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Eau Claire Public Library

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Friends of the Eau Claire Public Library:

In the Fall of 1976, we made the move from the old Carnegie Library on South Farwell Street to our new facility at 400 Eau Claire Street. As was anticipated, circulation and usage of the new library has increased approximately 25%.

One of the primary objectives of our library is to give service to the people of Eau Claire and the surrounding area by providing them with a variety of print and non-print materials, by carrying on an interlibrary loan program to secure materials not locally available, and by offering them an information service that assists patrons in answering reference questions.

This report summarizes the activities and programs that have been carried on during 1976 in endeavoring to meet that objective. Although statistics and department reports cannot reflect the total program, the information in this brochure highlights some of the significant aspects of our operation which may be of particular interest.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John P. Proctor".

John P. Proctor  
Director

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## COLLECTIONS

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### LIBRARY COLLECTION

	<u>ADULT</u>	<u>JUVENILE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Number of volumes 1-1-76	86,973	26,678	113,651
New titles added	5,049	2,107	7,156
Duplicate titles added	575	539	1,114
Number of volumes withdrawn	<u>909</u>	<u>1,177</u>	<u>2,086</u>
TOTAL VOLUMES 12-31-76	91,688	28,147	119,835

Periodical Titles-----	353	Framed Art Prints-----	108
Filmstrips-----	378	Microfilm Titles-----	51
Cassettes-----	1,265	Microfilm Reels-----	1,572
Phonograph Records-----	3,632	Films-----	2*

\*We had an additional 359 film titles available during the year from the Wisconsin Film Circuit and the Canadian Travel Film Library.

### C I R C U L A T I O N

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Juvenile</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Difference with 1975</u>
Fiction	66,544	68,774	135,318	- 4,031
Non-Fiction	74,828	25,234	100,062	- 5,152
Periodicals	10,375	806	11,181	- 953
Pamphlets	1,237	610	1,847	- 547
Pictures	754		754	- 76
Films & Filmstrips	2,194	767	2,961	- 447
Records	11,525	6,007	17,532	- 2,332
Cassettes	1,763		1,763	- 384
Miscellaneous	<u>1</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>- 16</u>
TOTAL	169,221	102,210	271,431	-13,938*

\*During 1976 the library was closed one week for inventory during August and two weeks in November for the move to the new library.

## REGISTRATION

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Juvenile</u>	<u>Total</u>
January 1, 1976	18,301	4,771	23,072
Additions	+3,902	+1,017	+4,919
Transfers	+ 139	- 139	---
Withdrawals	<u>-3,550</u>	<u>- 938</u>	<u>-4,488</u>
December 31, 1976	18,792	4,711	23,503*

\*This figure includes nonresident cards, which ordinarily are family cards.

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES

During the year a variety of programs and activities were carried out in the Children's Room. Preschool story times for children ages four and five were conducted three times a week during the school year. Movies were shown on frequent Saturday afternoons and on Thursdays in the summer. Two puppet shows were presented. The summer reading club which had the theme, "Be a Super Snooper--Read", had 819 members, with 200 children earning their reading club certificates. The summer activities included story times, filmstrip story times, several crafts sessions, creative drama classes, a play, and presentations by the Eau Claire Police Department, the Eau Claire Fire Department, and the Eau Claire Area Humane Association. Other special events during the year included a "Hands on History" program, a Christmas story time, and a showing of Christmas movies. In addition, a volunteer taught creative writing classes for children.

Approximately one thousand children from various classes and organizations visited the Children's Room. The children's librarian visited several schools to promote the use of the library and in several cases, to teach storytelling techniques to junior high school child care classes. She also conducted two puppetry workshops, gave several talks on children's literature to adult groups, and participated in a read-aloud program at a local high school.

Throughout the year the Children's Room displayed handicraft and other items on loan from individuals and institutions. These exhibits included old toys, candles, decoupage, a wildlife (taxidermy) display, and posters with secret codes written by children.

## A D U L T   S E R V I C E S

The growth of library services in 1976, although not dramatic, maintained a steady rate. Two major projects were undertaken that required closing the library: an inventory of the book collection and the move to the new building. The latter project required two weeks in November.

The library staff supervised and assisted community volunteers in moving materials from the old library to the new. All of these people put forth an extraordinary effort to make sure the transition was smooth and orderly. For this effort we want to express our genuine thanks for a job well done.

The library was closed for a week in August, 1976, in order to take an inventory of the circulating, hardcover, non-fiction collection and the phonograph record collection.

	<u>Books</u>	<u>Records</u>
Net holdings	66,751	2,472
Losses	3,404 (5.1%)	184 (7.4%)

For books, losses were highest in the following categories:

600-699	Applied Science & Technology	855 vols.
700-799	Art, Music, & Sports	690 vols.
300-399	Social Sciences	477 vols.

For records, losses were highest in the following categories:

MA	Popular, Rock	92
L	Musical Shows, Soundtracks	13
MJ	Jazz	10

To replace the missing books would cost \$36,582.11 at 1975 prices; to replace the records would cost \$899.76. A follow-up inventory will be carried out in 1977.

Two integration projects were completed in 1976. The separate biography collection was reclassified and shelved integrally with the regular collection. At the time of the move to the new building, the separate mystery, western, and science fiction collections were intershelved with the general fiction in one continuous alphabetical collection. Spine label identifiers have been placed on the various books to aid patrons in selection.

Several new titles were added to the periodical collection providing more diversity and increasing our ability to provide informational and recreational reading. "Amazing Science Fiction", "American Scholar", "Antique Trader", "Business Horizons", "Fins & Feathers", "Journal of American Folklore", "Learning", "Modern Cycle", "Nordic World", "The Progressive", "The Public Interest", "RN Magazine", and "Technology Review" brought our total periodical subscriptions to 353.

An Art, Music, and Audio-Visual Services Department became a reality with the occupation of the new building. Mrs. Mildred Larson was hired in October, 1976, to plan and coordinate services in this department.

The Information Services Department showed another increase in the number of reference questions answered, 18% above 1975.

Reference questions received from E.C.P.L. patrons during 1975-----14,262  
" " " " E.C.P.L. " " 1976-----16,834

A "pool collection" of current best-selling books was begun for member libraries of the Tri-Valley Library System. Libraries within the service area have ready access to the 20 books on the Publisher's Weekly best-seller list. When a title is no longer listed, it reverts to our general collection for all to use.

A resolution was introduced by the Finance Committee of the Eau Claire County Board which provided for county-wide access to the library and county membership in the Tri-Valley Library System. The County Board passed this resolution and at the start of 1977 all county residents may register for a "family" library card at no charge. In addition, all public libraries in the county may borrow from our collection by interlibrary loan.

DECEMBER 31, 1976

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EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC LIBRARY--FINANCIAL REPORT

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

RECEIPTS

Balance from 1975	\$ 12,162.48
Memorial Gifts	592.00
Reappropriated surplus--1976 Budget	15,986.00
City Appropriation--1976 Budget	533,968.00
Cash Receipts--Fines, Fees, Lost Material	8,310.28
Photocopy receipts	2,400.85
Contractual Income	4,900.50
Tri-Valley Salary Reimbursement	22,468.00
Book Sale Income	284.13
Federal Funds, CETA Title II	19,976.99
TOTAL	<u>\$621,049.23</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries, W.R.F., F.I.C.A., Insurances	\$258,363.99
Unemployment Compensation	131.25
Library Services	4,592.33
Transportation and Communication	5,754.25
Utilities	15,162.02
Equipment and Building Maintenance	1,479.41
Auditing	315.00
Insurance	2,404.30
Collection Materials	58,871.56
Office and Library Supplies	6,655.37
Operating and Maintenance Supplies	500.16
Capital Outlay--Furniture and Equipment	451.86
Special Assessments	3,120.25
Bond Principal and Bond Interest	230,480.00
Contractual Services--City of Eau Claire	3,929.16
SUBTOTAL	<u>\$592,210.91</u>
Amount to be reappropriated for 1977	10,867.00
Amount earmarked from gifts	392.00
Balance on hand 12-31-76	17,579.32
TOTAL	<u>\$621,049.23</u>

TRI-VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM--FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

Negative Balance from 1975	(\$ 10.09)
Appropriation received from Barron County	5,534.00
" " " Chippewa County	7,353.00
" " " Dunn County	4,421.00
" " " Pierce County	4,331.00
" " " Rusk County	2,195.00
" " " St. Croix County	6,240.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 30,063.91</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries and Benefits	\$ 22,468.00
Film Circuit Memberships	1,200.00
Travel	93.08
Audit	60.00
Books	1,746.00
Telephone and Telegraph	63.70
Library Supplies	1,564.27
Equipment Rental	297.00
Postage	2,312.99
SUBTOTAL	<u>\$ 29,805.04</u>
Balance 12-31-76	258.87
TOTAL	<u>\$ 30,063.91</u>

