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At the request of the Herald, Mrs. W.L. Steinweg has furnished the following about the public library.

The members of our library association feel very jubilant over the unexpected windfall that came to them last week.

Those who visit the room every week were beginning to feel the need of a new supply of books and this generous offering makes it possible to meet their wants at once.

In May the majority of the members will pay in their yearly dues, which will provide the means for still another supply of new books.

The history of this library movement may interest those not familiar with it. It began last spring with the teachers of our public schools. First a subscription paper was passed around and then a meeting called. The meeting was held in the Hotel Yakima parlor and was attended by about a dozen ladies and gentlemen.

An organization was formed, named the Yakima Library association. Officers were elected, committees were appointed and everything done necessary to putting it in good running order.

The old C.L.V.C. also held a meeting and voted the little fund they had collected toward a library should be given to this association.

The committee appointed to select books soon sent off an order for 128 volumes at a cost of \$107. Mr. Lawrence generously permitted these books to be placed in his office, then in the Syndicate block, and a few ladies took turns in performing the duties of librarian each Saturday from 3 to 8 p.m.

A successful lawn party given by Miss Harriet Sawyer, secretary of the association, assisted by her young friends, brought in the chief part of the money for the second order of books.

Now the association numbers 75 members and has over 350 volumes to loan. Some of our citizens send in their periodicals, which can be taken and returned. For bound books the charge is five cents per week and a life membership costs \$2.50, or \$1.00 giving a membership for the use of the books for one year.

In selecting books for the library everyone's taste is consulted. More history and science will be added as the library grows as well as more current literature.

Some day the city will take up this work and make it a commodious city library as Seattle is doing and as our western cities have done, but in the meantime, an association like we have formed comes the nearest to meeting the public want of anything we know of.