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Figure 1.—Library Map of Missouri.
INTRODUCTION

The first Handbook of the Missouri Library Association was edited by a committee of which Carrie Westlake Whitney of the Kansas City Public Library was chairman. It was published in the Report of the Missouri State Superintendent of Schools in 1906.

This Handbook was a brochure of twenty-eight pages giving information on the activities of the Association. It also gave the library laws of the state and a list of the various public and institutional libraries. The data were secured through individual correspondence and from the reports of the United States Commissioner of Education. This first Handbook contained a text of the law which created the Missouri Library Commission, and included also a list of the members of the Association.

The next Handbook appeared in 1915, compiled by the Secretary of the Missouri Library Commission, was published in the Report of the Missouri Library Commission for 1915, and with slight revision was again published with the Commission Report in 1916. This Handbook contained a rather complete list of the libraries in the state with dates of founding, brief history, illustrations, and other information of interest and value to librarians.

The present Handbook, authorized by the Executive Board of the Missouri Library Association at its meeting in St. Louis, November 6, 1935, aims to record as complete data as possible on library activities and progress in Missouri for the twenty-year period 1915-1935.

The historical data on the founding of libraries given in the 1915 Handbook are not repeated, but the names of all libraries with time of founding as far as could be ascertained are given, with names of librarians and statistical information.

Brief statistics from Melvin W. Sneed’s Survey of the Libraries in Missouri are included. For detailed information contained in this Survey the reader should consult Mr. Sneed’s comprehensive Report published as Research Bulletin 236 of the Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station, Columbia, Missouri, 1936.

We trust that the present Handbook will prove to be of real service to the librarians of our state.

Ada McDaniel Elliott, President, 1935
Missouri Library Association.
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MISSOURI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES
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The Missouri Library Association was organized in 1901 for the purpose of fostering the library interests of the state in general and for securing legislative enactment for the creation of a State Library Commission in particular. The Commission was secured in 1907. Since then the Association has secured a County Library Law (1921) and has initiated and supported the movement to secure an amendment to the state constitution providing for a separate library tax for libraries.

There have been few projects of the Association covering more than a single year; a notable exception was the campaign covering a term of years in securing the County Library Law. The officers of the Association change annually so that projects requiring work and planning for a term of years are seldom undertaken. However, in the last few years some worthwhile projects covering a period of years are still in progress. Such are the State Library Plan, the Voluntary Certification of Librarians in Missouri, the organization of the Citizens' Council, and the like. For the most part the annual conferences consider current problems such as cataloging, book selection, book buying, publicity, and the problems incident to the small public and institutional libraries of the state. Occasionally some project of unusual interest and importance has been given special attention. Such a project was the emergency library service created during the World War, which enlisted not only the services of the Association but also the services of every librarian in the state.

The Library War Service was organized on national lines by the American Library Association. The state organizations were used for the purpose of raising funds for carrying on the service and for the collections of books for the forts, camps, and other training centers. The State Library Executive selected for Missouri was Elizabeth B. Wales, Secretary of the Missouri Library Commission. The Regional Directors were: Purd B. Wright for the Western District, and Arthur E. Bostwick for the Eastern District. In the three campaigns for books 81,922 volumes were collected and forwarded to the camps. $21,634.05 were donated for the cause and forwarded to the Library War Service in Washington.

Later the Federal Food Administration was established with State Directors. Frederick B. Mumford, Dean of the College of Agriculture, was the State Director for Missouri. The distribution of the literature was made by the Secretary of the Missouri Library Commission at the request of the
State Director. The Commission distributed for him 91,463 pieces. When
the books were returned from overseas at the close of the war, the Commission
received 5,750 volumes of them. Some of the books found their way into the
travelling libraries, others into collections for the veterans' hospitals and into
small towns where the books became nuclei of collections for embryo public
libraries.1

The other major activities of the Missouri Library Association during the
last twenty years have been:

1. **Affiliation with the American Library Association**

Affiliation was effected in 1913, and by its terms the Association has
contributed ten cents per member to the expenses of the American Library
Association. When the A. L. A. in 1930 decided to raise one million dollars
(or its equivalent) to insure the gift of a like amount from the Carnegie
Corporation for the enlarged activities of the organization, the Missouri
Library Association became a contributing member at twenty-five dollars a
year.

2. **Institutional Members**

The Missouri Library Association in 1913 provided for institutional
memberships carrying an annual fee of two dollars. The proceeds were to
be used for printing library aids or for other purposes helpful to libraries in the
state. Twenty-nine libraries in 1935 had availed themselves of this oppor­
tunity for membership.

3. **Institutes and District Conferences**

An institute was conducted October 26-28, 1909, in Columbia preliminary
to the annual conference of the Association meeting in Columbia. It was
directed by Elizabeth B. Wales, Secretary of the Missouri Library Commissi­
on, with the assistance of local talent, for the benefit of librarians in small
towns who felt the need of elementary instruction in the technical processes of
library work. Under the supervision of a special committee, district con­
ferences were held in 1914, the first one May 15 in St. Joseph followed by
conferences in Moberly, Hannibal and in St. Louis. Another attempt to hold
conferences of this nature was made in 1922, when meetings were held in Jop­
lin, Springfield, Hannibal, Moberly, and Chillicothe. All of these conferences
were under the direction of the Secretary of the Missouri Library Commis­sion.
So few librarians availed themselves of this service that the promoters
of the district conferences discontinued them.

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1A detailed account of Missouri's part in the Library War Service may be found in Library Series No. 16
of the University of Missouri Bulletin, entitled "Missouri in the Library War Service." Free for postage, three
cents.
4. Joint Conferences with Other Associations

The regional A. L. A. conferences were inaugurated to give the librarians who were unable to attend the National Conferences an opportunity to enjoy these smaller conferences where a considerable number of leaders of the A. L. A. would be present to discuss national problems. They were in a sense to be miniature A. L. A. conferences. Two or more state associations have usually cooperated and have secured A. L. A. leaders for their problems. Such regional conferences were those at St. Joseph in 1922, embracing the Kansas, the Nebraska, and the Missouri Associations; at Sioux City in 1925, in which the Associations of Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota participated; and at Des Moines in 1932, with Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Minnesota cooperating.

The Association has joined in several conferences with the Department of Libraries of the Missouri State Teachers Association. Such conferences were held in Maryville in 1926, at which Milton J. Ferguson, Librarian of the California State Library, was the guest speaker; in Kansas City in 1928, when the Association provided as speaker C. A. Yawberg on “County Libraries” for the general session of the Missouri State Teachers Association, and again in 1935 in St. Louis, in which the Association provided a joint luncheon with the Department of Libraries of the Missouri State Teachers Association, at which several outstanding leaders in both professions participated. This was followed on the next day by a joint session of the Library Association together with the English and Library sections of the Missouri State Teachers Association for the discussion of problems of interest to school librarians.

5. High School Libraries

Several conferences in addition to the joint conferences noted above have been devoted to papers and discussions on the improvement of high school libraries,—notably the conferences in 1923, 1924, and 1932. As early as 1915, at the request of the Missouri State Teachers Association, a joint committee of the two associations was appointed to study the high school problems of the state. As a result of this emphasis, a survey of the high school libraries was made by Henry O. Severance. The result was embodied in his “The Standard Library Organization Suggested for Missouri High Schools,” published as University of Missouri Bulletin, Education Series, No. 13, 1919.

6. The County Library Law

The Missouri Library Association sponsored the movement for a County Library Law for Missouri. Its officers with the financial and moral support of the Association carried the movement far enough to have a law providing for county libraries enacted in 1921. State Association committees had been appointed annually from 1915 to 1921 to work for the passage of this law.
7. MISSOURI LIBRARY HISTORY

The attention of the Association in 1921 was focussed upon the importance of collecting and preserving documentary material for a history of library activities in Missouri. Two papers were presented, one by the late Sula Wagner, Head of the Catalog Department, St. Louis Public Library, on "Material for the History of Public Libraries", the other by James A. McMillen, at that time Librarian of Washington University, on "College and University Libraries."

8. A SEPARATE TAX FOR LIBRARIES

The Missouri Library Association through its Extension Committee launched a vigorous campaign in 1929 to secure an amendment to the state constitution permitting a separate tax for library purposes over and above the present constitutional limitations. The amendment was passed by the House in 1931, was reported favorably in the Senate but failed to come up for a vote. When the depression came on the committee ceased its intensive activity and in October 1931 placed the project on the agenda of a five year program.

On the same program was the movement to increase the membership of the Association and to interest other organizations in the problems of library service. The membership was doubled. A Citizens' Council was created to further library interests in women's clubs, civic organizations, and other groups.

9. THE STATE LIBRARY PLANNING BOARD

In 1933 and 1934, when federal money became available for promotion of worthwhile projects, the Governor appointed a State Planning Board. The leaders in the library field in Missouri considered it highly important that this State Planning Board should consider a forward-looking plan for the library interests of the State. A State Library Planning Committee was appointed by the President of the Association. This committee devised a state library plan which was presented to the annual library conference in Excelsior Springs in 1934. It was adopted, and then was sent to the State Planning Board. This Library Planning Committee, with a few changes in personnel, was reappointed for 1935. It worked out a revision of the library plan which was presented to the annual conference in St. Louis in November 1935, and was adopted.²

10. CO-OPERATIVE ACQUISITION OF RARE AND EXPENSIVE MATERIAL

Agitation for a co-operative enterprise was begun in 1910. The plan was to compile a Union Catalog of the book resources of the state. The various libraries were to file with the Missouri Library Commission the cards showing their holdings. The project was called Bibliography for College and Reference

²The text of the report may be found on page 11.
Libraries. The chairman, Sula Wagner, reported in 1911 that an expert would be needed for this compilation. The Association was not able to provide the expert service. Consequently, the committee was discontinued in 1913. At the 1929 conference, Henry O. Severance presented to the Association an address on "Inter-library Loans of Research Materials", advocating a union list of the serials held in the libraries of the state. This information was to be assembled at a central agency. In Charles H. Compton's paper, "Five Year Program," given before the Association in Cape Girardeau in 1931, he urged the creation of a Committee on the Co-operative Acquisition of Rare and Expensive Material, implying the compilation of a union list of serials and of expensive material held by the libraries of Missouri. The tangible result of this committee's work is the *Union List of Serials in the Libraries of Missouri*; and the provision for the committee to collect from the libraries throughout the state by means of cards their holdings of rare and expensive materials, these card files to be kept at a central place, such as the St. Louis Public Library.

11. **Voluntary Certification of Librarians**

The certification of librarians was advocated by Henry O. Severance in the conference of 1921 when James A. McMillen, Librarian of Washington University, gave a paper on this subject. He was requested to prepare a detailed plan and present it to the conference in St. Joseph in 1922, which he did; but the Association declined to support the plan. The question of certification was presented to the Association again in 1932 at the Columbia conference. Voluntary certification is now a fact. For an account of its development, see Ada M. Elliott's article on "The History of Certification of Librarians in Missouri" on page 17.
CONSTITUTION OF THE MISSOURI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Proposed at the annual meeting held at Warrensburg, October 15, 1907, and unanimously adopted at the annual meeting held at Moberly, October 16, 1908.

I. The name of this association shall be the Missouri Library Association.

II. The object of this association shall be to promote the library interests of the State of Missouri.

III. Any person interested in advancing its object may become a member of this association by vote of the executive board and payment to the treasurer of the annual fee.

IV. The officers of this association shall be a president, two vice-presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer, who shall be elected at the annual meeting to serve for one year or until their successors be chosen. They shall, together with the retiring president, constitute the executive board, which shall have full power to act for the association in intervals between meetings.

V. There shall be at least one meeting each year. The time and place of each meeting shall be fixed by the association or by the executive board, and ample notification shall be sent in each instance to every member of the association. The annual meeting shall be held in October.

VI. The annual fee shall be one dollar for each member and shall be payable to the treasurer in January. No officer, committee, or member of the association shall incur any expense in its name, nor shall the treasurer make any payment from its fund (except as otherwise provided for in this section) unless authorized to do so by vote of the executive board. A contingent fund of ten dollars ($10) shall be placed at the disposal of the treasurer, to be expended at his discretion for the incidental expenses of the association, and all expenditures from this fund shall be accounted for in the treasurer's annual report.

VII. The secretary and the treasurer shall each present a report at the annual meeting of the association. The report of the treasurer shall be audited by the president before it is presented.

VIII. This constitution may be amended at any meeting of the association by a majority vote of the members present, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been previously furnished to each member in the call for the meeting.

Amendment No. 1. There shall be an institutional membership, carrying the annual fee of $2.00, the proceeds to be deposited in a special fund and used only by vote of the full executive board for printing library aids or for other purposes helpful to libraries in the state. All libraries of any kind, including school libraries, in the State of Missouri are eligible for this membership.

Amendment No. 2. Life Memberships. There shall be a life membership carrying a fee of $15.00, the proceeds to be deposited in the special fund provided by Amendment No. 1.
STATE LIBRARY PLAN FOR MISSOURI
(Revised 1935. Adopted by the Missouri Library Association, November 7, 1935)

THE SCOPE

"The state should assume responsibility for the establishment and maintenance of adequate educational and library facilities for all its citizens."

The purpose of the Plan is to furnish adequate library service to every school, to every village, and to every rural community.

The Plan implies a central library agency with regional branches, deposit stations, and book truck service.

The central library agency should make a survey of the book resources of the state and of the present library facilities. The plan emphasizes libraries for every school, the legal certification of librarians, the placement of librarians, and a legislative reference library.

THE PLAN

The General Assembly has already recognized its responsibility by appropriating money for the public schools of the state for the purpose of helping to equalize the educational opportunities of all the children of the state. This library Plan implies a similar appropriation for equalizing library opportunities for all the children and the adult citizens of Missouri.

The situation at present is deplorable. Forty-four (44) counties including St. Louis have tax supported public libraries; 43 have libraries not supported by taxation and 28 have no libraries. There are 3,678,000 people in the state, but only 1,740,000 have library facilities. Therefore, 50% of the total population of the state are without libraries. About 90% of the rural population are without the benefit of books from public libraries. Many of the counties are too poor to tax themselves for county libraries; most of the villages are unable to furnish the funds for their schools, to say nothing of a tax for libraries. Their funds for schools are supplemented with allotments from the state, otherwise they would be unable to provide the minimum school facilities for their children. The children are taught to read in the schools; an adequate library service would supply reading matter for every school. Where there are no books, no library service, the pupils are greatly limited and hampered in their continuous education.

The public libraries in the state are not receiving from their local communities adequate support. With the trend to shift the basis of taxation from real estate to income and sales taxes the funds for library service may be considerably less. Trustees may well consider the effect of a decrease of rev-

enues upon the service the libraries are rendering and provide for more money so that the present library service may not be curtailed.

State support of its public libraries is not new. The Legislature of Illinois in 1935 appropriated $600,000 for the purchase of books and magazines to be distributed to the public libraries of the state on the basis of population service. The Ohio Legislature appropriated $100,000 for a similar service.

CENTRAL LIBRARY AGENCY

The Library Planning committee would therefore recommend that the General Assembly of Missouri be urged to create a central library agency; the purpose of which would be to furnish library service to all the children and adult people of the state. This central agency might well be the Missouri Library Commission, which has furnished book service in a limited way since 1907. This central agency would require a large collection of books, possibly 100,000 volumes, which would become a large lending library. This library and the headquarters of the agency might well be located in Jefferson City, the Capital of the state.

In order to facilitate the distribution of reading material and to keep the cost of the service within reasonable bounds, a system of regional libraries should be provided for and kept under the supervision of the central agency as far as control and distribution of books to the various parts of the state are concerned. These regional libraries would be, in a practical sense, branches of the state library to be established. The present public or institutional libraries might be used as regional centers by the payment from the state for service and for the use of books, or the state agency could stock those libraries with books needed for circulation in their respective parts of the state. Books might be loaned from these regional stations to the residents in their region, and deposit stations might be established in groceries and drug stores in the villages of that particular section. Possibly book trucks would be installed to take books to the homes, even in the most inaccessible places, to the hospitals, to the penitentiary, to the intermediate school at Algoa farm, to the industrial schools for boys and girls, and to other institutions. The central agency would have a department of libraries with an adequate personnel to handle the business. The regional libraries would have one or more technically trained librarians and non-professional helpers to enable the library to establish a system of travelling libraries and book truck service. The librarian would be a field worker who could advise readers on the use of books and could assist in the formation of new libraries in counties and villages.

The location of these regional libraries would depend largely upon the terms which might be made with the co-operating libraries. For the good of the service there should be two north of the Missouri River, possibly in Hannibal and St. Joseph; and four south of the Missouri River, possibly in Sedalia and
Springfield in the west and southwest, and Poplar Bluff and Rolla in the east and southeast, or possibly in St. Louis and Cape Girardeau.

**Book Resources of the State**

This plan implies a survey of the book resources of the state and a union catalog of the rare and expensive books, the sets of proceedings and transactions of learned and scientific societies and the other serial publications in the libraries of the state, showing their location and the holdings of all the libraries. This is primarily research material, but the list should include books not common to the smaller public libraries. Then by the system of interlibrary loan or by some system devised by the central agency these books would become available to all citizens of the state.

A *Union List of the Serials in the Libraries of Missouri* has already been compiled and mimeographed. It was a co-operative undertaking in the sense that the several libraries participating furnished lists of their holdings. No one library or educational or research institution can purchase all the material needed for the use of research students, but by a division of the field, and by the co-operative purchase of materials, the combined libraries may possess practically all the necessary material. The central library would then become a bibliographical center for the state.

**A Survey of the Library Facilities of the State**

The Plan, in order to furnish library facilities to the remote corners of the state, contemplates a survey of the library service now being rendered by all the agencies in the state—the tax supported and the non-tax supported public libraries, subscription libraries, club and society libraries, rental libraries, and traveling libraries; and the location and names of counties, villages and communities which have no access to libraries. The needs must be known before they can be satisfied. Such a survey has been made under the supervision of the Rural Sociology Department of the University of Missouri. The summaries of statistics of both public and school libraries will be available before this Plan has been adopted by the General Assembly.

**Legislative Reference Library**

One of the important functions of this central library would be the establishment and maintenance of a legislative reference library in the capitol for the use of the senators, representatives, and officers of the state government. An ample collection of legislative material, a trained librarian to handle the material and to interpret it, and to help put new bills in form to be presented to either or both houses of the Legislature would render incalculable service to the officials of the state. On December 1, 1914, such a library was organized as a division of the Missouri Library Commission, but the library has had no appropriation for books or for a permanent staff,
hence its inefficiency. It should have a permanent staff of trained personnel to aid members in finding information, in writing bills, and in indexing and preserving bills.

The legislatures of Wisconsin and of other states find the service of the legislative reference library very useful in the study of legislation and in the writing of bills to be presented to their respective legislatures.

**School Libraries**

This Plan contemplates provision for a supervisor of school libraries attached to the staff of the central library agency or to the staff of the superintendent of public schools. There is already a working agreement between the Missouri Library Commission and the Department of Public Schools. The Superintendent is ex officio a member of the Commission. While the law provides for libraries in the high schools and in the elementary schools, the funds have not been sufficient in many districts to provide for annual additions to their collections. The General Assembly has provided additional funds for the schools of the state. It should provide also for library service for the schools in many villages and rural districts, the school library might be utilized to furnish books to the adults and children in their respective communities. The survey of school libraries conducted by the Rural Sociology Department would be available for the supervisor. The standards for libraries in high schools of various types have been adopted by several regional accrediting agencies such as the North Central Association. The State Department of public schools has already established standards for high schools of different grades and has indicated the desired qualifications of high school librarians, but they are not compulsory. Certificates are not required nor is there a law requiring high schools to adopt and maintain the standards for book collection and library personnel. It is just as necessary for librarians of high schools to be well prepared for their duties as it is for teachers to be trained for their profession.

**Certification of Librarians**

At present there are no educational or professional qualifications required of applicants for library positions in Missouri. In New York and Wisconsin minimum standard requirements for library positions have been established by law. In Missouri, barbers, doctors, lawyers, opticians, and teachers must possess certain qualifications before they are allowed to practice, but librarians who are in the business of education are not required to possess any definite educational qualifications. They may be legally employed in any library in the state whether the libraries are supported by taxation or not. Citizens pay thousands of dollars in support of their libraries and therefore have a right to demand higher professional standards and have a right to

*Missouri Library Manual, "Standards of library organization and equipment for schools of different types."*
demand technically trained librarians to direct them. To meet this demand higher professional standards are therefore demanded for librarians. A means of establishing standards and of certifying librarians must be provided.

Librarians in this state to the number of 400 have voluntarily qualified for various grades of certificates, granted by the Board of Certification of the Missouri Library Association. The demand is for legal certification based on standards of qualifications established by the profession and made legal by the General Assembly.

This central library agency should be empowered by law to set the standards and issue the certificates.

**Placement of Librarians**

Provision should be made by this central agency not only to examine candidates and to grant certificates but to assist librarians unemployed to secure positions. It is assumed that this agency will know the library personnel of the state, and will know the local conditions in various parts of the state. With a knowledge of local conditions and an acquaintance with his personnel, the director of the placement bureau can fit the librarian to the job.

**Adult Education**

The shortening of the hours of labor per day and fewer days in the week means that millions of people of the state will have enforced leisure hours. Libraries are making a bid for that leisure time by offering reading material for entertainment and for vocational advancement. The Federal Government trained teachers in Columbia this summer (1935) to conduct classes of adults and to direct their reading. These teachers will contact only a few of the adults who wish to make the best use of their spare time, to improve their minds and to become more adept and more proficient in their vocations. The library is the one important institution for helping this class of citizens. The libraries become in a real practical sense the peoples’ universities.

**Summary**

The state should supplement local budgets. It should provide that library service be made available for every citizen in the state. Every child of school age should have access to books and magazines in his school library.

The State Library Commission, which is already functioning in state-wide service through its traveling library system, might well be made this central library agency. It would need to be reorganized and enlarged, to be given a large collection of books for circulation and for deposit in the regional libraries, and a personnel sufficiently large to care for the certification, for the circulation, for field work, for placement, for supervision and the like. A legislative library service should be provided. A union list of research library material should be provided. The principle of co-operative acquisition of
materials of research and inter-library loans should be established. This would render duplication unnecessary and the central library would become a bibliographical center and clearing house for book information for all the state. The details of the plan remain to be worked out. School libraries should be emphasized and adequate collections of books provided for all schools. A library in every school would help to equalize the unequal educational opportunities of the children in the Ozark section of our state.

The most significant advance in library efficiency in the state would be a law requiring certificates of qualification for future librarians. The high standard of qualification of teachers is reflected in better schools. The efficiency of the schools cannot rise above the teachers. Similarly librarians make the libraries. If a library has a high standing in a community, it is usually due to its adequate book collection and the administration of the librarian.

Your committee recommends this plan as the most practical and the most efficient and the least expensive of all plans to provide library service for the residents of cities, villages, rural districts and for the children in our schools. It may be considered as one of the best educational and social institutions of the state.

Respectfully submitted,

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MISSOURI LIBRARIES; 1915-1935

HISTORY OF CERTIFICATION OF LIBRARIANS IN MISSOURI

BY ADA MCDANIEL ELLIOTT, President, 1935
Missouri Library Association

"Standardization and Certification of Librarians" was one of the important questions discussed by the Missouri Library Association as far back as 1920, when the Conference met in St. Louis at the Public Library, October 27-28. The subject was brought up in connection with the "Question Box" and round table discussion of "Everybody's Problems," when each member of the Association had the privilege of expressing his own views.

In the following year the President of Missouri Library Association appointed a Committee to make a study of this subject and to report its findings to the next Conference. Thus in 1921 the Chairman of this Committee brought in a comprehensive report making definite recommendations for the certification of librarians in Missouri. The Association voted to have the Committee continued, and instructed it to bring before the Conference of 1922 a further report with the draft of a bill to be presented to the Legislature in 1923.

This second report was presented and adopted by the Missouri Library Association at its Conference in October 1922. The bill was drawn, was presented to the Conference and was discussed at length. The Association desired further time to consider the bill, and finally postponed the matter until the next Conference without authorizing the introduction of the bill in the Missouri Legislature. Here the matter of Certification was dropped for the time being.

At the American Library Association Annual Conference at New Haven in June, 1931, the Council passed a resolution urging that each state promote legislation authorizing the proper agencies to set standards for the certification of librarians.

Acting upon this suggestion the Missouri Library Association at the official Regional Meeting of the American Library Association in Des Moines, Iowa, October, 1932, appointed a Committee to study the matter of Certification and make a report.

At a special meeting of the Missouri Library Association in Columbia, Mo., in May, 1933, the report of this committee with its recommendations was received and a definite plan was accepted providing for a Board of Certification to be appointed by the President. This Board made a comprehensive

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report at the Missouri Library Association Conference in Chicago, October, 1933, and funds were provided for the initial expense of the project.

A preliminary letter was sent in January, 1934, to Missouri librarians and trustees, stating the advantages of certification and announcing that a covering letter together with the Schedule of Qualifications for the voluntary certification of librarians in Missouri would follow. An application blank also was included. This covering letter, mailed the latter part of January, 1934, gave facts relating to the establishment of certification in some of the other states and explained the plan for Missouri.

The responses from the applications sent out were most gratifying. To date (Nov. 1935) there have been 400 librarians in Missouri who have qualified for certificates under this plan.

The following is a list of the certificates which have been granted and the number of librarians to whom they have been issued:

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The Certification Board of Missouri meets twice a year for the consideration of applications.

After more than a year’s experience under the original scheme the plan has been somewhat changed as the result of further study of standards of classification adopted by other states and according to whatever records were obtainable from American Library Association headquarters.

The following is the revised schedule of qualifications which was passed upon by the Certification Board October 5, 1935, and was adopted by the Missouri Library Association November 7, 1935, at its annual conference in St. Louis:

MISSOURI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION OF LIBRARIANS, ADMINISTERED BY THE CERTIFICATION BOARD OF MISSOURI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The following resolution was adopted by the Council of the A. L. A. at the New Haven meeting:

RESOLVED: That each state be urged to promote legislation authorizing the proper agencies to set standards for the certification of librarians, with the provision that such certification shall not affect librarians in service.

At the Montreal Conference of the A. L. A., the Council indorsed, as a part of National Planning, the following:

Certification of librarians should be provided by state law where it is now lacking, as a means of improving library service through raising the standard of library personnel and preventing the appointment of unqualified persons.
The Missouri scheme of classification for voluntary certification in use since January 1, 1934, has been somewhat changed after further study of standards adopted by other states, and in accordance with the experience of the Board of Certification under the original scheme.

These rules for classification of librarians do not apply to secretarial and clerical workers, pages, part time or volunteer workers.

In all statements of length of service, if not full time work, for any grade, the number of hours worked per week must be stated.

Application for certificate, renewal, or promotion should be sent to the Chairman of the Certification Board of the Missouri Library Association. A charge of fifty cents will be made for each and should be sent with the application.

The Board will meet twice a year and all applications should be in the hands of the Chairman by March first or September first.

**REVISED SCHEDULE OF QUALIFICATIONS**

Applicants in library work previous to January 1, 1934, who have no formal library training, may be granted a certificate on the basis of their experience. All other applicants must fulfill the specified library training requirements.

*Librarian's graduate library school life certificate (Grade 1)*

Four years' course in college or university, 2 full years' work in library school, one of which shall have been of recognized graduate grade, with evidence of satisfactory completion; and one year's successful work in a responsible position.

*Librarian's professional life certificate (Grade 2)*

Four years' course in college or university, one full year's work in library school, and two years' successful experience in a responsible position.

or

Third grade requirements plus three years' experience in a responsible position in a library area of 10,000 population or more.

or

Four years' high school or its equivalent, and 15 years of successful experience in a responsible position in a library area of over 20,000 population.

*Librarian's professional five-year certificate (Grade 3)*

Three years in college, one year in library school, and two years' experience.

or

Two years in college, one year in library school, and four years' experience.
One year in college, one year in library school, and six years' experience.

or

Four years in college, six weeks in library school, and three years' experience.

or

Three years in college, six weeks in library school, and five years' experience.

or

Two years in college, six weeks in library school, and seven years' experience.

or

One year in college, six weeks in library school, and nine years' experience.

or

Four years in high school or its equivalent, one year in library school, and eight years' experience.

or

Fourth grade plus three years' successful experience under conditions specified for Grade 4.

Librarian's professional three-year certificate (Grade 4)

Four years in high school or its equivalent, six weeks in library school, and eight years' experience.

or

Four years in high school or its equivalent, library training class, and eight years' experience.

or

Four years in college and one year's experience.

or

Three years in college and three years' experience.

or

Two years in college and five years' experience.

or

One year in college and seven years' experience.

or

Four years in high school or its equivalent, and nine years' experience as librarian.

or

Four years in high school or its equivalent, and nine years' experience as a library assistant in a library area of over 7,000 population.

Library workers one-year certificate (Grade 5)

Four years in high school or its equivalent, six weeks' library course and three years' experience.
Four years in high school or its equivalent, and four years' experience as librarian or library assistant in a library area of 3,000 or more population. (Applicable only to those in positions previous to January 1, 1934.)

The Certification Board grants a temporary certificate to an applicant lacking necessary experience and renews it in cases where two years' experience is necessary to qualify for a certificate.

Explanation of Terms Used


*Standard Summer Library School*—A course of six weeks. (90 hrs.)

*Library Training Class*—A six months' course with lectures, class work, and practical work directed by competent instructors and supervisors. (Equivalent to a Summer Library School course of six weeks, 90 hrs.)

*Promotions and Renewals*—In order to obtain a renewal of a certificate or to qualify for the next higher grade certificate the candidate must not only meet the conditions specified but submit evidence, such as an annual report or the statement of his Library Board of Trustees or his librarian, of successful work under the present grade of certificate held, and evidence of professional growth.

*Responsible Position*—The phrase “responsible position” indicates the position of librarian, assistant librarian, head of a department or branch, a specialist (such as a cataloguer), senior assistant and children's librarian, in a library area of 10,000 or more population.

Alice M. Waldron, Chairman
Ada M. Elliott
Ruth O'Malley
Harriet P. Sawyer
Harriet Shouse
Grace M. Young
The central library organization for the state of Missouri is the Missouri Library Commission which was created by law in 1907. The duties of the Commission are in brief: (1) To give advice to all free, public, and school libraries regarding their establishment and maintenance; to help them in their choice of books, in the classification and cataloguing of their books; and to assist them in other details of management. (2) To provide for the loan of traveling libraries to clubs and other community organizations throughout the state, to public schools, to colleges, and to other libraries, for purposes of supplementing their own book collections,—this circulation of books all free except for transportation.

The first objective is one of the major functions of the Commission. For several years this function has been practically non-existent because of the lack of funds. In 1914 and again in 1922 the Secretary of the Library Commission directed the Library Institutes in the northwestern, the central, the southwestern, and various other sections of the state,—nine in all. In 1920 and in 1922 the Secretary visited forty-two libraries counseling with the librarians as to the selection of books, the methods of preparing them for circulation, and the administration of the libraries. In these years the Secretary of the Commission also spoke before many groups interested in library service.

Information on library technique and on the establishment of libraries was issued in mimeograph form and sent out. Collections of pamphlets such as the Standard Catalog and Book-list Books were sent to libraries out in the state. Then too the Library Messenger, the official organ of the Commission, which began publication in 1913, was used for nine years or until 1922 to convey information to the librarians; book lists, news of the library world, and general information to librarians was included. A News Letter in mimeographed form, at first issued monthly, later issued quarterly, has furnished an ineffectual medium for communication between the Commission and the librarians of the state from 1923 to date.

In the circulation of books, which was the second major project of the Commission, there has always been the problem as to how to extend book service to the 1,770,000 people in the state who live in rural communities where there are no libraries. While the original purpose of the Commission was to send the traveling and package libraries to the women's clubs and various community organizations in the rural districts of Missouri, the insistent demands on the part of individual citizens in these localities for book service has resulted in the individual loans becoming one of the major services given. The library of the Commission, numbering approximately 36,000 volumes, has thus become a central circulating library for more than 1,770,000 people.
Individual requests have increased annually up to 1930, when three-fourths of all requests were for loans to individuals; in 1934, one-half were individual requests. In 1932 the total circulation of books from the Commission was 60,301 of which 19,318 were issued to individuals. This was the maximum circulation of any one year. The circulation declined in 1933 and in 1934 due to a curtailment of service on account of decrease in the staff and due to a very limited appropriation for the years 1933-1934. The staff consisted of seven members in 1933, and of three members in 1934. The appropriation for 1921 was $13,250.00; for 1926, $11,000.00; for 1933, $5,431.25. The circulation steadily increased from 1920 when it was 14,955 to 1932 when there were 60,301 books sent out. In 1934 the circulation dropped to 30,241, lower than it had been in 1925. With the Commission staff limited to three members, the individual loans in 1934 were necessarily reduced and emphasis was placed on the package and traveling libraries.

Figure 2.—Distribution of Traveling Libraries.
The library of the General Assembly, usually known as the Legislative Reference Library, was created in 1909 and placed under the control of the House and Senate during the sessions of the General Assembly, and under the Secretary of the Library Commission at other times. In 1912 provision was made by the Commission for the employment of a Legislative Librarian from November 1st to December 31st. By a House resolution the position was continued and salary paid during the session and two clerks from the House and Senate were appointed. This policy was followed for several years. For the past few years no support has been given by the Assembly for carrying on the duties of a legislative library. Innumerable questions coming from similar state agencies in other states are answered when possible by the Secretary of the Library Commission.

The statistics on file show a steady increase in requests received, in volumes added and in the field of service. There were 10,159 requests answered in 1932. The peak of the service of the Commission in all lines was probably reached during this year. The staff had been increased sufficiently to handle the work. Unfortunately, during the 1933 General Assembly, House Bill No. 5 was introduced providing for the abolishment of the Library Commission. For a period of three months continued existence was uncertain. When the bill failed of passage, the appropriation provided was just $862.50 more than the amount provided for the Commission at the time of its organization in 1907. Thus the library was left with a large circulation built up through its years of service, and at the same time was left with the problem as to where and how its service might be curtailed. The biennium of 1933-1934 was one of uncertainty, with intervals of activity when assistance was obtained through the Civil Works Administration and the Federal Emergency Relief Administration in the form of personnel.

The Secretaries of the Library Commission, the Members of the Commission, and statistical data on circulation follow:

**Secretaries of the Missouri Library Commission**

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<td>Irving R. Bundy</td>
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<td>Uel W. Lamkin</td>
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<td>1909-1919</td>
<td>A. Ross Hill</td>
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<td>Arthur E. Bostwick</td>
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MISSOURI LIBRARIES; 1915-1935

1918-1935  Ward Edwards
1920-1925  Mrs. W. K. James
1921-1923  John Carlton Jones
1922-1930  Clarence J. Baxter
1923-1934  Charles A. Lee
1924-1930  Stratton D. Brooks
1926-1932  Mrs. Joseph J. Richesin

1930-1935  Elizabeth Summersby
1930-1935  Walter Williams
1932-        Charles C. Schuttler
1933-        Mrs. Luella St. Clair Moss
1934-        Lloyd W. King
1935-        Emily M. Lewis
1935-        Frederick A. Middlebush

STATISTICS OF THE MISSOURI LIBRARY COMMISSION

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<td>5,739</td>
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<td>10,159</td>
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<td>9,514</td>
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As most of the books sent out from the Library Commission are circulated many times in the communities to which they are sent, often as many as 30 in rural schools, a very conservative estimate of the circulation is obtained by multiplying the total by 5, making the complete circulation 3,058,970.
MISSOURI LIBRARY LAWS—SUMMARY

Compiled by ANN TODD

SECTION REFERENCE

Note: All Section references are to Missouri Revised Statutes 1929 unless otherwise indicated.

State Library: Sections 13413-13431. Sections 13413 and 13419 have been repealed and new sections enacted. (Laws 1931, p. 261).

Missouri Library Commission: Sections 13432-13437.

Library of the General Assembly: Sections 13438-13444.

School Libraries: Sections 13445-13447. See also Section 9198.

City, Village and Township Libraries: Sections 13448-13462. See also Sections 6377-6386 for cities of 75,000-150,000 inhabitants. (See also decision of Supreme Court of Mo. v. 178, p. 222.

County Library Districts: Sections 13463-13472.

Libraries in Cities of over 300,000 Inhabitants: Sections 13473-13478.

School Libraries in Cities: Sections 9333, 9541. See also Sections 9422; 9215; 9539, 9540; 9528-9532, 9535; 9533-9535, 9549; 9428. [Section 9333 has been amended (Laws 1935, p. 350-51). Section 9534 has been amended (Laws 1935, p. 348-50). Sections 9533, 9528, 9539, 9540 have been repealed and new sections enacted (Laws 1935, p. 353-58).]

County Use of City Libraries: Section 13459.

City Use of County Libraries: Section 13468.

Incorporated Libraries: Sections 4999, 5006.

For detailed information the reader is referred to the proper sections in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri, 1929, and to the Laws of 1931 and 1935.

Missouri laws provide for free public libraries in cities, villages and townships; for free county libraries; for school district and incorporated libraries.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

To establish a free public library in an incorporated city, it is necessary to secure the petition of one hundred taxpaying voters, asking that the question of establishing a free public library be submitted to the voters of the city at the next regular election or at a special election which may be called for the purpose. Such petition shall specify the rate of taxation (which shall not exceed two mills on the dollar annually, or if in a city of 100,000 or over, $\frac{3}{2}$ of one mill annually). The law requiring the submission of the question is mandatory, and the city council must present it to the people. If a majority of the voters voting on such question vote "for the tax for the free public library" the tax
specified shall be levied and collected as are other taxes. (Section 13448) Sections 13449-13456 cover library operations in detail.

This question of tax is not stated as plainly in the law as might be. It should be borne in mind that this tax is not, as Missouri cities are governed, an increase in taxation. There are limits to taxation provided by the Constitution, and this library tax authorized is simply an order upon the tax-levying power to set aside from the taxes it is permitted to levy the amount the voters say must be used for library purposes. Under the Constitution, cities of 30,000 or more may levy a tax for general purposes of $1.00 on the $100; of less than 30,000 and more than 10,000, 60 cents on the $100; of less than 10,000 and more than 1,000, 50 cents on the $100; and in towns having 1,000 or less, 25 cents on the $100. The Supreme Court of the State has said (178 Mo. 222) that "a city which has levied the maximum tax permitted by the Constitution for general purposes cannot levy an additional tax of two mills for library purposes. Nor can the Legislature give it power to exceed the maximum rate provided by the Constitution for cities of its class." A city of 1,000 to 10,000 population may levy a 50 cent tax to run the city government. If a library tax of 10 cents is ordered, all other expenses of the city government must be met from the remainder, 40 cents. In other words, the amount voted for a library is simply deducted from the amount already authorized to be levied.

Subject to the same conditions, in addition to the library maintenance tax, any city may create a library building fund. The proceedings in this instance are the same as for library maintenance, the petition asking for an increased tax for a library building (limited to 1½ mills on the dollar annually for a period of five years). This requires a vote of two-thirds of the qualified voters of such city voting at such election. (Section 13460).

In an incorporated village or township, the proceedings for establishing a library are the same as for cities, with the exception that but fifty names are required to the petition to have the question submitted to the voters. (Section 13457).

**COUNTY USE OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

Citizens of any county wherein is situated a city containing a free public library may acquire the use of said library by petition of one hundred taxpayers residing in said county outside of said city and a like number of citizens residing in the city, addressed to the county court; the court then having the right to contract with the board of directors of the library for the use of said library by all the citizens of the county, the compensation therefor not to exceed three per cent of the county revenue for the year out of which payment is to be made. (Section 13459).

**COUNTY LIBRARIES**

To establish a county library it is necessary to secure the petition of one hundred (100) taxpaying citizens, "outside of the territory of all cities and
towns . . . maintaining, at least in part by taxation, a public library”; the petition “asking that a county library district of the county, outside of the territory of all such aforesaid cities and towns, be established.” Such petition shall be directed to the county court and shall specify the rate of taxation (which shall not exceed two mills on the dollar). The question shall be submitted to the voters and if a majority of votes is obtained the county library district shall be established and the tax specified for a free county library shall be levied and collected “in like manner with other taxes in the rural school districts of” the county. (Section 13463). Sections 13464-13472 cover county library operations in detail.

In 1921 the Missouri Legislature passed the county library law, which contains the following main provisions: (1) Upon petition of 100 voters, the county court must submit the county library proposition to the voters at an annual election, specifying a tax rate of not over two mills. (2) This law creates a county library board and outlines its duties, which are similar to those of a city library board. (3) It authorizes donations and bequests. (4) It provides for library service by contract with another library. (5) Service must be freely accessible to all parts of the county.

Incorporated City or Town Use of Free County Libraries

Provision is made whereby any incorporated city or town located in a free county library district may become a part of the free county library system. (Section 13468).

School Libraries—State Library Board

The State Library Board consists of five members, four of whom are appointed by the state board of education, the state superintendent of schools being a member and ex officio chairman. (Section 13445). The duty of the Board is to “select, classify and recommend a list of suitable books for school libraries, supplementary reading and school reference books.” Provision is made for the classes of books to be covered, and the compilation of a list of suitable titles. It is also provided that the Board shall enter into contract with publishers of the books selected, to furnish them, transportation charges prepaid, at the lowest possible costs to the district; for a revision of the list every two years, and for the printing and distribution of same by the State Superintendent of Public Schools. (Section 13446). “For the purpose of purchasing school libraries, supplementary and reference books, district boards of directors shall set aside, out of the levy made for incidental purposes, not less than 5 nor more than 20 cents per pupil enumerated in the district each year, which shall be spent under the direction of the board in purchasing books” . . . (Section 13447). “For the purpose of purchasing schoolhouse sites, erecting schoolhouses [library buildings] and furnishing the same, . . . the board of
directors shall be authorized to borrow money and issue bonds for the pay­ment thereof, in the manner herein provided.” (Section 9198).

**School Libraries in Cities**

In any city as specified below, the board of education has power “to establish and maintain separate libraries and public parks and playgrounds for the use of white and colored persons in such school district and for the use of the public school district therein, and to appropriate such sums as they may deem proper for the support thereof;” for cities of 20,000 and under 100,000 inhabitants, $2,500 annually; 5,000 and under 20,000, $500; 1,000 and under 5,000, $250. (Section 9333). See also Section 9422. Section 9215 states how library site is selected, how title is obtained and how board can condemn site.

School districts in cities of 75,000 and less than 500,000 inhabitants are more generously dealt with; “the board of directors of any such city school district shall have power to establish and maintain a library and free reading room for the use of the school district, and to appropriate such sums as the board may deem proper” for their support. (Section 9541). For acquiring sites see Sections 9539, 9540. Bond issues are covered in Sections 9528-9532, 9535; tax increases in Sections 9533-9535, 9549. Maintenance of library in case of annexation of city school district is covered in Section 9428.

**Incorporated Libraries**

Provision is also made for the subscription library (Section 4999) and the endowed library. (Section 5006). See also Section 5071.

**Missouri Library Commission**

“The governor shall appoint three persons, who, with the state superin­tendent of schools and the president of the state university, shall constitute the Missouri library commission.” (Section 13432).

The duties of the commission include: “advice to all school, free, and other public libraries, and to all communities which may propose to establish them, as to the best means of establishing and maintaining such libraries, the selection of books, cataloguing and other details of library management.” It may “receive gifts of money, books or other property which may be used or held in trust for the purpose or purposes given.” It “may purchase and operate traveling libraries, and circulate such libraries within the state among communities, libraries, schools, colleges, universities, library associations, study clubs, charitable and penal institutions, free of cost, except for trans­portation. . . It may publish lists and circulars of information . . ., it may also conduct summer schools of library instructions, and a clearing house for period­icals for free gift to local libraries.” (Section 13433). Sections 13434-13437 cover library commission operations in detail.

See page 22 for history of Missouri Library Commission.
STATE LIBRARY SURVEY—SUMMARY
by
E. L. MORGAN AND M. W. SNEED

The following brief review of the State Library Survey reported in Research Bulletin 236 of the Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station, Columbia, Missouri, lists some of the findings of this investigation on a state-wide basis. It is not a complete statistical summary.

PUBLIC LIBRARY FACILITIES

1. There are 135 public libraries in Missouri. Only 52 are tax supported, a few receive municipal aid, four are endowed, and those remaining are maintained by various other sources of revenue.

2. Only 44 counties (including the city-county of St. Louis) out of 115 in this state have tax supported libraries within their boundaries. An additional 43 have non-tax supported libraries, while 28 counties have no public libraries of any description. Most of the latter are south of the Missouri River and are in the Ozark Region.

3. There are 1,740,897 people who are not served by public libraries. This is 48 per cent of the total population of the state and pertains almost exclusively to rural people. Of this group approximately 95 per cent has no...
access to public library facilities. On the other hand, more than 95 per cent of the urban population is served. The contrast is one of rural-urban inequality of facilities, an inequality toward which every county contributes.

4. Missouri ranks second in the percentage of total population served when compared with adjoining states. But when compared with all states, it ranks twenty-fifth, which is below the percentage for the United States as a whole. When only the percentage of the rural population that is served is compared, Missouri’s rank among the adjoining states falls, conspicuously, to seventh.

5. Public libraries contain 2,193,965 volumes. About three-fourths of these are in the five largest cities, which contain some 40 per cent of the total state population.

6. While the total number of volumes in libraries has increased in every year since 1925, still there are only six-tenths (0.6) volumes per capita. This is well below the per capita for the United States.

7. More than eleven and one-half million books were circulated in 1934. This total, however, was unusually large. The circulation per capita in the same year was almost three and one-half volumes, a marked increase over that in 1925.

8. Data from libraries reporting show that the circulation per borrower was a little more than 15 volumes in 1934. This was below the average for the preceding 10 years (1925-1934) and was considerably below that of 18.6 volumes in 1932.

9. About one-half of the public libraries do not include newspapers in their service, while nearly 20 per cent have no magazines or other periodicals.

10. Full time public librarians have an average of 11 years’ experience, while the average for part time is a little more than three years. Approximately 90 per cent of these librarians have served only in the library from which they reported and only one out of every five has attended a library school.

11. The average annual salary for full time librarians in tax supported libraries is $942. This average increases as the population of the place where the librarian serves increases.

12. A sum of more than nine hundred thousand dollars was expended through public libraries in 1934. This expenditure amounted to only 27 cents per capita. Ninety-eight per cent of the total was expended by urban libraries.

13. Missouri’s per capita expenditure compares favorably with that of the adjoining states but it is below that for the United States.

14. Data from the libraries reporting indicate that from 1931 through 1933 total circulation increased about 15 per cent while total expenditures were decreasing by a similar amount.

15. In 1934, fifty-two cents of the “library dollar” were distributed in the form of salaries, 17 cents for new books, three were spent for newspapers
and periodicals, and the remaining 28 cents were consumed by all other expenditures.

**Other Library Facilities**

16. A sample comprising almost one-half the high schools in this state provides the basis for the estimate that there are probably over one million volumes in high school libraries, while there is an average of 1,400 volumes per school and a median of 950. However, there is considerable variation in the number of volumes from school to school. The number of volumes varies directly with the size of the school, while the number per student varies inversely.

17. Approximately 60 per cent of the high school libraries have newspapers, most of which are local weeklies, while nearly 40 per cent have none. Periodicals are found in about 80 per cent of these libraries.

18. In 1934 the average expenditure per high school for books, newspapers, and periodicals was a little more than $120.

19. Part-time student attendants are generally found instead of regular librarians in high school libraries.

20. Nearly one-half the high school libraries are available to the public but they are generally little used.

21. There are about one and one-half million volumes in the college and university libraries in the state.

22. Librarians in college and university libraries are generally better trained and better salaried than are those in public libraries.

23. College library facilities are available to the public in two-thirds of these institutions and in some cases this use is quite extensive.

24. More than 700,000 volumes were revealed by a sample which includes the major special libraries. Less than 20,000 volumes were reported in a sample of institutional libraries. These facilities are reported as being insufficient in several respects.

25. It appears reasonable to estimate that there are more than 30,000 volumes in several hundred rental collections which are distributed throughout the state. Small rental collections seem to have been established in large numbers during the recent financial emergency.

26. The Missouri Library Commission, which is the state central library agency, has approximately 36,000 volumes.

27. The largest proportion of all requests answered by the Commission are those made by individuals, but the greatest proportion of the total number of volumes sent out is forwarded to communities.

28. Funds which have been available for the activities of the state library Commission have not been large enough to provide adequately for the extension and maintenance of the Commission's service.
LIBRARY CLUBS, STAFF ORGANIZATIONS AND AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

1. COLUMBIA LIBRARY CLUB. Organized December 1907.
   Purpose: Development of social activities, professional and library interests of Columbia.
   Officers: 1908 1935
   President __________ H. O. Severance __________ B. Lamar Johnson
   Vice-Pres. __________ Miss Williams __________ Jane Frodsham
   Secretary __________ S. Blanche Hedrick __________ Ann Todd
   Treasurer __________ Clarence W. Sumner __________ Bon-Jean White

2. KANSAS CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY STAFF ORGANIZATION. Organized May 19, 1916, with Helen S. Read as president.
   Officers: 1935
   President __________ Eleanor Minor
   Vice-Pres. __________ Helen S. Read
   Secretary __________ Gertrude Pope
   Treasurer __________ Katherine McNabb


4. ST. LOUIS PUBLIC LIBRARY. (a) Staff Committee 1912. Composed of 7 members appointed by the Librarian 1912-1923; elected by correspondence votes by the entire staff 1924. Purpose: To look after staff welfare and to solicit and collect pledges for the community funds.
   (b) St. Louis Chapter of the American Library Association. Organized February 21, 1921, with 54 members. Meetings are twice a year. Secretary-Treasurer, Madeleine Closs.

   Officers:
   President __________ Alice R. Gladden, 1916-1924
   Secretary __________ Emily Bird Smith, 1916
   Secretary __________ Blanche Trigg, 1917-1924

6. SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY CLUB, 1915-1918. Composed of librarians and student assistants of Drury College, the Public Library, and the Missouri State Teachers College. A rather loose organization without officers and meeting three or four times a year.

7. THE DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARIES OF THE MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION. The department was organized in 1908 with the assistance of Elizabeth B. Wales, Secretary of the Missouri Library Commission. There
have been annual conferences since that time in which papers and discussions have emphasized the improvement of school libraries.

Officers: 1935

Chairman _______________ Mildred K. Allen
Vice-Chairman ___________ Eliza H. Gibbany
Secretary _______________ Sadie T. Kent.

8. The Missouri Library Association. This organization has been affiliated with the American Library Association since 1913.

Organized at the conference in Excelsior Springs, 1934.

Purpose: To promote professional growth and advancement of its members.

Projects: (1) Publication of a booklet addressed to the members of the General Assembly asking their support of the Missouri Library Commission. (2) Survey of unemployed librarians in Missouri. (3) Salary survey of librarians in Missouri.

Officers: 1935

Chairman _______________ Paul Howard
Vice-Chairman ___________ Ruth T. Manlove
Secretary _______________ Grace Collins, resigned
Secretary _______________ Annadele Riley

Officers elected November 1935 for the ensuing year:

Chairman _______________ Ruth T. Manlove
Vice-Chairman ___________ Annadele Riley
Secretary _______________ Clement S. Skrabak
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CITIZENS' COUNCIL FOR MISSOURI LIBRARIES

This Council was organized at Excelsior Springs, October 22, 1934, with the following officers: Luella St. Clair Moss, President; L. M. Birkhead, 1st Vice-President; Margaret Powell, 2nd Vice-President; and Gertrude G. Drury, Secretary.

It is a citizens' body affiliated with the library profession through the requirement that its secretary be an active librarian, in the state of Missouri. The aim of the organization is the extension of efficient book service to all citizens of Missouri through the activity of individuals and the coordinated efforts of representatives of civic and service organizations.

The officers for the year 1935-36 are: Mrs. H. H. Muchall, President; L. M. Birkhead, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. J. L. Lindsay, 2nd Vice-President; and Gertrude G. Drury, Secretary.


DISTRICT 2—Chairman, Hazel Price: Adair, Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Chariton, Clark, Howard, Knox, Lewis, Lincoln, Linn, Macon, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Pike, Putnam, Ralls, Randolph, Schuyler, Scottland, Shelby, Sullivan.


District 4—Chairman, Mrs. William G. Simrall: Franklin, Gasconade, Jefferson, Osage, St. Chaires, St. Louis, Warren.

DISTRICT 5—Chairman, Mrs. W. P. Magee: Barry, Barton, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Douglas, Greene, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, Ozark, Polk, Stone, Taney, Webster, Wright.

The membership of the Citizens' Council as of January 1, 1936, is as follows:

Mrs. Jennie Alexander, New London
Mrs. O. O. Ash, Moberly
Dr. Clara Auer, St. Louis
Mrs. Fred Baker, Hannibal
Mrs. A. H. Baldwin, Pleasant Hill
Mrs. W. C. Beaven, Hannibal
Mrs. Ruth Beazley, Steelville
Mrs. Mary Bentley, Huntsville
L. M. Birkhead, Kansas City
Mrs. Caroline K. Bowles, St. Louis
Oradelle Bruehmann, Maplewood
Mrs. E. C. Buckner, Fayette
C. J. Burger, Washington
Mrs. Elise Byrd, Malden
Mrs. DeWitt C. Chastian, Butler
Mrs. Carolyn B. Cockefair, Warrensburg
Mrs. W. D. Cosner, Trenton
Mrs. P. H. Crane, Kansas City
Ada Claire Darby, St. Joseph
Mildred Dawson, Eolia
Wesley A. Deneke, Flat River
Mrs. Frank E. Dorsey, Kansas City
Mrs. Helen Edwards, Slater
Mrs. Chas. C. England, Festus
Mrs. Frank C. Fay, Chillicothe
Roy Freund, Houstonia
Mrs. C. S. Fitz, Poplar Bluff
Mrs. Carolyn F. Fuller, Kansas City
Mrs. C. L. Grant, Jackson
Mrs. A. Ross Hill, Kansas City
Mrs. Carl Hinn, Excelsior Springs
L. S. Hopkins, Canton
Carl B. Ike, West Plains
Chas. F. Johnson, Lebanon
Emily Lewis, St. Louis
Mrs. J. L. Lindsay, Poplar Bluff
Mrs. David S. Long, Harrisonville
Harry McMillan, Lee's Summit
Claudia McMurray, Fayette
Mrs. Warren Mabrey, Cape Girardeau
Mrs. W. P. Magee, Springfield
Mrs. O. Myking Mehus, Maryville
Mrs. J. G. Miller, Montgomery
Lee Montgomery, Sedalia
Mrs. Luella St. Clair Moss, Columbia
Mrs. H. H. Muchall, University City
Mrs. Hugh Page, Milan
Margaret Powell, Cape Girardeau
Dr. Guy Price, Kansas City
Hazel Price, Glasgow
Mrs. S. P. Reynolds, Caruthersville
M. D. Robbins, Fredericktown
C. H. Sackett, St. Louis
Grace Shepherd, Maryville
Mrs. William G. Simrall, St. Louis
Mrs. O. L. Smith, Overland
Mrs. Harry Sneed, Sedalia
Charles V. Stansell, Kansas City
Mrs. Arthur Stockstrom, St. Louis
Mrs. Harold Thornton, Clarksdale
Mrs. Allen Umstattd, Overland
Mrs. W. E. Walker, La Monte
Essie Ward, King City
Irwin Williams, Sumner
Mrs. Scott Wilson, Ferguson
Dr. Frank R. Wright, Webster Groves
Mrs. H. A. Young, Salem
LIBRARY TRAINING AGENCIES

The first movement toward systematic training for librarians in Missouri was made by the University of Missouri in 1903 when an apprentice course was given by James T. Gerould, Librarian of the University.

The Normal Schools followed with courses: Kirksville in 1904; Warrensburg in 1906; Springfield in 1910; Maryville in 1912; and Cape Girardeau in 1914.

The purpose of these courses was to acquaint students with the elementary processes of library work, so that they might be able to fill positions in these State Teachers Colleges.

I. THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

The University of Missouri Library began instruction in Library Methods in 1903, an apprentice course. Then in 1908 a course for credit was offered in the Summer School. No other course was offered until 1911 when through the co-operation of the Missouri Library Commission and the St. Louis Public Library a six weeks' course was held in the Cabanne Branch of the St. Louis Public Library.

In the following year, 1912, the University Library in co-operation with the St. Louis Public Library and the Missouri Library Commission offered the first Summer Library School of six weeks, with four hours' credit toward a B. S. degree in Education. Three courses were offered:

1. (1) Cataloguing and classification with two hours' credit
2. (2) Administration of school libraries with one hour credit
3. (3) Reference and book selection with one hour credit.

These courses under the same auspices each carrying two hours' credit were offered in successive Summer Library Schools in alternate years: 1914, 1916, 1918. For the next two years, owing to war conditions, they were not given. In 1921 the fifth Summer Library School was held. This session required the full time of the student, and gave six hours' credit in the School of Education in the University of Missouri.

Henry O. Severance was Director of these Summer Library Schools. Elizabeth B. Wales, Secretary of the Missouri Library Commission, assisted with the courses during the years 1912, 1914, 1916, 1918. The St. Louis Public Library was represented by Harriet P. Sawyer, Director of the Public Library School, in 1912; by Effie L. Power, children's librarian, in 1914; by Margery Quigley, branch librarian, and Alice I. Hazeltine, children's librarian, in 1916; by Bertha Uhlemeyer, cataloguer, and Alice I. Hazeltine, in 1918; and by Gertrude G. Drury, chief instructor in the St. Louis Library School, and Anna P. Mason, children's librarian, in 1921. The University contributed the time of Florence Whittier, reference librarian, in 1912 and in 1914; Emma K.
Parsons, reference librarian, in 1916 and 1918; and of Henry O. Severance, University Librarian, and of Grace Barnes, reference librarian, in 1921.

Lectures to supplement these courses were given by professional people in their various fields.

Beginning with the regular session of 1910, a library course giving two hours' credit in the School of Education was offered by members of the University Library Staff:

(1) Administration of school libraries. (2) Cataloguing and classification. A similar library course was thus given during each regular session of the University up to and including 1917, after which it was discontinued.

In 1915 Henry O. Severance conducted a two hour course in Library Science for teachers during the regular summer session in the University. This course was given annually up to and including 1932 with one exception (1931). In 1919 it was given by Emma K. Parsons, reference librarian; in 1920 because of the absence of H. O. Severance, who was engaged in library war work, the course was given by Fannie Dunlap, reference librarian. In 1921 and during the successive years Mr. Severance was Director of the Summer Library Courses in the University, assisted by Grace Barnes, in 1921 and 1922; by Will H. Collins, reference librarian, in 1923-1925; and by Ada M. Elliott, reference librarian, in 1926-1932. After 1932 the Summer Library courses were discontinued because of the lack of funds.

II. Teachers' Colleges

The first instruction given in the Teachers' Colleges was designed to give students an elementary knowledge of technique so that they might do apprentice work and make the best use of the college libraries. After 1915 the courses were designed to train teacher-librarians.

First district—Kirksville. The first course in library methods was given in 1904, and annually thereafter until 1914. In 1915 two courses were offered: (1) an elementary course; (2) an advanced course designed to fit teachers to organize and administer high school libraries. The former was continued until 1922, the latter until 1918. Then a course on Administration of School Libraries was given, with credit, for the year 1922-1923. Courses were not given 1923-1929; but in 1930 a new course called Library Problems appeared in the curricula and is being continued.

Second district—Warrensburg. The first course was offered in 1906; this consisted of six lectures and was required of all students. No credit was given. This work is now given in five lectures.

Third district—Cape Girardeau. Courses have been given annually since 1914. Two courses were offered in 1916: (1) General Library Methods given every term, with three hours credit from 1916 to date; (2) Library Organization offered for three hours' credit. The first course has been required of all
freshmen since 1934 without credit; the second course, from 1931 to date, has been known as School Libraries and is designed for teacher-librarians, given in spring and summer terms with two and one-half hours' credit.

Fourth district—Springfield. Instruction began in 1910 consisting of lectures to groups of students and teachers, and talks to individual students. In 1919 a formal course in Library Methods for Teacher-Librarians was offered with two and one-half hours' credit. Three courses with laboratory practice were offered in 1920-1921. From 1922 to 1929 a course in the Use of the Library and another on Organization of a High School Library were given in the spring and summer sessions with two and one-half hours' credit. From 1929 to date (1935), the course on the Use of the Library has been given every term with credit toward a degree; and the other course has been given during the summer session only, with credit toward a degree.

Fifth district—Maryville. A course in Library Science has been given with various changes since 1912. The course includes instruction in cataloguing, classification, and arrangement of books on the shelves. Instruction in the use of the card catalog, Readers' Guide, reference books and pamphlets is given. Student assistants in the library are selected from those who have completed the course. The course gives two and one-half hours' credit.

III. Public Libraries

Kansas City. An apprentice training class was organized in 1916. The class was continued annually until 1929, with the exception of 1918. The students paid for instructional and supervisory service,—from twenty-five to forty dollars per month; but they were paid for twenty hours per week practice work. The principal and the head of departments of the library gave lectures on library topics supplementing the class work.

St. Louis. Apprentice work dates from 1905 when the first class was formed in charge of the Chief of the Stations Department. In 1910 the course was enlarged from one month to an academic year in charge of a permanent principal.

In 1917 the course was expanded into a Library School of standard grade. The school in 1921 became a member of the Association of American Library Schools and was accredited by the Board of Education for Librarianship of the American Library Association.

In 1932 it was thought best, on account of the depression and the over-supply of trained librarians, to suspend the St. Louis Library School for two years or until such time as it would be advisable to reopen it.
LARGER GIFTS TO LIBRARIES IN MISSOURI

Gifts of Money and Books, 1915-1935

There is no claim to completeness in this list. There may have been other large gifts an account of which was not discovered.

The total for new library buildings and sites was $143,708.

1. For Buildings and Sites

(a) The Carnegie Corporation gave to:
   Cape Girardeau Public Library, $20,000
   Greenfield Public Library, $8,000
   Marceline Public Library, $12,500
   Monroe City Public Library, $7,500
   Shelbina Public Library, $10,000
   Total $58,000

(b) J. C. Penny gave to Hamilton Public Library, $10,000

(c) Helen K. Garth gave to Hannibal Public Library, $10,000

(d) Theodore Gary and others gave to Macon Public Library, $15,000

(e) George O. Carpenter gave to St. Louis Public Library, Carpenter Branch site, $13,000

(f) George F. Steedman gave to St. Louis Public Library, Steedman Architectural Collection, $37,708

2. For Books

(a) Aurora Public Library, $80 by Martin T. Pope.

(b) Columbia, University of Missouri, Walter Williams Library, $500 for initial purchase, 1934, and $250 annually thereafter, by the Alumni Association of the School of Journalism.

(c) Hamilton Public Library, $100 by D. M. Ferguson.

(d) Kansas City Public Library, $25,000 by George Sheidley.

(e) Parkville, Park College, $2,100 by Mr. and Mrs. George A. Lawrence; $700 by the Class of 1923; $250 by the Faculty Women’s Club.

(f) St. Joseph Public Library, $1,837.50 from the Huggins Estate.

(g) St. Louis, Concordia College, $250 from the Lutheran Synod.

(h) St. Louis, Principia, $1,000 by the Alumni Association.

(i) St. Louis Public Library,
   Books for the Blind
   Glendale Community Club $115
   Lions Club $350
The Julia Wiener Fund
Dr. Meyer Wiener $1,000
Lee Cronbach $25
Thomas B. Rodgers, Jr. $25
Mrs. Edward Wolff $10
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Butler $50
Martin J. Collins $50
Mrs. William Stix $5,000
G. A. Buder $5,000

(j) Shelbina Public Library, $500 by W. O. L. Jewett; $180 by the Story Telling Circle.


3. Gifts of Books
(Number of volumes or value)

The following libraries received as gifts books valued at $100 and above: Brookfield, Culver-Stockton, Clarksville, Columbia, Fulton, Kansas City (2,232 volumes, the Greenwood Library), Poplar Bluff, Richmond, Macon.

The University of Missouri received the William Benjamin Smith Library of 3,000 volumes, the Irion Library of 200 volumes; St. Joseph Public Library, 1,200 volumes the gift of Dr. P. I. Leonard; St. Louis Public Library, 328 volumes from Mrs. Elias Michael, 1,375 volumes from Mrs. George Richards, 500 volumes from Mrs. William Marion Reedy; St. Louis Medical Society, 488 volumes; St. Louis University, 735 volumes worth $825; Washington University, 1,200 volumes from C. F. Sparks and about $10,000 worth of books from the Bixby Library; Drury College, 300 volumes from Mrs. Albert Marty, 104 volumes from H. M. Beardsley and 204 volumes from Mrs. Alice Gifford. The Kansas City Public Library received a genealogical collection of 1,428 volumes from the family of John Barber White.

4. Gifts in Support of Library Schools

The St. Louis Library School received from the Carnegie Corporation in 1926-1932 gifts totalling $18,000 and in 1928 toward support of summer institute for librarians, $850.
### MISSOURI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 1900-1935

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*Acting President, Harriet P. Sawyer.
VICE PRESIDENTS

1901 Purd B. Wright
Carrie Westlake Whitney
1902 Faith E. Smith
Sula Wagner
1903 W. F. Webb
Anna Powers
1904 Sula Wagner
L. M. McAfee
1905 Faith E. Smith
Lowell M. McAfee
1906 F. A. Sampson
Willis H. Kerr
1907 Elizabeth B. Wales
Willis H. Kerr
1908 H. O. Severance
Bessie H. Lee
1909 Willis H. Kerr
Bessie H. Lee
1910 Austin D. Wolfe
Frances A. Bishop
1911-1912 Paul Blackwelder
Charles E. Rush
1913 C. E. Miller
Nancy McLachlan
1914 Harriet P. Sawyer
Eleanor Hawkins
1915 Frances Fordice
Nancy McLachlan
1916 Frances Fordice
Lillian Sutherland
1917 Mary E. Baker
Katherine Jarvis
1918-1919 Agnes F. P. Greer
Mary L. Reichert
1920-1921 Alice I. Hazeltine
Mary Mitchell
1922 Sula Wagner
Mary A. Ayres
1923 Margery Doud
1924-1925 Helen D. Birch
1926 Frances H. Swanwick
1927 Grace Langan
1928 Grace Berger
1929 Mary K. English
1930 Harriet Horn
1931 Frances H. Swanwick
1932 Alice M. Waldron
1933 Grace Hill
1934 Vera J. Prout
1935 Gertrude G. Drury
Paul Howard

SECRETARIES

1901-1902 James Thayer Gerould
1903-1904 Faith E. Smith
1905-1906 Frances A. Bishop
1907-1908 Flora B. Roberts
1909 Florence Whittier
1910-11 Marguerite McDaniel
1912-1913 Florence Whittier
1914 Jesse Cunningham
1915-1916 Mary E. Baker
1917-1919 Harold L. Wheeler
1920 Margaret Hodges (Acting)
1921 Jane Morey (Acting)
1922-1924 Jane Morey
1925 Florence B. Currie
1926-1927 Fay Delaney
1928-1929 Gertrude G. Drury
1930-1931 Margaret M. McDonald
1932-1933 Grace M. Young
1934-1935 Helen D. Birch

TREASURERS

1901-1902 James Thayer Gerould
1903-1904 Faith E. Smith
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asst.—assistant
bd.—board
br.—branch
catlgr.—cataloguer
child.—children (s)
circ.—circulation
coll.—college
dep.t.—department
dir.—director (s)
lib.—library
ln.—librarian
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PUBLIC LIBRARIES ESTABLISHED 1915-1935

1915-1929

In the first fifteen years 52 libraries were opened for service:

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1930-1935

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- Higginsville: Confederate Home of Missouri
- Mount Vernon: Missouri State Sanatorium
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- St. James: State Federal Soldiers' Home of Missouri
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