1,573	1875	Mrs. Eber Wilder	Library Association	58	2,646	5,125	7
Grissold	1,264	1914		Civic Club				
*Hospers	670	1921	M. Jansna		50	525		10
*Hull	791	1924	A. B. Horlings	Boy Scouts				
*Inwood	746	1924	Mrs. Charles W. Hansen	P. T. A.		373		8
*Irtton	730	1924	Mrs. Oscar Redgel	Library Association		359		6
Jericlo (P. O. New Hampton)		1919	Willy Brueckel	Soldiers Union	77	704	429	12
Jesup	774	1912		Even Dozen Club				
Kesauqua	851	1916	Mrs. E. E. Sherman	Women's Club	121	2,029	2,073	9
Kiron	294	1908	N. Florence Johnson	B. Y. P. U.	126	1,002	934	4
*Lake Mills	1,529	1923	Mrs. C. C. Groves					
Lake Park	789	1905		Women's Club				
Lake View	828	1921	Mary C. Hartman	Library Association	115	586	2,564	1
Lakota	472	1920	Mrs. Nellie L. Farrow	Library Association	78	1,164	4,320	5
Lamon	1,787	1922	Audencia M. Kelley					
Lansing	1,447	1913	Martha Hemenway	Library Association	75	1,889	2,550	10
Letts	417	1912	Mrs. H. Shellabarger	Library Association	78	961	1,421	
Lewis	67	1914						
Lorimer	678	1921	Loiah Goodridge		172	472	2,240	6
Lost Nation	537	1880	Marie Mohl	Hearthstone Club	4	451	720	3
*Lyons		1864	Jeanette F. Balch	Y. M. A.				6
Maesdonia	332	1905	Mary J. Martin		600			
*McGregor	1,239	1921	Mrs. Lena D. Meyers	Library Association				4
Manson	1,400	1920						
Mapleton	1,367	1923	Emma Wilson	Public School	575	4,975	8,079	
Marathon	530	1920	Jennie Hartsborn	Library Association	198	763		4
Marion	1,061	1911	Mrs. W. E. Willey	Library Association	176	1,700	4,056	7
*Martinsburg	378	1923	Mrs. Milo Kidder					
*Milford	908	1924	Mrs. Esther Lafontaine					
Morning Sun	751	1915						
New London	1,144	1920	Ora Williams		80	1,091	2,500	3
New Sharon	1,084	1915	Mrs. Lenna Gable	Women's Club	89	1,300		5
*Newell	809	1923	Mrs. E. S. Kinney	Woman's Com. Club				
Northwood	1,597	1907	Mrs. A. K. Trueman	Library Association	40	1,650	1,000	7
Ocheyedan	686	1912						
Orange City	1,632	1916	Mrs. B. H. Vande Waa	Women's Club	160	1,389	4,270	9
Panora	196	1902	Ethie Boblett	Women's Club	70	1,029	906	8
*Pocahontas	1,302	1917	Mrs. W. C. Ralston	Woman's Club				
*Pomeroy	874	1923	Mrs. Helen Gehmke	Community Club		725		6
Postville	1,639	1901						
Quimby	363	1921						
Redfield	770	1886	Martha L. Williams	Library Association	75	800	300	
Riceville	909	1923	Will Greeley	Library Association		869	803	8
*Rockford	1,031	1917	Mrs. S. Jennie Fullerton	Charles City P. L.	37	867	2,599	
Rockwell	800	1913	Grace McClelland	Library Association	1,486	3,425		
Salem	494	1903	Mrs. Ethel Garretson	Woman's Club	55	727	500	3
Seranton	843	1916	Carrie Marchant	Library Association	59	1,123		5
*Sheffield	1,166	1923	Mrs. M. C. Ferrin	Library Association				5
Shelby	588	1888	Mrs. Ralph Fryor	L. H. W. Club	9	562	319	
*Silver City	430	1923						
*Sioux Rapids	1,080	1924	DeNora Skinner	Library Association		1,190	4,321	12
Story City	1,591	1922	Mrs. C. J. Ristvedt	Library Association	287	850	4,249	9
Swea City	921	1920	Lulu E. Dye	Thursday Club	40	500	800	3
Union	600	1911	Arthur Beneand	Chapin School	75	1,236		
Wayland	673	1921	Marie M. Imhoff	Mennonite Sunday School	348	349	019	2
What Cheer	1,626	1906	Mrs. H. L. Wright	Thursday Club		550		6
Winfield	1,627	1918	Mrs. William Bowers	Ladies Improvement Club	316	478	1,468	
Winthrop	507	1922	Helen M. Demley		50	1,200	300	4

\*New Library.  
 \*Delinquent in report for 1923.  
 \*Rural extension branch.

## COLLEGE AND ACADEMY LIBRARIES

Place	Name of Library	Librarian	Volumes added in 1923	Total number volumes
Cedar Rapids	Coe College	Betty H. Pritchett	1,580	21,730
Clinton	Wartburg College	William J. H. Knappe	172	5,723
Davenport	St. Ambrose College	Rev. J. B. Cove	100	9,940
Decorah	Luther College	Karl T. Jacobsen	1,928	28,830
Des Moines	Des Moines University	Mrs. Eva M. Page	2,527	22,000
Des Moines	Drake University	Marion Lentherrman	3,159	38,156
Dubuque	Columbia College	L. Koenzel	3,567	22,000
Fairfield	Parsons College	Allice Kirk	573	13,825
Fayette	Upper Iowa University	Dora F. Carter		
Forest City	Waldorf College		50	1,300
Grinnell	Grinnell College	Isabelle Clark	2,400	72,541
Hopkinton	Lenox College	Anna Maud Earhart	15	7,772
Indianola	Simpson College	Ellen Creek	785	17,000
Iowa Falls	Ellsworth College	Dorothy Cale	300	12,000
Lamoni	Graceland College	Lyda Eklson		
Le Mars	Western Union College	B. F. Zuehl	216	6,054
Mt. Pleasant	Iowa Wesleyan College	Mrs. Florence McKibbin	825	21,356
Mt. Vernon	Cornell College	May L. Fairbanks	1,250	53,900
Oskaloosa	Penn College	May Hunt	1,825	10,633
Pella	Central College	Marie Greiner	373	9,794
Sioux City	Morningside College	Maudie A. Price	3,500	27,000
Storm Lake	Bien Vista College	M. Burtis	49	13,726
Waverly	Wartburg Normal College	Miss Guetzlaff	223	2,775

## MISCELLANEOUS LIBRARIES

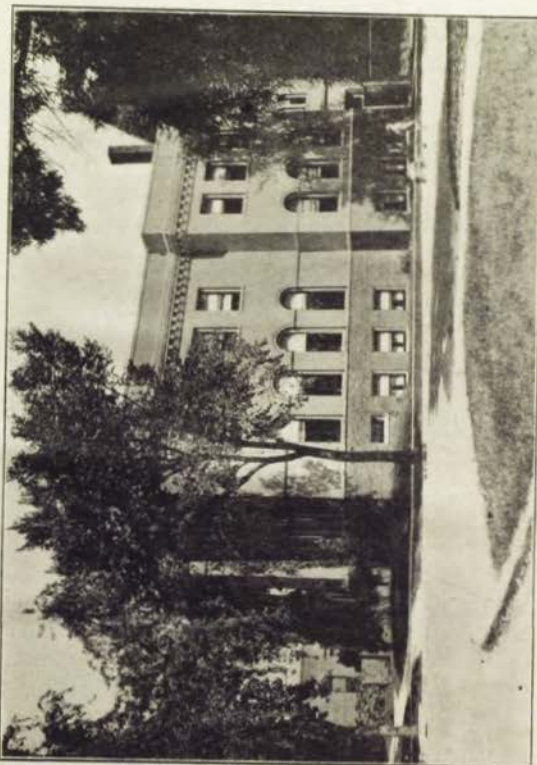
Cedar Rapids	Bohemian Reading Society			
Cedar Rapids	Iowa Masonic Library	Newton R. Parvin	10,018	25,579
Davenport	Academy of Sciences	J. H. Paarmann	1,170	73,911

## STATE SUPPORTED LIBRARIES

Ames	Iowa State College	Charles H. Brown	10,756	100,727
Cedar Falls	Iowa State Teachers College	Anne S. Duncan	5,919	73,256
Des Moines	Historical Department	Allice Marple	1,440	28,668
Des Moines	State Library (Including Law and Medical)	Johnson Brigham	187,307	4,082
Des Moines	Traveling Library	Julia A. Robinson	5,427	61,685
Iowa City	State Historical Society	Ruth A. Gallaber	2,921	62,349
Iowa City	State University	John B. Kaiser	14,927	284,064
Iowa City	S. U. L. Law Library	Helen S. Boylan	3,358	34,083

## LIBRARIES IN STATE INSTITUTIONS UNDER BOARD OF CONTROL

Place	Name of Library Librarian—Position vacant	Number of Volumes Added in 1923	Total Number of Volumes	Number of Volumes Loaned in 1923
Anamosa	State Reformatory	243	7,508	67,430
Cherokee	State Hospital	25	1,904	976
Clarinda				
Davenport	Soldiers' Orphans' Home		2,281	17,820
Eldora	Training School for Boys	152	2,651	1,250
Ft. Madison	State Penitentiary	62	6,671	24,000
Glenwood	Institution for Feeble Minded Children	171	732	9,762
Independence	State Hospital			
Marshalltown	Iowa Soldiers' Home	130	1,733	5,274
Mitcheville	Training School for Girls	75	1,884	
Mt. Pleasant	State Hospital	12	2,427	405
Oakdale	State Sanatorium	214		4,854
Rockwell City	Woman's Reformatory	179	630	1,653
Toledo	Juvenile Home			
Woodward	State Hospital and Colony for Epileptics	1,035	2,061	675



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