

The regular monthly meeting of the Directors of the Eau Claire Public Library was held at the Library Building on Monday, May 23rd, 1904; The following being present; Vice-President Cotten presiding, and Directors Allen, Putnam, Coffin, Frawley and Lockwood, absent, Directors Gross, Ingram, Starr and Halvorson.

The records of the meetings of April 25th, and May 16th, were read and approved.

The following bills and claims were allowed and ordered paid;

Jean Hawkins,	May pay,	\$75.00
J. F. Hoyt,	"	41.66
Maud Durlin,	"	30.00
L. Radensleben,	"	20.00
Edward Johnson,	"	40.00
H. W. Wilson Company,		2.75
F. Blackwell,		8.75
" "		46.10
Democrat Printing Co.,		1.40
Eau Claire National Bank,		1.22
S. H. Wilcox,	Insurance,	30.00
J. A. Smith,	"	60.00
O. F. Jackson's Sons,	"	30.00
A. L. Dodge,	"	30.00
McGregor, Bartlett Co., Binding,		500.00

The Librarian reported that the Ninth Ward Branch in the rooms at the Second Congregational

Church had been closed for the month of May on account of the impossibility of getting an assistant to have charge of the room while open. There were about three hundred books at the Branch and since its opening a great many of the Branch patrons had been going to the new Library Building. On motion of Director Putnam, seconded by Director Frawley it was voted to close the Branch and re-open it only at the discretion of the President.

The Librarian reported that the Sunday attendance at the Library rooms had been as follows;

May 8th,	1
" 15th,	2
" 22nd,	4.

On motion of Director Allen it was voted to have the Library rooms remain closed on Sunday until October 1st.

On motion it was voted that the choice of a typewriting machine be referred to the Vice-President with power to act.

The following applications were received for apprentice work; Mildred Dean, Susie Converse and Barbara Cooper. On motion of Director Putnam seconded by Director Coffin it was voted that permission be given to Mildred Dean to work ^{without pay} as an apprentice from June 1st, to September 1st.

The matter of the change in the material

of the window shades was referred to Director Putnam.

It was voted that the purchase of a lawn mower be referred to the Vice-President with power to act.

Mrs. Fitzgerald of the Woman's Club appeared before the Board and inquired as to certain terms ~~by~~ of the lease offered by the Directors to the Woman's Club of the south room in the second story of the Library Building, viz; The occupation of the room by other organizations, a thirty day notice of cancellation of lease and the use of piano and gas stove. On motion of Director Coffin seconded by Director Frawley it was voted that the time of notice of vacation be increased from thirty to sixty days and that the use of piano and gas stove be allowed provided that neither interfered with Library work.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

W. L. ...
Secretary