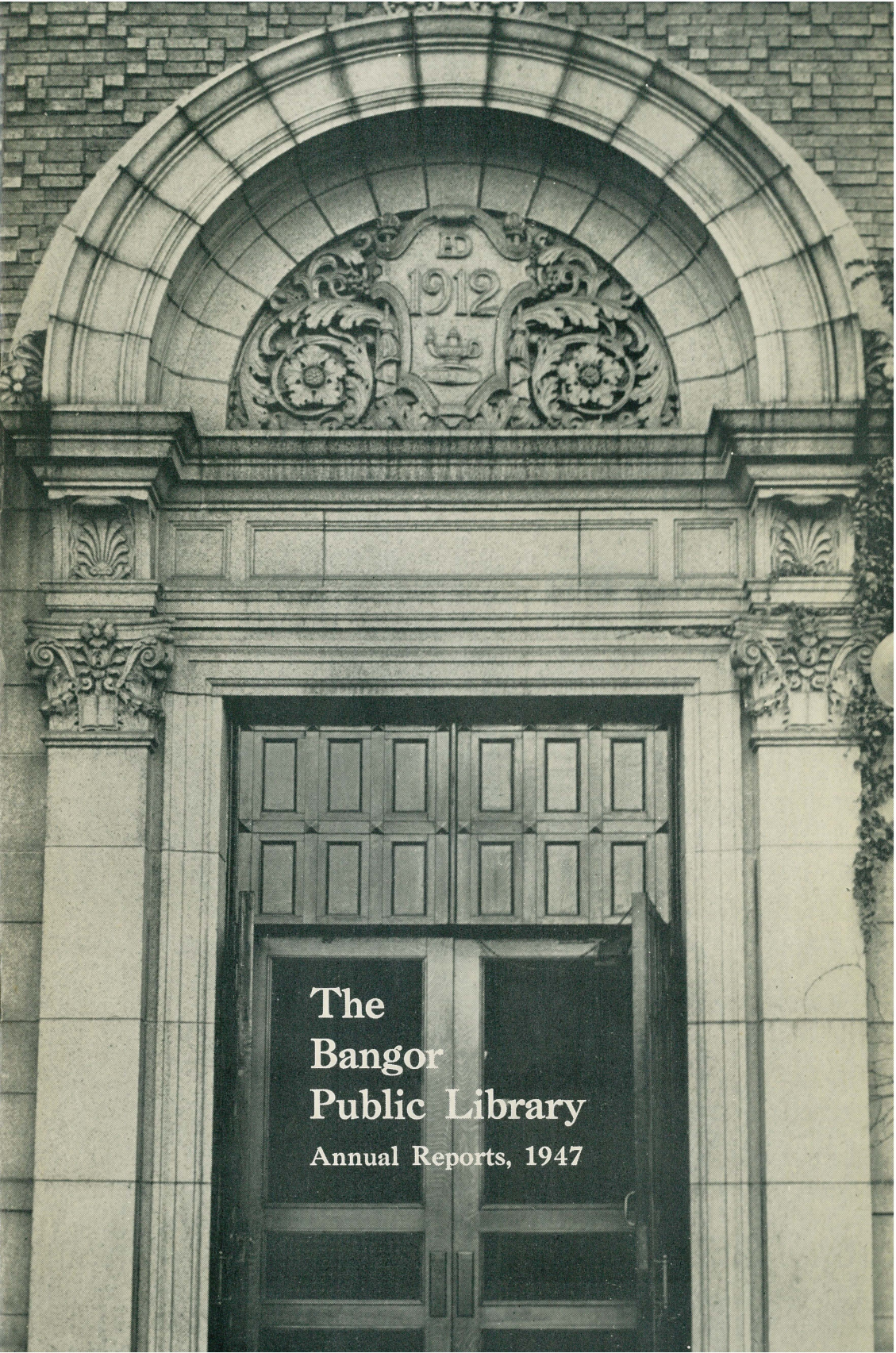




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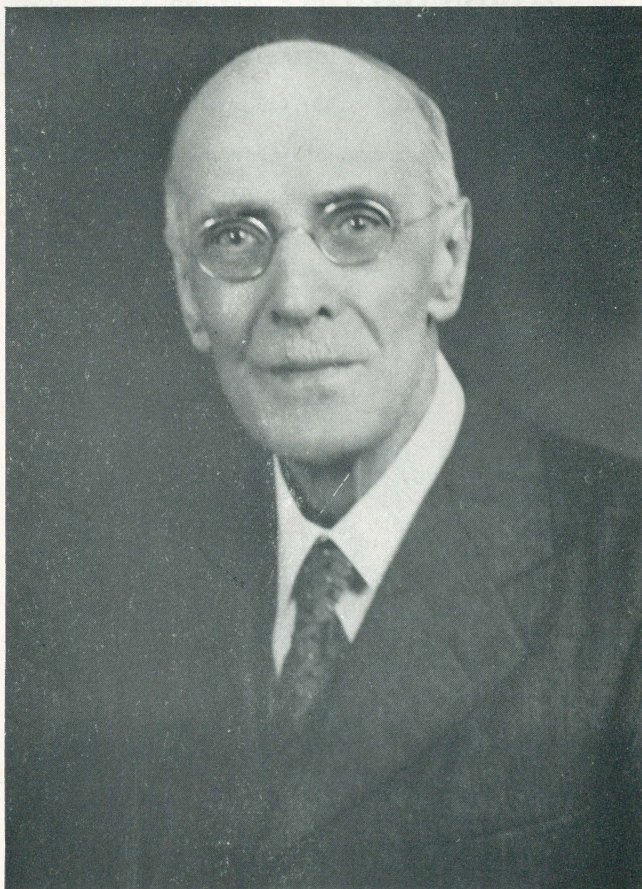
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Warren Joseph Moulton

August 30, 1865 - May 7, 1947

Member of the Board of Managers and of the Trustees of
the Bangor Public Library, 1932-1947; President, 1935-1947.

Please see memorial resolutions on page 27

Endowment

of the Bangor Public Library

Administered by the Trustees of the Bangor
Public Library

Frederick W. Hill and Marianne Hill Fund—Bequeathed in 1920 by Frederick W. Hill “for the purpose of purchasing books . . . and no part . . . for the erection or repair of any building.” \$ 605,910.22

John F. Patten Fund—Bequeathed in 1900 by Grace D. Patten (Mrs John F. Patten) in memory of her husband for “the purchase of books to make, or help make, entire some important department of the Library.” 4,000.00

Augmented by the

Thomas Upham Coe Bequest—Bequeathed in 1927 by Thomas Upham Coe “to be added to the Patten Fund, so-called.” 2,000.00

\$ 6,000.00

Stodder Fund—To a nucleus of \$36,000.00 bequeathed in 1924 by George Tyler Stodder and added to in subsequent years by reinvestment, the termination in 1942 of life trusts set up by George Tyler Stodder and James Chesterman Stodder for Anne E. Stodder added a balance received in 1942, 1943, and 1946. Of the income of this fund, designated as the “Stodder Fund”, one half is for the purchase of books and the other half “may, if needed, be used by the Library for administration expenses.” 1,089,661.45

Trustees Fund—Invested monies upon which there is no restriction as to the use of income. 170,738.98

Augmented by the

Luther H. Peirce Fund—Bequeathed in 1915 by Luther H. Peirce, the income for "the purchase of books or for any other purpose within the walls of said Library building." 75,000.00

Further augmented by the

Frances A. Stetson Fund—Bequeathed in 1918 by Frances A. Stetson "to be used as may seem to them (the Trustees) best." 1,000.00

Still further augmented by the

Ernestine Thompson Fund—Bequeathed in 1945 by Ernestine Thompson without conditions either as to use of principal or income. 1,000.00

\$ 247,738.98

Louise Baldwin Thompson Fund—Bequeathed in 1944 by Louise de Hauteville Bell (Mrs. Jaffray de Hauteville Bell, née Louise Baldwin Thompson) in memory of her mother, Louise Baldwin Thompson (Mrs. Arad Thompson), "all books purchased with this fund to bear a bookplate in her name." \$ 2,000.00

Administered by the Trustees of the Hersey Fund

Hersey Fund—Bequeathed in 1875 by Samuel F. Hersey and its income now, by provision of the City Ordinances, unalterably fixed at \$4,000.00 and devoted "to the perpetual maintenance of the Bangor Public Library." \$ 100,000.00

Administered by the City of Bangor

Bangor Mechanic Association Fund—Conveyed in 1883 to the City of Bangor by the Bangor Mechanic Association (founded 1828) in pursuance of an agreement with the Trustees of the Hersey Fund “for the purpose of establishing and perpetually maintaining a Public Library in the City of Bangor.” \$ 12,000.00

Administered by the Bangor Mechanic Association

Edward Ellison Fund—Bequeathed in 1918 by Mary Harris Ellison Curran (Mrs. Nicholas F. Curran), in memory of her father, Edward Ellison, “for the purchase of books, other than works of fiction” of which only one copy is to be bought and that “may never be taken from the Library.” \$ 10,000.00

Total endowment \$2,073,310.65

1947 Organization

Board of Managers and Trustees
of the
Bangor Public Library

Consisting of the

Trustees of the Hersey Fund

Ralph Whittier, term expires January 1953

William F. Curran, term expires January 1949

Donald S. Higgins, term expires January 1951

Manning C. Moulton, succeeded Warren J. Moulton,
term expires January 1953

Warren J. Moulton, died May 7, 1947

Ralph L. Waymouth, *ex officio* as City Treasurer

and the

Officers of the Bangor Mechanic Association

Harry D. Benson

Franklin E. Bragg

George F. Eaton

Horace S. Stewart

Officers

President, Warren J. Moulton, succeeded by Donald S. Higgins

Vice-President and Treasurer, Harry D. Benson

Secretary and Clerk, L. Felix Ranlett

Committees

Auditing, Mr. Higgins

Finance, Mr. Bragg, Dr. W. J. Moulton, succeeded by Mr. Stewart, and, *ex officio*, Mr. Benson

Purchasing, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Benson, and Mr. Whittier

Building and Grounds, Mr. Benson, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Whittier

Insurance and Property Values, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Curran, and Mr. Waymouth

Report of the Librarian

To the Board of Managers of the Bangor Public Library:

The library now contains 251,116 books. That is 8.42 books per capita. During the year 11,000 books were added and 3,696 were removed, making a net gain of 7,304 in 1947.

Home use of books in 1947 amounted to 308,058. That is 10.33 per capita, or 16.14 per registered borrower. There are 19,087 registered borrowers.

The library operated not merely from its central building, but from a total of 141 different locations: 1 central library, 2 branches, 117 collections in schools, and 21 collections in institutions. For 41 weeks the central library was open 72 hours a week. For the 11 weeks of summer the central library was open 54 hours a week.

Twelve per cent of the cost of running the library in 1947 was supplied by city appropriation and 88% was supplied from other sources, mostly income of trust funds. These percentages were the same as in 1946.

Other statistics, in form for easy comparison with previous years and prepared according to the standards of the American Library Association and the U. S. Office of Education, will be found on pages 17-26 of this report.

Employees of the library, in full-time equivalent, totalled 25.87. The turnover in staff was unusually heavy. There were seven resignations. The principal reason for changes was the departure of young married women to live at home. Alice G. Bibber, who had been assistant in charge of the Music Branch since it opened in 1929, retired voluntarily under the provisions of the Employees' Retirement System.

With the present number of employees it is not possible to give staff members free mornings on the days when they work evenings. The budget for 1948 provides enough additional help

to permit this. There is also the job of finding the right people.

A signal benefit was provided for the employees of the library during 1947 when the library, through the action of the City Council and city manager, became a local participating district in the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maine. The library had previously no retirement system, though several insurance company plans had been investigated.

This retirement plan became effective on July 1, 1947. Of the 25 employees then eligible, 23 joined and 2 did not. All persons employed subsequently were required to join as a condition of employment. Voluntary retirement with benefits is at age 65; compulsory retirement is at age 70. There is a disability provision. The employee contributes 5% of pay or a percentage based on age at joining. The employer contributes an amount determined by actuarial computations to more than match the employee contribution and to provide full prior service benefits to be amortized in thirty years. The money needed for 1948 is a new item in our budget for city appropriation. The state provides the machinery for the retirement plan, but none of the money. The library, through the city appropriation, provides the employer's contribution.

Planning by the building committee of the Board of Managers and by the librarian for various alterations and additions to the building proceeded slowly in 1947. After examining the old wooden shelving being disposed of from Carnegie Hall at the University of Maine and consulting with four manufacturers of library shelving we have commissioned the Art Metal Construction Company to build the second half of our fourth tier of stack during 1948. The money for this capital improvement has been saved out of trust fund income over a number of years and is not included in the regular operating budget. This shelving, which will occupy the last space previously remaining in our stack room, will provide room for growth for five years. Coincident with this construction we plan to make a private office for the librarian in stack A, adjoining the present general office. We shall improve the lecture hall by putting ventilation windows high up in the east wall, installing darkening curtains in the skylight, and adding folding doors.

We are having plans drawn that will permit further growth in 1953 when the shelving to be added in 1948 shall have been filled. With these plans in hand we shall seek sources from which the cost of the necessary future construction may be met. The terms of gifts of the present trust funds make them unavailable for this purpose. Most important of the new plans will be a four-story addition, with elevator, to the present stack (book storage) building. Secondary improvements, that may or may not be separate projects, will be an expansion of the catalog room, expansions by means of mezzanine floors of the book capacity of the reference room and children's room alcove, and a door permitting passage between the main building and the stack building on the basement level.

The Bangor Public Library is not only complimented but should benefit substantially from being one of forty-nine libraries in the United States chosen to be studied during 1948 by the Public Library Inquiry of the Social Science Research Council. The inquiry, which is being made at the request of the American Library Association and is financed by a grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, is to enable librarians and library boards to understand the measure of their accomplishment in meeting the library needs of the American public. The Bangor Public Library is pleased to have a part in this valuable project. Preliminary steps in the inquiry were undertaken in 1947.

Asphalt tile floors were installed in the central library in the historical room, reading room, reference room, and main desk. The interior of the stack building, the historical room, the rotunda and main stairs, and the foyer were painted. A case was built for phonograph discs. An extension of the main catalog on order since early in 1946 has not yet been delivered.

The city's World War II memorial Book of Honor prepared over the course of two years by the librarian and staff of the library, was dedicated at the Municipal Auditorium on Memorial Day, May 30, in the presence of some thousand citizens including the relatives of the 112 war dead. The book is on perpetual display in the foyer of the library. A page is turned each day.

The collection of phonograph records of music of lasting

value which it is intended to issue for home use, like books, which was mentioned in last year's annual report was begun and many records acquired. It has taken longer than anticipated both to acquire the records wanted and to arrange the details of handling them. The records are not yet ready for public use, but will be before long, when public announcement will be made.

The Rev. Warren J. Moulton, Ph. D., D. D., LL. D., a trustee of the Hersey Fund and a member of the Board of Managers of the Bangor Public Library from 1932 onwards and who was president of the Board of Managers from 1935 onwards, died on May 7, 1947. His portrait appears on page 2 of this booklet of reports. The resolutions in appreciation of his services adopted by the Board of Managers of the library appear on page 27.

Manning C. Moulton, M. D., was appointed a trustee of the Hersey Fund and a member of the Board of Managers of the library, succeeding Warren J. Moulton, and was welcomed at the board meeting of July 22, the first following his appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

L. FELIX RANLETT,
Librarian.

Bangor, Maine, January 27, 1948

Report of the Treasurer

January 27, 1948

To the Board of Managers and Trustees of the Bangor Public Library:

As Treasurer, I submit reports of the various funds of the Bangor Public Library as follows:

Trustees Fund

Receipts

Balance Jan. 1, 1947.....	\$ 17,814.71
From Invested Funds (\$9,265.55 less accrued interest, \$413.66).....	8,851.89
Sold, called or matured.....	151,026.19
Premium account.....	3,154.75
	\$180,847.54

Disbursements

For Insurance	\$ 1,007.63
Conventions and associations.....	357.09
Safekeeping of securities.....	270.39
Salaries	1,220.00
Purchase of securities.....	159,372.00
Miscellaneous	10.00
Balance Dec. 31, 1947.....	18,610.43
	\$180,847.54

General Fund

Receipts

Balance Jan. 1, 1947.....	\$ 15,131.14
From Mechanic Association.....	600.00
Librarian: fines, fees, etc.	3,151.95
Hersey Fund.....	4,000.00
City of Bangor.....	12,000.00
Stodder Fund (\$20,516.46 less accrued interest refunded, \$502.50)	20,013.96
	\$ 54,897.05

Disbursements

For Telephone	\$ 169.53
Gas and electricity.....	1,066.07
Heat	3,356.25
Water and ice.....	110.65
Salaries	34,701.05
Furniture, fittings, etc.	1,760.22
Postage, stationery, etc.	1,060.99
Printing, etc.	922.78
Janitor's supplies.....	789.39
Repairs, etc.	4,313.46
Library of Congress catalog cards.....	302.26
Retirement	2,442.00
Miscellaneous	314.71
Balance Dec. 31, 1947.....	3,587.69
	\$ 54,897.05

Book Fund*Receipts*

Balance cash Jan. 1, 1947.....	\$ 76,832.57
From State of Maine.....	200.00
Income, Edward Ellison Fund.....	254.00
Income, Frederick W. Hill and Marianne Hill Fund (\$25,480.35 from investments plus \$25.03 sav- ings account less accrued interest refunded \$353.68).....	23,151.70
Income, Stodder Fund (\$20,516.46 less accrued interest refunded, \$502.50)	20,013.96
Payments for lost books.....	144.48
Investment income.....	2,422.50
Reserve from fees and fines for pur- chase of musical records.....	500.00
	\$123,519.21

Disbursements

For Books, pamphlets, etc.—price.....	\$ 23,017.14
Books, pamphlets, etc.—processing ...	14,870.00
Periodical subscriptions	4,221.15
Binding and repairs.....	2,002.88
Transportation	38.79
Maps, prints and music.....	905.14
Purchase of securities.....	45,954.00

Balance cash Dec. 31, 1947.....	32,510.11	
	<u> </u>	\$123,519.21

Beside the cash balance in the foregoing there is \$72,934.00 of unexpended income invested in income producing securities.

John F. Patten Fund

Receipts

Balance Jan. 1, 1947.....	\$ 527.84	
From Invested Funds.....	236.55	
Called or matured, none	<u> </u>	\$ 764.39

Disbursements

For Books, etc.	\$ 216.26	
Purchase of securities, none		
Balance Dec. 31, 1947.....	548.13	
	<u> </u>	\$ 764.39

Frederick W. Hill and Marianne Hill Fund

Receipts

Balance Jan. 1, 1947.....	\$ 4,494.65	
From Sale, maturity and call of securities..	115,310.77	
Premium account.....	3,882.15	
	<u> </u>	\$123,687.57

Disbursements

For Purchase of securities	\$120,170.80	
Balance Dec. 31, 1947.....	3,516.77	
	<u> </u>	\$123,687.57

The entire income of this fund, \$23,151.70, was credited to the Book Fund.

Stodder Fund

Receipts

Balance Jan. 1, 1947.....	\$ 41,051.47	
From Income from investments.....	41,032.92	
Sale, maturity and call of securities....	267,199.77	
Premium account	19,005.94	
	<u> </u>	\$368,290.10

Disbursements

For Transfer to Book Fund	\$ 20,516.46
Transfer to General Account	20,516.46

Purchase of securities.....	324,363.00	
Miscellaneous, none		
Balance Dec. 31, 1947.....	2,894.18	
		\$368,290.10

Louise Baldwin Thompson Fund

Receipts

Balance Jan. 1, 1947.....	\$ 2,009.33	
From Invested Funds	23.10	
Called or matured, none		
		\$ 2,032.43

Disbursements

For Purchase of securities.....	\$ 1,962.40	
Balance Dec. 31, 1947.....	70.03	
		\$ 2,032.43

Premium Account

New account beginning Jan. 1, 1947—For reference only

Trustees Fund.....	\$ 3,154.75	
Hill Fund.....	3,882.15	
Stodder Fund.....	19,005.94	

Dec. 31, 1947 Total.....	\$ 26,042.84
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Respectfully submitted,

HARRY D. BENSON, *Treasurer.*

Certification

To the Board of Managers and Trustees of the Bangor Public Library:

I have examined the accounts of Harry D. Benson, Treasurer of the Bangor Public Library, for the year ended December 31, 1947. The cash income and expenditures of the year were found to be properly accounted for, and the cash on hand as of December 31, 1947, was confirmed by certification obtained by me directly from the Merchants National Bank of Bangor.

The securities owned by the Library are held for safekeeping by the Merchants National Bank of Bangor. They were produced for my inspection by an officer of that bank; all were accounted for and found to be in proper order.

FRANK H. FLOYD, *Auditor.*

Bangor, Maine, January 27, 1948.

Report of Trustees of the Hersey Fund

Bangor, January 27, 1948.

To the City Council of the City of Bangor:

The Trustees of the Hersey Fund submit their annual report. They have received from the City Treasurer the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) in quarterly payments, which have been paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Managers of the Bangor Public Library.

They also submit, herewith, the annual reports of the Librarian of the Bangor Public Library, the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Bangor Public Library, and the Treasurer of the Board of Managers of said Library.

DONALD S. HIGGINS

RALPH WHITTIER

MANNING C. MOULTON

WILLIAM F. CURRAN

RALPH L. WAYMOUTH

Trustees of the Hersey Fund.

(Who worked at any time during 1947)

Staff

Jeanne H. Babcock, *Assistant, Children's Department*

† Retired

Statistics of the Library

TABLE A
Books in the Library, 1947

Class and Class number	<i>By Class</i>		
	In Library Jan. 1 1947	Net Additions 1947	In Library Dec. 31, 1947
General Works 000-099.....	14,076	614	14,690
Philosophy 100-199.....	3,594	75	3,669
Religion 200-299.....	6,772	191	6,963
Social Sciences 300-399.....	45,625	1,275	46,900
Language 400-499.....	1,243	30	1,273
Pure Science 500-599.....	9,313	148	9,461
Useful Arts 600-699.....	22,887	504	23,391
Fine Arts 700-799.....	31,158	876	32,034
Literature 800-899.....	18,292	460	18,752
Description 910-919.....	7,759	160	7,919
History 900-909, 930-999.....	21,389	621	22,010
Biography 920-929, & B.....	15,363	412	15,775
Fiction	46,341	1,938	48,279
Totals	243,812	7,304	251,116

Gross additions were 11,000,
removals 3,696, making
net additions 7,304.

By Location and Kind, Dec. 31, 1947

Location	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Central Library	191,571	19,312	210,983
Music Branch	16,557	.....	16,557
Extension Department	12,401	11,275	23,676
Totals	220,529	30,587	251,116
Kind	Number	Percent	
Adult Non-Fiction	185,089	74%	
Adult Fiction.....	35,440	14%	
Juvenile	30,587	12%	
Totals	251,116	100%	
Volumes per capita.....			8.42

TABLE B
Additions and Removals, 1947

<i>Sources of Additions</i>					
	New Titles	Added Copies	Replace- ments	Binding Serials	Totals
Purchase	3,749	4,830	1,107	322	10,008
Gift	317	569	28	32	946
Return after loss....	....	....	40	....	40
Exchange .....	....	....	6	....	6
Totals	4,066	5,399	1,181	354	11,000
<i>Causes of Removals</i>					
Withdrawn:					
Worn out				1,740	
Obsolete				1,309	
Exchange				3	
Sold				1	
Indian documents held by Superior Court				5	
Total withdrawn					3,058
Lost:					
Charged out and not returned.....				269	
Missing in inventories.....				130	
Missing from classes not inventoried				19	
Lost and paid for.....				112	
Contagion				37	
Fire and/or water.....				71	
Total lost					638
Total removed					3,696
Net additions (additions less removals).....					7,304

TABLE C
Binding and Repair, 1947

Sent to Bindery:		
Previously unbound:		
Volumes of serials		189
Volumes not serials		84
Previously bound:		
Volumes to be rebound		607
Volumes to be repaired		4
Total sent to Bindery.....		884
Repaired by Library.....		62

TABLE D
Registration, 1947

(Principal registration period is three years)

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Card holders, Jan. 1, 1947.....	16,223	2,645	18,868
Registrations removed because of failure to renew, change of residence, death etc., 1947.....	1,785	828	2,613
	14,438	1,817	16,255
New registrations, 1947.....	2,261	571	2,832
Card holders, Dec. 31, 1947.....	16,699	2,388	19,087
Including registrations renewed, 1947	1,893	189	2,082

TABLE E
Classes of Borrowers, 1947

	Adult	Juvenile 3rd-9th Grade	Juvenile "Mother's" Cards	Total (Juvenile)	Total
A. Bangor residents	15,045	1,971	386	(2,357)	17,402
AS. Army Service	265	.....	.....	.....	265
B. Business cards	144	.....	.....	.....	144
C. Non-resident individ- uals who pay \$1.00 a year (juvenile \$0.50)	1,051	27	4	(31)	1,082
D. Special borrowers who make a de- posit	65	.....	.....	.....	65
E. Libraries outside of Bangor	88	.....	.....	.....	88
I. Visitors who make a deposit of \$2.00	24	.....	.....	.....	24
J. Non-resident groups ...	17	.....	.....	.....	17
Totals	16,699	1,998	390	(2,388)	19,087
Percent of population registered (Classes A, AS, and B only).....					60%

TABLE F
Circulation, 1947

<i>Entire Library</i>				
	Adult Non- Fiction	Adult Fiction	Juvenile	Total
Central Library—				
General works, including unbound periodicals 000-099	19,384	.....	616	20,000
Philosophy 100-199	3,017	.....	39	3,056
Religion 200-299	2,401	.....	674	3,075
Social sciences 300-399	5,511	.....	13,310	18,821
Languages 400-499	472	.....	50	522
Pure science 500-599	2,113	.....	1,626	3,739
Useful arts 600-699	8,237	.....	2,419	10,656
Fine arts 700-799	7,410	.....	1,465	8,875
Literature 800-899	7,993	.....	1,051	9,044
Description 910-919	2,000	.....	784	2,784
History 900-909, 930-999	7,294	.....	679	7,973
Biography 920-929, and B	6,745	.....	1,083	7,828
Fiction .....	.....	126,179	18,496	144,675
Total Central Library.....	72,577	126,179	42,292	241,048
Music Branch	9,097	.....	.....	9,097
Total, Central Library and Music Branch	81,674	126,179	42,292	250,145
Extension Department	5,473	17,414	35,026	57,913
Total, entire library.....	87,147	143,593	77,318	308,058
Percent	28%	47%	25%	100%
Circulation per capita .....	.....	.....	.....	10.33
Circulation per registered borrower .....	.....	.....	.....	16.14

Extension Department

	Adult Non- Fiction	Adult Fiction	Juvenile	Total
Bangor grade schools (public grades I-VI and parochial grades I-VIII)	.....	.....	11,629	11,629
Bangor High School.....	2,365	3,862	.....	6,227
John Bapst High School.....	558	1,049	.....	1,607
Fifth St. Junior High.....	.....	.....	7,058	7,058
Garland St. Junior High.....	.....	.....	6,838	6,838
Orrington Schools .....	.....	.....	2,275	2,275

Veazie School			1,791	1,791
Bangor Anti-Tuberculosis Assn.				
Sanatorium	8	183		191
Bangor Children's Home.....			192	192
Bangor Theological Seminary.....	199	6		205
Columbia St. Community Center.....	26	45		71
Eastern Corporation	20	1,221		1,241
E. M. G. Hospital, Patients' Library	1,713	6,690	3,450	11,853
Forest Avenue Branch.....	494	2,780	1,478	4,752
Good Samaritan Home.....	29	257		286
Home for Aged Men in Bangor	2	167		169
Home for Aged Women in Bangor	30	832		862
Summer Camps	6	34	315	355
Teachers' Sets	23	288		311
Totals	5,473	17,414	35,026	57,913

The Extension Department also maintained deposits, as follows, where books were used for reference only or where the record books were not kept up and, consequently, where no circulation could be counted: Eastern Maine General Hospital: (1) Doctors' Medical Library, (2) Nurses' Professional Library; Girl Scout Headquarters (Jan.-Oct.); King's Daughters' Home; Penobscot Bar Library; Whitten's Convalescent Home; York Street Clinic: (1) Adult reference books, (2) Juvenile books; Y. M. C. A. reference books; Y. W. C. A. reference books.

TABLE G

Growth and Circulation, 1911-1947

(The entire library, excepting 1,405 books which were out in use, was destroyed by fire April 30, 1911.)

Books in Library		
Year	Dec. 31	Circulation
1910.....	68,845.....	78,657
1911.....	7,127.....	22,755 (May-Dec.)
1912.....	13,208.....	54,259
1913.....	13,203.....	57,918
1914.....	22,282.....	75,682
1915.....	31,814.....	82,956
1916.....	43,323.....	84,382
1917.....	50,498.....	81,030
1918.....	57,569.....	91,082
1919.....	67,293.....	100,713
1920.....	71,940.....	103,285

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1921.....	76,512.....	124,446
1922.....	81,082.....	137,209
1923.....	84,121.....	146,548
1924.....	90,427.....	174,728
1925.....	95,260.....	219,989
1926.....	103,385.....	248,074
1927.....	119,455.....	269,828
1928.....	128,467.....	293,646
1929.....	136,294.....	308,235
1930.....	145,452.....	311,620
1931.....	152,333.....	338,179
1932.....	158,385.....	376,566
1933.....	164,946.....	397,015
1934.....	168,439.....	378,448
1935.....	174,162.....	388,089
1936.....	180,397.....	389,363
1937.....	186,914.....	384,801
1938.....	195,726.....	389,785
1939.....	204,928.....	415,723
1940.....	212,193.....	416,029
1941.....	218,181.....	405,323
1942.....	222,249.....	358,740
1943.....	228,236.....	310,535
1944.....	230,968.....	314,317
1945.....	236,562.....	316,655
1946.....	243,812.....	301,699
1947.....	251,116.....	308,058

TABLE H

Miscellaneous Statistics, 1947

Postal card notices for overdue books.....	11,570
Second notices for overdue books.....	1,004
Reference questions answered, adult.....	10,139
Reserves for home use.....	17,833
Discarded books or unrestricted donations given away.....	1,984
Lectures outside library.....	15
Classes instructed in library by staff:	
Number of classes.....	83
Total attendance.....	2,017
Children's story periods given in library by staff:	
Number of periods.....	58
Total attendance.....	1,409

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Average attendance.....	24.3
Exhibits in lecture hall:	
Library's own property	0
By invitation of the library	4
Offered	7
Public meetings (by 23 organizations)	87
Mail service to 228 individuals and 48 libraries in 139 cities or towns, total books.....	7,320
Borrowed from 8 libraries, books	49
Newspapers currently received:	
Titles	17
Duplicates	3
Other periodicals currently received:	
Titles	673
Duplicates	286
Adult books missing in inventory of classes 000, 400, 600, 700, 800	142
Juvenile books missing in complete inventory.....	68
New cards filed in all catalogs and shelf lists	21,027
Staff hours lost from illness, funerals, etc.	1,526

TABLE I

**U. S. Office of Education, Public Library
Statistical Report, 1947**

Report for fiscal year ending.....Dec. 31, 1947
City of Bangor, Penobscot County, Maine

1. Name of Library, Bangor Public Library. Date of founding, 1883
2. Name of librarian, L. Felix Ranlett. Date appointed, Jan. 1, 1937
3. Chief librarian appointed by, The Board of Managers of the Bangor Public Library.
4. Governmental unit of support, City. Population served (1940 U. S. Census)..... 29,822
5. Terms of use: a. Free for lending to residents of Bangor.
 Lends to others for a fee or deposit.
6. Central library is housed in a building owned by the library and erected in 1913.

Daily Schedule (Central Library)

7. Open for circulation, reading and study:
 Jan. 1-June 15, Sept. 2-Dec. 31. Daily, except Sundays,

BANGOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

9 A. M. to 9 P. M., total 72 hours a week.

June 16-Sept. 1. Daily, Mon.-Fri. 9 A. M. to 7 P. M., Sat. 9 A. M. to 1 P. M., total 54 hours a week.

8. Number of days open during year, 304. Entirely closed on holidays, Jan. 1, Feb. 22, Apr. 19, May 30, July 4, Sept. 1, Nov. 11, Nov. 27, Dec. 25.

Agencies

9. Central library	1
10. Number of branches and sub-branches:	
c. In other than library buildings or schools	2
11. Number of stations: a. In schools	117
b. Other	14
12. Other agencies	7
13. Total agencies	141

Circulation and Use

	Volumes	Percentage of Total Circulation
15. Number of volumes of adult non-fiction lent for home use.....	87,147	28%
16. Number of volumes of adult fiction lent for home use	143,593	47%
17. Number of books for children lent for home use	77,318	25%
18. Total number of volumes lent for home use	308,058	100%
19. Period of loan for the majority of adult book stock is 28 days.		
20. Number of interlibrary loans:		
Volumes lent		799
Volumes borrowed		49
21. Number of reference questions answered (adult).....		10,139

Registration

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
22. Total number of registered borrowers .	16,699	2,388	19,087
23. Borrowers registered or reregistered	4,154	760	4,914

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|--|--------|--------|-------|
| 24. Number of non-resident borrowers (included above) | 1,245 | 31 | 1,276 |
| 25. Annual fee for non-resident borrowers | \$1.00 | \$0.50 | |
| 26. The length of the registration period is 3 years for residents and 1 year for non-residents or soldiers on duty in Bangor. | | | |

Book Stock

- | | | | |
|--|---------|--------|---------|
| 27. Number of volumes at beginning of year | 214,596 | 29,216 | 243,812 |
| 28. Number of volumes added during year | 7,911 | 3,089 | 11,000 |
| Total | 222,507 | 32,305 | 254,812 |
| 29. Number of volumes withdrawn from record during year..... | 1,978 | 1,718 | 3,696 |
| 30. Total number of volumes at end of year | 220,529 | 30,587 | 251,116 |
| 31. Number of newspapers currently received excluding duplicates..... | | | 17 |
| 32. Number of periodicals currently received excluding duplicates..... | | | 673 |

Personnel

- | | |
|--|-------|
| 47. Full time equivalent of all employees..... | 25.87 |
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Finance

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 48. Assessed valuation of city..... | \$30,626,582 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|

Receipts

- | | |
|--|--------------|
| 52. City Appropriation | \$ 12,000.00 |
| 57. State Grants | 200.00 |
| 58. Incomes from endowment, trust, and invested funds | 79,567.66 |
| 60. Petty cash: Fines, fees, memberships, etc..... | 3,151.95 |
| 62. Other sources: Books lost and Music Record Fund | 644.48 |
| 63. Total | \$ 95,564.09 |
| 64. Unexpended balance from previous year (\$112,315.59 plus invested income from previous year \$26,980.00 less | |

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\$7,153.46 considered as capital ac-	
count)	132,142.13
	\$227,706.22

Expenditures

65. Salaries: Library staff	\$ 29,474.01
66. Salaries: Building staff	5,227.04
67. Books: Price	24,177.33
Books: Processing	14,870.00
68. Periodicals	4,221.15
69. Binding, repairing and mending	2,002.88
70. Rent	120.00
71. Heat, light, power, water.....	4,532.97
72. Insurance (all types).....	1,007.63
73. Other operating expenses	13,812.82
74. Total operating expenses	99,445.83
75. Capital expenses	0.00
76. Grand total	99,445.83
77. Balance on hand at end of fiscal year.....	128,260.39
Total	\$227,706.22
Total endowment.....	\$2,073,310.65

TABLE J

Gifts to the Library During 1947

A total of 5,631 gifts, consisting of 1,986 books or pamphlets, 3,312 numbers of serials, and 333 other items, were received. 239 of these items were from donors who did not make their identity known. Of the 1,006 donors who identified themselves 78 were individuals or estates and 928 organizations.

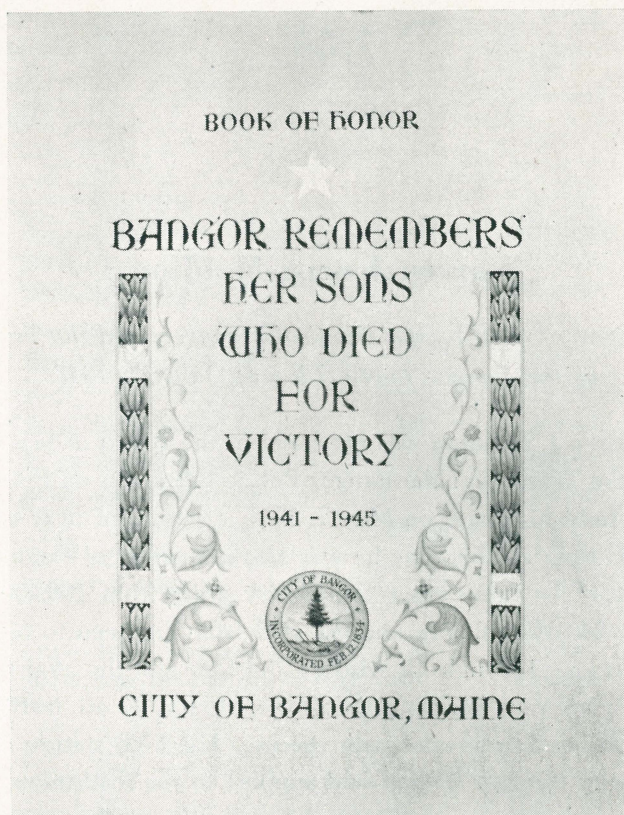
Warren Joseph Moulton

*Resolutions adopted by the Board of Managers and the Trustees
of the Bangor Public Library, July 22, 1947*

Warren J. Moulton was president of the Board of Managers and of the Trustees of the Bangor Public Library from February 8, 1935 until his death on May 7, 1947, a period of over twelve years. During all this time he was also a member of the finance committee. In these years the library grew from 168,439 volumes to 243,812 volumes and the staff from eighteen to twenty-four persons. Through his wisdom and foresight the affairs both of the governing boards and of the library as an institution moved in good order and with success. His high stature in the community brought respect and support to the institution.

Appreciating these things, his fellows on the governing boards now remember him with respect and affection and hereby inscribe their remembrance upon the permanent records of the library.

Please see page 2 for photograph



Title Page of Book of Honor

*The City of Bangor's memorial to the 112 men of Bangor
who died in World War II*

The Book of Honor, dedicated on Memorial Day, May 30, 1947, contains separate pages with photographs for each of 107 of the 112 men who died, and the names of the other five. It is hand-engrossed and illuminated throughout. It was prepared by order of the City Council by the librarian and staff of the Bangor Public Library and with the help of the relatives of the honored dead. It is on perpetual display in the foyer of the Bangor Public Library. A page is turned each day.



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