

EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
1933 ANNUAL REPORT

SUPPORT

The library is supported by city appropriation.

The library is managed by a library board which is appointed by the city council.

The following members are serving on the board at present:

Ralph W. Owen - President  
Waldemar Ager - Vice-President  
Mrs. F.W. Thomas - Secretary  
Mrs. George Robertson  
A.J. Geske  
J.J. Kelley, Jr.  
Rev. A.F. Augustine  
Alden Losby  
Alvin T. Stolen - ex-officio represents board of education  
A.F.T. Lauritzen - ex-officio represents the city council

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As of Dec. 31, 1933 there were 15,266 registered borrowers.  
In 1933, 278,455 books were issued for home use.

STAFF 1934

Laura M. Olsen - Librarian

Marion E. Langdell } Circulation Department  
Chula M. Remington }

Dorothy Siebecker } Catalogers  
Mabel von Berg }

Valborg Ager } Children's Department  
Eleanor Hibbard }

Ethel Kopp - Senior High School Librarian

Louise Yule - Junior High School Librarian



Julia Olson - Book Repair Department

Odin Hagen - Janitor

### HISTORY

The first public library and reading room was established in June 1875. A room was rented in the rear of the post office on Grand Avenue in the Putnam building. \$1800.00 was raised by popular subscription and 100 volumes were donated. The library remained here until April 1894 when O.H. Ingram gave the free use of a room in the Ingram building on the corner of Grand Avenue and Farwell Street.

In 1902 negotiations were begun with Mr. Andrew Carnegie for the gift of a library building for Eau Claire. Mr. Carnegie donated the sum of \$40,000 for the erection of a building. \$7,000 was paid for the site, part of which was donated by popular subscription and gifts.

The present building was dedicated on April 21, 1904. The total cost of the completed building was \$40,003.87, just \$3.87 more than was donated by Mr. Carnegie.

The population of Eau Claire on that date was 17,574.

\$5,000 was voted for library support. This amount was increased to \$6,000 in 1911.

### INTERESTING STATISTICS

Book Count, Dec. 31, 1933

Adult reference	5665
Adult circulating	25531
Children's room reference	333
Children's room circulating	7976
School duplicate collection	3907
Hospital collection	350
Junior High School reference	101
Junior High School circulating	1149
Senior High School reference	101
Senior High School circulating	3361



Total for the system 48,474

Registered borrowers, Dec. 31, 1933

Adult	8,893
Children	6,323
Total	15,216

Telephone renewals

In December 1933, 994 books were renewed by telephone which is an average circulation month.

Circulation and appropriation

In 1913 the circulation was 80,178 and the budget \$6,000.

In 1933 the circulation was 278,455 and the budget was \$14,000.

#### SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

The Senior High School Branch was opened in the fall of 1918. The book collection was moved to the new high school building in September 1926.

There are 3361 circulating and 101 reference books in this branch.

The staff of this branch has been as follows:

1918-1919	Ruth F. Gower
1919-1923	Ruth Sorenson
1923-1926	Jeanette Lamb
1926-1927	Velma Shafer
1928-1929	Ethel Malec
1929-1933	Lorene Stenz
1933-	Ethel Kopp

#### JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BRANCH

This branch was opened in September 1928. It was open afternoons only until September 1930 when it was open full time that school is in session.

There are 1149 circulating and 101 reference books in this branch.

The staff of this branch has been as follows:

1928-1930	Mabel von Berg
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1930-1933            Ethel Kopp  
1933-                Louise Yule

#### REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

The library has a large reference and reading room for the use of the public. This library is a government depository library which receives regularly important publications of the government. A large file of bound periodicals is maintained which is easily accessible through the Reader's Guide. Many reference questions are answered each day over the telephone.

#### CATALOG DEPARTMENT

This library uses the Dewey Decimal system of classification. All books are ordered, sourced, collated, accessioned, classified, and cataloged in the catalog room. The main catalog is the key to the material in all the books in the library. There are at present 48,474 cataloged books in the system and many government documents which are not accessioned.

