



The Bangor Public Library

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Peirce Memorial seen from the Bangor Public Library

The Peirce Memorial is a statuary group, sculptured by Charles E. Tefft, which was presented to the City of Bangor by Luther H. Peirce and was erected in 1925. Its subject is "The River Drivers". It symbolizes the once great lumber industry of the Penobscot River. It depicts men pulling out the key log in a jam during a log drive.

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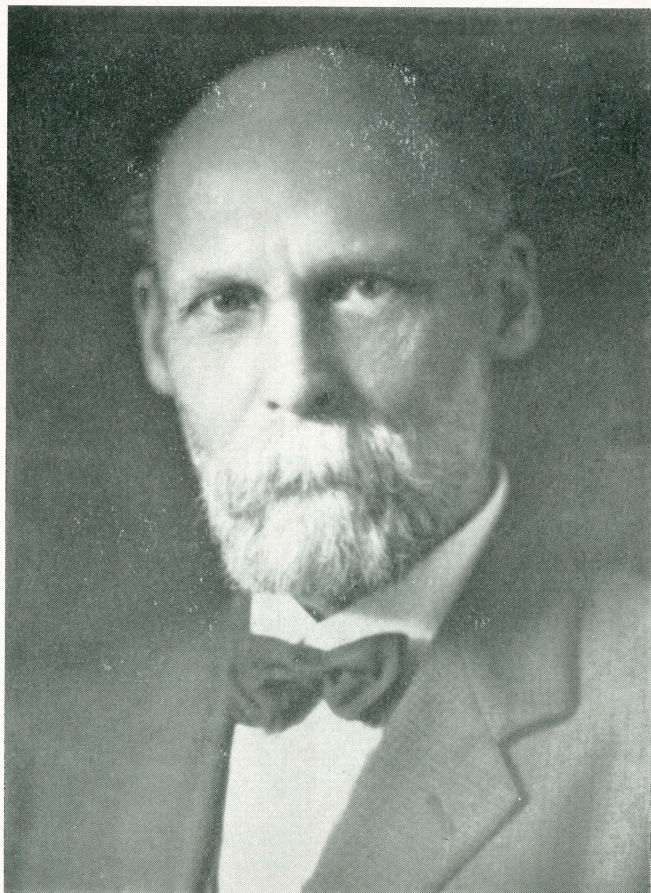
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

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BANGOR, MAINE
1950



Charles E. Adams

1863 - 1949

Benefactor of the Bangor Public Library
through an unrestricted bequest made in 1949.

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.”		
		\$625,734.81
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 Li- brary.”		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 be- queathed in 1924 by George Tyler Stodder and added to in subsequent years by rein- vestment, 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 Li- brary for administration expenses.”		1,108,215.73

Trustees Fund—Invested monies upon which there is no restriction as to the use of income. 157,906.66

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

Still further augmented by the

Charles E. Adams Bequest, without conditions either as to use of principal or income, received in 1949 10,000.00

\$244,906.66

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 by the Bangor Mechanic Association (founded 1828) to the City of Bangor in various years, beginning in 1867 and continuing until 1883, and administered in accordance with 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 \$2,108,857.20

1949 Organization

Board of Managers and Trustees

of the

Bangor Public Library

Consisting of the

Trustees of the Hersey Fund

Donald S. Higgins, term expires January 1951

Ralph Whittier, term expires January 1953

Manning C. Moulton, term expires January 1953

William P. Newman, term expires January 1955

Ralph L. Waymouth, *ex officio* as City treasurer
and the**Officers of the Bangor Mechanic Association**

Harry D. Benson, died July 6, 1949

Franklin E. Bragg

George F. Eaton

Horace S. Stewart

Officers*President*, Donald S. Higgins*Vice-President and Treasurer*, Harry D. Benson, succeeded as*Treasurer* by Erwin S. Anderson, elected July 26, 1949*Secretary and Clerk*, L. Felix Ranlett**Standing Committees***Auditing*, Mr. Higgins*Finance*, Mr. Bragg, Mr. Stewart, and, *ex officio*, Mr. Benson*Purchasing*, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Newman, and Dr. Moulton*Building and Grounds*, Mr. Benson, Mr. Eaton, and
Mr. Whittier*Insurance and Property Values*, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Stewart
and Mr. Waymouth

Report of the Librarian

January 24, 1950

To the Board of Managers of the Bangor Public Library:

The Bangor Public Library now contains 264,657 books. This is 8.87 books per capita. Home use of books totalled 308,181 volumes, amounting to 10.33 per capita. Sixty-two per cent of the people of Bangor, not including the non-resident borrowers who pay a fee, are registered as active users of the library.

The total cost of operating the library, including \$44,321.38 to buy and process 9,400 new books, subscribe to 1,068 copies of 762 magazines and 17 newspapers, and bind or rebind 1,547 books, amounted to \$107,279.80. Of this amount \$72,968.92 (68%) was from the income of trust funds set up by the gifts and bequests of generous citizens, \$30,397.00 (28%) from city appropriation, including state grant of \$200.00, and \$3,913.88 (4%) from other sources, principally fines and non-resident fees.

The city appropriation, amounting to about 1½ cents on each tax dollar, was made in accordance with section 6 of chapter 19 of the city ordinances, which embodies the agreement between the City of Bangor, the Trustees of the Hersey Fund, and the Bangor Mechanic Association by which the library was founded in 1883.

More comprehensive statistics of the operation of the library during 1949 are found on pages 19-26 of this report. A simplification of the operating accounts into one single account, in the form used by the U. S. Office of Education and the American Library Association, and which permits accurate comparison of our library finances with those of other libraries, is found on page 26.

Our greatest problems are (1) to employ our very large book funds intelligently and usefully, (2) to supply our public with skilled assistance so that it may make the maxi-

mum use of the great collection of books at its command, and (3) to house the books that our large resources require us to supply.

The present staff is equal to the first two tasks, but there is no margin at all to meet sudden special demands on our services and any temporary reduction in numbers, as through illness or resignation, seriously retards the smooth flow of work. This was felt acutely early in 1949 when several resignations were experienced within a short time. An illustration of the closeness of our work schedule is the fact that, though we have for more than a year had a considerable collection of music records, we have been constantly prevented, through the necessity of processing books first, from getting them prepared for public use. A reduction of our 1949 appropriation below budget estimates necessitated, among other curtailments, the discontinuance of our Forest Avenue branch, and the reduction of Music Branch hours from 33 to 14 weekly.

As to problem three, space, we are constantly weeding out books of marginal utility to make way for newer things and the purchase of a single set of twenty volumes may necessitate the moving of several ranges of books. At least twelve hours a week, continuously, is devoted to moving books in the storage room.

Several items in the field of repairs and equipment are of interest. The air compressor that is a fundamental part of our radiator thermostat system, having worn out, was replaced by a new installation. A rotary floor machine, for scrubbing and buffing, was acquired. Equipment was bought for the installation at the main desk of a visible index of periodicals. The broken wiring under the floor of the reading room was replaced. A carpenter constructed new storage cases in the extension department work room. A typewriter with twelve-inch carriage, valuable for statistical work, was acquired with trade-in of an older machine. Four typewriters were reconditioned. The office was repainted and rearranged. Many radiator traps and valves and a one-inch blast valve

were replaced. An emergency repair of a broken steam pipe was made. Lack of space in the library occasionally forces us to decline proffered gifts that under other conditions might be usefully accepted.

Rockwell Kent designed a bookplate for the Louise Baldwin Thompson Fund. This is a worthy partner in a distinguished series of bookplates, all by top-ranking designers; seven being by Sidney Lawton Smith and two by Elisha Brown Bird.

Since July 1, 1947, we have been members of the Maine State Retirement System, in which the state furnishes the machinery and the money is furnished by contributions by the city and by the employees themselves. The actuary of the system, reporting on the first two years of operation, finds our district, which is participating local district No. 19, to be in solvent condition and that amortization of prior service liability is likely to be accomplished in 25 years instead of the 30 originally estimated. He recommends no change in present contributions.

In the death of Harry D. Benson on July 6, 1949 the library suffered a severe loss. Mr. Benson, as an officer of the Bangor Mechanic Association, was a member of the Board of Managers and of the Trustees of the Bangor Public Library continuously since 1921. He was treasurer from 1941 until 1949.

The library was generously remembered by many people. An entirely unrestricted bequest of \$10,000 was received under the will of Dr. Charles E. Adams. This has been funded as a part of the Trustees Fund. Five thousand dollars was received for the Frederick W. Hill and Marianne Hill Fund as a sixth distribution under the will of Frederick W. Hill. Two hundred and ten organizations and 38 individuals made gifts of books, periodicals or other library material. Among larger gifts in this field were those by Mrs. Marjorie B. Baker, Mrs. Harry D. Benson, Miss Grace H. Boutelle, Miss Faustina S. Curtis, Mrs. William Dunfee, Mrs. Edward L. Herlihy, Mr.

Harold L. Nason, Mr. Palmer C. Putnam, Miss Alice M. Wetherell, Miss Sarah Wheatland, a group of Yale alumni, and a gift in memory of the Misses Bertha Louise Brown and Alice Belle Brown. Dr. Harrison L. Robinson gave 18 antique statuettes in memory of his wife, Lida S. Robinson whose grandfather, Capt. Samuel Skolfield, brought them from India. Mr. John Gregg Utterback gave a letter from President Franklin D. Roosevelt concerning the Quoddy project.

All gifts of books are accepted with the understanding that such items as are not need for actual addition to this library may be given to other libraries or disposed to the advantage of ours. A total of 2,537 books from among gifts or our own discards were given usefully to other libraries.

One of the interesting tasks set this library by the Public Library Inquiry of the Social Science Research Council, which was concluded in 1949 and whose results are now being published in a series of books, was to define the purpose of the library. In abridged form, my definition was as follows: The purpose of the Bangor Public Library is to preserve and disseminate knowledge and thought as recorded in print; to provide recreation through print; and to provide a maximum of assistance to its clients in the use of its collections. We are a general library yet we are also a library of record. We aim to provide printed material on all subjects likely to be of concern or interest either to present or potential users of whatever age or education. We recognize the scholarly resources of our neighbor library of the University of Maine and are interested that each library shall complement the other. The home-use privileges of the Bangor Public Library are free to all residents and to whoever, regardless of place of residence, works, goes to school, or pays taxes in Bangor.

Respectfully submitted,

L. FELIX RANLETT, *Librarian*

Bangor, Maine, January 24, 1950.

Abbreviated Report of Treasurer

January 24, 1950

To the Board of Managers and Trustees of the Bangor Public Library for the Year Ended December 31, 1949.

General Account

(All items in this account represent income.)

Receipts

Balance of cash on hand January 1, 1949.....	\$ 0.00
Trustees Fund—budgeted distribution.....	4,000.00
Bangor Mechanic Association—income for 1949....	600.00
Librarian cards and fines	3,458.21
Hersey Fund—interest for 1949	4,000.00
City appropriation (including State Aid of \$200)	30,397.00
Stodder Fund—one-half of 1949 income	23,320.43
Reimbursement for telephone calls	1.00
	\$65,776.64

Disbursements

Telephone	274.89
Gas and electricity	1,206.56
Heat	3,422.73
Ice and water	137.46
Salaries of library staff and building staff.....	43,498.11
Furniture and fittings	1,060.58
Postage and stationery	1,067.62
Printing and publicity	579.36
Janitor's supplies	822.79
Repairs	1,196.49
Catalog cards from Library of Congress.....	184.31
Retirement for staff.....	5,432.97
Repayment to Trustees Fund of balance due on 1948 loan (From City \$1,208.00, from General Ac- count \$58.16)	1,266.16
State Aid (Transferred to Book Account).....	200.00
Forest Avenue Church for rent.....	30.00
Transportation and delivery	154.16
Balance of cash on hand December 31, 1949.....	5,242.45
	\$65,776.64

Book Account

(All items in this account represent income.)

Receipts

Balance of cash on hand January 1, 1949.....	\$36,955.87
Balance of Income Investment Account on hand Jan. 1, 1949	77,934.00
Income from Hill Fund	25,487.31
Income from Stodder Fund (one-half of total)	23,320.41
State aid	200.00
Income from Ellison Fund	251.00
Income from securities held in Income Investment Account	3,434.53
Petty cash—Receipts for lost and damaged books	\$285.69
Less: Replacements and re- pairs of lost and damaged books	86.17
	199.52
Petty cash—Receipts from Music Record Account	250.00
	\$168,032.64

Disbursements

Books and pamphlets	\$33,989.66
Periodical subscriptions	4,734.04
Binding and repair	3,959.72
Transportation	55.64
Maps, prints and music	1,141.64
Balance of cash on hand December 31, 1949.....	36,617.94
Balance of Income Investment Account December 31, 1949	87,534.00
	\$168,032.64

**Trustees Fund
Income Account***Receipts*

Balance of cash on hand January 1, 1949.....	\$ 0.00
Income from investments	10,037.26
Repayment of balance of 1948 loan to General Account	1,266.16
Refund on fire insurance premium due to reduc- tion in amount of insurance	5.15
	\$11,308.57

Disbursements

Insurance	\$1,832.18
Appropriation to General Account	4,000.00
Conventions and travel	347.61
Salaries	1,291.59
Custody of securities	309.01
Benjamin W. Blanchard—legal services.....	25.00
Maine Library Association dues.....	9.00
Filing cabinet for Treasurer.....	76.00
Balance of cash on hand December 31, 1949.....	3,418.18
	\$11,308.57

Principal Account*Receipts*

Balance of cash on hand January 1, 1949.....	\$3,261.92
Bequest under will of Charles E. Adams	10,000.00
Cash gifts	3.03
Proceeds from sale or call of securities.....	15,605.43
	\$28,870.38

Disbursements

Purchase of securities	\$22,225.00
Balance of cash on hand December 31, 1949.....	6,645.38
	\$28,870.38

Frederick W. Hill and Marianne Hill Fund**Income Account**

(All income from investments is credited directly to the Book Account.)

Principal Account*Receipts*

Balance of cash on hand January 1, 1949.....	\$13,610.90
Sixth distribution under will of Frederick W. Hill	5,000.00
Proceeds from sale of securities.....	161,796.12
	\$180,407.02

Disbursements

Purchase of securities	\$176,507.22
Balance of cash on hand December 31, 1949.....	3,899.80
	\$180,407.02

John F. Patten Fund**Income Account***Receipts*

Balance of cash on hand January 1, 1949.....	\$618.12
Income from Investments	228.00
	\$846.12

Disbursements

Books purchased	\$440.68
Balance of cash on hand December 31, 1949.....	405.44
	\$846.12

Principal Account*Receipts*

Balance of cash on hand January 1, 1949.....	\$13.86
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Disbursements

Balance of cash on hand December 31, 1949.....	\$13.86
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(There were no transactions involving principal during 1949)

Louise Baldwin Thompson Fund**Income Account***Receipts*

Balance of cash on hand January 1, 1949	\$83.03
Income from investments	60.50
	\$143.53

Disbursements

None	\$ 0.00
Balance of cash on hand December 31, 1949.....	143.53
	\$143.53

Principal Account*Receipts*

Balance of cash on hand January 1, 1949.....	\$37.60
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Disbursements

Balance of cash on hand December 31, 1949.....	\$37.60
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(There were no transactions involving principal during 1949)

Stodder Fund**Income Account***Receipts*

Balance of cash on hand January 1, 1949.....	\$ 0.00
Income from investments	46,640.84

\$46,640.84

Disbursements

Transferred to Book Account	\$23,320.41
Transferred to General Account.....	23,320.43
Balance of cash on hand December 31, 1949.....	0.00

\$46,640.84

Principal Account*Receipts*

Balance of cash on hand January 1, 1949.....	\$17,685.76
Proceeds from collection at maturity or sale of securities	279,527.12
Capital gains dividends	720.00

\$297,932.88

Disbursements

Purchase of securities	\$293,819.47
Portion of capital gains dividends taken in stock	702.81
Portion of capital gains dividend transferred to income	6.16
Balance of cash on hand December 31, 1949.....	3,404.44

\$297,932.88

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Premium Account

(Realized Net Capital Gains Since January 1, 1947)

(For Reference Only)

Date	Trustees Fund	Hill Fund	Stodder Fund
1949			
January 1 balances	\$4,272.46	\$8,551.91	\$26,395.60
Additions for year	602.01	6,310.87	17,852.13
December 31 balances.....	\$4,874.47	\$14,862.78	\$44,247.73
Total to December 31, 1949.....			\$63,984.98

Respectfully submitted,

ERWIN S. ANDERSON, *Treasurer***Auditor's Certification***To the Board of Managers and Trustees of the Bangor Public Library:*

I have examined the accounts of Erwin S. Anderson, Treasurer of the Bangor Public Library, for the year ended December 31, 1949. The cash receipts and disbursements of the year were found to be properly accounted for, and the cash on hand as of December 31, 1949 was confirmed by certification obtained by me directly from the Merchants National Bank of Bangor. The items in the Premium Account also were verified by me.

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 24, 1950.

NOTE: Copies of the complete report, which includes details of investments, may be seen at the Bangor Public Library or at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Bangor.

Report of Trustees of the Hersey Fund

* Bangor, January 24, 1950.

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

M. C. MOULTON

W. P. NEWMAN

R. L. WAYMOUTH

Trustees of the Hersey Fund.

Ralph Whittier, likewise a trustee of the Hersey Fund, was seriously ill when the report was made and so could not sign.

1949 Organization

Library Personnel

(Who worked at any time during 1949)

Staff

(In order of first appointment to staff)

Carrie C. Mayberry, *Chief, Catalog Department*
 Olive M. Smythe, *Reference Librarian*
 Pauline E. Tartre, *Chief, Accessions and Classification Department*
 Alice M. Wetherell, *Children's Librarian*
 H. Eola Mayo, *Librarian's Secretary*
 Marion C. Cluff, *First Assistant, Reference Department*
 Edna D. Brown, *Chief, Circulation Department*
 L. Felix Ranlett, *Librarian*
 Ruth E. Dole, *Assistant, Children's Department*
 *Natalie G. Barker, *Assistant, Reference Department*
 Freda M. Wilks, *First Assistant, Catalog Department*
 Charlotte C. Bowler, *First Assistant, Circulation Department*
 Charlotte M. Torrey, *Chief, Extension Department*
 Rose Eola Tuck, *First Assistant, Office*
 Rossa W. Giberson, *Assistant, Accessions and Classification Dept.*
 Thelma A. Rebstock, *Assistant, Catalog Department*
 Helen H. Wheeler, *First Assistant, Children's Department*
 *Dorrice M. Wetzler, *Assistant in Charge of Periodicals and Binding*
 *Jeanne H. Babcock, *Assistant, Children's Department*
 Constance G. Holling, *Assistant, Extension Department*
 Sona E. Wyman, *Assistant, Circulation Department*
 Priscilla Dodge, *Assistant, Circulation Department*
 Phyllis M. Keeney, *Assistant, Reference Department*
 Joan Nadeau, *Assistant, Office*
 Pauline H. Ward, *Assistant in Charge of Periodicals and Binding*
 Eilene MacNichol, *Assistant, Children's Department*
 Dorothy F. Hardy, *Assistant, Circulation Department*

Substitutes and Extra Help

Barbara A. Ackley	*Ferne C. Erickson
Ruth K. Averill	George A. Fleming
*Sarah E. Braun	Mary Edge Leckemby
Susan L. Chase	Jeannette L. Nadeau
*Frederick A. Church, Jr.	*Rubena C. Pressey
Marcia E. Downey	Robertta E. Smith

Care of Building

Omer J. Nadeau, *Superintendent of the Building*
 Elmer W. Gibbs, *Janitor*

C. S. Barchard, *Engineer* Albert H. Howard, *Asst. Janitor*
 Walter P. Gilbert, *Assistant Janitor* Edward L. McCann, *Asst. Janitor*

*Resigned

Statistics of the Library

TABLE A

Books in the Library, 1949

By Class

Class and Class number	In Library Jan. 1, 1949	Net Additions 1949	In Library Dec. 31, 1949
General works 000-099	15,004	881	15,885
Philosophy 100-199	3,739	52	3,791
Religion 200-299	7,121	170	7,291
Social sciences 300-399	47,983	1,202	49,185
Language 400-499	1,283	41	1,324
Pure science 500-599	9,595	146	9,741
Useful arts 600-699	23,791	635	24,426
Fine arts 700-799	33,325	1,726	35,051
Literature 800-899	19,094	245	19,339
Description 910-919	8,028	163	8,191
History 900-909, 930-999	22,360	303	22,663
Biography 920-929, & B.....	16,202	312	16,514
Fiction	50,335	921	51,256
Totals	257,860	6,797	264,657
Gross additions were 9400			
removals 2603			
making net additions 6797			

By Location and Kind, December 31, 1949

Location	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Central Library	199,605	20,780	220,385
Music Branch	18,741		18,741
Extension Department	12,766	12,765	25,531
Totals	231,112	33,545	264,657

Kind	Percent
Adult non-fiction	73%
Adult fiction	14%
Juvenile	13%
Totals	100%

Volumes per capita8.87

TABLE B

Additions and Removals, 1949

<i>Sources of Additions</i>					
	New Titles	Added Copies	Replace- ments	Binding Serials	Totals
Purchase	3,012	4,635	586	450	8,683
Gift	305	338	5	50	698
Return after loss.....	.....	.....	19	.....	19
Totals	3,317	4,973	610	500	9,400

<i>Causes of Removals</i>					
Withdrawn:					
Worn out				539	
Obsolete				1,484	
Exchange				2	
Sold				36	
Given away				209	
Total withdrawn					2,270
Lost:					
Charged out and not returned.....				167	
Missing in inventories				20	
Missing from classes not inventoried.....				5	
Lost and paid for.....				112	
Contagion				29	
Total lost					333
Total removed					2,603
New additions (additions less removals).....					6,797

TABLE C

Binding and Repair, 1949

Sent to bindery:		
Previously unbound:		
Volumes of serials	508	
Volumes not serials	27	
Previously bound:		
Volumes to be rebound	1,008	
Volumes to be repaired	4	
Total sent to bindery		1,547

TABLE D
Registration, 1949

(Principal registration period is three years)

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Card holders Dec. 31, 1949.....	17,308	2,216	19,524
Registrations removed because of failure to renew, change of residence, death, etc. 1949.....	1,602	668	2,270
	15,706	1,548	17,254
New registrations, 1949.....	1,993	513	2,506
Card holders Dec. 31, 1949.....	17,699	2,061	19,760
Including registrations renewed, 1949	1,815	160	1,975

TABLE E
Class of Borrowers, 1949

	Adult	Juvenile 3rd-8th Grade	Juvenile "Mother's" Cards	Total (Juv- enile)	Total
A. Bangor residents	15,992	1,740	267	(2,007)	17,999
AS. Army Service	169	.....	.....	.....	169
B. Business cards	157	.....	.....	.....	157
C. Non-resident individuals who pay \$1.00 a year (juvenile \$0.50) for over-the-desk service, or \$3.00 a year (juven- ile \$1.50) plus postage for mail service.....	1,218	49	3	(52)	1,270
D. Special borrowers who make a deposit	50	.....	.....	.....	50
E. Libraries outside of Bangor	82	.....	.....	.....	82
I. Visitors who make a de- posit of \$2.00.....	19	2	.....	(2)	21
J. Non-resident groups	12	.....	.....	.....	12
Totals	17,699	1,791	270	2,061	19,760
Percent of population registered, counting only classes A, AS, and B					62%
Percent of population registered, counting all classes.....					66%

Extension Department

	Adult Non- Fiction	Adult Fiction	Juvenile	Total
Bangor grade schools (public grades I-VI and parochial grades I-VIII)			13,890	13,890

Bangor High School	1,706	3,775	.....	5,481
John Bapst High School.....	431	1,504	.....	1,935
Fifth St. Junior High .....	.....	.....	11,320	11,320
Garland St. Junior High.....	.....	.....	11,293	11,293
Orrington Schools .....	.....	.....	984	984
Veazie School .....	.....	.....	930	930
*Anthony's Convalescent Home.....	.....	39	.....	39
Bangor Anti-Tuberculosis Assn.				
Sanatorium	8	107	.....	115
Bangor Children's Home.....	.....	.....	43	43
Columbia St. Community Center	42	74	.....	116
Eastern Corporation	13	393	.....	406
E. M. G. Hospital, Doctors'				
Medical Library	248	.....	.....	248
E. M. G. Hospital, Nurses'				
Library	221	.....	.....	221
E. M. G. Hospital, Patients'				
Library	2,183	6,381	3,382	11,946
*Forest Avenue Branch	60	626	161	847
Good Samaritan Home	3	218	.....	221
Home for Aged Men.....	3	21	.....	24
Home for Aged Women.....	20	660	.....	680
King's Daughters' Home.....	1	91	.....	92
Summer Camps	7	41	564	612
Teachers' Set	24	122	.....	146
Totals	4,970	14,052	42,567	61,589

The Extension Department also maintained deposits, as follows, where books were used for reference only: City Clerk's Office, City Manager's Office; Penobscot Bar Library; Water Board Office; York Street Clinic; Y. M. C. A.; Y. W. C. A.

*Discontinued. Part of year only.

TABLE F

Circulation, 1949

<i>Entire Library</i>				
	Adult Non- Fiction	Adult Fiction	Juvenile	Total
Central Library				
General works, including un- bound periodicals 000-099	22,244	.....	997	23,241
Philosophy 100-199	2,856	.....	29	2,885
Religion 200-299	2,506	.....	690	3,196
Social sciences 300-399	6,512	.....	15,860	22,372
Languages 400-499	669	.....	46	715
Pure science 500-599	2,336	.....	1,532	3,868
Useful arts 600-699	9,064	.....	2,507	11,571
Fine arts 700-799	7,894	.....	1,475	9,369

Literature 800-899	9,389	.....	957	10,346
Description 910-919	2,394	.....	1,035	3,429
History 900-909, 930-999	8,135	.....	1,019	9,154
Biography 920-929 and B.....	5,993	.....	1,437	7,430
Fiction .....	.....	112,091	19,320	131,411
Total Central Library.....	79,992	112,091	46,904	238,987
Music Branch	7,605	.....	.....	7,605
Total, Central Library and Music Branch	87,597	112,091	46,904	246,592
Extension Department	4,970	14,052	42,567	61,589
Total, entire library	92,567	126,143	89,471	308,181
Percent	30%	41%	29%	100%
Circulation per capita .....	.....	.....	.....	10.33
Circulation per registered borrower .....	.....	.....	.....	15.59

TABLE G

Growth and Circulation, 1930-1949

Year	Books in Library	
	Dec. 31	Circulation
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
1948.....	257,860.....	310,727
1949.....	264,657.....	308,181

TABLE H

Miscellaneous Statistics, 1949

Postal card notices for overdue books.....	11,131
Second notices for overdue books.....	615
Reference questions answered, adult.....	10,574

Reserves for home use	13,937
Discarded books given away	2,537
Lectures outside library	7
Classes instructed in library by staff:	
Number of classes	48
Total attendance	1,321
Children's story periods given in library by staff:	
Number of periods	63
Total attendance	1,380
Exhibits in lecture hall:	
Library's own property	0
By invitation of the library	0
Offered	11
Public meetings (by 38 organizations)	108
Mail service to 228 individuals and 40 libraries in 143 cities or towns, total books	6,168
Borrowed from 5 libraries, books	72
Lent to 40 libraries, books	763
Newspapers currently received:	
Titles	17
Duplicates	3
Other periodicals currently received:	
Titles	762
Duplicates	286
Adult books missing in inventory	20
Juvenile books not inventoried	
New cards filed in all catalogs and shelf lists	18,779
Staff hours lost from illness, funerals, etc.	1,171

TABLE I

U. S. Office of Education, Public Library Statistical Report, 1949

Report for fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1949

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 17, Sept. 6-Dec. 31. Daily, except Sundays,
 9 A. M. to 9 P. M., total 72 hours a week.

June 13-Sept. 5. 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, April 19, May 30, July 4, Sept. 5, Nov. 11,
Nov. 24, 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	115
b. Other	18
12. Other agencies	4
13. Total agencies	140

Circulation and Use

	Volumes	Percentage of Total Circulation
15. Number of volumes of adult non-fiction lent for home use	92,567	30%
16. Number of volumes of adult fiction lent for home use	126,143	41%
17. Number of books for children lent for home use	89,471	29%
18. Total number of volumes lent for home use	308,181	100%
19. Period of loan for the majority of adult book stock is 28 days.		
20. Number of interlibrary loans:		
Volumes lent		763
Volumes borrowed		72
21. Number of reference questions answered (adult).....		10,574

Registration

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
22. Total number of registered borrowers.....	17,699	2,061	19,760
23. Borrowers registered or reregistered.....	3,808	673	4,481
24. Number of non-resident borrowers (in- cluded above)	1,381	54	1,453
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

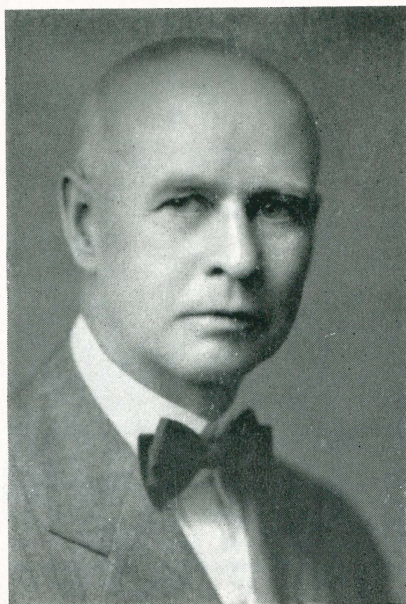
27. Number of volumes at beginning of year	225,490	32,370	257,860
28. Number of volumes added during year.....	7,196	2,204	9,400
Total	232,686	34,574	267,260
29. Number of volumes withdrawn from record during year	1,574	1,029	2,603
30. Total number of volumes at end of year	231,112	33,545	264,657

31. Number of newspapers currently received excluding duplicates	17
32. Number of periodicals currently received excluding duplicates	762
<i>Personnel</i>	
47. Full time equivalent of all employees	28.04
<i>Finance</i>	
48. Assessed valuation of city, April 1, 1949	\$36,528,744
<i>Receipts</i>	
52. City Appropriation. (includes state grant of \$200.00)	\$30,397.00
58. Incomes from endowment, trust and invested funds	90,739.44
60. Petty cash: Fines, fees, memberships, etc.....	3,458.21
62. Other sources: Books lost and Music Record Acct. and Misc.	455.67
63. Total	125,050.32
64. Unexpended balance from previous year (\$118,904.40 less \$3,313.38 trans- ferred to principal account)	115,591.02
	\$240,641.34
<i>Expenditures</i>	
65. Salaries: Library staff	37,412.40
66. Salaries: Building staff	6,085.71
67. Books: Price	21,078.62
Books: Processing	14,549.00
68. Periodicals	4,734.04
69. Binding, repairing and mending	3,959.72
70. Rent	30.00
71. Heat, light power, water	4,766.75
72. Insurance (all types)	1,832.18
73. Other operating expenses	12,831.38
74. Total operating expenses	\$107,279.80
Capital expenses (for building)	0.00
76. Grand total	\$107,279.80
77. Balance on hand at end of fiscal year	133,361.54
Total	\$240,641.34
Total endowment	\$2,108,857.20

TABLE J

Gifts to the Library During 1949

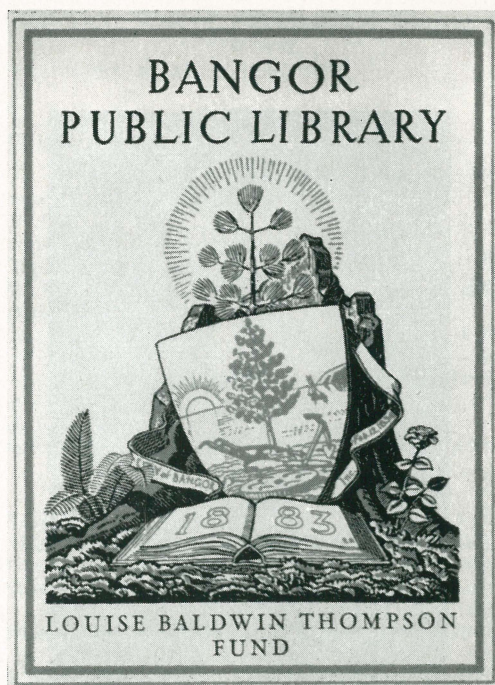
A total of 11,415 gifts, consisting of 2,577 books or pamphlets, 3,357 numbers of serials, and 5,481 other items, were received. 32 of these items were from donors who did not make their identity known. Of the 248 donors who identified themselves 38 were individuals or estates and 210 organizations.



Harry Deane Benson

1872 - 1949

A member of the Board of Managers and the Trustees of the
Bangor Public Library, 1921-1949; Treasurer, 1941-1949.



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