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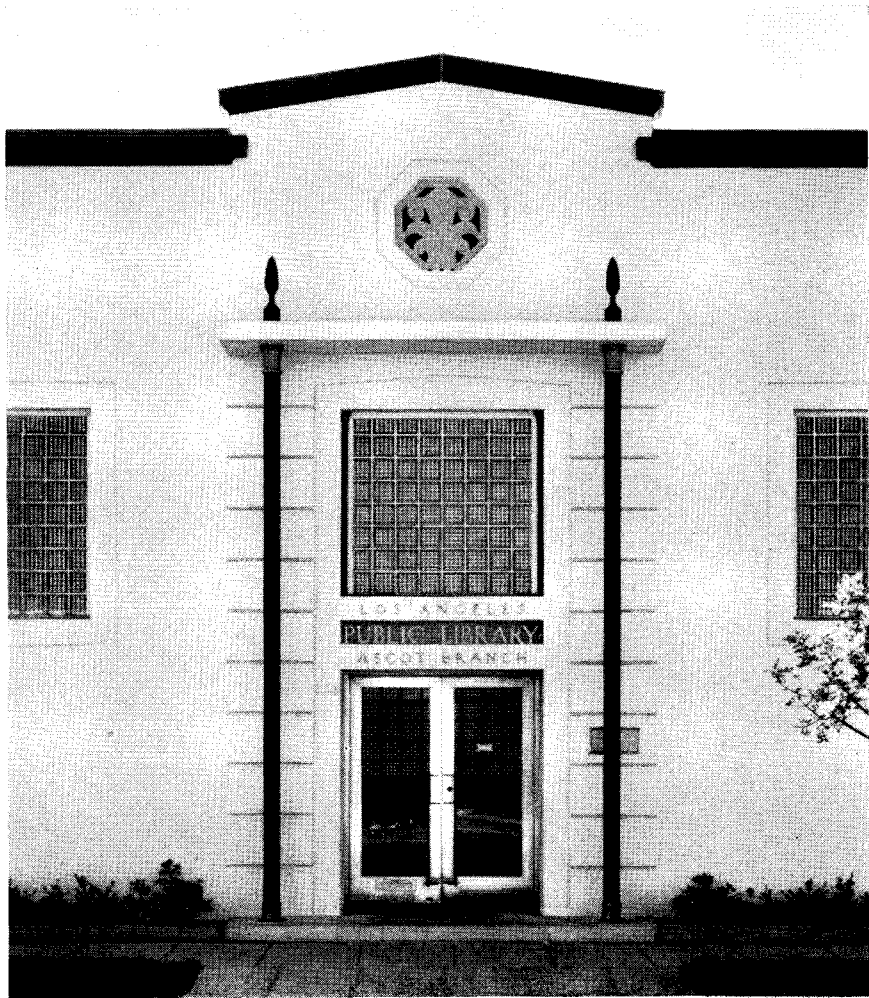
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FOR THE YEAR ENDING

June 30, 1939



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LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Founded in 1872; established by Act of Legislature, 1874. Reorganized under City Charter, 1889; 1925. Supported by annual City appropriation of seven cents on each hundred dollars of the assessed valuation of general City taxes.

"Here is the history of human ignorance, error, superstition, folly, war and waste recorded by human intelligence for the admonition of wiser ages still to come."

"Here is the history of man's hunger for truth, goodness and beauty, leading him slowly on through flesh to spirit; from bondage to freedom; from war to peace."

Quotations by John Rothwell Slater, on the left and right panels of the entrance to the Library, University of Rochester.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR AND TO
THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

GENTLEMEN:

The Board of Library Commissioners has the honor to submit herewith the Fifty-first Annual Report of the Los Angeles Public Library for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939.

Last year's report recounted the reductions in the Library's income during the decade of the 1930's, and urged that an amendment to the City Charter be presented at the spring election of 1939, increasing our revenue from seven cents to ten cents. Instead, the friends of library service had to fight to hold what the Charter of 1925 provided. On May 2, Charter Amendment Number Nine was presented to the voters. It would have changed the Library's appropriation based on estimated taxes on real and personal property to a tax levy on the taxes received. It was defeated by 151,378 negative votes against 58,298 for the amendment. At the end of this fiscal year, however, downward adjustments in valuations cut our final tax allowance on the seven-cent basis from \$945,000 to \$938,703. Our estimate for 1939-40 is set at \$943,264 and will perhaps suffer the same sort of diminishment next June.

The Board of Library Commissioners, in view of the very evident trend downward in values of both personal property and real estate, must face the necessity of revising its new budget at once to save \$12,000. Either one or two branches must be closed, or staff reduced by shortening hours at the Central Library, or support must be sought from the city for the specialized reference service given to municipal employees in the Municipal Reference Libraries in the City Hall and Health Department.

It seems an inexpedient time to be lessening book services, when the need for stabilizing thought, increasing accurate information, and lifting the level of courage and patriotism was never more acute. The Board of Library Commissioners earnestly begs the help of the Mayor and every member of the

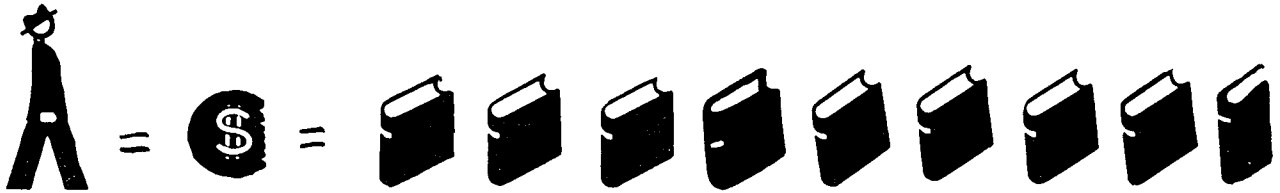
City Council in a united effort to secure support equal to a dollar per capita to conserve the investment already made in library buildings, and to carry expert and up-to-date book service to the newly settled and more remote parts of the city now without adequate facilities for reading and study.

New Policies In City Civil Service

With the reorganization of municipal civil service an experiment has been tried which promises economy for the taxpayer and greater opportunities for the candidates. Last June a joint examination was held for children's librarians in the county and city libraries of Los Angeles and the public libraries of Glendale and Long Beach. A list of thirty-six candidates was established which will be used to fill vacancies by the four libraries for a two-year period. It is hoped that such cooperation may extend so that by association with municipal and county civil service and the State Personnel Board, professional library lists may be established by a single examination for positions throughout California.

Books Lent for Longer Period

To suit library service to the accelerated life of today, the time for which the average book is issued was extended on May 1, from fourteen days to twenty-eight days. New books and those in great demand for school use or civil service examinations are still issued for seven days or two weeks only. This change will undoubtedly reduce somewhat the amount of fines collected but will do away with the clerical and telephone routine of renewals. It will also cut our figures in circulation because renewed books were formerly counted as two charges. Figures are not felt to be as important, however, as a more generous and convenient service which will be sure to achieve a greater quantity of substantial reading.



Each resident pays an average tax of 78¢ and reads eight and one-half books per year

Growth In Card Holders, Books and Circulation

The most important measure of a library's value is its per capita use by its citizens. With the 1930 census as a basis, about 31% of the population own public library cards, a net increase of 10,000 over June 30, 1938. Of these 385,000 card holders, 17% are under fourteen years of age. That the children are the most enterprising readers is proven by the fact that they account for over 23% of the circulation. The ragged outlines of the city boundaries cause a good deal of unhappiness for people who are obliged to pay the non-resident dues of \$2.00 a year even though they live close to a city branch or station. A metropolitan area plan to include the entire western half of Los Angeles County in a single urban library service should certainly be one of our future aims.

That our use is directly dependent upon the fuel supplied in the shape of books is proven by the last four years during which our book fund has been held at an average of about \$125,000 annually and the circulation has in consequence remained stable at something over ten million books a year. Since our present book fund is little more than half the allowance spent for 1930-1931, it is easy to realize that the Library has been increasingly handicapped in supplying the varied and expensive book demands which the great territorial extent of our city could absorb and which, for the sake of education and of technical, business and cultural advancement, it should receive. By economy in buying, the book stock has at least been prevented from declining. The library collections count 35,262 volumes more than a year ago. The system numbers 1,601,447 volumes divided as follows:

Central Building	696,797 volumes or 43.51%
48 Branches and	
67 Stations	904,650 volumes or 56.49%
	1,601,447

An analysis of how this collection is read presents the following percentages:

Fiction (in English)	43.2%
Children's books	23.2%
Non-Fiction	33.6%
History, travel and biography	6.6%
Periodicals	5.8%
Science and technology	5.0%
Literature and language study	4.1%
Sociology, economics and	
education	3.1%
Philosophy and religion	3.0%
Fine arts	2.6%
Books in foreign languages	1.5%
Music	1.3%
Pamphlets	0.6%
	100.0%

Reference Services

The Central Library's large and specialized departments are the great center for reference work while branches and stations issue 77.88% of the circulating books. From July 1 until December 31, 1938, a test count was kept of the number of questions asked over the desks or the telephones. The total exceeded half a million, more than half of which came to the Central Library. They were divided as follows:

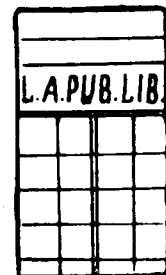
Ready reference	349,756
Research (requiring more than five	
minutes to answer)	61,040
Advisory help on what books to	
select for a given purpose	114,664
	525,460

A few samples of reference problems will show how all interests of the community find help through the library doors:

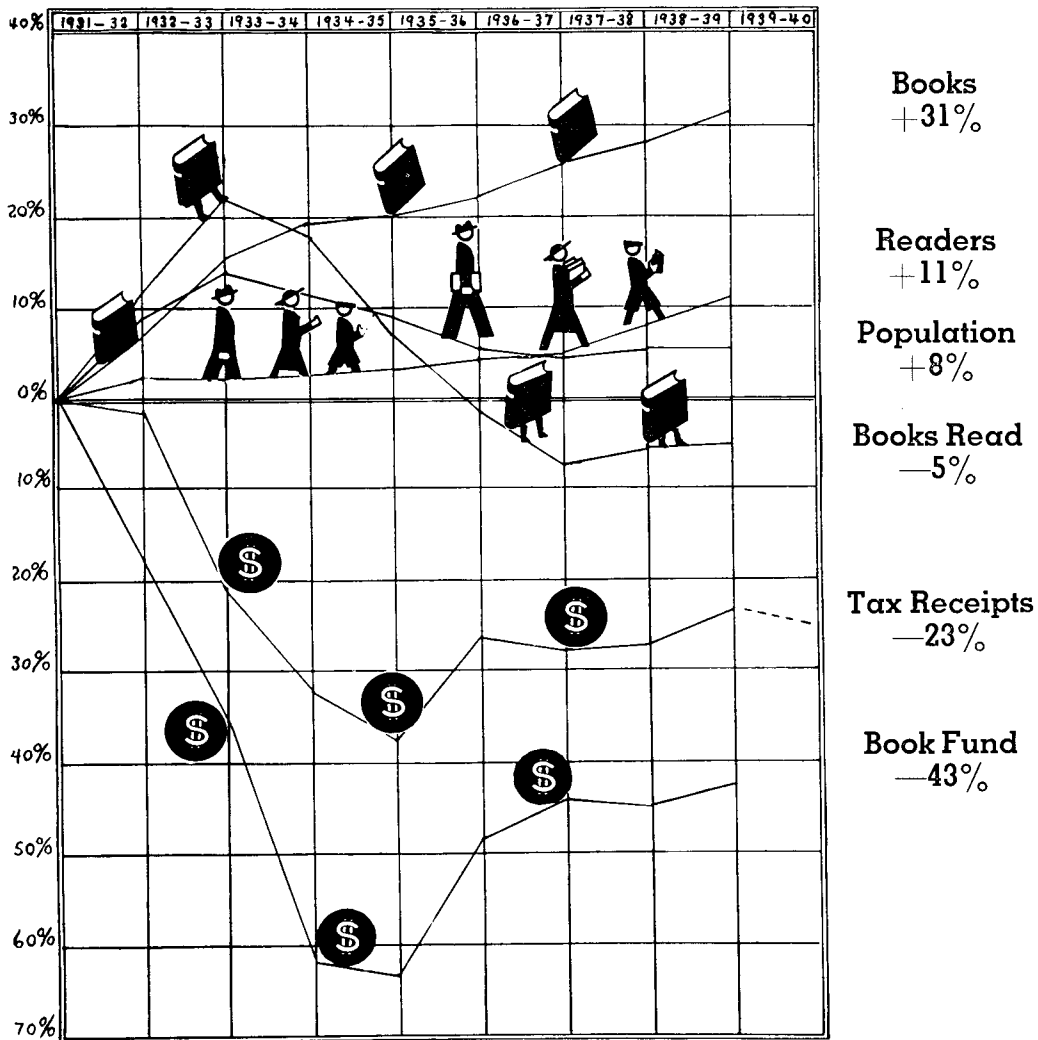
1. What reference books to buy for a library in a home at a cost of not more than \$100.



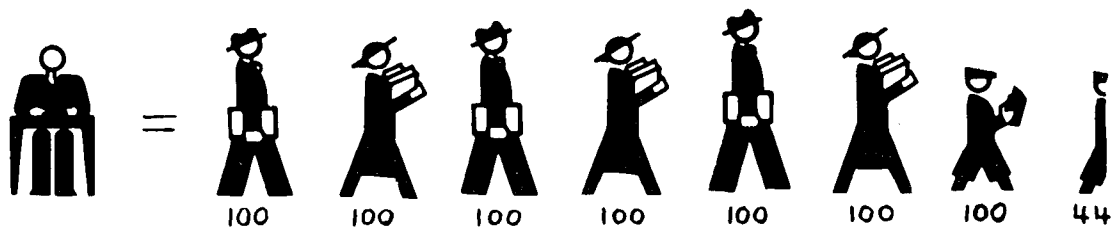
Each family of three owns a library card



EIGHT YEARS OF UPS AND DOWNS



Year	Books	Readers	Population	Books Borrowed	Tax Receipts	Book Fund
1930-31	1,224,557	347,129	1,255,829	11,066,652	\$1,260,091	\$233,880
1931-32	1,317,176	379,303	1,283,859	12,335,621	1,250,531	192,799
1932-33	1,409,922	394,216	1,281,266	13,498,718	994,727	150,480
1933-34	1,448,265	387,467	1,293,329	13,022,939	845,472	92,638
1934-35	1,466,773	377,373	1,294,600	11,798,518	810,440	86,626
1935-36	1,497,134	364,005	1,301,474	10,960,541	921,197	118,924
1936-37	1,534,524	365,591	1,326,852	10,299,553	909,370	130,431
1937-38	1,565,185	374,609	1,329,602	10,524,990	911,887	129,149
1938-39	1,601,447	385,186	1,360,000	10,560,373	966,366	133,992
1939-40	?	?	?	?	943,264	?



Each librarian serves 744 registered borrowers

2. Effects of decentralization of business on transportation, valuation of property, growth of the city and industrial development. (Wanted by the publicity director of a large department store.)
3. Books an office secretary should have on her desk.
4. Monthly lists of the best new books for boys and girls of high school age for the secondary curriculum office of the Board of Education.
5. Current legislative activity in the seven thousand bills before the California State Legislature made available in the Sociology Department of the Central Building, and for use of the Councilmen and other City Officials in the Municipal Reference Department of the Los Angeles Public Library in the City Hall.
6. Reading list on "Evaluation of Human Behavior in a Changing World" under thirty topic headings for a church group.
7. Poetry for a young man who said he knew only one poem, "Under a Spreading Chestnut Tree."
8. African art as a source of American art, wanted by a Negro student.
9. "Skillful Parents," a new edition of a practical book list made by a committee of specialists in child study and printed at cost for several libraries.
10. Books on Jefferson and Hamilton for a reader who had enjoyed "The Tree of Liberty."

The New Ascot and Hollywood Buildings

Because the latest building added to our physical equipment was Memorial Branch opposite the Los Angeles High School in 1930, it is one of this year's great achievements that through the help of the Federal Government a new building has at last been erected on the lot purchased in 1929 on the southeast corner of Seventieth and Broadway. The architect, Mr. Henry F. Withey, has designed a simple and practical unit applying the modern experiments in glass brick windows and reflected lighting, to library needs. It is a steel and concrete structure costing \$53,260 of which \$23,967 was furnished by the Public Works Administration. The

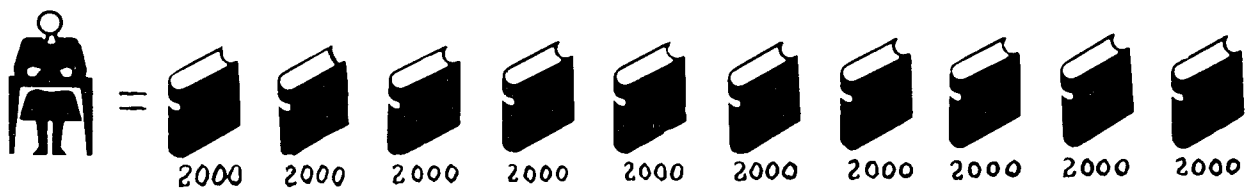
project began November 6, 1938, and the building opened for service on May 29, 1939.

Many negotiations have been carried on throughout the year to achieve improved accommodations for Hollywood, our largest branch, which has long been completely outgrown. Because of our reduced appropriations, a self-sustaining plan had to be devised. The excellent business corner which was given for the library site in 1910 by Mrs. Ida Wilcox Beveridge was sold to Mr. Clair Brunson for \$230,000 on June 1. As a son-in-law of Mrs. Beveridge he holds the reversionary rights to the lots which would have to be purchased by the city before any other buyer could have been offered the property. A new site was found for the branch library in the middle of the next block, south of its present location, with a two hundred-foot frontage on the west side of Ivar Street. Its cost of \$107,000 leaves sufficient funds to move and enlarge the present building. Mr. Donald Parkinson is the architect selected by the Board to prepare the new plans which will be the Library's major undertaking in 1940.

Making Known the Library Resources

Like every business, the Library has to make systematic effort continually to tell new residents of the book services they support and to increase book use among all geographic sections of the city. One new method is by weekly radio programs which the children's librarians have written and presented through the courtesy of KECA for the last three years. These children's librarians have made nearly two thousand visits this year to rooms in the 293 elementary, 26 junior high and 36 parochial schools of the city. Teachers brought 3,186 classes to branch libraries and to the Ivanhoe Room in the Central Building. The children's librarians are also active on Coordinating Councils, and at programs of the Parent-Teacher Association, and with organizations such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, and clubs of the Playground and Recreation Department.

Senior high school students receive book lists, talks and special reviewing from a group of librarians in branches and the Central Library under the guidance of Miss Emily Kemp of the Adult Education Department. Several private schools and business colleges send classes to study the resources of the



Each librarian circulates 20,000 books per year

Central Building. The seniors of the Marlborough School, for example, prepare a bibliography each spring term, and new students at the Woodbury Business College come regularly to get library cards. The practice of including a visit to the Library in women's clubs' annual programs is growing. A guide takes such groups to all departments and our director of public relations gives a brief talk on the art and architectural features of the building.

Good Book Week

Our annual open house for the whole city is the Book Fair which is held in the lecture room of the Central Library in the second week of November. Six local bookstores participated in lending displays of the new fall titles and eighteen authors made brief talks in the afternoons and evenings. The original illustrations were displayed of Miss Dorothy Lathrop's "Animals of the Bible" which won the Caldecott medal for 1938, and Miss Lathrop talked to a brimming audience of children.

Staff Achievements

Our staff has carried a larger responsibility than usual in state and national library activities because the annual meeting of the American Library Association was held in San Francisco the last week of June. Miss Gladys English, head of our Department of Work with Children, was in charge of all programs for children's librarians for the conference and made the awards of the Newbery and Caldecott medals for the two best children's books of the year. Her efforts to secure opportunities for in-service training for librarians working with children in California resulted in a successful three-day Institute at the School of Librarianship, University of California at Berkeley, the week before the national meeting. There was an attendance of nearly four hundred with forty from our own staff.

Miss Gladys Caldwell, head of our Art and Music Department, was chairman of the Art Reference Round Table at the American Library Association convention. Our publicist, Faith Holmes Hyers, concluded five years as chairman of the Radio Broadcasting Committee by planning all the radio programs of the week. Miss Emily Kemp as chairman of the Young People's Reading Round Table man-

aged several successful events. Miss Rosemary Livsey, head of our Teachers' Room, acted as chairman of the Committee on Work with Teachers and School Administrators Round Table.

Another important event in June was the Institute of Government at the University of Southern California. Librarians of this area prepared bibliographies for each of the fifteen sections, six of our staff contributing in this way.

Department librarians of our Central Library acted as hostesses in a series of twelve evening talks on our reference resources from March through May for members of the Southern California Chapter of the Special Libraries Association.

Continued Help from Works Progress Administration

For the third year our branches and Central Library departments have had continuous help in clerical work and book cleaning and repair from more than one hundred men and women assigned to the Library for tasks which could not otherwise be undertaken. Besides the outdoor reading room in Pershing Square, community stations have been opened in four school buildings and a daily concert has been conducted at the noon hour by using library records and radio classic programs.

As we look forward to undertaking the work of another year, in the hope that more can be accomplished than ever before, we rely strongly in a belief that our Mayor and fifteen members of the City Council value the accumulated wisdom of the past as a fortification against the turmoil of the future.

Yours most respectfully,

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

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 (Mrs. Otto J.) FRANCES M. HARMON-ZAHN
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September 20, 1939.

LIBRARY STAFF ADMINISTRATION

ALTHEA WARREN, City Librarian

CENTRAL LIBRARY, 530 SOUTH HOPE STREET

Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. week days
Limited reading room service Sundays, 1 to 9 p.m.

Accounting and Purchasing Department	D. L. Gardner
Adult Education Department	Mary Alice Boyd
Art and Music Department	Gladys E. Caldwell
Book Binding Department	Neltje T. Shimer
Book Order Department	Albert C. Read
Branches Department	Betsy Foye Veazey
Branches: Stations	Annabel Learned Fleming
Branches: Work with Children	Gladys English
Catalog Department	Frances R. Foote
Fiction Department	Rhoda Williams Marshall
Foreign Department	Margaret Gabriel Hickman
History Department	Susana C. Ott
Library Publicist	Faith Holmes Hyers
Literature and Philology Department	Katharine Kendig Garbutt
Municipal Reference Department	Josephine B. Hollingsworth
Municipal Reference Library	300 City Hall
Power and Light Division	207 South Broadway
Public Health Division	116 Temple Street
Periodical Department	Blanche E. McKown
Philosophy and Religion Department	Louise E. Jones
Registration and Receiving Department	Blanch L. Unterkircher
Science and Industry Department	Anne F. Leidendeker
Sociology Department	Lucy K. Swinnerton
Teachers' and Children's Department	Rosemary Earnshaw Livsey

BRANCH LIBRARIES

Regional Branches open Monday to Saturday, inclusive, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

BRANCH	ADDRESS	IN CHARGE
Arroyo Seco	6145 N. Figueroa St.	Dorothy A. Pinneo
Benjamin Franklin	2200 E. First St.	Laura B. Scheufler
Hollywood	6028 Hollywood Blvd.	Alice M. Scheck
San Pedro	931 S. Gaffey St.	Hortense S. Mitchell
Vermont Square	1201 W. 48th St.	Helen L. Spotts

Branches open Monday to Saturday, inclusive, 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

BRANCH	ADDRESS	IN CHARGE
Van Nuys	14555 Sylvan St.	Mary E. Strong
Vernon	4504 Central Ave.	Miriam Matthews

BRANCH LIBRARIES

**Branches open Monday to Friday, inclusive, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

BRANCH	ADDRESS	IN CHARGE
Angeles Mesa	2700 W. 52nd St.	Elza M. Blanchard
Cahuenga	4591 Santa Monica Blvd.	Roberta Bowler
Felipe de Neve	2820 W. Sixth St.	Jessie I. Cavanaugh
John Muir	1005 W. 64th St.	Helen Seymour
La Cienega	2619 S. La Brea Ave.	Gertrude M. Bergman
Mark Twain	11111 S. Main St.	Eleanora O. Crowder
University	3420 S. Hoover Blvd.	Mildred Sowers

**Branches open Monday to Friday, inclusive, 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

BRANCH	ADDRESS	IN CHARGE
Ascot	256 W. 70th St.	Minnie F. Miller
Bret Harte	508 E. 23rd St.	Jennie D. Raymond
Eagle Rock	2225 Colorado Blvd.	Blanche A. Gardiner
Echo Park	520 Glendale Blvd.	Nell S. Steinmetz
El Sereno	5022 Huntington Dr.	Eleanor E. Smart
Figueroa	501 W. 80th St.	Clara E. Dippel
Henry Adams	3534 Larga Ave.	Miriam R. Myers
Henry David Thoreau	3976 S. Hobart Blvd.	Genevieve Thompson
Hyde Park	6527 Crenshaw Blvd.	Ada Nelson Whiting
Jefferson	2211 W. Jefferson Blvd.	Elnora A. Kern
John C. Fremont	6121 Melrose Ave.	Anne Lenora Work
Junipero Serra	4255 S. Olive St.	Gladys M. Crowe
Lincoln Heights	2530 N. Workman St.	Hubert B. Frazier
Los Feliz	1711 N. Vermont Ave.	Marion B. McGrew
Malabar	2801 Wabash Ave.	Lillian D. J. Moyle
Memorial	4625 Olympic Blvd.	Nettie M. Guiwits
Pio Pico	1025 S. Oxford Ave.	Miriam S. Rood
Richard Henry Dana	3320 Pepper St.	Althea V. Jillson
Robert Louis Stevenson	803 Spence St.	Reba Dwight
Sidney Lanier	5211 Tujunga Blvd.	Eunice L. Watkins
Venice	610 N. California Ave.	Mary H. Peterson
Washington Irving	1803 S. Arlington Ave.	Lois A. Johnstone
Watts	9901 Grandee St.	Ione Morrison Rider
West Hollywood	1403 Gardner St.	Lulah Lloyd
West Los Angeles	11354 Santa Monica Blvd.	Martha W. Abell
Wilmington	309 W. Opp St.	Ora A. Neely
Wilshire	149 N. St. Andrews Pl.	Anna-Marie Hook

**Branches open Monday to Friday, inclusive, 2 to 5 p.m.:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 7 to 9 p.m. (some exceptions)**

BRANCH	ADDRESS	IN CHARGE
Alessandro	2641 Partridge Ave.	Anna E. Becker
Annandale	7121 N. Figueroa St.	Floy E. Drake
Canoga Park	7260 Owensmouth Ave.	Flora E. Johnston
Edendale	2030 Glendale Blvd.	Chesterine Cordelle
Gardena	561 W. 165th St.	Jeannie T. Shute
Helen Hunt Jackson	2330 Naomi Ave.	Carolyn S. Cruickshank
Palms	10306 Woodbine St.	Nellie H. Smith

CIRCULATION FIGURES

CLASSIFIED STATISTICS OF CIRCULATION

	Central Library	Branches	Total
General	8,836	14,370	23,206
Philosophy	92,584	133,770	226,354
Religion	51,175	35,532	86,707
Social Science	151,215	175,970	327,185
Language	10,958	12,215	23,173
Science	59,242	87,963	147,205
Useful Arts	139,792	228,515	368,307
Fine Arts	114,969	161,790	276,759
Literature	149,860	239,992	389,852
History	61,929	144,633	206,562
Travel	67,319	217,168	284,487
Biography	53,468	153,273	206,741
Juvenile Non-Fiction (including Easy Books).....	80,027	1,228,670	1,308,697
French Non-Fiction	8,734	2,401	11,135
German Non-Fiction	6,381	1,301	7,682
Italian Non-Fiction	1,539	553	2,092
Russian Non-Fiction	4,080	745	4,825
Spanish Non-Fiction	11,679	5,608	17,287
Yiddish Non-Fiction	1,814	1,182	2,996
Other Languages	3,293	634	3,927
Braille	105	5	110
Music	113,016	25,834	138,850
Juvenile Fiction	57,983	1,088,210	1,146,193
Adult English Fiction	757,590	3,804,900	4,562,490
Adult Foreign Fiction	68,455	41,635	110,090
Magazines Bound	762	3,133	3,895
Magazines Unbound	229,284	380,172	609,456
Braille Magazines	126	0	126
Pamphlets	29,767	34,217	63,984
TOTALS	2,335,982	8,224,391	10,560,373
Pictures	211,387	42,446	253,833

CIRCULATION PERCENTAGES

Adult Fiction to Total Circulation.....	44.24%
Adult Non-Fiction to Total Circulation.....	32.51%
Juvenile to Total Circulation.....	23.25%
Total Fiction (Adult and Juvenile) to Total Circulation.....	55.10%
Branch Circulation to Total Circulation.....	77.88%

CIRCULATION GAINS OVER 1936-37

Central Library	0.64% loss
Branches	0.62% gain
Library System	0.34% gain

BOOKS IN LIBRARY

BOOKS IN LIBRARY, JUNE 30, 1939

	Phi. & Rel.	Sociology	Teachers	Mun. Ref.	Sci. & Ind.	Art & Music	Lit. & Phil.	History	Fiction	Foreign	Adult Educ.	Blind	Periodicals	Child. Room	Catalog	Order	Branches	Total
000	95	134	102	620	142	97	5,716	496	70	0	160	10	485	601	1,212	908	11,919	22,767
100	12,161	0	0	157	0	1	2	0	0	0	117	20	7	124	1	0	17,435	30,025
200	17,775	0	0	2	0	3	3	29	0	0	36	105	19	718	1	1	14,343	33,035
300	16	64,253	20,083	11,572	171	6	11	86	1	0	237	38	41	3,467	19	41	70,172	170,214
400	16	1	1	0	7	11	3,150	23	3	0	53	4	3	209	51	0	3,747	7,279
500	1	1	1	832	23,768	1	1	3	0	0	149	49	9	2,066	3	2	30,499	57,385
600	1	10	5	10,666	54,951	8	6	2	0	0	148	34	10	1,666	5	23	53,667	121,202
700	0	0	1	1,304	3	29,706	10	8	0	0	198	29	11	1,492	17	0	41,147	73,926
800	19	0	1	177	1	9	56,250	4	74	0	293	71	31	2,866	15	22	78,147	137,980
900	13	2	1	318	0	6	19	37,245	2	0	62	11	10	2,522	0	26	59,129	99,366
910	9	2	1	8	1,393	10	2	20,784	2	0	25	43	22	2,381	3	4	55,732	80,421
920	3	0	6	5	0	5	45	21,129	3	0	110	76	19	1,650	29	8	38,345	61,433
Foreign	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78,320	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,518	84,838
Maps (91)	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	670	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	321	1,004
Music	2	0	0	0	0	24,632	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	221	0	0	6,649	31,511
Newspapers	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,057	0	0	0	0	6,059
Periodicals	2,296	3,022	1,486	0	13,335	3,638	1,993	16,174	8	0	0	0	7	533	0	4	10,566	53,062
Special coll.	18	7	0	0	2	1	73	1,166	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,276
Easy books	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3,652	0	0	37,056	40,710
Fiction	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	100,062	0	166	246	9	9,509	0	0	369,258	479,252
Unclassed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	397	0	0	0	0	0	397
Total	32,425	67,434	21,689	25,663	93,775	58,135	67,282	97,819	100,234	78,320	1,754	1,140	6,741	33,686	1,356	1,039	904,650	1,593,142
In Process	0	0	0	139	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,166	0	0	8,305
Grand Total	32,425	67,434	21,689	25,802	93,775	58,135	67,282	97,819	100,234	78,320	1,754	1,140	6,741	33,686	9,522	1,039	904,650	1,601,447
Pamphlets	2,288	77,209	45,760	27,251	128,667	2,947	16,131	6,857	173	598	691	105	160	2,347	0	2,490	106,993	420,667
Maps	0	0	0	113	0	0	0	8,688	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,567	12,369
Pictures	540	0	0	0	0	24,177	0	5,364	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63,729	93,810

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

(According to recommendations of the American Library Association)

LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Los Angeles, California

Founded 1872 as Library Association

Established 1874 by Act of Legislature

REPORT OF YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1939

ALTHEA WARREN, City Librarian

Population served (City) 1,238,048 (1930 census)

Free for lending, free for reference. Open, 358 days, closed on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Hours (Central Library) daily 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sundays 1 to 9 p.m., Reading Room only. Total for week, lending 72 hours, for reading, 80 hours.

AGENCIES

Total Number of Agencies.....	119
Consisting of:	
Central Library	1
Branches	48
(40 in Library Buildings, 8 in rented quarters)	
Municipal Reference Department	3
Stations:	67
General Service	40
Hospitals	1
Fire Stations	17
Outdoor Reading Rooms	1
(Maintained by W.P.A. helpers)	
Summer Camps	4
Institutional Homes	4

USE

	Volumes	Percentage of Total Circulation
Number of volumes of adult non-fiction lent for home use	3,432,903	32.51%
Number of volumes of adult fiction lent for home use	4,672,580	44.24%
Number of books for children lent for home use.....	2,454,890	23.25%
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Total number of volumes lent for home use.....	10,560,373	100.00%
Circulation per capita (1930 U. S. census figures).....		8.5
Circulation per capita (Chamber of Commerce 1939 estimate 1,360,000)		7.8
Circulation per registered borrower.....		27.4
Circulation per library employee (in terms of full-time equivalent and omitting janitorial and building force)		20,386.8
Turnover of book stock (total circulation divided by total number of volumes in collection)....		6.6
Period of usual loan ... 28 days, except for recent non-fiction 14 days, and current fiction 7 days		
Additional circulation: Pictures.....		253,833
Number of story hours held during year	at Library	669
	at Schools	1,483
Club meetings for children held during year at library		265
Average attendance at each story hour:		
At Library—33		
At Schools—size of class, average 35		
Average attendance at each club meeting: 15		

REGISTRATION

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of borrowers registered during year.....	108,274	26,373	134,647
Total number of registered borrowers.....	319,383	65,803	385,186
Registration period, years.....			3
Percentage of population registered as borrowers (using 1930 census figures).....			31.1%
Percentage of population registered as borrowers (using 1939 Chamber of Commerce estimate).....			27.5%

BOOK STOCK

Number of volumes at beginning of year.....	1,565,185
Number of volumes added during year.....	94,914
Total.....	1,660,099
Number of volumes lost or withdrawn.....	58,652
Total number of volumes June 30, 1939.....	1,601,447
Number of volumes per capita (using 1930 census figures).....	1.3
Number of volumes per capita (using 1939 Chamber of Commerce estimate).....	1.2
Number of volumes per registered borrower.....	4.2

MISCELLANEOUS STOCK

Number of pamphlets at beginning of year.....	405,120
Total number at end of year.....	420,667
Number of photographs, pictures at beginning of year.....	98,948
Total number at end of year.....	93,810
Number of maps at beginning of year.....	11,741
Total number at end of year.....	12,369
Number of newspapers, currently received (titles) 184; (duplicates) 76; (total) 260	
Number of periodicals, exclusive of newspapers, currently received (titles) 2,696; (duplicates) 3,958; (total) 6,654	

FINANCIAL REPORT

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1939

(Rate of Tax Levy for Library—7/10 of a Mill)

RECEIPTS

Local taxation	\$ 966,366.23
Fines on overdue books and miscellaneous.....	99,343.17
Rental collection	26,383.40
Other sources: Branch site sold.....	230,000.00
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Total	\$1,322,092.80
Unexpended balance from previous year.....	10,527.89
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Total	\$1,332,620.69

PAYMENTS

Salaries, library staff	\$ 710,622.20
Books and periodicals	133,992.77
Binding and rebinding	51,230.60
Supplies, stationery, printing	13,926.75
Telephone, postage, freight, express, motor vehicle operation.....	12,366.40
Salaries, janitors, engineers and building force.....	95,199.91
Cleaning supplies and equipment	4,007.11
Repairs, minor alterations, furniture, equipment.....	6,105.55
Rent	10,420.00
Heat, light, water	29,638.24
Insurance	1,398.40
Other items	8,123.89
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Total operating expenses	\$1,077,031.82
Capital expenses: Buildings, sites, additions, etc.....	107,645.49
Transferred to Insurance Reserve Fund.....	4,000.00
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Grand Total	\$1,188,677.31
Unexpended balance	143,943.38*
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Total	\$1,332,620.69

*Includes \$122,354.51 from sale of Hollywood site being held for new building, and \$10,715.63 in bills outstanding as of June 30, 1939.