Population served
(1940 census)
30,745
(Estimated)
44,360

Public Library Founded
1875

Assessed Valuation of Eau Claire
$49,646,725.00
Public Library Appropriation
$44,760.00

Public Library Agencies

Main Library
Senior High School Branch
Junior High School Branch
Elementary Schools - 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10th wards
Luther Hospital Branch
Sacred Heart Hospital Branch

LIBRARY HOURS

Main Library
10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday

Children's Room
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday

Summer Schedule in Effect During June, July & August

Main Library
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday

Children's Room
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday
REGULAR FEATURES

MAIN LIBRARY
Reference - 4338 recorded reference questions.
Special Collections - Bartlett Collection on Lumber, Wisconsin documents and books, Local History, Art.
Great Books Discussions - Every other Tuesday.
New Books - Listed each week in the local newspapers.
Book displays in library.
World War II Roster of local service men and women.
For Group Use - Auditorium, projector, special book collections.
County Library - Housed on second floor of library.

Children's Room
Story Hour - Saturday mornings at 10:45.
Pre-School Story Hour - Thursday afternoons at 2:30.
Reading Club for children - June and July.
Radio Program - The Magic Carpet presented over WBIZ for the library by the high school radio class.
Special collections loaned to both public and parochial schools.

School Libraries
All school library service is conducted by the Public Library.
The schools furnish the space and equipment and the library the reading material and staff.

Hospital Service
Luther and Sacred Heart Hospital patients visited on a regular weekly schedule.

SPECIAL 1948 FEATURES

Main Library
Centennial Open House in May.
Book Fair for Teachers and Parents in November.
Rededication of American Heritage Week in May - Newspaper articles, displays, loaned collections for group meetings.
City-wide Visual Aids Survey.

Children's Room
Book Week activities in November included story hours, displays, radio broadcasts.
Story hours for visiting grade school children.

School Libraries
A fall meeting at each grade school with the teachers to promote a better understanding of library service.
Card catalogs for grade school begun.
### CIRCULATION

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Circulation per Capita (1940 census) - 7+
Circulation per Registered Borrower - 14+

### REGISTRATION

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Registration period 5 years

### BOOK STOCK

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Current magazines received | 286
Current newspapers received | 17
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

On Hand January 1948

Cash in Bank................................................. $ 1,846.59

Receipts

Appropriation.............................................. $44,760.00
Petty Cash Receipts Deposited.................. 2,233.91
State Aid for Elementary School Libraries
(By Board of Education August 1948)......... 2,799.39
Cost of Living Bonus................................. 1,875.00
Cancelled Checks (1936-1947)................... 1,005.16

Total Receipts............................................ $52,772.46

Grand Total............................................... $54,520.05

EXPENDITURES

Library Operating Expenses

Salaries.................................................... $29,087.02
Retirement.................................................. 1,427.37
Books and Binding...................................... 13,583.36
Periodicals............................................... 1,323.92
Supplies.................................................... 921.66
Furniture and Equipment......................... 2,246.10
Petty Cash.................................................. 353.64
Miscellaneous - Telephone, Freight, Postage,
Charging machine rental, etc.................... 614.54
Printing...................................................... 76.71
Staff Travel, Dues, Memberships............... 103.48

Total Operating Expenses.......................... $49,737.80

Building Expenditures

Custodian's wages....................................... $ 2,370.00
Improvements and Repairs.......................... 630.20
Heat.......................................................... 500.00
Light......................................................... 671.49
Water......................................................... 18.29
Insurance.................................................... 344.42

Total Building Expenses.......................... $ 4,594.49

Total Expenditures..................................... $54,328.29

On Hand December 31, 1948............................. $ 247.85
LIBRARY BOARD

Mr. Homer H. Smith, President
Mr. Ralph W. Owen, Vice President
Mr. Francis J. Wilcox
Mrs. F. W. Thomas
Dr. S. L. Henke
Mr. Arthur J. Peterson
Mr. Alden Losby
Mrs. Clarence T. Nelson
Mr. G. Otis Lindeman
Mr. Sam G. Davey

Term expires
1951
1950
1951
1949
1949
1950
1950
1951

Council Member
Supt. of Schools

LIBRARY STAFF

Main Library
Ione A. Nelson, Chief Librarian
Avis W. Lindeman, Head catalog Department
Walter J. McGuire, Head of Services
Ethel Santella, Library Assistant
Elizabeth MacLeod, Library Assistant
Mabel von Berg, Library Assistant
Joanne Anderson, Clerical assistant
Ragna E. Guberud, Mender
Odin Eagen, Custodian

Resigned September 1948

Senior High School Branch
Louise Yule, Librarian
Doris Friedman, Librarian
Jean Ladlec, Clerical assistant
Shirley Liebert, Clerical assistant

Leave of absence September 1948

Resigned November 1948

Junior High School Branch
Virginia Henry, Librarian
Joanne W. Barsness, Librarian

Resigned July 1948

Part Time
Ethel Gordon, Elementary Schools
Marian Running, Elementary Schools
Florence Evenson, Children's Room
Margerie Halpern, Children's Room
Margaret MacManamy, Children's Room
Helen Stewart, Main Library

January 1948 – June 1948
Sept. 1948 – Nov. 1948
November 1948

Volunteers
Mrs. Ralph W. Owen, Main Library
Mrs. A. W. Hilker, Luther Hospital