

2nd-ash. Tp. Library meeting Oct. 24 '45;
The 2nd-ash. Tp. Library meeting was held Oct.
24th '45. with all members present.

Librarians gave no. of books loaned in Sept- 1,657

No loaned in Oct. to the 24th 1,455

No. of new borrowers 77.

Mr. Parsons the bal. of this date Oct. 24th as \$462.57

and a bill to be paid of \$100.16 for books and supplies

which leaves a bal. of 361.96. All bills to

be paid by Dec. 20th '45: expenditures before that
time to be repair of venetian blinds, and new books.

Mary M^cClery
Sec.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

DANVILLE, INDIANA.

Library Report

Oct. 24, 45

No. of books loaned in Sept.

1,657

No. of books loaned in Oct. to the 24th

1,455

No. of new borrowers

77

The Library has had on display a very interesting exhibit of German articles captured by Staff Sergeant Orval Love, a former graduate of Avon High school. The students appreciated this as well as members of the Avon faculty and patrons.

The children are also enjoying 15 nursery rhyme characters that have been made from ply wood.

The boys and girls in the sixth grade are making Library notebooks. When completed they will have know "How to take care of Library books", "How to replace them on the shelves", "Parts of a book", "The Dewey-Decimal Classification" and they will report on one book the first semester. These notebooks will be judged as to neatness and correctness and a book as a prize will be presented to the child with the best work.

The Wash. Sp. Library board met Jan. 1946
with one member, Mrs. Hazel M^{rs} Cloin absent.

A. yearly report was made by Clinton Parsons trustee
and Mrs. H. Ambler, on expenditures for 1945.

Decided on the following improvements for 46.
walls to be painted, and floor refinished, and
venetian blinds to be repaired and cleaned.

Mary M^{rs} Cloin
Sec.

Year 1945

CHESTER A. PARSONS, Trustee

Washington Township, Hendricks County

R. 1 PLAINFIELD, INDIANA

Jan. 23	331	Salary	\$100.00
Feb. 1	332	Supplies	4.87
Feb. 19	7	R. Emmanuel Books	1.50
Feb. 19	8	H. Wilson Co. (20th centuries Authors)	8.50
Feb 21	28	Salary	100.00
Mar. 7	45	D. C. Heath & Co. (Books)	11.00
Mar. 22	67	Salary	100.00
Apr. 19	90	Salary	100.00
Apr. 24	119	Plainfield Messenger (Supplies)	15.75
May 26	122	Salary	70.00
Jun. 29	146	Salary	70.00
Jun. 29	149	Demco Supplies (Books & Supplies)	7.20
Jun. 29	150	Gaylord Bros. Inc. (Supplies)	9.10
Jun. 29	151	Stewart Inc. (Books)	36.81
Jul. 18	160	Salary	70.00
Aug. 22	182	Salary	70.00
Sep. 9	193	Salary	100.00
Sep. 10	194	Mrs. Bremer (Mags. Subs.)	32.00
Sep. 11	204	Byron Cox (Insurance)	82.50
Oct. 22	241	Mrs. Herbert Sears (Dues Lib. Assn.)	2.00
Oct 22	243	Hickman Bindery (8 Vols. Reader Digest)	18.60
Oct. 22	244	H. R. Huntting (Books)	15.28
Oct. 22	245	Delong Agency (Sat. Evening Post)	4.00
Oct. 22	246	Stewart Inc. (Books)	57.25
Oct. 22	271.	Salary	100.00
Nov. 21	294	Salary	100.00
Dec. 17	317	Wm H. Black Co. (Books)	115.52
Dec. 17	318	Leo McGinley Long (Books)	1.75
Dec. 17	319	Frontier Press (Lincoln Library)	23.50
Dec. 17	320	Gaylord Bros. (Suplies)	12.43
Dec. 17	321	Library of Congress (Supplies)	.99
Dec. 17	322	Stewart Inc. (Books)	73.47
Dec. 17	324	Crossel & Williams (Books)	.94
Dec. 17	326	E. M. Hale & Co. (Books)	15.45
Dec. 20	345	Salary	100.00
Dec. 20	358	Edna Hamblen (Treat & Tree)	5.15
Dec. 20	362	Wm H. Block Co. (Books & Supplies)	99.30
			<u>\$1734.86</u>

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

DANVILLE, INDIANA.

Library Report for 1945 as sent to the
Indiana State Library.

Population of Township-----Approximately 2000

Assessed valuation \$3,159, 770

Library tax rate .06

Number of volumes beginning Jan. 1945
" " " added

8,440
378

8,818 Jan. 1, '46

Number of volumes of fiction lent for home use 14,673

" " " " non-fiction " " " 3,401

18, 074

Number of new borrowers-- 96

Library Projects:

The 6th grade are now completing their Library note books.

Maps of Indiana have been made, locating homes of Indiana Authors.

Dec. 11 1946

The Wash. tp. board met Wed. Dec. 11 with all members present.

Chester Parsons trustee made the annual report as follows, an itemized report of expenditures as follows. Expenditures including librarians salary total \$1444.51 leaving a balance of \$236.51 out of which

comes a bill of 126.65 to Wm H. Bloch for books and \$3.20 to Indpls. Stat. appropriation for the year \$1100.

Mrs. H. Humblin reports total circulation of books for

46 as 16,038. an all time high both trustees and

librarians itemized report clipped to the opposite page.

The board voted to increase Mrs. Humblins salary from \$100 per mo. to \$130 for 8 mos. and \$175 for the

remaining 4 mos when the library will be open

two days per week.

Mary M. Elciz
Sec.

CHESTER A. PARSONS, Trustee

Washington Township, Hendricks County

R. 1 PLAINFIELD, INDIANA

Jan 23, 46	Voucher 25	Edna Hamblen - Salary	100.00
Jan 25, 46	Voucher 41	Hervey Johnson - Indianapolis Star	3.40
Feb 21, 46	Voucher 61	Edna Hamblen - Salary	100.00
Mar 22, 46	Voucher 100	Edna Hamblen - Salary	100.00
Apr 18, 46	Voucher 132	Edna Hamblen - Salary	100.00
Apr 23, 46	Voucher 155	Hervey Johnson - Indianapolis Star	3.20
Apr 23, 46	Voucher 156	Gaylord, Inc. - Supplies	18.25
Apr 23, 46	Voucher 157	H. R. Bunting Company - Books	15.40
Apr 23, 46	Voucher 158	Wheeler Publishing Company - Books	4.87
Apr 23, 46	Voucher 159	Heckman Bindery Primers	5.13
Apr 23, 46	Voucher 160	J. B. Lippincott - Book	1.00
Apr 23, 46	Voucher 161	University Publishing Company - Books	11.08
May 22, 46	Voucher 171	Edna Hamblen - Salary	70.00
Jun 25, 46	Voucher 181	Edna Hamblen - Salary	70.00
Jul 8, 46	Voucher 188B	Delong Publishing Agency - Magazines	57.50
Jul 8, 46	Voucher 189	Library Congress - Supplies	4.53
Jul 8, 46	Voucher 190	Heckman Bindery - Books	35.71
Jul 8, 46	Voucher 191	H. R. Bunting - Supplies	4.47
Jul 8, 46	Voucher 192	Langman Green and Company - Books	3.77
Jul 8, 46	Voucher 193	Wm. H. Block and Company - Books	73.65
Jul 8, 46	Voucher 194	Sawyers - Reels	9.31
Aug 22, 46	Voucher 201	Edna Hamblen - Salary	70.00
Aug 5, 46	Voucher 210	Stewarts, Inc. - Books	37.49
Aug 8, 46	Voucher 213	Edna Hamblen - Salary	70.00
Aug 14, 46	Voucher 217	Emmett Venetial Blind Company - Blinds	18.60
Aug 14, 46	Voucher 218	E. M. Hale Company - Cadmus Books	2.79
Aug 14, 46	Voucher 219	Wm. H. Block Company - Books	42.08
Aug 14, 46	Voucher 220	Stewarts, Inc., - Books	25.71
Sep 22, 46	Voucher 254	Edna Hamblen - Salary	100.00
Oct 22, 46	Voucher 295	Edna Hamblen - Salary	100.00
Nov 21, 46	Voucher 330	Edna Hamblen - Salary	100.00
Nov 26, 46	Voucher 346	Library Congress - Supplies	.98
Nov 29, 46	Voucher 347	Sawyers - Reels	5.76
Nov 20, 46	Voucher 348	Gaylord, Inc. - Supplies	5.10
Nov 29, 46	Voucher 349	Wilson Company - Supplies	5.00
Nov 29, 46	Voucher 350	Field and Stream - Portfolios	5.00
Nov 29, 46	Voucher 351	Stewart, Inc - Books	28.52
Nov 29, 46	Voucher 352	Heckman Bindery Company - Primer and Books	24.81
Nov 29, 46	Voucher 353	Basket Ball Magazine	2.40
Nov. 29, 46	Voucher 354	Science Research Ass'n - Vocational Files	5.00
Nov 29, 46	Voucher 355	C. W. Grayam - Books	2.00
Nov 29, 46	Voucher 356	Mrs. Herbert Sears - Library Dues	2.00

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Dec. 10, 1946
Library Report for 1946

Number of books and magazines circulated during
1946.

January	1801	
February	1746	
March	1564	
April	1357	
May	1056	
June	254	
July	477	
August	436	
September	1676	
October	1789	
November	1946	
December	836	Dec. 10th
Total	16,038	

Magazine list revised for 1946. New ones added--
House Beautiful
Jack and Jill
Open Road for Boys
Hygeia (Health Department)
Basketball Magazine (Physical Ed. Dept.)

A new borrower's register was purchased and all persons
"moving away" and all "deceased" were taken out of
register and 63 new names have been added in the four
months of school.

Edna C. Hamblen
Librarian.

Aug. 19 '47

Avon Library trustees met Aug. 19th '47 with Mrs. Hazel McElain absent.

The matter of a raise in salary for the librarian taken up and and decided that, more funds would be available 1st of the year of '48, when a further raise would be possible.

Decided on purchase of book "Land and People" by Mrs. Mahlen price \$5.20.

also on clock for the library to be purchased.
magazines to be ordered from Mrs. Bremer.

Mary McElain
Sec.

Later decided by majority of trustees that Mrs. Humble's salary could be increased to \$150 per. mo. beginning with the school year.

Last meeting of the Ann Library was held
the 1st week of August '48 with all members
present & much business of Library discussed
and report of Librarian handed in.

A new secretary was recommended by Mr.

Parsons but no action definite was decided.

Because of lack of time later it was raised
\$50 per month.

There were 110 to 120 names

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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP & SCHOOL LIBRARY

DANVILLE, INDIANA

Jan. 15	Voucher 15	Emmett Venetian Blinds	\$35.10
Jan. 15	" 16	Science Research Vocational Pamp.	5.00
Jan. 15	" 17	Heckman Bindery Primers	20.95
Jan. 15	" 18	Barrows and Co. Childrens Books	2.32
Jan. 16	" 19	Stewarts and Co., Inc. Books	27.76
Jan. 16	" 20	Gaylord Bros. Supplies	9.90
Jan. 16	" "1	Lands and People Ref. Books	53.50
Jan. 16	" 33	Americana Corp. Encyclopedia	70.78
Jan. 15	" 54	E. Hamblen Salary	150.00
Feb. 5	" 80	Associated Libraries Child. Books	51.12
Feb. 5	" 88	Hervey Johnson Indianapolis Star	4.00
Feb. 22	" 114	E. Hamblen Salary	150.00
Mar. 22	" 148	E. Hamblen Salary	150.00
April 23	" 188	E. Hamblen Salary	150.00
May 7	" 222	E. Hamblen Salary 1/2 Mo.	75.00
May 23	" 256	E. Hamblen Salary 1/2 Mo.	37.50
June 1	" 257	Hunting Co. Book	2.14
June 15	" 258	Wm. H. Block Books Adult	79.04
June 15	" 259	Stewarts Inc. Books and Supplies	67.21
June 15	" 260	Science Research Vocational Pamp.	4.20
June 15	" 261	Heckman Bindery Primers	8.25
June 18	" 263	E. Hamblen Salary	75.00
June 22	" 267	Hervey Johnson Indianapolis Star	4.75
July 3	" 274	Heckman Bindery Vol. Digest Bound & 15 Primers	14.33
July 16	" 282	E. Hamblen	75.00
July 22	" 284	Plainfield Messenger Supplies	13.20

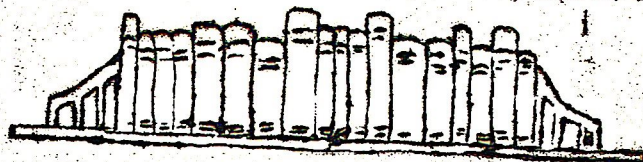
\$ 1,336.05

Appropriation \$ 2100.00
Paid out 1336.05

Balance

\$ 763.95

(This copy was given to every patron that visited the Library on P.T.A. Open House, Tuesday April 20, 1948)



"A good book is the best of friends, the same to-day and forever."

--Tupper

New Adult Books:

Home Country. . . . .	.Ernie Pyle
So Dear to My Heart . . . .	.Sterling North
Nothing so Strange. . . . .	.James Hilton
Stars in My Crown . . . . .	.Joe David Brown
While the Angels Sing . . . .	.Gladys Hasty Carroll
Mrs. Mike . . . . .	.Nancy and Benedict Freedman
Walls of Jerico . . . . .	.Paul J. Wellman
Lawrence Vane . . . . .	.Angele DuFaurier
The Gauntlet. . . . .	.James Street
Clementine. . . . .	.Peggy Goodwin
Pavilion of Women . . . . .	.Pearl Buck
Home Port . . . . .	.Olive Prouty
Inside U. S. A. . . . .	.John Gunther
House that Jacob Built. . . .	.John Gould
Peace of Mind . . . . .	.J. L. Liebman
Miracle of the Bells. . . . .	.Russell Janney
Abigail Adams . . . . .	.Janet Whitney
A Light in the Window . . . .	.Mary Roberts Rinehart
A Lion in the Street. . . . .	.Adria Langley

New Juvenile Books:

Misty of Chincoteague . . . .	.Marguerite Henry
Yea Wildcats. . . . .	.John Tunis
Appleseed Farm. . . . .	.E. T. Douglas
Magical Melons. . . . .	.Carol Brink
Silver Chief, Dog of the North. .	.Jack O'Brien
Jumping Lions of Borneo . . . .	.J. W. Dunne
Mrs. Piggie Wiggle. . . . .	.Betty MacDonald
Touchdown Twins . . . . .	.Phillip Harkins
Sleepy Forest . . . . .	.Naoma Jimmerman
Pleasant Pirate . . . . .	.John Goodwin

Summer Library Hours

Tuesday-Friday

1:00--5:00

Yearly
Library Report 1949

Jan. 6	Heckman Bindery	\$19.82
" 6	Gaylord Bros. Supplies	23.05
" 6	Wm. H. Blocks	15.00
Jan. 7	W. K. Stewart Books	265.94
" 9	Quarrie Corp. Encyclopedia	105.70
" 21	Salary	200.00
Feb. 18	Salary	200.00
Mar. 18	Salary	200.00
April 20	Salary	200.00
June 3	Salary	200.00
June 11	H. Johnson Indianapolis Star	9.00
June 11	R.R. Bowker Sub. Lib. Journal	4.00
June 11	Children's Press Children's Books	17.58
June 11	Gaylord Bros. Lib. Supplies	16.70
June 11	W.H. Block Books	8.00
June 11	W.K. Stewart Books	32.87
June 14	Joseph Dodson Supplies--Pictures Etc.	5.99
June 23	Salary	75.00
July 19	Salary	75.00
August 23	Salary	75.00
Sept. 22	Salary	75.00
Oct. 21	Salary	200.00
Nov. 23	Salary	200.00
Dec. 21	Salary	200.00

\$2,548.66

Chester A. Parsons, Trustee

(March 20, 1950)

**Library Report as sent into Indiana State Library
Jan.--Dec. 1949**

Pop. of Township (Dec. 1940) 1,529 --Pop. Dec. 1949 2,029

Assessed Valuation \$3,804, 260.00

Library Tax Rate .07

Book Stock

Vol. Beginning of year 9,463

Books added by purchase 252

Book week drive (gifts) 55

Total 9,770

Number of Vol. in Reference Dept.----- 1,900

Number of pamphlets----- 400

Pictures, Prints etc. ----- 145

Number of Periodicals Received ----- 19

4 County Papers

1 Daily (Star) Gift

Circulation

Number of Vol. of citation lent 16,541

" " " " non-fiction 1,745

Total 18,286

Borrowers 1,019

Number of pupils served by school Library No. 421

Edna C. Hamblen
Librarian.

12.20	1152	257.00
October	700	200
November	377	550.00
December	115.25	221.00
	<u>271.04</u>	<u>267.76</u>
		50.00
		7.16

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167.76

Library Board - June 11, 1951.

The Washington Township Library Board met in called session June 11, 1951 at the Library at 8:00 P.M. In attendance were:

Mrs. Dorothy L. Costin - Appointee

Mr. Ralph I. Parsons - - Appointee

Mrs. Edna C. Hamblen - - Librarian

Also - Mrs. Mary J. McClain - - Retiring Secretary

Mrs. Harriet Carter - - Chief - Ext. Dept. - State Library

Mrs. Beecher - - Assist. Ext. Dept. - State Library

Mrs. Mary J. McClain, retiring Secretary, was appointed President, pro tem, and Mrs. Edna Hamblen acting clerk until Board organization was completed.

Credentials of the new members, as appointed by Judge Horace L. Hahna, of the Hendricks Circuit Court, were presented and read:

Mrs. Dorothy L. Costin - appointed for term of 4 years from May 25, 1951, to fill vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Hazel McClain.

Mr. Ralph I. Parsons - Appointed for term of 4 years from June 5, 1951, to fill vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Mary J. McClain.

In the Board organization that followed, the following officers were duly elected:

Mrs. Dorothy L. Costin - President

Mr. Ralph I. Parsons - - Vice-President - Secretary

Mr. John H. Price - - - Treasurer

Request was received by the Board, from Mrs. Edna C. Hamblen for a clarification of her position as librarian. After full discussion, the Board ruled on motion of Mr. Parsons, based on Article 7, Section 1, of by-laws, that Mrs. Hamblen's position as librarian has not been changed by temporary disruption of library service and activities, occasioned by un-authorized action; and that she be instructed to resume her duties as librarian June 12, 1951. Also, that Mrs. Lawson be notified that the Board cannot recognize her appointment or any subsequent claims, without prior Board approval.

Miss Harriet Carter, Chief of the Extension Department of the State Library, discussed with the Board provisions of the "Library Law of 1947", and explained the advantages that might accrue from a conversion (in part or in full) to that law. As a result of this discussion, the following resolution drawn up and adopted, and to be recorded in the office of Hendricks County Recorder: " Resolved, That the Library Board of Washington Township adopt the provisions of Section 4, Chapter 321, Acts of 1947, relating to Class II libraries which states that 'the board of trustees of such libraries may elect to have the powers and rights with respect to the management, control, financing, issuance of bonds and levy of taxes of and for said libraries as are contained and enumerated in this act!'"

The Board adjourned at approximately 10:30 P.M., to meet in regular session July 3, 1951, at 8:00 P.M.

Signed:

Dorothy L. Costin, President

Ralph I. Parsons, Secretary

ABSENT

John H. Price, Treasurer

Library Board - July 3, 1951

The Washington Township Library Board met in regular session July 3, 1951. In attendance were:

Dorothy L. Costin - Pres.

Ralph I. Parsons - Sec.

Edna C. Hamblen - Librarian

Due to the fact that John H. Price, school township trustee and member of the Library Board by virtue of his office, has denied the remaining members of the Library Board and the librarian, Mrs. Edna C. Hamblen, access to room where the library is located in the public school building of Washington Township, and has locked members of the Board out of the building, this meeting was held outside the school building and under this handicap business was limited to only those items requiring immediate or urgent attention.

Mrs. Hamblen reported that, following the Board's instructions issued at their meeting of June 11, 1951, she reported for work at the library on June 12 and was informed by Mr. Price, the township trustee, that she had been duly "fired" and that, so long as he be trustee, no action on her part or on the part of the Library Board could re-instate her as librarian. He stated that the locks would be changed so that neither she nor the Board members, as such, would have access to the building or library and that any attempt to enter would be met with arrest and prosecution. He told Mrs. Costin, who accompanied Mrs. Hamblen, that he could not recognize the two recent appointments to the Library Board as having a legal status.

Mrs. Hamblen was assured by the Board that so long as she held herself ready, willing and able to work as librarian and so presented herself to the Board, they would recognize her position and make every effort to discharge their obligations, and would not subject her to the abuse and insults of the trustee.

The claim, as presented by Mrs. Hamblen, for wages as librarian

for the month of June, in the amount of \$75.00, was allowed and treasurer of Library Board ordered to draw warrant in payment of same; such order to be transmitted to disbursing officer by registered mail.

Some discussion ensued on the means of getting the library back in the hands of the proper governing officials. It was decided to seek legal advice and aid in this matter and to act accordingly.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 P.M.

Signed:

Dorothy L. Costin, President

Ralph I. Parsons, Secretary

ABSENT

John H. Price, Treasurer

Library Board - July 21, 1951

The Washington Township Library Board met in called session (again, outside the school building) on July 21, 1951, at

8:00 P.M. Those in attendance were:

Dorothy L. Costin - President

Ralph I. Parsons - Secretary

Edna C. Hamblen - Librarian

Mrs. Costin explained that this special meeting for the preparation of the 1952 proposed budget was called because that budget had to be in the hands of the publishers before our next regular meeting date.

Since our treasurer had never met with us nor made report as to the condition of the Library Fund, and since the valuation of the taxable property in the township had not yet been definitely established, it was agreed that the computations made at this meeting be based on known expenditures and taxable valuations of the past and that the budget be subject to revisions made in the light of further information obtained before submission for publication, but in no case shall it be revised upward to a point calling for a tax levy higher than the 7% levy effective this year.

The following tentative budget was drawn up, subject to final review and possibly further break-down to conform with the forms prescribed by the State Board of Accounts for the use of library boards in this matter:

Salary of Librarian	\$ 2025.00
Supplies	50.00
Magazine Subscriptions	52.50
Books	500.00
Binding	100.00

Meeting adjourned to meet for final action on this matter at the home of Ralph I. Parsons, August 2, 1951, at 8:00 P.M.

Signed:

Dorothy L. Costin, Pres.

ABSENT

John W. Price

Ralph I. Parsons, Secretary

Library Board - August 2, 1951

The Washington Township Library Board met at the home of Ralph I. Parsons at 8:00 P.M., Aug. 2, 1951, in special session, to review and complete the estimated budget tentatively set up at their meeting of July 21, 1951.

Attending were: Dorothy L. Costin, Pres.
Ralph I. Parsons, Sec.
Edna C. Hamblen, Librarian

The estimated budget for 1952, as finally prepared and to be submitted for publication, is as follows:

Salary of Librarian	\$ 2025.00
Advertising & Publication	46.24
Repairs - Rebinding	100.00
Magazine Binding	12.50
Office Supplies	15.00
Other Supplies	50.00
Books & Periodicals	<u>551.26</u>
TOTAL (To be raised by	
7% tax levy)	\$ 2800.00

Meeting adjourned to meet, as advertised, for public hearing on the adoption of budget, at their regular meeting place on August 27, 1951, at 8:00 P.M.

Signed:

Dorothy L. Costin, President

Ralph I. Parsons, Secretary

ABSENT

John H. Price, Treasurer

Library Board - August 7, 1951

The regular meeting of the Washington Township Library Board was held, briefly, outside the school building at 8:00 P.M., August 7, 1951. Attending were:

Dorothy L. Costin - Pres.

Ralph I. Parsons - Sec.

Edna C. Hamblen - Librarian

Mrs. Hamblen reported that to date the treasurer of our Board had made no response to the Board's order of payment of her claims as previously presented.

Claim for wages for the month of July, in the amount of \$75.00, as filed by Mrs. Hamblen, was approved for payment. Because of inadequate lighting facilities at this meeting, she was instructed, under more favorable conditions to draw up approval form and order on treasurer, as of this date, and submit same to Board members for signature.

Meeting adjourned to meet in regular session Sept. 4, 1951.

Signed:

Dorothy L. Costin, Pres.

Ralph I. Parsons, Sec.

ABSENT

John H. Price, Treas.

Library Board * August 27, 1951

The Washington Township Library Board met outside the school building at 8:00 P.M. on Aug. 27, 1951, for public consideration and adoption of the library budget for the year of 1952.

Board members attending were: Dorothy L. Costin, Pres.
Ralph I. Parsons, Sec.

Citizens appearing at this meeting all voiced approval and support of board action. There being no protest to any item of the proposed budget, it was adopted as advertised and the assessment of a 7¢ tax levy asked.

It was agreed that the Board members appear at the hearing on the proposed ^{twp.} budget, Aug. 28, 1951, to protest the inclusion of a library tax in that budget, on the basis that in accordance with the 1947 law the library budget is the responsibility of the Library Board, separate and apart from the township budget.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 P.M.

Signed:

Dorothy L. Costin, President

Ralph I. Parsons, Secretary

ABSENT

John H. Price, Treasurer

Library Board - September 4, 1951

The Washington Township Library Board met in regular session, still outside the school building, Sept. 4, 1951, at 8:00 P.M.

Attending were: Dorothy L. Costin - President
Ralph I. Parsons - Secretary
Edna C. Hamblen - Librarian

Mrs. Hamblen's claim for wages as librarian for the month of August, in the amount of \$ 75.00, was approved for payment. Approval form and order on treasurer to be drawn up by Mrs. Hamblen and submitted to Board members for signature.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M. to meet in regular session at the home of Mrs. Hamblen on October 2, 1951.

Signed:

Dorothy L. Costin, President

Ralph I. Parsons, Secretary

ABSENT

John H. Price, Treasurer

Library Board - October 2, 1951

The Washington Township Library Board^{met} in regular session
October 2, 1951, at 8:00 P.M., at the home of Mrs. Hamblen.

In attendance were: Mrs. Dorothy Costin - Pres.

Mr. Ralph I. Parsons - Sec.

Mrs. Edna C. Hamblen - Librarian

Claim for wages for the month of September, as filed by
Mrs. Hamblen, in the amount of \$200.00, was approved for
payment and order on treasurer drawn accordingly.

Note was made of the budget hearings being conducted by the
State Board of Tax Commissioners in Danville on October 3, 1951,
and members of this Board were urged to appear in support of
our budget.

It was decided to institute whatever legal proceedings that
seemed advisable and necessary to definitely determine the
the respective powers and rights of the Library Board and the
township trustee in the management and control of the library.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 P.M.

Signed:

Dorothy L. Costin, President

Ralph I. Parsons, Secretary

ABSENT

John H. Price, Treasurer

Library Board - November 6, 1951

The Washington Township Library Board met in regular session, November 6, 1951, at the home of Mrs. Costin, at 8:00 P.M. Members in attendance were:

Mrs. Dorothy Costin - Pres.

Mr. Ralph I. Parsons - Sec.

Mrs. Edna C. Hamblen - Librarian

Mrs. Hamblen reported that Mr. Price, the township trustee and treasurer of the Library Board, refused to accept the board's order on the treasurer for the payment of the librarian's salary for the month of September, as dispatched to him by registered mail.

Mrs. Costin and Mr. Parsons reported on their appearance at the hearings on the proposed budget for 1952, conducted by the State Board of Tax Commissioners, at Danville. Although no definite decision was reached at that time as to whether the budget submitted by the Library Board, or the one submitted by the township trustee would be accepted, the County Auditor was later notified that the Library Board's budget had been accepted but that the tax levy had been reduced to 6 cents.

The existing by-laws were reviewed and discussion resulted in the decision to draw up and adopt, at the December meeting, new by-laws.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 P.M. to meet at the same time and place, December 4, 1951.

Signed:

Dorothy L. Costin - President

Ralph I. Parsons - Secretary

ABSENT

John H. Price - Treasurer

Library Board - December 4, 1951

The Washington Township Library Board met in regular session, December 4, 1951, at 8:00 P.M. at the home of

Mrs. Costin. In attendance were

Mrs. Dorothy Costin - President

Mr. Ralph I. Parsons - Secretary

Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

New by-laws, patterned after those suggested in the Indiana Library Trustee's Manual as published by the Indiana State Library, were Adopted, to become effective January 1, 1952. Copy of these by-laws to be kept permanently in the Secretary's book.

Meeting adjourned to meet at the same time and place in regular annual meeting, January 2, 1952.

Approved and signed:

Dorothy L. Costin - President

Ralph I. Parsons - Secretary

ABSENT

John H. Price - Treasurer

Library Board - January 2, 1952.

The annual meeting of the Washington Township Library Board was held at the home of Mrs. Costin, January 2, 1952 at 8:00 P.M. Attending Members were:

Mrs. Dorothy L. Costin - President
Mr. Ralph I. Parsons - Secretary

Minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

The annual report of the librarian and of the Treasurers of the Library Board, due at this time, were not received because of non-attendance of the acting librarian and township trustee.

A review of the work of the present Library Board discloses that very little has been accomplished as a board due to the lack of cooperation of the trustee and his acting librarian and the complete "looking out" of the Board from the library and the administration of the same. However, attending members expressed a determination to faithfully perform their duties as library trustees as long as they held such appointments, and to do all within their power toward bringing the administration and operation of the Washington Township Library back within the scope of Indiana Library laws.

Officers were elected, to serve for the year 1952, as follows:

Mrs. Dorothy L. Costin - President
Mr. Ralph I. Parsons - Secretary-Treasurer

It was decided to dispense with the regular board meetings until such time as the board was empowered, in fact, to direct the operation of the library.

The secretary was instructed to notify the trustee of the election Board officers for 1952, and to call for a financial report to be given at a meeting to be held March 4, 1952 at the home of Mrs. Costin, at 8:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M., to meet March 4, 1952 same time.

Library Board - March 4, 1952

The Washington Township Library Board met at the home of Mrs. Costin March 4, 1952, at 8:00 P.M. Attending were

Mrs. Dorothy L. Costin - President

Mr. Ralph I. Parsons - Sec-Treas.

Minutes of the January annual meeting were read and approved.

This meeting was called, primarily, to receive reports which should have been given at the annual meeting. Since neither the township trustee nor his acting librarian made appearance at this meeting, such reports were not forthcoming and no other business came before the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M., to re-convene on call of the President at such time as business warrants.

Approved and signed:

Dorothy L. Costin - President

Ralph I. Parsons - Sec-Treas.

ABSENT

John H. Price

Oct. 2 51

Claims for wages for month of September, as filed by Mrs. Hambleton in amount of \$200.00, was approved for payment & order drawn accordingly. Mrs. Costin presented a bill of 3.60 for the cost of budget forms ~~for which she paid from her~~ made cash payment from her personal funds. This bill was approved & order drawn for reimbursement.

Bills received from the Garretts & Republicans in amount of 20.52 each were approved & ordered paid.

Mrs. Hambleton was instructed ^{to} send these orders for payment ~~of~~ of these bills to Mr. Price, Treasurer, by registered mail.

Nov. 6 51

Mrs. Hambleton reported that Mr. Price, the Treas. & Trustee and Treasurer of the Library, refused to accept by registered mail bearing check order for payment of bills approved at last month's meeting, and same had been returned to her.

Jan 2 52

~~All orders and~~ All wage claims and bills, approved ~~by this board~~ for payment by this board, are still ~~outstanding and unpaid~~ and all disbursements from the library fund since the organization of this board, have been made without the direct approval of this board. (Insert above other interests, including "administration of the same")

It was ^{continue} decided to hold ^{regular} board ^{meetings} at the home of Mrs. Costin, until such time as the board could ~~use the library for such purpose~~ ~~use the library for such purpose~~ (Delete paragraph "It was decided to dispense with, and insert above par.")

Feb. 52

Met at Mrs. Costin 8:00 P.M.
Attend Costin
Parsons

Minutes of Jan. meet read & app.

No matter of business having been brought to the Board's attention, meeting adjourned at 8:30.

July 1 Met at Cortin Attended Parsons + Cortin

Aug 5. Met at Cortin: Attended Parsons + Cortin

Make budget: list

Set Amount of Treas. Bond.

Decide to ~~not~~ private security until funds are available to provide ~~to~~ bonding co. services.

Aug 25 Met at Ch. House for public hearing
No protest
Adopt budget as advertised.

Sep. 2 Met Mrs. Cortin 8:00 P.M. Attended. Mrs. Cortin R. Parsons
Minutes Read & approved.

Claim of Mr. Parsons for reimbursement on amt. of 20.42. which was paid by him to ~~the~~ ^{for} the inf. payment of outstanding bill for publication of legal notice in 1951 and approved by this board Sept. Oct. 2, 1951, and approved and ordered paid from Treasury Fund
Treasurer's Bond ~~was~~ with N. W. Moore as security
~~was~~ ^{was} approved by Board and order recorded in Co. Clerk's office.

Burns Cumulative Supplement - Vol. 8.

- 41-803 - After Jan. 1942 unlawful to appoint as head librarian or as professional assistant any person not holding certificate of suitable & requisite grade granted in accordance with provisions of this act, and the rules and regulations of certification Board issued thereunder (Acts 1941-ch. 195 pp. 3, page 591)
- 41-811 Life Certificate - Any head librarian when this act takes effect shall upon application & payment of fee be awarded Life Certificate (194-ch. 195-pp. 11-p. 591)
- 41-604 Such Board shall have ~~the~~ control of the purchase of books and the management of such library (Acts 1899 ch. 103 pp. 8 p. 134; 1911 ch. 50 pp. 2 p. 78)
- 41-605 Managers of library - The twp. trustees shall be ex-officio one of the trustees, directors or other managing officers (Acts 1901 ch. 112 pp. 2 p. 187)

Neglect of official duty 10-3701 - 10-3707
Failure to Pay Claims 10-3714

- 10-3714 Refuse to Pay Claims - If any trustee shall unlawfully refuse to pay any just claims or demand against any twp. fire when money belonging to such fund is in his hands, guilty of misdemeanor, on conviction fined not less than \$10 nor more than \$50 (Acts 1905 ch. 169 pp. 518 p. 584)
- 10-3701 - Fails to perform any duty in manner & within time prescribed by law - not less than 10 nor more than \$500 - jail not exceeding 6 mo. (Acts 1905 ch. 169 pp. 496 p. 584 1939-194-1-6)
- 10-3704 - Usurpation of office - Officials in any place of authority without being legally authorized \$10 - \$500. (Acts 1905 ch. 169 pp. 511 p. 584)

Washington Township Library

June 12, 1951

To the members of the Washington Township Library Board:

As Librarian of the Washington Township Library, I
would like a statement from the Library Board as to the
clarification of my position as Librarian. .

Edna C. Hambley.

Librarian.

Washington Township Library

June 12, 1951

To the members of the Washington Township Library Board:

As Librarian of the Washington Township Library,
I would like a statement from the Library Board as to
the clarification of my position as Librarian.

Edna C. Hamblen.

Librarian.

The Board of Trustees of the Washington Township Library at its meeting June 11, 1951 elected to adopt the provisions of Section 4, Chapter 321, Acts of 1947, relating to Class II Libraries which states "that the Library Board may elect to have the powers and rights with respect to the management, control, financing, issuance of bonds, and levy of taxes of and for said libraries as are contained and enumerated in this act."

Springfield Community Library

June 11, 1951

June 11, 1951

Mrs. Edna Hamblen,
R.R. #1
Danville, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Hamblen:

In reply to your request for clarification

of your position as Librarian, the Library

Board at its meeting June 11th ruled that

since no official board action had been

taken in your case we instruct you to

resume your duties as Librarian June 12, 1951.

Yours very truly,

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Washington Township Library

June 11, 1951

My dear Mrs. Lawson:

At its meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 1951 the undersigned quorum of the Library Board of the Washington Township Library confirmed the appointment of Mrs. Edna Hamblen as Librarian of the Library. The Board voted to continue her salary as in the past and has instructed her to resume her regular duties June 12, 1951.

This action was taken in accordance with the by-laws of the Board and Section 16 of the Acts of 1947 Chapter 321.

The Board wishes to notify you of this action since it is of the belief that you have not been correctly informed as to the manner of appointment or discharge of Librarians, which must be by the Board and not by an individual member thereof.

Very truly yours,

Ralph J. Parsons
Pres.

Ralph J. Parsons
Vice Pres. and Secretary.

A GIFT TO HAZEL WARREN

During the afternoon of May 6, Hazel B. Warren was happily surprised by a gift accompanied by a large bunch of red roses which came to her as a collective remembrance from librarians and their associates in public libraries of Indiana. The gift came, appropriately, as a supplement to a heart-felt commendation of Miss Warren's accomplishments in the library field, and served to express, in an informal and neighborly spirit, the personal good wishes of her fellow librarians.

A small group of librarians, who had been associated with Miss Warren for many years, had communicated with their colleagues, suggesting that there might come from individual librarians some tangible appreciation of Miss Warren's long term of service. The response was immediate. Donations came from every part of the state and the contributions were sufficiently bountiful to make it possible to present Miss Warren with a gift of \$500 in the form of United States bonds, leaving her free to dispose of them as she wishes.

Miss Warren wishes to share the letter which accompanied the gift, and follows this with a public expression of her gratitude.

Dear Miss Warren:

When your many friends in the library field here in Indiana learned that you are discontinuing your earlier work with the Extension Division, the undersigned committee spontaneously came into existence for the purpose of giving your colleagues an opportunity to express, in some concrete way, their appreciation of your constant guidance and help throughout the years.

Not only were librarians in every part of the state eager to express their regard for you in a tangible way, but contributions were made with such earnestness and depth of feeling that you can be assured the resulting gift comes to you from those who, with the utmost readiness, are sharing in this tribute to your work. They wish you to know that the gift is expendable so that it can be applied to any purpose you desire.

We feel that the sentiments expressed in various letters form, almost, a part of the gift itself and that we should transmit them to you. For this reason we are supplementing this letter with a number of excerpts from communications recently received.* May they bring to you the same glow of happiness that has been experienced by those of us who have already seen them.

Very sincerely yours,

Ethel G. Baker, Katherine Frazee,
Ruth A. Bean, James A. Howard,
Grace S. Mason, Marian A. Webb,
Frank H. Whitmore.

May 1, 1949.

I wish to thank the librarians in Indiana who expressed their appreciation of my work in Extension. I think of you all with a warm glow in my heart and soul. My thanks to the committee cannot be fully expressed. All of you know how grateful I feel.

In my new work as Consultant for Certification and Placement I shall continue to devote myself to serving libraries of Indiana. I know I can count on the cooperation of librarians and trustees.

We shall all work together to give good library service to all the people of the state.

Hazel B. Warren

* Excerpts from letters are omitted here.

LIBRARY OCCURRENT

Did You Know . . .

November 13-19 marks the dates of the 1949 Children's Book Week, which has for its slogan, "Make Friends with Books." A full color 17x22 inch poster designed by Elizabeth Tyler Wolcott, together with other promotional material, may be obtained from the Children's Book Council, 62 W. 45th St., New York 19, New York.

The 15th standard edition of the *Dewey Decimal Classification and Relative Index* will be published in 1950 by the Forest Press, Inc., Lake Placid, New York. Dr. Milton Ferguson, retired chief of the Brooklyn Public Library, is editor. The 14th edition will still be available until the new edition appears.

The U. S. Office of Education has recently issued a *Directory of Secondary Schools in the U. S.* (Circular no. 250) listing all public and private schools with information about their accreditation status, number of students, teachers and graduates, and other pertinent facts. This comprehensive directory is available from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D. C., at \$1.50.

The Personnel Committee of the Illinois Library Association Planning Board has issued a report entitled *Retirement Provisions for Public Librarians in Downstate Illinois*. The report, edited by Herbert Goldhor of the Illinois University faculty, includes summaries of other state retirement plans and a description of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. Copies are available from Helen M. Welsh, University of Illinois, Urbana, at \$1.

The May 1949 *Wilson Bulletin* contains a worthwhile recruiting article "You Have

Such an Easy Job," by Margaret R. Sullivan, publicity and bookmobile assistant, Bristol, Connecticut Public Library. School librarians will be particularly interested in another article in the same issue, "The Ideal School Superintendent", by Louise Knight, school librarian, Gladewater, Texas.

Copies of the Indiana Historical Society's annual report for 1948 were sent early this summer to all member libraries in the state. The report describes the acquisitions of books, manuscripts, broadsides and other material added to the Society's Library during the year and the activities of the Library. Non-member libraries wishing the report may obtain it from the Indiana Historical Society Library, 140 N. Senate, Indianapolis 4.

A timely analysis of college library salaries, prepared by Maurice F. Seay, Dean, University of Kentucky, appears in the *Library Journal* for June 1, 1949.

A fifth edition of *Subject Headings Used in the Dictionary Catalogs of the Library of Congress* has been released by the Library. It is being distributed by the Superintendent of Documents and can be purchased for \$6.50 a copy.

The June 11, 1949 issue of the *Saturday Review of Literature* carries an informative article, "Films in Public Libraries", by Patricia Blair, film adviser, American Library Association. Mrs. Blair presents the development of the use of film by libraries and its possibilities for the future.

The National Library Advisory Committee of Canada plans to organize a bibliographic center as the first step toward establishing a national library for Canada, according to the June 1, *Library Journal*.

LIBRARY LAW OF INDIANA

1947 Revised Edition

CONTAINING

"THE LIBRARY LAW OF 1947"

(Chapter 321, Acts of 1947)

INDIANAPOLIS

INDIANA LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL DEPARTMENT

1947

ACTS OF 1947

CHAPTER 321

"LIBRARY LAW OF 1947"

AN ACT concerning the establishment, operation and maintenance of public libraries, discontinuing the effect of all existing laws with respect to the establishment of public libraries hereafter, and declaring an emergency. (Approved March 14, 1947)

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state, as a part of its provisions for public education, to promote the establishment and development of public library service throughout its various subdivisions, and it is the purpose of this act to establish a unified law governing public libraries of the state which will promote efficiency and economy in the administration of such public supported libraries.

SEC. 2. This act may be cited as the "Library Law of 1947."

SEC. 3. The following words and phrases as used in this act, unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, shall have the following meanings:

"Library district" shall mean any municipal corporation, or combination thereof, organized under this act, or any existing library, or combination thereof, which subsequently shall come under the terms of this act.

"Existing library" shall mean any public library system in existence at the time of passage of this act that is supported wholly or in part by public taxes and shall include any and all related libraries which are a part of such system and served by it.

"Public library system" shall mean all library services and all library properties within a total library service area and operated under the management and control of one library board.

17 "Library board" shall mean the official governing body
 18 known also as "board of trustees", of a public library
 19 system that is supported wholly or in part by public taxes.
 20 "Municipal Corporation" shall mean any city, town,
 21 or county.

SEC. 4. In order to clarify the status of libraries with
 2 reference to the operation of this act, and at the same time
 3 to provide for a maximum of local autonomy in matters
 4 of library administration, the following three classes of
 5 libraries are hereby established.

6 Class I libraries: All libraries organized under the
 7 terms of this act and all existing libraries the boards of
 8 which file a resolution of conversion as provided by this
 9 act.

10 Class II libraries: All libraries administered by boards
 11 of school trustees or boards of school commissioners; li-
 12 braries having endowment funds in the total amount of at
 13 least five thousand dollars, which endowment funds were cre-
 14 ated prior to the passage of this act; independent township
 15 libraries organized prior to the passage of this act; libraries
 16 organized under laws which authorized no tax levies for the
 17 support thereof; and libraries in cities having a population
 18 of 100,000 or more as shown by the last preceding United
 19 States census and operating under Chapter 79 of the
 20 acts of 1937. Libraries in Class II are exempt from the
 21 compulsory provisions of this act and will continue to
 22 operate and function pursuant to the laws in effect at the
 23 time of and prior to the passage of this act, and shall
 24 continue to have the power and right to manage, operate,
 25 levy taxes, control the finances, and to perform all nec-
 26 sary acts as they can now do under existing laws, although
 27 the boards of trustees of such libraries may elect to have
 28 the powers and rights with respect to the management,
 29 control, financing, issuance of bonds and levy of taxes
 30 of and for said libraries as are contained and enumerated
 31 in this act.

32 Class III libraries: All libraries supported by public
 33 funds and not included in Classes I or II shall be known
 34 as Class III libraries. All Class III libraries shall reorgan-
 35 ize and come under the provisions of this act on or before
 36 January 1, 1953, and shall thereupon become designated
 37 as Class I libraries. After January 1, 1953 the term Class
 38 III libraries shall cease to be recognized.

SEC. 5. All library districts in Indiana, organized or otherwise coming under the provisions of this act, are hereby declared to be and are made public corporations for library purposes, separate and distinct from the civil or municipal corporations comprising such library districts, and shall be known and designated as _____ Public Library, as the case may be, and by such name may contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued in any court of competent jurisdiction, and shall constitute a separate and independent library taxing district.

SEC. 6. Upon receipt of a petition signed by resident voters of any municipal corporation as defined in this act at least equal in number to five per cent of the number of such voters of said municipal corporation voting at the last preceding general election and not already taxed for library purposes, the governing body thereof may by written resolution establish a free public library for the residents of such municipal corporation, which resolution shall establish a library district, under the name and style of _____ Public Library, the library board of which library district shall have the powers and duties set forth in this act.

A copy of such resolution shall be recorded in the office of the county recorder in the county where such new library district is created and a copy shall also be sent to all officials whose duty it is under Section 8 of this act to appoint members of the library board for such library, which officials shall forthwith make their selections for members of the library board of the new library district.

SEC. 7. Any Class II library may convert to Class I status at any time after the passage of this act; all Class III libraries shall so convert on or before January 1, 1953; in either case by passing the following resolution: _____ Public Library by action of its Board of Trustees (or library board) hereby resolves and elects to change its identity and to become a library district under Chapter 321* of the acts of 1947, which act is known as the Library Law of 1947.

Before such resolution shall be effective under this act it shall be signed by not less than a majority of the mem-

* Number of Chapter Inserted by Editor.

bers of the library board; Provided, however, That any Class III library failing to convert itself by January 1, 1953 shall on that date cease to be a public library of this state and the property of such library shall become the property of the municipal corporation or corporations which had theretofore provided tax support for said Library and may be used by the proper officials of such municipal corporation or corporations in forming a new library or otherwise to the benefit of the municipality.

A copy of such resolution of conversion shall be filed with the county recorder and notice shall be given to all officials who have appointive powers under this act and it shall be the duty of such officials to appoint a new library board for such library. Members of the old library board shall remain as members of the new library board until a majority of the new library board has been appointed and such new appointees have qualified.

Upon the filing of the resolution and the appointment and qualification of the new library board as hereinafter provided, any existing tax levies shall continue under prior law until the next succeeding tax levying period at which time the tax provisions of this act shall become operative. The obligation of any political subdivision to levy and collect taxes for library purposes is not released by the resolution of conversion. Such resolution of conversion, once filed, is irrevocable. A library may not after converting to a Class I library revert to Class II or Class III status.

Upon the taking effect of this act, the possession of property, equipment and records and any expendable funds held under any previous acts shall be lawfully possessed under the authority of this act.

SEC. 8. The library board of a city, town, county or other library district, organized or otherwise coming under the provisions of this act, shall be composed of citizens who have resided for at least two years in the library district and shall consist of the following members: Three members shall be appointed by the judge of the circuit court of the county in which such library district is located, one of whom shall be appointed for one year, one for two years, and one for three years; two members shall be appointed by the board of town trustees or common council, one of whom shall be appointed

12 for one year and one for two years; in all municipi-
 13 palities in which the schools are under the supervision
 14 of school boards or boards of school trustees or boards of
 15 school commissioners, two members shall be appointed by
 16 such school board, one for a term of three years and one
 17 for four years. At least one member of the board appointed
 18 by each appointing authority shall be a woman. After the
 19 first appointments have been made all subsequent appoint-
 20 ments shall be for a term of four years. Appointments to
 21 fill vacancies created by death, resignation or otherwise
 22 shall be for the unexpired term only. If there are any
 23 townships which are a part of such library district, the
 24 judge of the circuit court shall in making his appointments
 25 endeavor to give such township or townships an equitable
 26 representation on such board.

27 Any member of a library board created under this act
 28 shall be eligible to reappointment but may be removed at
 29 any time by the appointing agency, after public hearing,
 30 for any cause which interferes with the proper discharge of
 31 his duty as a member of such board or for cause which
 32 jeopardizes public confidence in the member. A vacancy
 33 shall occur whenever a member is absent from six consecu-
 34 tive regular board meetings for any cause, other than ill-
 35 ness, and the appointing authority shall be notified by the
 36 secretary of the board of the occurrence of such vacancy.
 37 All members of the board shall serve without compensation.

SEC. 9. The appointing authority shall issue to each
 2 appointee a signed certificate of appointment. Within ten
 3 days after the receipt of the certificate of appointment, the
 4 appointee shall qualify for his office by taking an oath of
 5 office before any person authorized by law to administer
 6 the same to the effect that he will faithfully discharge
 7 his duties to the best of his ability, and shall file the cer-
 8 tificate of appointment, with the oath endorsed thereon,
 9 with the records of the library, which shall be preserved
 10 as a public record.

11 Upon the creation of a new library, the board shall meet
 12 upon the call of any two appointees. The meeting shall
 13 be held within ten days after all the appointees have quali-
 14 fied by taking the oath. The board shall elect from its
 15 members a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treas-
 16 urer, and such other officer or officers as the board may
 17 deem necessary. In the absence of the president the vice-

18 president shall preside. A majority of the members shall
 19 constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The
 20 board shall meet monthly and at such other times as may
 21 be necessary. All meetings of the board, except necessary
 22 executive sessions, shall be open to the public.

SEC. 10. The library board of any library district oper-
 2 ating under this act may file a notice with the board of
 3 county commissioners of the county declaring its consent
 4 to extend library service to the people of said county not
 5 already taxed for library service on the condition of the said
 6 county contributing to the support of said public library.
 7 Such board of commissioners may, and upon petition of
 8 fifty or more resident voters of each of at least two-thirds
 9 of all townships in the county, not already taxed for library
 10 purposes, shall make an appropriation for the operation of
 11 such library in the first fiscal year, and shall levy a tax
 12 of not less than five cents nor more than twenty cents on
 13 each one hundred dollars of taxable property in said county,
 14 including the property within any city or incorporated town
 15 in the county not already taxed for public library purposes,
 16 unless a remonstrance or remonstrances against the same
 17 signed by as many resident voters of each such township in
 18 the county as have signed the petition shall be filed with the
 19 county auditor as hereinafter provided. Upon the filing of
 20 any such petition of fifty or more resident voters of such
 21 townships in the county, the county auditor shall cause notice
 22 of that fact to be published in two newspapers of general
 23 circulation in the county, one of which is published in such
 24 town or city wherein the library is located, if any there be.
 25 And within ten days after such publication any and every
 26 resident voter or group of resident voters shall have the
 27 right to sign and file with the county auditor their re-
 28 monstrance or remonstrances against giving such aid, stat-
 29 ing therein that he or they are opposed to the levying of
 30 a tax and making an annual appropriation for said pur-
 31 poses of a public library. At the first meeting of the board
 32 of county commissioners and not less than ten days after
 33 such publication, the board of commissioners shall pro-
 34 ceed to consider the said petition and such remonstrances
 35 and determine whether or not resident voters of such
 36 townships in said county not already taxed for public
 37 library purposes have signed and presented remon-
 38 strances equal to the number of such resident voters who

signed and presented the petition for the same. And if said board of commissioners shall determine that a greater number of resident voters have signed the petition than the number who have signed a remonstrance or remonstrances against the levy of such tax and the making of such annual appropriation they shall thereupon levy a tax and make an appropriation as above provided and the county treasurer shall collect and pay such sum to the treasurer of the library district furnishing such service as a part of the library fund to be expended in the same manner as other library funds. After the first fiscal year the library board shall make the annual tax levy and the annual appropriation for library purposes. If however, the board of county commissioners shall find that the number of remonstrances is greater, then the petition or petitions shall be dismissed and the board shall take no further action thereon. Said tax, if imposed, shall be continued so long as ten per cent of the inhabitants of said county outside the limits of said city or town are found to be users of said library. When less than ten per cent of said inhabitants shall be found to use said library, the board of county commissioners may, in its discretion, discontinue the tax herein specified.

SEC. 11. If the board of county commissioners shall levy a tax for library purposes, as provided in Section 10 of this act, then such county commissioners shall within ten days appoint two persons, one of whom shall be a woman, who have resided for at least two years in some part of said county which is contributing a tax for the support of a county library, outside the limits of the city or town in which such library is located, not otherwise appointed as members of said public library board, and such appointments shall be for terms of one and three years respectively; and the county superintendent of schools, likewise, shall appoint two such members, with qualifications as above provided, for terms of two and four years respectively. After the first appointments all appointments shall be made by the said appointing authorities for a term of four years: Provided, however, That, should the contract with the county commissioners become terminated, the terms of members of the board appointed under this section shall immediately expire. The four members so appointed, together with members of the board of

21 said library district, shall constitute a separate public
 22 library board and as such board shall exercise all powers
 23 and duties pertaining to library service to the county, and
 24 shall be known and designated as the Board of Trustees
 25 of _____ County Public Library. The mem-
 26 bers of the board of the library district extending service
 27 to the county shall continue as a separate board and
 28 continue to exercise all powers and duties pertaining to
 29 library service to the city or town.

SEC. 12. When a township or combination of townships
 2 is part of a library district which is extending service to
 3 a county, or which is inaugurating such service to a county,
 4 and when such library district comes under the provisions
 5 of this act, then the separate tax levy of such township
 6 or townships for library purposes shall cease to be levied
 7 and such township or townships shall become a part of
 8 the county library system, and the tax levy for county
 9 library purposes shall be levied over such township or
 10 townships as part of the county library district as pro-
 11 vided for in this act.

SEC. 13. The library board of any library district op-
 2 erating under this act may enter into contract to receive
 3 service from an established county library district, or may
 4 act to merge with such county library district. Action to
 5 merge shall be by resolution signed by a two-thirds ma-
 6 jority of the library board, which resolution shall au-
 7 thorize the library board making the same to give,
 8 devise in fee simple, sell or transfer all property belonging
 9 to the library which they represent to the library
 10 of said county library district under such terms and con-
 11 ditions as are set forth in the resolution. A copy of such
 12 resolution shall be filed with the county recorder; on and
 13 after the filing of such resolution the county tax levy for
 14 library purposes shall provide for library service to the
 15 municipal corporation so merged and shall take the place
 16 of the previous separate tax levy of such municipal corpo-
 17 ration for library purposes.

SEC. 14. The library board of a library district oper-
 2 ating under this act and extending service to the county
 3 in which it is located may extend service to an adjoining
 4 county or counties on a contractual basis to be agreed

5 upon by such library board and the board of county com-
 6 missioners of such adjoining county or counties. The con-
 7 tract shall set forth the manner and extent of service and
 8 the amount to be paid under the contract. The county
 9 commissioners of the county receiving such service shall
 10 agree to levy a tax sufficient to meet the amount agreed
 11 upon under the contract and the library extending such
 12 service shall be bound to expend funds received under the
 13 contract for services chargeable to the contract. Provided,
 14 however, That no such contract shall be made which applies
 15 to a municipal corporation in said adjoining county which
 16 is then levying a tax for public library purposes.

SEC. 15. The library board of any library district
 2 organized under the provisions of this act shall manage
 3 and control all the affairs of the library. It shall have
 4 power to make all rules and regulations for the discharge
 5 of its responsibility. The library board shall have power,
 6 as such board:

7 (a) To take charge of, manage, and conduct the library
 8 affairs of the library district, and to care for, manage and
 9 insure all property, real and personal, belonging to the
 10 library board of trustees.

11 (b) To establish and locate conveniently a sufficient
 12 number of libraries, branch libraries or stations to serve
 13 the library district, within the resources available, and to
 14 provide suitable rooms, structures, facilities, furniture, ap-
 15 paratus and other articles and library appliances necessary
 16 for the thorough organization and efficient management of
 17 such libraries.

18 (c) To acquire by purchase, devise, lease, or by con-
 19 demnation or otherwise, and to own, and hold any land,
 20 real estate or interest therein and personal property for
 21 the uses and purposes of the library board.

22 (d) To sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of prop-
 23 erty, both real and personal, no longer needed for library
 24 purposes.

25 (e) To accept gifts of realty or personalty and hold,
 26 use, mortgage, lease, or sell such property when such action
 27 is in the interest of the library.

28 (f) To contract with other libraries or municipal cor-
 29 porations for the receipt or furnishing of library service.

30 (g) To provide for the purchase and loan of books and
 31 other media of communication, and for the dissemination

32 of information to the citizens of the library district in any
33 manner whatsoever.

34 (h) To issue, subject to the limitations of this act and
35 subject to Chapter 119 of the acts of 1937 and amendments
36 thereto, bonds for the purchase of realty and for the
37 purchase or construction and equipment of structures with
38 furniture, fixtures, supplies and personal property necessary
39 for the efficient management of a library.

40 (i) To employ and discharge librarians, janitors, engineers,
41 and such other persons, employees and agents as may be necessary
42 in the administration of the affairs of the library; to fix and pay
43 their salaries and compensation; to classify them and adopt schedules
44 of salaries; to determine their number and prescribe their duties;—all with
45 the advice and recommendations of the librarian as administrative
46 head of the library; provided, however, That appointments shall be
47 made without regard to religious or political beliefs and with regard
48 exclusively to merit and fitness and in conformity with chapter 195
49 of the acts of 1941 and any subsequent amendments thereto, and in
50 conformity with other laws pertaining thereto.

51 (j) To issue, when necessary, warrants or tax anticipation bonds
52 of not more than one year's duration; and to borrow upon a temporary
53 loan, upon the determination of the board so to do, any sum of money
54 not to exceed fifty per cent of the uncollected and anticipated taxes
55 for the current year; to borrow money from other persons, firms,
56 corporations, trust companies, banks and banking institutions; to
57 issue, negotiate and sell negotiable notes and bonds of such library
58 board and to levy, assess and collect, at the same time and in the
59 same manner as taxes of such library board are levied, assessed and
60 collected, a special tax in addition to other taxes authorized by
61 law to be levied sufficient to pay all yearly interest on the bonded
62 and note indebtedness of such library board, and to provide a sinking
63 fund for the liquidation of the principal thereof when it shall become
64 due.

65 (k) To disburse according to law all monies for all lawful library
66 purposes.

67 (l) To establish a library improvement reserve fund, for the purpose
68 of anticipating necessary future capital expenditures, and to accumulate
69 monies over a period of years in such fund for the purpose of financing
70 such capital expenditures when they occur.

76 (m) To invest excess funds in interest-bearing securi-
 77 ties of the United States, or any security lawfully issued
 78 by any county, township, city or other municipal corpora-
 79 tion of the State of Indiana.

80 (n) When the interests of the library require it, to
 81 authorize any member of the library board or any person
 82 in the employ of the library to be absent therefrom, and
 83 to pay out of its funds the necessary hotel and board bills
 84 and transportation expenses of such member or person
 85 while so absent in the interests of such library.

86 (o) To make, amend and repeal by-laws and rules for
 87 its procedure and for the government and management of
 88 the libraries of the corporation and to fix the time of
 89 meetings.

90 (p) The powers set forth in this section shall not be
 91 construed to limit the power and authority of such board
 92 to the powers herein expressly conferred or to restrict or
 93 modify any powers or authority granted by any other part
 94 of this act or any other law not in conflict with the pro-
 95 visions of this section.

SEC. 16. The board shall select a librarian who shall
 2 be the administrative head of the library. The selection
 3 shall be in conformity with Chapter 195 of the Acts of
 4 1941 and any subsequent amendments thereto and shall be
 5 made solely upon the basis of the candidate's training and
 6 proficiency in the science of library administration. The
 7 board shall fix the compensation of the librarian. The
 8 librarian, as the administrative head of the library, shall
 9 be solely responsible to the board for the operation and
 management of the library.

SEC. 17. When a library is maintained in whole or in
 2 part by public funds, the residents of the municipal cor-
 3 poration or corporations taxed for the support of the
 4 library shall have the use of the facilities of such library
 5 without charge for library or related purposes; except that
 6 the library board may fix, establish and collect fees and
 7 rental charges, and may assess fines, penalties and dam-
 8 ages for the loss of, injury to, or failure to return, any
 9 library property or material.

SEC. 18. The library board shall determine and fix
 2 the rate of taxation of said library taxing district necessary

3 for the proper operation of the library in an amount
 4 not less than five cents, nor more than twenty cents
 5 each one hundred dollars of taxable property. The library
 6 board shall certify the tax rate to the county auditor
 7 and the county auditor shall cause the tax levies so certified
 8 to be placed on the tax duplicate and collected in the same
 9 manner as other taxes.

SEC. 19. The monies collected from such tax levies
 2 shall be deposited with the treasurer disbursing city or
 3 town funds and maintained by him as a separate fund to
 4 be known as the "_____ Library Fund"; or said
 5 monies may be deposited with the treasurer of the library
 6 board. The treasurer, in either case, shall pay money
 7 from the library fund only upon the warrant of the
 8 president of the board, countersigned by the secretary,
 9 and shall be under bond in a sum sufficient to cover any
 10 funds coming into his hands. The library board may pay
 11 for such bond from its funds.

12 The treasurer shall report to the board each month the
 13 condition of the fund. His report shall include a statement
 14 of all receipts deposited by him to the credit of the fund
 15 and all disbursements and the purposes for which they were
 16 made.

SEC. 20. The board may, by resolution, authorize and
 2 issue bonds for any one or more of the following purposes:
 3 a. The acquisition or improvement of library sites.
 4 b. The acquisition, construction, extension, alteration or
 5 improvement of structures and equipment necessary
 6 for the proper operation of a library.
 7 c. To refund outstanding bonds and matured
 8 coupons, and issue and sell refunding bonds for that
 9 purpose.

10 The total bonds outstanding at any one time shall not
 11 exceed one per cent of the value of property taxable for
 12 library purposes.

13 All bonds shall be advertised and sold by the board in
 14 compliance with Chapter 178 of the Acts of 1943, at an
 15 interest rate of not to exceed four per cent per annum.
 16 The bonds shall be payable at such times as the board shall
 17 fix in the authorizing resolution, but all shall be payable
 18 within a period not to exceed twenty years from the date
 19 of issuance.

96 Bonds issued under the authority of this act shall not
 97 constitute a corporate obligation or indebtedness of any
 22 political subdivision in which the library is situated but
 23 shall constitute an indebtedness of the library taxing dis-
 24 trict only.

25 Bonds issued under the provisions of this act together
 26 with the interest thereon shall be tax exempt.

27 The board shall apply the proceeds from the sale of
 28 bonds only for the purpose for which the bonds were issued
 29 and to the extent necessary therefor, and any remaining
 30 balance shall be placed in a sinking fund for the payment
 31 of the bonds and the interest thereon.

32 The board may make temporary loans in anticipation
 33 of taxes then levied and in course of collection to meet
 34 current operating expenses. Such loans shall be evidenced
 35 by temporary loan warrants pledging a sufficient amount
 36 of the current revenues for the payment thereof and the
 37 interest thereon. Such warrants shall be authorized and
 38 sold in the same manner as bond issues.

SEC. 21. On and after the passage of this act no public
 2 library shall be established in this state except under the
 3 provisions of this act.

SEC. 22. The provisions of this act shall be construed
 2 as severable and, if any provision is held unconstitutional
 3 or for any other reason invalid, the remaining provisions
 4 shall not be affected by such decision.

SEC. 23. Whereas an emergency exists for the im-
 mediate taking effect of this act, the same shall be in full
 force and effect from and after its passage.

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