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Eighteenth Biennial Report

North Dakota State Library of the
Bismarck, ND 58501

State Library Commission

to the

State Board of Administration



For the Period July 1, 1940 — June 30, 1942



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STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION STAFF

June 30, 1942

Lillian E. Cook.....	Secretary and Director
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Wilda Sebastian.....	Clerk
Clara Graves.....	Clerk

FOR THE PERIOD
JULY 1, 1940 - JUNE 30, 1942

Buy "Dakota Maid" Flour



TO THE STATE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION: M. I. Forkner,
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Thompson, Bismarek, North Dakota.

Herewith is transmitted the Eighteenth Biennial Report of the
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July 1, 1940 to June 30, 1942.

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR, NORTH DAKOTA
STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION — 1940-1942**

The regular activities of the State Library Commission were carried on during the 1940-42 biennium. These are not mentioned, but certain activities are presented in outline.

Library Visits

Public libraries were visited, WPA library projects inspected, and conferences held at:

Barney	Grand Forks	New Rockford
Beach	Halliday	Oakes
Bottineau	Jamestown	Oberon
Carrington	Killdeer	Pembina
Casselton	Lakota	Portal
Crosby	Leonard	Sanish
Dickinson	Lidgerwood	Sheyenne
Ellendale	Lisbon	St. John
Fargo	Minot	Stanley
Flaxton	Mohall	Wahpeton
Forman	Mott	Watford City
Goodrich	New England	Williston

Institution and special libraries were visited at:

Belcourt Indian School	Teachers College, Dickinson
Elbowoods Indian School	Teachers College, Minot
Ft. Totten Indian School	Teachers College, Valley City
Dunseith Sanitarium	State Agricultural College, Fargo
Harvey High School	University of North Dakota, Grand Forks
Minot High School	State Science School, Wahpeton

Meetings Attended

The secretary and director attended the following meetings and appeared on the programs of most of them:

District library meetings at Edgeley, Forman, Grafton, Harvey, Hope, and Rugby.

North Dakota Education Association, Grand Forks, 1940.

North Dakota Education Association, Minot, 1941.

North Dakota Library Association, State Program Committee, Fargo, March 22, 1941, Minot, May 22, 1941, Bismarck, May 14, 1942.

WPA Adult Education Conference, July 10, 1940.

WPA Vocational Education Conference, July 25, 1940.

WPA Library Institute, Bismarck, June 24-26, 1941.

Forum Leaders' Training, Bismarck, November 1940 and May, 1941.

Citizens' Morale Conference, Bismarck, February 7, 1942.

Dairy Council, Bismarck, April 22, 1942.

Women's Defense Council, Bismarck, May 9, 1942.

American Library Association, midwinter meeting at Chicago, December, 1941, and the Annual Convention, Milwaukee, as the Governor's representative, June, 1942.

Special

Institute for all WPA library workers of North Dakota, planned and held in Bismarck, June, 1941.

Supplement to Bulletin No. 5, the elementary school book-list, prepared for the State Department of Public Instruction.

DRAWBACKS

Loss of WPA library workers throughout the state.

Withdrawal of 3,896 WPA books from the collection of the State Library Commission.

Rising costs along all lines, resulting in budget shortages.

Advance in travel and book postage rates.

Drop in circulation, for the first time since 1924.

Libraries closed in Barney, Courtenay, Milnor, Milton, Pembina, Selfridge, Towner and Zeeland.

Failure of bookmobile plans at Ft. Totten and Minot to materialize.

GAINS

State:

Libraries opened in Elbowoods, Killdeer, Lehr, and Northwood.

Municipal support secured by the Mandan Public Library.

Campaigns for municipal support in Forman and Turtle Lake.

Commission:

Closer cooperation with the State Department of Public Instruction, with our book-lists and library helps going out with their bulletins.

More successful fall and spring traveling book exhibits, with a larger number of books exhibited and a larger attendance.

LILLIAN E. COOK

Secretary and Director

State Library Commission

 STATISTICAL REPORT, 1940-42

BOOKS

Traveling Library Department

Number of traveling libraries	432
Number of libraries added during this biennium	28
Number of books added during the period	525
Number of books in traveling libraries	15,425

Reference Department

Number of books in this department	16,944
Number of books added during this biennium	1,273
Number of pamphlets in collection	19,000

CIRCULATION

Traveling Library Department

Number of Libraries Circulated	1940-41	1941-42	Total
Schools	469	808	1,277
Communities	88	163	251
Number of books circulated	19,338	14,469	33,807
New T. L. stations	124	127	251

Reference Department

Number of requests filled	11,749	9,144	20,893
Number of books circulated	54,499	51,060	105,559
Magazines & pamphlets sent out	9,274	5,829	15,103
Total reference dept. circulation	63,773	56,889	120,662
TOTAL CIRCULATION	—————	—————	—————
OF COMMISSION	83,111	71,358	154,469

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Town	Date Estab- lished	1940 popula- tion	R E C E I P T S			
			Tax Appropriation		Total Receipts	
			1940-41	1941-42	1940-41	1941-42
Bismarck	1914	15,496	\$10,650.00	\$11,650.00	\$11,930.06	\$12,749.34
Bowman	1916	967	261.11	571.70	329.95	921.70
Carrington	1906	1,850	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,280.28	1,200.00
Casselton	1906	1,358	303.46	307.94	332.46	328.99
Devils Lake	1898	6,204	3,733.26	4,141.48	4,298.14	4,696.02
Dickinson	1908	5,839	4,750.00	4,750.00	5,112.30	5,118.47
Ellendale	1912	1,517	375.00	375.00	580.30	564.96
Fargo	1900	32,580	21,026.56	20,735.21	22,422.08	21,763.24
Grafton	1895	4,070	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,820.38	1,763.43
Grand Forks	1899	20,228	10,750.00	10,500.00	11,629.03	11,408.12
Jamestown	1901	8,790	3,950.00	4,000.00	5,084.97	4,699.90
Lakota	1906	907	722.04	464.91	749.40	499.03
LaMoure	1924	990	600.00	600.00	631.33	618.74
Leonard Township	1912	465	125.00	125.00	128.83	126.42
Lidgerwood	1913	1,042	650.00	755.00	811.06	856.93
Lisbon	1915	1,997	1,279.52	1,330.19	1,392.03	1,435.63
Mayville	1900	1,351	750.00	750.00	914.86	890.02
Minot	1908	16,577	7,692.04	8,387.97	8,524.14	9,219.14
Mott	1912	1,220	335.00	360.00	363.00	347.80
Oakes	1905	1,665	1,050.92	797.35	1,145.96	1,002.84
Park River	1900	1,408	.....	350.00	.....	417.28
Rugby	1912	2,215	600.00	1,400.00	689.14	1,494.82
Valley City	1900	5,917	3,270.70	4,508.44	3,390.37	4,640.64
Wahpeton .....	.....	3,747	4,500.00	4,000.00	4,758.24	4,193.08
Williston	1910	5,790	2,560.85	4,341.70	2,764.55	4,465.94
Wishek	1926	1,112	100.00	150.00	107.58	157.46

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Town	EXPENDITURES							
	Salaries		Maintenance		Books-Periodicals		Total	
	1940-41	1941-42	1940-41	1941-42	1940-41	1941-42	1940-41	1941-42
Bismarck	\$ 6,236.48	\$ 6,706.25	\$ 2,923.75	\$ 3,187.20	\$ 2,506.32	\$ 2,849.54	\$11,666.55	\$12,742.99
Bowman	300.00	300.00	288.66	409.00	101.91	107.06	690.57	816.06
Carrington	676.00	672.00	84.27	164.14	477.43	280.87	1,237.70	1,117.01
Casselton	104.00	104.00	59.18	12.00	137.45	102.00	300.63	218.00
Devils Lake	1,320.00	1,320.00	1,713.18	1,274.49	1,937.35	1,849.62	4,970.53	4,444.11
Dickinson	2,075.00	2,116.25	965.61	1,138.30	1,362.64	1,275.80	4,403.25	4,530.35
Ellendale	370.00	370.00	31.07	24.31	185.81	170.33	586.88	564.64
Fargo	9,878.00	10,104.25	3,653.24	4,420.30	4,600.55	3,392.17	18,131.79	17,916.72
Grafton	780.00	780.00	658.96	656.22	422.76	328.06	1,861.72	1,764.28
Grand Forks	5,658.91	5,437.91	3,154.67	3,837.63	1,908.05	2,346.41	10,721.63	11,799.63
Jamestown	2,477.94	2,489.85	1,563.82	1,173.95	736.73	820.54	4,778.49	4,484.34
Lakota	216.00	216.00	159.91	211.88	45.85	36.62	421.76	464.00
LaMoure	300.00	300.00	71.77	135.79	182.58	195.48	554.35	631.27
Leonard	75.00	75.00	.....	.....	24.00	.....	136.35	102.46
Lidgerwood	472.00	461.00	264.39	267.38	136.04	153.78	872.84	882.16
Lisbon	437.50	437.50	466.83	1,280.66	365.07	390.16	1,269.40	2,108.32
Mayville	240.00	240.00	542.03	521.87	194.84	194.47	976.87	521.87
Minot	3,600.00	4,030.75	2,108.79	1,730.41	2,463.10	2,915.99	8,171.89	8,677.15
Mott	300.00	275.00	.....	.....	63.00	71.75	371.00	347.25
Oakes	699.00	750.00	112.01	130.77	456.53	394.05	1,267.54	1,274.82
Park River	270.00	270.00	20.90	9.70	174.62	85.50	465.52	365.20
Rugby	460.00	705.50	95.14	106.97	112.86	302.81	668.00	1,114.28
Valley City	1,465.00	1,477.25	1,280.32	1,263.63	864.09	534.28	3,609.41	3,358.62
Wahpeton	1,448.54	1,582.11	1,691.24	1,337.43	1,360.76	711.57	4,500.54	3,631.11
Williston	1,125.07	1,441.81	1,575.16	1,587.70	85.03	373.97	2,868.26	3,403.48
Wishek	52.00	53.00	12.21	21.49	12.56	39.43	76.78	113.92

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Town	Circulation		Total	Volumes	Borrowers	Hours Open	Rural
	1940-41	1941-42				Week	Borrowers
Bismarck	151,106	144,147	295,253	19,572	6,967	63	....
Bowman	3,879	3,772	7,601	6,818	541	30	....
Carrington	14,467	11,690	26,157	6,869	1,185	30	245
Casselton	3,450	4,042	7,492	1,934	313	4	....
Devils Lake	28,852	30,814	59,666	12,154	3,863	36	30
Dickinson	54,756	48,743	103,499	15,882	3,066	42	278
Ellendale	14,741	14,463	29,204	5,176	950	15	325
Fargo	214,666	205,804	420,470	41,210	17,111	72	438
Grafton	22,078	16,366	38,444	6,882	1,527	24	4
Grand Forks	94,530	85,019	179,549	20,900	6,521	66	133
Jamestown	73,549	67,016	140,565	14,509	4,451	54	511
Lakota	4,290	3,946	8,236	5,242	171	9	17
LaMoure	6,650	5,405	12,055	4,062	979	6	425
Leonard Township	1,300	1,409	2,709	1,881	120	6	30
Lidgerwood	7,202	7,004	14,206	6,189	853	39	503
Lisbon	13,022	14,234	27,256	1,990	780	27	210
Mayville	4,987	4,757	9,744	4,786	605	8	....
Minot	89,647	83,907	173,554	19,565	6,202	54	73
Mott	5,850	4,083	9,933	3,885	1,033	6	188
Oakes	24,460	23,084	47,544	7,490	1,379	36	396
Park River	5,700	7,500	13,200	2,823	255	16	131
Rugby	12,271	14,138	26,409	6,132	2,307	33	103
Valley City	37,164	31,661	68,825	15,217	3,470	36	406
Wahpeton	30,744	27,201	57,945	9,649	1,959	27	271
Williston	18,355	16,882	35,237	10,180	3,659	36	391
Wishek	5,000	6,250	11,250	1,409	410	4	125

ASSOCIATION LIBRARIES GIVING FREE SERVICE

Town	Date Established	1940 Population	Municipal Help	Hrs. Per Week	Volumes	Borrowers	Circulation	1940-1942 Expenditures	
								Books	Total
Bathgate	1916	312	None	2	1,313	312	2,800	\$ 73.57	\$131.50
Beach	1912	1,178	Room \$120	6	2,461	580	6,650	177.31	414.31
Beulah	1931	942	Room	4	1,603	285	3,350	41.93	64.67
Bottineau	1915	1,739	Room	2	791	167	2,450	91.06	95.00
Cogswell	1935	430	None	3	2,213	121	2,000	40.00	98.53
Crosby	1930	1,404	Room \$50	15	4,012	997	18,050	344.86	491.03
Dawson	1932	263	Room	3	1,125	131	2,800	7.64	12.96
Drake	1920	654	Room	3	1,872	500	6,700	148.52	182.29
Elbowoods	1941	.....	None	9	1,600	141	7,250	25.00	45.00
Enderlin	1912	1,593	Room	4	3,118	511	6,000	343.96	434.18
Flaxton	1935	362	Room	3	1,620	203	3,550	60.00	82.00
Forman	1939	500	\$138	6	876	65	5,500	73.22	78.22
Gackle	1936	537	None	2	577	158	2,212	16.30	20.32
Goodrich	1926	476	Room \$50	2	670	80	5,250	None Reported	
Halliday	1937	395	\$60	13	849	209	6,550	35.00	295.00
Hamilton	1916	255	None	2	956	46	1,550	45.00	45.00
Hankinson	1907	1,420	Room \$60	4	2,370	175	2,477	7.60	127.60
Heaton	1915	110	None	30	577	.....	.....	10.89	10.89
Hebron	1938	1,267	Room \$104	5	772	282	5,550	9.97	83.18
Hettinger	1912	1,138	Room	3	910	80	2,550	25.00	75.00
Hoople	1937	346	Room	1½	.....	109	1,500	68.70	108.70
Killdeer .....	.....	650	None	2	493	50	1,850	15.18	23.51
Kulm	1937	734	Room	2	461	199	2,200	34.27	59.21
Leeds	1902	782	Room \$50	5½	2,176	398	6,000	82.50	196.00
Lehr	1941	458	Room	2	71	.....	1,000	None Reported	
Linton	1936	1,602	Room	13	1,309	261	5,000	90.00	192.00
Mandan	1896	6,685	Room \$200	10	4,480	1,600	21,350	603.79	1,314.77
Mohall	1937	687	Room \$120	15	2,079	394	3,900	61.30	118.78
New Salem	1935	875	Room	26	2,972	340	6,500	34.00	65.18
Northwood	1941	1,063	None	5½	376	199	1,500	35.17	50.21

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

ASSOCIATION LIBRARIES GIVING FREE SERVICE—(Continued)

Town	Date Established	1940 Popu- lation	Municipal Help	Hrs. Per Week	Volumes	Bor- rowers	Circu- lation	1940-1942 Expenditures	
								Books	Total
Petersburg	1938	285	None	2	571	95	1,350	11.31	40.31
Portal	1935	499	Room	2	820	212	1,900	30.00	72.53
Sanish	1928	455	None	1	688	40	1,800	81.01	135.24
Tolna	1926	172	Room	1½	714	85	2,250	19.80	51.30
Turtle Lake	1926	632	Room	2	1,447	54	9,700	48.50	.....
Velva	1921	1,013	Room \$200	35	4,500	585	15,750	210.00	290.00
Verona	1925	201	Room	2	137	42	1,200	None	6.00
Wimbledon	1915	357	Room	2	950	33	2,150	19.00	19.20

ASSOCIATION LIBRARIES CHARGING FOR SERVICE

Town	Date Established	1940 Population	Municipal Help	Hrs. Per Week	Volumes	Borrowers	Circulation	1940-1942 Expenditures	
								Books	Total
Arnegard	1940	222	Room	1½	750	26		Not Reported	
Ashley	1913	1,345	Room \$50	6	4,072	333	12,600	\$231.57	\$294.45
Cando	1902	1,282	None	2	4,300	64	2,400	102.29	435.32
Cavalier #	1915	1,105	Room \$25	6½	2,472	327	7,050	169.25	361.91
Edgeley	1912	803	Room \$50	2	2,084	30	2,000	105.00	.....
Hansboro	1928	196	None	3	698	45	1,050	24.17	45.31
Harvey	1909	1,851	Room	3	986	459	4,300	101.92	101.92
Hope *	1910	474	Room	3	600	105	3,000	109.07	136.07
Langdon	1912	1,546	Room \$250	8	6,494	273	30,000	209.59	435.91
New England	1931	895	Room	2	1,621	148	3,200	63.34	65.08
New Rockford	1907	2,017	Room \$240	8	3,690			Not Reported	
Oberon	1938	.....	None	6	549	98	2,400	41.22	143.70
Regent	1935	261	Room	2	817	42	1,900	Not Reported	
Rhame	1938	283		4	683	59	750	18.34	82.21
Rolla	1924	1,008	Room	2	1,170	100	2,350	130.13	388.41
St. Thomas	1917	503	Lt., Heat, \$50	1½	2,781	60	9,150	218.30	284.07

Library service free to school children.

* Library was destroyed by fire, January 1942.

LIBRARY DIRECTORY

Town	Name of Library	Librarian
Ashley	Public Library	Mrs. Max A. Wishek
Bathgate	Free Public Library	Mrs. Henry Kane
Beach	Public Library	Mrs. R. E. Arnold
Beulah	Public Library	Mrs. F. C. Worch
Bismarck	Public Library	Erana M. Stadler
Bismarck	State Historical Library	Mrs. Florence Davis
Bismarck	State Library Commission	Lillian E. Cook
Bottineau	Public Library	Mrs. C. P. Russell <i>C. D. Khauer</i>
Bowman	Clara Lincoln Phelan Library	Mrs. Mertie Pond
Cando	Public Library	Mrs. Mai Riggs
Carrington	City Library	Mrs. Ella Mae Hargrave
Casselton	Public Library	Mrs. Martha B. Correll
Cavalier	Public Library	Mrs. Clark Brown
Cogswell	Public Library	Olive M. Bartlett
Crosby	Divide County Library	Mrs. J. H. Phelps
Dawson	Public Library	Mrs. Jos. A. Kooker
Devils Lake	Carnegie Library	Marie E. O'Brien <i>Mary Serungpe</i>
Dickinson	Public Library	Gertrude Voldal
Dickinson	State Teachers College	Mathilda L. Stoxen
Drake	Public Library	Mrs. E. Van Horn
Edgeley	Public Library	Mrs. George Lee + <i>Mr. E. K. Klam</i>
Elbowoods	Public Library	Alice M. Watson
Ellendale	Public Library	Mrs. V. D. Coleman
Ellendale	Normal & Industrial School	Audrey Craft <i>Lou Bailey</i>
Enderlin	Public Library	Mrs. C. H. Flynn <i>A. P. Bales</i>
Fargo	Public Library	Inga L. Rynning
Fargo	State Agricultural College	Mrs. Ethel McVeety
Flaxton	Public Library	Mrs. E. A. Anderson
Forman	Public Library	Mrs. C. W. Potterson <i>O. B. Olson</i>
Gackle	Public Library	Mrs. J. M. Hummel
Goodrich	Public Library	Mrs. J. R. Deering, Sr.
Grafton	Public Library	Mrs. Emma B. Cobb <i>Ella Meyer</i>
Grand Forks	Public Library	Irma Walker
Grand Forks	State University Library	Della Mathys
Halliday	Public Library	Mrs. Malcolm Pippin
Hamilton	Public Library	Mrs. Andrew Knutson
Hankinson	Public Library	Esther Spreckles
Hansboro	Public Library	Mrs. Leonard Gratz <i>B. D. Knutson</i>
Harvey	Public Library	Mrs. A. B. Hannes
Heaton	Public Library	Howard L. Turner <i>High School</i>
Hebron	Public Library	Mrs. C. E. Gilbertson
Hettinger	Public Library	Mrs. Theodore Loken <i>Beulah De</i>
Hoople	Public Library	Mrs. J. O. Wigham <i>Lewis Moz</i>
Hope	Public Library	Mrs. D. J. Gumb
Jamestown	Alfred Dickey Free Library	Mercedes Muenz
Jamestown	Jamestown College	Pearl G. Carlson <i>Mr. Florence Summer</i>
Killdeer	Public Library	Mrs. J. O. Severtson
Kulm	Public Library	Mrs. Otto Gackle <i>E. Cook</i>
Lakota	The A. M. Tofthagen Library	Mrs. Inga Ferris
LaMoure	Public Library	Mrs. Carl Neverman
Langdon	Public Library	Mrs. E. J. Donovan
Leeds	Public Library	Mrs. Benjamin Baglien <i>J. B. Kinne</i>
Lehr	Public Library	Mrs. Arnold Jenner <i>John Kranz</i>
Leonard	Leonard Township Library	Mrs. Harold G. Peterson <i>Olav Bru</i>

LIBRARY DIRECTORY

Town	Name of Library	Librarian
Lidgerwood	City Library	Mrs. Elizabeth Kings
Linton	Public Library	Alice Stewart
Lisbon	Public Library	Bernice Johnson Dorothy Thompson
Mandan	Public Library	Mrs. J. A. Biggs Essa E. Trzcinski
Mayville	Public Library	Cora I. Ames
Mayville	State Teachers College	Mrs. Hazel W. Byrnes
Minot	Public Library	Barbara Williams Mrs. Art h. Schamp
Minot	State Teachers College	Mrs. Mabel Etheridge
Mohall	Public Library	Mrs. Eliza A. Paris
Mott	Inez Hendrickson Library	Mrs. E. H. Trousdale Sec'y.
New England	Public Library	Mrs. Vivian Schnitker
New Rockford	Public Library	Vannie Hall
New Salem	Public Library	Mrs. Adelaide Schwanz Mat Buckman
Northwood	Public Library	Mrs. H. G. Webster
Oakes	Public Library	Mrs. E. C. Christensen
Oberon	Public Library	Mrs. O. C. Haskin
Park River	Public Library	Mrs. N. Gallickson Vera H. Warner
Petersburg	Public Library	Daggy Reiten Marion Engaether
Portal	Public Library	Mrs. W. H. McCauley
Regent	Public Library	Mrs. Geo. Trunkill & a Reitan
Rhame	Public Library	Mrs. A. K. Dahl
Rolla	Public Library	Mrs. Martha Marchand Clara H. Mundy
Rugby	Public Library	Helen Marie Fay Mrs. P. E. McMadon
St. Thomas	Public Library	Mrs. E. T. Thompson
Sanish	Public Library	Mrs. Albert Bragg H. H. Bussan
Tolna	Public Library	Mrs. C. A. Porter
Turtle Lake	Public Library	Mrs. Elmer Melby John Frey
Valley City	Carnegie Public Library	Mrs. Helen H. Tracy
Valley City	State Teachers College	Loretta Swift
Verona	Public Library	Mrs. Fred Isley
Wahpeton	Leach Public Library	Lydia A. Simonsen Phyllis Pope
Wahpeton	State Science School	Mildred Oelke
Watford City	Public Library Mason	Mary Ann Thompson John Hartman
Williston	James Memorial Library	Mrs. Sylvia R. Monson
Wimbledon	Public Library	Mrs. Arthur Lowell W. Runk
Wishek	Public Library	Mrs. J. W. Hofer

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Mrs. W. S. Johnson.

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