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The  
Bangor  
Public Library

Annual Reports, 1946

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# BANGOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

## ANNUAL REPORTS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

JANUARY 1, 1946 - DECEMBER 31, 1946

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BANGOR PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BANGOR, MAINE  
1947





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### **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

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\$ 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	<hr/> \$2,053,314.78
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## 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

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### *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 Cephas 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 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 Marianne Hill Fund (\$30,115.23 less accrued interest refunded, \$325.85) .....	29,789.38	
Income, Stodder Fund (\$30,268.18 less accrued interest refunded, \$991.93) .....	29,276.25	
Payments for lost books.....	330.35	
Investment income.....	2,020.00	
Reserve from fees and fines for pur- 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. 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
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Respectfully submitted,

HARRY D. BENSON, *Treasurer.***Certification***To the Board of Managers and Trustees of the Bangor Public Library:*

I have examined the accounts of Harry D. Benson, Treasurer of the Bangor Public Library, for the year ended December 31, 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

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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> (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 Jan. 1, 1946	Net Additions	In Library Dec. 31, 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, removals 2,689, making 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 Titles	Added Copies	Replace- ments	Binding 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 to renew, change of residence, death 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 3rd-9th Grade	Juvenile "Mother's" Cards	Total (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- uals who pay \$1.00 a year (juvenile \$0.50) .....	826	20	3	( 23)	849
D. Special borrowers who make a de- posit .....	68	.....	.....	.....	68
E. Libraries outside of Bangor .....	85	.....	.....	.....	85
I. Visitors who make a 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 Non- Fiction	Adult Fiction	Juvenile	Total
Central Library—				
General works, including unbound 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 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 Non- Fiction	Adult Fiction	Juvenile	Total
Bangor grade schools (public grades 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- 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 of Total Circulation
15. Number of volumes of adult non-fiction lent for home use.....	78,134	26%
16. Number of volumes of adult fiction lent for home use .....	145,624	48%
17. Number of books for children lent for 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- 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 1 year for non-residents or soldiers on duty in Bangor.			

*Book Stock*

27. Number of volumes at beginning of 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 record during year.....	1,265	1,424	2,689
30. Total number of volumes at end of year .....	214,596	29,216	243,812
31. Number of newspapers currently re- ceived excluding duplicates.....			18
32. Number of periodicals currently re- ceived excluding duplicates.....			621

*Personnel*

47. Full time equivalent of all employees.....	25.41
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*Finance*

48. Assessed valuation of city.....	\$28,888,387
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*Receipts*

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

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

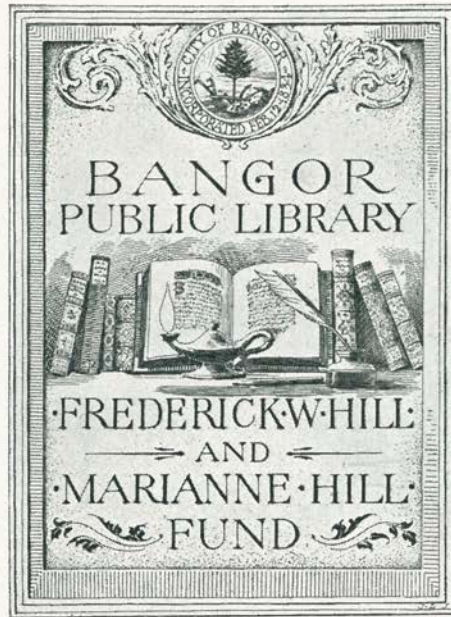
*Expenditures**Operating Expenses*

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
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74. Total operating expenses.....	84,414.36
75. Capital expenses .....	0.00
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76. Grand total .....	84,414.36
77. Balance on hand at end of fiscal year.....	112,315.59
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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.



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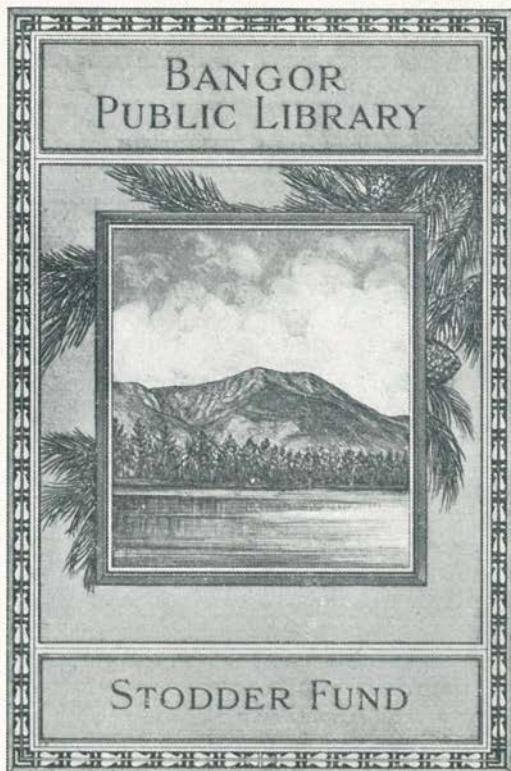
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**Frederick W. Hill and Marianne Hill Fund**

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of the

**Stodder Fund**

Designed by Elisha Brown Bird

Engraved by Sidney Alabaster

1929

800 Copies

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