

The Millicent Library
Fairhaven, Mass.
Annual Report
1907

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1893-1907

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Standing Committees
1907-1908

Book Committee—

H. H. Rogers, President; F. B. Lyman, Vice President; G. H. Tripp, Mrs. Anthony, Mrs. Nye.

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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1907.

To the Trustees of the Millicent Library:

I have the honor of presenting the librarian's report for 1907.

Growth in Volumes.

The additions for the year number 821 volumes; 294 volumes were withdrawn, leaving a net gain of 527, which added to the 17,846 last reported, makes a total of 18,373. of the 821 volumes, 561 were new titles, and 48 additional volumes, making 609 volumes of new matter; and the remaining 212 were additional copies. 315 volumes of

fiction, both new and old, were among the 821; and 154 of "junior" books, partly fiction, and so included in the 315.

Besides the more obvious duties of lending books, attending to the periodicals and binding, the staff and book committee have listed and examined 787 new books, reading critical reviews, and the books themselves in the numerous doubtful cases. Of the 787 titles, 561 were accepted and 226 returned to the dealer. Even at three hours for the reading of each of the 300 doubtful ones, and one hour for the remainder, an average of four to five hours daily goes to this examination, a large part of which is done outside the building. This careful reading not only selects for us those new books which will in the long run attract the most readers and give us the best return on the investment, but serves also to keep the staff acquainted with the new additions, and so enables to advise intelligently our readers.

Binding.

705 volumes in poor condition were thoroughly examined, of which 294 were rejected and 411 rebound. Very numerous minor repairs were made in the building by the regular force.

Registration.

377 persons received borrowers' cards; adult residents of Fairhaven 131, of school age, 97; residents of New Bedford, 27, and of other places, 122. These names bring the total registration in five and a half years up to 3,317.

Home Use.

The home use of bound books was 37,452 volumes, and of current periodicals 7,142, a total of 44,594. Taking \$1.20 as the average price per volume to the public (in both 1906 and 1907 it was 1.02 to the Library), it would have cost the people of Fairhaven \$44,902 to read the books circulated if each reader had been obliged to buy each book for himself; and likewise, periodicals at a piece valuation of 12 cents used 7,142 times would have amounted to \$857.04. That is, thus broadly reckoned the Library furnished the town with \$45,759 worth of home reading. And this sum takes no account of the very large amount of reading in the building, nor of the reference work.

But even this unusual service in a town of forty-five hundred inhabitants can be bettered by the adoption of some of the newer methods of library extension, such as the "duplicate pay collection," and the lending of books in outlying districts from stations or other distributing agencies.

The Building.

Numerous repairs have been made to the building, which is in good working condition, though careful consideration of the heating plant and interior decoration is needed. Unusual repairs have been required by the boiler, the chimneys, window frames and floors.

The Staff.

In the spring, Mr. William O. Sawyer became janitor. With this exception the working force remains the same as for several years; and no member has been incapacitated by illness for a single day.

The Library has been represented at the meetings and on the executive boards of various local library clubs.

To the Trustees the staff has to offer the most sincere thanks for their continued confidence and support.

Very respectfully,
DREW B. HALL,
Librarian.

14 January, 1908.

APPENDIX 1
Growth 1907

Volumes January 1		17,846
Volumes added	821	
Volumes withdrawn	294	
Net gain		527
Net total December 31		18,373

APPENDIX 2
Registration 1902-07

	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	Total
Fairhaven, adult	877	231	185	101	138	131	1663
Fairhaven, school age	264	112	104	193	146	97	916
New Bedford	99	61	20	30	30	27	267
Other places	106	92	31	56	64	122	471
Totals	1346	496	340	380	378	377	3317

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

WILLIAM O. SAWYER April, 1907-

PAGE

DANA H. GILLINGHAM August, 1905-

APPENDIX 4

Classified Additions and Withdrawals, and Circulation, 1907

	ADDITIONS				Total	Per cent.	WITH-DRAWALS		CIRCULATION			
	Adult	Add. copies & volumes	Young People	Add. copies & volumes			Adult	Young People	Adult	Young People	Total	Per cent.
Fiction	130	117	23	45	315	38.4	104	124	19,531	6,331	25,862	58.1
General Works	6	11			17	2.5		1	44		44	.1
Periodicals	9	45			46	5.5		1	6,779	363	7,142	16.
Philosophy	9		3	2	9	1.		1	192	2	194	.48
Religion	32	3	4	9	47	5.7	2	12	245	152	397	.89
Sociology	3	2			3	.36		3	491	764	1,255	2.8
Language	23	2	2	2	29	3.5		3	47	142	189	.42
Natural Science	56	1	7	1	65	8.	5	5	514	255	769	1.7
Useful Arts	41	3	6	3	53	6.4		5	897	118	1,015	2.27
Fine Arts	9	2			11	1.3			964	375	1,339	3.
Music	39	7	9	11	66	8.		15	71	52	123	.27
Literature	48	2	12	4	66	8.	4	13	1,346	1,003	2,349	5.2
Travel	16	4	4	3	27	3.3		2	1,326	746	2,072	4.6
History	46	1	3	1	51	6.3		2	498	468	966	2.1
Biography									645	243	888	2.
Totals	467	200	73	81	821		115	179	33,590	11,004	44,594	

667 vol.

154 vol.