

Herald

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD:

The library was open 345 days during the year of 1943 - fifty-seven hours each week for lending and sixty hours for reading. It was closed entirely on July 4th, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, and Sundays from June first to October first.

The bookmobile gave service seventeen hours each week on four separate days. Stops were made on the grounds of three schools at the noon hour, and at centers for four distinct communities. Each community stop was of three hours duration. The locations were so spaced that students and faculty from the two junior high schools and three additional elementary schools could be served.

On January 1, 1943, the book collection contained 32,024 volumes. 1,901 were added during the year and 847 were withdrawn, leaving 33,078 as the total on December 31st. Volumes per capita numbered 1.2 and per registered borrower, 3.

The collection has been greatly enriched by gifts presented by individuals and organizations. Two presentations of special importance were made by clubs. The Ex Deb Club gave twenty dollars which made possible the purchase of several important art books in 1943, and the Afternoon Literature Group of the American Association of University Women gave two standard and authoritative garden books in memory of one of the members, Mrs. F. A. Jenne.

The total number of volumes loaned for home use was 148,655, of which 65,993 were adult fiction, 28,499 were adult non-fiction and 54,163 were juvenile books. Fewer books of fiction were loaned and there was a marked increase in interest in books of philosophy, sociology, useful arts, history and biography. Periodical and pamphlet literature was much in demand because of its brevity and timeliness.

A stimulus to reader interest was the display of new titles before their release for circulation. By showing these volumes for several days, patrons who might otherwise not see the books for months could examine the reading of their choice and leave calls for the books they most wished to have.

A shelf of material on world conditions and post war planning has been on display for the convenience of study groups and individuals and has given much satisfaction.

Borrowers registered during the year numbered 3,649 (adult 2,211 juvenile 1,438) making a total of 10,714 (adult 6,746; juvenile 3,968) The registration period is three years. 39% of the population are registered as borrowers.

Book circulation from the A. E. Larson Traveling Branch showed a gain of ten and a half percent over that of 1942. Two-thirds of this bookmobile increase was due to use by a greater number of adults, especially in the district served by the Thursday stop at Eleventh and Division Streets. Evening stops during the summer months proved to be a popular move since many people were barred from afternoon use because of occupation.

Reference work for the year was heavy and much of the time of the staff was consumed in searching for all kinds of information. Help was also given in the making of bibliographies for both groups and individuals.

Work with children proved stimulating, for young America, like grown up America is very war conscious. Air corps, Army and Navy books were constantly requested. Boys of all ages wanted airplane books -- not stories so much as facts. The call for information on radio has also been heavy. Children wanted stories of dogs horses with mystery stories a second choice. A look at the entire juvenile circulation showed it to be thirty-six percent of the library total.

The assistant in charge of work with children made a number of visits to schools in the Spring of the year to explain the service of the library to the boys and girls. Although there was no formal program for class visits, many of the teachers brought their classes to the library and introduced the boys and girls to library procedure.

The display case was made attractive each month with a series of exhibits representative of young interests and activities. Much of the material for these exhibits was provided by the children themselves.

The Vacation Reading Club proved to be more of a success than ever since the high average of 232 members completed their reading and received certificates. Reports were credited on the bookmobile as well as in the Children's Room.

Annual Bookweek, November 14-20, was observed with an exhibit of adult books upstairs and a more elaborate showing in the children's room. A feature was the facsimiles of books of several generations ago which gave children today an idea of what their grandparents and great-grandparents had in the way of reading. Horn books proved to be the most interesting item in the exhibit. The Boy Scouts had a corner of their own where almost a complete file of merit badge pamphlets were displayed.

The plant remains very much as it has been, with inadequate space and such an overcrowding of material that efficient service is hampered, especially in the field of reference work. The staff room was made more attractive with new linoleum on the floor. Additional professional equipment consisted of two cases of four drawers each, which were purchased for needed shelf list expansion.

CIRCULATION FOR ALL AGENCIES

Adult non-fiction	28,499	
Adult fiction	65,993	
	<u>94,492</u>	total adult 1943
Juvenile non-fiction	9,779	
Juvenile fiction	44,384	
	<u>54,163</u>	total juvenile

A grand total of 148,655 books circulated during 1943

BOOKMOBILE CIRCULATION

Adult non-fiction	2,747	
Adult fiction	9,854	
	<u>12,601</u>	total adult circulated
Juvenile non-fiction	3,865	
Juvenile fiction	24,106	
	<u>27,971</u>	total juvenile "

A grand total of 40,572 circulated by bookmobile in 1943

REGISTRATION

	Adult		Juvenile
Registration	1,118	1,140
Re-registration	688	248
Pay non-resident	262	50
Student non-resident	143		
	<u>2,211</u>		<u>1,438</u>

Total for 1943 3,649

Total 3 year registration Adult 6,746 ; Juvenile 3,968
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STATISTICAL REPORT

	1943
Valuation of the City of Yakima	\$ 13,559,767
Population served	27,153
Number of volumes December 31,	33,078
Books accessioned including gifts, bound periodicals and extension.....	1,886
Number of volumes reinstated	15
Number of volumes withdrawn	847
Number of registered borrowers	10,714
Percentage of population as registered borrowers	39.5
Percentage of adult fiction to total circulation	47
Income from City taxes	\$ 13,757.18
Expenditures per capita588
Circulation per capita	5.4
Circulation per registered borrower	14
Circulation per volume in the library	4.5
Percentage of budget for maintenance	19
Percentage of budget for books, binding and periodicals	22

EXPENDITURES

Salaries - Library staff	\$ 9,309.23
Janitor's wages	1,058.77
Books	2,000.00
Periodicals	416.05
Binding	1,119.08
Supplies	333.02
Stationery	72.47
Printing	62.96
Improvement and repair of building and equipment	231.87
Telephone	69.25
Postage, freight, express and storage	190.93
Heat	293.86
Light	509.76
Insurance	305.75
	<u>\$ 15,973.00</u>