## kirimenin Annual Report, of Librarian of the Salem Public Library, for 1915

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I have the honor to present the fifth annual repor the Salem Pubic Library under the administration of anding Decem
ADDITIONS
This year has seen a greater number of books added vere added, 10 aduult pamphlets, 343 , 38 uvenile books were of of 1139 books and pamphitets. of thene books 914
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were purchased 97 , thene were e purchased, 97 were added by. binding, 43 had no
been previously shelf listed and 75 were gifts. been previously sherf listed and the were gifts.
With the wear and tear on the books many of them have worn out and been withdrawn from the shelves
This last year 333 adult books have been withdrawn, 269 juvenile books, 2 adult pamphlets and 8 juvenile pamphlets, a total of 612 pieces. Deducting these withdrawals from
our total additions, 1139 , gives a net gain for the year The library. now has 8987 adult books, 153 adult
pamphlets, 2355 juvenile books and 27 juvenile pamphlets pamphlets, 2355 juvenile books and 27 juvenile pamphlets
a total of 11472 . With an estimated population of itotal of 11472 . With an estima
17000 this gives . 62 volumes per capita.
The aim of this library is to have a good, live, up-o-date collection of books. It is hoped that sometime the
ibrary will have 15000 volumes and have every one of hese a book that counts.
Statistics of additio
Statistics of additions by classes and by month are
apended to this report. BINDING AND MENDING
97 volumes of the current magazines have been bound

and | 226 books have beence rebound and approximately 1200 |
| :--- | circulation

In the matter of circulation this year has broken all revious records of the library. A total of 53008 books has been issued over the desk. This is 5616 more than last
year and 4599 more than 1913 which was the highest year. Estimating the population of Salem at 17000 this year. Estimating the population of Salem at 17000 this
percentage of juvenile fiction is 62 which is better than
the adultt department. The adult department.
These statistics
These statistics include only books issued from the
iibray. It must be remembered that thru the School library. In must be remembered that thru the School
Department the library has class room libraries in every public school room thr out the city and traveling libraries in addition when the teacher wishes. Therefore the
cifldren get a great many of their books from the schools and some of the children who live farthest from the library get most of their books this way, The circulation from
the grade schools for the school year ending June, 1915, was 19318 and from the High School library 10441, making
the total circulation of books in Sales the total circulation of books in Salem 82767, an increase
of 10286 over last year. Statistics of circulation by menth and by clase lase year. Statatisties of circulation by month While it is gratifying to report such a circulation, it estimated by circulation alone. One of the most important functions of the library is looking up information for peo-
ple and the requests for help along this line have been begistration
There has been a corresponding increase in the regs have registered, 4 4. triildren and 14 county, peaders, making a total of 1956. A total of 211 readers have been
withdrawn as having moved away, etc., of these 174 were
 borrowers cards, 4712 of these being adutt, 1524 juvenile and county. school department
This is the fourth year of the operation of the school gives a circulation of 3.1 per capita and with 11472 books
n the library an average circulation of 4.6 per volume. ne library an average circulation of 4.6 per volume.
1915 has also seen the record of books issued on any one day broken, jumping from 389 , which record was es.
tablished in 1944 , to 408 which is one day broken, jumping from 389, which record was es.
tecember 4 th, 1915 , to 408 which is the present record on
Dis. For the adduls, 8462 class books were issued, 706
magazines and 28168 books of fiction. This makes the magazines and 28168 books of fietion. This makes the
percentage of adutit fiction circulated 75 . This remains exactly the same as last year which shows that the ins.
crease has been in both class books and fietion. However crease has been in both class books and fiction. However
it is felt thet 75 per cent tig high. Portland reports only
48.9 per cent fietion and Seattle 60.8 per cent 48.9 per cent fiction and Seattle 60.8 per cent.
In
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juvenile department 5985
class
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den fiction books weree e issued, a total of cistass books, 968 books. The
libraries under the public library and from every standpoint the arrangememit semems to be very satisfactory This happy coperation gives the public library a greater
opportunity for doing the regular library work with the
schools than would otherwise be possible The re schools than would otherwise be possible. The results
show that the department is doing a great amount of work all thru the city.
The department now has 6031 books in the grades,
2013 in the High School a total of 8044 and 7 pamphlets in to grades, 1474 in the High School a total of 1481 or
a total of books and pamphlets 9525 . In the grade schools 699 new books were added and 144 withdrawn, and in the
High School 150 new ones were added and 58 withdrawn. The total circulation of the School Department was men-
tioned with the circulation statistics. Following is a list

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of its greater distance from the Pubic Library and the
inability of many of the children to get to the main librarr. The establishment of the Junior High Schools has necessitated some reorganization in the school department.
Junior High School librarices have been established in each Junior High School libraries have been established in each
of the 3 Junior High Schools. In Grant and Lincoln these are in the principals office and nre in charge of students. In Washington Junior High a special room has been equip-
ped with a seating capacity of 20 . This has been put in charge of a special attendant and is much used and appreiated by both students and teachers.
STORY HOUR
Under the able management of the School Librarian
on devotes her Saturdavs to the children and teacharc at at who devotes her Saturdays to the children and teachrre at
the public library, the story hour has grown to such prothe public library, the story hour has grown to such pro-
portions that it is almost impossible to accommodate all the children who come at onpe time. The average attendance has increased from 58 ine time. The average attend- 1910 , and 84 in 1914 , to 113 in 1915. This has almost doubled in two years.

The library now receives 114 magazines and newspapers, 71 being subscriptions and 43 gifts.
Thru the courtesy of the local papers Statesman and Capital Journal are papeceived copiaily.

The record of attendance can not be accurately kept, but keeping this record as well as possible shows that 344 --
029 adults and 11798 children a total of 45827 visitors have come to the library and that 15619 adults, and 5133 children a total of 20852 have stayed to read in the library.

Inventory was taken during then
ound that 114 books which had been missing in It was stil missing so these were withdrawn. 54 books which
had been missing in of 183 boolsing in 1914 were found this year. A total report was made 24 of these have been since this first port is not quite so discouraging as it first appears. It the library without being registered at the desk at all. LECTURES
-The library has continued this year the custom of giving a Public Library Lecture Course on the first and third Fridays of each month from November to May.
This couse is well attended by the public and seems to be IMPROVEMENTS
This year has seen the fulfiliment of one of the cherished plins of the library, the installament of the permanent chairs in the auditorium. This has greatly improved
the appearance of the room and has made attendance at the appearance of the room and has made attendance at
the library lectures and all other meetings in the auditorium much more comfortable. The chairs have been the greatest improvement of the year. However two display
cases, one for the children's room and one for the adult room, have been purchased and also a filing cabinet for the time, and one for a pamphlet and clipping file which has iust been started. Also a Yawman and Erbe cabinet
safe has just been installed. safe has just been installed.
Receipts FINANCIAL STATEMENT

| Balance Jan. 1, 1915 | 2 |
| :---: | :---: |
| From City Council | 5500.00 |
| From fines and pay fiction |  |
| Refund on insurance premium |  |

Expenditures

27.00
5.38
6029.70
6029.18
.52

Balance January 1, 1916 Your librarian takes this opportunity to express her
hereciation to the library board for their help and coappreciation to the library board for their help and co-
operation and thru the board to the city council for their confidence and support

Respectrully submitted.
ANNE D, SWEZEY.
Statistical report, as requested by the Americań Librariany
Population: Census 1910, 14094; estimated 1915, 17000.
Population: Census 1910, $14094 ;$ estimated $1915,17000$.
Terms of use: Free for lending and reference.
Number of agencies: 1 central library, 1 hiven school library, 9 city schools with class room and traveling libraties.
Days open during year Hours per week for lending
Hours per week for reading
Volumes at beginning of year $\quad \begin{array}{llll}\text { Adult Juvenile Total }\end{array}$ Volumes added by purchase. $8484{ }^{2} 281$ Volumes added to y it $\qquad$ 7 $135^{\circ}$ Volumes lost or withdra Total number at end of yea ar No. of pamphiets
Pamphlets added Pamphlets withdrawn $\quad 10$ $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Totumes fiction lent for home use } & 28168 & 9687 & 37855 \\ \text { Tots. lent for home use } & & 37336 & 15672 & 58008\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { No. of borrowers registered } & & 1508 & 434 & 14 & 19596 \\ \text { Total No. rexistered borrowers } & 4712 & 1524 & 14 & 6250\end{array}$

Registration period 4 years, county 1 year

|  | 19 $5138-20852$ |
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| Binding - | 201.50 |
| Salaries, library service ................... 2 | 2160.00 |
| Salaries, janitor service | 600.00 |
| Water | 41.33 |
| Heat | 181.69 |
| Light | 234.48 |
| Other maintenance including auditorium |  |
|  | 1467.09 $\$ 6029.18$ |
| Balance January 1, 1916 | \$6029.18 86029.18 |
| No. of periodicals currently | itles 110, copies 114 |
| Financial statement: Receip | eipts- |
| Unexpended balance ............................ | - |
| Local taxation | 5500.00 |
| Fines and pay fiction | 271.00 |
| Other sources (insurance premium refunde | nded) ....... 5.88 |

## Books Periodica

Expenditures
8983.54
159.55

Statistics of additions by classes 19
Pams. $\begin{gathered}\text { Juvenile } \\ \text { Books Pams }\end{gathered}$

| Reference .-. .a.a................. 46 | 2 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 000 Gen . bound mags............... 104 |  | 7 |
| 100 Philosophy ....................... 15 |  |  |
| 200 Religion ......................... 14 | 1 | 3 |
| 300 Sociology ..........-...-........ 115 | 2 | 6 |
| 398 Fairy tales ...................... |  | 65 |
| 400 Philology |  |  |
| 500 Natural Science .-......... 13 |  | 18 |
| 600 Useful arts........................ 62 | 3 | 12 |
| 700 Fine arts ........................... 25 | 1 | 17 |
| 800 Literature ....................... 49 |  | 21 |
| 900 History .......................... 19 |  | 23 |
| 910 Travel ............................ 21 | 1 | 12 |
| 920 Biography ..._ - . - . 7 |  | 11 |
| Fiction .................................. 296 |  | 148 |
| 786 | 10 | 343 |


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|  | Books | Pams. | Books |  |
| Reference | 370 | 2 | 7 |  |
| 000 Gen, bound mags. | 633 |  | 25 |  |
| 100 Philosophy | 165 | 5 | 10 |  |
| 200 Religion . | 246 | 1 | 62 |  |
| 300 Sociology | 764 | 41 | 29 |  |
| 398 Fairy tales ..... | . 13 |  | 219 |  |
| 400 Philology ........ | 45 |  |  |  |
| 500 Natural Science | 338 | 10 | 206 |  |
| 600 Useful ares | 531 | 28 | 80 |  |
| 700 Fine arts | 361 | 12 | 89 | 27. |
| 800 Literature | 1063 | 11 | 164 |  |
| 900 History | 803 | 4 | 224 |  |
| 910 Travel | 398 | 19 | 261 |  |
| 920 Biography | 625 | 20 | 124 |  |
| Fiction | 2582 |  | 855 |  |
|  | 8937 | 153 | 2355 |  |

Adult booksAdult pamphlets
Juvenile booksJuvenile books
Juvenile pamphle

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DONORS 191
American Highway Association.
Atchison, Topeka \& Santa Fe Railroad
Atchison, Topeka \&
Mrs. Ida S. Baker
Jonathan Bourne
R. H. Bowman

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W. F. Ketchum

Harry Lane
Virgil Newton
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