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76th
Annual
Report

Eau Claire Public Library
1951

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Heritage of the U.S.A.
in times of Crisis

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Population Served 1950 census (corrected) 36,058	Public Library Founded 1875
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Assessed Valuation of Eau Claire Public Library Appropriation	\$69,119,515.00 \$78,026.11
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Objectives:	Education	Information	Research
	Inspiration	Recreation	Aesthetic Appreciation

PUBLIC LIBRARY AGENCIES

Main Library	9 Elementary School Libraries
Senior High School Library	Luther Hospital Library
Junior High School Library	Sacred Heart Hospital Library
Sam G. Davey School Adult Station	

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
Sam Davey Adult Station	7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Tuesday
Senior and Junior High School		Open during school hours
Elementary Schools		Bi-weekly schedule

LIBRARY BOARD

	Term Expires
Mr. Homer H. Smith, President	1954
Mr. Alden Losby, Vice President	1953
Mr. Francis J. Wilcox, Secretary	1954
Mr. Ralph Owen	1953
Dr. S. I. Henke	1952
Mr. Arthur J. Peterson	1953
Mr. Maurice Haehlen	1952
Mrs. Clarence T. Nelson	1954
Mr. Leonard Haas	
Mr. Homer DeLong	
	Council Member
	Supt. of Schools

THE YEAR 1951

- A circulation increase of 20 per cent over 1950
- Microfilm - Eau Claire Telegram
- An adult station opened at the Sam G. Davey School
- Weekly story hour in the Children's Room
- Weekly hospital service
- Great Books discussion group (third year) January to June
- Sponsored a Senior High School radio class children's program
- Foreign students from the local college toured the entire library system and were informed of the American concept of the public libraries
- A full time trained children's librarian added to the staff
- For the library building - roof repair and insulation
- Four elementary school libraries used for summer playground service: Davey, Lincoln, Longfellow and Mt. Washington
- Summer reading program in the children's room
- French Doll Exhibit from the "Merci" train July 24 - August 5
- A legacy - Molly Baird's book collection
- Inventory of the Children's Room collection
- A marionette stage for the Children's Room under construction by the manual arts department of the Senior High School
- Marionettes being made by the art department of the Senior High School
- Cataloging of the Teale collection on design
- Phonograph record collection cataloged
- Sponsored the University Extension Class in library science in Eau Claire
- Fifth annual Book Fair November 9
- Booth at the American Legion Pageant of Progress - "The Heritage of the U. S. A. in Times of Crisis" theme
- Government document depository turned over to the State College
- New equipment in all the school libraries
- Viewmaster reels and viewers added in adult and children's departments
- Forty classes from the public schools visited the Main Library and received library instruction
- Completed plan for the inauguration of shut-in-service in 1952 to be carried out with the assistance of the Altrusa Club
- Arrangements made for a 1952 film program
- Unprecedented illness on the staff caused the entire library system to operate in a state of emergency the greater part of the year

STATISTICALLY YOURS

Circulation		303,094
Main Library	119,260	
Adult	67,675	
Juvenile	51,585	
Hospitals	4,020	
Senior High School Library	45,584	
Junior High School Library	34,662	
Elementary School Libraries	97,928	
Summer Playgrounds	1,640	
Reference Questions Answered		4,127
Book Stock		85,107
Added	5,792	
Withdrawn	3,178	
Current Periodicals		
Magazines		318
Newspapers		18
Registration (Main Library Only)		14,141
Adult	9,556	
Juvenile	4,585	
Registration period	5 years	
Days Open 1951 (Main Library Only)		306

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

On Hand January 1951

Cash in Bank		\$ 44.55
Receipts		
Appropriation	\$78,026.11	
Roof Repair	\$15,000.00	
Operating Budget	63,026.11	
Petty Cash Receipts Deposited	2,392.01	
State Aid for Elementary School Libraries (By Board of Education February 1951)	2,477.40	
Total Receipts		82,895.52
Total		82,940.07

EXPENDITURES

Library Operating Expenditures		
Salaries	\$43,501.18	
Retirement	1,803.31	
Books and Binding	12,848.55	
Periodicals	1,342.30	
Supplies	1,303.78	
Furniture and Equipment	531.21	
Petty Cash	345.99	
Telephone	386.72	
Miscellaneous	152.28	
Printing	108.08	
Staff Travel, Dues, Memberships	159.22	
Visual Aids	317.00	
Total Operating Expenditures		62,799.62
Building Expenditures		
Custodian's Wages	\$ 2,772.00	
Heat, Light and Water	1,593.47	
Laundry	68.68	
Insurance	326.06	
Supplies	226.83	
Improvements and Repairs	11,541.97	
Roof Insulation, etc.	\$11,389.81	
Other	207.00	
Total Building Expenditures		16,529.01
Total Expenditures		79,328.63
On Hand December 31, 1951		3,611.44
Roof Balance	\$3,610.19	
Operating Balance	1.25	