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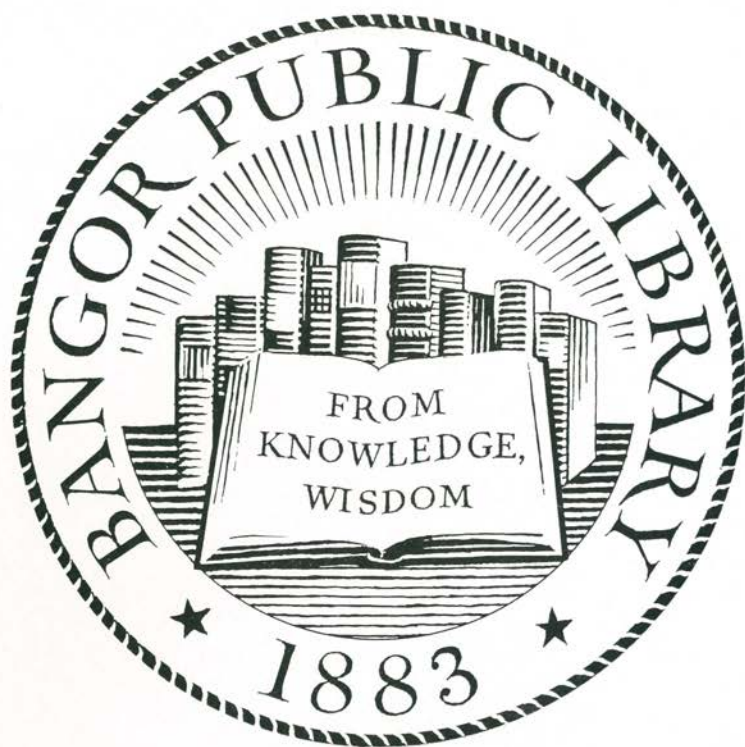
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## Our Purpose

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. Within the library building the use of the collections of the Bangor Public Library is free to all comers. The home-use privileges are free to all residents of Bangor and to whoever, regardless of place of residence, works, goes to school, or pays taxes in Bangor. To others they are available for a fee.

*Cover drawing of seal for Bangor Public Library  
made in 1953 by*

CHARLES R. CAPON

# BANGOR PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORTS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

JANUARY 1, 1956 - DECEMBER 31, 1956

PREPARED FOR PUBLICATION JANUARY 22, 1957



BANGOR PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BANGOR, MAINE  
1957



Clarence C. Stetson  
1884-1950

Benefactor of the Bangor Public Library through a bequest  
the income of which is to be used for the general administra-  
tion expenses of the library.



# Endowment

## of the

### Bangor Public Library

Administered by the Trustees of the Bangor  
Public Library

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| <b>Frederick W. Hill and Marianne Hill Fund—</b><br>Bequeathed in 1920 by Frederick W. Hill<br>"for the purpose of purchasing books . . .<br>and no part . . . for the erection or repair of<br>any building." Added to in subsequent years<br>by reinvestment.  |                  |
|  | \$852,477.21     |
| <b>John F. Patten Fund—</b> Bequeathed in 1900 by<br>Grace D. Patten (Mrs. John F. Patten) in<br>memory of her husband for "the purchase<br>of books to make, or help make, entire,<br>some important department of the Li-<br>brary."   |                  |
| Augmented by the   | \$4,000.00       |
| <b>Thomas Upham Coe Bequest—</b> Bequeathed in<br>1927 by Thomas Upham Coe "to be added<br>to the Patten Fund, so-called."   |                  |
|  | 2,000.00         |
| Total of Patten Fund   | <hr/> \$6,000.00 |
| <b>Stodder Fund—</b> To a nucleus of \$36,000.00 be-<br>queathed in 1924 by George Tyler Stodder<br>and added to in subsequent years by rein-<br>vestment, the termination in 1942 of life<br>trusts set up by George Tyler Stodder and<br>James Chesterman Stodder for Anne E.<br>Stodder added a balance received in 1942,<br>1943, and 1946. Of the income of this fund,<br>designated as the "Stodder Fund," one-half<br>is for the purchase of books and the other<br>half "may, if needed, be used by the Library<br>for administration expenses." |                  |
|  | \$1,369,912.38   |

### Trustees Fund consisting of:

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| <b>Luther H. Peirce Fund</b> —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.” Added to in subsequent years by reinvestment.  | \$199,108.21       |
| <b>Frances A. Stetson Fund</b> —Bequeathed in 1918 by Frances A. Stetson “to be used as may seem to them (the Trustees) best.”  | 1,000.00           |
| <b>Ernestine Thompson Fund</b> — Bequeathed in 1945 by Ernestine Thompson without conditions either as to use of principal or income.   | 1,000.00           |
| <b>Charles E. Adams Bequest</b> without conditions either as to use of principal or income, received in 1949.   | 10,000.00          |
| <b>Clarence C. Stetson Fund</b> —Bequeathed in 1950 by Clarence C. Stetson, the income “to be used for the general administration expenses of said Library.”  | 4,334.24           |
| <b>Other monies</b> from unexpended gifts and reinvestment, upon which there is no restriction as to use.   | 63,316.24          |
| <b>Total of Trustees Fund</b>   | <hr/> \$278,758.69 |
| <b>Louise Baldwin Thompson Fund</b> —Bequeathed in 1944 by Louise de Hauteville Bell (Mrs. Jaffray de Hauteville Bell neé 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 (principal) | \$2,631,148.28 |
|-----------------------------|----------------|



## Report of the Trustees of the Hersey Fund

Bangor, January 22, 1957

*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 (\$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

W. P. NEWMAN

MARTYN A. VICKERS, M.D.

BOUTELLE SAVAGE

RALPH L. WAYMOUTH

*Trustees of the Hersey Fund*

## Report of the Librarian

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

During 1956, as it does every year, the cost-of-building index continued to rise. At the same time the pressure of our book collection on our inadequate storage space became more acute. A council order intended to supply the \$100,000 estimated in 1955 as enough to provide a suitable book-storage addition was looked on with approval by the council but failed of enactment because of a technicality. The land on which the addition must be built is now the property of the Trustees of the Bangor Public Library, having been deeded by the city to the board in 1923. Prevailing legal opinion is that the city may issue bonds only for projects to be carried out on land owned by the city.

Our first need for 1957 is a way to overcome this technicality. The erection of the book storage addition is imperative.

Our book collection now numbers 310,623 volumes. The theoretical capacity of our present storage space is 230,128 volumes, a figure that we exceeded as long ago as 1944. We withdraw books, sensibly, as well as add them. We acquired 14,550 new books in 1956, at the same time removing 4,890, making the net gain only four-sevenths of the gross additions.

It is gratifying to be able to report that the use of the library, as measured by the home use of books, increased 10% as compared with 1955. The total for 1956 was 322,642; for 1955, 292,553. The 1956 figure is the largest annual use in fourteen years. All departments—adult, children's, extension, music—shared in the increase. Obviously public interest, rather than any one thing that may have been done by the library other than meet the demand, is the explanation. The full use of clear plastic covers over the publishers' colorful book jackets may have whetted public interest. In two words, "improved packaging."

Twenty-nine per cent of the home reading is adult non-fiction, 33% adult fiction, and 38% juvenile.



The supplying of home reading is far from being the only activity of the library. There is the reference department answering 12,329 questions; there is the job of giving out the Tello-Test answers 13,417 times; there are the book boxes supplied in 175 school rooms and 99 sets of encyclopedias in schools in Bangor. There are the 144 teaching units sent out by the children's department, the 102 story periods, the annual author's tea. There are seventeen exhibits in the lecture hall and the 266 public meetings held free by 43 organizations in various rooms of the library. There is the intensive use of the reading room by high school students from one o'clock to four o'clock daily. There is the doctors' library at the Eastern Maine General Hospital and the law books in the Penobscot County Bar Library. The list could be extended a long way.

Gifts to the library were many and interesting. Twelve hundred and twelve volumes were added by gift, many of them federal publications and file copies of reports. New federal maps totalled 1,701. A fine collection of music came in from the estate of Adelbert Wells Sprague. The estate of Charlotte M. Thatcher gave a collection of children's shoes gathered from all over the world. The libraries of Bowdoin College, Colby College, and the Bangor Theological Seminary added generously to our back files of periodicals.

Through the Rapaport Auto Company of Bangor the Lincoln-Mercury-Continental Division of the Ford Motor Company gave four paintings of modern Bangor done by Eunice Utterback. Philip J. Brockway, following a showing of his paintings in our exhibit hall, presented his painting of Mt. Katahdin. Francis Hamabe gave to the children's room a copy of his serigraph "The One-Ring Circus." Mrs. John Alfred Anderson gave a flower portrait by Flora Haynes Sweet, a Bangor artist of another generation.

The library building and the high school building are heated by the same plant. It is operated by the school department, the two institutions sharing the cost. Formerly, until the meter wore out in late 1955, the shares were determined by meter readings. In consultation during 1956 the two institutions decided that replacing the meter was too costly. They agreed on a proportion of 22% for the library and 78% for the high school. Use experience, variation in hours, and cubic contents of buildings were factors considered. The expense to the library was \$3,415.57.



Fifty individuals, in all categories of employment, provided the full-time equivalent of 34.64 persons. Several prolonged illnesses, extending beyond the time for which pay could be allowed, caused this figure to be higher than normal. Staff hours with pay lost because of illness, family emergencies, and funerals, amounted to 1,461, or 72% of the time of one library assistant. Five staff members are to be congratulated on avoiding any such absences.

The employees of the library all shared in the one-step pay increase provided by city appropriation and effective with the first payroll in July. This was in addition to regular annual merit increases for those not yet at the top of their pay ranges. A corollary of this increase was the adoption of a merit rating form adapted to library conditions from the form in use at city hall. Ratings were made by the librarian at the end of the first half and the third and fourth quarters of the year.

During the year five persons were appointed to the full-time staff and four were lost through resignation.

The doctors' medical library at the Eastern Maine General Hospital, for which we have long supplied books and periodicals selected by the doctors' committee, was reorganized under the direction of Dr. Lawrence L. Weed. We cooperated by sending 377 volumes of medical periodicals for binding.

In the field of maintenance our principal projects were in replacing many radiator traps and valves and in struggling to keep our 1912 freight elevator in operation. In the end an elevator maintenance contract was entered into. The superintendent of the building did much repair work on the copper roof and repainting in the book storage area. The flagpole was lowered and painted.

The death on October first of George F. Eaton, since 1930 a representative of the Bangor Mechanic Association on the library boards, robbed the boards of their vice-president and a devoted member. Mr. Eaton constantly brought new friends and new enthusiasms to the library, thus contributing greatly to its growth.

Respectfully submitted,

L. FELIX RANLETT, *Librarian*

Bangor, Maine, January 22, 1957

## Report of the Treasurer

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

On the following seven pages are presented the financial statements of the Bangor Public Library. Copies of the detailed statements, which include a list of investments, are available for inspection at the library (library call numbers 027.4. B 224a. 1956 and 027.4. B 224an. 1956) or at the office of the city clerk of the City of Bangor.

The report of Arthur Andersen & Co., independent public accountants, is shown on page 17.

ERWIN S. ANDERSON

*Treasurer.*

Bangor, Maine, January 22, 1957.

Trustees of the Bangor Public Library  
Statements of Income and Expenditures  
General Operating and Book Funds  
For the Year Ended December 31, 1956

|   | General<br>Operating<br>Fund | Book<br>Fund       |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------|
| INCOME:   |                              |                    |
| Endowment income received from—                                     |                              |                    |
| Frederick W. Hill and Marianne Hill Fund....                        | \$ .....                     | \$34,511.65        |
| Stodder Fund .....  | 35,757.82                    | 35,757.79          |
| Trustees Fund .....   | 4,619.00                     | ....               |
| Hersey Fund (Note 2) .....  | 4,000.00                     | ....               |
| Bangor Mechanic Association Fund (Note 2) ..                        | 600.00                       | ....               |
| Edward Ellison Fund (Note 2) .....                                  | ....                         | 429.66             |
| Interest and dividends .....  | ....                         | 5,900.75           |
| City of Bangor appropriation, including \$200 of<br>State Aid ..... | 40,966.00                    | 200.00             |
| Received from librarian—  |                              |                    |
| Registration fees, fines, etc. ....                                 | 5,535.77                     | ....               |
| For music record fund .....   | ....                         | 428.95             |
|   | <u>\$91,478.59</u>           | <u>\$77,228.80</u> |

## EXPENDITURES:

|  |                    |                    |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Salaries—                                |                    |                    |
| Operating .....                          | \$72,678.66        | \$ .....           |
| Acquiring and processing new books ..... | ....               | 20,037.00          |
| Books and pamphlets .....                | ....               | 35,740.18          |
| Periodicals .....                        | ....               | 7,160.40           |
| Maps, prints and music .....             | ....               | 1,742.26           |
| Binding .....                            | ....               | 8,441.15           |
| Employees' retirement plan .....         | 6,007.18           | ....               |
| Heat .....                               | 3,434.82           | ....               |
| Electricity .....                        | 1,314.32           | ....               |
| Water .....                              | 138.60             | ....               |
| Postage and office supplies .....        | 2,102.82           | ....               |
| Repairs and improvements .....           | 1,442.91           | ....               |
| Furniture and furnishings .....          | 767.62             | ....               |
| Printing and publicity .....             | 1,191.35           | ....               |
| Janitor's supplies .....                 | 893.19             | ....               |
| Telephone .....                          | 705.96             | ....               |
| Library of Congress catalog cards .....  | 495.29             | ....               |
| Transportation .....                     | 241.08             | 79.14              |
| Miscellaneous .....                      | 177.87             | ....               |
|  | <u>\$91,591.67</u> | <u>\$73,200.13</u> |

|   |            |             |
|---|------------|-------------|
| Excess or deficiency* of income over<br>expenditures for the year ..... | \$ 113.08* | \$ 4,028.67 |
|---|------------|-------------|

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.



Trustees of the Bangor Public Library  
Statements of Income and Expenditures  
Endowment Funds  
For the Year Ended December 31, 1956

|  | Trustees<br>Fund   | Frederick W.<br>Hill and<br>Marianne Hill<br>Fund | Stodder<br>Fund    | John F.<br>Patten<br>Fund | Louise<br>Baldwin<br>Thompson<br>Fund |
|--|--------------------|---|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| INTEREST AND<br>DIVIDEND INCOME....  | \$12,745.48        | \$34,511.65                                       | \$71,515.61        | \$262.20                  | \$62.70                               |
| EXPENDITURES:  |                    |   |                    |                           |                                       |
| Transfers to other funds—  |                    |   |                    |                           |                                       |
| General operating fund..   | \$ 4,619.00        | \$ .....  | \$35,757.82        | \$ .....                  | \$ .....                              |
| Elevator fund .....  | 2,300.00           | .....   | .....              | .....                     | .....                                 |
| Book fund .....  | .....              | 34,511.65   | 35,757.79          | .....                     | .....                                 |
| Salaries .....   | 2,100.00           | .....   | .....              | .....                     | .....                                 |
| Auditing services .....  | 1,500.00           | .....   | .....              | .....                     | .....                                 |
| Insurance premiums .....   | 1,224.48           | .....   | .....              | .....                     | .....                                 |
| Conventions and travel....   | 339.86             | .....   | .....              | .....                     | .....                                 |
| Books purchased .....  | .....              | .....   | .....              | 282.16                    | 62.31                                 |
| Custody of securities.....   | 273.46             | .....   | .....              | .....                     | .....                                 |
| Miscellaneous .....  | 34.10              | .....   | .....              | .....                     | .....                                 |
|  | <u>\$12,390.90</u> | <u>\$34,511.65</u>                                | <u>\$71,515.61</u> | <u>\$282.16</u>           | <u>\$62.31</u>                        |
| Excess or deficiency* of in-<br>come over expenditures<br>for the year ..... | \$ 354.58          | \$ .....  | \$ .....           | \$ 19.96*                 | \$ .39                                |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

# Trustees of the Bangor Public Library

## Statements of Changes in Fund Capital

### For the Year Ended December 31, 1956

| PRINCIPAL (see statements of changes in endowment fund capital):              | Combined Funds  | General Operating Fund | Elevator Fund | Book Fund    | Combined Endowment Funds |
|---|-----------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Gifts and bequests .....  | \$ 1,676,253.12 | \$ .....               | \$ .....      | .....        | \$1,676,253.12           |
| Net gains on sales of investments .....                                       | 832,895.16      | .....                  | .....         | .....        | 832,895.16               |
| Total principal at December 31, 1956<br>(\$2,433,832.04 not expendable) ..... | \$2,509,148.28  | \$ .....               | \$ .....      | .....        | \$2,509,148.28           |
| INCOME:   |                 |                        |               |              |                          |
| Expendable only for books—  |                 |                        |               |              |                          |
| Balance at December 31, 1955 .....  | \$ 191,103.35   | \$ .....               | \$ .....      | \$190,999.62 | \$ 103.73                |
| Add or deduct*—Excess or deficiency* of income over expenditures .....        | 4,009.10        | .....                  | .....         | 4,028.67     | 19.57*                   |
| Balance at December 31, 1956 .....  | \$ 195,112.45   | \$ .....               | \$ .....      | \$195,028.29 | \$ 84.16                 |
| Appropriated for elevator—  |                 |                        |               |              |                          |
| Balance at December 31, 1955 .....  | \$ 12,052.15    | \$ .....               | \$12,052.15   | .....        | \$ .....                 |
| Add—  |                 |                        |               |              |                          |
| Transferred from Trustees Fund .....  | 2,300.00        | .....                  | 2,300.00      | .....        | .....                    |
| Interest on savings account .....   | 319.09          | .....                  | 319.09        | .....        | .....                    |
| Balance at December 31, 1956 .....  | \$ 14,671.24    | \$ .....               | \$14,671.24   | .....        | \$ .....                 |
| Not restricted—   |                 |                        |               |              |                          |
| Balance at December 31, 1955 .....  | \$ 2,806.53     | \$2,739.37             | \$ .....      | \$ .....     | \$ 67.16                 |
| Add or deduct*—Excess or deficiency* of income over expenditures .....        | 241.50          | 113.08*                | .....         | .....        | 354.58                   |
| Balance at December 31, 1956 .....  | \$ 3,048.03     | \$2,852.45             | \$ .....      | \$ .....     | \$ 421.74                |
| Total fund capital at December 31, 1956 .....                                 | \$2,721,980.00  | \$2,626.29             | \$14,671.24   | \$195,028.29 | \$2,509,654.18           |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

Trustees of the Bangor Public Library  
Statements of Changes in Endowment Fund Capital  
For the Year Ended December 31, 1956

|  | Trustees Fund                  |                          |                                |  |   |                                       |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|
|  | Combined<br>Endowment<br>Funds | Luther H. Peirce<br>Fund | Clarence C.<br>Stetson<br>Fund | General<br>Trustees<br>Fund<br>(Not<br>Restricted) | Frederick W.<br>Hill and<br>Marianne Hill<br>Fund | Stodder<br>Fund                       |
|  |                                |                          |                                |  |   | John F. Patten<br>Fund                |
|  |                                |                          |                                |  |   | Louise<br>Baldwin<br>Thompson<br>Fund |
| <b>PRINCIPAL:</b>  |                                |                          |                                |  |   |                                       |
| Gifts and bequests—  |                                |                          |                                |  |   |                                       |
| Balance at December 31, 1955.....  | \$1,676,205.12                 | \$ 75,000.00             | \$4,286.24                     | \$27,303.03  | \$543,010.90                                      | \$1,018,604.95                        |
| Add—Additional bequest as residual legate of Clarence C. Stetson<br>estate ..... | 48.00                          | ....                     | 48.00                          | ....   | ....  | ....                                  |
| Balance at December 31, 1956.....  | <u>\$1,676,253.12</u>          | <u>\$ 75,000.00</u>      | <u>\$4,334.24</u>              | <u>\$27,303.03</u>                                 | <u>\$543,010.90</u>                               | <u>\$1,018,604.95</u>                 |
| Net gains on sales of investments—   |                                |                          |                                |  |   |                                       |
| Balance at December 31, 1955.....  | \$ 779,524.43                  | \$123,458.57             | \$ ....                        | \$47,997.77  | \$278,420.25                                      | \$ 329,647.84                         |
| Add—Net gains during 1956.....   | 53,370.73                      | 649.64                   | ....                           | 15.44  | 31,046.06   | 21,659.59                             |
| Balance at December 31, 1956.....  | <u>\$ 832,895.16</u>           | <u>\$124,108.21</u>      | <u>\$ ....</u>                 | <u>\$48,013.21</u>                                 | <u>\$309,466.31</u>                               | <u>\$ 351,307.43</u>                  |
| Total principal at December 31, 1956<br>(\$2,433,832.04 not expendable) .....    | <u>\$2,509,148.28</u>          | <u>\$199,108.21</u>      | <u>\$4,334.24</u>              | <u>\$75,316.24</u>                                 | <u>\$852,477.21</u>                               | <u>\$1,369,912.38</u>                 |
| <b>INCOME:</b>   |                                |                          |                                |  |   |                                       |
| Expendable only for books—   |                                |                          |                                |  |   |                                       |
| Balance at December 31, 1955 .....   | \$ 103.73                      | \$ ....                  | \$ ....                        | \$ ....  | \$ ....   | \$ 103.46                             |
| Deduct—Excess or deficiency* of expenditures over income.....                    | 19.37*                         | ....                     | ....                           | ....   | ....  | 19.96*                                |
| Balance at December 31, 1956.....  | <u>\$ 84.16</u>                | <u>\$ ....</u>           | <u>\$ ....</u>                 | <u>\$ ....</u>                                     | <u>\$ ....</u>                                    | <u>\$ 83.50</u>                       |
| Not restricted—  |                                |                          |                                |  |   |                                       |
| Balance at December 31, 1955.....  | \$ 67.16                       | \$ ....                  | \$ ....                        | \$ 67.16   | \$ ....   | \$ ....                               |
| Add—Excess of income over expenditures.....                                      | 354.38                         | ....                     | ....                           | 354.58   | ....  | ....                                  |
| Balance at December 31, 1956.....  | <u>\$ 421.74</u>               | <u>\$ ....</u>           | <u>\$ ....</u>                 | <u>\$ 421.74</u>                                   | <u>\$ ....</u>                                    | <u>\$ ....</u>                        |
| Total endowment fund capital at December 31, 1956.....                           | <u>\$2,509,654.18</u>          | <u>\$199,108.21</u>      | <u>\$4,334.24</u>              | <u>\$75,737.98</u>                                 | <u>\$852,477.21</u>                               | <u>\$1,369,912.38</u>                 |
|  |                                |                          |                                |  |   | <u>\$2,000.00</u>                     |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.



Trustees of the Bangor Public Library  
Statements of Cash, Investments and Fund Capital  
December 31, 1956

ASSETS

|  | Combined<br>Funds     | General<br>Operating<br>Fund | Elevator<br>Fund   | Book<br>Fund        | Combined<br>Endowment<br>Funds |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| CASH:  |                       |                              |                    |                     |                                |
| Principal .....  | \$ 184,667.22         | \$ .....                     | \$ .....           | \$ .....            | \$ 184,667.22                  |
| Expendable only for books.....                           | 70,665.87             | .....                        | .....              | 70,581.71           | 84.16                          |
| Not restricted .....                                     | 3,048.03              | 2,626.29                     | .....              | .....               | 421.74                         |
| INVESTMENTS (Note 1):                                    |                       |                              |                    |                     |                                |
| Not expendable (market value \$2,940,675) .....          | 2,267,558.31          | .....                        | .....              | .....               | 2,267,558.31                   |
| Expendable only for books (market value \$155,784) ..... | 124,446.58            | .....                        | .....              | 124,446.58          | .....                          |
| Appropriated for elevator—Cash in savings account.....   | 14,671.24             | .....                        | 14,671.24          | .....               | .....                          |
| Not restricted (market value \$67,300).....              | 56,922.75             | .....                        | .....              | .....               | 56,922.75                      |
|  | <u>\$2,721,980.00</u> | <u>\$2,626.29</u>            | <u>\$14,671.24</u> | <u>\$195,028.29</u> | <u>\$2,509,654.18</u>          |

FUND CAPITAL

|   |                       |                   |                    |                     |                       |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| PRINCIPAL:                                      |                       |                   |                    |                     |                       |
| Gifts and bequests .....                        | \$1,676,253.12        | \$ .....          | \$ .....           | \$ .....            | \$1,676,253.12        |
| Net gains on sales of investments.....          | 832,895.16            | .....             | .....              | .....               | 832,895.16            |
| Total principal (\$2,433,832.04 not expendable) | <u>\$2,509,148.28</u> | <u>\$ .....</u>   | <u>\$ .....</u>    | <u>\$ .....</u>     | <u>\$2,509,148.28</u> |
| INCOME:   |                       |                   |                    |                     |                       |
| Expendable only for books.....                  | 195,112.45            | .....             | .....              | 195,028.29          | 84.16                 |
| Appropriated for elevator .....                 | 14,671.24             | .....             | 14,671.24          | .....               | .....                 |
| Not restricted .....                            | 3,048.03              | 2,626.29          | .....              | .....               | 421.74                |
|   | <u>\$2,721,980.00</u> | <u>\$2,626.29</u> | <u>\$14,671.24</u> | <u>\$195,028.29</u> | <u>\$2,509,654.18</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

**Trustees of the Bangor Public Library**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 1956**

- (1) Investments are carried at cost or, in the case of gifts or bequests, at the market value at the date received.
- (2) In addition to the funds administered by the Trustees, the Library is beneficiary of the income of the following funds:

Income not restricted—

Hersey Fund, administered by the Trustees of the Hersey Fund, principal \$100,000, income fixed at \$4,000 per annum by contractual agreement with the City of Bangor which holds the principal.

Bangor Mechanic Association Fund, administered by the City of Bangor, principal \$12,000.

Income expendable only for books—

Edward Ellison Fund, administered by the Bangor Mechanic Association, principal \$10,000.

**Report of the Independent Public**  
**Accountants**

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

We have examined the statements of cash, investments and fund capital of the funds administered by the TRUSTEES OF THE BANGOR PUBLIC LIBRARY (a Maine corporation) as of December 31, 1956, and the related statements of income and expenditures and changes in fund capital for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying statements present fairly the cash, investments and fund capital of the funds administered by the Trustees of the Bangor Public Library as of December 31, 1956, and the income and expenditures and changes in fund capital for the year then ended.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN & Co.

Boston, Massachusetts,  
January 11, 1957.

## 1956 Organization

### Board of Managers and Trustees

of the

### Bangor Public Library

Consisting of the

### Trustees of the Hersey Fund

William P. Newman, term expires January 1961

Donald S. Higgins, term expires January 1957

Boutelle Savage, term expires January 1959

Martyn A. Vickers, M.D., term expires January 1961

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

and the

### Officers of the Bangor Mechanic Association

George F. Eaton (died October 1, 1956)

Charles F. Bragg, 2nd

Erwin S. Anderson

Horace S. Stewart

### Officers

*President*, Donald S. Higgins

*Vice-President*, George F. Eaton

*Treasurer*, Erwin S. Anderson

*Secretary and Clerk*, L. Felix Ranlett

### Standing Committees

*Auditing*, Mr. Higgins

*Finance*, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Stewart, and *ex-officio*, Mr. Anderson

*Purchasing*, Mr. Bragg, Mr. Savage, and Mr. Waymouth

*Building and Grounds*, Mr. Newman, Mr. Higgins, and Dr. Vickers

*Insurance and Property Values*, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Savage, and Dr. Vickers



## 1956 Organization

### Library Personnel

(Who worked at any time during 1956)

#### Librarian and Staff

(In order of first appointment to staff)

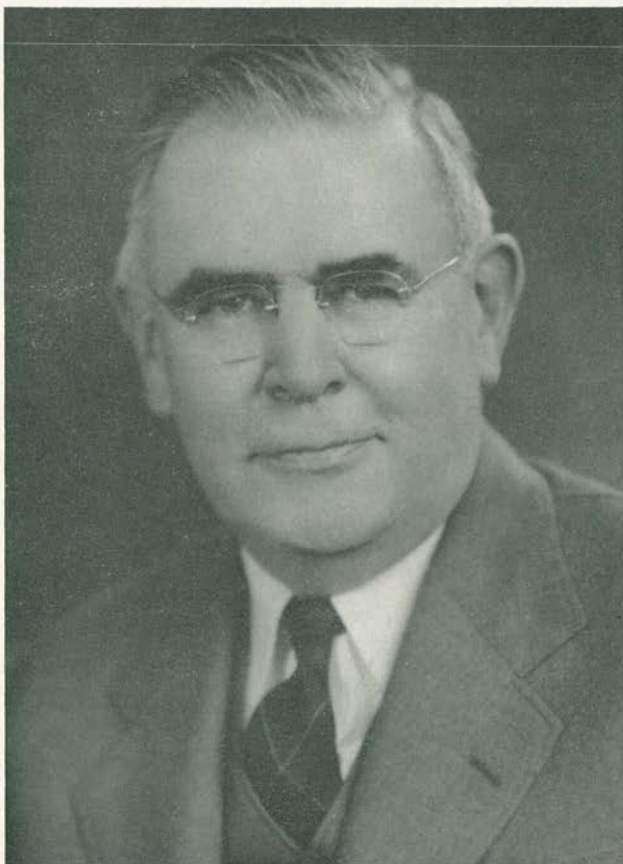
- Olive M. Smythe, *Reference Librarian*  
 Pauline E. Tartre, *Chief, Accessions and Classification Department*  
 H. Eola Mayo, *Librarian's Secretary*  
 Marion C. Cluff, *Chief, Catalog Department*  
 L. Felix Ranlett, *Librarian*  
 Ruth E. Dole, *Chief, Extension Department*  
 Freda M. Wilks, *First Assistant, Catalog Department*  
 Charlotte C. Bowler, *Chief, Circulation Department*  
 Rossa W. Giberson, *First Assistant, Accessions and Classification Department*  
 Thelma A. Rebstock, *Assistant, Catalog Department*  
 Helen H. Wheeler, *Children's Librarian*  
 Dorothy H. Foley, *Assistant, Accessions and Classification Department*  
 Jeanette Staples, *First Assistant, Reference Department*  
 Joan M. Tesseo, *Assistant, Children's Department*  
 Doris M. Lichtenstein, *Assistant, Children's Department*  
 Lillian Y. Marquis, *Chief, Periodicals and Binding Department*  
 \*Virginia M. Lane, *First Assistant, Office*  
 Barbara B. Byrnes, *First Assistant, Circulation Department*  
 Marjorie A. Moore, *Assistant, Circulation Department*  
 Marie C. McDonough, *Assistant, Extension Department*  
 \*Joanne A. Brown, *Assistant, Office*  
 Helen A. Remington, *Assistant, Reference Department*  
 Kay J. Doebener, *Assistant, Circulation Department*  
 \*Alice A. Grant, *Assistant, Periodicals and Binding Department*  
 Evelyn K. Jordan, *Assistant, Children's Department*  
 Dorothea Q. Flagg, *Assistant, Circulation Department*  
 \*Vivian M. Harriman, *Assistant, Children's Department*  
 Benita J. Dorsky, *Assistant, Children's Department*  
 M. Evelyn Fall, *Assistant, Circulation Department*  
 Faith H. Kelley, *Assistant, Periodicals and Binding Department*  
 Judith M. Ladd, *Assistant, Office*

#### Part-time and Probationary Assistants

- |                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Ardene R. Delano   | Eileen Tardiff     |
| Gloria G. Faulkner | Louise C. Tardiff  |
| Mary J. Murray     | Mary Jane Tozier   |
| C. Louise Snyder   | Dorrice M. Wetzler |

#### Care of Building

- Omer J. Nadeau, *Superintendent of the Building*  
 Elmer W. Gibbs, *Janitor*  
 C. S. Barchard, *Engineer*  
 \*Cornelius Golden, *Asst. Janitor*  
 Warren L. Hurd, *Asst. Janitor*  
 \*Resigned
- Edward L. McCann, *Asst. Jan.*  
 \*Shenton A. Peters, *Asst. Jan.*  
 John R. Tolman, *Asst. Jan.*  
 Albert K. Watson, Jr., *Asst. Jan.*



George F. Eaton  
1892-1956

A member of the Board of Managers and Trustees of the Bangor Public Library, 1930-1956, Vice-President, 1951-1956. Finance Committee, 1951-1956. Building and Grounds Committee, 1948-1951. Purchasing Committee, 1930-1949.

# Statistics of the Library

TABLE A

## Books in the Library, 1956

### By Class

| Class and Class Number        | In Library<br>Jan. 1,<br>1956 | Net<br>Additions | In Library<br>Dec. 31,<br>1956 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| General works 000-099.....    | 19,325                        | 365              | 19,690                         |
| Philosophy 100-199 .....      | 4,169                         | 92               | 4,261                          |
| Religion 200-299 .....        | 8,170                         | 224              | 8,394                          |
| Social sciences 300-399.....  | 57,797                        | 2,097            | 59,894                         |
| Language 400-499 .....        | 1,496                         | (-1)             | 1,495                          |
| Pure science 500-599.....     | 11,069                        | 630              | 11,699                         |
| Useful arts 600-699 .....     | 28,076                        | 839              | 28,915                         |
| Fine arts 700-799 .....       | 38,568                        | 761              | 39,329                         |
| Literature 800-899 .....      | 21,052                        | 404              | 21,456                         |
| Description 910-919 .....     | 9,186                         | 248              | 9,434                          |
| History 900-909, 930-999..... | 24,527                        | 401              | 24,928                         |
| Biography 920, 929 & B.....   | 19,182                        | 596              | 19,778                         |
| Fiction .....                 | 59,898                        | 1,452            | 61,350                         |
| Totals .....                  | 302,515                       | 8,108            | 310,623                        |
| Gross additions were          | 14,550                        |                  |                                |
| Removals                      | 6,442                         |                  |                                |
| Making net additions          | 8,108                         |                  |                                |

### By Location and Kind, December 31, 1956

| Location                 | Adult   | Juvenile | Total   |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| Central Library .....    | 228,578 | 29,240   | 257,818 |
| Music Branch .....       | 20,416  | .....    | 20,416  |
| Extension .....          | 12,469  | 19,920   | 32,389  |
| Totals .....             | 261,463 | 49,160   | 310,623 |
|                          | Number  | Percent  |         |
| Adult non-fiction .....  | 220,345 | 71%      |         |
| Adult fiction .....      | 41,118  | 13%      |         |
| Juvenile .....           | 49,160  | 16%      |         |
| Totals .....             | 310,623 | 100%     |         |
| Volumes per capita ..... |         |          | 9.86    |



TABLE B

**Additions and Removals, 1956***Sources of Additions*

|                        | New<br>Titles | Added<br>Copies | Replace-<br>ments | Binding<br>Serials | Totals |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------|
| Purchase .....         | 4,306         | 7,264           | 1,272             | 439                | 13,281 |
| Gift .....             | 489           | 602             | 73                | 48                 | 1,212  |
| Return after loss..... | ..            | ..              | 57                | ..                 | 57     |
| Totals .....           | 4,795         | 7,866           | 1,402             | 487                | 14,550 |

*Causes of Removals*

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Withdrawn:                                   |       |
| Worn out .....                               | 4,075 |
| Duplicate .....                              | 21    |
| Obsolete .....                               | 359   |
| Sold .....                                   | 1     |
| Given away .....                             | 408   |
| Damaged .....                                | 26    |
| Total withdrawn .....                        | 4,890 |
| Lost:  |       |
| Charged out and not returned.....            | 1,164 |
| Missing in inventories .....                 | 216   |
| Missing from classes not inventoried.....    | 17    |
| Lost and paid for .....                      | 145   |
| Contagion .....                              | 4     |
| Burned .....                                 | 6     |
| Total lost .....                             | 1,552 |
| Total removed .....                          | 6,442 |
| Net additions (additions less removals)..... | 8,108 |

TABLE C

**Binding and Repair, 1956**

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Sent to bindery:                         |       |
| Previously unbound:                      |       |
| Volumes of serials, central library..... | 464   |
| Volumes of serials, medical library..... | 377   |
| Volumes not serials .....                | ..    |
| Previously bound:                        |       |
| Volumes to be rebound .....              | 3,418 |
| Volumes to be repaired .....             | 660   |
|  | 4,919 |

TABLE D

## Registration, 1956

(Principal registration period is three years)

|   | Adult  | Juvenile | Total  |
|---|--------|----------|--------|
| Card holders Jan. 1, 1956.....  | 13,475 | 2,533    | 16,008 |
| Registrations removed because of failure to<br>renew, change of address, death, etc.            | 2,119  | 707      | 2,826  |
|   | 11,356 | 1,826    | 13,182 |
| New registrations, 1956 .....   | 2,460  | 897      | 3,357  |
| Theoretical total of card holders Dec.<br>31, 1956 .....  | 13,816 | 2,723    | 16,539 |
| Plus discrepancy discovered by actual<br>count of registrations in force Dec.<br>31, 1956 ..... | 99     | ..       | 99     |
| Card holders Dec. 31, 1956.....   | 13,915 | 2,723    | 16,638 |
| Including registrations renewed in 1956   | 1,902  | 159      | 2,061  |

TABLE E

## Class of Borrowers, 1956

|  | Adult  | Juvenile<br>3rd-8th<br>Grade | Juvenile (Total<br>Parent's<br>Cards<br>Juvenile) | Total  |
|--|--------|------------------------------|---|--------|
| A. Bangor residents .....  | 11,141 | 1,953                        | 666 (2,619)                                       | 13,760 |
| AS. Army service .....   | 831    | ....                         | ....  | 831    |
| B. Business cards .....  | 200    | ....                         | ....  | 200    |
| C. Non-resident individuals<br>who pay \$1.00 a year<br>(juvenile \$0.50) for over-<br>the-desk service, or \$3.00<br>a year (juvenile \$1.50)<br>plus postage for mail<br>service ..... | 1,650  | 96                           | 8 (104)   | 1,754  |
| D. Special borrowers who make<br>a deposit .....   | 8      | ....                         | ....  | 8      |
| E. Libraries outside of Bangor   | 82     | ....                         | ....  | 82     |
| I. Visitors who make a de-<br>posit of \$2.00.....   | 23     | ....                         | ....  | 23     |
| J. Non-resident groups .....   | 9      | ....                         | ....  | 9      |
|  | 13,944 | 2,049                        | 674 (2,723)                                       | 16,667 |

Percent of population registered, counting only classes A, AS, and B....47%

Percent of population registered, counting all classes.....53%

TABLE F

### Circulation, 1956 Entire Library

|   | Adult<br>Non-<br>Fiction | Adult<br>Fiction | Juvenile | Total   |
|---|--------------------------|------------------|----------|---------|
| Central Library                                 |                          |                  |          |         |
| General works, 000-099.....                     | 772                      | .....            | 1,002    | 1,774   |
| Philosophy 100-199 .....                        | 2,986                    | .....            | 30       | 3,016   |
| Religion 200-299 .....                          | 3,314                    | .....            | 581      | 3,895   |
| Social sciences 300-399.....                    | 6,442                    | .....            | 23,569   | 30,011  |
| Languages 400-499 .....                         | 589                      | .....            | 69       | 658     |
| Pure science 500-599.....                       | 3,395                    | .....            | 2,849    | 6,244   |
| Useful arts 600-699.....                        | 10,203                   | .....            | 3,316    | 13,519  |
| Fine arts 700-799 .....                         | 7,910                    | .....            | 1,818    | 9,728   |
| Literature 800-899 .....                        | 9,328                    | .....            | 1,092    | 10,420  |
| Description 910-919 .....                       | 8,099                    | .....            | 1,373    | 9,472   |
| History 900-909, 930-999.....                   | 3,266                    | .....            | 1,773    | 5,039   |
| Biography 920-929 and B.....                    | 7,920                    | .....            | 4,684    | 12,604  |
| Current periodicals 000.....                    | 17,093                   | .....            | 833      | 17,926  |
| Fiction .....                                   | .....                    | 94,535           | 21,480   | 116,015 |
| Total Central Library.....                      | 81,317                   | 94,535           | 64,469   | 240,321 |
| Music Branch—records .....                      | 2,390                    | .....            | .....    | 2,390   |
| Music Branch—music .....                        | 3,824                    | .....            | .....    | 3,824   |
| Total Music Branch.....                         | 6,214                    | .....            | .....    | 6,214   |
| Total, Central Library<br>and Music Branch..... | 87,531                   | 94,535           | 64,469   | 246,535 |
| Extension Department .....                      | 4,575                    | 12,844           | 58,688   | 76,107  |
| Total entire library.....                       | 92,106                   | 107,379          | 123,157  | 322,642 |
| Percent .....                                   | 29%                      | 33%              | 38%      | 100%    |
| Circulation per capita .....                    | .....                    | .....            | .....    | 10.42   |
| Circulation per registered borrower.....        | .....                    | .....            | .....    | 19.73   |

### Extension Department, 1956

|  | Adult<br>Fiction | Adult<br>Non-<br>Fiction | Juvenile | Total  |
|--|------------------|--------------------------|----------|--------|
| Bangor grade schools (public,<br>grades I-VI and parochial, grades<br>I-VIII ..... | .....            | .....                    | 21,024   | 21,024 |
| Bangor High School.....  | 4,188            | 1,241                    | .....    | 5,429  |
| John Baptist High School.....  | 968              | 269                      | .....    | 1,237  |
| Fifth Street Jr. High .....  | .....            | .....                    | 14,371   | 14,371 |
| Garland Street Jr. High.....   | .....            | .....                    | 13,520   | 13,520 |
| Eddington School .....   | .....            | .....                    | 359      | 359    |
| Holden Schools .....   | .....            | .....                    | 763      | 763    |



|                                  |        |       |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|
| Orrington Schools .....          | .....  | 2,796 | 2,796  |
| Veazie School .....              | .....  | 1,426 | 1,426  |
| Bangor Children's Home.....      | .....  | 50    | 50     |
| Bangor City Hospital.....        | 127    | ..... | 127    |
| Bangor Osteopathic Hospital..... | 40     | ..... | 40     |
| Bangor Theological Seminary..... | 31     | 827   | 858    |
| E.M.G.H. Patients' Library.....  | 6,536  | 2,155 | 3,760  |
| Hammond St. Church.....          | 78     | 68    | 146    |
| Home for Aged Men.....           | 35     | ..... | 35     |
| Home for Aged Women.....         | 597    | ..... | 597    |
| King's Daughters Home.....       | 35     | ..... | 35     |
| St. Joseph's Hospital.....       | 43     | 3     | 2      |
| St. Michael's Home.....          | .....  | ..... | 8      |
| Summer Camps .....               | 14     | 3     | 609    |
| Teachers Sets .....              | 152    | 9     | .....  |
| Totals .....                     | 12,844 | 4,575 | 58,688 |
|                                  |        |       | 76,107 |

Deposits as follows, were also maintained, where books were used for reference only: Bangor Osteopathic Hospital Doctors' Medical Library, City Clerk's Office, City Manager's Office, City Planner's Office, City Purchasing Agent's Office, Community Chest Office, E.M.G.H. Doctors' Medical Library, E.M.G.H. Nurses' Professional Library, Penobscot Bar Library, Police Headquarters, Public Welfare Department Office, Public Works Department Office, Water Board Office, 99 sets of encyclopedias are on deposit in school rooms or principals' offices.

TABLE G

## Books in Library and Circulation, Twenty Years

| Year      | Books in Library |  | Circulation |
|-----------|------------------|--|-------------|
|           | Dec. 31          |  |             |
| 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.....     |  | 310,699     |
| 1947..... | 251,116.....     |  | 308,058     |
| 1948..... | 257,860.....     |  | 310,727     |
| 1949..... | 264,657.....     |  | 308,181     |
| 1950..... | 271,168.....     |  | 303,096     |
| 1951..... | 276,144.....     |  | 309,180     |
| 1952..... | 283,405.....     |  | 297,979     |
| 1953..... | 290,699.....     |  | 289,062     |
| 1954..... | 297,788.....     |  | 282,760     |
| 1955..... | 302,515.....     |  | 292,553     |
| 1956..... | 310,623.....     |  | 322,642     |

TABLE H

### Miscellaneous Statistics, 1956

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Postal card notices for overdue books.....   | 12,633 |
| Second notices for overdue books.....  | 1,750  |
| Reference questions answered, adult (general 12,329; Tello-Test 13,417) .....              | 25,746 |
| Reference questions answered, juvenile.....  | 528    |
| Reserves for home use.....   | 10,930 |
| Discarded books given away.....  | 433    |
| Lectures outside library.....  | 12     |
| Television appearances .....   | 0      |
| Exhibits in lecture hall:  |        |
| Offered or invited .....   | 17     |
| Public meetings (by 43 organizations).....   | 266    |
| Mail service to 148 individuals and 33 libraries in 10+ cities or towns, total books ..... | 7,120  |
| Borrowed from 7 libraries, books.....  | 34     |
| Lent to 33 libraries, books.....   | 943    |
| Newspapers currently received:   |        |
| Titles .....   | 17     |
| Duplicates .....   | 7      |
| Other periodicals currently received:  |        |
| Titles .....   | 899    |
| Duplicates .....   | 401    |
| New cards filed in all catalogs and shelf lists.....                                       | 23,465 |
| Staff hours lost from illness, funerals, etc. ....   | 1,461  |

### U. S. Office of Education, Public Library Statistical Report, 1956

Report for fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1956

#### *General*

1. Name of Library, Bangor Public Library. Date of founding, 1883.
2. Name of Librarian, L. Felix Ranlett. Date appointment, January 1, 1937.
3. Chief Librarian appointed by, The Board of Managers of the Bangor Public Library.
4. Governmental unit of support, City.
5. Population served, (1950 U. S. Census, final) 31,558.
6. Size of area legally entitled to service, square miles, 32.9
7. Terms of use: a. Free for lending to residents of Bangor. Lends to others for a fee or deposit.
8. Number of hours central library is open per week: (a) For circulation, 72 for 9 months, 54 for 3 months. (b) For reading and study, same.
9. Number of days central library is open during year, 303. Number of days open per week, 6.



*Agencies*

11. 1 central library in building owned by library, 1 branch in institution, 175 stations in schools, 15 stations in institutions, 13 other stations. Total 205.
12. Bookmobiles ..... 0
13. Lends to school classrooms and school libraries.

*Book Stock*

|   |         |        |         |
|---|---------|--------|---------|
| 14. Volumes at beginning of year.....         | 257,651 | 44,864 | 302,515 |
| 15a. Volumes purchased during year.....       | 6,300   | 6,981  | 13,281  |
| 15b. Volumes otherwise added during year..... | 1,219   | 50     | 1,269   |
| Total .....                                   | 265,170 | 51,895 | 317,065 |
| 16. Volumes withdrawn from record during year | 3,707   | 2,735  | 6,442   |
| 17. Volumes at end of year.....               | 261,463 | 49,160 | 310,623 |
| 18. Titles added during year.....             | 2,996   | 869    | 3,865   |

*Circulation and Use*

|   | Volumes | Percentage<br>of Total<br>Circulation |
|---|---------|---------------------------------------|
| 19a. Number of volumes of adult non-fiction lent for home use ..... | 92,106  | 29%                                   |
| 19b. Number of volumes of adult fiction lent for home use .....     | 107,379 | 33%                                   |
| 20. Number of books for children lent for home use                  | 123,157 | 38%                                   |
| 21. Total number of volumes lent for home use...                    | 322,642 | 100%                                  |
| 22. Period of loan for the majority of adult book stock is 28 days. |         |                                       |
| 23. Number of interlibrary loans:                                   |         |                                       |
| Volumes lent .....  |         | 943                                   |
| Volumes borrowed .....  |         | 34                                    |
| 24. Number of reference questions answered (adult).....             |         | 25,746                                |
| 25. Statistics not kept for uncataloged material.                   |         |                                       |
| 26. Number of newspapers currently received excluding duplicates    |         | 17                                    |
| 27. Number of periodicals currently received excluding duplicates   |         | 899                                   |

*Registration*

|   | Adult  | Juvenile | Total  |
|---|--------|----------|--------|
| 28. Total number of registered borrowers.....   | 13,915 | 2,723    | 16,638 |
| 29. Borrowers registered or reregistered.....   | 4,362  | 1,056    | 5,418  |
| 30. Number of non-resident borrowers (included above) .....   | 1,772  | 104      | 1,876  |
| 31. Annual fee for non-resident borrowers   |        |          |        |
| a. Over the desk .....  | \$1.00 | \$0.50   |        |
| b. By mail .....  | \$3.00 | \$1.50   |        |
| 32. The length of the registration period is 3 years for residents and 1 year for non-residents or service personnel on duty in Bangor. |        |          |        |



## BANGOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Personnel*

|     |   |       |
|-----|---|-------|
| 52. | Full-time equivalent of all employees.....                        | 34.64 |
| 53. | Unpaid volunteer workers .....                                    | 0     |
| 54. | Regular working hours per week for a full-time staff member ..... | 39    |
| 55. | Employees under Civil Service .....                               | 0     |

*Finance*

|    |  |                |
|----|--|----------------|
| 56 | Source of tax support, direct appropriation.       |                |
| 57 | Total endowment principal—Administered by Trustees |                |
|    | (\$2,433,832.04 not expendable).....               | \$2,509,148.28 |
|    | Administered by others (not expendable).....       | 122,000.00     |
|    |  | <hr/>          |
|    |  | \$2,631,148.28 |
|    | Additions to endowment during the year.....        | \$ 53,418.73   |

*Receipts*

|     |  |              |
|-----|--|--------------|
| 58. | Unexpended balances from 1955.....                         | \$205,962.03 |
| 59. | City appropriation (includes state grant of \$200.00)..... | \$ 41,166.00 |
| 65. | Income from endowment, trust, and invested funds.....      | 130,347.14   |
| 67. | Petty cash: Fines, fees, memberships, etc.....             | 5,964.72     |
|     |  | <hr/>        |
| 70. | Total receipts 1956 .....                                  | \$177,477.86 |
|     |  | <hr/>        |
| 71. | Total balances and receipts.....                           | \$383,439.89 |

*Expenditures*

|     |                                      |                     |
|-----|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 72. | Salaries: Library staff .....        | \$ 64,297.94        |
| 73. | Salaries: Building staff .....       | 8,380.72            |
| 74. | Books .....                          | 57,943.05           |
| 75. | Periodicals .....                    | 7,160.40            |
| 76. | Binding .....                        | 8,441.15            |
| 79. | Heat, light, and water .....         | 4,887.74            |
| 80. | Insurance (all types) .....          | 1,224.48            |
| 81. | Other operating expenses .....       | 18,272.69           |
|     |                                      | <hr/>               |
| 82. | Total operating expenses .....       | \$170,608.17        |
| 84. | Major improvements .....             | 0.00                |
|     |                                      | <hr/>               |
| 85. | Grand total expenditures .....       | \$170,608.17        |
| 86. | Balances, Dec. 31, 1956.....         | 212,831.72          |
|     |                                      | <hr/>               |
| 87. | Total expenditures and balances..... | <u>\$383,439.89</u> |

# The City of Bangor and The Bangor Public Library

In 1956, 72% of the entire cost of the library was met by the income of the trust funds described on pages 3-5 of this report, 4% was met by fees and fines, and the remaining 24% was supplied by appropriation by the City of Bangor under the provisions of section 1.5 of article 32 of chapter II of the city ordinances "For the purpose of maintaining a free public library and hereafter provide for the necessary expense of such maintenance, there shall be annually appropriated by the city council under the title of 'Library Fund' a sum sufficient to meet the estimated current expense of maintaining such library for the benefit of the public; such appropriation to be in charge of and expended under the direction of the trustees of the Hersey Fund." These provisions are the result of the contractual relationship between the city and the library set up in (1) the agreement of the city and the Bangor Mechanic Association ratified June 5, 1883 and (2) the action in 1904 under which the library discontinued membership charges to borrowers to become a free public library and the city assumed the necessary expense of maintaining such a library for the benefit of the public.

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