

MILLICENT LIBRARY  
FAIRHAVEN, MASS.

ANNUAL REPORT  
1906

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES OF THE MILLICENT LIBRARY  
1893-1907

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**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1906**

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*To the Trustees of the Millicent Library:*

I have the honor to present the librarian's report for 1906.

**Growth in Volumes**

The additions of books for the year number 933 volumes; 82 more than last year. 195 volumes were withdrawn, leaving a net gain of 738, which, added to the 17,108 in the library Dec. 31, 1905, makes the present total 17,846.

The most extensive purchases in any one class were of fiction, being 338 volumes (36%) out of the 933, including 197 new stories and 141 replaced or additional copies. The next largest class was literature 106; then sociology 71, fine arts 69, and so forth down to 11 volumes of ethics and philosophy. Of the 933, 603 are entirely new works and 330 are additional copies or volumes.

**Registration**

378 persons received borrower's cards; adult residents of Fairhaven 138, of school age 146; residents of New Bedford 30, and of other places 64. These 378 names bring the total registration since May 1, 1902, up to 2,940, of which number there are in Fairhaven 2,351, 52 per cent. of a population of 4,500, a per cent. not surpassed in the country.

**Home Use**

The home use, as shown by the outside circulation, was 46,275, the percentage of fiction dropping to 56.9. The use in the building of periodicals and books has by observation increased both in the number of readers and in the lengthening of their stay. I feel that the majority of the readers use the library moderately to their good, but that some are reading decidedly too much and thinking too little. There are other persons in town, however, who might become readers, and it is to them that the library might better address itself, rather than to the increase in the amount of reading of any one person.

**Reference Work**

The reference work has grown more, perhaps, than any other department, and the collection of reference material, lists of books on live subjects, references to particular pages of books and magazines for special subjects, etc., has nearly overflowed the drawers allotted to it. The new high school has also by its changed and broadened courses of study increased the number of questions and broadened the scope of the school reference work.

**Bulletins**

Eight bulletins showing the 900 additions and containing for most of the entries descriptive notes have been issued at intervals.

**Repairs**

Numerous minor repairs and improvements have been made to the building and its equipment, so that it stands in remarkably good condition for a building in use so many years, and so many hours every day in the year.



### APPENDIX 3

#### Library Staff

##### LIBRARIAN

DREW B. HALL, . . . . . July, 1901-

##### ASSISTANTS (alphabetical order)

FLORA H. LEIGHTON, . . . . . January, 1903-  
 EDA M. PERRY, . . . . . February, 1905-  
 ANNIE THOMPSON, . . . . . December, 1891-

##### JANITOR

HORATIO JENNEY, . . . . . March, 1984-Dec., 1906  
 GEORGE H. JENNEY, . . . . . December, 1906-

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DANA H. GILLINGHAM, . . . . . August, 1905-

### APPENDIX 4

#### Classified Additions and Withdrawals, and Circulation, 1906

	ADDITIONS						WITH-DRAWALS		CIRCULATION			
	Adult		Young People		Total	Per cent.	Adult	Young People	Adult	Young People	Total	Per cent.
	New titles	Add. copies & volumes	New titles	Add. copies & volumes								
Fiction	150	102	47	39	338	36.	70	71	20,400	5,935	26,335	56.9
General Works	14	2			16	1.7	6		106		106	.22
Periodicals		45			45	4.8			7,418	439	7,857	17.
Philosophy	9	2			11	1.2			211		211	.47
Religion	23	1	6	1	31	3.3		2	215	140	355	.77
Sociology	44	8	11	8	71	7.6	5	4	472	732	1,204	2.6
Language	8	1	2	3	14	1.5	2		80	229	309	.66
Natural Science	38	7	3		48	5.3		1	426	286	712	1.5
Useful Arts	34	6	3	1	44	4.7	4	1	719	104	823	1.8
Fine Arts	36	10	6	2	54	5.8	1		1,285	397	1,682	3.6
Music	5	10			15	1.6			47	51	98	5.8
Literature	47	27	7	25	106	11.3	8	7	1,214	1,132	2,346	5.
Travel	39	14	9	4	66	7.	7	3	1,210	932	2,142	4.6
History	1,212	1	7	2	22	2.5			592	484	1,076	2.3
Biography	37	6	6	3	52	5.6	1	755	264	1,019	2.2	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>93</b>		<b>105</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>35,150</b>	<b>11,125</b>	<b>46,275</b>	
	708 vol.		195 vol.				195		76%	24%		