Population served
(1940 census)
33,765
(Estimated)
44,760

Assessed Valuation of Eau Claire
$44,250

Public Library Founded
1875

Public Library Appropriation
$56,238.00

Public Library Agencies

Main Library
Senior High School Branch
Junior High School Branch
Elementary Schools - 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12th 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 Service to patrons visiting the library and by telephone.
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.
Counties Library - House on second floor of library.

**Children's Room**
Story Hour - Saturday mornings at 10:45.
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 1949 FEATURES**

**Main Library**
Indianhead District Library Meeting in May.
Chicago Tribune's Better Rooms contest exhibit in July.
Sponsored Great Books Leaders Training Course.
Registration of patrons streamlined.
High School art displays.
Cataloging of the Bartlett collection begun.
Work survey of the staff made.
Book Fair for Teachers and Parents in November.

**Children's Room**
Children's illustrators exhibit in May.
Two summer playground libraries. Second Crossing and Veteran's Housing.
Work begun on marionettes and stage.

**School Libraries**
A fall meeting with principals and superintendent of schools to promote a better understanding of library service.
Card catalogs completed and placed in each grade school library.
Library in the new Sam G. Davey Memorial School added.
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Financial Statement

On hand January 1949
Cash in Bank ........................................ $ 247.85

Receipts
Appropriation ........................................ $56,228.00
Petty Cash Receipts Deposited ....................... 2,041.82
State Aid for Elementary School Libraries
(By Board of Education August 1949) .................. 3,020.04
Total Receipts ........................................ $61,299.86

Expeditures

Library Operating Expenses
Salaries .................................................. $35,077.84
Retirement .............................................. 1,764.05
Books and Binding ..................................... 12,769.16
Periodicals ............................................ 1,330.09
Supplies ................................................. 1,046.04
Furniture and Equipment .............................. 1,276.30
Petty Cash .............................................. 369.33
Miscellaneous-Telephone, Freight, Postage,
Charging machine rental, etc. ......................... 326.57
Printing .................................................. 63.76
Staff Travel, Dues, Memberships ..................... 118.72
Visual aids ............................................. 45.94
Total Operating Expenses ............................ $54,187.80

Building Expenditures
Custodian's wages ..................................... $ 2,520.00
Improvements and Repairs ............................ 2,400.43
Heat ..................................................... 499.99
Light ..................................................... 842.69
Water .................................................... 24.45
Insurance .............................................. 1,045.49
Total Building Expenses .............................. $ 7,333.05
Total Expenditures ................................. $61,520.85
On hand December 31, 1949 .......................... $ 26.86
LIBRARY BOARD

Mr. Homer H. Smith, President
Mrs. F. W. Thomas, Vice President
Mr. Francis J. Wilcox, Secretary
Mr. Ralph W. Owen
Dr. S. L. Henke
Mr. Arthur J. Peterson
Mr. Alben Long
Mrs. Clarence T. Nelson
Mr. G. Otis Linderman Term expired, April 1949
Mr. Leonard Hans Appointed, May 1949
Mr. Sam G. Devey Deceased, August 19, 1949

Term Expires
1951
1952
1951
1950
1952
1950
1951
Council Member
Council Member
Supt. of Schools

LIBRARY STAFF

Main Library

Ione A. Nelson, Chief Librarian
Mabel von Berg, Assistant to the Librarian
Louise E. Yule, Children's Work - Coordination June 1949
Avis W. Linderman, Head Catalog Department
Ethel Santella, Library Assistant
Elizabeth MacLeod, Library Assistant
Paulina L. Strif, Library Assistant
Jacqueline Kelly, Library Assistant July 1949
Jeanne Lowry, Clerical Assistant
Ragna E. Ouberud, Mender
Odin Hagen, Custodian

Senior High School Branch

Doris Friedman, Librarian
Jean Zingahism, Clerical Assistant January 1949

Junior High School Branch

Jeanne W. Barness, Librarian

Part Time

Ethel Gordon, Elementary Schools
Marian Running, Elementary Schools
Margaret MacManany, Children's Room Resigned - November 1949
Catherine M. La Gault, Children’s Room
Helen Stewart, Main Library November 1949

Volunteers

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