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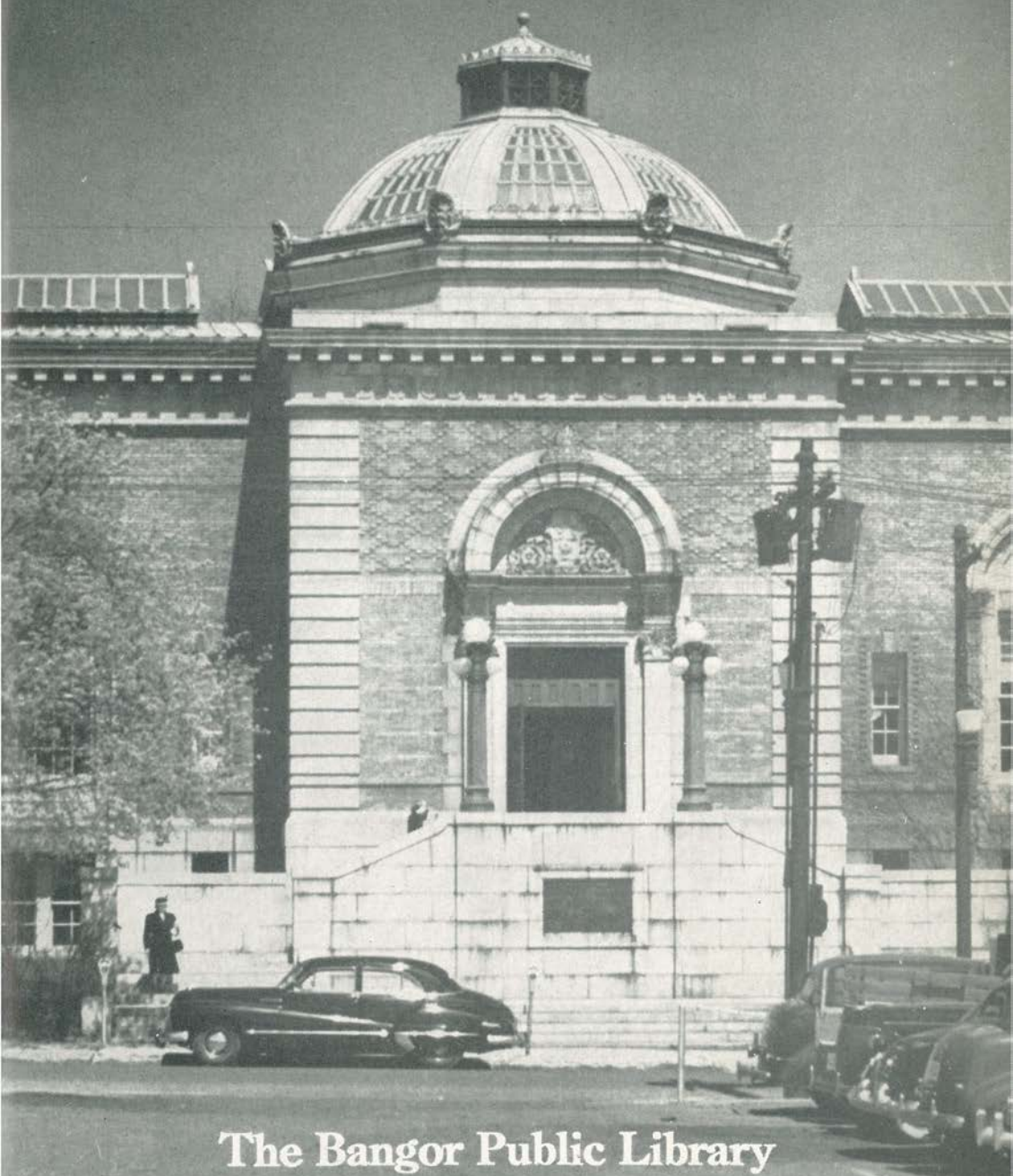
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The Bangor Public Library

Annual Reports, 1950

Our Purpose

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.

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Entrance of the Bangor Public Library

BANGOR PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORTS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

JANUARY 1, 1950 - DECEMBER 31, 1950

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BANGOR PUBLIC LIBRARY
BANGOR, MAINE
1951



Franklin E. Bragg

1874 - 1951

A member of the Board of Managers and of the Trustees of the Bangor Public Library, 1921-1951; Finance Committee, 1921-1949; Vice-President 1950-1951.

Endowment

of the

Bangor Public Library

Administered by the Trustees of the Bangor
Public Library

<p>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.”</p>	\$627,831.95
<p>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.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Augmented by the</p>	4,000.00
<p>Thomas Upham Coe Bequest—Bequeathed in 1927 by Thomas Upham Coe “to be added to the Patten Fund, so-called.”</p>	2,000.00
	\$6,000.00
<p>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.”</p>	1,112,949.08

Trustees Fund—Invested monies upon which there is no restriction as to the use of income. 159,206.66

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

Futher 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

\$246,206.66

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	\$2,116,987.69
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1950 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, died July 16, 1950

Manning C. Moulton, term expires January 1953

John M. O'Connell, Jr., succeeded Ralph Whittier,
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

Franklin E. Bragg

George F. Eaton

Karl R. Philbrick

Horace S. Stewart

Officers*President*, Donald S. Higgins*Vice-President*, Frankln E. Bragg*Treasurer*, Karl R. Philbrick*Secretary and Clerk*, L. Felix Ranlett**Standing Committees***Auditing*, Mr. Higgins*Finance*, Dr. Moulton, Mr. Newman, and *ex officio*, Mr.
Philbrick*Purchasing*, Mr. Eaton, Dr. Moulton, and Mr. Newman*Building and Grounds*, Mr. Bragg, Mr. Waymouth, and Mr.
Whittier*Insurance and Property Values*, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Stewart,
and Mr. Philbrick

Report of the Librarian

January 23, 1951

To the Board of Managers of the Bangor Public Library:

In all of the 151 locations in Bangor (central library, school libraries, school rooms, hospitals, institutions, and city offices) where the Bangor Public Library now maintains collections, there are 271,168 books. This is 8.61 books per capita. Home use of books totalled 303,096 volumes, amounting to 9.63 per capita. Sixty per cent of the people of Bangor, not including not-resident borrowers who pay a fee, are registered as active users of the library.

The total cost of operating the library, including \$46,492.88 to buy and process 9,650 new books, subscribe to 1,312 copies of 901 magazines and 16 newspapers, and bind or rebind 1,306 books, amounted to \$112,459.49. Of this amount \$84,586.17 (75%) was from the income of trust funds set up by the gifts and bequests of generous citizens and friends, \$24,000 (21%) from city appropriation, including the state grant of \$200.00, and \$3,873.32 (4%) from other sources, principally fines and non-resident fees.

The city appropriation was entirely consumed in running expenses, of which the largest item is salaries, they, alone, greatly exceeding the total of the appropriation. All library material, except phonograph records, was bought with the income of trust funds provided for that purpose alone. Phonograph records of music were bought from receipts from fines. The bulk of our receipts from fines, which amounted to \$3,321.51, was applied directly to running expenses, correspondingly reducing the amount of appropriation required. Fines, however, are not charged to supply income for the library, but purely for the purpose of providing borrowers with an effective reminder to bring books back in order that others may use them.

Our general account budget, which covers supplies, equipment, heat, light, and salaries, in fact most items but library material, totalled \$63,082.45. Expenditures were kept within this limit by \$343.39. The economies were principally in light,

heat, and water. The city electric rate was better than last year; the new heating plant installed by the School Department in 1949 and improved in 1950, saved money; and, contrary to estimate, metered water, in our first year with it, proved only slightly more costly than unmetered water. In dry times we watered our lawn freely.

Our collection of phonograph records of music of enduring worth was put in operation at the music branch on June first. We have 484 discs in 107 albums. The collection is popular. Because of the difficulties of processing records on very tight work schedules it does not grow as fast as we would like.

One of our greatest needs is for more shelf space open to the public where many books may be handled and inspected before being borrowed. Our plans for 1950 undertook to correct this, by providing an open-shelf fiction room for 2,500 to 3,000 books in the quiet basement hallway. Easy chairs and a browsing room atmosphere were parts of the plan. In July the shelves were ready for erection. They have had to be stored ever since, at some cost for insurance. The reason for this delay is that the Bangor Historical Society, whose weapons collection, through our courtesy, has for many years occupied the space now needed for the book room in the basement, has not yet succeeded in finding a place to which to move the weapons. The plans for the book room in no way affect the continuance of the Bangor Historical Society collection of pictures and relics on the top floor of the library building.

In preparation for the book room the inactive picture collection and its cabinets, which had occupied part of the space selected, was given to the elementary school workshop in the Valentine School.

The use of adult fiction has declined considerably during the past few years. It is hard to ascribe the cause. We have not failed to buy generously of fiction for many tastes, but suppliers of prebound books, which we get so that books may not wear out while at the height of their popularity, are becoming increasingly slow in making deliveries. We are beginning to experiment with buying fiction in original covers for the sake of greater speed in deliveries. We are also assembling a large

collection of so-called "pocket books"—inexpensive, paper-bound editions—to be processed quickly without cataloging or elaborate records, and issued in the most simple way.

Even greater school service than before has been provided this year, in the purchase of many reference sets for schools. As a part of the program, eight sets of the *World Book Encyclopedia* were placed in two schools and seven sets of *Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia* were placed in six schools. The city manager's office was furnished with books used in departmental training courses, and certain reference books were located in other city hall offices and at the city hospital.

The children's department has been increasingly busy in preparing teaching units for elementary and junior high schools. These units, required as a part of the teaching program, are not mere stock collections, but are individually hand picked for the particular pupils and teacher for whom they are requested. Each one takes hours of preparation and each consists of from 20 to 35 or more books. One hundred and fifteen such units on 26 subjects were issued to seven schools. Sample subjects are: the home, Maine, Mexico, lumbering, farming, health, cotton, transportation, fire fighting, and the weather.

The inauguration by WLBZ in January 1950 of a Tello-Test program created an entirely new job for the library: that of answering the resulting 11,051 telephone calls. On one occasion 52 calls were answered in the first fifteen minutes of the day. New telephone equipment had to be ordered. Much time previously given to other jobs had to go into this one, but we have encouraged these inquiries, as we do others, since it is our job to help people find out what they want to know.

The Reader's Digest in Braille, for the use of blind readers, which we supply to Miss Marie Thibeau, blind teacher of many blind pupils, is a much appreciated service not widely known outside the circle of its users. Ten or more people use these huge volumes regularly.

New equipment bought this year, besides the yet unused shelves for the basement hallway, included a supply of utility tables for the stacks, three office book trucks, and a large rubber mat for the front entrance. The interior of the dome was

cleaned. The outer doors and light pedestals were stripped and refinished. An electric hot-water heater was installed to take the place of the steam-heated tank put in when the building was erected and whose final wearing out was momentarily expected. The new tank has greater capacity but less prompt recovery than the old installation and will have to be supplemented by another tank and steam coil for winter use, which, in summer, will act as a tempering tank for the electric heater. This additional equipment has been ordered.

From a personnel group totalling 30.08 persons in full-time equivalent there have been six resignations of full-time staff members and one resignation of a part-time employee. The resulting vacancies have been filled with excellent persons, but so large a turnover, involving much training, inevitably reduces the amount of work that can be done in the library. Higher pay would eliminate this condition.

The immense and technically excellent card catalog of the library is a monument to the work of Carrie C. Mayberry who retired on December 31 from the position of chief of the catalog department. Miss Mayberry was a staff member for 49 years and before her appointment to the staff was, for several years, a part-time worker at the library. Her career began in the library quarters on State Street, which were destroyed in the fire of 1911. She retired, with complete prior service credit under the provision of the excellent Maine State Retirement System, to which library staff members are fortunate to belong. Both for her work and for herself she will be as much missed as she is appreciated by all her former associates.

The death of Franklin E. Bragg on January 2, 1951, just beyond the year properly covered by this report, and the death of Ralph Whittier on July 16, 1950, robbed the library of two devoted members of the board. Mr. Bragg had contributed greatly to the success and growth of the library during the years since 1921, when he was first elected to the board. Mr. Whittier had served with sincere devotion since 1941. Mr. William F. Curran, who was a member of the board from 1911 to 1948 and was very active in the planning and construction of the present building, died December 26, 1950.

Gifts of books and other printed material to the library are very numerous. Especially to be noted for 1950 is a gift

by the Bangor Commercial of 110 volumes of the early years of the Commercial and other Bangor papers—the very record of history. The hanging of the newly restored and framed portraits of General and Mrs. Samuel Veazie, painted by the Bangor artist Jeremiah P. Hardy, given by Charles Veazie Lord and Mrs. Samuel K. Workman in a previous year, was an event of importance. Mrs. John Gregg Utterback brightened the library by giving one of her paintings, "Broadway in Spring". The Eastern Trust and Banking Company provided an interesting exhibit and a collection for permanent use, in presenting 25 large photographic reproductions of "Freedom Train" documents. Considerable groups of books were given by Mrs. Carol L. Butler, Mrs. Sidney Fisher, and the estate of Ralph Whittier, through his brother Clement P. Whittier. Wilfred H. Nixon gave an interesting photostat of a story that could not be found here. A handsome and useful volume was given in memory of Gertrude L. Lorentson (Mrs. John L. Lorentson). The Bangor-Brewer Lions Club made an outstanding gift in the form of a ceiling projector for the use of persons ill in bed and unable to hold books in their hands.

Clarence C. Stetson, of Bangor, who died August 12, 1950, made us a bequest, not as yet received, the income of which is to be used for "the general administration expenses" of the library.

Complete statistics of the operation of the library are found on pages 20-27 of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

L. FELIX RANLETT, *Librarian*

1950 Organization Library Personnel

(Who worked at any time during 1950)

Staff

(In order of first appointment to staff)

- Carrie C. Mayberry, *Chief, Catalog Department, retired Dec. 31*
 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*
 Freda M. Wilks, *First Assisant, Catalog Department*
 Charlotte C. Bowler, *First Assistant, Circulation Department*
 Charlotte M. Torrey, *Chief, Extension Department*
 RoseEola 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*
 *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. Foley, *Assistant, Circulation Department*
 Dorrice M. Wetzler, *Assistant in Charge of Periodicals and Binding*
 Marcia E. Downey, *Assistant, Circulation Department*
 Joanne A. Lebel, *Assistant, Children's Department*
 Jeanette Staples, *Assistant, Circulation Department*

Substitutes and Extra Help

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Barbara A. Ackley | Marceda M. Leeman |
| Ruth K. Averill | Marjorie M. Melvin |
| Susan L. Chase | Joan M. Miles |
| George A. Fleming | *Jeannette L. Nadeau |
| Charlene N. Fogg | *Wilma P. Stewart |
| Mary Edge Leckemby | Dolores C. Thayer |

Care of Building

- Omer J. Nadeau, *Superintendent of the Building*
 Elmer W. Gibbs, *Janitor*
- | | |
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| C. S. Barchard, <i>Engineer</i> | Albert H. Howard, <i>Asst. Janitor</i> |
| Walter P. Gilbert, <i>Assist. Janitor</i> | Edward L. McCann, <i>Asst. Janitor</i> |

*Resigned

Abbreviated Report of Treasurer

January 23, 1951

*To the Board of Managers and Trustees of the Bangor Public
Library for the Year Ended December 31, 1950.*

General Account

(All items in this account represent income.)

Receipts

Balance of cash on hand January 1, 1950	\$5,242.45
Trustees Fund—budgeted distribution	4,000.00
Bangor Mechanic Association—income for 1950.....	600.00
Librarian fines and non-resident fees	3,623.32
Hersey Fund—interest for 1950	4,000.00
City appropriation (including State Aid of \$200) ..	24,000.00
Stodder Fund—one-half of 1950 income	27,885.19
Refund on return of steel drum	5.00
Insurance for repair of locks	7.78
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	\$69,363.74

Disbursements

Telephone	291.96
Gas and electricity	800.51
Heat	3,147.90
Ice and water	110.15
Salaries of library staff and building staff.....	46,982.64
Furniture and fittings.....	1,534.81
Postage and stationery.....	1,330.39
Printing and publicity.....	599.48
Janitor's supplies	670.78
Repairs	1,137.54
Catalog cards from Library of Congress.....	207.23
Retirement for staff.....	5,542.89
State Aid (Transferred to Book Account).....	200.00
Transportation and delivery.....	182.78
Balance of cash on hand December 31, 1950.....	6,624.68
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	\$69,363.74

Book Account

(All items in this account represent income.)

Receipts

Balance of cash on hand January 1, 1950.....	\$36,617.94
Balance of Income Investment Account on hand Jan. 1, 1950.....	87,534.00
Income from Hill Fund.....	29,194.56
Income from Stodder Fund (one-half of total).....	27,885.18
State Aid	200.00
Income from Ellison Fund.....	335.00
Income from securities held in Income Investment Account	3,677.00
Petty cash—Receipts for lost, sold and damaged books.....	\$284.79
Less: Replacements and re- pairs of lost and dam- aged books	50.58
	234.21
Petty cash—Receipts from Music Record Account	250.00
Books sold	90.00
Gain from sale of securities.....	23.44
	\$186,041.33

Disbursements

Books and pamphlets.....	\$36,524.26
Periodical subscriptions	5,830.05
Binding and repair.....	2,858.72
Transportation	65.94
Maps, prints and music.....	750.97
Balance of cash on hand December 31, 1950.....	25,410.77
Balance of Income Investment Account December 31, 1950	110,480.62
Loss from sale of securities.....	4,120.00
	\$186,041.33

Trustees Fund
Income Account

Receipts

Balance of cash on hand January 1, 1950.....	\$ 3,418.18
Income from investments.....	12,223.00
Refund on Treasurer's bond premium.....	12.46
	\$15,653.64

Disbursements

Insurance	\$1,421.85
Appropriation to General Account.....	4,000.00
Conventions and travel.....	383.78
Salaries	1,342.00
Custody of securities.....	233.25
Maine Library Association dues.....	9.00
Binder and forms for Treasurer's books.....	13.23
Postage	24.44
Balance of cash on hand December 31, 1950.....	8,226.09
	\$15,653.64

Principal Account

Receipts

Balance of cash on hand January 1, 1950.....	\$6,645.38
Capital gains dividends.....	1,300.00
	\$7,945.38

Disbursements

Balance of cash on hand December 31, 1950.....	\$7,945.38
	\$7,945.38

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, 1950.....	\$3,899.80
Proceeds from sale on call of securities.....	50,218.60
Capital gains dividends.....	4,232.50
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	\$58,350.90

Disbursements

Purchase of securities.....	\$50,670.32
Balance of cash on hand December 31, 1950.....	7,680.58
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	\$58,350.90

John F. Patten Fund

Income Account

Receipts

Balance of cash on hand January 1, 1950.....	\$405.44
Income from Investments.....	228.00
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	\$633.44

Disbursements

Books purchased	\$300.54
Balance of cash on hand December 31, 1950.....	332.90
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	\$633.44

Principal Account

Receipts

Balance of cash on hand January 1, 1950.....	\$13.86
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Disbursements

Balance of cash on hand December 31, 1950.....	\$13.86
(There were no transactions involving principal during 1950)	

Louise Baldwin Thompson Fund
Income Account

Receipts

Balance of cash on hand January 1, 1950.....	\$143.53
Income from investments.....	57.20
	\$200.73

Disbursements

Bookplate, designing and printing.....	\$144.45
Books purchased	17.95
Balance of cash on hand December 31, 1950.....	38.33
	\$200.73

Principal Account

Receipts

Balance of cash on hand January 1, 1950.....	\$37.60
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Disbursements

Balance of cash on hand December 31, 1950.....	\$37.60
(There were no transactions involving principal during 1950)	

Stodder Fund

Income Account

Receipts

Balance of cash on hand January 1, 1950.....	\$ 0.00
Income from investments.....	55,772.85
	\$55,772.85

Disbursements

Transferred to Book Account.....	\$27,885.18
Transferred to General Account.....	27,885.19
Postage—shipping bonds	2.48
Balance of cash on hand December 31, 1950.....	0.00
	\$55,772.85

Principal Account

Receipts

Balance of cash on hand January 1, 1950.....	\$ 3,404.44
Proceeds from sale, liquidation or call of securities.....	127,597.15
Stock dividends	1,330.25
Capital gains dividends.....	11,602.40
Refund of amount withheld in liquidation.....	55.00
	\$143,989.24

Disbursements

Purchase of securities.....	\$131,223.39
Portion of capital gains dividends taken in stock.....	1,330.25
Balance of cash on hand December 31, 1950.....	11,435.60
	\$143,989.24

KARL R. PHILBRICK,
Treasurer.

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 23, 1951

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 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

JOHN M. O'CONNELL, JR.

RALPH L. WAYMOUTH

Trustees of the Hersey Fund



Ralph Whittier

1882 - 1950

A member of the Board of Managers and Trustees of the Bangor Public Library, 1942-1950. Building and Grounds Committee, 1942-1950. Purchasing Committee, 1942-1947.

Statistics of the Library

TABLE A

Books in the Library, 1950

Class and Class number	In Library Jan. 1 1950	Net Additions 1950	In Library Dec. 31, 1950
General works 000-099.....	15,885	456	16,341
Philosophy 100-199	3,791	94	3,885
Religion 200-299	7,291	136	7,427
Social sciences 300-399.....	49,185	1,066	50,251
Language 400-499	1,324	55	1,379
Pure science 500-599.....	9,741	218	9,959
Useful arts 600-699.....	24,426	432	24,858
Fine arts 700-799.....	35,051	976	36,027
Literature 800-899	19,339	318	19,657
Description 910-919	8,191	152	8,343
History 900-909, 930-999.....	22,663	353	23,016
Biography 920-929 & B.....	16,514	380	16,894
Fiction	51,256	1,875	53,131
Totals	264,657	6,511	271,168
Gross additions were	9,650		
removals	3,139		
Making net additions	6,511		

By Location and Kind, December 31, 1950

Location	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Central Library	203,651	21,824	225,475
Music Branch	19,393		19,393
Extension Department	13,127	13,173	26,300
Totals	236,171	34,997	271,168
Kind	Number	Percent	
Adult non-fiction	197,685	73%	
Adult fiction	38,486	14%	
Juvenile	34,997	13%	
Totals	271,168	100%	
Volumes per capita.....			8.61

TABLE B

Additions and Removals, 1950

<i>Sources of Additions</i>					
	New Titles	Added Copies	Replace- ments	Binding Serials	Totals
Purchase	3,218	4,665	536	359	8,778
Gift	195	569	7	83	854
Return after loss .....	.....	.....	13	.....	13
Exchange .....	.....	.....	5	.....	5
Totals	3,413	5,234	561	442	9,650
<i>Causes of Removals</i>					
Withdrawn:					
Worn out				1,109	
Obsolete				1,334	
Exchange				1	
Sold				370	
Total withdrawn					2,814
Lost:					
Charged out and not returned.....				182	
Missing in inventories.....				11	
Missing from classes not inventoried.....				40	
Lost and paid for.....				87	
Contagion				3	
Burned				2	
Total lost					325
Total removed					3,139
Net additions (additions less removals).....					6,511

TABLE C

Binding and Repair, 1950

Sent to bindery:	
Previously unbound:	
Volumes of serials	367
Volumes not serials.....	38
Previously bound:	
Volumes to be rebound.....	901
Volumes to be repaired	0
Total sent to bindery.....	1,306

TABLE D

Registration, 1950

(Principal registration period is three years)

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Card holders, Jan. 1, 1950.....	17,699	2,061	19,760
Registrations removed because of failure to renew, change of residence, death, etc. 1950.....	1,570	464	2,034
	16,129	1,597	17,726
New registrations, 1950.....	1,766	681	2,447
Card holders, Dec. 31, 1950.....	17,895	2,278	20,173
Including registrations renewed, 1950	1,977	134	2,111

TABLE E

Class of Borrowers, 1950

	Adult	Juvenile 3rd-8th Grade	Juvenile "Mother's" Cards	Total (Juvenile)	Total
A. Bangor residents	16,555	1,902	325	(2,227)	18,782
AS. Army Service	66	.....	.....	.....	66
B. Business cards	177	.....	.....	.....	177
C. Non-resident individuals who pay \$1.00 a year (juvenile \$0.50) for over-the-desk service, or \$3.00 a year (juvenile \$1.50) plus postage for mail service	950	44	5	(49)	999
D. Special borrowers who make a deposit.....	43	.....	.....	.....	43
E. Libraries outside of Bangor	85	.....	.....	.....	85
I. Visitors who make a de- posit of \$2.00.....	13	2	.....	(2)	15
J. Non-resident groups	6	.....	.....	.....	6
	17,895	1,948	330	(2,278)	20,173
Percent of population registered, counting only classes A, AS, and B					60%
Percent of population registered, counting all classes.....					64%

TABLE F
Circulation, 1950

	Adult Non- Fiction	Adult Fiction	Juvenile	Total
Central Library				
General works, including un- bound periodicals 000-099.....	24,697	.....	1,257	25,954
Philosophy 100-199	2,577	.....	36	2,613
Religion 200-299	2,450	.....	686	3,136
Social sciences 300-399.....	6,465	.....	19,419	25,884
Languages 400-499	535	.....	37	572
Pure science 500-599.....	2,453	.....	1,701	4,154
Useful arts 600-699.....	8,779	.....	2,650	11,429
Fine arts 700-799.....	8,034	.....	1,566	9,600
Literature 800-899	8,554	.....	1,045	9,599
Description 910-919.....	2,592	.....	1,037	3,629
History 900-909, 930-999.....	7,449	.....	1,031	8,480
Biography 920-929 and B.....	6,125	.....	1,423	7,548
Fiction .....	.....	102,661	20,261	122,922
Total Central Library.....	80,710	102,661	52,149	235,520
Music Branch	7,555*	.....	.....	7,555
Total, Central Library and Music Branch	88,265	102,661	52,149	243,075
Extension Department	5,565	13,537	40,919	60,021
Total, entire library.....	93,830	116,198	93,068	303,096
Percent	31%	38%	31%	100%
Circulation per capita.....	.....	.....	.....	9.63
Circulation per registered borrower.....	.....	.....	.....	15.02

*Includes 749 albums of phonograph records, June-December.

Extension Department

	Adult Non- Fiction	Adult Fiction	Juvenile	Total
Bangor grade schools (public grades I-VI and parochial grades I-VIII) .....	.....	.....	14,279	14,279
Bangor High School.....	1,762	3,871	.....	5,633
John Bapst High School.....	679	1,416	.....	2,095
Fifth St. Jr. High.....	.....	.....	10,130	10,130
Garland St. Junior High.....	.....	.....	9,148	9,148
East Holden School.....	.....	.....	225	225
Orrington Schools .....	.....	.....	2,129	2,129
Veazie School .....	.....	.....	928	928

Bangor Sanatorium	5	125	.....	130
Bangor Children's Home.....	.....	.....	249	249
Bangor City Hospital.....	15	94	.....	109
Bangor Theological Seminary.....	369	11	.....	380
Eastern Corporation .....	.....	130	.....	130
E. M. G. Hospital Doctors' Medical Library	258	.....	.....	258
E. M. G. Hospital Nurses' Pro- fessional Library	152	.....	.....	152
E. M. G. Hospital Patients' Library	2,068	6,660	3,470	12,198
Good Samaritan Home.....	55	261	.....	316
Home for Aged Men.....	24	26	.....	50
Home for Aged Women.....	107	621	.....	728
King's Daughter's Home.....	5	129	.....	134
Summer Camps	43	63	361	467
Teachers' Sets	23	130	.....	153
Totals	5,565	13,537	40,919	60,021

Deposits as follows, were also maintained, where books were used for reference only: City Clerk's Office, City Manager's Office, Elementary School Workshop, Penobscot Bar Library, Public Welfare Department Office, Public Works Department Office, Water Board Office, York Street Clinic, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., 16 sets of encyclopedias were deposited in school rooms or principals' offices.

TABLE G
Growth and Circulation, 1931-1950

Year	Books in Library		Circulation
	Dec. 31		
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
1950.....	271,168	.....	303,096

TABLE H

Miscellaneous Statistics, 1950

Postal card notices for overdue books.....	11,943
Second notices for overdue books.....	951
Reference questions answered, adult.....	22,192
Reserves for home use.....	13,197
Discarded books given away.....	2,706
Lectures outside library.....	11
Exhibits in lecture hall:	
Library's own property.....	0
By invitation of the library.....	4
Offered.....	8
Public meetings (by 36 organizations).....	173
Mail service to 192 individuals and 36 libraries in 139 cities or towns, total books.....	6,229
Borrowed from 13 libraries, books.....	71
Lent to 36 libraries, books.....	760
Newspapers currently received:	
Titles.....	16
Duplicates.....	3
Other periodicals currently received:	
Titles.....	901
Duplicates.....	299
New cards filed in all catalogs and shelf lists.....	19,349
Staff hours lost from illness, funerals, etc.....	1,090

TABLE I

U. S. Office of Education, Public Library Statistical Report, 1950

Report for fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1950

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 (1950 U. S. Census) 31,473
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. 5-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, 303. Entirely closed on holidays, Jan. 1, Feb. 22, April 19, May 30, July 4, Sept. 4, Nov. 11, Nov. 23, Dec. 25.

Agencies

9. Central library	1
10. Number of branches and sub-branches:	
c. In other than library buildings or schools.....	1
11. Number of stations: a. In schools.....	121
b. Other	18
12. Other agencies	10
13. Total agencies	151

Circulation and Use

	Volumes	Percentage of Total Circulation
15. Number of volumes of adult non-fiction lent for home use	93,830	31%
16. Number of volumes of adult fiction lent for home use	116,198	38%
17. Number of books for children lent for home use	93,068	31%
18. Total number of volumes lent for home use	303,096	100%
19. Period of loan for the majority of adult book stock is 28 days.		
20. Number of interlibrary loans:		
Volumes lent		760
Volumes borrowed		71
21. Number of reference questions answered (adult).....		22,192

Registration

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
22. Total number of registered borrowers.....	17,895	2,278	20,173
23. Borrowers registered or reregistered.....	3,743	815	4,558
24. Number of non-resident borrowers (included above)	1,097	51	1,148
25. Annual fee for non-resident borrowers			
a. Over the desk.....	\$1.00	\$0.50	
b. By mail	3.00	1.50	
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..	231,112	33,545	264,657
28. Number of volumes added during year.....	6,978	2,672	9,650
Total	238,090	36,217	274,307
29. Number of volumes withdrawn from record during year.....	1,919	1,220	3,139
30. Total number of volumes at end of year....	236,171	34,997	271,168

BANGOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

31. Number of newspapers currently received excluding duplicates	16
32. Number of periodicals currently received excluding duplicates	901
<i>Personnel</i>	
47. Full time equivalent of all employees.....	30.08
<i>Finance</i>	
48. Assessed valuation of city, April 1, 1950	\$36,454,766
<i>Receipts</i>	
52. City Appropriation (includes state grant of \$200.00)	\$ 24,000.00
58. Incomes from endowment, trust and invested funds	106,123.51
60. Petty cash: Fines, fees, memberships, etc.....	3,873.32
62. Other sources: Books lost and miscellaneous....	336.99
63. Total	134,333.82
64. Unexpended balance from previous year.....	133,361.54
	\$267,695.36
<i>Expenditures</i>	
65. Salaries: Library staff	\$ 40,291.89
66. Salaries: Building staff	6,690.75
67. Books: Price	23,155.11
Books: Processing	14,649.00
68. Periodicals	5,830.05
69. Binding, repairing and mending.....	2,858.72
71. Heat, light, power, water.....	4,058.56
72. Insurance (all types)	1,421.85
73. Other operating expenses.....	13,503.56
74. Total operating expenses.....	112,459.49
Capital expenses (investment).....	4,122.48
76. Grand total	116,581.97
77. Balance on hand at end of fiscal year.....	151,113.39
	\$267,695.36
Total	\$2,116,987.69
Total endowment (principal).....	

TABLE J

Gifts to the Library During 1950

A total of 10,086 gifts, consisting of 6,564 books, pamphlets or leaflets, 2,986 numbers of serials, and 536 other items, were received. Thirty-five of these items were from donors who did not make their identity known. Of the 589 donors who identified themselves 73 were individuals or estates and 516, organizations.

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