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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Hon. Samuel R. McKelvie, Governor of Nebraska:

Dear Sir: Complying with the requirement of the law, I herewith present the report of the Public Library Commission for the biennium ending November 30, 1920.

Respectfully yours,

MALCOLM G. WYER,
President.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Secretary's Report

December 1, 1918, to November 30, 1920

Personnel

A number of changes in the personnel of the Commission took place during the past two years.

On December 23, 1918, Juliet M. Vore died following an attack of influenza. She had been in charge of the traveling libraries since October, 1914. The loss sustained by the staff and by her friends in general was keen.

In March, 1919, Lora E. Bolton, a graduate of Simmons' library course, accepted a position with us as reference librarian and cataloger, Helen G. Mathewson taking over the work of the traveling libraries.

In December, 1919, Charlotte Templeton, who had been Secretary of the Commission for thirteen years, resigned to accept a similar position in Georgia. It was with great regret on the part of all library people in Nebraska that Miss Templeton left a work which has developed so largely because of her labor and enthusiasm. Miss Mathewson left us at the same time to become Miss Templeton's assistant in her new field of work.

Nellie Williams, who had held the position of Librarian for State Institutions for four years, was asked to take temporary charge of the department. In May, 1920, she was made Acting Secretary for a period of one year. By the addition of Louise Otten, as stenographer, Miss Williams was able to continue her supervision of the institutional libraries.

In January, 1920, Ruth E. Warrick, also a graduate of Simmons, succeeded to the position made vacant by Miss Mathewson and is now Librarian for Traveling Libraries.

On January 9, 1920, Supt. W. H. Clemmons, ex-officio member of the Commission, died and the vacancy was filled by J. M. Matzen, his successor as State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Activities

The activities of the Commission divide themselves into three lines of service, field work, traveling library and special loans and institutional library supervision.

Field Work

As in former years, a considerable part of the Secretary's time has been given to field work. Her aim to visit every library during the biennium has not been attained. This is due to insufficient help, to quarantine and coal restrictions and to the necessity of a repetition of visits to some libraries in early stages of progress.

These visits are intended to create library spirit, to give initial aid in organization, to assist librarians in administrative and technical matters, to advise library boards and to give friendly encouragement. They have varied in length from a few hours to one or two weeks' time.

From December 1, 1918, to November 30, 1920, 107 public library visits have been made, a summary of which is here given:

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Traveling Libraries and Special Loans

Our means of service by traveling libraries and individual loans continue as formerly, except that the demand for books increasingly exceeds the supply. There is an ever-growing request for individual loans covering an interesting variety of subjects.

During the past two years we have served 86 counties with traveling libraries and have sent books to 798 towns. We have loaned 7,597 more books and filled 895 more requests during this biennium than the preceding one. September, 1920, was a record month in our history, the loans being 300 volumes more than in any previous month of any previous year.

In point of time and cost, the parcel post system is most satisfactory, helping us to reach people promptly and cheaply with reference material.

As aids to making the Commission known to people desiring its services, there are always a number of assisting agencies. We feel that our work is greatly strengthened by means of the allies to be found among county superintendents, teachers, preachers, club women, county agricultural agents, librarians, University Extension departments and American Legion Posts.

SUMMARY OF TRAVELING LIBRARY LOANS

December 1, 1918, to November 30, 1920

Groups of Taxpayers		Public Libraries		School and College Libraries		Study Clubs		Individuals		American Legion Posts		Total	
Re-quests	Vols. Loaned	Re-quests	Vols. Loaned	Re-quests	Vols. Loaned	Re-quests	Vols. Loaned	Re-quests	Vols. Loaned	Re-quests	Vols. Loaned	Re-quests	Vols. Loaned
215	13,632	170	10,111	434	14,598	113	790	3,085	8,156	3	253	4,020	58,540

State Institution Libraries

The work in the institutional libraries has progressed in about the same manner as in former years. In some cases we may have taken no special steps in advance. In others we have made perceptible growth.

The most notable instance of progress is at the Ingleside Hospital for the Insane where a beautiful room 30 by 50 feet, centrally located, opened six hours a day, furnishes very good library facilities to patients and employees who are its constant patrons. This splendidly equipped and supervised library was made possible by the Superintendent, Dr. W. S. Fast, who felt the urgency of a better location for the library than it had had formerly. We point with special pride to this working out of a plan whereby an out-of-repair building was remodeled to make so attractive a library.

Our inmate population in the institutions is about 5,000. A conservative estimate places half of these among those mentally or physically unable to read. Add to this 2,500, 675 employees and it gives us a possible patronage of 3,175 in the 13 institutions where we are maintaining libraries. Our circulation of books for the biennium was 70,634. Instead of ranking with towns of equal population in circulation, we compete favorably with the largest towns in the state outside of Lincoln and Omaha. A record of periodical literature is kept only at the Penitentiary where 16,686 magazines were loaned during the biennium.

To show the attitude of those concerned, we herewith present tributes to the institutional libraries from the viewpoints of the Board of Commissioners, superintendents, librarians in charge and inmate readers.

L. C. Oberlies, Chairman Board of Commissioners of State Institutions: "I wish to express our appreciation of the good work you have done for us in helping us with our institutional libraries. They are a source of great satisfaction to this Board. They afford instruction and diversion to our patients and relieve much of the tedium of confinement. Their circulation is evidence of the keen appreciation with which they are held. I trust that you can supply us with more books during the coming biennium and we assure you we will give them housing and the best of care."

Dr. D. G. Griffiths, Superintendent Lincoln Hospital for the Insane: "I believe the library is very beneficial to quite a large number of patients in this hospital. The fact that we are not accomplishing more is due to our inadequate library room. We hope this will be remedied soon, as I thoroughly believe there should be a large, cheery room devoted especially to the library."

Librarian: "We have about 150 books circulated monthly among the patients besides the many magazines which they enjoy. On some

of the wards the older patients are read to every other day for an hour. This they look forward to with a great deal of pleasure."

Dr. W. S. Fast, Superintendent Ingleside Hospital for the Insane: "In my opinion a library connected with a state hospital is a most valuable adjunct to the institution. Hundreds of patients at Ingleside take advantage of their opportunity to secure books and periodicals. The date of beginning improvement in many mental and nervous cases corresponds to the date they first began reading. Employees are also benefited by having access to a well selected library and all the library activities are improved by having a full time librarian, she being on duty daily at regular library hours."

Librarian: "I believe the library affords more real pleasure to the patients than any other entertainment provided. Patients who come daily to read periodicals appreciate this privilege much."

A patient representing the ladies of her ward, without suggestion from any one, writes: "We wish to express our appreciation of the Ingleside library. We feel that we have an especially good selection of books and that they are distributed cheerfully. We are thankful for the cheerful service of our librarian."

Another patient says: "For myself the library has been a great benefit. I have read most of the fiction and think it would be a good thing if books could be exchanged with other libraries. The other patients also get enjoyment from them. Instructive books are also read on the wards."

Dr. L. T. Sidwell, Superintendent Tuberculous Hospital: "Great stress should be laid on furnishing patients in an institution of this kind all the reading matter they can reasonably use. All of us appreciate very much what the Library Commission is doing for us and I trust support will be given this excellent work."

Patient: "The library in this institution is appreciated very much. We have a varied selection of books, which most of the patients have found suitable to their tastes. Books are in constant circulation, being exchanged daily, by one of our patients who is in charge. Occasionally we get new books and we usually get a variety so that everyone is pleased."

Dr. B. A. Finkle, Superintendent Orthopedic Hospital: "We wish to express our appreciation for the work which the library is doing in this hospital. Our room is nicely equipped and considerable reading is done by both employees and patients. To the casual visitor, it may seem that the library is not used as much as it might be, but many patients are confined to their beds who without the books and periodicals would pass many lonesome hours."

Commandant J. O. Moore, Soldiers' Home, Milford: "I am a strong

advocate of the library and am proud of our little library. My observation is that the 'old comrades' and their wives and employees make good use of it."

Librarian: "I think the library is a great acquisition to this Home. There is a growing interest in the library and all seem to enjoy this great privilege."

A comrade says: "Have been at Milford Home for a year and have enjoyed myself mostly by getting books from the library. Hope it may continue to grow better and more of it."

Dr. S. J. Stewart, Superintendent Institution for Feeble-Minded Youth: "We consider the library one of the greatest assets to the inmates of this institution. We appreciate very much the interest manifested in selecting our books."

Librarian: "About sixty books are issued each week and are read by the children on the wards. The older girls who do not go to school show a marked interest in the girls' stories. Since the boys invariably ask for histories and biographies their books are more than a pleasure. The smaller children like to hear stories read. The library is well supplied with books best adapted to the class of children using them."

Supt. F. W. Booth, School for the Deaf: "The service rendered our school by the Nebraska Public Library Commission is, I feel, of inestimable value. In the nature of the case our deaf children, in order to get the most out of life, must read, and they must, here at school acquire not only the ability to read, but also the habit of reading, and both are made the easier to give through the use of the abundant supply of well bound and printed and beautifully illustrated books that come to us from your selection."

Librarian: "It is with great interest that I watch the readers of our library books who come under my observation. I continually note their eagerness to read and make a part of themselves, the good books which our library affords them. The books are especially adapted to the needs of children, and are constantly in use. The number of readers is ever on the increase, which is, I think, a proof of their appreciation."

One of the children: "There is good and fine language in books and I want them to help me have fine language. That is why I want to read. I want to read a great deal like Benjamin Franklin did. My father and mother want me to be a very smart man. That is why I read the books every day."

Librarian, one of the girls, Industrial Home for Women: "I have been greatly impressed by the part played by our little library in the lives of our girls. There is hardly a need it does not meet and their patronage certainly voices their appreciation. If they require entertainment, our 800 volumes of fiction and poetry supply the best quality; if

instruction in household arts, elementary nursing and care of children or art of entertaining, they are sure to find something to fit the occasion. Even their higher needs are met by ethical works of Marden, Myers and others."

R. V. Clark, Superintendent Boys' Industrial School: "The library in our school has been kept in good shape. Old books have been rebound, practical volumes provided and the boys wonderfully helped by the excellent advantages furnished by the library supervised as it is by state control."

Librarian: "The readers, as they come under my observation, appreciate the opportunities afforded by the library. Especially do the boys like the various magazines that are sent to the school."

One of the boys: "No boy lives to himself. All delight in companionship. Good books are good companions."

W. T. Fenton, Warden Penitentiary: "I find that our library meets our requirements fully. Thorough investigation convinces me that it has a decided influence for good. Last month over 1,400 books were asked for and received, 30 per cent of which were standard works."

Librarian: "I believe the library is one of the most potent factors in the reformation of the inmates. As you know from our monthly records, there is a very good percentage of standard reading done. Our fiction is good wholesome reading which all the men appreciate."

One of the men says: "During the last eleven years I have read a great many books from the prison library. I don't know of a single book that has not helped me in some way and I know this reading has helped all the men to a considerable extent."

Publicity

For a number of years it has been the policy of the Commission to advertise by means of an exhibit at the State Fair. In the fall of 1918 this was discontinued. In its stead county and district fair advertising was substituted. Miss Williams visited fairs in Franklin, Nuckolls and Saunders counties and a district fair in Frontier county. This more direct touch with the people, acquainting them with our aims and means of service, brought definite results.

Another method of publicity has been the loaning of exhibits. Besides filling requests of librarians over the state, we sent a collection of posters to A. L. A. headquarters in New York to be used in their publicity campaign. An exhibit was used in connection with a talk at the A. L. A. conference in Colorado Springs and at our state meeting in Lincoln.

In 1919, a personal letter sent to each county superintendent brought considerable response from rural teachers. Traveling libraries were on exhibit at several teachers' institutes. We also sent an exhibit of books

on rural sociology to the State Conference of the Methodist church at University Place.

A letter explaining the method of obtaining books from the Commission was inserted in our widely-read Nebraska Farmer. It brought prompt and overwhelming returns from Nebraska and a few requests from adjoining states.

During the past year, the Secretary attended the A. L. A. conference in Colorado Springs, the State Library meeting, State Federation of Women's Clubs, State Teachers' Association and Conference of Superintendents of State Institutions, at all of which she had some part on the program. She has also given talks at a Girls' Vocational Conference, the School for Rural Pastors, to a University History of Education class and the Wesleyan Educational Council. She talked on county libraries and met library boards and town councils in several places. Miss Warrick also appeared on the state library program in October, 1920, on the subject of the Library Commission.

Needs

The Commission has a primary and a secondary need at the present time. The latter is for an increase in our book supply to meet the demands upon us to furnish traveling libraries and reference material to organizations and individuals who legitimately look to us for help.

Primarily, we need an increase in the number on our office force. This is, in part, that we may effectively take care of the volume of business by serving the people promptly. In particular, we need an addition to the staff that the work over the state may be given more attention. The request to the legislature for a Field Agent arises from the knowledge that not enough time is spent in creating enthusiasm for more and better libraries in Nebraska.

Public Libraries

The past biennium has not been a favorable one for the establishment or growth of public libraries. The building situation, the general financial condition, difficulty to secure librarians and a lessening in hours of service, have affected the entire field of library activity.

There has been a cessation of library building in the state. The Carnegie Corporation discontinued its gifts prior to the war and has not as yet resumed its donations. As several places are in a state of progress needing buildings, this is a somewhat serious handicap. Scottsbluff alone has a building under consideration, \$14,000 having been promised them by the Carnegie Corporation before the date of restriction. No gifts of individuals for library buildings have been reported.

Two years ago we had 108 tax sustained libraries in Nebraska. During the biennium, Arnold, Bayard, Chappell, Gering, Kimball, Nelson, Oakland and Wausa have been added to the list making the present

number 116. Of these, Arnold and Wausa are township libraries. Bayard and Chappell seem specially worthy of banners. After only a year of organization, under the auspices of the Woman's Club, Bayard was taxed five mills for the support of its library. Funds not being available until May, 1921, Chappell raised \$1,300 by subscription and the library is in a very encouraging state of progress. They are agitating the question of county support.

Two of our libraries suffered recent loss by fire, Weeping Water only partial, well covered by insurance, and Ansley an almost complete loss of building and contents.

A few library boards are beginning to realize the seriousness of their meager maintenance and the inadequate salaries paid librarians. In most places the situation is critical because the amount of the levy is insufficient. Even in case of levying the five mill limit of the law, the funds furnish little hope of growth, if the unit is to be the municipality. Bayard, Cozad, Fairfield, Guide Rock and Plainview alone report a five mill tax. Excepting these towns, the average support is 2.4 mills.

The combined reported income by tax of our 116 libraries is \$210,726, Lincoln and Omaha furnishing \$78,261 of this amount. This leaves \$132,465 to provide free library facilities for our population of 1,295,502. \$40,839 dollars is the total amount spent for the purchase of books of which there are 133,129 volumes in the public libraries of the state. Is it much wonder that an unfortunately large per cent of the people in Nebraska have no library service except that furnished by state supported libraries?

We have 35 counties in the state without libraries in their county seat towns.

The hope of the future in library development lies in a materially increased financial support. We feel that this can be done only by enlarging the unit of organization from the municipality and township to the county. There has been some agitation along this line in the counties of Deuel, Colfax, Kearney, Nemaha and York but at present no county in Nebraska has put itself in such line of progress.

The county library law in Nebraska authorizes the establishment of such a library by vote of the people at a general election. The following is the text of the law:

3792. Section 16. ESTABLISHMENT—TAXES.—The city council of any city, the board of trustees of any incorporated village, the county board of any county, and the electors of any township at their annual town meeting, shall have the power to establish a public library free for the use of the inhabitants of such city, village, county or township, or to contract for the use of a public library already established, and may levy a tax of not more than 5 mills on the dollar annually to be levied

and collected in like manner as other taxes in such city, village, county or township, and to be known as the library fund: Provided, when the county board makes a levy for a county library, it shall omit from the levy of the library tax all property within the limits of any city, village or township in such county which already maintains a library by public tax: Provided further, before establishing such county library, or levying such tax, the county board shall submit the question to the voters of the county, and a majority of the voters voting thereon shall have authorized the establishment of such county library and the levying of the tax. Such question shall be submitted at a general election only, and when so submitted and carried, it is hereby made the duty of the county board to include the county library in its next succeeding estimate and levy.

The legislature of 1918-1919 made two changes in the state library law, changing the maximum rate of levy from 3 mills to 5, and reducing library boards from 9 to 5 members.

Interest always centers about our association libraries. These are usually mothered by the Women's Clubs until sufficient library spirit is created for them to be fathered by the towns. Libraries thus fostered are in the following towns: Adams, Alexandria, Beaver Crossing, Bridgeport, Brock, Dorchester, Elmwood, Eustis, Hemingford, Herman, Keystone, Minatare, Mitchell, Murray, Oak, Ogallala, Oxford, Page, Palmyra, Polk, Potter, St. Paul, Salem, Shubert, Valley, Valparaiso and Waterloo.

Correspondence shows a library interest at Arapahoe, Deshler, Grant, Humphrey, Inavale, Mason City, Monroe, Nora, Oshkosh, Pilger, South Sioux City, Springfield and Trenton.

Library War Service

As Nebraska's quota of Library War Service books, the Commission has received 3,162 volumes, consisting of many duplicate titles. They included books on Agriculture, Banking, Business, Economics, History, Journalism and Mechanics.

Of these we have added 564 volumes to our own collection for use in reference work. Upon request, we have distributed as gifts to American Legion Posts, Institutional and Public Libraries. An additional shipment not yet arrived will be similarly apportioned.

Many of these books were bought by the American Library Association and they will be a valuable acquisition not only to the Commission but will greatly aid the small libraries over the state.

Nebraska Library Association

The Nebraska Library Association met in Omaha for its annual conference in 1919. We had with us Mr. Chalmers Hadley, at that time President of the American Library Association, and Miss May Massee, editor of the Booklist.

Preceding this meeting, Miss Templeton conducted a three days' library institute for the new and inexperienced librarians. There were 22 librarians in attendance. They all remained for the Association meeting and the week proved a very profitable one.

In October, 1920, the annual meeting was held in Lincoln with Mr. William J. Hamilton, Secretary of the Indiana Library Commission, as the principal speaker. In line with the present trend of thought, he talked on the County Library as the best means of library extension.

Nebraska was unusually fortunate in having the American Library Association hold its 1920 conference in Colorado. Twenty-four of our librarians attended the Colorado Springs meeting. This furnished an interesting feature of the state program, in October, several people giving "Impressions and benefits from attending A. L. A."



SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

Volumes accessioned to December 1, 1918.....	22,333
Volumes in library December 1, 1918.....	19,685
Volumes added from December 1, 1918, to November 30, 1920.....	3,855
	23,540
Volumes withdrawn to December 1, 1918.....	2,648
Volumes withdrawn from December 1, 1918, to November 30, 1920—	
Foreign language, by legislative action transferred to University library	1,562
Destroyed	669
	2,231
Volumes accessioned to November 30, 1920.....	26,188
Volumes in library November 30, 1920.....	21,309

EXPENDITURES DECEMBER 1, 1918, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1920

	From Appropriation 1917-1919	From Appropriation 1919-1921
Books	\$ 13.60	\$ 5,315.26
Office expense	354.46	1,514.67
Binding	191.00	870.27
Printing	83.04	10.80
Travel	96.95	555.76
Extra help	153.13	403.43
Institution libraries	532.86	3,546.07
Secretary	500.00	2,500.00
Librarian	300.00	1,666.65
Assistant librarian	300.00	1,666.65
Stenographer	145.83	1,500.00
	\$ 2,670.87	\$19,549.56
		2,670.87
Total		\$22,220.43
Appropriation 1919-1921		\$23,000.00
Balance		3,450.44
Expended April 1, 1919, to November 30, 1920.....		19,549.65

STATE LIBRARIES

DEPARTMENT	Location	Vols.	Director
State Library.....	Lincoln	80,000	H. C. Lindsay
Public Library Commission.....	Lincoln	21,309	Nellie Williams
Legislative Ref. Bureau.....	Lincoln	11,000*	Edna D. Bullock
State Historical Society.....	Lincoln	55,000	Mrs. C. S. Paine

*Chiefly pamphlets and clippings.

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE LIBRARIES

SCHOOL	Location	Vols.	Librarian
Cotner College.....	Bethany	6,609	Mrs. Bessie Johnson
Creighton University.....	Omaha	51,500	W. T. Kinsella
Doane College.....	Crete	14,585	Nora Hjelm
Franklin Academy.....	Franklin	5,800	R. Kretsinger
Grand Island College.....	Grand Island	9,000	Gertrude M. Suess
Hastings College.....	Hastings	7,500	Flora Fisher
Lincoln High School.....	Lincoln	2,000	Jessie J. Glass
Luther College.....	Wahoo	3,500	Erik Wohlstrom
Nebraska Wesleyan.....	Uni. Place.....	11,022	Ethol M. Langdon
Omaha Central High School.....	Omaha	7,332	Zora Shields
Omaha Com'l High School.....	Omaha	3,000	May Ingles
Omaha South High School.....	Omaha	2,897	Clare Mackin
State Normal School.....	Chadron	5,965	Lillie Cilley
State Normal School.....	Kearney	17,360	Anna V. Jennings
State Normal School.....	Peru	30,000	Elva E. Rulon
State Normal School.....	Wayne	8,000	Jessie Jenks
Union College.....	College View	7,350	Mertie Wheeler
University of Nebraska.....	Lincoln	148,000	Malcolm G. Wyer
York College.....	York	3,500	Joyce Cushman

STATE INSTITUTION LIBRARIES

INSTITUTION	Place	Population (exclusive of employees)	Volumes in Library	Circulation for Biennium	Volumes Added During Biennium	EXPENDITURES FOR BIENNIUM			
						Books	Periodicals	Binding	Supplies and Travel
Home for Feeble-Minded.....	Beatrice	640	869	2,799*	67	\$102.85	\$ 93.39	\$ 7.15	.....
Soldiers' Home	Burkett	363	1,368	3,970	83	78.61	109.22	23.10	.....
Girls' Industrial School.....	Geneva	125	858	1,997	95	148.99	78.55	23.10	.....
State Hospital for Insane.....	Ingleside	1,138	1,293	9,079	288	421.52	.....	109.40	.....
Boys' Industrial School.....	Kearney	220	972	10,659	114	187.68	171.50	54.45	.....
Hospital for Tuberculous.....	Kearney	85	501	4,714	180	164.15	85.11	.....	.....
State Hospital for Insane.....	Lincoln	899	978	2,653	131	236.31	205.46	26.40	.....
Orthopedic Hospital	Lincoln	77	1,368	589	230	123.27	109.23	40.15	.....
Penitentiary	Lincoln	503	2,905	24,707‡	174	152.71	205.98	.....	.....
Industrial Home for Women.....	Milford	75	475	842	47	50.24	59.81	.....	.....
Soldiers' Home	Milford	151	581	923	50	66.55	68.48	6.05	.....
State Hospital for Insane.....	Norfolk	672	904	3,064	138	222.53	114.83	49.50	.....
School for the Deaf.....	Omaha	170	1,455	4,638*	119	135.78	86.89	24.75	.....
All Institutions .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$235.24

*Report covering 16 months.

‡Exclusive of periodical literature.

TAX SUPPORTED LIBRARIES

PLACE	Popu- lation	Mill Levy	Income	EXPENDITURES			Volumes	Patrons	Circu- lation	Librarian
				Salaries	Books	Other				
1 Ainsworth	1,540	2	\$ 600	\$ 200	\$ 239	\$ 161	3,117	916	10,067	Mrs. Anna Tolliver
2 Albion	1,584	2	1,200	420	250	530	4,500	750	12,450	Mrs. Jennie Gradon
3 Alliance	4,591	3	2,300	900	95	1,305	5,800	516	13,935	Mrs. Blanche Prettyman
4 Alma	1,066	3	600	240	36	324	2,537	937	3,279	Mrs. Jennie Taylor
5 Ansley*	700	3	705	125	208	372	800	300	9,000	Mrs. H. L. Fowler
6 Arcadia*	800	3	1,115	360	73	682	1,918	700	6,260	Mrs. P. I. Cromwell
7 Arlington	650	3	646	72	275	299	1,238	540	1,330	Mrs. A. E. Bashford
8 Arnold*	1,800	1	600	92	170	338	500	350	1,904	Laura C. Peterson
9 Ashland	1,379	2.5	650	249	88	313	.....	.....	.....	Dorothea Scott
10 Auburn	3,700	2	1,100	390	300	410	4,274	1,850	8,579	Lillian Scofield
11 Aurora	2,630	2.5	1,800	600	310	890	5,043	3,139	14,876	Lillian Moore
12 Bayard	2,400	5	1,900	300	308	1,292	500	50	.....	Mrs. Viola Shepherd
13 Beatrice	9,987	2.9	5,400	1,465	1,280	2,625	12,941	3,010	37,995	Mrs. C. A. Anderson
14 Blair	2,584	3	1,825	615	315	895	3,442	1,404	13,913	May McQuarrie
15 Bloomfield	1,600	3	1,300	540	177	583	1,399	1,238	6,221	Mrs. Mae Durbin
16 Broken Bow....	2,300	2.5	1,008	540	.....	468	3,600	2,103	108,673	Emily Robertson
17 Burwell ²	915	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Ruth L. Borden
18 Carroll	382	1	187	50	91	46	1,005	131	2,405	Mrs. M. S. Linn
19 Cedar Rapids....	800	2	260	104	150	6	2,156	375	9,143	Mrs. E. L. Melvin
20 Central City.....	3,500	2	1,000	480	230	290	4,361	1,243	9,190	Margaret Anderson
21 Chadron	4,400	3	1,800	627	712	461	4,954	2,000	19,951	Mrs. Elizabeth Smith
22 Chappell ¹	1,400	.....	1,300	360	.....	940	825	130	.....	Herbert C. Gans
23 Clarks*	1,800	1.5	1,500	600	200	700	1,240	470	5,298	Mrs. Fern A. Beardsley

*Township.

¹Too recently organized to report.

²Failed to report.

TAX SUPPORTED LIBRARIES—(Continued)

PLACE	Popu- lation	Mill Levy	Income	EXPENDITURES			Volumes	Patrons	Circu- lation	Librarian
				Salaries	Books	Other				
24 Clay Center ²	1,065	....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	.....	.....	.....	Bertha F. Jessup
25 College View....	2,250	3	900	196	251	453	3,242	3,130	3,130	Anna Jenkins
26 Columbus	5,014	2.17	2,786	770	.....	2,016	6,507	2,541	22,377	Rose Riddell
27 Cozad ²	1,500	5	.....	60	.....	.....	500	150	.....	Edith I. Allen
28 Crawford	1,500	1	449	169	191	89	1,868	594	6,008	Mrs. C. J. Hornsby
29 Creighton	1,600	1	928	360	482	86	1,419	716	6,689	Winnie Jane Mann
30 Crete	2,404	2	1,100	420	253	427	5,725	.....	5,968	Mrs. C. F. Baker
31 David City.....	2,500	2.75	1,400	540	442	418	5,000	511	13,159	Lillian Simpkins
32 DeWitt ²	625	2.5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	550	.....	Amy Plucknett
33 Fairbury	5,294	3	2,750	1,100	675	975	8,500	4,014	37,098	Mary C. McQuaid
34 Fairfield	1,054	5	1,000	250	33	717	1,797	992	1,400	Virginia Johnson
35 Falls City.....	3,255	2.5	2,300	900	420	1,320	9,348	1,116	36,279	Mary Hutchings
36 Franklin	949	4	850	148	340	362	3,200	1,500	6,841	Mrs. Mary Humphrey
37 Fremont	10,000	1.25	4,746	1,200	703	2,843	10,471	4,000	45,668	Sara E. Gosselink
38 Friend	1,261	3	1,200	300	201	699	1,256	1,016	.....	Rotha Doner
39 Fullerton	1,638	....	1,030	405	543	82	4,415	1,652	12,628	Mrs. Nettie Johnson
40 Geneva	1,742	3	1,400	600	200	600	3,900	900	7,800	Mrs. Isabel Bixby
41 Genoa	1,376	....	220	84	110	26	1,600	400	3,000	Mrs. C. H. Shields
42 Gering ¹	2,000	1	.....	454	.....	.....	665	.....	.....	Mrs. Ida Ripley
43 Gibbon*	900	1.5	1,000	395	325	280	2,572	600	7,023	Mrs. C. E. Bartlett
44 Gothenburg	1,800	3	2,000	840	120	1,040	2,134	1,080	7,310	S. Frances Botkin
45 Grand Island... 13,960	13,960	1	3,566	1,282	423	1,861	7,391	2,689	27,190	Daisy Houck
46 Guide Rock.....	617	5	724	300	150	274	1,460	414	6,775	Katherine Guy

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				Salaries	Books	Other				
47 Hartington	1,800	---	\$1,700	\$ 360	\$ 925	\$ 415	2,500	1,036	-----	Kate S. Bryant
48 Harvard	1,102	3	1,573	360	162	1,051	2,125	1,111	8,662	Mrs. A. J. Jenison
49 Hastings	10,252	1.25	2,479	1,242	251	986	9,526	4,000	35,000	Mrs. Ida E. Capps
50 Havelock	5,500	---	2,200	900	507	793	5,016	2,352	3,766	Mrs. Susie G. Smith
51 Hebron ²	1,778	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	Mrs. Roy Hensel
52 Holdrege	3,500	2	1,631	600	539	492	5,000	1,227	11,805	Mrs. Catherine Wills
53 Hooper	1,014	1.5	580	120	398	62	2,316	1,036	5,575	Joel Warner
54 Humboldt	1,200	2	889	360	175	354	3,000	1,000	7,600	Mrs. J. K. Liggett
55 Kearney	8,200	1.6	2,354	1,080	639	635	3,500	5,000	47,116	Mrs. Mary E. O'Brian
56 Kimball	1,850	1	1,000	300	400	300	575	112	75	Wayne I. Nelson
57 Laurel ²	514	---	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	Roy L. Lothrop
58 Lexington	3,000	3	1,800	720	200	880	1,672	493	7,064	Mary Kelley
59 Lincoln	54,948	1.2	22,068	7,831	4,840	9,397	48,126	14,158	217,111	Lulu Horne
60 Louisville	778	2	340	65	-----	275	958	163	1,078	Edith F. Shryock
61 Loup City*	1,640	2.5	1,500	960	463	77	2,000	1,020	7,812	Frances Hansel
62 McCook	4,303	2	1,602	580	189	833	6,897	4,500	7,343	Grace Willetts
63 Madison	2,000	---	1,465	574	382	509	3,602	1,186	10,756	Gretchen Kramer
64 Merna*	459	3	1,200	365	134	701	1,775	519	3,564	Mrs. H. K. Atkisson
65 Minden	1,559	2	700	360	246	94	3,919	1,190	7,608	Mrs. Helen Slusser
66 Morrill	750	3	505	120	243	142	1,418	-----	6,000	Mrs. S. J. Medlin
67 Nebraska City..	6,700	1.5	1,500	600	300	600	6,500	775	11,590	Anne Stevenson
68 Neligh	2,000	2.5	1,107	400	150	557	3,948	1,097	11,672	Mrs. Carrie M. Jones
69 Nelson	1,000	1	296	53	87	156	1,730	442	3,000	Alice Ruddell

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70 Norfolk	9,000	2.6	\$2,000	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	6,375	6,000	21,169	Laura Durland
71 North Bend*....	1,100	4	1,161	377	271	513	2,383	650	7,826	Laura Roup
72 North Platte....	10,600	2.5	2,530	1,038	776	716	5,090	.....	23,178	Loretta Murphy
73 Oakland ¹	1,500	---	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Ethel Hanson
74 Omaha	190,000	---	56,193	3,549	10,558	42,086	147,749	30,792	428,577	Edith Tobitt
75 O'Neill*	2,089	1	1,982	310	153	1,519	2,733	1,587	6,256	Mary McLaughlin
76 Orleans*	1,100	3	1,300	720	100	480	2,018	675	5,722	Mrs. Selma Haggard
77 Osceola ²	1,105	---	116	13	.....	103	.....	.....	.....	Mrs. C. G. Timm
78 Pawnee City	1,610	4	1,400	560	105	735	4,182	1,850	13,000	Mrs. Flora Fullerton
79 Pender	1,000	---	200	26	100	74	2,000	100	.....	Mrs. H. J. Arnholt
80 Pierce	1,200	3	760	232	193	335	2,468	427	3,905	Mrs. J. A. Andrew
81 Plainview	1,200	5	650	240	175	235	1,897	750	10,080	Mrs. P. H. Parker
82 Plattsmouth	4,900	2.3	1,500	703	560	237	8,315	3,655	17,180	C. Olive Jones
83 Ponca	1,100	3	450	96	227	127	3,500	1,300	7,102	Mrs. Mary Lipe
84 Randolph	1,600	3	600	119	131	350	1,500	287	7,200	Mrs. S. Buchanan
85 Ravenna	1,700	3	961	450	333	178	2,449	635	8,587	Nellie V. Clark
86 Red Cloud.....	1,500	4	1,100	660	150	290	3,000	1,051	16,371	Yola Schwartz
87 Schuyler	3,000	3	1,865	460	377	1,028	2,122	1,971	15,330	Myrtle MacSween
88 Scottsbluff	6,912	1.5	2,000	480	283	1,237	4,245	1,483	19,599	Eleanor M. Wheeler
89 Scribner	1,021	---	511	300	21	190	2,000	435	2,400	Edna D. B. Ehlers
90 Seward	3,000	2	1,000	460	183	357	4,500	1,150	10,962	M. Belle Schick
91 Shelton*	1,480	2	1,366	749	258	359	4,462	968	8,914	Mrs. C. S. Burkard
92 Sidney	3,000	3	2,604	456	174	1,974	2,232	995	5,236	Mrs. Constance Corbett

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				Salaries	Books	Other				
93 Silver Creek*....	379	1	\$ 500	\$ 180	\$ 151	\$ 169	809	408	1,715	Mrs. W. D. Smith
94 Spalding*.....	637	---	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	Mrs. W. J. Lee
95 Spencer*.....	900	3	1,627	255	300	1,072	2,353	250	11,316	Mrs. Frances Hollstein
96 Stanton.....	1,485	4	2,002	520	236	1,246	3,487	1,326	10,320	Mrs. J. D. Elmore
97 Sterling.....	700	3	640	240	35	365	1,671	282	6,333	Mrs. Mary Hollenback
98 Stromsburg....	1,400	3	1,000	420	400	180	1,620	620	7,785	Marie Shaw
99 Superior.....	2,106	3	1,447	550	201	696	7,600	1,800	54,926	Mrs. Lucy Conn
100 Sutton.....	1,700	2.5	850	480	65	305	2,827	1,020	-----	Sybil B. Jarrett
101 Syracuse.....	1,000	1.5	450	52	127	271	2,138	380	2,501	Louise Van Horne
102 Table Rock.....	814	3	297	86	78	133	600	313	2,741	Mrs. Allie Wood
103 Talmage.....	500	2	236	90	53	93	1,170	263	4,578	Sophia Mohler
104 Tecumseh.....	2,000	3	696	300	176	220	3,554	450	8,324	Mary E. Appleget
105 Tekamah.....	1,800	3	1,397	480	253	664	2,215	1,253	8,595	Marguerite Nesbit
106 Uni. Place.....	4,000	4	3,000	920	836	1,244	6,055	1,088	23,327	Katherine Wood
107 Wakefield.....	1,200	3	943	238	343	362	3,541	1,243	6,729	Ruth Collins
108 Wausa* ¹	800	1	500	300	-----	200	900	178	-----	Alice Banks
109 Wayne.....	2,140	3	1,478	406	476	596	3,975	1,524	11,216	Mrs. E. S. Blair
110 Weeping Water	1,196	2	1,255	300	200	755	2,718	432	7,800	Grace Countryman
111 West Point.....	1,800	3	1,563	346	184	1,033	1,458	987	8,468	Minnie Frahm
112 Winside.....	485	3	350	120	100	130	1,700	300	2,556	Mrs. Emma Dysart
113 Wisner.....	1,200	1	235	120	-----	115	1,563	216	-----	Jessie Kay
114 Wood River.....	1,000	2	468	170	98	200	2,795	485	5,122	Anna B. Horn
115 Wymore.....	2,600	2.5	2,158	420	433	1,305	1,621	1,010	10,362	Gladys Pirie
116 York.....	6,235	3	6,473	1,059	621	4,793	10,412	3,700	18,316	Ada Haggard

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