



The  
Bangor  
Public Library

Annual Reports, 1946



*Cover photograph of Bangor Public Library  
by Robert T. Dymond*

# BANGOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

## ANNUAL REPORTS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

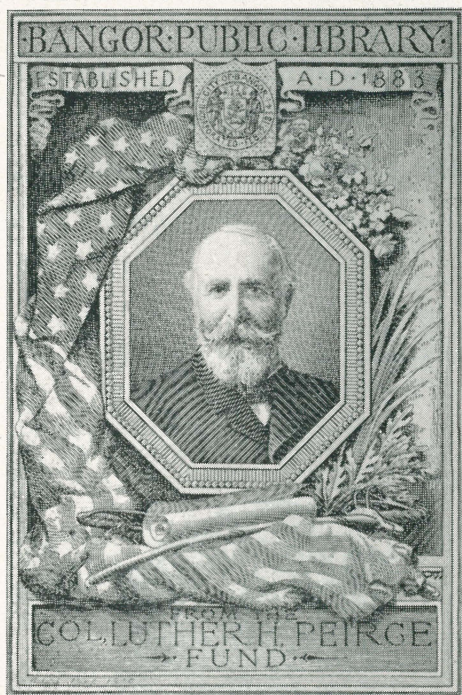
JANUARY 1, 1946 - DECEMBER 31, 1946

PREPARED FOR PUBLICATION JANUARY 28, 1947



BANGOR PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BANGOR, MAINE  
1947





*Halftone reproduction of the engraved*

### **Bookplate**

Designed by Sidney Lawton Smith, June 1918  
for the

**Col. Luther H. Peirce Fund,**

one of nine bookplates remembering  
donors of Bangor Public Library funds



# 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.” \$ 603,090.57

**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.” 6,000.00

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  
\$ 8,000.00

**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.” 1,079,452.39



**Trustees Fund**—Invested monies upon which there is no restriction as to the use of income. 161,771.82

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

---

\$ 238,771.82

**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 \$2,053,314.78



1946 Organization

**Board of Managers and Trustees  
of the  
Bangor Public Library**

Consisting of the  
**Trustees of the Hersey Fund**

Ralph Whittier, term expires January 1947

William F. Curran, term expires January 1949

Donald S. Higgins, term expires January 1951

Warren J. Moulton, term expires January 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

*Vice-President and Treasurer*, Harry D. Benson

*Secretary and Clerk*, L. Felix Ranlett

**Committees**

*Auditing*, Mr. Higgins

*Finance*, Mr. Bragg, Dr. Moulton, 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

January 28, 1947

---

### *To the Board of Managers of the Bangor Public Library:*

Sixty percent (17,826) of the 29,822 people of Bangor are registered as library borrowers. Non-resident, fee-paying borrowers, in some 135 cities or towns throughout the state, number 1,042. On the average each registered borrower took home 16 books during the year. The total number of books lent for home use in 1946 was 301,699. The library owns 243,812 books, or 8.12 per capita. Books added to the library totaled 9,939; removals totalled 2,689; making a net gain of 7,250 books in the year.

The entire cost of the library for 1946 was \$84,414.36. Of this sum 12%, or \$9,999.98, was derived from city appropriation from taxation. The other 88%, or \$74,414.38, came from the income of trust funds. Looked at in another way, library service worth \$2.83 per capita cost Bangor only thirty-three cents per capita.

The donors of the twelve trust funds whose use the library enjoys are responsible for this fine contribution to the cultural resources of the community.

It is gratifying to record that donors continue to remember the library. During 1946 our total of funds increased from ten to twelve. Bequests received were the unrestricted bequest of \$1,000 from Ernestine Thompson and the bequest of Louise de Hauteville Bell, (Mrs. Jaffray de Hauteville Bell) of \$2,000 to establish a memorial to her mother, Louise Baldwin Thompson, "all books purchased with this fund to bear a bookplate in her name."

Another bequest was that of Lucy Wheeler Simmons (Mrs. William Hammatt Simmons) of an oil painting of William Hammatt Simmons (1812-1841), the uncle of her husband of the same



name who was a founder of the Eastern Maine General Hospital. This distinguished painting, the work of the American artist Cephias Giovanni Thompson (1809-1888), best known for his portrait of the author Nathaniel Hawthorne, is located in our Music Branch.

Carolyn A. Garland (Mrs. Joseph D. Garland) gave the library two classic style, marble statues by noted American sculptors who worked in Italy in the 1860's. One was by Larkin G. Mead (1835-1910), the sculptor of the Lincoln monument at Springfield, Illinois, and the other, by Randolph Rogers (1825-1892), not to be confused with John Rogers of "Rogers' group" fame, who made the Columbus doors of the Capitol at Washington. The Mead statue has been placed in the rotunda of the library where it is an appropriate companion piece to another statue by the same sculptor given the library many years ago by the heirs of Isaac H. Merrill. The other will be placed in the rotunda as soon as the oak pedestal, now on order, is finished.

Other gifts by 78 individuals and 466 organizations totalled 6,461 items of which 2,323 were books; 3,758, numbers of periodicals; and 380, pictures, maps, and the like. By permission of the donors books given us but already duplicated in our collection in sufficient numbers were passed on to other libraries, as were also 1,929 of our discarded books. Frank Nanartonis, a professional artist of Bangor, now studying in Rome, lent his painting "Sad Song", which now hangs in the rotunda.

### NEW SHELVES NEEDED

Two manufacturers of steel shelving were consulted about the desired addition of the final half floor to our stack. The steel shortage and the large number of accumulated orders made it impossible to commission this job. The same causes may defer the job from 1947 to 1948.

During the winter season of 1944-1945 we held an afternoon series of ten free public book talks in our lecture hall; during 1945-1946 we held a similar series evenings. Each speaker was paid a modest honorarium. Though many comers expressed appreciation of the series the attendance was insufficient, judg-



ing the series as a whole, to warrant the continuance of the experiment in the autumn of 1946. If a strong demand should later develop a new series of book talks will be inaugurated.

Principal improvements completed during 1946 were an asphalt tile floor in the children's room, a new walk from the street to the children's entrance, a floodlight on the steps of the children's entrance, the painting of the lower hallway, and the installation of safety cutouts on the blower motors. Four new slanting bookcases for the main lobby were acquired. An extension for the main catalog was ordered in January and promised for December delivery, but was not delivered.

Our finance committee has accepted my recommendation that a balance of \$500.00 built up in our petty cash account over several years, be used during 1947 to buy phonograph records of music, which, under the terms of gift of our trust funds we may not buy with trust fund income. This is something that I first mentioned to you in 1937 and for which, in the ensuing years, I have noticed a strong public demand. The article on this subject in *The Readers' Digest* of November 1946 greatly stimulated this already sincere demand. The collection will consist of records of good music. The records will be issued from the main library which is open twelve hours a day. They will be lent for home use just as books are. Gifts to permit the collection to be still further expanded will be welcome.

### **BORROWING PRIVILEGES LIBERAL**

Statistically the total of our home use of books again declined. It is now 27% below our peak year of 1940. The decline, as compared with 1944 and 1945, which both registered small gains, was in adult fiction and in juvenile books. The reading of adult non-fiction gained as compared with the past two years. The declines cannot, I think, be attributed to failure on our part to buy books or to supply good books, for we have not slackened our activity in any way. It is possible that some of the statistical decline is because of the liberalization over the years of our borrowing privileges which are now at a maximum of convenience. We lend 98% of our books for four weeks, instead of the



two weeks common to many libraries, and we allow borrowers to take any reasonable number of books at one time, which is practically unlimited borrowing. These two points slow up the statistical turnover of books but vastly increase the utility of the library. We buy an additional copy of a book for every five "reserve" requests for it, thus in no way penalizing and, in fact, greatly accommodating, the reader who wants the best sellers while they are being talked about.

Our mail service to non-residents increased 19% in the year to the highest point ever attained. Other significant gains were in total of borrowers registered, reference questions answered, and number of books reserved.

The record of Bangor citizens who served in the armed forces in World War II, begun by the library in 1944 reached near completion in 1946 with 3,325 service records collected. Copy for the Book of Honor of Bangor men killed in the war, which we have been compiling and writing, was finished and sent to the engrosser. The book will contain 110 names. For 101 of these there are separate biographical pages with photographs.

Alice M. Wetherell, children's librarian, gave a University of Maine extension course in children's literature. She and her assistants, Charlotte M. Torrey and Eileen B. Parker, gave 65 classes in the use of the library. Isabel R. Carroll, of our staff, gave a course of 12 lessons in the use of books and libraries at John Bapst High School. Olive M. Smythe, reference librarian, gave 14 classes on the use of the library to Bangor High School students.

Our constant objective is to make the library useful to all comers.

Respectfully submitted,

L. FELIX RANLETT,  
*Librarian.*

Bangor, Maine, January 28, 1947.



# Report of the Treasurer, 1946

January 28, 1947

*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, 1946.....       | \$34,641.05        |
| From Invested Funds.....        | 12,539.23          |
| Sold, called or matured.....    | 61,449.68          |
| Bequest—Ernestine Thompson..... | 1,000.00           |
|                                 | <hr/> \$109,629.96 |

### *Disbursements*

|                                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| For Insurance .....               | \$1,127.53         |
| Conventions and associations..... | 408.32             |
| Safekeeping of securities.....    | 324.01             |
| Salaries .....                    | 1,100.00           |
| Purchase of securities.....       | 88,834.70          |
| Miscellaneous .....               | 20.69              |
| Balance Dec. 31, 1946.....        | 17,814.71          |
|                                   | <hr/> \$109,629.96 |

## General Fund

### *Receipts*

|                                                                             |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance Jan. 1, 1946.....                                                   | \$13,171.09       |
| From Mechanic Association.....                                              | 600.00            |
| Librarian: fines, fees, etc. ....                                           | 3,513.78          |
| Hersey Fund.....                                                            | 4,000.00          |
| City of Bangor.....                                                         | 9,999.98          |
| Stodder Fund (\$30,268.18 less accrued<br>interest refunded, \$991.94)..... | 29,276.24         |
|                                                                             | <hr/> \$60,561.09 |



*Disbursements*

|                                        |           |             |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| For Telephone .....                    | \$ 119.83 |             |
| Gas and electricity.....               | 909.00    |             |
| Heat .....                             | 3,275.50  |             |
| Water and ice.....                     | 99.60     |             |
| Salaries .....                         | 35,382.51 |             |
| Furniture, fittings, etc. ....         | 1,531.40  |             |
| Postage, stationery, etc. ....         | 881.59    |             |
| Printing, etc. ....                    | 840.23    |             |
| Janitor's supplies.....                | 572.81    |             |
| Repairs, etc. ....                     | 1,280.49  |             |
| Library of Congress catalog cards..... | 276.62    |             |
| Miscellaneous .....                    | 260.37    |             |
| Balance Dec. 31, 1946.....             | 15,131.14 |             |
|                                        | <hr/>     | \$60,561.09 |

**Book Fund***Receipts*

|                                                                                                                        |             |              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Balance Jan. 1, 1946.....                                                                                              | \$50,075.68 |              |
| From State of Maine.....                                                                                               | 200.00      |              |
| Income, Edward Ellison Fund .....                                                                                      | 265.00      |              |
| Income, Frederick W. Hill and<br>Marianne Hill Fund (\$30,115.23<br>less accrued interest refunded,<br>\$325.85) ..... | 29,789.38   |              |
| Income, Stodder Fund (\$30,268.18<br>less accrued interest refunded,<br>\$991.93) .....                                | 29,276.25   |              |
| Payments for lost books.....                                                                                           | 330.35      |              |
| Investment income.....                                                                                                 | 2,020.00    |              |
| Reserve from fees and fines for pur-<br>chase of musical records .....                                                 | 500.00      |              |
|                                                                                                                        | <hr/>       | \$112,456.66 |

*Disbursements*

|                                 |             |              |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| For Books, pamphlets, etc. .... | \$29,293.39 |              |
| Periodical subscriptions .....  | 4,206.42    |              |
| Binding and repairs .....       | 1,687.17    |              |
| Transportation .....            | 16.13       |              |
| Maps, prints and music .....    | 420.98      |              |
| Balance Dec. 31, 1946 .....     | 76,832.57   |              |
|                                 | <hr/>       | \$112,456.66 |



**John F. Patten Fund***Receipts*

|                           |           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Balance Jan. 1, 1946..... | \$ 673.91 |           |
| From Invested funds.....  | 233.70    |           |
| Called or matured, none   |           |           |
|                           |           | \$ 907.61 |

*Disbursements*

|                              |           |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| For Books, etc. ....         | \$ 379.77 |           |
| Purchase of securities, none |           |           |
| Balance Dec. 31, 1946.....   | 527.84    |           |
|                              |           | \$ 907.61 |

**Frederick W. Hill and Marianne Hill Fund***Receipts*

|                                                                  |              |              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Balance Jan. 1, 1946.....                                        | \$ 23,790.36 |              |
| From Sale, maturity and call of securities..                     | 108,392.72   |              |
| Agent devisees u/w Frederick W.<br>Hill, Clifton lands sold..... | 883.50       |              |
|                                                                  |              | \$133,066.58 |

*Disbursements*

|                                 |              |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| For Purchase of securities..... | \$128,571.93 |              |
| Balance Dec. 31, 1946.....      | 4,494.65     |              |
|                                 |              | \$133,066.58 |

The entire income of this fund, \$29,789.38, was credited to the Book Fund.

**Stodder Fund***Receipts*

|                                           |              |              |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Balance Jan. 1, 1946.....                 | \$ 31,908.93 |              |
| From Income from investments .....        | 60,536.36    |              |
| Sale, maturity and call of securities.... | 344,165.20   |              |
| Executor and trustee J. C. Stodder Trust  | 1,890.12     |              |
|                                           |              | \$438,500.61 |

*Disbursements*

|                                  |              |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| For Transfer to Book Fund .....  | \$ 30,268.18 |              |
| Transfer to General Account..... | 30,268.18    |              |
| Purchase of securities.....      | 336,912.78   |              |
| Miscellaneous, none              |              |              |
| Balance Dec. 31, 1946 .....      | 41,051.47    |              |
|                                  |              | \$438,500.61 |



**Louise Baldwin Thompson Fund***Receipts*

|                                            |             |            |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Bequest, Jan. 31, of Louise de Hauteville  |             |            |
| Bell .....                                 | \$ 2,000.00 |            |
| Interest accrued from Dec. 6, 1945 to Jan. |             |            |
| 21, 1946 .....                             | 9.33        |            |
|                                            | <hr/>       | \$2,009.33 |

*Disbursements*

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Balance Dec. 31, 1946..... | \$2,009.33 |
|----------------------------|------------|

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, 1946. The cash income and expenditures of the year were found to be properly accounted for, and the cash on hand as of December 31, 1946, 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 28, 1947.



## Report of Trustees of the Hersey Fund

---

Bangor, January 28, 1947.

*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.

WARREN J. MOULTON

WILLIAM F. CURRAN

DONALD S. HIGGINS

RALPH WHITTIER

RALPH L. WAYMOUTH

*Trustees of the Hersey Fund.*

## 1946 Organization

# Library Personnel

(Who worked at any time during 1946)

### Librarian

L. Felix Ranlett

### Staff

(In order of first appointment to staff)

Carrie C. Mayberry, *Chief, Cataloging Department*  
 Eva E. Rand, *Chief, Accessions and Classification Department*  
 Olive M. Smythe, *Reference Librarian*  
 Pauline E. Tartre, *Chief, Extension Department*  
 Alice M. Wetherell, *Children's Librarian*  
 H. Eola Mayo, *Librarian's Secretary*  
 Marion C. Cluff, *Assistant in Charge of Binding*  
 Edna D. Brown, *Chief, Circulation Department*  
 Mary B. Gerry, *First Assistant, Office*  
 Roberta E. Smith, *First Assistant, Reference Department*  
 \*Ruth E. Dole, *First Assistant, Children's Department*  
 Freda M. Wilks, *Assistant, Catalog Department*  
 Charlotte C. Bowler, *First Assistant, Circulation Department*  
 Charlotte M. Torrey, *Assistant, Children's Department*  
 RoseEola Tuck, *Assistant, Circulation Department*  
 \*Florence P. Eaton, *Assistant, Circulation Department*  
 Rossa W. Giberson, *Assistant, Catalog Department*  
 Thelma A. Rebstock, *Assistant, Circulation Department*  
 Eileen B. Parker, *Assistant, Children's Department*  
 Isabel R. Carroll, *First Assistant, Accessions and Classification Department*  
 Marjorie G. Higgins, *Assistant, Children's Department*  
 Jean S. Hanson, *Assistant, Accessions and Classification Department*  
 Helen S. Wheeler, *Assistant, Circulation Department*

### Substitutes and Extra Help

|                 |                 |                     |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Sona E. Averill |                 | Alice B. Keedy      |
| Corris M. Gibbs | Jane G. Rollins | Jeannette L. Nadeau |

### Care of Building

|                                                         |                                                          |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Omer J. Nadeau, <i>Superintendent of the Building</i>   |                                                          |
| C. S. Barchard, <i>Engineer</i>                         | Walter P. Gilbert, <i>Asst. Janitor</i>                  |
| Harry C. Dyer, <i>Substitute Janitor</i><br>(temporary) | Cornelius Golden, <i>Asst. Janitor</i>                   |
| Elmer W. Gibbs, <i>Janitor</i>                          | Edward J. Scanlon, <i>Substitute Janitor</i> (temporary) |

### Music Branch

Alice G. Bibber, *Assistant in Charge*

\*Resigned



# Statistics of the Library

TABLE A

## Books in the Library, 1946

| Class and Class number                                                        | <i>By Class</i>               |                  |                                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                                                               | In Library<br>Jan. 1,<br>1946 | Net<br>Additions | In Library<br>Dec. 31,<br>1946 |
| General Works 000-099 .....                                                   | 13,584                        | 492              | 14,076                         |
| Philosophy 100-199 .....                                                      | 3,505                         | 89               | 3,594                          |
| Religion 200-299 .....                                                        | 6,606                         | 166              | 6,772                          |
| Social Sciences 300-399 .....                                                 | 44,311                        | 1,314            | 45,625                         |
| Language 400-499 .....                                                        | 1,214                         | 29               | 1,243                          |
| Pure Science 500-599 .....                                                    | 9,116                         | 197              | 9,313                          |
| Useful Arts 600-699 .....                                                     | 22,180                        | 707              | 22,887                         |
| Fine Arts 700-799 .....                                                       | 30,509                        | 649              | 31,158                         |
| Literature 800-899 .....                                                      | 17,867                        | 425              | 18,292                         |
| Description 910-919 .....                                                     | 7,647                         | 112              | 7,759                          |
| History 900-909, 930-999 .....                                                | 20,833                        | 556              | 21,389                         |
| Biography 920-929, & B .....                                                  | 14,907                        | 456              | 15,363                         |
| Fiction .....                                                                 | 44,283                        | 2,058            | 46,341                         |
| Totals .....                                                                  | 236,562                       | 7,250            | 243,812                        |
| Gross additions were 9,939,<br>removals 2,689, making<br>net additions 7,250. |                               |                  |                                |

### *By Location and Kind, Dec. 31, 1946*

| Location                   | Adult   | Juvenile | Total   |
|----------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| Central Library .....      | 186,814 | 18,257   | 205,071 |
| Music Branch .....         | 15,952  |          | 15,952  |
| Extension Department ..... | 11,830  | 10,959   | 22,789  |
| Totals .....               | 214,596 | 29,216   | 243,812 |
| Kind                       | Number  | Percent  |         |
| Adult Non-Fiction .....    | 180,516 | 74%      |         |
| Adult Fiction .....        | 34,080  | 14%      |         |
| Juvenile .....             | 29,216  | 12%      |         |
| Totals .....               | 243,812 | 100%     |         |
| Volumes per capita .....   |         |          | 8.12    |

**TABLE B**  
**Additions and Removals, 1946**

| <i>Sources of Additions</i>                  |               |                 |                   |                    |        |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------|
|                                              | New<br>Titles | Added<br>Copies | Replace-<br>ments | Binding<br>Serials | Totals |
| Purchase .....                               | 3,823         | 3,868           | 990               | 294                | 8,975  |
| Gift .....                                   | 352           | 479             | 56                | 47                 | 934    |
| Return after loss .....                      |               |                 | 26                |                    | 26     |
| Exchange .....                               |               |                 | 4                 |                    | 4      |
|                                              | <hr/>         | <hr/>           | <hr/>             | <hr/>              | <hr/>  |
| Totals                                       | 4,175         | 4,347           | 1,076             | 341                | 9,939  |
| <i>Causes of Removals</i>                    |               |                 |                   |                    |        |
| Withdrawn:                                   |               |                 |                   |                    |        |
| Worn out .....                               |               |                 |                   | 1,541              |        |
| Obsolete .....                               |               |                 |                   | 604                |        |
| Exchange .....                               |               |                 |                   | 4                  |        |
| Returned to publisher.....                   |               |                 |                   | 4                  |        |
|                                              |               |                 |                   | <hr/>              |        |
| Total withdrawn .....                        |               |                 |                   |                    | 2,153  |
| Lost:                                        |               |                 |                   |                    |        |
| Charged out and not returned.....            |               |                 |                   | 235                |        |
| Missing in inventories.....                  |               |                 |                   | 52                 |        |
| Missing from classes not inventoried.....    |               |                 |                   | 9                  |        |
| Lost and paid for.....                       |               |                 |                   | 93                 |        |
| Contagion .....                              |               |                 |                   | 37                 |        |
| Fire and/or water.....                       |               |                 |                   | 110                |        |
|                                              |               |                 |                   | <hr/>              |        |
| Total lost .....                             |               |                 |                   |                    | 536    |
|                                              |               |                 |                   |                    | <hr/>  |
| Total removed .....                          |               |                 |                   |                    | 2,689  |
|                                              |               |                 |                   |                    | <hr/>  |
| Net additions (additions less removals)..... |               |                 |                   |                    | 7,250  |

**TABLE C**  
**Binding and Repair, 1946**

|                             |       |     |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----|
| Sent to Bindery:            |       |     |
| Previously unbound:         |       |     |
| Volumes of serials.....     | 426   |     |
| Volumes not serials.....    | 84    |     |
| Previously bound:           |       |     |
| Volumes to be rebound.....  | 327   |     |
| Volumes to be repaired..... | 3     |     |
|                             | <hr/> |     |
| Total sent to Bindery.....  |       | 840 |
| Repaired by Library.....    |       | 51  |



TABLE D  
**Registration, 1946**

(Principal registration period is three years)

|                                                                                                      | Adult        | Juvenile    | Total        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Card holders, Jan. 1, 1946.....                                                                      | 15,421       | 2,802       | 18,223       |
| Registrations removed because of failure<br>to renew, change of residence, death<br>etc., 1946 ..... | 1,257        | 757         | 2,014        |
|                                                                                                      | <hr/> 14,164 | <hr/> 2,045 | <hr/> 16,209 |
| New registrations, 1946.....                                                                         | 2,059        | 600         | 2,659        |
|                                                                                                      | <hr/> 16,223 | <hr/> 2,645 | <hr/> 18,868 |
| Card holders, Dec. 31, 1946.....                                                                     | 16,223       | 2,645       | 18,868       |
| Including registrations renewed, 1946                                                                | 1,747        | 221         | 1,968        |

TABLE E  
**Classes of Borrowers, 1946**

|                                                                                      | Adult        | Juvenile<br>3rd-9th<br>Grade | Juvenile<br>"Mother's"<br>Cards | Total<br>(Juvenile) | Total        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| A. Bangor residents .....                                                            | 14,778       | 2,227                        | 395                             | (2,622)             | 17,400       |
| AS. Army Service .....                                                               | 285          | .....                        | .....                           | .....               | 285          |
| B. Business cards.....                                                               | 141          | .....                        | .....                           | .....               | 141          |
| C. Non-resident individ-<br>uals who pay \$1.00<br>a year (juvenile<br>\$0.50) ..... | 826          | 20                           | 3                               | ( 23)               | 849          |
| D. Special borrowers<br>who make a de-<br>posit .....                                | 68           | .....                        | .....                           | .....               | 68           |
| E. Libraries outside of<br>Bangor .....                                              | 85           | .....                        | .....                           | .....               | 85           |
| I. Visitors who make a<br>deposit of \$2.00.....                                     | 22           | .....                        | .....                           | .....               | 22           |
| J. Non-resident groups..                                                             | 18           | .....                        | .....                           | .....               | 18           |
| Totals .....                                                                         | <hr/> 16,223 | <hr/> 2,247                  | <hr/> 398                       | <hr/> (2,645)       | <hr/> 18,868 |

Percent of population registered (Classes A, AS, and B only).....60%

TABLE F  
Circulation, 1946

| <i>Entire Library</i>                                         |                          |                  |          |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|----------|---------|
|                                                               | Adult<br>Non-<br>Fiction | Adult<br>Fiction | Juvenile | Total   |
| Central Library—                                              |                          |                  |          |         |
| General works, including unbound<br>periodicals 000-099 ..... | 18,760                   | .....            | 452      | 19,212  |
| Philosophy 100-199 .....                                      | 2,469                    | .....            | 40       | 2,509   |
| Religion 200-299.....                                         | 2,355                    | .....            | 567      | 2,922   |
| Social sciences 300-399.....                                  | 5,080                    | .....            | 13,573   | 18,653  |
| Languages 400-499 .....                                       | 479                      | .....            | 55       | 534     |
| Pure science 500-599.....                                     | 1,822                    | .....            | 1,742    | 3,564   |
| Useful arts 600-699.....                                      | 7,045                    | .....            | 2,431    | 9,476   |
| Fine arts 700-799.....                                        | 6,722                    | .....            | 1,354    | 8,076   |
| Literature 800-899 .....                                      | 7,035                    | .....            | 1,028    | 8,063   |
| Description 910-919 .....                                     | 1,921                    | .....            | 544      | 2,465   |
| History 900-909, 930-999.....                                 | 6,121                    | .....            | 582      | 6,703   |
| Biography 920-929, and B.....                                 | 6,220                    | .....            | 1,078    | 7,298   |
| Fiction .....                                                 | .....                    | 127,464          | 19,281   | 146,745 |
| Total Central Library.....                                    | 66,029                   | 127,464          | 42,727   | 236,220 |
| Music Branch .....                                            | 8,018                    | .....            | .....    | 8,018   |
| Total, Central Library and Music<br>Branch .....              | 74,047                   | 127,464          | 42,727   | 244,238 |
| Extension Department .....                                    | 4,087                    | 18,160           | 35,214   | 57,461  |
| Total, entire library.....                                    | 78,134                   | 145,624          | 77,941   | 301,699 |
| Percent .....                                                 | 26%                      | 48%              | 26%      | 100%    |
| Circulation per capita.....                                   |                          |                  |          | 10.12   |
| Circulation per registered borrower.....                      |                          |                  |          | 15.99   |

| <i>Extension Department</i>                                                 |                          |                  |          |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|----------|--------|
|                                                                             | Adult<br>Non-<br>Fiction | Adult<br>Fiction | Juvenile | Total  |
| Bangor grade schools (public grades<br>I-VI and parochial grades I-VIII.... | .....                    | .....            | 14,766   | 14,766 |
| Bangor High School.....                                                     | 1,553                    | 3,652            | .....    | 5,205  |
| John Bapst High School.....                                                 | 533                      | 1,552            | .....    | 2,085  |
| Fifth St. Junior High.....                                                  | .....                    | .....            | 6,676    | 6,676  |



|                                                      |       |        |        |        |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| Garland St. Junior High.....                         |       |        | 6,082  | 6,082  |
| Orrington Schools (Jan.-June).....                   |       |        | 1,100  | 1,100  |
| Veazie School .....                                  |       |        | 1,358  | 1,358  |
| Bangor Anti-Tuberculosis Assn. Sana-<br>torium ..... | 4     | 305    |        | 309    |
| Bangor Theological Seminary.....                     | 222   | 15     |        | 237    |
| Eastern Corporation .....                            | 16    | 815    |        | 831    |
| E. M. G. Hospital, Patients' Library..               | 1,433 | 6,716  | 3,647  | 11,796 |
| Forest Avenue Branch.....                            | 247   | 3,520  | 1,160  | 4,927  |
| Good Samaritan Home .....                            | 13    | 243    |        | 256    |
| Home for Aged Men in Bangor.....                     | 7     | 227    |        | 234    |
| Home for Aged Women in Bangor.....                   | 11    | 740    |        | 751    |
| King's Daughters Home.....                           | 16    | 153    |        | 169    |
| Summer Camps .....                                   | 11    | 33     | 425    | 469    |
| Teachers' sets .....                                 | 18    | 176    |        | 194    |
| Whitten's Convalescent Home.....                     | 3     | 13     |        | 16     |
| Totals .....                                         | 4,087 | 18,160 | 35,214 | 57,461 |

The Extension Department also maintained deposits, as follows, where books are used for reference only or where no circulation was reported: Bangor Children's Home; Columbia St. Community Center; E. M. G. Hospital: (1) Doctors' Medical Library, (2) Nurses' Professional Library; Girl Scout Headquarters; Penobscot Bar Library; 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, 1911-1946

| Books in Library |             |                   |
|------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Year             | Dec. 31     | Circulation       |
| 1911.....        | 68,845..... | 22,755 (May-Dec.) |
| 1912.....        | 7,127.....  | 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           |
| 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 |

TABLE H

**Miscellaneous Statistics, 1946**

|                                                     |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Postal card notices for overdue books.....          | 10,722 |
| Second notices for overdue books.....               | 936    |
| Reference questions answered, adult.....            | 9,637  |
| Reserves for home use.....                          | 18,919 |
| Discarded books given away.....                     | 1,929  |
| Lectures outside library.....                       | 38     |
| Classes instructed in library by staff:             |        |
| Number of classes.....                              | 79     |
| Total attendance .....                              | 2,093  |
| Children's story periods given in library by staff: |        |
| Number of periods.....                              | 62     |
| Total attendance .....                              | 1,615  |
| Average attendance .....                            | 27.7   |



|                                                                                           |        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Exhibits in lecture hall:                                                                 |        |
| Library's own property.....                                                               | 0      |
| By invitation of the library.....                                                         | 2      |
| Offered .....                                                                             | 5      |
| Public meetings (by 47 organizations).....                                                | 121    |
| Mail service to 205 individuals and 26 libraries in 135 cities or towns, total books..... | 5,768  |
| Borrowed from 7 libraries, books .....                                                    | 23     |
| Newspapers currently received:                                                            |        |
| Titles .....                                                                              | 18     |
| Duplicates .....                                                                          | 3      |
| Other periodicals currently received:                                                     |        |
| Titles .....                                                                              | 621    |
| Duplicates .....                                                                          | 263    |
| Adult books missing in inventory of classes 100, 200, 500, and Fiction .....              | 309    |
| Juvenile books missing in inventory of all Non-fiction.....                               | 54     |
| New cards filed in public catalog.....                                                    | 18,577 |
| Staff hours lost from illness, funerals, etc. ....                                        | 1,742  |

TABLE I

### U. S. Office of Education, Public Library Statistical Report, 1946

|                                                                                                    |               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Report for fiscal year ending.....                                                                 | Dec. 31, 1946 |
| 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 16, Sept. 3-Dec. 31. Daily, except Sundays, 9 A. M. to 9 P. M., total 72 hours a week.
  - June 17-Sept. 2. 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. 2, Nov. 11, Nov. 28, 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.....         | 122 |
| b. Other .....                                     | 15  |
| 12. Other agencies .....                           | 8   |
| 13. Total agencies .....                           | 148 |

*Circulation and Use*

|                                                                      | Volumes | Percentage<br>of Total<br>Circulation |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|
| 15. Number of volumes of adult non-fiction<br>lent for home use..... | 78,134  | 26%                                   |
| 16. Number of volumes of adult fiction lent for<br>home use .....    | 145,624 | 48%                                   |
| 17. Number of books for children lent for<br>home use .....          | 77,941  | 26%                                   |
| 18. Total number of volumes lent for home use                        | 301,699 | 100%                                  |
| 19. Period of loan for the majority of adult book stock is 28 days.  |         |                                       |
| 20. Number of interlibrary loans:                                    |         |                                       |
| Volumes lent .....                                                   | 666     |                                       |
| Volumes borrowed .....                                               | 23      |                                       |
| 21. Number of reference questions answered (adult).....              | 9,637   |                                       |



*Registration*

|                                                                                                                                   | Adult  | Juvenile | Total  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| 22. Total number of registered borrowers....                                                                                      | 16,223 | 2,645    | 18,868 |
| 23. Borrowers registered or reregistered.....                                                                                     | 3,806  | 821      | 4,627  |
| 24. Number of non-resident borrowers (in-<br>cluded above) .....                                                                  | 1,019  | 23       | 1,042  |
| 25. Annual fee for non-resident borrowers                                                                                         | \$1.00 | \$0.50   |        |
| 26. The length of the registration period is 3 years for residents and<br>1 year for non-residents or soldiers on duty in Bangor. |        |          |        |

*Book Stock*

|                                                                             |         |        |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| 27. Number of volumes at beginning of<br>year .....                         | 209,042 | 27,520 | 236,562 |
| 28. Number of volumes added during year                                     | 6,819   | 3,120  | 9,939   |
| Total .....                                                                 | 215,861 | 30,640 | 246,501 |
| 29. Number of volumes withdrawn from<br>record during year.....             | 1,265   | 1,424  | 2,689   |
| 30. Total number of volumes at end of<br>year .....                         | 214,596 | 29,216 | 243,812 |
| 31. Number of newspapers currently re-<br>ceived excluding duplicates.....  |         |        | 18      |
| 32. Number of periodicals currently re-<br>ceived excluding duplicates..... |         |        | 621     |

*Personnel*

|                                                |       |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|
| 47. Full time equivalent of all employees..... | 25.41 |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|

*Finance*

|                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 48. Assessed valuation of city..... | \$28,888,387 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|

*Receipts*

|                                                                  |              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 52. City Appropriation .....                                     | \$ 9,999.98  |
| 57. State grants .....                                           | 200.00       |
| 58. Incomes from endowment, trust, and in-<br>vested funds ..... | 110,009.13   |
| 60. Petty cash: Fines, fees, memberships, etc.....               | 3,513.78     |
| 62. Other sources: Books lost and Music Record<br>Fund .....     | 830.35       |
| 63. Total .....                                                  | \$124,553.24 |

## BANGOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

|                                                                                                                   |                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 64. Unexpended balance from previous year<br>(\$114,849.33 less \$42,672.62 transferred<br>to Capital Acct.)..... | 72,176.71          |
|                                                                                                                   | <hr/> \$196,729.95 |

*Expenditures**Operating Expenses*

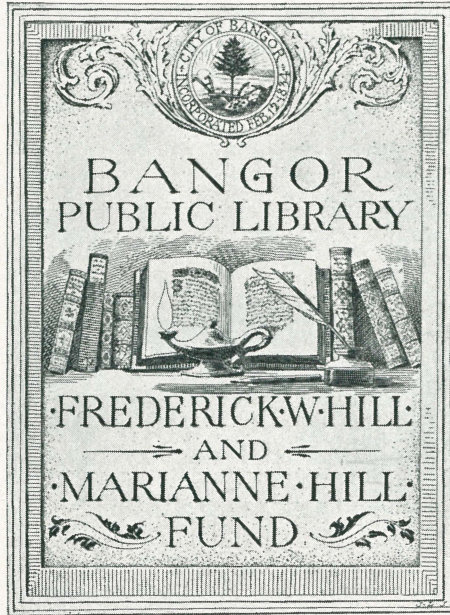
|                                                |                |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 65. Salaries: Library staff .....              | \$ 30,077.12   |
| 66. Salaries: Building staff .....             | 5,305.39       |
| 67. Books .....                                | 30,110.27      |
| 68. Periodicals .....                          | 4,206.42       |
| 69. Binding, repairing and mending.....        | 1,687.17       |
| 70. Rent .....                                 | 120.00         |
| 71. Heat, light, power, water.....             | 4,284.10       |
| 72. Insurance (all types).....                 | 1,127.53       |
| 73. Other operating expenses.....              | 7,496.36       |
|                                                | <hr/>          |
| 74. Total operating expenses.....              | 84,414.36      |
| 75. Capital expenses .....                     | 0.00           |
|                                                | <hr/>          |
| 76. Grand total .....                          | 84,414.36      |
| 77. Balance on hand at end of fiscal year..... | 112,315.59     |
|                                                | <hr/>          |
| Total .....                                    | \$196,729.95   |
| Total endowment.....                           | \$2,053,314.78 |

## TABLE J

**Gifts to the Library During 1946**

A total of 6,461 gifts, consisting of 2,323 books or pamphlets, 3,758 serials, and 380 other items, were received. 86 of these items were from donors who did not make their identity known. Of the 544 donors who identified themselves 78 were individuals or estates and 466 organizations.





*Halftone reproduction of the engraved*

**Bookplate**

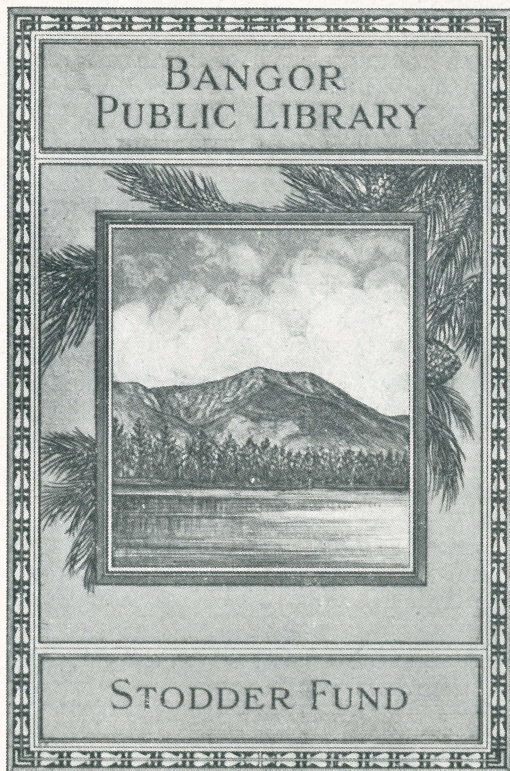
of the

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

Designed by Sidney Lawton Smith

1921





*Halftone reproduction of the engraved*

**Bookplate**  
of the  
**Stodder Fund**

Designed by Elisha Brown Bird

Engraved by Sidney Alabaster

1929



800 Copies

*Printed by Furbush-Roberts Printing Co., Bangor, Maine*

