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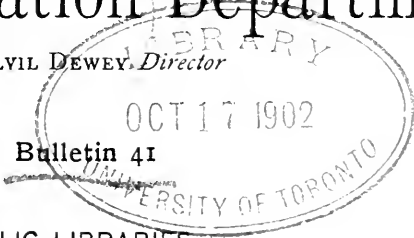
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Annual Report 1901

To the Regents of the University of the State of New York

As director of the Home Education Department I report on the public libraries division for the year ending Sep. 30, 1901, as follows:

Staff and expenditures. The work has been done by the same staff as last year as well as possible with the limited force, but the need of a subinspector is increasingly felt.

Expenditures of the year for home education including public libraries, traveling libraries and collections, study clubs and extension teaching were: cash apportionment to public libraries \$19,599.51, books \$4609.73, pictures \$102.30, fittings \$456.27, supplies \$40.23, printing \$1813.78, travel \$511.03, transportation \$557.57, telegrams and telephone \$121.05, services \$450.15, returned fees \$105.65, incidentals 25c, salaries \$26,581.42, a total of \$54,948.94, being an increase of \$5276.11 over 1900. The receipts from fees were \$2245.99.

LIBRARY CHARTERS, REGISTRATION AND TRANSFERS

Chartered and transferred

During the year five permanent and nine provisional library charters were granted. Nine provisional charters previously granted were made permanent. Three charters were amended by changing corporate names. Seven library transfers were approved and the charters of three of those transferred and thus consolidated with other libraries were surrendered and the corporations dissolved.

The following tables show location, name, volumes and property of each library.

Library charters, Oct. 1, 1900-Sep. 30, 1901

No.	Postoffice	Corporate name	Volumes	Property
1	Johnstown	Johnstown Public Library .....	.....	<i>a</i>
2	Patchogue	Patchogue Library	1 300	\$1 050
3	Riverdale	Riverdale Library Association	2 054	2 705
4	Round Lake.....	Woman's Round Lake Improvement Society	1 700	1 325
5	Warrensburg	Richards Library.....	1 725	10 855
<i>Provisional charters for five years</i>				
1	Belfast	Belfast Public Library.....	614	716
2	Brewster	Brewster Library.....	1 200	692 50
3	Bristol	Bristol Free Library.....	.....	220
4	Fremont	Bronx Free Library.....	1 110	750
5	Frankfort	Frankfort Free Library.....	200	397
6	Haines Falls	Haines Falls Free Library	400	546
7	Riverhead	Roanoke Public Library.....	.....	114 50
8	Theresa	Theresa Free Library.....	375	276
9	Walden	Walden Public Library.....	464	547 60
<i>Provisional charters made permanent</i>				
1	Cornwall	Cornwall Public Library	1 200	1 157 77
2	Cornwall on Hudson	Cornwall-on-Hudson Public Library	2 023	1 762
3	Groton	Groton Public Library.....	1 435	1 222 82
4	Liverpool	Liverpool Public Library.....	998	1 504 67
5	Montour Falls.....	Montour Falls Free Library	1 273	1 034 72
6	Newfield	Newfield Public Library	919	1 100 85
7	Plattsburg	Plattsburg Public Library.....	2 210	3 055 33
8	Richmond Hill	Richmond Hill Library	2 472	1 228
9	Sherburne.....	Sherburne Public Library	2 512	2 201 57
<i>Charters amended</i>				
1	Ossining	Name changed from Sing Sing Public Library to Os- sining Public Library		
2	Stockton	Name changed from Stockton Free Library to Mary E. Seymour Memorial Free Library		
3	Syracuse	Name changed from Syracuse Central Library to Syra- cuse Public Library		

Library transfers approved Oct. 1, 1900-Sep. 30, 1901

No.	From	To	Vols.
1	Albion Public Library.....	Swan Library, Albion	2 806
2	Belfast, Board of education, dist. 1.	Belfast Public Library.....	585
3	Brooklyn Public Library Associa- tion, Tompkins park branch.....	Brooklyn Public Library	1 760
4	Brookhaven, Board of education, dist. 24.....	Patchogue Library	1 300
5	<i>b</i> Queens Free Library	Queens Borough Library.....	433
6	Trumansburg Public Library	Trumansburg High School Lib..	1 142
7	Montgomery, School dist. 13.....	Walden Public Library	464

a Andrew Carnegie offers \$20,000 for building; see p. 181.

b Transferred to list of registered libraries as a branch of Queens Borough Library.

Charters surrendered and corporations dissolved

Albion Public Library
Queens Free Library
Trumansburg Public Library

Growth and support

Growth of free lending libraries. The number of independent libraries regularly admitted to the University like colleges, after deducting three withdrawn by consolidation, has increased by 11 and is now 186. Those free for circulation contain 718,775 volumes, an increase of 112,443 or 18% for the year. This is the largest gain in seven years. Their circulation was 2,605,610, an increase of 423,456 or 19%, and the average circulation was 362 for each 100 volumes.

The new libraries when asking recognition varied in size from nothing up to 2054 volumes and in property from \$114 to \$10,855, the larger sum representing the provision of a beautiful building. Most of them, as heretofore, were established on a moderate scale by earnest and self-denying efforts. Nine libraries which had prospered for five years under provisional charters obtained permanent charters, showing an accumulation of over \$1000 of property in every case; in one instance of \$2201 and in another of \$3055.

Support. Of 186 libraries in the University 135 have received during the year state grants of money for buying books and 100, or a little more than half, have been aided, or in a very few instances supported, by local taxation. Two or three have endowments that meet their needs, and possibly 25 receive some income from investments.

Of these newly organized and approved libraries 86 have no direct recognition from the public for whose benefit they are maintained. The number of those that fail to receive adequate recognition is still greater. To be widely and permanently useful the public library should be accepted by the community as no longer a private charity but a public charge, and while friends of the enterprise are entitled to all praise for their generous and personal devotion they should not hesitate to say that the best and easiest way to support a library is by tax as our com-

mon schools are supported. This course gives the library dignity as an institution, insures public interest and promises permanence.

Registered libraries

In addition to libraries chartered by the University or admitted on special application, there are many incorporated by the Legislature or under general law and a growing number attached to other incorporated institutions. If conforming to an approved library standard we, on request, register such libraries. Each branch library of 1000 volumes may also be registered, so that one library in New York or Brooklyn, may have 10 or 15 branches on the register. We must therefore add to the 186 University libraries 99 registered libraries as equally under state supervision and entitled to the same privileges of state and local aid.

The following libraries and branches have been thus registered during the year.

Libraries registered Oct. 1, 1900-Sep. 30, 1901

No	Postoffice	Name	Volumes	Property
1	Albany	Albany Free Library, Pine Hills branch	912	\$1 575
	Brooklyn	Brooklyn Public Library		
2		Bushwick branch.....	1 500	1 750
3		Carroll park branch.....	2 200	2 050
4		City park branch.....	2 300	2 300
5		Prospect branch.....	1 000	1 000
6		Children's Museum Library of the Brooklyn Institute.....	1 085	1 950
7	College Point..	Poppenshusen Institute Library.....	3 081	3 000
8	Lewiston.....	Lewiston Free Library	1 850	1 600
9	Marlboro.....	Marlboro Library.....	600	380
10	New York.....	Hudson Guild Library.....	500	589
11		Union Settlement Library	1 587	
12	Portchester ...	Portchester Library.....	1 751	24 230
13	Queens.....	Queens Borough Library, Queens branch.....	433	
		Total	18 799	\$40 424

INSPECTION

Libraries visited. Inspector William R. Eastman and his assistants visited in 42 counties 151 libraries of which 44 had not been previously reached and 17 are not connected with the Uni-

versity. Charters were granted to 19 of the libraries visited. 8 were registered as maintaining a proper standard, and grants of public library money were made to \$1.

The inspector gave 48 lectures, addresses, etc. before educational gatherings, State and Pratt Institute library schools, and at a library building dedication. Three lectures were illustrated by stereopticon pictures of library buildings and plans.

Certificates of approved circulation. 55 registered libraries and branches maintained by private corporations for free public use received certificates of approved circulation on which to base applications for local aid by public taxation as follows:

Certificates of approved circulation Oct. 1, 1900–Sep. 30, 1901

No.	Name of library	Certified circulation for one year
1	Adams free.....	6 500
2	Albany free.....	30 000
3	Catholic Union.....	12 000
4	Young Men's Association.....	63 000
5	Young Men's Christian Association.....	a 8 000
	Young Men's Christian Association.....	b 9 000
6	Amsterdam Library Association.....	40 000
7	Auburn, Seymour Library Association.....	32 500
	Canisteo, Wimodaughian free.....	5 300
8	Elmira, Steele Memorial.....	40 000
9	Flushing Library Association.....	30 000
10	Glens Falls, Crandall free.....	31 000
11	Gloversville free.....	59 000
12	Hamburg free.....	3 200
13	Kingston city.....	23 500
14	Montour Falls free.....	4 800
15	New Berlin Library Association.....	4 500
	New Berlin Library Association.....	3 900
16	New York Free Circulating Library for the Blind.....	6 777
17	New York Aguilar free, 5th st. br.....	150 000
18	59th st. br.....	170 000
19	110th st. br.....	190 000
20	East Broadway br.....	200 000
21	Traveling Libraries br.....	20 000
22	Cathedral free circulating.....	77 500
23	(Public and parochial schools).....	118 000
24	(Unregistered branches).....	120 000
25	General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen free.....	93 000
26	Harlem.....	136 000
27	Maimonides free.....	170 000
	New York public	
28	Bloomingdale br.....	162 500
29	Bond st. br.....	130 000
30	Chatham sq. br.....	146 500
31	George Bruce br.....	140 000
32	Harlem br.....	129 000
33	Jackson sq. br.....	127 500

a To members of association. b Free public use in library rooms.

Certificates of approved circulation Oct. 1, 1900–Sep. 30, 1901 (continued)

No.	Name of library	Certified circulation for one year
	New York public (<i>concluded</i>)	
34	Muhlenberg br.....	107 000
35	Ottendorfer br.....	190 000
36	Riverside br.....	54 000
37	34th st. br.....	58 000
38	Yorkville br.....	155 500
39	(Traveling libraries).....	140 000
40	St Agnes free.....	143 000
41	Tenement House chapter.....	9 500
42	University Settlement free.....	60 000
43	Washington Heights free.....	80 000
44	Webster free.....	106 000
45	Young Men's Benevolent Association free circulating	50 500
46	Young Women's Christian Association.....	88 000
47	Rome, Jervis.....	38 000
48	Schenectady free.....	50 000
49	Schuylerville free (8 months).....	6 000
50	South Dansville, Ladies free.....	1 200
	Ladies free.....	1 000
51	Tarrytown Young Men's Lyceum.....	12 500
52	Tottenville Library Association.....	10 900
53	(Prince's Bay br. unreg.).....	390
54	Troy children's circulating.....	19 000
55	Union Springs public.....	3 100

GRANTS

Oct. 8, 1900, 33 approved applications amounting to \$4021.24, brought over from last year because of lack of funds, were paid. It was clear that unless the Legislature granted an increase, available funds for the fiscal year would not permit payment of claims to the full limit of \$200 allowed to each library, and the rapidly accumulating applications were held for the Regents meeting of Dec. 20, 1900, which authorized grants of \$100 or less. Dec. 21, 1900, grants of \$6207.95 and Mar. 19, 1901, grants of \$3912.60 were paid on this basis. May 1, 1901, \$1315 were paid on a limit of \$50 to each library with the understanding that if possible the deficiency would be supplied at the close of the fiscal year. By rigid economy in expenses and suspension of book buying for clubs and traveling libraries this was barely possible, and Sep. 20, 1901, all approved applications (\$4142.72) were paid, up to the limit of \$100 to each library. The total amount for the year was \$19,599.51 paid to 200 libraries including branches, an average of \$98 to

each. In payments brought over from the previous year the limit of \$100 was not observed. If these payments are deducted from the total there remains \$15,578.27 of public library grants for this year; a smaller sum than in any year since 1896. There are now 276 libraries which have at some time received state aid.

Libraries receiving grants Oct. 1, 1900–Sep. 30, 1901

\$100	Adams free
100	Addison public
200	Albany free (2 branches)
100	Albany, Catholic Union
100	Albany, Y. M. C. A.
100	Alfred University
18	Allen's Hill free
100	Amsterdam Library Association
100	Andover free
100	Angelica free
100	Auburn, Seymour
100	Aurora public
100	Ballston public
100	Belfast public
100	Belmont Literary and Historical Society free
100	Bolivar free
150	Boonville, Erwin Library and Institute
100	Brewster
100	Bristol free
100	Brockport, Normal School
300	Brooklyn public (3 branches)
100	Brooklyn, Children's Museum Lib. of Brooklyn Inst.
100	Brooklyn, Fort Hamilton free
300	Buffalo Catholic Institute
100	Buffalo Historical Society
200	Buffalo University, medical dep't
100	Buffalo, Grosvenor public
30	Buffalo, Women's Educational and Industrial Union
35	Caldwell, Lake George free
76	Camden Library Association
50	Canaan public
100	Canandaigua, Wood Library Association

\$150	Canaseraga, Essential Club free
100	Canastota public
100	Canisteo, Wimodaughsian free
100	Canton free
100	Catskill public
100	Cazenovia Public Library Society
100	Claverack free
200	Clinton, Hamilton College
56 50	College Point, Poppenhusen Institute
100	Cornwall-on-Hudson public
56	Crown Point, Hammond
100	Cuba Circulating Library Association
100	Dansville public
100	Depew R. R. Y. M. C. A.
100	Dryden, Southworth
100	Dunkirk, Brooks Memorial
22	East Chatham public
39 82	Easton public
100	Ellenville public
200	Elmira, Steele Memorial
100	Essex free
130	Fairport public
50	Fillmore, Wide Awake Club
100	Flushing Library Association
100	Forestport Literary and Social Union
100	Frankfort free
100	Fredonia, D. R. Barker free
100	Freeport public
100	Friendship free
100	Fulton public
75	Ghent public
100	Glen Cove public
25	Glen Haven public
100	Glens Falls, Crandall free
100	Gloversville free
98 16	Gouverneur Reading Room Association
100	Gowanda free
200	Grahamsville, Daniel Pierce
112	Groton public

\$100	Haines Falls free
82 99	Hamburg free
100	Haverstraw King's Daughters public
100	Herkimer free
38 50	Highland Falls
100	Hornellsville, Hornell Library Association
300	Hudson, Hendrick Hudson free
17 50	Hunter public
100	Ilion district
100	Jamestown, James Prendergast Library Ass'n
100	Johnstown
50	Jordanville public
40	Keene Valley public
100	Keuka College and Institute
200	Kingston city
100	Kingston, Ponckhockie public
100	Lake Placid public
100	Lewiston free
50	Liberty public
90	Liverpool public
100	Lockport public
60	Lodi Whittier
100	Long Island City, Queensborough, Steinway branch
70	Malone, Wadhams Reading Circle
100	Marathon, Peek Memorial
20	Marlboro
100	Massena
37 50	Mellenville public
100	Middletown
50	Mohawk public
100	Mt Vernon public
50	Nanuet public
80	Nassau free
100	New Rochelle public
384	New York, Aguilar free (4 branches)
100	New York, Bronx free
100	New York, Bryson Library, Teachers College
100	New York Free Circulating Library for the Blind
100	New York, Harlem

\$100	New York, Hudson Guild
100	New York, Maimonides free
100	New York, St Agnes free
100	New York, Tenement House chapter
75	New York, Union Settlement
100	New York, University Settlement free
100	New York, Washington Heights free
100	New York, Webster free
200	New York, Y. M. B. A. free circulating
100	New York, Y. W. C. A.
100	Newark free public
50	Newfield public
100	North Tonawanda public
100	Nyack
100	Ogdensburg public
100	Oneonta public
100	Ossining public
100	Ovid free
100	Patchogue
100	Penn Yan public
50	Philmont public
100	Piermont free
100	Pine Plains free
130	Pinebush Library Association
200	Plattsburg public
12 50	Pocantico Hills Lyceum
120	Poplar Ridge, Hazard
100	Port Henry, Sherman free
50	Port Jervis, Minisink Valley Historical Society
100	Port Jervis free
50	Port Washington free
100	Portchester
300	Potsdam public
100	Randolph, Chamberlain Institute
97 50	Red Hook public
66 30	Richfield Springs public
100	Richmond Hill
100	Riverhead free
100	Riverhead, Roanoke public

\$100	Rockville Center public
100	Rome, Jervis Library Association
100	Round Lake, Woman's Round Lake Improvement Society
150	Salem, Bancroft public
100	Saratoga Springs public
100	Saugerties public
100	Schenectady free public
100	Schenectady, Union College
100	Schuylerville free
160	Sea Cliff public
75	Seaford, De Lancey Floyd-Jones free
100	Seneca Falls Library Association
200	Shelter Island Public Library Society
215	Sherburne public
100	Sidney public
50	South Dansville, Ladies free
100	Southampton, Rogers Memorial
100	Springville public
100	Stockton, Mary E. Seymour Memorial free
100	Syracuse public
100	Tarrytown Lyceum
100	Ticonderoga public
59 24	Tomkins Cove public
100	Tonawanda public
100	Tottenville Library Association
100	Troy children's circulating
50	Troy, Y. W. A.
100	Utica public
100	Vernon public
20	Wadhams Mills Library Association
100	Walden public
100	Walton, William B. Ogden free
100	Warrensburg, Richards
50	Waterford public
100	Waterloo Library and Historical Society
70	Watertown Athenaeum
100	Watkins free public
50	Waverly High School

\$100	Wellsville public
75	West Winfield free
10	Westbury, Green Wood public
100	Westport Library Association
100	White Plains public
100	Yonkers public
70	Yonkers, Women's Institute

\$19 599 51

Work of public libraries division 1892-1901

Year ending Sep. 30	LIBRARIES					Transfers	Certificates of approved circulation	Visits of inspection	GRANTS	
	Chartered	Admitted	Registered	Unregistered charter	Total				No.	Amount
1892.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
93.....	25	2	.....	.....	27	20	.....	55	40	\$6 341 74
94.....	26	6	1	.....	33	14	3	62	62	10 351 92
95.....	24	10	20	.....	54	18	6	115	86	14 399 03
96.....	23	3	15	1	42	15	18	134	92	13 746 44
97.....	17	1	20	.....	38	4	22	115	146	24 254 51
98.....	11	.....	9	.....	20	2	26	104	154	24 536 66
99.....	21	1	15	.....	37	1	31	140	183	29 292 32
1900.....	25	1	7	.....	33	4	74	141	173	26 891 43
01.....	23	.....	13	.....	36	7	55	151	200	19 599 51
Duplicates and withdrawn.....	35	.....	1	.....	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	162	24	99	1	286	84	235	1 017	1 136	\$169 413 56

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

In the following table, totals of reports made to the Regents by 1137 libraries of 200 volumes or more are compared with totals of similar reports of preceding years since organization of this department in 1892.

The details of individual libraries are not printed as in previous years. Detail of library conditions and work will be given hereafter at frequent intervals as changes seem to demand.

Comparative summary of all libraries reporting 1893-1901

	No. of libraries	VOLUMES		Circulation
		Added	Total	
1893	600	225 195	3 851 943	3 136 602
1894	704	246 751	4 133 378	3 619 178
1895	723	258 741	4 392 999	4 156 744
1896	806	296 498	4 647 661	5 008 402
1897	869	324 687	4 934 889	5 814 470
1898	938	373 615	5 393 106	7 248 249
1899	985	441 964	5 846 519	8 372 333
1900	1 035	483 551	6 217 980	8 760 678
1901	a 1 137	616 941	6 796 241	10 227 735

In the above table circulation of libraries free to a limited class, as school libraries, Young Men's Association libraries and those requiring a subscription fee, is included with circulation of libraries free to all. In the next table only free lending libraries are given.

Free lending libraries 1893-1901

YEAR	LIBRARIES		CIRCULATION			
	No.	Volumes	Total	Per day	Per 1000 population	Per 100 vol.
1893	238	849 995	2 293 861	6 285	352	269
94	293	1 049 869	2 766 973	7 581	425	263
95	309	1 127 199	3 146 405	8 620	483	279
96	351	1 313 299	3 933 623	10 777	604	300
97	375	1 446 874	4 904 793	13 438	753	339
98	408	1 755 036	6 439 999	17 644	989	367
99	431	1 979 319	7 395 527	20 262	1 135	373
1900	460	2 187 125	8 452 445	23 157	1 163	387
01	b 529	2 425 260	9 232 697	25 350	1 270	381

YEAR'S LIBRARY PROGRESS

The libraries reporting are 1137, a gain of 102. The increase of libraries free for circulation is 69, counting for the first time 25 branches as libraries.

These free lending libraries report an increase of 238,125 volumes and 780,252 in circulation, an average daily advance of 2193. The total free circulation was 9,232,697, an average of 25,350 daily, 381 for each 100 volumes in those libraries and 1270 for each 1000 of population.

a 25 registered branches counted for the first time in 1901.

b 25 registered branches counted for the first time in 1901.

There has been a constant increase for eight years in almost every item given, the only exception being in ratio of circulation to volumes on hand. As volumes accumulate this must be expected and the wonder is that the falling off is so very slight.

Statistics in the above table are separated below into free lending libraries under state inspection and not under such inspection. Under the first head are included 243 academic and high school libraries reported free for circulation.

Inspection of free lending libraries 1893-1901

Year	UNDER INSPECTION				NOT UNDER INSPECTION			
	No.	Volumes	CIRCULATION		No.	Volumes	CIRCULATION	
			Volumes	Per 100 vol.			Volumes	Per 100 vol.
1893..	201	404 616	796 258	196	37	454 619	1 497 603	329
94..	236	540 733	1 021 924	189	57	509 136	1 745 049	342
95..	257	612 533	1 242 284	203	52	514 666	1 904 121	370
96..	315	789 942	2 149 027	272	36	523 357	1 784 596	341
97..	339	1 038 618	4 003 021	385	36	408 256	1 044 431	255
98..	373	1 310 081	5 342 870	407	35	444 955	1 097 129	246
99..	397	1 697 439	6 792 172	400	34	281 880	603 355	214
1900..	431	1 906 469	7 859 428	412	29	280 656	593 017	211
01..	a491	2 130 788	8 546 171	401	38	294 472	686 526	233

New York city. A peculiar interest is felt in the library conditions of our greatest city and a table follows giving names, volumes and circulation of those libraries whose reports for 1901 are in hand. They are arranged in each borough in order of size of circulation. The total increase for the year is 87,277 volumes or 11% and the increase of circulation 262,492 or 6%, making a total of 4,723,724 or more than half the entire free circulation of the state.

Volumes and circulation of free lending libraries in New York city
July 1, 1900-June 30, 1901

NAME OF LIBRARY	Volumes	Circulation
<i>Manhattan and Bronx</i>		
New York public, circulating department.....	179 894	1 620 798
Aguilar free.....	79 815	758 233
Cathedral free circulating.....	52 890	342 980
Maimonides free.....	71 705	183 276
St Agnes free.....	9 864	150 722
Harlem.....	22 600	148 437

a 25 registered branches counted for the first time in 1901.

Volumes and circulation of free lending libraries in New York city
July 1, 1900-June 30, 1901 (concluded)

NAME OF LIBRARY	Volumes	Circulation
<i>Manhattan and Bronx (concluded)</i>		
Webster free.....	11 129	111 724
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen.....	108 728	100 845
Young Women's Christian Association.....	28 920	92 801
Washington Heights free.....	18 664	84 151
University Settlement free.....	6 000	63 424
Young Men's Benevolent Association.....	3 350	58 140
DeWitt Memorial free.....	2 400	12 150
College Settlement.....	2 500	10 250
Tenement House chapter.....	2 203	10 019
Kingsbridge free.....	1 719	9 840
New York Free Circulating Library for the Blind.....	1 822	6 777
Olivet Church.....	3 075	5 946
Union Settlement.....	1 852	4 430
Bronx free.....	2 000	2 100
Broome st. free.....	2 300	1 382
Hudson Guild.....	1 050	999
Foreign Missions.....	7 299	922
Riverdale Library Association.....	3 057	737
Total.....	625 136	3 781 083
<i>Brooklyn</i>		
Brooklyn public (branches).....	118 011	531 665
Pratt Institute free.....	74 979	238 208
Brooklyn Public Library Ass'n, Tompkins Park branch....	2 599	45 171
Asacog Club.....	950	4 281
Hartnett free.....	2 050	1 243
Public School No. 119.....	1 090	225
Total.....	199 679	820 793
<i>Queens</i>		
Long Island City, Queens borough (branches).....	16 162	67 791
Flushing Library Association.....	7 177	32 367
Jamaica High School.....	2 305	3 500
College Point, Poppenhusen Institute.....	3 242	1 201
Whitestoue, American Hebrew.....	400	600
Total.....	29 286	105 459
<i>Richmond</i>		
Tottenville Library Association.....	1 654	11 489
New Brighton, Staten Island Academy.....	9 241	2 900
Tottenville High School.....	1 050	2 000
Total.....	11 945	16 389
<i>Summary</i>		
Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx.....	625 136	3 781 083
Borough of Brooklyn.....	199 679	820 793
“ Queens.....	29 286	105 459
“ Richmond.....	11 945	16 389
Total.....	866 046	4 723 724

Administration. The following libraries report that the work of reclassification and cataloguing is in progress or completed:

Belleville Union Academy	Marlboro
Canajoharie High School	Oyster Bay free
Eddytown, Starkey Seminary	Richburg Union School
Hilton public	Rockville Center public
Keuka College and Institute	Southampton High School
Lyons High School	Unadilla High School

Library catalogues have been printed by Albany Catholic Union, Bath on Hudson, Canaan, Cornwall on Hudson, Liverpool and by the high schools at Avon, Cohoes, Lawrence and Margareville.

Five libraries were closed for several weeks on account of epidemics at Lawrence, Morristown, New Berlin, Rome and Sandy Hill.

Albany Y. M. C. A. Library has been made free for circulation to all men within the city limits.

Hudson: Hendrick Hudson Free Library has added a public reading room.

Knowlesville Union School conducted a lecture course, netting \$27.26 for the library.

New York Y. W. C. A. has printed lists on education and music.

Newark Free Library, accepting Henry C. Rew's offer of \$1000 for the purpose, is establishing branch libraries in different parts of Arcadia township, which has made an annual appropriation of \$1000. Cases holding 50 to 100 volumes are sent out and replenished from the central library from time to time.

Northville Public Library has introduced access to shelves.

Seneca Falls Library has opened a new reference room.

Theresa High School Library is transferring a large number of its books to the new free library. A similar change is being made in Tonawanda.

Warrensburg Circulating Library has been incorporated as the Richards Library and has received a gift of a beautiful stone building.

Library buildings. Libraries with better accommodations in new buildings or rooms are Asacog in Brooklyn, Bath on Hudson public, East Worcester Union Free School, Haines Falls

free, Hilton public, Holland Patent High School, Lyons High School, New Rochelle public, Schuylerville free, Tully High School, Warsaw High School.

Substantial building improvements, including additional shelving and bookcases, have been made in the libraries of Belmont Historical Society, Ellenville, Harlem, Hudson Guild (New York), Ilion, Lake Placid, Mary E. Seymour Memorial (Stockton), Nelsonville Union School, New York Young Men's Benevolent Association, North Tonawanda, St Agnes (New York), Silver Creek High School, Union Springs, Union School, and Wyoming.

Glen Haven has completed a new building combining the library and the school at a cost of \$2300. Of this amount \$1450 were given by Mrs Warner J. Banes, of Philadelphia, \$400 by school district 4, \$200 by Dr E. T. Darby and \$250 by other friends.

Grahamsville Daniel Pierce Library is erecting a new building.

New Berlin Library Association secured \$500 insurance for damage by fire. It now has larger rooms and better location.

Oyster Bay Free Library has erected a new building costing \$4000, to which Andrew Carnegie contributed \$1000.

Washingtonville has a new library given by David H. Moffat, of Denver.

Library schools. The library schools are growing stronger and better year by year. In the parent school, that of New York state, of the 50 students this fall nearly all are collegebred, a record unprecedented where a college education is not an absolute requirement for admission. These represent the best universities and colleges of the country, and an increasing number of strong men each year shows that the profession is claiming the attention of the very best graduates of our best institutions.

The new summer library school started this year at Chautauqua was reported by Dr Vincent to have made the most successful beginning of any of the scores of schools connected with that great work. Forty different pupils came from 20 different states and worked with great enthusiasm throughout the course. A novel and most satisfactory feature was division of work between Chautauqua and the James Prendergast library, 20 miles away at the other end of the beautiful lake. Miss Mary Emogene Hazeltine, the librarian, is the resident director of the

school, Melvil Dewey as general director being able to spend only a limited time at Chautauqua. Steamer tickets were furnished the class without charge, so that on the days when they had their instruction at Jamestown they had the morning's ride of 20 miles with a return in time for supper at night. The success of the school of course insures its permanence.

The growing importance of supervisory work in the library profession is evidenced by the decision of the New York state school to offer special facilities to those who wish to train themselves for state or commission work instead of giving their time to a single library. The same thing is true in school work, where the best teachers colleges now offer courses designed for superintendents and inspectors instead of teachers.

Traveling libraries. The traveling library movement continually gains in extent and importance. Almost every mail brings inquiries to the New York State Library as to its methods and larger, longer experience. To meet this demand it has just issued Home Education bulletin 40 on the Field and Future of Traveling Libraries by Melvil Dewey, in which a score or more of its modern applications are briefly treated, and a Summary of Traveling Library Systems by Myrtila Avery, giving the full details of the New York system with reproductions of its blanks and forms, and notes on all other systems of which it has record. This bulletin of 155 pages is sent postpaid at 25c and is the most comprehensive treatment of this subject that has yet appeared.

Libraries in the United States. The United States Bureau of Education reports in 1900, 5383 public society and school libraries having 1000 volumes or more, an increase of 1357 libraries in five years. There were 44,591,851 volumes, an increase of 11,539,979 or nearly 35%. This averages one library for every 14,118 inhabitants. In 1891 there were 41 volumes to every 100 inhabitants; in 1900 it had grown to 59 volumes. In this state there are 93 volumes to every 100 persons, according to our own returns, but the United States Bureau of Education, probably basing comparison on an earlier census, credits New York with 103 volumes to every 100 persons and gives other states as follows: "The District of Columbia has 899 volumes to every 100 of population; Massachusetts, 236; New Hampshire, 176; Connec-

ticut, 170; Rhode Island, 163; Nevada, 157; California, 120; and Maine 101 volumes to each 100 population." This statement includes the collections of great universities, the libraries of the national government and endowed institutions in great cities. A like comparison of volumes in the libraries free for consultation among the people would show different results. The free lending libraries are about half of all; 2405 such libraries issued for home use 48,410,128 volumes in one year. According to our own state returns, 529 New York libraries, including all of over 200 volumes, lent 9,232,697 books last year.

The United States report gives the aggregate of endowment funds reported by 645 libraries as \$25,267,643 and value of buildings owned by 710 libraries as \$47,083,805. These totals have undoubtedly greatly increased since the returns were gathered.

Gifts. There seems to be no limit to the growing generosity toward public libraries. The report to the A. L. A. at Waukesha showed 402 gifts aggregating \$19,786,465.16. Of course the unparalleled gifts of Andrew Carnegie have greatly swelled this total, but it is clear that no movement has ever received so much approval and so little opposition as the persistent effort to provide the best reading for the largest number at the least cost by means of free public libraries. Several of the largest gifts such as those of Andrew Carnegie to New York city and to many other places are offers made on certain conditions not yet realized so that in some cases this is not a record of actual transfers. The facts below are tabulated from the A. L. A. report of 1901:

LIBRARY (Public unless otherwise specified)	From	Gift	For	Notes
Albany, Young Men's Ass'n, Pruyn branch.	Mrs William G. Rice.....	\$20 000	Building and equip- ment	In memory of her father, the late Chanc. J. V. L. Pruyn
Angelica free.	Mrs Frank Sullivan Smith.. Walter S. and John B. Church	12 000 Books etc.....	Building	Library of Judge Philip Church, about 360 vols.
Avon High School.....	Miss Mary Lacy.....	Books.....	.....	38 vols. of <i>Eclectic Mag- azine</i>
Brooklyn Library.....	James A. H. Bell.....	\$10 000	.....	$\frac{1}{5}$ of his estate
L. I. Hist. Soc.....	"..... Popular subscription.....	Books..... \$6 500	.....	1523 vols. To be "Storrs memor- ial fund"
".....	Richard S. Storrs D.D.....	1 000	Dept of ecclesias- tical history	Fund
Caldwell, Dewitt C. Hay Lib. Ass'n.....	Mrs Marietta C. Hay.....	13 300	Books, pictures and art objects	Fund in memory of her husband
Catskill.....	Andrew Carnegie.....	20 000	Building	.....
Coboes.....	".....	25 000	Building	250 vols. of gov't docs.
Copenhagen High School.	Martin H. Braudo.....	Books..... \$375	.....	.....
Fulton.....	Andrew Carnegie.....	25 000	Building	.....
Gloversville free.	W. H. and J. H. Moore.....	30 000	Building	.....
Greene.....	Mrs E. J. Reid.....	Money.....	Printing catalogue	.....
Hebron free.....	".....	Books.....	.....	.....
Hempstead.....	Andrew Carnegie.....	\$25 000	Building	.....
Homer.....	George W. Phillips.....	10 000	Building	.....
Ithaca, Cornell Univ.....	Mrs Roswell P. Flower.....	12 000	Flower veterinary library	.....
".....	Willard Fiske.....	1 126	Printing catalogue of Dante collection	.....
".....	C. H. Howland.....	2 000	Works in English for circulating lib.	.....
".....	Hon. Andrew D. White.....	575	Increase of White Historical Library	.....

American Cyclopaedia

Ithaca, Cornell Univ.....	Family of Prof. S. G. Williams	Books.....	330 vols.	.....
Johnstown.....	Theodore Stanton	Books.....	300 vols.	.....
Mechanicville High School.....	Andrew Carnegie	\$20 000	Site and \$2500 yearly from city	Building.....
"	R. R. Y. M. C. A.....	Books.....	500 vols.	.....
"	Miss Sarah E. Daniels	Pictures.....	Collection of foreign views	.....
Middletown High School.....	Miss Mary Gardner	\$25		.....
" Thrall Library.....	Mrs S. Marietta Thrall	31 500	Site and \$3500 yearly from city	Building.....
Mt Vernon.....	Andrew Carnegie	35 000	Site and \$1000 yearly from city	Building.....
New Rochelle.....	Andrew Carnegie	25 000		.....
Newark.....	Henry C. Rew.....	25 000		.....
"	"	1 000		.....
"	"		
Niagara Falls.....	Andrew Carnegie	Salary.....		.....
Oxford Memorial.....	Children of Eli L. Corbin	\$50 000	Site and \$7000 yearly from city	Building.....
"	Francis Hines.....	300		.....
"	Dr Luzerne Coville	20		.....
Peeckskill.....	Dr John Newell Tilton		Old Henry Ward Beech- er residence	Building.....
Port Jervis.....	Andrew Carnegie	20 000	Site and \$3000 yearly from city	Building.....
"	Peter E. Farina	Land.....		.....
Rochester, Reynolds Lib.....	Hon. Charles S. Baker	Books.....	900 vols. of United States pub. docs.	Site.....
St George, S. I., Arthur Winter Men. Lib. of Staten Island Academy.....	Andrew Carnegie	\$500	Without conditions	Building.....
Schenectady.....	"	50 000	City had given \$5000 a year for support	.....
"	General Electric Co.....	\$15 000		.....
Sherburne.....	Hon. T. H. Matteson	Painting.....	Valued at \$75	Site.....
"	Hon. C. A. Fuller	Painting.....	Site and \$30,000 yearly from city	Building.....
Syracuse.....	Andrew Carnegie	\$200 000		.....
Watertown, Flower Memorial.....	Mrs Emma Flower Taylor	60 000	Memory of her father, Gov. R. P. Flower	Building.....

LIBRARY (Public unless otherwise specified)	From	Gift	For	Notes
Yonkers	Andrew Carnegie.....	\$50 000	Building	Site and \$5000 yearly from city
" Woman's Inst.....	NEW YORK CITY		Catalogue case.....	Valued at \$50
Amer. Geog. Soc.....	Various persons.....	\$4 455	Building fund	Latimer Clark col. of electrical works, 6000
Amer. Inst. Elec. Engineers.....	Dr S. S. Wheeler	Books .....	.....	vols.
Amer. Mns. of Nat. Hist.....	Gen. Egbert L. Viele.....	Books, etc.....	.....	4539 vols. and 73 maps valued at \$4200
"	N. Y. Ecumenical Council.....	Books, etc.....	.....	3166 vols. val'd at \$6500
"	Frederick A. Constable.....	Books .....	.....	243 vols. and 33 pams. value \$2000
"	Ernest Schernikow.....	Books .....	.....	45 rare vols. valued at \$250
Association of the Bar.....	.....	\$10 000	Additions to library	The "Garden lib." of 2279 vols. and 145
Columbia University	"A friend of the univ."	10 000	Special purposes.....	pams. by southern
"	Another friend.....	5 000	Completing set of	authors or on south-
"	Hon. W. S. Schermerhorn.....	2 250	English parlia- mentary papers.....	ern history
"	N. Y. Southern Society.....	Books .....	.....	Mostly in Dutch lan- guage
"	Holland Society.....	Books .....	.....	58 vols. cost \$100
De Witt Memorial.....	Arthur W. Scribner.....	Books .....	.....	2700 vols. from the lib.
(General Theol. Seminary.....	C. C. Haight.....	Books .....	.....	of B. I. Haight D.D.
"	Prof. William B. Potter.....	Books .....	.....	1000 vols., part of lib. of
"	Soc. for Promoting Religion and Learning in State N. Y.	Books .....	.....	Horatio Potter D.D. Valued at \$3850

Mechanics Inst.....	Charles P. Haughan.....	\$5 000	.....	Over 1200 vols.
N. Y. free circulating.....	Oswald Ottendorfer.....	20 000	.....	Prof. Gillett's library
".....	Proudhon estate.....	11 250	.....	Sites and support from
N. Y. University.....	Sons of Prof. Ezra Hall Gillett D. D.....	Books.....	.....	city
N. Y. public.....	Andrew Carnegie.....	\$5 200 000	65 branch buildings	1304 vols.
".....	Union League Club.....	Books.....	.....	738 vols.
".....	Robert P. Porter.....	Books.....	.....	592 vols.
".....	Misses Ely.....	Books.....	.....	497 vols.
".....	Mrs Gertrude King Schuyler	Books.....	.....	393 vols.
".....	S. V. R. Townsend.....	Books.....	.....	343 vols.
".....	Dr R. G. Wicker.....	Books.....	.....	287 vols.
".....	H. V. & H. W. Poor.....	Books.....	.....	280 vols.
".....	Edmond Bruwaert.....	Engravings	.....	923 groups, all "en-
".....	James D. Smillie.....	Engravings	.....	gravers' proofs"
".....	Charles Stewart Smith.....	Pictures.....	.....	Large and valuable col-
N. Y. Society.....	Maria B. Mount.....	\$1 000	.....	lection of Japanese
".....	Charles H. Condit.....	20 001 86	.....	engravings and chro-
Union Theol. Sem.....	Library of Roswell Dwight Hitchcock LL.D.....	Books.....	.....	mo-xylographs
Union Theol. Sem.....	Sons of Prof. Ezra Hall Gil-	Books.....	.....	During previous year
Washington Heights free.....	lett D. D.....	Books.....	.....	\$137,000 was paid to
Y. M. C. A.....	Andrew Carnegie.....	\$1 700	Contribution to sum-	the lib. by this estate
	Frederick E. Hyde.....	5 000	required by con-	559 vols.
			ditional gift for	519 vols. from Prof.
			new building	Gillett's library
			Preparing cata-	
			logue of circulat-	
			ing library	

SUMMARY BY STATES OF GIFTS AND BEQUESTS

	No.	Gifts in money	Money for buildings	Books	Miscellaneous	Carnegie gifts included in preceding	
N. Atlantic division	Maine.....	9	\$6 200	\$145 847 26			\$50 000
	New Hampshire.....	4	11 000	10 000+			
	Vermont.....	2	2 000	50 000			
	Massachusetts.....	44	280 550	500 000	6 508 v.+,	art works, etc.	25 000
	Rhode Island.....	10	532 000	175 000	566 v.+,		
	Connecticut.....	28	199 887	154 000	6 265 v.+,	842 mss+	50 000
	New York.....	74	128 030 86	6 025 655+	29 737 v.,	engravings	5 868 200
	New Jersey.....	15	72 000	50 000+	178 pm.,		
					7 623 v.,		
					2 366 pm.,		
Southern cen. div. S. Atlantic div.	Pennsylvania.....	45	1 635 906	285 000+	13 149 v.,	dried plants	1 216 500
					2 705 pm.,		
	Delaware.....						
	Maryland.....	2	26 250	50 000			25 000
	Dist. of Columbia.....						
	Virginia.....	6	251 000	150 000	law library		151 000
	West Virginia.....	1		75 000			75 000
	North Carolina.....	3		70 000	5 000 v.,	services	20 000
	South Carolina.....						
	Georgia.....	2		20 000	960 v.,		20 000
N. central division	Florida.....						
	Kentucky.....	1	50 000				
	Tennessee.....	3		80 000	942 v.,		80 000
					423 pm.,		
	Alabama.....	3		70 000	yes		70 000
	Mississippi.....	4	26 000	38 000			
	Louisiana.....	1	10 000		yes		
	Texas.....	3		1 000	1 100 v. +		1 000
	Arkansas.....						
	Oklahoma Territory						
Western division	Indian Territory.....						
	Ohio.....	39	69 402	1 002 000	49 553 v.+,		280 000
					1 817 pm.,		
	Indiana.....	22	94 700	370 000+	5 275 v.+,	ms	350 000
	Illinois.....	29	32 893 50	685 000	4 060 v.+,		615 000
	Michigan.....	14	3 000	1 090 000	2 495 v.,		885 000
					3 367 pm.,		
	Wisconsin.....	40	90 993 54	543 700	3 258 v.,	paintings, etc.	200 000
	Minnesota.....	10	500	162 500	430 v.,	art works, etc.	90 000
	Iowa.....	14	24 000	307 000+			220 000
N. central division	Missouri.....	7	21 000	1 475 000			1 050 000
	North Dakota.....	1		50 000			50 000
	South Dakota.....	2		40 000			40 000
	Nebraska.....	3		70 000	2 000 v.,		60 000
	Kansas.....	4	6 000	40 000+			40 000
	Montana.....						
	Wyoming.....						
	Colorado.....	3		128 000			(2) 108 000
	New Mexico.....	2	2 000	25 010			
	Arizona.....						
Western division	Utah.....	2		125 000			25 000
	Nevada.....						
	Idaho.....						
	Washington.....	2		250 000			250 000
	Oregon.....	4	28 650		9 000 v.,		
	California.....	10	13 000	905 000	2 500 v.,		865 000
	Cuba.....	1				public library	
	British provinces.....	10	2 800	374 000			360 000
	Scotland.....	3		575 000			575 000

SUMMARY BY SECTIONS OF COUNTRY

North Atlantic div....	331	\$2 867 573 86	\$7 395 502 26+	68 848 v.+,	art works, mss,	\$7 199 700
				15 249 pm.,	engravings, etc.	
South Atlantic div....	14	277 250	365 000	960 v.+,	services	291 000
South central div....	15	86 000	189 000	2 042 v.+,		151 000
				423 pm.,		
North central division	185	342 489 04	5 835 200+	67 011 v.+,	art works, mss,	3 880 000
				5 184 pm.,	etc.	
Western division.....	23	43 650	1 433 000	11 500 v.,		1 248 000
	468	\$3 616 962 90	\$15 217 702 26+	145 361 v.+,		\$12 769 700
	1			20 856 pm.,	1 library	
Cuba.....	10	2 800	374 000			360 000
British provinces.....	3		575 000			575 000
Scotland.....	182	\$3 619 762 90	\$16 166 702 26+			\$13 704 700

Total gifts and bequests to American libraries from all sources, \$19,736,465.16; 145,361 volumes, and 20,856 pamphlets. The above figures do not include several buildings and other gifts, the value of which was not stated. Statistics of this nature must ever remain mere approximations till some uniform system of gathering them is devised and carried out.

LEGISLATION

This summary covers 106 laws in 31 states and Oklahoma territory. 13 local acts of New York are included and one of Illinois. A large number of general laws aim at extending use of existing libraries, cooperation between municipalities, and formation of libraries in small towns, schools and rural districts. Cities and library boards are given greater freedom of action in establishment and management. Larger appropriations are made and in six states the tax limit has been raised. The generosity of Mr Carnegie and others has called forth many laws both general and special. New York state has no less than eight of the latter.

The legislation committee of the New York State Library Association called attention in its last report to the fact that it would be to the interest of trustees and founders alike to submit proposed legislation to the state library department for suggestion on proper wording, because in some cases the unskillful wording of the special act, by limiting annual expenditure, is likely to be a hindrance to growth and development.

Summary of statutes

Each followed by chapter number in heavy type and date when it became law.

Maine. Towns [formerly of less than 1500] may receive state aid to amount of \$100 in books for founding free public library; may appropriate money to secure free use of library in adjoining town and receive annually duplicate amount of 10% from state; may unite for library purposes. Association libraries, if free, may receive annually from city \$1 [formerly \$5] for each ratable poll in city. Amending '93 ch.242. **176, Mar. 13**

Charge for traveling libraries to be 5 [formerly 10] cents a volume. State librarian as secretary of library commission to receive not exceeding \$300 annually. Amending '99 ch.22. **180, Mar. 13**

Cities over 1000 on petition of 30 taxpayers may take land for *public library building*. Amending rev. stat. '83 ch.3 §55. **192, Mar. 16**

New Hampshire. Consolidating board of state library commissioners and trustees of state library; to consist of 3 [formerly 5] members, term 3 years. Not more than 2 commissioners to be from one political party. **7, Feb. 13**

Journals of House and Senate, annual reports and early state papers to be sent to *public libraries* and on request to towns *having no public library and to publishers keeping them open to public*; public printer to deliver to state librarian 250 copies of state publications except session laws and state papers. Amending pub. stat. '01 ch.5 §10, 11; ch.6 §11. **71, Mar. 20**

Vermont. State library commission may expend annually \$500 for traveling library books and \$100 for clerical labor. Any 3 or more citizens or club, society, school or library may borrow books in the discretion of the commission by paying transportation. **32, Nov. 22, '90**

Women may be chosen trustees of public libraries. **44, Nov. 21, '90**

\$300 annually for additional help in state library *when deemed necessary by librarian or his assistant*. Amending '98 ch.7 §1. 5, Nov. 27, '00

Rhode Island. Creating office of state librarian to be appointed by secretary of state with consent of Senate; to be under supervision of secretary of state; term 3 years, salary not to exceed \$1000. For books \$800 [formerly \$200] annually. Amending gen. laws '96 ch.28. 862, Mar. 29

Secretary of state to report annually at January session [formerly adjourned session at Providence] on condition of state library. Amending gen. laws '96 ch.28 §4. 852, §5, Mar. 29

Secretary of state to provide libraries receiving state aid with copies of public laws. 832, Mar. 22

Connecticut. State public library committee may expend \$750 [formerly \$500] annually for assistance and expenses. Amending '95 ch.24. 73, May 21

State comptroller may have printed 375 extra copies of any report made to governor or Assembly to be delivered to state librarian for exchange and to public libraries in the state requesting such reports. 30, Ap. 16

New York. After 25 years from date of gift or bequest for educational purposes, Supreme Court may administer property without literal compliance with terms of donor, but in such manner as will most effectually accomplish general purpose of gift. Amending '93 ch.701. 291, Ap. 5

Gifts to institutions in or registered by University are equally valid whether made in corporate name or to trustees. Amending '92 ch.378 §34. 592, Ap. 27

Defining apportionment of academic school funds. Limiting to \$250 duplicate amount granted annually to academic schools for approved books and apparatus. Amending '95 ch.341 §2. 498, Ap. 23

Providing for library for agricultural experiment station. 680, May 3

Authorizing comptroller of New York city to pay for buying and binding books and maintaining libraries for Supreme Court of first judicial district. 115, Mar. 15

Giving Catskill Public Library power to acquire property and validating gifts received. May enter into agreement with village board of education regarding care of library. 345, Ap. 15

422, Ap. 18

Permitting Cohoes council to expend for maintaining public library not exceeding \$2500 yearly. Amending '92 ch.671 §7 ¶40. 569, Ap. 26

Amending charter of Johnstown to allow council to establish public library and requiring annual appropriation of \$2500 thereafter for maintenance in view of Andrew Carnegie's offer of \$20,000 for library building. 312, §1, Ap. 11

Amending charter of Mt Vernon to allow board of education to use not exceeding \$4000 yearly for buying and maintaining free public, school and academic libraries. 285, Ap. 5

Permitting Mt Vernon board of education to issue \$20,000 bonds to buy library site. 489, Ap. 22

Authorizing board of estimate and apportionment of New York city to acquire sites for branch libraries in view of Andrew Carnegie's offer of \$5,200,000; to enter into contract with him for erecting and equipping without cost to city, library buildings on such sites. Such contracts to provide for establishing and maintaining in each building a free branch circulating library and reading room. Contracts may also provide for a public library system including existing free public libraries, the proposed

branches and traveling libraries. Annual city tax to be levied for maintenance. For expenses of sites comptroller to sell corporate stock of city at rate of interest fixed by himself. 580, Ap. 26

Empowering libraries in New York city to convey property to New York Public Library. Transfer must be assented to by two thirds of trustees in each case. Regents may then accept surrender of charters. Bequests and obligations of contracts not to be impaired. 57, Mar. 6

Law of '92 ch.541 permitting consolidation of library companies in New York city and county amended to extend said privilege to other counties in New York city. 594, Ap. 27

Empowering council of Watertown to receive gift of \$60,000 from Emma Flower Taylor for free public library, to be called the "Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library." Council must raise annually by taxation at least \$5000. Mayor to appoint 11 trustees; term 11 years. 620, May 1

Authorizing council of Yonkers to set aside plot of ground or to issue \$25,000 bonds for buying public library site and to raise annually by taxes \$5000 for library maintenance. 548, Ap. 25

Pennsylvania. In cities of less than 600,000 and boroughs councils may, and on petition of 3% of voters must, submit to voters question of annual library tax not to exceed 2 mills. Question of bonds for grounds and buildings to be submitted on petition of 5% of voters. Board of 5 to 9 directors appointed by mayor with consent of council for 3 years. Non-residents may be admitted to privileges. 276, June 17

\$3000 for traveling libraries for two years; \$500 for traveling expenses of free library commission. 414, July 18

Cities under 100,000, school districts thereof and incorporated library associations therein may cooperate for erecting and maintaining free public libraries. Tax levy on district not to exceed 1 mill. Representatives from these bodies to be "managers of library." Secretary and treasurer shall receive salary. Reports to school comptrollers and to association. 189, May 22

Building funds and lands of free, nonsectarian public libraries exempt from taxation, if their receipts from rentals are insufficient to maintain them. 211, May 29

Central free public libraries established by school districts may be divided and distributed among schools of respective districts. Supplementing '95 ch.291. 146, May 11

School directors may dispense with election of trustees of free public libraries in school districts and assume duties of trustees. Amending '95 ch.291. 147, May 11

Authorizing borough councils and school boards to acquire private property for public library purposes and providing manner of assessing and collecting damages sustained thereby. 136, May 11

In counties of less than 150,000 half of all fines and forfeitures shall be used by law libraries kept in courthouse; to be in charge of committee of 5 members of county bar appointed annually by judge. 132, May 11

New Jersey. Where library tax of $\frac{1}{2}$ mill is levied pursuant to law an additional $\frac{1}{4}$ mill may be assessed. 95, Mar. 21

For library building purposes cities may issue bonds at 5% to the extent of $\frac{1}{2}$ % on taxable property in excess of existing limit. 71, Mar. 20

Board of public library trustees to consist of 7 [formerly 5] members; term 5 [formerly 3] years. Amending '90 ch.119 §1. 84, Mar. 20

Delaware. Library commission of 9 appointed by governor; sex no bar to eligibility; term 5 years; no salary; contingent expenses to be paid by state treasurer; to have general supervision over all public libraries in state; state librarian to be secretary ex officio, but not a member.

Electors, including women, to vote on question establishing library. Town councils to levy tax, in towns of first class (with assessed real estate of \$1,500,000 or more) $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mill; second class (\$250,000 to \$1,500,000) and third class (less than \$250,000) $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1 mill; towns of second class to raise not less than \$100 annually, third class \$50. Each town to receive \$100 additional a year from state.

Town library commission of 9 to be chosen by town electors for term of 3 years. To have entire management of library. To recommend to town council amount of tax necessary to be levied. To report to state library commission. Town commission may extend all library privileges to nonresidents on payment of fee. 136, Mar. 9

Legislative committee appointed to examine state library catalogue and fix librarian's compensation for making it. 231, Feb. 6

Virginia. Secretary of commonwealth to furnish librarian of Congress with copies of state publications to complete files. 349, Feb. 16

North Carolina. Board of aldermen or commissioners of any city or town [formerly over 1000] may establish public library. When \$10 is subscribed for rural school library, \$10 shall be added by county board of education from district funds and \$10 by state board of education. This \$30 to be spent for books. Libraries may be exchanged among adjacent schools not oftener than once in six months and at no expense to the public. County boards to decide what schools, not over six in each county, may establish such libraries. \$5000 appropriated for school libraries. Amending '97 ch.512. 662, Mar. 13

Salary of state librarian fixed at \$1000; assistant \$300. Separate place to be fitted up in library for use of colored people. State librarian, superintendent of public instruction and 3 others selected by trustees to constitute committee to select books for state library. 503, Mar. 9

Oklahoma. Common councils in cities of 5000 may establish public library and branch reading rooms and levy tax not exceeding 1 mill. Board of six directors appointed for three years by mayor with consent of council. Board may accept or decline any gift. Existing libraries may be transferred to public library. 18, Mar. 8

Arkansas. Cities exceeding 2500 may establish public libraries. On petition of 10 freeholders council shall appoint 3 trustees to receive gifts and submit plans to council. First trustees to serve 1 year; manner and time of selecting successors to be provided by council. 26, Mar. 2

Tennessee. Municipalities may levy library tax not exceeding 5 [formerly 1] cents on \$100. Amending '97 ch.105 §1. 2, Feb. 4

Board of commissioners of state library to consist of governor, *attorney general*, *reporter* and *chief justice* [formerly judges] of Supreme Court; *commission* [formerly Legislature] to elect librarian for $\frac{1}{2}$ [formerly 2] years. Amending '79 ch.31. 52, Ap. 20

Indiana. Common councils or town boards may levy annual library tax not to exceed .6 mill. Must do so after taxpayers raise by popular subscription for each of 2 years immediately following date of completion of such subscription a sum equal to what would be derived from tax of .2 mill; provided not more than 2% of amount necessary be subscribed by

one person or firm. Public library board of 7 to be appointed, 3 by judge of Circuit Court, 2 by common council and 2 by school board; not less than 3 must be women; members appointed by judge for 3 years, others for two years. Library privileges may be extended free to entire township, if township board shall levy tax of .2 mill; if not, library cards may be sold to nonresidents within township. Existing libraries may be transferred to public library board for free use, subject to acceptance by common council.

55, Mar. 4

\$1000 [formerly \$500] annually for expenses of state library commission. Amending '99 ch.103 §5.

102, Mar. 8

Boards of school commissioners and boards of school trustees in cities of 15,000 may issue bonds for library buildings. Amending '91 ch.25 §1, 2.

10, Feb. 13

Cities of 3500 to 4000 may accept established libraries containing at least 3000 volumes and levy a tax of not more than 5 cents on \$100 to be levied and collected as other taxes, to constitute library fund. 12, Feb. 13

Illinois. Annual library tax in cities over 2000 [formerly 3000] shall not be included in maximum limit of tax rate. Library directors may buy library sites.

p. 234, May 10

p. 235, Mar. 30

\$2500 yearly for buying books and maintaining Illinois Farmers Institute free libraries.

p. 51, May 10

\$2500 for procuring and publishing materials relating to the Northwest and Illinois; to be expended by trustees of Illinois Historical Library with governor's sanction.

p. 55, May 10

John Crerar Library granted site in Grant park near Chicago Public Library. Building to begin within 3 years. Mayor and comptroller of Chicago to be ex officio trustees.

p. 232, Mar. 29

Michigan. State librarian to be custodian of State Historical Society publications; to distribute to all public and grange libraries of state and exchange with or sell to others.

164, May 27

Salary of state librarian \$1500 [formerly \$1200]. Amending '95 ch.28 §3.

198, May 31

County school commissioner to transmit in June to secretary of state board of library commissioners a list of all libraries other than personal ones in county with names and addresses of librarians.

199, June 3

Women's study clubs may become registered in state library and receive books on traveling library terms.

38, Ap. 4

Grange libraries may be registered with and draw books from state library; to make annual report to state librarian, who shall print and distribute it to libraries and give advice and instruction to grange officers. Lecturer of state grange constituted advisory officer to consult with state librarian on grange libraries.

188, May 29

Wisconsin. Directing library commission to make explanatory checklist of state documents; to assist state officers and citizens studying state affairs and institutions; to assist public libraries in completing files of state documents; to receive copies of all documents from state printer and print catalogue cards for them for public libraries and administrative departments of state; to deliver copies of each state publication to libraries designated by commission as repositories for public documents; to maintain for Legislature and others a working library of documents of all states and of standard reference books; to cooperate with State Historical

Society in supplying book needs of Legislature; to add to its working library books of permanent value for loan to public libraries, societies and students and to furnish outlines for study. Annual appropriation \$1500.

168, Ap. 13

In consideration of gift for public library or library building cities, villages or towns may bind themselves by ordinance to raise annual tax of 15¢ of gift for library maintenance. In case of gift for building, library board may acquire site at cost not exceeding one third of gift. Library board may buy ground and erect building [formerly with consent of mayor and council, using for building purposes not over one half of library income for any one year]. Amending statutes '98 §933. 310, May 8

County supervisors may elect 5 directors of either sex as library board for term of 3 years. To have exclusive control of county traveling libraries; may appoint supervising librarian at salary not exceeding \$50 a year and necessary expenses who shall have charge of books and instruct local librarians; board shall buy, arrange and distribute books; libraries to remain in one place not longer than 6 months except on application of 5 card holders. Counties may appropriate first year not exceeding \$500, and annually thereafter \$200. Counties may receive gifts and bind themselves to maintain public libraries. Expenses of transportation and local care not to be paid by county board. 91, Mar. 26

Townships, villages and cities may aid libraries free for their use located in neighboring places. So long as this aid equals or exceeds one sixth of such library's annual income the aiding municipality shall choose one trustee in addition to regular board. Amending statutes '98 §934.

265, May 2

Trustees of new libraries in cities under 10,000 to be 6 [formerly 9]; existing boards to be gradually reduced. Amending statutes '98 §932.

98, Mar. 28

Annual report of library boards shall be made by July 1; one copy to be sent to state library commission; shall include names of directors whose terms expire at date of report. Amending statutes '98 §935. 96, Mar. 28

Treasurer of city, village or town to be ex officio treasurer of city library fund. Amending '99 ch.89 §931. 203, Ap. 23

Adjutant general with governor's approval may buy traveling library of military textbooks for each regiment of infantry at cost for books, boxes and transportation of \$50 annually for each regiment. 228 §7, Ap. 27

Increase of \$5000 annually to State Historical Society for books.

155, Ap. 9

Salary of messenger for state library \$100 [formerly \$75] a month.

209, Ap. 23

Minnesota. Cities and villages of less than 50,000 receiving gift of library building authorized to secure site and pledge annual tax not exceeding 1½ mills on dollar. 93, Mar. 27

Library boards with consent of common council in accepting gift for library purposes may enter into agreement with donor, which shall have binding effect of contract. 366, Ap. 13

Cities under 10,000 may issue bonds to 3% of assessed valuation for erection of public library. 288, Ap. 13

Taxes for city and village libraries to be paid by county treasurer to secretary of library board, who shall give bond. Amending gen. stat. '94 §1429. 8, Feb. 15

Amendment relating to manner of election and organization of board of library directors in cities of 50,000 or less. 272, Ap. 13

Missouri. State library board of 5 to be appointed by state board of education; state superintendent of schools member and ex officio chairman; term 4 years. To select and classify list of books for school libraries, supplementary reading and school reference books; to contract with publishers to furnish selected books to districts. District boards shall set aside 5 to 20 cents per pupil for buying such books.

p. 205, Mar. 20

Cities may levy library tax of 2 mills [formerly 1] on the dollar. Amending rev. stat. '99 §6469. p. 84, Mar. 9

No person related to any director of library board to be employed in library. p. 84, Mar. 20

Kansas. Library tax in cities of 2000 or less not to exceed $2\frac{1}{2}$ [formerly $1\frac{1}{2}$] mills. Amending '86 ch.72 §1. 250, Mar. 6

For buying books, equipping and managing traveling libraries \$4000 [formerly \$1000] annually for 2 years. 59, Mar 2

Repealing law of '89 ch.169 §2 requiring \$2000 to be given to library fund before county commissioners shall call township election on question of establishing township library. 398, Mar. 5

Nebraska. Public library commission to consist of one person appointed by governor for 5 years, state librarian, superintendent of public instruction, chancellor and librarian of state university. To engage a secretary, secure reports from all libraries in state, manage traveling libraries, give advice and aid in organizing and improving libraries. \$4000 appropriated for buying books and equipment and for actual expenses. 43, Mar. 26

Towns and cities may levy library tax of 2 mills [formerly 1]. Amending statutes '97 §3579. 42, Mar. 30

South Dakota. On petition of majority of voters in cities of 2000 council shall levy tax not to exceed 2 mills for books etc. and not exceeding 3 mills for grounds and building. 3 trustees appointed for 3 years by mayor and confirmed by council. Method to be pursued in erection of buildings. 173, Mar. 11

County treasurer to withhold annually from school money 10 cents for each person of school age for library fund. County superintendent, county auditor, state's attorney, superintendents of city schools and principals of village schools to be county library board for buying books selected from list prepared by state superintendent. Clerk of school district to have charge of books and lend them to teachers, pupils and other residents; library to be in schoolhouse during school session, with teacher as librarian under supervision of district clerk. County board may designate library circuits of not more than 10 schools each for circulation of libraries in January and July. 172, Mar. 11

North Dakota. Cities of not more than 50,000 and villages or townships of over 500 may levy library tax of $\frac{1}{4}$ mills [formerly 1]. Amending rev. codes '99 §2467. 97, Mar. 8

Wyoming. Whenever place is furnished free of rent for use of county library, trustees thereof shall pay for care of such place out of taxes levied by county commissioners. Amending rev. stat. '99 §1019.

72, Feb. 16

Arizona. Authorities in cities exceeding 5000 to levy annual library tax not to exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ mill [formerly when first authorized by majority vote of taxpayers]. Amending '99 ch.22 §12. Statutes '01 p.236, Mar. 16

Utah. State board of corrections shall expend annually for books kept at state prison such sum as it may determine [formerly \$100]. Amending rev. stat. '98 §2278. 83, Mar. 14

Nevada. On petition of majority of taxpayers of cities, towns or school districts in counties over 7000, county commissioners shall within 10 days levy library tax not exceeding 10 [formerly not less than 10 or more than 50] cents per \$100. State board of education [formerly county commissioners] to appoint library trustees. Amending '97 ch.26.

27, Mar. 2; 96, Mar. 20

2000 to 3000 copies of state library report to be printed with biennial report of secretary of state and of clerk of Supreme Court in one volume.

69, Mar. 19

California. Town and city authorities may and on petition of one fourth of voters must establish a public library. Five trustees, men or women, to be appointed by mayor for 3 years. Annual report must be filed at state library. After two years tax in cities of over 15,000 shall not exceed 1 mill, in cities of less than 15,000 2 mills. Books may be lent to county or neighboring towns or nonresident individuals. Library ordinance may be repealed and library disestablished on petition of one fourth of the voters.

170, Mar. 23

Mutilation of books etc. in libraries and museums a misdemeanor [formerly felony]. Amending penal code '99 §623. 84, Mar. 6

\$2500 annually from fees of secretary of state to constitute state library fund.

70, Feb. 28

Oregon. Cities and villages may levy library tax not to exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ mill; may contract with existing libraries for free public use thereof. Board of 9 directors, 6 in cities of less than 3000, appointed by mayor with approval of council; term 3 years; women eligible. Privileges may be extended to nonresidents.

p. 19, Feb. 13

For school library purposes county courts may levy tax of not less than 10 cents for each child of school age, to be distributed among school districts according to number of school children. Amount so apportioned must be spent annually for books from list prepared by state board of education. Clerk of district board to act as librarian unless some other person is elected. Books shall be in schoolhouse while school is in session, to be lent to teachers, pupils and other residents of district.

p. 69, Feb. 23

Secretary of state to send copy of laws, journals, reports of state officers, messages of governor and state documents to chartered schools of state; schools to pay transportation.

p. 274, Feb. 27

Idaho. Council of city or village may levy annual library tax not exceeding 1 mill. Trustees of school districts on petition of 20 electors shall submit question of establishment. Trustees may levy 1 mill tax. 5 directors to be appointed by council for 3 years; not more than 1 member of council to be director at same time. Not more than half the income of any one year may be set apart for building. Council may levy tax for support of subscription library, provided it becomes a free library.

p. 3, Feb. 27

State library and extension and traveling library commission to consist of 5 persons, 3 appointed by governor for 4 years, with state superintendent of public instruction and president of state university ex officio; at least 2 members shall be women. To give advice to libraries and communities proposing to establish them and have management of traveling libraries; may send members to aid in organizing and establishing. To report annually to governor; receive gifts; obtain for publication annual reports from all free public and public school libraries in state. To engage a secretary. Appropriation of \$1500 annually for expenses including salary of secretary; \$1500 yearly for buying and equipping traveling libraries.

p. 6, Feb. 28

Teachers in public schools to devote one hour weekly to systematically reviewing works of school library [formerly 30 minutes to teaching pupils kindness]. Amending '99 p.337.

p. 215, Mar. 16

Washington. Public libraries and museums may be established by common council or majority vote of any body authorized to levy taxes. Vote must be taken on petition of 25 taxpayers. By like vote money may be granted in support of libraries not owned by the public but maintained for its welfare and free use. Such libraries to be subject to inspection by state commission and registered by it as maintaining a proper standard. Amount granted yearly on basis of circulation shall not exceed 10 cents for each volume of certified circulation. Five trustees (or more) elected by voters, in cities appointed by mayor with consent of council. Women eligible. City superintendent of schools to be member ex officio. Libraries to register with and report to state commission. Privileges may be extended to nonresidents and contracts made with other municipalities for loan of books. Other libraries may be transferred to any public library. In case of libraries aided by state money but improperly administered, state commission may suspend or remove trustees and assume control. It may lend books to public libraries or to communities without libraries, shall furnish public libraries with official publications of state free and give advice on library questions. It may select and furnish books instead of money and establish a system of exchanges. Libraries before receiving apportionment from state shall raise equal amounts from local sources. A library may be abolished only by majority vote of people at 2 successive annual elections.

166, Mar. 18

Library commission of 6 to give advice and develop traveling library system; superintendent of public instruction, president of state university, president of Agricultural College and School of Science, one person chosen by state federation of woman's clubs and 2 of to be a woman appointed by governor; term 4 years; to receive no salary; after 2 years a secretary may be employed, who shall be a woman; \$2000 for traveling libraries.

43, Mar. 2

Regulating distribution of state documents to state institutions; library commission to arrange exchanges; more than one copy may be sent to state institutions.

46, Mar. 6

In order to comply with conditions of donors cities of 20,000 may buy land for public libraries, museums and art galleries, issue bonds and levy annual tax.

69, Mar. 11

Library commissions. Establishment of commissions by Idaho, Washington, Delaware and Nebraska brings the number up to 20 as shown in the following table.

State library

Law approved	State	Name	Secretary
May 28, 1890	Massachusetts	Bd of free pub.lib.com.	Elizabeth P. Sohler, Beverly
Ap. 11, 1891	N. Hampshire	Board of library com'rs	Arthur H. Chase, Concord..
June 1, 1893	Connecticut..	Public lib. committee.	Caroline M.Hewins,Hartford
Nov. 6, 1894	Vermont	Board of lib. com'rs...	Mrs M.H.Buckham, Burl'ton
Ap. 29, 1895	Wisconsin....	Free library com	Frank A. Hutchins, Madison
Ap. 22, 1896	Ohio	Board of library com'rs	C. B. Galbreath, Columbus..
Dec. 16, 1897	Georgia	State library com.	Anne Wallace, Atlanta
Feb. 23, 1899	Maine	Library com	Leonard D. Carver, Augusta
Feb. 24, 1899	Indiana	Public library com ...	W. E. Henry, Indianapolis..
Mar. 4, 1899	Kansas	Trav. libraries com ...	James L. King, Topeka.....
Ap. 10, 1899	Colorado	Board of lib. com'rs...	George M. Lee, Denver
Ap. 21, 1899	Minnesota....	State public lib. com..	Gratia A. Countryman,Minneapolis
May 5, 1899	Pennsylvania.	Free library com	George E. Reed, Harrisburg
June 1, 1899	Michigan	Board of lib. com'rs...	Mrs Mary C.Spencer,Lansing
Mar. 20, 1900	Iowa	State library com.	Alice S. Tyler, Des Moines..
Mar. 20, 1900	New Jersey ..	Public library com ...	Henry C. Buchanan, Trenton
Feb. 28, 1901	Idaho	State lib. and extension and trav. lib. com...	Mrs E. J. Dockery, Boise....
Mar. 2, 1901	Washington..	State library com:....	Mrs Kate Turner Holmes, Seattle
Mar. 9, 1901	Delaware	State library com.	C. A. Frear jr, Dover
Mar. 27, 1901	Nebraska	Public library com....	Edua D. Bullock, Lincoln...

commissions

Last annual appropriation	Traveling libraries	State aid	COMMISSIONERS		APPOINTED BY	
			No.	Term		
4 000	No	Yes	5	5	Governor.....	.....
500	No	Yes	5	2	Governor.....	State librarian member ex off.
4 500	No	Yes	5	1	St. B'd of education	.....
900	Yes	Yes	5	5	Governor.....	.....
9 000	Yes	No	5	5	Governor.....	President of University of Wisconsin, state sup't and cor. sec. of state hist. soc. members ex off.
5 300	Yes	No	3	6	Governor.....	.....
None	No	No	5	3	Governor.....	.....
1 000	Yes	No	5	4	Governor.....	State librarian member ex off.
1 000	Yes	No	3	4	Governor.....	.....
4 000	Yes	No	5	3	Directors of st. lib.	State librarian chairman and president Kansas State Social Science Federation of Clubs members ex off.
250	No	No	5	5	Governor.....	.....
3 500	Yes	No	5	6	Governor.....	President of state university, sup't of pub. instruction and sec. state hist. soc. members ex off.
1 750	Yes	No	6	5	Governor.....	State librarian member ex off. and secretary
5 800	Yes	No	5	4	Governor.....	State librarian member ex off. Traveling libraries managed by state library
4 000	Yes	No	7	5	Governor.....	State librarian, sup't of pub. instruction, president of state university members ex off. 2 members must be women
700	Yes	Yes	5	5	Governor.....	Traveling libraries operated by com'rs of state library
3 000	Yes	No	5	4	Governor.....	State sup't of pub. instruction and president of state university members ex off. 2 members must be women
1 000	Yes	Yes	6	4	Governor.....	State sup't of pub. instruction, presidents of state university and of agricultural college members ex off. 1 member chosen by state federation of woman's clubs; 1 appointee must be a woman
Exp.	Yes	Yes	9	5	Governor.....	State librarian secretary ex off.
2 000	Yes	No	5	5	Governor.....	State librarian, sup't of pub. instruction, chancellor and librarian of state university members ex off.

LIBRARY MEETINGS AND TRAINING

Library week. The newest and most successful form of meeting is that devised by the New York State Library Association two years ago, under the name "library week." By this is meant its annual meeting the last week in September in the heart of the Adirondacks. The association goes on Saturday, lives together till a week from the following Monday, holding from 6 to 10 sessions during the time. Evenings are entirely given to general meetings; mornings and afternoons are given up to committees or sections and to the informal intercourse which accomplishes as much good as set papers and discussions, and to social and outdoor life. Other meetings are announced when weather is rainy, a whole week (instead of the usual two or three days) allowing ample time for both business and recreation.

Library week has already become the most important interstate meeting, 15 different states besides Canada and Newfoundland being represented in 1901 by an attendance of 155. It was common comment with those who have been present that no meetings ever held have given more practical help. With a permanent meeting place, members know exactly where and how they are going, and railways and hotels learn each year better how to care for them so that much better satisfaction results. The claims were presented for New York as the metropolis, for Albany as the capital with the work of the State Library as the chief attraction, for Utica and Syracuse as central cities, for Niagara Falls and the Thousand Islands because of their scenic beauties. But the accessibility to Canada and adjoining states, the local attractions together with the cooperation of the railway in making half rate tickets good for a month for those who wished to combine a holiday with the meeting, resulted in a unanimous vote for the Adirondacks as the permanent meeting place. It is probable that some place will be selected in the west where another "library week" can be held for those who find the distance too great to reach Lake Placid.

Library week of 1901, Sep. 23-28, was the 11th annual meeting of the association. The general subject of cooperation was considered under three heads: publicity, reading lists, and library institutes, each thoroughly discussed at a separate session and referred to a committee to outline definite action.

The committee on publicity urged each librarian to make intelligent, tactful and systematic use of the local press in keeping the work of the library before the community; and advised that the question of publicity in the general field be left to the association officers to experiment on as they saw fit and report.

A standing committee on reading lists was appointed with authority to publish 25 lists during the current year at an expense to the association of \$40 above the guaranty of the Buffalo Public Library. These lists are to be available at cost to members of the association and others. Publicity is to be given to the lists through library periodicals and the press, the small libraries to be reached through local secretaries of institute districts. Suggestions for topics may be sent to the reading list committee: Mrs H. L. Elmendorf, Miss Martha T. Wheeler, Miss M. E. Hazeltine.

On library institutes it was voted:

1 That the New York Library Association undertake the work of library institutes in this state.

2 That a committee of four be appointed, the secretary of the association to be ex officio a member.

3 That this committee be instructed to divide the state into not less than 6 or more than 10 institute districts, exclusive of Buffalo, Brooklyn and New York.

4 That the institute committee be instructed to work through library clubs where they exist, and where there are none, through a local secretary appointed by the committee; and that after the first institute, the committee and the local secretary shall organize a library club where it seems feasible and desirable.

5 That the institute committee be requested to hold an annual institute in each district, cooperating with the library club or local secretary of that district. Committee: J. H. Canfield, New York; W. R. Eastman, Albany; A. L. Peck, Gloversville; Mrs H. L. Elmendorf, Buffalo.

A. E. Bostwick, of the New York Public Library, presented the subject of the Desk Assistant: the Point of Contact with the Public, which called forth considerable discussion.

Book selection was discussed by F. W. Halsey, editor *New York Times Saturday Review*. He dwelt specially on its importance and the difficulties in endeavoring to include only the best.

The national librarian, Herbert Putnam, announced that the Library of Congress is now ready to supply subscribing libraries with printed catalogue cards for selected books at a price based on cost of duplication and the required margin of 10%.

F. M. Crunden, of St Louis, outlined the plan of the St Louis Public Library to secure a model library building at the Louisiana purchase exposition of 1904 and to place in it a model library fully equipped and in actual operation. The proposal met general approval.

A paper by Edward B. Green, of Buffalo, on library architecture from the architect's standpoint, presented the chief requirements in the selection of an architect, choice of lot and details of plan.

At the suggestion of the committee on legislation a new committee was appointed as follows and authorized to represent the association in connection with proposed legislation: W. R. Eastman, J. S. Billings, A. L. Peck, H. L. Elmendorf, John E. Brandegee.

The following officers were elected for 1902:

President, Miss M. E. Hazeltine, Jamestown

Vice president, W. S. Biscoe, Albany

Secretary, Mrs H. L. Elmendorf, Buffalo

Treasurer, E. W. Gaillard, New York

Reports of the meeting are in the *Library Journal*, October 1901, p. 745-54 and *Public Libraries*, November 1901, p. 557-68.

Buffalo Library Club. Eight meetings were held in the rooms of the Buffalo Historical Society. Dates and subjects were as follows:

Oct. 6, 1900. Informal reception to Miss Mae E. Schreiber, librarian of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Nov. 22, 1900. Report of Committee on Home Libraries; Influence of the High School on the Community.

Dec. 19, 1900. Home Libraries.

Jan. 17, 1901. The University of the State of New York; Aid received by Libraries from the State.

Feb. 20, 1901. Object, Aims and Methods of the Department of Liberal Arts at the Pan-American Exposition.

Mar. 21, 1901. Some Things about Fiction.

Ap. 17, 1901. Social meeting.

May 16, 1901. John Wyclif.

Officers:

President, Henry L. Elmendorf
 Vice president, Adèle B. Barnum
 Secretary-treasurer, R. F. Morgan

Reports of some of these meetings are in the Library Journal 1900, p. 750; 1901, p. 28, 84, 149, 217-18, 343.

Long Island Library Club. Six meetings were held of which dates and topics were:

May 15, 1900. The meeting for organization was called by Miss Mary W. Plummer, and held at her home. 10 librarians were present and letters were read from 4 others unable to be present.

May 23, 1900, at Pratt Institute Free Library. A constitution was adopted and officers were elected as follows:

President, Arthur E. Bostwick
 Vice president, Miss Mary W. Plummer
 Secretary, Miss Susan A. Hutchinson
 Treasurer, Miss Mabel Farr

Oct. 4, 1900, at Adelphi College. Resources of Brooklyn Libraries.

Dec. 6, 1900, at Pratt Institute Free Library. Cooperation among Brooklyn Libraries, from Standpoint of the Free Circulating, the Institutional, and the Subscription Library.

Feb. 7, 1901, at Polytechnic Institute. Cooperation between Libraries and Schools: History of Cooperation; Cooperation from Instructor's Standpoint.

Ap. 4, 1901, annual meeting at Children's Museum. The Library from the Reader's Standpoint; Information Desk in a Library; The Public and Library Methods; Efforts towards Guiding the Light Reading of High School Pupils.

Officers were elected as follows:

President, Miss Mary W. Plummer
 Vice president, C. A. Green
 Secretary, Miss Miriam S. Draper
 Treasurer, Miss Mabel Farr

May 2, 1901, at Museum of Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences. Children's Museum; Scientific Libraries for Children; How the Teacher may Interest Children in Nature

Study; How the Children's Librarian may Interest Children in Nature Study.

New York Library Club. Five meetings were held during the year, the first three at the Y. M. C. A. 23d st.

Oct. 11, 1900. Relations of Libraries of New York City to its Educational Department.

Nov. 8, 1900. Some Impressions of the International Congress of Librarians at Paris, August 1900; Report of Special Committee on Cooperation between Free Libraries and Public Schools.

Jan. 10, 1901. Need of a Library Reading Room south of the Postoffice; Our Books of 1900 for the Young; Our Books of Fiction published in 1900.

Mar. 14, 1901, in Foreign mission assembly room, Presbyterian building, 5th av. Common Sense and Library Methods; Address by Prof. H. T. Peck; Address by Prof. F. H. Giddings on What Books should be classified as Sociology in a Public Library. This meeting was followed by the annual dinner at the Aldine Association.

May 9, 1901, at the University Settlement, Rivington and Eldridge st. Public Card Catalog of New York Public Library; Reading Circles as a Help to the Library.

Officers:

President, Henry M. Leipziger

First vice president, J. H. MacMahon

Second vice president, M. E. Grimm

Secretary, Elizabeth L. Foote

Treasurer, Theresa Hitchler

Library Journal reports the meetings for 1900 on p. 697-98; for 1901 on p. 30-31, 219-20, 282-83.

A. L. A. The 23d meeting of the American Library Association at Waukesha Wis. July 4-10, recorded 460 delegates from 35 different states. 148 were men, 312 women. 174 were chief librarians, 167 assistants, 35 trustees or other officers. Actual attendance was much larger because many librarians and assistants in that section attended the meeting without joining and paying the \$2 fee. They were cordially welcomed, for the chief purpose of the A. L. A. is to advance library interests, not to swell its register or increase its income; yet it has over 1000

active members. The opinion now practically universal among the members was confirmed that the most successful meetings must be held away from the distractions of cities. We come together chiefly to see each other. There is more pleasure and profit in meeting old members in the same profession with many common interests, than in meeting the best city's choicest society for the first time. A round of social functions takes time and distracts attention from the main business, but we have learned that some of the most profitable hours are those spent together in walking, driving or visiting places of interest. The result is a practical decision that meetings shall be held at some summer resort where there are ample and good accommodations for a large company and where both in sessions and social functions, in business and pleasure, the librarians will mingle with each other rather than with those whom most of them will never see again and with whom they have comparatively little in common. The system of state and club meetings has finally worked itself out very satisfactorily. At the close of the heavy year's work, at the natural time for rounding out the season, the A. L. A. holds the great annual meeting of the year. This comes just before the full season at the resorts, when everything is fresh and attractive. It is of course impossible to find accommodations for 500 people at one place in the height of the season and we must go there before the crowd or after. The state associations seem to have found the early fall, before the active year's work begins, the best time for their annual meeting. In midwinter the New York and other large city library clubs hold their chief meeting of the year with a cordial invitation to country members so to time their city visits as to be present. And finally, about Easter there are one or more meetings like that held for several years at Atlantic City, in which the librarians of a half dozen neighboring cities join with the Pennsylvania and New Jersey library associations for three or four days, including one Sunday, at the seashore. With national and state associations, city clubs and some interstate meetings there is danger that even a good thing may be overdone. Librarians are as a rule much too busy with their local work to attend too many meetings. The system which has worked itself out gives practically about once a quarter a chance to get

fresh inspiration and enthusiasm from conference with one's fellows. For more than this there is hardly time.

Subjects considered at Waukesha before the entire conference were: Aid to Libraries by the City, the State, the Nation; Book and Picture Selection; Book Copyright; Trusteeship of Literature; Relationship of Publishers, Booksellers and Librarians.

The following topics were discussed in the various sections: College and reference section. Some 20th Century Problems; Departmental Libraries; Theses.

Children's library section. Book Reviews, Lists and Articles on Children's Reading; Fiction, Fairy Tales, Science; Reference Work; Opening a Children's Room; Bulletin Work; The School and the Library.

State library commissions, round tables. The Best Method of Getting Traveling Libraries before the People; County Libraries as Units in a State Library System.

The catalogue section discussed numerous questions suggested by members interested.

At a round table for state library associations and women's clubs papers were read on What the Work of the State Library Association should be; How a Library Commission was secured in Idaho; How to secure a Library Commission; What Women's Clubs can do to further the Work of the Library.

The trustees section considered Library Buildings and the Relation of the Architect to the Librarian.

The round table on professional instruction in bibliography listened to papers on a Postgraduate School of Bibliography; Courses in Bibliography offered by Prof. Dziatzko at the University of Göttingen; A Desideratum for Library Schools. Outlines were presented of the lectures and work on bibliography in various universities and library schools.

A. L. A. officers for 1901-2:

President, John S. Billings

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For papers and proceedings see *Library Journal*, August 1901 and *Public Libraries*, October 1901, p. 459-97

National Educational Association. The library department held its fifth annual meeting in Detroit July 11 and 12. Subjects: The Library Movement and What it Means; The Public Libraries and the Public Schools; Condition of Educational Institutions in the South; What Normal Schools can do for Teachers from the Library Side; The A B C of Reference Work; How shall Children be led to love Good Books; The Library and the School as Co-ordinate Forces in Education.

The director of the New York State Library gave an address on the Place of the Library in Education, setting forth the views exemplified in our organization and aims, which met with cordial approval as educationally sound and practically possible.

Officers:

President, James H. Canfield

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Secretary, M. E. Ahern

Reports are in the Library Journal, July 1901, p. 395-97 and Public Libraries, October 1901, p. 499-503.

National Association of State Librarians. The third annual meeting was held at Harrisburg Pa. Nov. 20-22, 1900. Subjects: What Books should the State Library aim to get; To what Extent should a State Library keep Files of Newspapers published outside the State; Relation of State Libraries to the Library of Congress; Bibliographic Work by State Librarians; How Government Documents may be made more useful to the Public; To what Extent should the Books of a State Library be lent to the Citizens of the State [by Melvil Dewey]; Printed Catalogues for the State Library; The Library Commission of the State should be Identical with the Governing Board of the State Library; To what Extent should a State Library enter the Field of a State Museum; Relations of State Library, State Law Library, and State Historical Society.

The fourth annual meeting was held at Waukesha Wis. July 5, 1901. Subjects: Early Newspaper Literature in Ohio; The Decimal Classification in Cataloguing Public Documents; Free Distribution of State Documents and its Limits; Gathering of Local History Material; State Librarians, their Duties and Powers Relative to Library Commissions and Free Libraries;

Should the State lend Books from its Reference Library and on what Terms; Uniformity in the Publication of State Session Laws.

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Reports of these meetings are in the Library Journal, December 1900, p. 739-41. July 1901, p. 397-98 and Public Libraries, January 1901, p. 17-45.

Respectfully submitted

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