FOURTEENTH BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

State Library Commission

TO THE

STATE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION



For the Period

July 1, 1932—June 30, 1934



Report 1932 - 1934

Salary	\$ 4,100.00
Clerkhire:	·
Chief Traveling Librarian	3,110.00
Reference Librarian	2,640.00
Stenographer	2,150.40
Clerk	1,620.00
Clerk (Part Time)	540.00
Postage	700.00
Office Supplies	400.00
Furniture and Fixtures	300.00
Printing	200.00
Miscellaneous	5 50 .00
Travel Expense	450.00
Aids to Libraries	175.00
Books	2,750.00
Preparation of Books	200.00
Binding	 450.00

Total

\$ 20,335.40

STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION

Lillian E. Cook, Secretary and Director

During a time when adults in particular have been troubled economically and intellectually; when private funds for commercial recreation and book and magazine buying were drastically reduced, if not eliminated; when public funds for books for rural and small town libraries and schools were non-existant; when young people who normally would have been in college or working were at home with nothing special to do; when national policies changed and developed almost too rapidly to be followed; the State Library Commission has endeavored, on a reduced budget, to serve, efficiently, larger numbers than ever before. Funds do not permit the printing of a complete descriptive report, but a summary is given under three heads—that work of the Commission done by the Secretary and Director, the Traveling Library Department, and the Reference Department.

COMMISSION SECRETARY

Field Work includes twenty-four public library board meetings; visits to five state schools; attendance at three county superintendent conferences; two annual meetings each of the North Dakota Library Association, the North Dakota Federation of Women's Clubs, and the North Dakota Education Association; one district North Dakota Education Association meeting; the midwinter meeting at Chicago of the American Library Association; five district library meetings; five high school assembly talks, and seven other library and educational meetings.

Homemakers Clubs. In cooperation with the Extension Division of the Agricultural College, two series of lessons on Books and Reading in the Home were developed, and meetings were held in three counties for two consecutive years. The study outlines were used by the extension staff for similar classes in other counties. This experiment of discussing a family reading program with the women living on the farm or the small towns seems essentially worth while, and the attendance and the reports of additional reading done and books and magazines purchased most encouraging.

The C. W. A. demanded a large portion of the Secretary's time during December, January, and March. Close touch was kept with the public libraries where the projects had to go through the local county office, and full notice of the work done there is given elsewhere.

The library projects for the state institutions were handled directly from the Commission office, and trained librarians who were out of employment were scheduled for practically all the state institutions, in most cases for a three-month period. Much necessary work was satisfactorily accomplished through this addi-

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tional help which the institution budgets could never have covered. Thanks for much of this goes back to the whole-hearted interest of Judge Christianson and Miss Pearl Salsberry.

The Commission had a full-time trained librarian who divided her time between professional work in the Commission office and the organization of seven high school libraries.

Bulletin No. 5, the grade school library list, is a publication of the State Department of Public Instruction which is compiled by the Commission Secretary. In June 1933 the seventh edition was prepared which was a complete revision under a classified arrangement with author and title index which will be more useful for teachers and librarians.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND C. W. A.

The public libraries benefited more physically under C. W. A. and C. W. S. than they did professionally although a few had three months help from trained librarians. Some had unskilled workers who cleaned and mended books and did other routine work. Furniture was repaired and refinished, shelving built and installed, and almost every public library in the state redecorated. A tabulated report shows the number of libraries having various types of work done:

Building: cleaned and redecorated	14
Furniture and shelving	4
Books mended	5
Professional	
Catalogued	1
Children's librarian	
Hospital work	1

TRAVELING LIBRARIES

The present traveling library resources consist of 262 large libraries (45 to 50 books) which go by freight in wooden cases, 25 slightly smaller (35 to 40 books), and 82 which are "half-libraries" and can go by parcel post. These contain altogether 14,640 books. The request for books for schools increases as the school resources diminish. Statistics show a gain of 2,348 books for the last biennial period, but these could be greatly increased if we could meet the demand at the time of the request. After the fall requests have cleaned out all our resources, only by holding an order until books are returned to meet it can it be taken care of. From December on it taxes all our ingenuity to juggle these orders.

An experiment was made in order to increase the turnover. The half-libraries go for a shorter period and are especially designed for schools remote from railway centers. The fact that transportation on the large libraries is apt to be prohibitive in

some cases or difficult in others has prevented our shortening the loan period on these. Exchange between_neighboring schools is increasing, and where the school officers in a district are wise, they order libraries for all their schools in one shipment and then exchange.

The community libraries, the larger part of which are adult reading, furnish a third of the circulation and are a boon to the struggling little town enterprises. Some are in banks, some in post offices, some at the schoolhouses but for the community use, and many are adding new blood to a little town library. With an equipment of 369 libraries, it is not easy to meet the needs of a state like ours.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

The Reference Department extends service to individual borrowers throughout the state who do not live in communities having adequate library facilities. Books are lent for both educational and recreational reading. Schools receive books for Reading Circle work, aids in teaching, and declamation material. Club programs are prepared with the necessary material for club papers offered. During the club year of 1933-34 fifty-four clubs registered for regular service, and over sixty wrote in occasionally for material.

People interested in studying at home or reading for pleasure may receive books each month. Lists of books for suggested reading along certain subjects based on the Commission's collection are made up to suit the individual borrowers, many of whom have been unable to complete either the elementary grades or high school. A fairly large play collection, including a good choice of non-royalty one-act plays, provides material for school and community drama.

STATISTICAL REPORT 1932-34

Books

Traveling Library:	
Number of traveling libraries	369
Number of libraries added during period	27
Number of books added during period	847
Number of books in libraries1	4,640
Reference Department	
Number of books1	0,265
Number of books added during period	1,037
Number of pamphlets1	8,000

Circulation

Traveling Library:	1932-33	1933-34	Total
Number of libraries circulated	. 484	586	1,070
School	351	428	779
Community	. 133	158	291
Number of books shipped	.19,288	22,527	41,815
Number of new stations	70	113	183
Reference Department:			
Number of requests	.11,110	11,535	22,645
Number of books circulated	.40,699	47,462	96,561
Number of magazines and pamphlets	. 8,400	8,248	16,648
Total Reference circulation	.49,099	55,710	104,809
Total Commission circulation	68,387	78,237	146,624

REPORT OF STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION

1	1930	RECEIPTS					
PLACE	Popu-	Ta	ıx	Total			
	lation	1932-33	1933-34	1932-33	1933-34		
Over 2,500							
1. Fargo	28,619	12,292	10,837	16,375	16,666		
2. Grand Forks	17,112	6,701	6,125	8,321	7,731		
3. Minot	16,099	3,422	4,295	8,030	7,609		
4. Bismarck	11,090	6,335	7,000	7,048	7,832		
5. Jamestown	8,187	4,250	4.250	6,243	5,728		
6. Devils Lake	5,451	2.897	3.192	4.478	4.355		
7. Valley City	5,268	4,162	3,708	6,435	5,812		
8. Dickinson	5.025	4,000	3.800	4,330	4,338		
9. Williston	5,106	2.255	1,822	4.352	3,553		
0. Wahpeton	3,176	2,000	2,000	5,305	4,552		
1. Grafton	3,136	1.100	1.571	2,778	2,582		
Under 2,500	0,200	-,		_,	_,00		
2. Ashlev	1.033	50	59	176	21:		
3. Bowman	888	262	370	700	39		
4. Carrington	1,717	1.099	757	2.267	1,69		
5. Casselton	1,253	300		300	1,00		
6. Ellendale	1,264	350	350	624	58		
7. Garrison	1.024	190	200	190	200		
8. Hankinson	1,400	50	1 200	100			
9. Lakota	860	516	479	668	530		
O. LaMoure	889	500	600	567	67		
21. Langdon	1.221	150	000	328	1		
22. Lidgerwood	1,029	1,213	615	1.446	81		
23. Lisbon	1.650	510	571	2.580			
	1.199	1.000	808	1.126	1,02		
4. Mayville	1,036	240	36	261	90		
25. Mott	1,709	810	746	1.490	6:		
26. Oakes		200			1,43		
7. Park River	1,131		400	210	42		
28. Rugby	1,512	200	100	231	12		
29. Wishek	1,146	50	<u> </u>	115			

	1		EXPENDITURES						
		Salaries		Heat, Rent,		Books,		Total	
	PLACE				ght		zines	<u> </u>	
		1932- 33	1933- 34	$\begin{vmatrix} 1932 - \\ 33 \end{vmatrix}$	1933- 34	1932- 33	1933- 34	1932- 33	1933- 34
	Over 2,500	- 50		- 66	- 01	- 00	- 01	00	
1.	Fargo	8,421	7.884	743	773	3,445	2,902	14,885	16,636
$\tilde{2}$.	Grand Forks	4.364	3.464	909	957	1.302	1,211	7,641	6.894
3.	Minot	3,505	3.075	349	355	1,106	1.280	5,446	
4.	Bismarck	3,492	3.791	552	673	1.394	1,276	6,993	7.832
5.	Jamestown	2,668	2,580	417	59	1,237	1,259		5,620
6.	Devils Lake	1,800	1.470	494	471	864	652	3,749	4.01
7.	Valley City	1.821	1.809	770	490	558	583	4.604	3,25
8.	Dickinson	2.270	2.097	281	392	1.130	1.046		3,93
9.	Williston		1.945	367	367	195	145		
10.	Wahpeton	1,620	1,530	537	641	556	517		3,23
iĭ.	Grafton	907	942	178	182	444	427	1,908	
	Under 2,500	301	014	110	102	777	121	1,500	1,01
12.	Ashlev	120	120			38	74	162	20
13.	Bowman	540	300			74	113		50
14.	Carrington	600	600	21	24	553	500	1,334	1.14
L5.	Casselton	150	150			135	152		32
16.	Ellendale	375	370			173	179		$\overline{58}$
L7.	Garrison	60	60	120	120			181	21
į8.	Hankinson	60				40		104	
19.	Lakota	316	336	84	i 68	່ 38	52	553	64
20.	LaMoure	300	325	Í	i	187	264		
21.	Langdon			i		200			
22.	Leonard Lidgerwood	f 80			l	50		138	i
23.	Lidgerwood	660	590	` 151	10	68	67		
24.	Lisbon	476	467	165	197	232	136		1.02
25.	Mayville		420	209	191	97	73	1.122	90
26.	Mott		180	180	180	i	۱	482	38
27.	Oakes		727			216	241	992	
28.	Park River	180				30	$8\bar{2}$		
29.	Rugby		52	ļ <u></u> .	Ì	117	54	168	
30.	Wishek	52	52	5	l			1	

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	PLACE		1933-34		Volumes	Borrowers	Hours Ope Per Week	Rural Borrowers
		1902-00	1000-0X	1 Otal				
	Over 2,500							
1.	Fargo	202,901	204,755	407,656	32,475	17,950	72	337
2.	Fargo Grand Forks	81,360	63,327	144,687	13,496	5,814	40 1/2	30
3.	Minot	148,041	145,499	275,020	17,546	7,070]	72	
4.	Bismarck		128,242	237,066	11,247	5,753	54	*
5.	Jamestown		87,720	173,062	12,453	5,648	36	724
6.	Devils Lake	43,368	39,929	83,297	8,495	2,277	36	24
7.	Valley City		42,082	85,976	12,485	2,698	36	57
8.	Dickinson		52,657	102.164	10.591	3,037	51	223
9.	Williston			85.585	9,920	4,467	42	133
10.	Wahpeton		26,639	59.155	9.882	1,260	33	
11.	Grafton	29.622	26.579	56,201	4.672	1,377	24	6
44.	Under 2,500	20,022	20,010	00,201	1,012	_,0,		
12.	Ashley	6.816	6.084	12.900	5.997	408	6	
13.	Bowman	2,625	2,206	4,831	6,465	658	$2\check{1}$	
14.	Carrington		29.049	59.545	6,641	2,197	33	831
15.	Casselton		4.160	8,840	800	230	4	001
16.	Ellendale			20,481	3.665	1.201	15	375
17.	Garrison		3.276	6,864	1.131	1,040	10	919
	Hankinson		0,210	0,001	4,300	500	4	50
18.				19,492	4,733		9	
19.	Lakota			$\begin{vmatrix} 19,492 \\ 23,441 \end{vmatrix}$	2.989	980	12	384
20.	LaMoure		11,911	23,441	2,989			ı
21.	Langdon		4100		3,343	321	8	
22.	Leonard		4,108	20 515	1,690		6	000
23.	Lidgerwood					941	22	399
24.	Lisbon			33,266	3,639	1,281	20	135
25.	Mayville	6,118	4,584		3,747	497	8	-:::
26.	Mott	5,127	3,173	8,300	2,519	1,026	7	500
27.	Oakes	33,170	30,286	63,456	5,658	1,095	28	290
28.	Park River	7,020		9,220	2,570	477	8	125
29.	Rugby	11,806	9,724				8	
30.	Wishek	5,200	5,200	10,400	1,500	90	3	

	Popu-	EXPEND	ITURES		Borrow-	c	IRCULATIO	)N	Hours	Free
PLACE	lation	Books and Mag- azines	Total	Volumes	ers	1933	1934	Total	Open Per Week	to Grades
1. Bathgate 2. Beulah		18	75	$egin{array}{c} 950 \ 2,008 \end{array}$	$\frac{65}{62}$	$\begin{array}{c c} 2,600 \\ 4,368 \end{array}$	1,000	3,600	$\frac{2}{2}$	Free Fee
3. Bowbells		18	$\overline{27}$	688	516	657	$1,4\overline{29}$	2,086	4	Free
4. Cando		50	50	4,250	100		1,120	2,000	$1  \dot{2}  ($	1100
5. Carson	356	3ŏ		7271	754	1.144			l 4 Ì	Free
6. Cavalier	[ 850	1 [		900	212	$2,496 \\ 1,820$			2.5	Fee
7. Courtenay		6	12	811	108	1,820	990	2,810	$\begin{vmatrix} 2 \end{vmatrix}$	Fee
8. Crosby		20	58	2,400	450	3,744	2,600	6,344	8	Fee
9. Dawson		10	11		1,010	2,182	2,600	4,780	$\frac{\tilde{2}}{3}$	$\underline{\mathbf{F}}\mathbf{e}\mathbf{e}$
10. Drake 11. Edgelev		23	36	900	$\frac{860}{79}$	7,072	2,607	9,679	3	Free
	4 000	220	239	$\begin{array}{c} 2,255 \\ 2,895 \end{array}$	1,009	$\begin{array}{c c} 3,224 \\ 12,174 \end{array}$	11,960	94 194	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$	Fee
13. Fessenden		1 1		$\frac{2,093}{2,500}$	$3{,}446$	3,536		24,134		Free Free
14. Goodrich			••••	568	75	2,000			1 7	Fee
15. Hamilton				836	$\frac{10}{20}$	1,296			3	Fee
16. Hansboro		9		250	46	3.744	3,640	7,384		Fee
17. Heaton		15	16	459	125	2,340	2,080	4.420	$\tilde{3}.9$	Fee
18. Hettinger	1,292	1,0	39	715	280	3,120	3,796	6,916	3	Free
19. Hope	535	16		1,188	84	1,820	2,100	3,920	$\begin{bmatrix} 2\\2\\5 \end{bmatrix}$	Fee
20. Killdeer	495	277			68	156			2	$\mathbf{Free}$
21. Leeds	704	50	138	2,050	270	5,200	6,760	11,960		$\mathbf{Free}$
22. Mandan	5,037			5,364	117	6,133	5,148	11,281	4	
23. Napoleon 24. Neche	709 502	1 1		232 180	50 75	$\begin{array}{c} 1,488 \\ 3,120 \end{array}$		•	1 5	Fee
25. New England		15	15	940	339	4.160	3,640	7,800	$\begin{bmatrix} 2\\4 \end{bmatrix}$	Free
26. Pembina	551	30	30	1,540	122	4,100	4.160	1,000	1 3	$\mathbf{Fee}$
27. Rolla		37	<b>5</b> ŏ	1,11ŏ	250	2,553	1,863	4.416	$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$	Fee
28. St. John	372	7	11	450	850	2,600	936	3,536	3	Fee
29. St. Thomas	595	56	63	1,821	280	6,400	5,876	12,276	3	Fee
30. Sanish		10	12	436	458		728		1 2	Fee
31. Tioga	435		_ 10	1,000	200	3,640			3.6	Free
32. *Towner		3,074	7,850	411	165		1,750		6	Free
33. Turtle Lake		25	07	1,200	12	40.00	1,300	44.575	2	Fee
34. Velva 35. Wimbledon		49	67 ·	$5,600 \\ 1.100$	460	4,940	9,100	14,040	3	Free
55, wimpledon	421	0		1,100	150	4,420	3,380	7,800	1 1	Free

^{*} Report covers 4 months.

Place	Name of Library	Librarian
Ashley	Public Library	Mrs. H. D. Piper
Bathgate	Public Library	Mrs. Herbert C. Thomson
	Public Library	
Beulah	Public Library	Mrs. Frank Marshall
Bismarck	Public Library	Ruth King
Bismarck	State Historical Library	Mrs. Florence Davis
Bismarck	State Law Library	E. J. Taylor
Bismarck	State Library Commission	Lillian E. Cook
Bottineau	Forestry School	L. Naomi Aplund
Bowbells	Study Club Library	Claire Buskrude
	Public Library	
	State Deaf School	
	Public Library	
	State Teachers College	
	Public Library	
	Public Library	
	Public Library	
	Normal & Industrial School	
	Public Library	
	Public Library	
	Agricultural College	
Fargo	Masonic Library	Clara Diahanda
	Public Library	
	Public Library	
	Public Library	
	School for Feeble Minded	
	Public Library	
	Public LibraryPublic Library	
Grand Forks	University Library	William H. Corloon
	Public Library	
норе	Public Library	wrs. Katle Gumb
	Alfred Dickey Library	
Jamestown	Jamestown Col. Library	Dean F. B. Taylor

Place	Name of Library	Librarian
Jamestown	Insane Hospital	Dr. J. D. Carr
Lakota	Public Library	Mrs. Ellen Hullett
LaMoure	Public Library	Mrs. Carl Neverman
Langdon	Public Library	Mrs. M. A. Jensen
Leeds	Public Library	Mrs. A. L. Johnson
Leonard	Watts Free Library	Mrs. S. A. Magnuson
Lidgerwood	Public Library	.Mrs. Elizabeth Kings
Lisbon	Public Library	Miss Berniece Johnson
Mandan	Public Library	Mrs. John Biggs
Mayville	Public Library	Miss Cora Ames
Mayville	State Teachers College	Mrs. Hazel W. Byrnes
Milton	Community Library	Mrs. R. T. Wait
Minot	Public Library	Catherine McSherry
Minot	State Teachers College	Mrs. Mabel Etheridge
	Inez Hendrickson Library	
	Public Library	
	Public Library	
New England	Public Library	Miss Edith Fox
New Rockford	Public Library	. Miss Vannie Hall
	_Public Library	
	Public Library	
Pembina	Public Library	Mrs. Pauline Brennan
Rolla	Public Library	Mrs. A. R. Beardsley
Rugby	Public Library	. Miss F. Frydenlund
St. John	Public Library	Mrs. Pearl White
St. Thomas	Study Club Library	Mrs. E. T. Thompson
Sanish	Public Library	Mrs. W. A. Volz
Tioga	Masonic Lodge	Miss Dorothy A. Heckel
Tolna	Public Library	Mrs. C. S. Hawkins
Towner	Public Library	Mrs. Van Dusen
Turtle Lake	Public Library	Mrs. C. E. Paulson
	Public Library	
Valley City	State Teachers College	Miss Lulu Ruth Reed
Velva	Public Library	Mrs. Blanche Crawford
Wahpeton	Leach Library	Mrs. Jessie Searing
Wahpeton	State Science School	Miss Lilian Mirick
	Public Library	
Williston	James Memorial Library	Mrs. Ethel Kuenning
Wimbledon	Public Library	Miss Jessie Watne
	Public Library	

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