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**PUBLIC DOCUMENTS**

**OF THE**

**STATE OF MAINE**

**BEING THE**

**REPORTS**

**OF THE VARIOUS**

**PUBLIC OFFICERS**  
**DEPARTMENTS AND**  
**INSTITUTIONS**

**FOR THE TWO YEARS**

**JULY 1, 1932--JUNE 30, 1934**

STATE OF MAINE

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Forty-Second Report

OF THE

Librarian

OF THE

Maine State Library

FOR THE PERIOD

July 1, 1932 to June 30, 1934

TO THE

EIGHTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

1935



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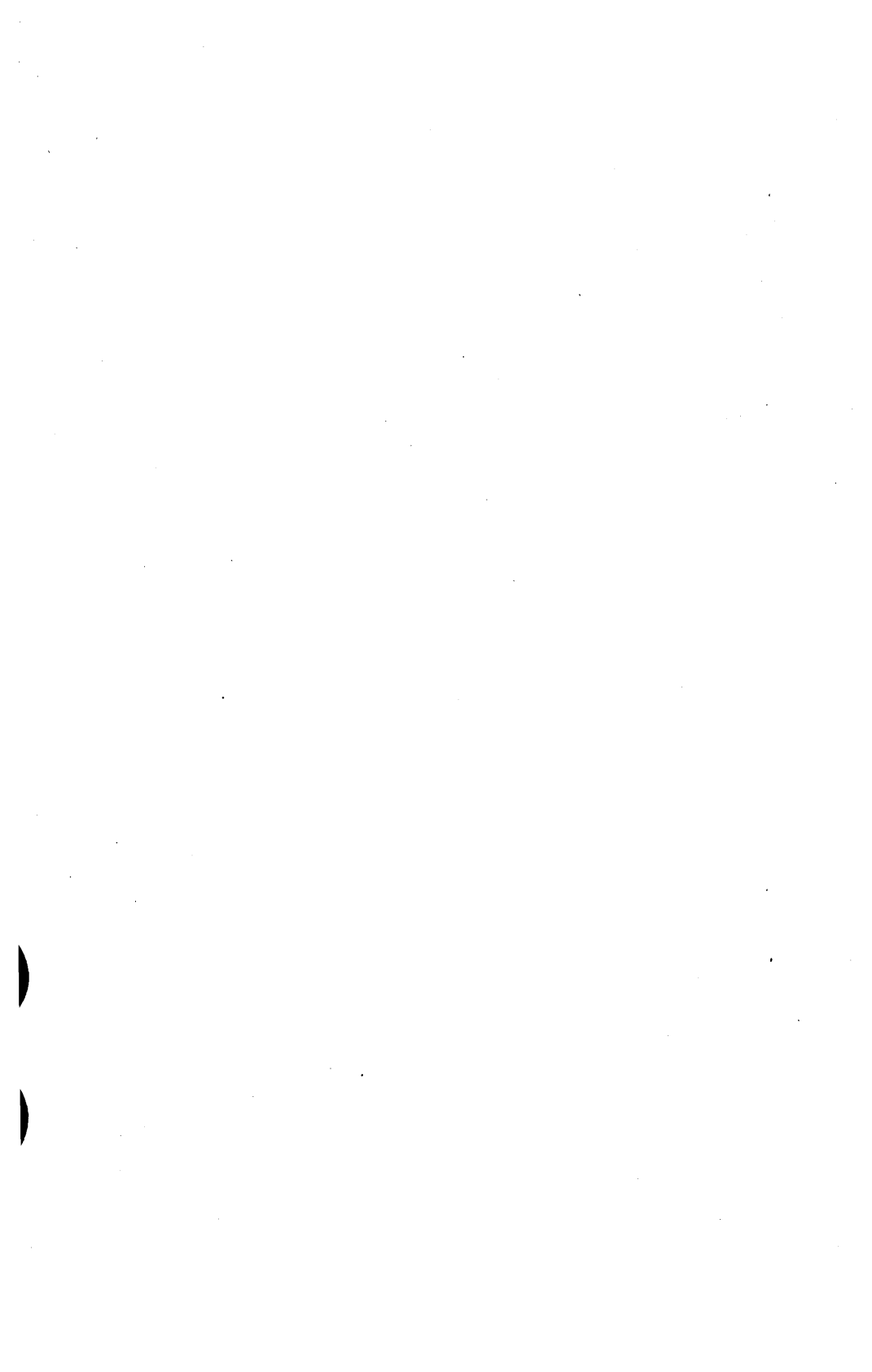
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Augusta, Maine, July 1, 1934

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the  
State of Maine:*

Gentlemen:

The Maine State Library presents herewith its forty-second report covering the period from July 1, 1932, to June 30, 1934.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY E. DUNNACK,  
*Librarian.*

In April, 1935, I will have served twenty years as State Librarian. During these years there has been a steady growth of libraries. The number of public libraries has during that period increased from 114 to 274. The number of volumes in libraries at the present time is 1,676,126, with an annual circulation of 3,701,864. Interest in library work is evident not only from this great increase in the number of libraries but also in the increase of appropriations by the towns. In 1930 the towns of Maine appropriated \$186,-322.54; in 1931, \$193,425.70; in 1932, \$194,774.45. By this time the depression was in full swing, but in the midst of all the financial disasters that overtook our towns, in 1933 there was appropriated \$173,523.45. In 1934 the total appropriation for the libraries in the State was cut to \$148,-370.13. While this is a serious cut in financial support, nevertheless, in view of conditions, the towns have given generous support to their libraries.

In Maine we have one hundred and sixty-six stipend or tax supported libraries, one hundred and eight non-stipend libraries, twenty-three industrial organizations with libraries, forty-two libraries of such organizations as the grange, ninety-one school libraries, four college libraries, twenty-one law libraries, forty-eight hospital libraries, and five miscellaneous libraries.

## LIBRARY PLANNING

At the present time there is a movement in many states to organize a citizens committee who will coöperate with the libraries in providing library facilities for all our people. In some states the objective has been partly realized by organization of county libraries. On account of our town form of local government, it is doubtful if this would be a success in Maine. A few years ago we worked out a district system, using the city or large town as the center of a local area. This system provides that the surrounding towns will vote an appropriation to such a central library, in return for which the people of these towns are to have free use of the central library. Nine of these districts have been established in Maine.

However, in addition to a possible district system, there remains much to be done by way of consolidating libraries, extending the work in public schools, where there is a great need of library information. This is especially true in our rural districts. Two projects are now under way: one under the 4-H Clubs in Maine, where last year we placed 24 traveling library collections, a total of 600 books. The second is a project being carried out at the present time under the direction of the Department of Education. Last year the State Library sent 40 traveling library collections, a total of 1000 books, to 18 towns.

The Bookmobile project, inaugurated in 1931, presented an opportunity for valuable work in the rural districts. The Business and Professional Women's Clubs presented the State Library Department with a Dodge ton and a half truck, with a special body made to specifications, which shelved 600 volumes. In 1932 the Bookmobile visited 334 towns, traveling 4000 miles. Thousands of books were lent to individuals.

On account of the severe cut in our appropriation, we have been unable to carry on this work during the past year. This project should not be abandoned. I hope the legislature will increase our appropriation, that this work may continue.



## LIBRARY OBJECTIVES

Reading is a vital factor in good living. It is equally a force in maintaining the institution of democracy; we must, therefore, provide opportunities for continuing self-education through well developed library planning so that every citizen may have available such printed material as will give him information to satisfy his intellectual curiosity and improve his opportunities for earning a living.

The educational process must not end with school days, but must continue through life. Education is necessary if democracy is to be effective. An informed electorate is the only safeguard of democracy. In all plans for improving the cultural and economic condition of people, a definite place must be found for the library.

The objectives of the library are to assemble and preserve books and related materials in organized collections and, through stimulation and guidance, to promote their use to the end that children, young people, men, and women may have opportunity and encouragement:

To educate themselves continuously;

To improve their ability to participate usefully in activities in which they are involved as citizens;

To equip themselves, and keep themselves equipped, for efficient activity in useful occupations and practical affairs;

To make such use of leisure time as will promote personal happiness and social well-being.

## OUTLINE WORK OF STATE LIBRARY

The detailed work of the State Library is carried on under the following headings:

**TRAVELING LIBRARIES.** Collections of books of every description, carefully selected, are sent to the remotest corners of the State to provide reading for recreational, inspirational and educational purposes. *Twelve hundred and sixty-five sets* were sent out in 1932-34.

**SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION.** These schools are conducted in designated sections of the State each year and consist of informal lectures, conference and actual practice work. Two of these schools were conducted with an attendance of sixty-one librarians and trustees.

**CORRESPONDENCE COURSE.** The Correspondence Course, started more than ten years ago, and open at that time to any applicant, has necessarily been limited during the past three years to those actually occupied in a library. This is in no sense a regular training course, but it is offered to enable those holding library positions in small town libraries, who have no hope of definite library training, an opportunity to carry on their work to best advantage to both themselves and their patrons. As the course has now been offered over a period of years, we are aware that it is of real value for this definite purpose. We try to make the work personal, and deal with the special problems in the libraries of those taking the course. There are about twenty entered at the present time, some studying regularly throughout the year, others in accordance with the conditions of the seasons in their library work which permit them the extra time necessary for the course.

**APPRENTICE COURSE.** The Apprentice Course, started some twelve years ago with no limit as to acceptance, has come to be in such demand that it is possible to hold certain standard requirements for entrance, such as graduation from a classical course of a Grade A High School, or its equivalent. The course is one year in length, giving actual, practical experience in all departments of the library. It does not fit one for librarianship but is only a stepping stone to further library study. The history of those who have completed the course shows three in large city libraries in New England; one in the Brooklyn Public Library, where she was accepted in the second grade, and is steadily progressing through the different grades of the system, by examination at intervals; three in Simmons College by reason of having proved to themselves through taking this course that they wished to become librarians; one as a student assistant in a college library in New England; and one on our own staff at the State Library. This year we have had an unusually fine offering of applicants, including one with previous library experience and four who are college graduates. In deciding on the entrance of applicants, we keep uppermost the fact that the course is for those who most need it and who may thus be helped to a definite decision regarding a profession.

**SUMMER READING.** This privilege is extended to the children in the public schools through the public library or some organization willing to assume the direction where there is no library. Children completing this course receive a certificate from the State Library. Over thirty children followed this course during the summer of 1933-34.

**LIBRARY PRACTICE AND TRAINING.** Opportunity is offered to a limited number for work in the various departments of the State Library under supervision. Five persons have availed themselves of this opportunity during the past year.

**STATE AID.** Financial aid is given in the form of an annual stipend to free public libraries and in the form of a founding fund to newly established libraries. \$6,688.89 was paid to such libraries this year.

**REFERENCE WORK.** The library supplies information on all subjects. Within the last few years the work of this department has increased enormously as the residents of the State have come to realize that anyone in Maine is entitled to use the library, not only for purposes of general culture, but also for assistance in reference work. Daily this department receives and answers requests for information on a wide range of subjects.

Whatever a patron's interests may be, the library is equipped to supply books along that line, and it is also ready to furnish information on subjects for club papers, school essays, college graduate theses, debates, etc., thereby supplementing the resources of local libraries and high schools and bringing to the most remote portions of the State the advantages and facilities of an up-to-date reference library.

There are 517 municipalities in the State; 274 of these support public libraries, but many of these libraries are unable to serve their communities adequately. There are 243 towns without libraries. These towns must depend on the State Library for their books. It is evident from these facts that the State Library must for many years not only supplement the work of the libraries in the small towns, but must continue to furnish reading matter to these towns without any library service.

The State Library is a center for Maine information of all kinds. Besides general reference work, much Maine research work is carried on. Included in the Maine section are state, town and county histories, family histories, directories, such vital records as have been published, census records, all the official publications of the State, including the legislative ones, town reports, Maine Registers, bound files of newspapers and periodicals published in the State, and books descriptive of Maine geographically, educationally, industrially, sociologically. Special files are kept for the preservation of pamphlets, documentary material, and general descriptive and biographical items, including manuscript material prepared in answer to research questions. The contents of these files are available for both reference and loan. We are interested not only in assembling Maineana, but in making it accessible to the public, and any person doing Maine research work is assured in advance of our cordial coöperation and assistance.

An important part of the reference service is the preparation of bibliographies about Maine. All these bibliographies are available for reference use at the library, most of them may be borrowed, and a few, including a list of references for use in connection with the course on Maine outlined in the Elementary School Curriculum, are available for distribution. Among the important bibliographies in preparation, available for reference use at the library but not for loan, are an annotated list of biographies of distinguished Maine persons, a check list of early Maine newspapers including the holdings of all libraries in the State as well as of this one, and a list of State and local maps including the United States Coast Charts and Geological Survey topographic maps, and a special collection of mounted and bound maps pertaining to the Northeastern Boundary controversy. Much special research work has been done in connection with the projects of the various federal alphabetical agencies, including several lists of Maine buildings of historic, architectural, or associative interest, prepared for the use of the Historic American Buildings Survey.

The State Library makes a point of keeping in touch with the work of Maine authors and with books about

Maine. The reference files contain much biographical data not available elsewhere.

About a dozen years ago the Librarian started a Maine Author Collection, an exhibit collection of books written by persons born in Maine or resident here during their creative years. This collection now numbers several hundred autographed volumes, many of them with interesting inscriptions. In addition to the collection we are assembling biographical and critical material about our authors, constituting a reference source of much present interest and great future value for all students of Maine's literary history. The response from our authors has been very encouraging and indicates an increasing interest in our project. We hope that as the collection becomes more widely known every Maine writer will take pride in having his or her work represented here. At present, emphasis is placed on the work of contemporary authors, but books by those of other periods are gradually being collected whenever it is possible to obtain first editions or autographed copies of their works.

The work of the Maine research department includes the preparation of material for the Library Bulletin which has been published intermittently since 1911. The latest issue was printed in April, 1933, but manuscript has been prepared regularly for subsequent issues in the expectation that publication will at some time be possible. The Bulletin assembles in form convenient for reference use material not readily available in print elsewhere and is a valuable reference tool for librarians and students.

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE.** The reference work of this bureau consists of compiling and supplying information in response to questions on current legislative and related problems. The reference work is done not only for members of the legislature, but for State departments and citizens of the State as well, and is carried on at all times. The work covers a wide range of subjects and takes many different forms. The Bureau makes digests of legislation upon given subjects. It also compiles the best available information upon both sides of public questions of current interest. It collects information upon how proposed laws have worked out elsewhere. It brings together the history of Maine

legislation and proposed legislation. The Bureau keeps up-to-date and accurate information upon public questions; the Bureau has access to all the principal sources in which such information is published—public documents, books and pamphlets, newspapers and magazines. When necessary it also sends out letters to get information not available in published form. All services rendered are free and strictly nonpolitical and nonpartisan. Every citizen of the State has a right to make use of the facilities of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

**MAINE PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.** Work has progressed on the arrangement and collection of Maine Public Documents, making them more useful. Department reports have been gathered in as complete sets as possible, one set placed in the safe for a permanent file, and a second set arranged for reference use and lending. The miscellaneous publications of each department have been shelved with the reports of that department. A card file has been compiled giving information about the reports. From this file one can quickly learn what reports have not been printed, and in what years; the date of the first and last reports printed; any change in name of departments; the period covered by the reports, together with the information on establishment of departments; transfer of bureaus and citations to the laws transferring or establishing them.

**BINDING AND REBINDING.** During 1932-33 there were 83 magazines and 39 newspapers bound for the permanent files. 108 books were rebound and repaired. In 1933-34 there were 132 magazines and 38 newspapers bound while 109 books were rebound and repaired.

**ACCESSIONS.** The table which follows shows the number of items added to the library for the periods July 1, 1932, to June 30, 1933; and July 1, 1933, to June 30, 1934, with totals for the two-year period.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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(Biennial period, July 1, 1932-June 30, 1934)

By purchase	Books	Pamphlets	Total
1932-33	716	19	735
1933-34	760	56	816
	<hr/> 1476	<hr/> 75	<hr/> 1551
By exchange			
1932-33	565	1331	1896
1933-34	569	1588	2157
	<hr/> 1134	<hr/> 2919	<hr/> 4053
By gift			
1932-33	253	374	627
1933-34	187	269	456
	<hr/> 440	<hr/> 643	<hr/> 1083
From U. S. Gov't			
1932-33	278	1302	1580
1933-34	189	1303	1492
	<hr/> 467	<hr/> 2605	<hr/> 3072
Total accessions	3517	6242	9759
Withdrawals			298

## PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED JULY 1, 1932-JUNE 30, 1934

	No. Rec'd
State Department Reports .....	15,915
Bulletins of State Departments .....	7,625
Maps .....	3,075
Legislative Record 1933, Sp. Sess. 1933 .....	1,021
Laws of Maine, 1932, 1933 and Sp. Sess. 1933 .....	2,347
Maine Reports, v. 131 .....	799
Maine Bar Association Report 1932-33, V. 28 .....	136
Total .....	<hr/> 30,918

## BOOKS PURCHASED BY LEGISLATIVE ORDER

Augusta Vital Records, 2 v. ....	1,000
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CIVIL WORKS ADMINISTRATION. Maine department reports have been analysed under a Civil Works Administration project so that a wealth of information is now available and can be put to the uses intended. An article on *Island titles of Maine* in the 1914 report of the Forest Commissioner is now easily located. The valuable material on the habits and natural history of the lobster in the reports of the Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries has been made available. These two examples alone show the value of this analysis which has entered in the general catalogue these special articles found in the annual and biennial reports of the departments where formerly these articles were located only after a long search.

In addition to the regular work of the cataloguing department, the following projects were undertaken by the three Civil Works Administration skilled workers who were employed at the State Library from February to May, 1934:

Analytical subject entries were added to the catalogue for biographical sketches (obituaries) appearing in the Maine Supreme Court reports.

Three sets of periodicals not indexed in the *Reader's Guide* were analyzed for local history and genealogy.

Work was begun on an index to the genealogies contained in recent town histories and genealogical publications supplementing Munsell's Index to Genealogies. This project is still unfinished.

A beginning was made on tabulated continuation cards for the department reports of other states received previous to the year 1922. This project remains incomplete.

The Maine Guide-Book which has been in preparation for some years received much needed aid and the work progressed to a great extent, but there is still a vast amount to be accomplished in the way of research before this will be complete. There was also a beginning on some important listing of old Maine newspapers, which is still unfinished. Thus it seems that while some of the projects were completed several others remain until the time when some special provision can be made to have them carried out to completion.



The library was very fortunate in securing sufficient assistance to have all the books carefully dusted, including removal from the floor and a thorough washing of that. The shelves in the main library, the business office and the extension division were cleaned and the storehouse received a complete renovation. This was done under direct supervision of the State Library by workers provided from time to time during the winter, some days as many as six men reporting for duty, and at other times only one or two; but for the most part, during a period of three months, March, April, and May, there was at least one man on full-time duty as assigned by the Civil Works Administration.

### CIRCULATION

July 1, 1932-June 30, 1934

Number of volumes lent . . . . .	64,399
Average daily circulation . . . . .	105
Largest daily circulation . . . . .	257
Circulation of books in traveling libraries . . . . .	150,481

### LOCALITIES SERVED

During the year 1932-33 loans were made to patrons in four hundred and ninety-six localities, and in 1933-34, to four hundred and ninety-eight localities. There were ninety-eight places served in 1933-34 which were not in 1932-33, making the total number of localities served in the biennial period five hundred and ninety-four.

Loans were made to forty-one places out of the state during this period.

The following figures show the number of volumes of non-fiction books sent out from the State Library:

## CIRCULATION RECORD

July 1, 1932- June 30, 1933	General Works	Philos- ophy	Reli- gion	Sociol- ogy	Lan- guage	Science	Useful Arts	Fine Arts	Liter- ature	History	Travel	Biog- raphy	Period- icals	Book- mobile	Total
July . . . . .	221	69	35	366	15	114	191	136	302	139	101	93	276	113	2171
August . . . . .	167	89	32	284	10	81	142	131	349	139	120	159	268		1971
September . . . . .	137	76	30	217	14	78	140	137	316	122	113	115	268	5	1768
October . . . . .	140	120	51	355	24	86	180	135	386	183	168	145	367		2340
November . . . . .	214	112	57	374	16	95	208	178	456	166	162	233	324		2595
December . . . . .	196	136	61	316	15	111	186	135	462	163	171	169	365		2486
January . . . . .	342	160	62	567	8	142	267	227	535	239	270	245	424		3488
February . . . . .	206	174	43	639	14	131	282	267	573	290	283	270	498		3670
March . . . . .	265	158	50	618	14	134	378	251	695	250	284	336	487		3920
April . . . . .	284	120	37	495	10	108	279	186	473	265	182	268	408		3115
May . . . . .	252	85	34	379	4	96	149	165	329	162	128	147	395		2325
June . . . . .	103	65	17	268	6	78	169	137	250	136	90	119	332		1770
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>2527</b>	<b>1364</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>4878</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>1254</b>	<b>2571</b>	<b>2085</b>	<b>5126</b>	<b>2254</b>	<b>2072</b>	<b>2299</b>	<b>4412</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>31619</b>

July 1, 1933- June 30, 1934	General Works	Philos- ophy	Reli- gion	Sociol- ogy	Lan- guage	Science	Useful Arts	Fine Arts	Liter- ature	History	Travel	Biog- raphy	Period- icals	Book- mobile	Total
July . . . . .	160	146	20	312	12	93	160	129	441	117	130	143	328		2191
August . . . . .	161	90	26	253	16	129	181	94	367	163	122	145	325		2072
September . . . . .	257	74	35	270	4	110	193	143	313	156	115	153	314		2137
October . . . . .	269	86	77	356	3	65	246	189	399	216	168	202	329		2605
November . . . . .	335	98	55	378	11	100	242	193	419	187	146	197	387		2748
December . . . . .	189	116	64	490	7	114	250	195	422	238	178	241	326		2830
January . . . . .	354	110	71	632	12	145	336	330	625	240	232	269	474		3830
February . . . . .	337	84	81	450	10	130	296	254	563	213	210	292	448		3368
March . . . . .	301	95	62	574	11	142	354	248	696	267	214	270	496		3730
April . . . . .	220	96	43	445	6	122	239	192	481	200	154	213	405		2816
May . . . . .	241	67	43	403	7	93	246	149	331	209	138	144	376		2447
June . . . . .	214	76	22	277	8	97	254	207	242	132	109	88	280		2006
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>3038</b>	<b>1138</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>4840</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1340</b>	<b>2997</b>	<b>2323</b>	<b>5299</b>	<b>2338</b>	<b>1916</b>	<b>2357</b>	<b>4488</b>		<b>32780</b>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
1932-33

*Salaries and Clerk Hire*

Appropriation .....		\$16,750.00
Expenditures .....	\$16,346.14	
Unexpended balance .....	591.11	
Transfer from appropriation to main- tenance .....		187.25
	\$16,937.25	\$16,937.25

*Maintenance*

Appropriation .....		\$8,500.00
Credit by postage and other refunds .....		324.65
Expenditures .....	\$7,815.25	
Transfer to salaries and clerk hire ..	187.25	
Unexpended balance .....	822.15	
	\$8,824.65	\$8,824.65

*Traveling Libraries*

Appropriation .....		\$6,500.00
Credit by refunds .....		1,030.94
Expenditures .....	\$3,491.97	
Unexpended balance .....	4,038.97	
	\$7,530.94	\$7,530.94

*Stipend for Free Public Libraries*

Appropriation .....		\$15,000.00
Expenditures .....	\$14,782.72	
Unexpended balance .....	217.28	
	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00

*Donations for Founding Free Public Libraries*

Appropriation .....		\$200.00
Expenditures .....	\$49.26	
Unexpended balance .....	150.74	
	\$200.00	\$200.00

*Reports of Judicial Decisions*

Appropriation . . . . .		\$2,500.00
Expenditures . . . . .	\$2,420.00	
Unexpended balance . . . . .	80.00	
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	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

*Publication of Ancient Vital Statistics*

Appropriation . . . . .		\$2,000.00
Expenditures . . . . .	\$727.20	
Unexpended balance . . . . .	1,272.80	
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	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

*Expenses of State Historian*

Appropriation . . . . .		\$500.00
Expenditures . . . . .	\$ 6.45	
Unexpended balance . . . . .	493.55	
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	\$500.00	\$500.00

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1933-34

*Salaries and Clerk Hire*

Appropriation . . . . .		\$15,100.00
Expenditures . . . . .	\$14,503.76	
Unexpended balance . . . . .	596.24	
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	\$15,100.00	\$15,100.00

*Maintenance*

Appropriation . . . . .		\$7,050.00
Credit by postage and other refunds . . . . .		487.25
Expenditures . . . . .	\$6,032.26	
Transfer to Reports of Judicial Decisions . . . . .	170.00	
Unexpended balance . . . . .	1,334.99	
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	\$7,537.25	\$7,537.25

*Traveling Libraries*

Appropriation . . . . .		\$6,900.00
Credit by refunds . . . . .		834.80
Expenditures . . . . .	\$5,246.33	
Unexpended balance . . . . .	2,488.47	
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	\$7,734.80	\$7,734.80

*Stipend for Free Public Libraries*

Appropriation . . . . .		\$7,500.00
Expenditures . . . . .	\$7,341.45	
Unexpended balance . . . . .	158.55	
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	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00

*Donations for Founding Free Public Libraries*

Appropriation . . . . .		\$200.00
Unexpended balance . . . . .	\$200.00	
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	\$200.00	\$200.00

*Reports of Judicial Decisions*

Appropriation . . . . .		\$2,250.00
Expenditures . . . . .	\$2,420.00	
Transfer from appropriation for Maintenance . . . . .		170.00
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	\$2,420.00	\$2,420.00

*Publication of Ancient Vital Statistics*

Appropriation . . . . .		\$1,250.00
Expenditures . . . . .	\$1,250.00	
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	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00

BUREAU OF LIBRARY EXTENSION. The duties of the Library Extension of the Maine State Library are to promote, organize and supervise free libraries; to acquire, prepare, and circulate traveling libraries; to supply information, advice, and assistance or instruction on any matter pertaining to library methods, organization or administration of libraries;

to employ all suitable efforts to bring within the reach of the people of the State, and awaken their desire for, increased opportunities and facilities for reading and study.

**TRAVELING LIBRARIES.** The State Library has served through its traveling library system 487 of the 517 cities, towns, and plantations of the State. In the years covered by this report, 1932-34, 1265 traveling library collections have been distributed. More extensive use of the general or adult sets is being made in the remote communities.

Each year the Maine State Library endeavors to find new fields in which to place its traveling libraries. Special library projects have been arranged through the Farm Bureau groups and the Education Department.

**FARM BUREAU PROJECT.** The Farm Bureau project began in 1932 with four counties. The extension worker met with the clubs (both Farm Bureau and 4-H Clubs), explained the methods, talked about the authors and books, and made every effort to create an interest in the project. No method of approach we have tried promises greater success than this project. It takes us to the very center of the rural problem; it brings us into contact with the most interested person in the community—the club leader; it brings us with the books into personal relation with the alert boys and girls of the locality.

Out of these clubs in many instances will develop public libraries; from among these young people will come men and women who will support libraries; and more important than all else, there will come a generation of intelligent readers, who, if country life is saved, will be the leaders in that achievement.

This Farm Bureau project has been extended to seven counties with plans to introduce it to four more new counties for 1934-35. Libraries have been used in Kennebec 6, Knox-Lincoln 3, Penobscot 3, Piscataquis 3, Waldo 6, Washington 3.

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROJECT.** Through the Department of Education a project was started, whereby schools with very poor or no school facilities, could secure two traveling libraries each—one for the lower grades and one for the upper grades. Forty of these collections were

made up with twenty-five volumes in a set. The books were selected with great care and an effort made to include titles necessary for a good background of literature and to supplement the various subjects in the school curriculum. The libraries will be exchanged among the communities each year. Following is the list of towns where the books have been placed: Amherst, Brooks, Buckfield, Coopers Mills, Eastport, Etna, Grand Isle, LaGrange, Mapleton, Oakfield, Oakland, Otisfield, Oxford, Penobscot, Richmond, Shirley, Washington, West New Portland.

### TRAVELING LIBRARY CIRCULATION RECORD

July 1, 1932-June 30, 1934

Adult fiction . . . . .	43,279
Adult non-fiction . . . . .	14,259
Juvenile fiction . . . . .	58,260
Juvenile non-fiction . . . . .	34,683
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Total . . . . .	150,481

DISCARDED BOOKS. Each year several hundred books are discarded from the traveling libraries. The books which are not too badly worn and soiled are singled out and distributed to State Institutions and rural districts. Following is the record of books that have been distributed for the periods 1932-34:

JULY 1, 1932-JUNE 30, 1934

Northern Maine Sanatorium, Presque Isle . . . . .	88
William Jackman, Sherman Mills . . . . .	52
Strong High School, Strong . . . . .	60
A. A. Spaulding, Supt., Caribou . . . . .	40
Northern Maine Sanatorium, Presque Isle . . . . .	60
J. A. Foss, Bluehill Bay Light Station, Brooklin . . . . .	53
Hancock Library, Hancock Point . . . . .	227
Lowell Coburn, Grindstone . . . . .	25
State Prison, Thomaston . . . . .	200
Mrs. Cornelia M. Brewer, Waterville, R. No. 2 . . . . .	10
Rev. George B. Davis, Alna . . . . .	232
Miss Shasta J. Albee, Kingfield . . . . .	29
Myra V. Billington, Lambert Lake . . . . .	50
Mrs. Cora B. Frost, Palmyra . . . . .	250
Maurice A. Richards, Princeton . . . . .	30
Mrs. Ava Scammon, Franklin . . . . .	50

Emma Coolidge, Pittsfield . . . . .	28
State School for Girls, Hallowell . . . . .	40
State School for Boys, South Portland . . . . .	30
Pownal State School, West Pownal . . . . .	35
Central Maine Sanatorium, Fairfield . . . . .	64
Military and Naval Orphan Asylum, Bath . . . . .	37
Opportunity Farm, New Gloucester . . . . .	58
Clifford Irish, Sherman Mills . . . . .	14
Ella A. Parker, Winthrop . . . . .	25
Leon Briggs, Norridgewock . . . . .	12
Northern Maine Sanatorium, Presque Isle . . . . .	73
Central Maine Sanatorium, Fairfield . . . . .	54
Mary E. Walker, Librarian, East Dixfield . . . . .	36
Mrs. Etta Watts, Jonesboro . . . . .	48
Total . . . . .	2,010

GIFTS TO NEW LIBRARIES. Under the benefits of Sec. 36 of Chap. 210 of the laws of 1921, which reads as follows: "The State Library shall donate to any town having no free public library owned or controlled by the town books purchased for that purpose not exceeding fifty per cent in value of the books and documents purchased by said town for the purpose of founding a free public library therein; said donation in no case to exceed one hundred dollars," the following libraries have received books during the past two years: South Windham, \$50; Gorham, \$50.

NEW LIBRARY BUILDINGS, 1932-34. New library buildings have been erected, or old buildings remodelled, in the following places: Deer Isle, East Machias, Lisbon, Old Town, Orrington, Sanford, Solon. A new children's room has been added to the Waterville Public Library, and the Sanford (Springvale) Library has moved to new quarters and has a new reading room.

GIFTS AND BEQUESTS TO MAINE LIBRARIES, 1932-34. Cornish, \$500 from Richard F. Chase, M. D., of West Baldwin; Limerick, \$100 from Mrs. Annie Parsons Eastman; Searsport, \$3,000 from estate of Mrs. Ida A. Adams; Dexter, \$975 from estate of Henry Moore of California; Belfast, an addition to its endowment fund from estate of Alfred Johnson; Kennebunk, \$1,800 under will of Miss Gertrude Taylor; Gardiner, \$10 from Samuel Grant Chapter of D. A. R.;



North Berwick, \$10,000 from Mrs. Mary R. Hurd and \$1,000 from estate of Ratia A. Littlefield, Lynn, Massachusetts; Waterville, \$1,000 from will of Herbert L. Emery; Bates College, Lewiston, \$2,000 from will of Mrs. Cora A. Spaulding, formerly of North Haven; Bowdoin College, Brunswick, \$2,000 from will of Mrs. Cora A. Spaulding; Colby College, Waterville, \$2,000 from will of Mrs. Cora A. Spaulding.

**NEW STIPEND LIBRARIES.** The State pays from 7 to 10 per cent to any town making an appropriation from taxation funds for the support of a library. During the two year period with which this report is concerned, nine towns have been added to the list of those appropriating funds for library purposes: Bluehill, Bucksport, Brownville, Buxton, Corinth, Deer Isle, Lisbon, Southport, Windham. Stipends were paid to 150 libraries during the period covered by this report.