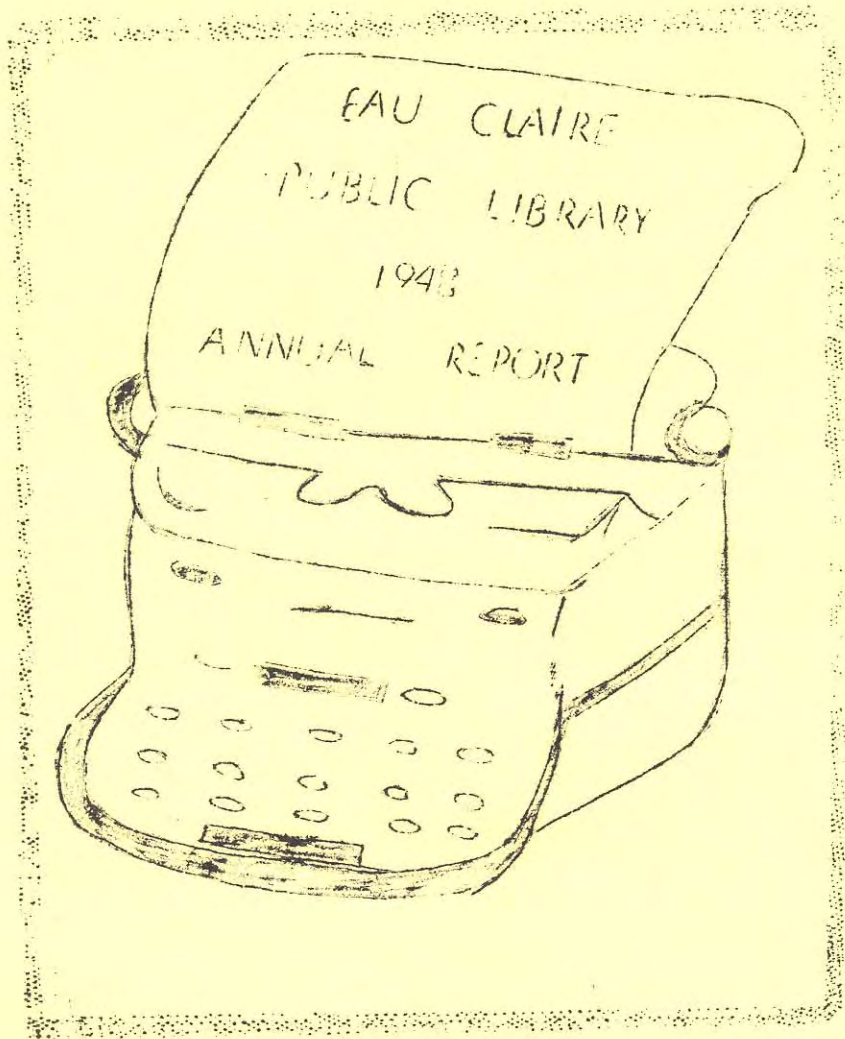


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EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT
1948

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

Public Library Founded
1875

Assessed Valuation of Eau Claire
Public Library Appropriation

\$49,648,725.00
\$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

222,326

	Fiction	Nonfiction	Total
Main library			
Adult	30,775	26,376	57,151
Juvenile	21,669	5,765	27,434
Hospitals			3,699
Senior High School	17,953	23,961	41,914
Junior High School	19,744	19,562	39,306
Elementary Schools			52,822
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	90,141	75,664	222,326
Circulation per Capita (1940 census)	-	7+	
Circulation per Registered Borrower	-	14+	

REGISTRATION

15,906

Adult	10,219
Juvenile	5,687

Registration period 5 years

BOOK STOCK

74,021

Adult	49,235
Juvenile	24,786
Books added in 1948	5,150
Books withdrawn in 1948	2,666
Current magazines received	286
Current newspapers received	17

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

On Hand January 1948

Cash in Bank.....	\$ 1,846.59
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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).....	<u>1,005.16</u>
Total Receipts.....	\$52,673.46
Grand Total.....	<u>\$54,520.05</u>

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.....	<u>103.48</u>
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.....	<u>344.42</u>
Total Building Expenses.	\$ 4,534.40
Total Expenditures.....	\$54,280.50
On Hand December 31, 1948.....	\$ 247.85

LIBRARY BOARD

	Term expires
Mr. Homer H. Smith, President	1951
Mr. Ralph W. Owen, Vice President	1950
Mr. Francis J. Wilcox	1951
Mrs. F. V. Thomas	1949
Dr. S. L. Henke	1949
Mr. Arthur J. Peterson	1950
Mr. Alden Losby	1950
Mrs. Clarence T. Nelson	1951
Mr. G. Otis Linderman	Council Member
Mr. Sam G. Davey	Supt. of Schools

LIBRARY STAFF

Main Library

Ione A. Nelson, Chief Librarian	
Avis W. Linderman, Head catalog Department	
Walter J. McGuire, Head of Services	Resigned September 1948
Ethel Santella, Library Assistant	
Elizabeth MacLeod, Library Assistant	
Mabel von Berg, Library Assistant	
Joanne Anderson, Clerical assistant	April 1948
Ragna E. Guberud, Mender	September 1948
Odin Eagen, Custodian	
Senior High School Branch	
Louise Yule, Librarian	Leave of absence September 1948
Doris Friedman, Librarian	September 1948
Jean Padlec, Clerical assistant	Resigned November 1948
Shirley Liebert, Clerical assistant	November 1948
Junior High School Branch	
Virginia Henry, Librarian	Resigned July 1948
Joanne W. Barsness, Librarian	April 1948
Part Time	
Ethel Gordon, Elementary Schools	
Marian Running, Elementary Schools	
Florence Evenson, Children's Room	January 1948 - June 1948
Margerie Halpern, Children's Room	Sept. 1948 - Nov. 1948
Margaret MacManany, Children's Room	November 1948
Helen Stewart, Main Library	November 1948

Volunteers

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