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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

To the State Board of Administration, Bismarck, North Dakota.

Herewith is submitted the Thirteenth Biennial Report of the North Dakota State Library Commission, covering the period from July 1, 1930 to June 30, 1932.

LILLIAN E. COOK,
Secretary and Director.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR, 1930-32 THE LIBRARY COMMISSION

The biennial period saw the inception of no new policies or lines of service, but a rather remarkable growth in volume of work, a growth which has absorbed the staff's time and the Commission's appropriation. Briefly the two years' work may be summarized as follows:

Aim

- 1. To make existing library service more effective.
- 2. To provide worth-while books in communities without local collections.
- 3. To assist and advise with small communities endeavoring to establish local service.
- 4. To cooperate with all state agencies and groups in the interests of better and of purposeful reading.
- 5. To be allied with national groups and movements fostering reading and the advance of library interests.

Accomplishment

1. Established libraries have been helped through constant keeping-in-touch through correspondence; through visits to 33 libraries where 14 board meetings were held; through a special book service designed to strengthen local collections in small towns; through a subscription to a professional periodical for the small libraries; through the occasional circulation of a mimeographed sheet serving the purpose of a Commission Bulletin. For the small libraries of the northeastern section a library institute was held at Grafton.

Time and thought were devoted to the County Library Bill, introduced by Representative Northridge of Barnes which passed the House but was killed in Senate committee. Obviously this legislation must now wait for better times.

- 2. The demand for books in committees without local service has taxed the resources of the Commission which has less money to meet state demands than some North Dakota libraries have to meet the needs of the town. Careful buying stretches the appropriation to cover the absolute need and no more. We do not have the resources to meet the enlarged demands and so cannot advertise nor expand the service.
- 3. As a matter of policy in view of the difficulties the State Library Commission does not encourage the establishment of local service in very small communities. Many have attempted to "start a library" and have had to abandon the effort. However, when the community

itself is determined to offer some form of local library service, the Commission gives every possible help. Conferences were held at New Eng-, land and Killdeer where libraries were established.

- 4. In cooperation with other state agencies and groups, visits were made to five state institutions; two state North Dakota Educational Association meetings were attended; two state and seven district Federated Women's Club meetings; 3 P. T. A. district or special meetings; 5 high school assembly talks were given. Special lines of cooperation have been carried on with the Extension Division of the Agricultural College, the Training School at Mandan and the children's department at Dunseith, the two latter consisting of selecting and ordering library books to build up the institutional libraries.
- 5. The national contacts include attendance at the Rural Library Institute held at Madison, Wisconsin, a regional library meeting of six states at St. Paul, the midwinter meeting of the American Library Association at Chicago, serving on various national American Library Association, Parent and Teachers Association and Federation of Women's Clubs committees and membership in national organizations such as the American Association of Adult Education, National Education Association, etc.
- 6. Miscellaneous activities include gathering and publishing state library statistics, preparation of general and professional booklists, a monthly page in the North Dakota Teacher, promotion of Good Book Week, attendance at the dedication of the new library building at the Ellendale Normal and Industrial School, meeting with the rural leaders at Mayville when an exhibit was held, attendance at two 4-H camps and one meeting of Master Home Makers.

BOOK SERVICETraveling Libraries

With decreased appropriations for school and small town buying throughout the individual communities, the Traveling Library Department is finding a steadily increasing demand on state resources. The statistics for the last biennium show a circulation of 39,467 which is an increase of 3,212 over the previous period. We simply fill requests as long as the supply lasts in the fall, and then file the others to be filled whenever possible.

21 libraries have been added during this period, with a heavier emphasis on the community type. An experiment has been tried with the school service in an effort to make the books go faster and farther. Instead of putting 45 new books into one large freight case, they have been divided into two mailing cases and sent out separately for three months instead of six. For the inland rural school this service has proved very satisfactory.

Traveling Library:

Of the 986 libraries shipped, 704 have gone to schools and 282 to communities. The total for the previous biennium was 842. A steady demand comes from established stations, 495 of them having repeated orders.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

The individual library service of the State Library Commission is done through the Reference Department. This includes the preparation of program outlines for club study and the supplying of the books and reference material. Women's clubs, Parent Teacher Associations and farm groups receive this service. Books on the required reading lists are sent to the schools, also reference material for debates, declamations, themes and other special school projects. Individual borrowers may receive a package of books each month for recreational and purposeful reading. Booklists and reading courses are available.

The book service is limited to persons without adequate local libraries; it is extended to state employees; it includes service through a very limited supply of foreign books.

STATISTICAL REPORT 1930-32

Books

Number of traveling libraries			
Number of libraries added during period			
Number of books added during period			
Number of books in libraries	•		. 13,182
Reference Department:			
Number of books			. 9,336
Number of books added during period			
Number of pamphlets			
Circulation			
Traveling library:			
	1930-31	1931-32	Total
Number of libraries circulated	464	522	986
School	330	374	704
Community	134	148	282
Number of books shipped	18,605	20,862	39,467
Number of new stations	110	100	210
Reference Department:			22262
Number of requests	10,791	11,471	23,682
Number of books circulated	29.181	36,134	65,315
Number of magazines and pamphlets	6,727	8,240	14,967
Total Reference circulation	35,908	44,374	80,282
Total Commission circulation	54,513	65,236	119,749
Mo average			4989.5
1932-4 "			4519.7

TRENDS

The increased use of the State Library Commission may be seen from the following. The causes are various—reduced amounts spent for personal buying of books and magazines; reduced amounts spent for commercial amusements; increased leisure. To these certainly must be added a group of satisfied borrowers who not only repeatedly send for material, but tell others of the service. The State Library Commission is proud of the loyal friends it has made.

One year 1920-21 12,479 books circulated.
One month Oct. 1932, 10,313 books circulated.
Two years 1926-28, 63,549 books circulated.
One year 1931-32, 65,236 books circulated.
Five years 1922-27, 128,707 books circulated.
Five years 1928-32, 243,151 books circulated.
Ten years 1921-22 average monthly circulation 1577.4.
1931-32 average monthly circulation 5435.
1933-4 (Uln)
Appropriation 1930-32

Salary\$	5,000.00
Clerkhire:	
Chief Traveling Librarian	3,600.00
Reference Librarian	3,000.00
Stenographer	2,400.00
Clerk	1,800.00
Clerk(part time)	600.00
Postage	700.00
Office Supplies	
Furniture and Fixtures	200.00
Printing	300.00
Miscellaneous	600.00
Travel Expense	600.00
Aids to Libraries	200.00
Books	3,500.00
Preparation of Books	200.00
Binding	
Total\$	23,600.00

THE LIBRARIES OF THE STATE

The library reports show increased use in spite of reduced budgets. During a period when people have more leisure and less money to spend for commercial amusements they turn to the public libraries for their reading. A study of the following tables shows the growth in circulation.

	T I			RECE	IPTS		
		1930	Tax Total				
	PLACE'	Popu-	1930-	1931-	1930-	1931	
		lation	31	32	31	32	
	Over 2,500						
1.	Fargo	28,619	14,248	14,382	19,686	20,116	
2.	Grand Forks		7,000	9,100	8,548	10,830	
3.	Minot		7,119	10,245	7.914	10,965	
4.	Bismarck	11,090	7,497	7,670	8.144	8,258	
5.	Jamestown	8,187	7.000	5,750	9,261	6,806	
6.	Devils Lake	5,451	5,480	3,120	6,007	4,832	
7.	Valley City		4.276	4,447	7,014	5,892	
8.	Dickinson		4,000	4,000	4,305	4,362	
9.	Williston		3,720	3,500	6,493	6,523	
10.	Wahpeton		3,914	3,820	6,021	6,472	
11.	Grafton	3,136	0,022	1,100	2.552	2,850	
	Under 2,500	0,200	*******	1,100	2,002	2,000	
12.	Ashley	1,033	150	50	268	129	
13.	Bowman	888	1 -00		-00	120	
14.	Carrington		1,507	1,843	1,731	2,311	
15.	Casselton		1,001	300	-,.01	2,011	
16.	Ellendale	1,264	550	550	747	767	
î 7.	Garrison		350	191			
18.	Hankinson	1,400		120	*******	70	
19.	Lakota		800	722	1.163	883	
20.	LaMoure	889	600	600	664	663	
21.	Langdon		000	000	. 001	614	
22.	Leonard	1,535	150	150	200	150	
23.	Lidgerwood	1,029	1,900	1,900	2,017	2.036	
24.	Lisbon		2,036		2,870	1,020	
25.	Morraille	1,000	700	1,487			
26. 26.	Mayville	1,199	400	700	1,020	946	
20. 27.	Mott New Rockford		100	240	421	263	
		2,195		100	1 000	1 750	
L B.	Oakes		1,130	1,063 2.80	1,858	1,750	
29.	Park River			. 2 <i>60</i>			
30.	Rugby		200	200	239		
31.	Wishek	1,146		50		60	

	•	13	1, 837	,			-		
		1	EXPENDITURES						
				Heat.	Rent	Boo	oks		
		Sala	ries	Lig	ght	Maga	zines	To	tal .
	PLACE	1930-	1931-	1930-	1931-	1930-	1931-	1930-	1931-
		31	32	31	32	31	32	31	32
	Over 2,500	Ī	-						ī.
1.	Fargo	8,825	8,866		741		2,976	18,821	18,134
2.	Grand Forks	4,472	4,707	1,204		1,515	2,313	8,207	10,467
3.	Minot	4,575	3,914	458	410		535	7,914	10,900
4.	Bismarck	4,014		606	615	2,011	1,784		
5.	Jamestown	2,990	3,371	502	452	1,760	1,507	9,253	6,398
6.	Devils Lake	1,833	1,800						
7.	Valley City	2.323	2,201	870	741	1,307	668	6,819	3,901
8.	Dickinson	2,370	2,313	255	248	1,202	1.091	4,238	4,292
9.	Williston			570	359	1.017	624	5,665	4,393
10.	Wahpeton		1,701	685	538	694	760		6,472
11.	Grafton	867	907	179	178	474	494		
	Under 2500	i	1			1		1	1
12.	Ashley	120	120			141	96	268	129
13.	Bowman								
14.	Carrington				24				1,144
15.	Casselton								
16.	Ellendale	420					211		
17.	Garrison				120				
18.	Hankinson	120							
19.	Lakota				78				
20.	LaMoure	300							
21.	Langdon	150			}	214			
22.	Leonard	100							
23.	Lidgerwood	918		108					1,988
24.	Lidgerwood Lisbon	662							
25.	Mayville	380							
26.	Mott	1 180							
27.	New Rockford	216							
28.	Oakes	. 870				371			1,214
29.	Park River		180						
30.	Rugby	. 76				83	92		
31.	Wishek		52		1			40	1

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

	+ m + dn	CIRCULATION			Volumes	Borrowers	s. Open r Week	Rural Borrowers
	PLACE	1930- 31	1931- 32	Total	ا کا	ğ	Hrs. Per	žă M
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.	Over 2,500 Fargo Grand Forks Minot Bismarck Jamestown Devils Lake Valley City Dickinson Williston Wappeton	187,216 67,558 173,361 66,442 76,721 39,697 42,405 38,892 46,101 30,475	197,237 77,503 152,232 81,543 84,449 43,990 46,905 44,706 45,340 32,549	384,453 145,063 325,593 148,085 161,170 83,687 89,310 83,798 91,441 63,024	16,507 9,948 11,970 7,896 11,963 9,415 10,343 12,440	15,510 5,989 7,254 4,865 5,818 2,538 2,230 2,605 3,923 2,216	72 45 72 42 42 36 42 30.5 42	829 300 600 25 10 156 105
11. 12. 13.	Grafton	5,200 8,92 (24,152 24,868 2,447	10,068 10,068 140,396		1,162 6.6.3	22 75	10
14. 15. 16.	Carrington Casselton Ellendale Garrison	5,720 12,326 2,250	20,852 4,000 12,533 1,350	$\begin{array}{r} 9,720 \\ 24,859 \\ 3,600 \end{array}$	$750 \\ 3,435 \\ 1,192$	1,527 400 1,162 12		566 325
18. 19. 20. 21.	Hankinson Lakota LaMoure Langdon	$8,929 \\ 8,111 \\ 11,492$	8,700 8,977 9,306	17,417	4,450 2,579	350 849	15 6	50 57
22. 23. 24. 25.	Leonard Lidgerwood Lisbon Mayville	$13,406 \\ 12,236$	2,759 $11,617$ $12,417$ $5,977$	25.023	4,095 3,515	830	$\begin{array}{c} 6 \\ 29 \\ 19.5 \\ 8 \end{array}$	42
26. 27. 28. 29.	Mayville	$\begin{bmatrix} 5,000 \\ 24,292 \end{bmatrix}$	4,088 27,877	7,386	2,309 3,000	685 400 1,093	7 8	263
30. 30.	Rugby Wishek	8,553	11,354 $4,500$		3,685	727	8	30

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	1	EXPEND	TURES			CI	RCULATIO	N	Hours	Free
PLACE	Popu- lation	Books and Mag- azines	Total	Vols.	Bor- rowers	1931	1932	Total	Open Per Week	to Grades
1. Bathgate	292	52	101	1,000	60		2,250	40 400	2	Free
‡2. Beach	1,263	25	57	1,500	260	5,750	4,350	10,100	4 3	Free Fee
3. Beulah4. Cando	913	106	106	793	49	6,500	3,000	9,500	2	Fee Fee
4. Cando	1,164	75	75	4,000	94		3,650		$\begin{vmatrix} z \\ 3 \end{vmatrix}$	Free
*5. Carson	(/) 356		16	,	1770		0.070	******	3.5	Fee
6. Cavalier	850	32	38	1,247	158	1.050	2,850	9 900	3.5	Fee
‡7. Courtenay 🗸	350	2	13	786	609	1,950	1,350	3,300	8	Free
‡8. Crosby	1,271	15	20	1,692	423	4,000	4,200	8,200	2	Free
‡9. Dawson	306			550		6.750	6,250	12,900	4	Free
10. Drake	644	69	112	848	558 55	6,750	2,600		9	Fee
11. Edgeley	821	99	0.04	1,680		12,500	12,750	25,250	5	Free
12. Enderlin	1,839	196	231	2,623	1,245 457	5,600	4,250	9.850	9	Free
13. Fessenden 📈	738	36	109	2,020	1 60	2,750	3,000	5,750	2 2	Free
14. Goodrich	468		19	557 765	50	1,000	1,650	2,650	2	Free
15. Hamilton	151	25	30	1 765	37	1,000		,		Fee
16. Hansboro	176	15			140	1 - 1			7.5	Free
17. Heaton 🔓 🛶	200	21	22	312 670	195	2,500	2,600	5,100	3	Free
18. Hettinger	1,292	15	57		84	1,750	2,700	$\frac{3,100}{4,450}$	2	Fee
19. Hope	535		12	1,009	36	i ' †	800-		2	Free
20. Killdeer	Fr 495		4.0.4		260		3,250			Free
سرئىد 21. Leeds		35	191	1,506	1	4,050-			1 8 1	Fee
22. Mandan	5,037	*****	•	5,121		i t	*		1 1	1 00
23. New England.	911		97	1,350	110		5,000		1	Free
24. Pembina	551	45	30	1,350	213	4,000	4.900	8,900	2	Fee
25. Rolla	852	25	161	325	125	1,800	3,500	5,300	3	Free
26. St. John	372 595	110	100	1.690	208	6,350	5,500	11.850	4	Free
27. St. Thomas		9	29	378	50	1 1	2,100	11,000	1 1	Free
28. Sanish		1	$\frac{29}{15}$	1,200	450	1.800	5.000	6,800	12	Free
29. Tioga A	435 622		1 o 5	336	580		2,500		1 4	Free
30. Towner			20	1,110	150	1,250	- 1		9	Fee
31. Turtle Lake 32. Wimbledon	579 421	2	16	590	65	2,250	2,750	5,000	iii	Free

No Report—Bowbells, Milton and Tolna.
*Opened 1932.
‡Housing expense paid by some city agency.

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SCHOOL AND COLLEGE LIBRARIES

Place	Name	Vols.	1931-32 Bk. Budget		aff Part	Sal- aries
*Bottineau	Forestry School				Ī	
Dickinson	State Teachers College.	8,751	1,978	2	l	3.572
Ellendale	State Normal & Ind. Sch.	8,733		1	1	1,900
Fargo	N. D. Agricultural Col	51,275	5,216	6	1	9.848
Grand Forks	University	73,057	6,031	7	8	16.092
*Jamestown	College				1	
Mayville	State Teachers College	15.602	1,667	1	9	4,343
Minot	State Teachers College.	19,427		$\bar{2}$	2	4,788
Valley City	State Teachers College	30,003	1,099	3	5	6,000
Wahpeton	Science School	3,772	269	2	1	1,700

^{*}No report.

STATE SCHOOL AND SPECIAL INSTITUTIONAL LIBRARIES

Place	Name	Vols.	1931-32 Bk. Budget	Librarian or Superintendent
Bathgate	School for the Blind			Dr. B. P. Chapple
Bismarck	Historical Society	31,000	375	Mrs. Florence Davis
Bismarck	Law Library	21,000	2,500	E. J. Taylor
Bismarck	Library Commission	22,519	1,750	Lillian E. Cook
Bismarck	Penitentiary	5,771		C. C. Turner
Devils Lake	School for the Deaf			B. W. Driggs
Dunseith	Tuberculosis Sanator-		Ì	
	ium			Dr. Chas. McLachlan
Grafton	School for Feeble			_
	Minded	649		Maud Stewart
Jamestown	Hospital for Insane	2,100	200	Dr. J. M. Carr
Mandan	Training School	364	750	W. F. McClelland

	Place	Name of Library	Librarian .
	Ashley	Public Library	Mrs. H. D. Piper
		Public Library	
		Public Library	
		Public Library	
	•	Public Library	
	Bismarck	State Historical	Mrs. Florence Davis
	Bismarck	State Law Library	E. J. Taylor
	Bismarck	State Library Commission	Lillian E. Cook
		Forestry School	
	Bowbells	Study Club	Mrs. Clyde Bohn
	Bowman	Public Library	Mrs. Mertie Pond
	Cando	Public Library	Mrs. H. C. Barber
	Carrington	Public Library	Edna Parker
	Carson	Public Library	Mrs. Joel E. Stokes
	Casselton	Public Library	Mrs. E. D. Scott
/	Cavalier	Public Library	Mrs. Fred Harris
	Courtenay	Public Library	Mrs. A. A. Hoffman
	Crosby	Public Library	Mrs. L. R. Murray
	Dawson/	Public Library	Mrs. C. A. Cross
		Public Library	
	Devils Lake	State Deaf School	Burton W. Driggs
	Dickinson	Public Library	Gertrude Voldal
	Dickinson	State Teachers College	Matilda Stoxen
	Drake	Public Library	Mrs. E. W. Phillips
	Edgeley	Public Library	Mrs. J. E. Kipp
	Ellendale	Public Library	Mrs. V. D. Coleman
	Ellendale	Normal and Industrial School	olCarrie Tuttle
	Enderlin	Public Library	Mrs. R. L. Long
	Fargo	Public Library	Inga Rynning
	Fargo	Agricultural College	Mrs. Ethel McVeety
	Fargo	Masonic Library	Clara Richards
	Fessenden	Public Library	Mrs. A. E. Southard
	Garrison	Public Library	Cecelia Behles
		Public Library	
	Grafton	School for Feeble Minded	Maud Stewart
,	Grafton	Public Library	Mrs. Emma Cobb
	and the second s	Public Library	
		University	
4	Hamilton	Public Library	Mrs. Robert Kippen

Place	Name of Library	Librarian
	Public Library	
	Public Library	-
	Public Library	
	Public Library	
=	Public Library	
	Alfred Dickey	
	Jamestown College	
	Insane Hospital	
	Public Library	x S
	Public Library	
	Watts Free	
	Public Library	
_	Public Library	• -
	Public Library	
Mayville	Public Library	Cora Ames
	State Teachers College	
	_	Byrnes
Milton	Community	Mrs. R. T. Wait
Minot	Public Library	Catherine McSherry
Minot	State Teachers College	Mrs. Mabel Etheridge
Mott	Inez Hendrickson	Louise Wagner
Napoleon	Public Library	Mrs. J. F. Wagner
Neche	Public Library	Mrs. Herbert Briggs
New England	Public Library	Geneva Hagen
New Rockford	Public Library	Vannie Hall
Oakes	Public Library	Mrs. Edgar Christensen
Park River	Public Library	Mrs. Averil Gillespie
Pembina	Public Library	Mrs. Pauline Brennan
Rolla	Public Library	Mrs. J. O. Einerson
Rugby	Public Library	Hattie S. Sikes
St. John	Public Library	Anna M. Burts
St. Thomas	Study Club	Mrs. E. T. Thompson
Sanish	Public Library	Mrs. C. A. Pickering
_	Masonic Lodge	_
	Public Library	
Towner	Public Library	Grace Bennett

Place	Name of Library	Librarian
Turtle Lake	Public Library	Mrs. C. E. Paulson
Valley City	Public Library	Mrs. Helen Tracy
Valley City	State Teachers College	Lulu Ruth Reed
Velva	Public Library	Mrs. I. A. Beebe
Wahpeton	Leach Library	Mrs. Jessie Searing
Wahpeton	State Science School	Lilian Mirick
Westerheim	Public Library	Mrs. A. H. Allen
Williston	James Memorial Library	Mrs. Ethel Kuenning
Wimbledon	Public Library	Mrs. H. M. Stroud
Wishek	Public Library	Mrs. Kattie M. Wilson

	Present Budget	Proposed Budget	Increase or Decrease	Allowed by Budget Board
Salary	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$	\$ 4,000.00
Clerkhire:	1	1	1	1 ' '
Chief Traveling Li-	1	i l	1	l
brarian	3,600.00	3,600.00		2,880.00
Reference Librarian	3,000.00	3,000.00		2,400.00
Stenographer	2,400.00	2,400.00		1,920.00
Clerk	1,800.00	1,800.00		1,440.00
Clerk	600.00	600.00		480.00
Postage	700.00	700.00		700.00
Office Supplies	400.00	400.00		400.00~
Furniture and Fixtures	200.00	200.00		400.00
Printing	300.00	250.00	50.00	250.00
Miscellaneous	600.00	600.00	i	600.00
Travel Expense	600.00	600.00		300.00
Items not included above:	1	. ,	1 /)
Aids to Libraries	200.00	150.00	50.00	150.00
Books	3,500.00	4,500.00	+ 1,000.00	3,000.00
Preparation of Books	200.00	200.00		200.00
Binding	500.00	400.00	<u> </u>	400.00
Total for the Biennium	\$23,600.00	\$24,400.00	+ \$ 800.00	\$19,520.00

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