THE
PUBLIC
LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT
1952

IN THE HEART
OF
EAU CLAIRE WISCONSIN
IT IS YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

That is in the center of your city
Whose services are free to all residents
That has something for every member of your family
That is supported by your taxes
That maintains all the public school libraries
Where the librarians are there to help you
Population Served 1950 census (corrected) 36,058
Assessed Valuation of Eau Claire $80,698,115.00
Public Library Appropriation $70,620.79

PUBLIC LIBRARY AGENCIES
Main Library
Senior High School Library
Junior High School Library
Sam G. Davey School Adult Station

LIBRARY HOURS
Main Library
Adult Department 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 Schools Open during school hours
Elementary Schools Bi-weekly schedule

LIBRARY BOARD Term Expires
Mr. Alden Losby, President 1953
Mr. Homer H. Smith, Vice President 1954
Mr. Francis J. Wilcox, Secretary 1954
Mr. Ralph Owen 1953
Dr. S. L. Henke 1955
Mr. Arthur J. Peterson 1953
Mr. Maurice Haehlen 1955
Mrs. Ernest T. C. Hanson 1954
Mr. Leonard Raas City Council Member
Mr. Homer DeLong Supt. of Schools
THE YEAR 1952

A circulation increase of 12 per cent over 1951
Weekly hospital service
Weekly story hour in the Children's Room
Monthly service to the Courage Club
Shut-in library service given with assistance from Altrusa Club
For the building -- electric cable installed in gutters and
children's entrance repaired.
Purchase of a microfilm reader
New newspaper racks in adult reading room
Began using plasti-klear jackets on new adult books
Inauguration of a film loan service to groups
Cost of living increase granted employees
University Extension course in Library Science sponsored by the
library completed in May.
Marionette stage completed and installed with cooperation of
high school students.
Inventory of the High School Library collection
Marionette presentation of Hansel and Gretel
An elementary school library used for summer playground library:
Sam G. Davey
Summer reading program in children's room
Completion of the packing and transfer of government documents
to the State College
Sam G. Davey Adult Station discontinued in September because
of lack of space
21 classes from public schools visited the Main Library and re-
ceived library instruction
One of twenty libraries in the state selected to sponsor an
American Heritage Discussion Group
Library radio program -- Meet the Author over WHFV
Australian Book Exhibit
Grade school library service carried on in spite of handicaps
due to the school building program
New tilt-tab guide cards in the catalogs in the adult, child-
ren's and high school departments
One new library board member
Turn over in 7 staff positions
NEW IN 1962

AMERICAN HERITAGE DISCUSSION GROUP

The twenty members meet twice a month on a Thursday at 7:30 P.M.

MARIONETTES

A marionette stage in the Children's Room. 600 boys and girls attended the three performances of Hansel and Gretel.

"MEET THE AUTHOR"

Radio program over W.R.F.W. on Sunday from 1:15 to 1:30 P.M.

MICROFILM READER

The Eau Claire Telegram is microfilmed and may be read with the aid of the Recordak.
FILMS

The 53 films made available to the library by the State Bureau of Visual Instruction were loaned 262 times and were seen by 13,000 people. A preview of the films was held each month for the public.

FACTS ON FILE FOR 1952

REFERENCE

An average of twenty reference questions are answered every day by the adult reference department.

REGISTRATION

Two out of every five citizens, or 14,209 use the public library as registered borrowers.

SCHOOLS

All public school libraries are a part of the public library system. Over 5000 pupils receive library service during the school year.
HOSPITAL SERVICE

To patients once a week at Luther and Sacred Heart Hospitals.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

Interlibrary loan brings you any book you need not in our collection. 66 books were borrowed from and 35 loaned to other libraries in 1952.

STORY HOUR

In the Children's Room every Saturday from 9:30 to 10:00 A.M.

COLLECTION

The library has:
88,872 books
18 current newspapers
318 current magazines
5,000 pictures
100 children's records
CIRCULATION

1952 Total  338,394

(Each book represents 10,000)

PUBLIC LIBRARY

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<td>Adult</td>
<td>74,815</td>
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<td>Children</td>
<td>67,164</td>
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<td>Playground</td>
<td>428</td>
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<td>Hospitals</td>
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SCHOOL LIBRARIES

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<tr>
<td>High School</td>
<td>47,643</td>
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<td>Junior High School</td>
<td>41,189</td>
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<td>Elementary Schools</td>
<td>101,496</td>
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COMPARE THE CIRCULATION 1948-1952

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Circulation</th>
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<tr>
<td>1952</td>
<td>338,394</td>
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<td>1951</td>
<td>303,094</td>
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<td>1950</td>
<td>250,438</td>
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<td>1949</td>
<td>237,012</td>
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<td>1948</td>
<td>222,326</td>
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1952 increase over 1948  116,068
Balance on Hand January 1952

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<td>Cash in Bank</td>
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Receipts

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<td>Petty Cash Receipts Deposited</td>
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<td>State Aid for Elementary School</td>
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<td>Libraries (By Board of Education</td>
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<td>June 1952)</td>
<td>4,410.00</td>
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<td>Insurance Refund</td>
<td>19.68</td>
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Total $77,622.30

EXPERDITURES

Library Operating Expenditures

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<td>Books and Binding</td>
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<td>Petty Cash</td>
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<td>Staff Travel, Dues, Memberships</td>
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<td>Postage, Freight, Express, Drayage</td>
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Building Expenditures

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<td>Custodian's Wages</td>
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<td>Heat, Light and Water</td>
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<td>Laundry</td>
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<td>Insurance</td>
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<td>Supplies</td>
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<td>Improvements and Repairs</td>
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Total Expenditures $76,121.86

On Hand December 31, 1952 $1,501.69

Balance Guaranteed City due to staff turn over to be applied on 1953 budget $1,323.27

Operating Balance $178.42
LIBRARY STAFF

Chief Librarian - Ione A. Nelson
Administrative Assistant - Mabel A. von Berg

Department Heads
Catalog - Avis W. Linderman
Adult Services - Luella I. Cernahan
Sarah B. Gere
Coordinator of Children’s Services - Louise E. Yule

Library Assistants
Adult Department - Ethel Santella
Jacqueline Kelly
Doris Friedman
Children’s Room - Mae I. Upton
Marian Running
Senior High School Librarian - Joanna Barenness
LaRue Sowers

Junior High School Librarian - M. Christine Pedersen

Clerical Assistants
Main Library - Joyce E. Brandstedter
High School Library - Eileen Downs
Floris E. Thompson
Elementary Schools - Evelyn Rounds

Mender - Regina E. Guberud
Custodian - Odin Ragen

Part Time
Library Assistants
Main Library - Rachel Fanske
Elementary Schools - Ethel Gordon
Marian Running

Clerical Assistants - Gratia Edwards
Evelyn Rounds
Joanne Lowry
Melva Wildeck

Pages - Edward Lindow
Larry Hathaway
James Sewery
Jean Krecklow
Patricia Pascheidt

Volunteers - Sacred Heart Guild - Sacred Heart Hospital
P. T. A. Sam Davey School - Adult Station Sam Davey
School
Altrusa Club - Shut-in Service