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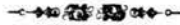
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I.

THE VARIOUS HISTORIES

## Ann Arbor Ladies' Library Association.



**I**N this Centennial year of our National life, it is natural for all to look back and consider what steps forward our country has taken, what progress it has made in matters either great or small. It seems, therefore, appropriate that our Association, which, as we hope, has contributed its little mite to the great whole of effort and struggle to obtain something higher and better, should review what has been accomplished by it, and all the more appropriate is the retrospect, since in this year it celebrates its tenth anniversary. Let us therefore, for a few moments, trace its rise and progress.

In 1866 the thought of those ladies who doubtless had long felt the need of some such organization as ours, became an established purpose, and through the newspapers they issued an invitation to all interested, to meet upon the 19th of March, in the lecture room of the Presbyterian church, in order to organize a Ladies' Library Association.

The appointed day of meeting proved unpleasant, but nevertheless a goodly number responded to the call. The leaders in the movement had already matured their plans, and a constitution was presented, accepted and signed by thirty-five ladies, who also subscribed \$118.00. A Board of fifteen was appointed, with Mrs. A. E. Kellogg as President. Upon this first Board we find the names of two who have faithfully served from then till now, Mrs. S. H. Douglass and Mrs. A. H. Hunt. The next step taken, was to obtain a room. One suitable was found in Hangsterfer's block, and engaged at a rental of \$50 a year.

Early in April the infant society was regularly incorporated according to law. Books must now be bought and furniture for the new room, and for this more money was needed. Some tableaux were therefore arranged for the evenings of the 17th and 18th of April, and so successful were the ladies in this, their first entertainment, that the net proceeds amounted to \$135. They now felt they had a home, for on May 21st it is recorded that the As-

sociation "met in the new and pleasant library room. All seemed pleased and gratified at the neat and cheerful appearance of the room, and at the sight of library shelves, already half filled with valuable books."

With so much to be done it is not wonderful that a debt was incurred, the only one, we believe, during these ten years, and that only to the amount of \$39.60. Immediate measures were taken to provide for it, and a strawberry festival was the result, by which \$59.60 were netted. The debt was thus scarcely more than paid, and it was very desirable, even necessary, to raise more money in some way. Accordingly arrangements were made with Prof. Pease, of Ypsilanti, to give the Cantata of Queen Esther, sharing expense and profit with the Association. From this third entertainment, which occurred in November, there resulted the sum of \$259.28, making, as the proceeds of entertainments during the first year, \$453.28.

At the end of the year the infant Association felt that it had a fair start in the world. There were 79 members, 392 books, and the total receipts for the year had been \$780.79. One donation of \$50 had been received from Dr. Chase. Already social readings had been commenced, which proved both pleasant and profitable, though just what course was pursued is not recorded.

Its first birthday was celebrated by a gathering in the Congregational church, at which President Haven delivered an exceedingly interesting anniversary address, full of good cheer and encouragement. Judge Cooley also made some happy remarks. Fifteen new subscribers gave their names. The *Argus* at this time, states that no Association in the State has in several years, accomplished what has been done in one.

With the new year, 1867, the Association took possession of its present room, which was made as attractive as circumstances would allow. The second year was one of quiet progress. Perhaps the most interesting event was a meeting in September, in the Chapel of the Presbyterian church, to listen to an address on *The Beautiful and the Useful*, from Miss Mary Clark, whose name, so closely connected with our library, will certainly not soon be forgotten, whose presence we yet miss here and everywhere. In this address a beautiful tribute was paid to the memory of Mrs. Henry Wells, who, earliest of those first associated with the library, had passed to the better land, "a loss to the community to which she belonged, to the church of which she was a member, and above all to her family, to whom she was the loving head." The beautiful words in which Miss Clark closes, find new application now that she, too, is no longer with us: "One by one are falling from our side, those whose companionship and sympathy made the charm of life.



Our turn will come by and by. All have some good to do while the sun shines; when the shadows lengthen the time is short, evening finds us with failing powers, night comes when work ceases."

During this year a strawberry festival was held, and on Monday evening, November 4th, an entertainment was given in the Unitarian church, consisting of music, and of very artistic recitations by Miss Pierce, of Grand Rapids. Unfortunately, in a pecuniary point of view, the entertainment was a failure, as only one dollar was actually cleared, though through the generosity of Miss Pierce, the \$50 due her was given to the ladies.

The social readings were continued, and during the third year they seemed to increase in interest. Original papers were read on Home Amusements, the poet Spencer's writings, distinguished Women and their Influence on Society. At one meeting a discussion was carried on, the subject being, "Was the French revolution a blessing to France?" Both sides were ably maintained. Original conundrums were presented, and anonymous letters, with sometimes a pretty poem introduced. At one of the meetings Dr. Douglass read an interesting paper on Ventilation, illustrated by beautiful experiments in electricity.

The needs of the Association were so deeply felt, that in this third year a printed circular was issued, "setting forth the claims and benefits of a library, and soliciting more general patronage." Probably as the result of this appeal, a donation of \$10 was made by Mr. Cole, and an offer from him to be one of twenty to give this sum annually. Unfortunately, only two of the other nineteen appear to have been found, though his letter was published in the papers, that others would do likewise.

On Wednesday evening, April 7th, 1869, "one of the pleasantest social gatherings of the season," to quote the Argus, "was the reunion of the Ladies' Library Association, in the lecture room of the Presbyterian church," held for the purpose of increasing the interest of the public in the good work. Three hundred were present. Brief, happy addresses were made by President Haven, Judge Cooley and Prof. Adams. An original poem by a member of the Association, was read. "The ladies were in their happiest mood, their guests were made at home, the tables were bountifully spread and beautifully decorated, and all enjoyed themselves to the best of their inclinations." Above all the ladies were made happy by a second donation of \$50 from Dr. Chase, of \$25 from Mrs. Henry Parsons, of Ashtabula, Ohio, and of \$5 from some friend, whose name is not recorded. No wonder that the results of this meeting were considered very encouraging, and that the ladies entered upon

the fourth year with good hope. Again in this new year, Miss Clark delivered an address in the lecture room of the Presbyterian church, this time upon "The Sea, and what it contains." Sea mosses and other nautical curiosities were exhibited, and the evening was one of great profit and pleasure.

In the social readings we find still more original productions, poems, romances, critiques and letters. Topics were also selected to be conversed upon, as China and the Chinese, Gardens, beginning with the Garden of Eden, then the famous ones of Ahasuerus, of Solomon, the hanging Gardens of Babylon, the Garden of Gethsemane, improvements in the arts, etc., etc.

Mrs. Kellogg held the office of President in a most able manner, until April, 1870, when there was an equal number of votes for her and for Mrs. Cooley. Mrs. Kellogg gave the casting vote, and thus placed Mrs. Cooley in the chair. The year was marked by no event of importance.

At the social readings the Literary Contribution Box, in which were dropped articles, anonymous or otherwise, as suited the writer's pleasure, and which was opened by some one appointed for the purpose, who read the articles at the following meeting, proved a great success, and many delightful evenings are recorded. The number of members, of readers, and of books slowly but steadily increased.

In the following April, 1871, Mrs. Adams became President. On the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday, December 5th and 6th, the pantomime of the "Mistletoe Bough," and tableaux of "Cinderella and the Glass Slipper," were given in the Opera House. The weather was unfavorable and the audience small, so that, instead of the \$500 which it is stated ought to have been cleared, since the entertainment was beautiful and enjoyable, only \$94 were netted.

During all these years names have been prominent of those who are no longer here, as they have either gone elsewhere to reside, or have been removed by death. In this year the Association loses two of its most active and valuable members. In September, Mrs. Kellogg, one of the founders of the library, and President for four years,

"One who for every good,  
Ready in bright or darker days,  
Hath first and last and always stood,  
Now saw the parting of the ways."

These words are taken from Miss Porter's poem, "The Parting of the Ways," which was written upon the departure of Mrs. Kellogg.

At the close of the year, March 20th, another passed from the circle, but she to the better land. We find recorded by the Secretary, Mrs. Hunt:

"The silent angel who claims all seasons as his own, has been among us. Mrs. Sybil Lawrence, a beloved member of the Board nearly four years, has fallen asleep and rests from her labors. With warm heart and ready hands, with judgment clear and far-reaching, she was ever found where duty called, and by her cheerful presence animated and encouraged every effort for advancing the interest of this cause. As one after another of those who started with us fall from the ranks, let us with united energy pursue our work untiringly, till others take it up where we lay it down." Resolutions were passed by the Association. A poem written by Miss Porter, and a beautiful memorial notice by Miss Clark were read at the annual meeting, the first one at which Mrs. Lawrence had not been present.

In July, 1872, by far the largest sum ever presented the ladies, was received. A surplus of \$1,010. remaining in the hands of the committee for relief of the Michigan sufferers, from the fires of that year, one-half of the surplus, \$505. was given to the library. \$350. were added to the \$50. placed at interest the year before, and the whole was re-invested at 10 per cent. interest, as the nucleus of an endowment fund.

In January, a very attractive entertainment was given at the house of Dr. Douglass, from which \$50. was received. This, with the donation and the ordinary yearly receipts, rendered the total for the year, \$898.56, which was the largest sum ever received by the library in twelve months.

From the very beginning in 1866, until April, 1873, the position of Secretary was most ably filled by Mrs. A. H. Hunt. At this annual meeting, however, she retired from this post only to take another, that of President, Mrs. Adams declining to serve longer. To the retiring President a very handsome tribute was paid in the shape of preamble and resolution, presented by Miss Clark. In this year also, the Association lost its valuable Treasurer, Mrs. Gilmore, who had held the office since 1867, and who from the first had been a most efficient member of the Board. Of her fine recitations at the social readings, frequent mention is made.

In this year another entertainment, consisting of an exhibition of the magic lantern and of the farce of "Pillicoddy," was given at Dr. Douglass', from which \$71. are received, and in the following year, on February 3d, 1875, a second dramatic entertainment at Mr. Israel Hall's brings \$61. to the Association.

Our review has brought us to the year just closed, a year in which we trust some progress has been made, though it may have been quiet and un-

observed. Of the status of the library itself, we shall obtain the clearest idea from the Librarian's report, which is as follows :

Number of books in library April, 1875.....	1,471
“ “ “ “ “ 1876.....	1,636
An increase of.....	165
Number books purchased.....	143
“ “ donated.....	12
“ magazines taken.....	7
“ “ bound.....	13
“ members drawing books.....	168
Increase over last year.....	13
Number books drawn during year.....	3,630
Increase over last year.....	1,112
Number drawn in A., miscellaneous.....	297
“ “ “ B., art.....	25
“ “ “ C., travels.....	130
“ “ “ D., history.....	140
“ “ “ E., biography.....	164
“ “ “ F., poetry.....	40
“ “ “ G., Youth's department.....	225
“ “ “ H., standard fiction.....	255
“ “ “ I., miscellaneous fiction.....	1,550
“ “ “ J., magazines.....	774

Comparing this with the report of last year, we find that the same number of books—165, has been added each year, but last year 90 were purchased instead of 143 this year, and 41 presented instead of 12.

Since the first year so many books have never been added, save in 1873, when the increase was 167, nor have so many ever been drawn, save in 1873, when the number was 3665, 35 more than this year. There are also more readers now than ever before, except in 1873 and 1874, when there were 183 and 182 respectively, 14 and 15 more than now.

Of the books purchased during the year, about one-half have been works of fiction, and some of these stories of a day. While there is a much greater demand for such books than for those of a more solid character, it is a serious question how far it is best to pander to the popular taste. In laying the foundations of a library which, as we trust, is to last for all time, it seems desirable to purchase, so far as possible, standard works. Limited too, as we are for means, can we afford to expend much for books for which, after a year or two there is no more demand? Though histories, scientific works and biographies are for the most part uncalled for, yet we are proud to have them on our shelves, that the few who prefer knowledge to mere

amusement, may not find us wanting in what is of real and lasting value. Only by inspiring a taste for such reading can we hope to elevate the intellectual standard of the public.

In May, a supplement to the catalogue was printed, and later in the year, the need being felt for more shelf room, was supplied. The books have been carefully handled during the year, and are found in good condition. Several efforts have been made to increase the funds of the Association.

On May 12th, the comedy "Among the Breakers," was given at the Opera House. It was admirably acted and gave great pleasure to all who witnessed it, but the proceeds would doubtless have been larger had not the Board almost unanimously deemed it best to reduce the price of admission to thirty-five cents, which step they afterward equally unanimously regretted. Shortly after, a spelling match was held at the Union School hall, in which, however, but little interest was manifested. At the 4th of July celebration the ladies opened a lemonade booth on Court House Square. If hard and disagreeable work deserves reward, certainly a large sum should have been theirs, but the result was otherwise, and the smallest sum save one, ever made by the Association, was the result of perhaps the most unpleasant task ever undertaken by them. Once more, in the late fall they brought themselves before the public, when Prof. Watson kindly consented to lecture for them upon his visit to Egypt. The lecture was one of great interest, and was worthy of a much larger audience.

Upon the evening of February 29th, a benefit was given the Association by the Garrick Club. Two amusing comedies, "Ici on parle Française," and "Who Speaks First," were admirably acted, and the handsome sum of \$90. was presented to the ladies. For this most liberal gift from a club on which they had no claims, they feel deeply grateful.

As in the beginning, so now it is ardently hoped that before many years our library can be placed upon such a footing that it shall not be necessary to eke out its small income by repeated public entertainments, which always involve great expenditure of time and labor, often but poorly remunerated. In these years of business depression, it seems not best to make any decided effort toward securing that for which we hope; meantime we can but work on, making each year a little headway.

In the fall the social readings were resumed, and have been regularly held once a month. Unusual interest has been manifested in them. Several of Shakespeare's plays have been read in such a manner as to bring out beau-

ties in the great dramatist, which, perhaps, might have escaped one reading them alone.

Again our report must close with an "In Memoriam." Twice during the year we have been called to mourn the departure of those intimately connected with the Association. On June 30th, Miss Mary Clark, so long active in this, and in every good work, passed away. "She opened her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue was the law of kindness. She rests from her labors and her works do follow her."

When the Association was first organized, Miss Sarah Barry was appointed Librarian. At the end of a few months she resigned the position to the regret of all. In April, 1871, she was re-elected and accepted. She ever discharged her duties in a most faithful and courteous manner, until in November, 1875, in consequence of ill health, she again resigned, and in January, she, too, passed to her rest.

In conclusion, may we not express the belief that during these first ten years, the ladies have accomplished, if not what they would, at least what they could, and may we not hope that during the second decade still greater possibilities will open before them, which they surely will not fail to improve to the utmost.

The following note from the writer of the above sketch, was received with it:

ANN ARBOR, May 2, 1876.

Mrs. A. F. BIXBY—*Dear Madam:* At our meeting yesterday, it was decided to co-operate in the scheme of sending the histories of the several Ladies' Library Associations of the State to Philadelphia.

At our recent tenth annual meeting, I read a report, tracing the rise and progress of our Association from the beginning. This report is, naturally, not in all respects just what it would have been, had it been written with a view to its being sent to the Centennial. However, as the ladies had already desired it to be printed as it is, and as furthermore it will save much labor, it was deemed best to send it as our history.

Hoping that the book will be in all respects a success, I am, yours respectfully,

Mrs. M. L. D'Ooge,

Secretary L. L. A.

# Ann Arbor Register

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 1881.

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## THE LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The record of the ladies' library during the past year is one of which any similar association might well be proud. We commend to our readers a sympathetic perusal of the proceedings of the annual meeting to be found elsewhere in this issue.

Fifteen years ago this association began its work of ministering to the intellectual wants of this community. Its first experience was that of learning not to despise the day of small things. For several years it held out but small enticements to new members, and gave but small dividends for membership fees. But the day of feeble beginnings is past; its membership has been very largely increased, its catalogue of well selected books has been enlarged, its usefulness has been correspondingly extended, and, at length, it is talking of setting up for itself and establishing a home of its own.

Next to our schools, there is no general public interest of greater value to our community than this. Indeed there is a very important sense in which a good library is a necessary adjunct, if not a necessary part, of good schools. The cramming of lessons is of very little importance compared with the enlarging and broadening influence of a permanent love of books. If a love of reading is not established by the schools, the mission of the schools is at least a partial failure; and, if such a taste, when once it is established, is not gratified and encouraged by access to libraries, the most valuable inspiration afforded by the schools is lost. In fact, if a community were to be reduced to the sad necessity of choosing between schools without books and books without schools, it would not be easy to determine how wisdom would decide. It is certain that many a person without the advantage of the schools has arisen to eminence through an appetite

for reading, but it may well be doubted whether the schools without the help of a fondness for books have ever raised any body to distinction. The deficiencies of an early education may be repaired by a good will and a good library; but the deficiencies which arise from a distaste for books are irreparable. Success in life comes through the use which we make of our leisure; and our leisure is seldom throw away if we are fond of good books. How many a boy could have been saved from wreck, if only an appetite for books could have taken the place of other allurements. Thus good habits and good morals in a community are very largely measured and controlled by the use that is made of the libraries. But before libraries can be used they must exist. Hence it is that in every city and village of morality and enterprise a public library is deemed a public necessity.

The want of such means of education the ladies of Ann Arbor are making a commendable effort to supply. They should be regarded as laboring not for themselves but for the public. They are not an exclusive corporation. They offer the use of their library, and the advantages of their association on the same easy terms to all. As they have no established sources of income, the library is dependent for its enlargement on the trifling fees for membership and entertainments and on the voluntary gifts of members of the community.

During the past two years the association has been in some sense the guest of the county. On the completion of the court house the supervisors with a gallant and worthy generosity extended the hospitalities of their new edifice to the ladies. But the thankful guests have been obliged to climb to the upper story of their lofty and handsome abode; and consequently the usefulness of the association has been somewhat limited.

We are glad to see from their reports that they are thinking of declaring their independence and establishing a home of their own. In their new efforts they ought to receive every encouragement. We bespeak for them the hearty co-operation of our public spirited citizens. Many life memberships ought to be taken by our business men. Within but little more than a year the gentle and ingenious persuasions of the ladies have raised nearly the whole amount necessary to pay for the lot on which they hope to build. This fact indicates an enterprise and a public spirit which our citizens ought to encourage in the most substantial manner. Let us have a library building that will be an additional attraction to our city, and a library that will be an additional source of inspiration and profit to our citizens.

### The Ladies' Library.

The 15th annual meeting of the Ladies' Library Association was held in the parlors of the Presbyterian church, on Monday afternoon, April 11th. Mrs. John Maynard, Mrs. E. B. Pond, Mrs. Prof. Tyler, Mrs. Dr. Angell and Mrs. Prof. Pettee were reelected members of the board, their terms of office having expired. Mrs. Prof. Adams was reelected president; Mrs. A. Ten Brook, vice-president; Mrs. M. L. D'Ooge, secretary, and Mrs. C. A. Jaycox, treasurer.

During the meeting a sufficient amount of money was contributed to entirely cancel the indebtedness of the association for their lot, and to leave a small surplus for the proposed library building.

The President, Mrs. Prof. Adams, delivered an address as follows:

#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Ladies of the Association.

At the very beginning of our meeting I desire to congratulate you on the prosperity of the association during the past year. We have just past our fifteenth birthday.

I think that those who have watched the growth of our library from its small beginnings to the present time, and have had so many evidences of the good it is accomplishing in our community, cannot but feel a just pride in its prosperity. We know that in the past its strength and usefulness have been increased only through untiring efforts; and we have no reason to suppose that in the future its prosperity will be secured on any easier conditions. From the reports of the secretary and treasurer you will hear of the present prosperity of the library. I think we must all be gratified at the showing that will be made.

But we cannot fail to see that its very prosperity makes new demands upon us. The library is in need of better accommodations at its appointments. In short, to use a figure which ladies will appreciate, it is in the condition of the child who has outgrown its clothes. I presume that none will deny that the library, if more accessible and in quarters of its own, would be far more useful than it can be at present. It has been wisely suggested by one of our number, that it seems very desirable that the association should be established upon a firm basis while some of its founders are still with us. It should have a home before its parents have passed away. It is but natural that those who have nursed it in its infancy, and cared for it in its childhood, should feel for it a peculiar interest which those who take up the work later may not feel.

And we are frequently reminded that the founders are fast passing away. Every year, as we come together at the annual gathering, we are reminded of some one who was with us the year before but who cannot be with us on earth again. Again and again has the summons come. We are thus painfully reminded that if the generation of the founders of the library are to see it permanently established they have no time to lose.

It is on these reasons that the board of directors are to submit to you to-day the question: Shall the board of directors be authorized to take such measures as may seem to be wise in their judgment for the ultimate erection of a new library building?

The reasons for and against this question should be fully presented, and I am sure that

if we can see our way clear to going forward, many will come after us who will find it in their hearts to bless us.

We have had the advice of those in whose judgment we have confidence. They have encouraged us to go forward, assuring us that the public will not be unmindful of the benefit we are bestowing upon the community; and I believe, furthermore, if we are seen to go forward relying upon the public spirit of the community we shall not be disappointed in our support. If by our united and untiring efforts we can succeed, and thus erect a monument to the memory of small beginnings, we shall at the same time plant seed which shall yield a perennial harvest of flowers and fruit.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following is the report of the treasurer, Mrs. C. A. Jaycox, for the year ending April 11.

#### RECEIPTS.

Bequest from estate of E. C. Seaman.....	\$ 500 00
Collections for payment of lot.....	551 50
Entertainments.....	95 78
Annual tax.....	125 00
Memberships.....	49 00
Fines.....	33 93
Sale of Catalogues.....	2 60
Donation.....	1 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1,350 81</b>
Cash on hand, April 10, 1880.....	60 38
Note.....	400 00
Interest on note to May 22, 1880.....	21 46
Gas bill.....	100 00
Interest on bond to May 22, 1880.....	4 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1,945 65</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

May 22, 1880—paid A. Dunn, for lot on Huron street.....	\$ 700 00
June 9, 1880—paid A. Dunn, for lot on Huron street.....	100 00
Nov. 5, 1880—paid A. Dunn, for lot on Huron street.....	100 00
Jan. 17, 1881—paid A. Dunn, for lot on Huron Street.....	150 00
Librarian's salary to April, 1880.....	31 33
Librarian's salary to October, 1880.....	25 00
Librarian's salary to April, 1881.....	28 00
Books.....	86 00
Repairing and binding books.....	23 06
Insurance.....	8 00
Taxes.....	10 63
Express.....	5 60
Postage.....	2 52
Box rent.....	1 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1,279 14</b>
On hand—E. C. Seaman's bequest.....	500 00
—Collections for lot.....	151 50
—Receipts from library.....	15 01
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1,945 65</b>

#### INDEBTEDNESS.

To A. Dunn—for lot.....	\$ 210 00
—Interest.....	20 78
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 230 78</b>

#### THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the ladies of the Library Association:

I have the honor to present the following report for the year closing April 11th, 1881.

As the life of an individual passes, he is prone to notice each period of five years, and the fifth, tenth, fifteenth, twentieth anniversaries of an event are of special interest. It seems therefore, peculiarly fitting that this, the fifteenth year of our existence as an association, should have been marked by at least one transaction of great importance, the purchase of a lot. That we might own a lot, and erect thereon a tasteful and well arranged library building, has long been desired by many members of the association. Such a building, it was thought, would be a constant reminder to the citizens of Ann Arbor of our library and its needs; a constant testimonial to the zeal and earnest labor of those to whom it owed its inception and growth. Greater interest would thus be awakened, greater numbers would connect themselves with us, and in every way our influence would both be in-



creased and more fully recognized. We should also have then a hall of our own, where such entertainments could be given as are not adapted to a private parlor. This hall might occasionally be rented to suitable persons and thus become a source of income. It was with the hope of securing such a building, that money was long ago set aside as a nucleus for a building fund; and when, at the beginning of the year just closed, information was received that the legacy of \$500 bequeathed the association by Mr. Seaman would, without doubt, speedily become available, it was judged that with this bequest to draw from for the purchase of new books, the usual income from membership fees, entertainments, etc., might safely be devoted to the purchase of a very desirable lot, which just at this time was offered the ladies at a low price.

At a meeting of the association held on May 17th, the board was authorized to purchase this lot, lying just west of Dr. Herdman's residence, and to contract for this object such debt as was necessary. A committee was appointed to solicit contributions to be applied to the purchase. On the 22d day of May, at a special board meeting, it was resolved to purchase the lot, three and a half rods in width, for the sum of \$1,260, \$700 being paid down, and the remainder with interest at such time as should be convenient. The necessary papers were immediately signed and thus the association became a land owner.

Through the exertions of the soliciting committee, and the cordial response given to them, the \$1,260 has been already nearly raised, and this is certainly a cause for great rejoicing. In one matter, however, the board has been disappointed. Owing to an unexpected claim against the Seaman estate, the cash assets were exhausted and specific bequests could be paid only in Leavenworth Gas stock at an appraised value of fifty cents on a dollar. A thousand shares of this stock came into the hands of the treasurer a few weeks ago, and just how much ready money can be realized for it is yet quite uncertain. Yet, through the efforts of the ladies, without the use of this money upon which we definitely counted twelve months ago, we have nearly paid for our lot, and have bought during the year a goodly number of books. Our income has been constantly increased by the parlor entertainments, which have been continued through the year, and, as heretofore, have been extremely enjoyable and profitable. The association is under great obligations to the gentlemen who have so generously lectured for their benefit. The series of musical evenings, when the works of the different composers will be studied, are peculiarly attractive. To arrange for them requires a great amount of labor from those who have the matter in charge, and also from the musicians, and those present never fail to wish that a much larger number would avail themselves of this opportunity to hear delightful music and assist the library.

The librarian's report shows that since last April eighty books have been added to the library, four of which number were presented. Twenty-five numbers of periodicals have been bound. The Atlantic, Harper's, Scribner's, Eclectic, Popular Science Monthly, Littell's and two copies of St. Nicholas are taken. There are 2,380 books in the library. During the year 3,454 books and 1,043 magazines have been circulated. Forty-five new members have joined the association.

Would that our report might close here, and that there were need to record only growth and prosperity, but again has death come in our midst. Many hearts were sad in this city at thanksgiving time, when we feel that all should be bright and happy, for on that day was to be brought here the body of one of whom Ann Arbor was justly proud, who, in the full vigor of his manhood, had been cut off, before accomplishing for science the half of what he had hoped. But how greatly was the gloom occasioned by his death deepened, when early on that morning, word was circulated that another well-known in our midst lay dead. Not her's renown in scientific circles, nor in the world at large, but she was mother, wife, friend. Her home, her church, the public work carried on in the city by women, there was her sphere, and there no duty was ever neglected. So quiet, so unassuming, so retiring was she, that one must know her well, to rightly appreciate the force of her character, or to realize in how large a sense she was the support of her husband, and the centre of her home. We scarcely knew of her illness when she had gone, and we were left querying why she should be taken, how she could be spared. From the very beginning Mrs. Douglas was deeply interested in the library, and was chosen a member of its first board. Although she had once or twice sought to retire, so efficient and wise a member was she considered, that she had never been permitted to do so. Here, as elsewhere, she was remarkably faithful in the discharge of every duty. In illustration of this, the regularity of her attendance at the meetings of the board is worthy of remark. By looking over the records, I find that during the last fifteen years up to last December, 156 meetings have been held, and Mrs. Douglas had been absent from only 12 of them, or once in 13 times. To her we ever looked for wise counsel, in full reliance upon her excellent judgment. For her indeed, Thanksgiving morn dawned bright and beautiful in that other world, where there are no more tears.

Mrs. Dr. Wells was chosen by the board to fill the place left vacant and has accepted the appointment.

In the death of Mr. Rogers also we have lost a most honored friend, who was ever ready to assist us by valuable counsel, and who always manifested hearty interest in all our undertaking. How many times have we gathered in his parlors for our entertainments and how cordial has his welcome ever been. We shall not soon forget the evening of December 9th, 1873, when we assembled at his house to listen to a paper from himself. Only a few had heard the secret whispered that this was the fiftieth anniversary of his married life, and thus, though all anticipated something full of interest and sparkling with wit, not many suspected that a sketch of his own life would be read. We are grateful that the closing years of such a life were passed in our city, and that his generous sympathy was given in so large measure to our library association.

As we enter now upon our sixteenth year, it is well for us to consider what decided steps forward we can take. By having some definite aim in view, we shall be far more sure of progress. If after the lapse of five years, we may look upon a building of our own erected and at least in great part paid for, we shall have reason to be satisfied with the work of twenty years.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY W. D'OUGE, Secretary.

## A HISTORY OF THE LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

-- Frances A. Hannum -- 1948

In March, 1866 some thirty representative women of Ann Arbor met in the First Presbyterian Church and organized the Ladies' Library Association. A constitution was presented, accepted and signed. The ladies subscribed \$118.00. A Board of fifteen was appointed with Mrs. A. E. Kellogg as President. This subscription library was started in an upstairs room in the Hangsterfer Block on the southwest corner of Washington and Main Streets at a rental of \$50.00 a year. Early in April, 1866, the Association was incorporated according to law. The usual round of entertainments and strawberry festivals brought in \$453.28 for equipment and books. At the end of the year there were 79 members, 302 books and total receipts of \$780.79.

Its first birthday was celebrated by a gathering in the Congregational Church, at which President Haven delivered an exceedingly interesting anniversary address, full of good cheer and encouragement. Judge Cooley also made some happy remarks. Fifteen new subscribers gave their names. The Argus at this time states that no Association in the State has in several years accomplished what has been done in one.

Not yet one year old in January 1867, the library outgrew its quarters and was and was moved to a larger room at 22 South Main Street over the then First National Bank.

Mrs. Thomas Cooley became President in 1870 and Mrs. Adams in 1871. From the beginning in 1866 until April 1873 Mrs. A. H. Hunt

acted as Secretary. Mrs. Gilmore was Treasurer from 1867 to 1873. Miss Sarah Barry was the first librarian, resigning in 1875 because of ill health.

About 1870, the Ladies' Library Association petitioned the City Council to take over the subscription library and make it a public library. The Council declined.

In 1879, when the Board of Education offered to combine the school district library (then located in the Court House) with the Ladies' Library Association library, the Association declined.

In 1880, the Ladies purchased a 60 x 132 lot at 324 East Huron Street and erected a building in 1885 at a cost of \$4,268. Books were still circulated on a subscription basis only. In [the fireplace] alcove in this building, the 145 volumes of the library of the Daughters of the American Revolution were housed. A real antique was also kept in this building -- "a hand painted tortoise shell [fan], the property of Mrs. Ann Allen." What has become of it? Who knows? [Note by Alice S. Wethey in 1978: Ann Allen was wife of one of the first settlers of Ann Arbor. Her elaborately pierced tortoise shell fan with its quite sumptuous hand painted floral decoration belonged at one time to the Daughters of the American Revolution, having been donated by one of her descendants. In 1908 it was displayed in the same fireplace alcove which housed the books of the DAR. Still later it became the property of the Washtenaw Historical Society, whose present headquarters are in the historic Kempf House on Division Street, and there was displayed in August 1978].

The Ladies' Library Association was the prime mover in securing the present Carnegie library, built in 1905-1906. Through the efforts of the Ladies, a Carnegie grant of \$20,000 was promised for a library building, with the understanding that some governmental unit should maintain it at not less than \$2,000 a year. Several sites were proposed but the final decision had to be made between the Ladies' Library Association property at 324 East Huron Street and the corner of Huron and Thayer Streets, a part of the High School site. The debate waxed strong among the Ladies and the Board of Education and also the townspeople. In December, 1903, the Board of Education voted 5 to 3 for the present site at Huron and Thayer Streets. The Ladies were dissatisfied and the Ann Arbor Daily News for December 9, 1903 carried the following headline: "The Carnegie Library may be killed. The Ladies' Library feels piqued and withdraws the proposition to join with the School Board."

Just what happened or what agreement was reached the writer has not been able to learn definitely. In December 1904, the High School burned. Plans were made for a new school building and the library known as the "Public Library" was erected at the same time from Carnegie grants:

September 1, 1905, Gift from Andrew Carnegie \$15,000.

August 31, 1907, Gift from Andrew Carnegie \$15,000.

A resolution to combine with the Ladies' Library was passed by the Board of Education which was printed in the Ann Arbor News Argus for November 15, 1907, as follows:

"Board of Education adopted resolution tending to unite Ladies' Library with Carnegie Library"

"The following resolution which would seem to be the solution of the library question was offered by President Copeland and unani- mously adopted:

"Whereas, The members of the Ladies' Library Association initi- ated the movement which has resulted in a beautiful and commodious library building, and

"Whereas, By the terms of the gift and in the nature of things, this building should be put to its highest use and made the instru- ment for the dissemination of culture to the greatest possible num- ber of our citizens, and

"Whereas, By the duplication of fixed expenses for maintenance, to say nothing of the unnecessary duplication of books, the total amount which might be expended in increasing the efficiency of the combined collections is considerably lessened each year, be it

"Resolved, That the Board of Education does herewith invite the Ladies' Library Association to join fortunes with the School District Library, with the following as a basis for consolidation:

1. The School District to provide storage, safe keeping and repair of books, efficient library administration, janitor service, heat and light.
2. The School District to provide and maintain a suitable room for the board meetings or other uses of the Ladies' Library Associa- tion.

3. The funds of the Ladies' Library Association to be administered, expended and controlled as now.

4. The books owned or hereafter purchased by the Ladies' Library Association to be marked with the book-plate of that Association, but to be controlled and distributed by the Board of Education in the same manner and under the same rules as are the books owned by the School District.

Resolved further, That the Clerk of the Board of Education transmit an official copy of this action and invitation to the Ladies' Library Association."

In 1916, the Ladies' Library Association transferred its 5,000 books to the Public Library and deeded its property at 324 East Huron Street to the Board of Education with the following provision:

"If at any time in the future, the parties to this proposed agreement deem it wise, and for the educational advantage of the inhabitants of said city, to erect a library building in some suitable place to be agreed upon by said parties, then the funds realized or that may have been realized, from the sale of the property proposed to be deeded, may be applied to that end and used for that purpose."

The site at 324 East Huron Street was purchased in 1947 by the Michigan Bell Telephone Company on which their new offices now stand.

The Ladies' Library Association is still in existence. At the present time (April 1948) Mrs. Philip E. Bursley is President and Mrs. John Garrett Winter is Treasurer. During the years that the Ladies' Library was circulating its books, the Association received three

memorial gifts:

\$1,000 from David Henning in the name of his wife.

\$ 500 from Governor Felch in the name of his wife.

\$3,000 willed by Mrs. Alonzo B. Palmer.

These funds, a total endowment of \$4,500, were invested in bonds the interest from which has been used to buy books for the public Library. Since 1929, this interest has been used for art books of many kinds. Today the Public Library (thanks to the Ladies' Library Association) owns an enviable collection of art books valued at more than \$9,000. The good work of the "Ladies" goes on.

## A HISTORY OF THE "ENDOWMENT" OF THE LADIES' LIBRARY

ASSOCIATION OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

--Alice Sunderland Wethey, Treasurer

December 1976.

Revised June 1983.

In 1966 when the Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan, had its hundredth anniversary, one of its exhibits in the celebration held at the new Public Library on south Fifth Avenue was a handbill advertizing the "Tin Wedding", in 1876, of the Association. It was a most amusing sheet, which informed the public that General and Lady Washington, with many distinguished guests in costumes of "Ye Olden Times" would be present, that tea from Boston Harbor would be sold by Wild Indians, and that in addition to other attractions there was to be a "Roll of Honor, in which all who desire can inscribe their names, which will be handed down to posterity." Admission was ten cents.

I am sure that none of us, who were on the board of the Ladies' Library in 1966 and involved in arranging the celebration, ever noticed that penultimate item. Consequently, imagine our astonishment, when, ten years later in 1976, we were presented with a volume bound in leather, with messages and many signatures of those present at that affair, the volume all tied up with paper and sealed with wax, with a superscription in the hand of Sarah Caswell Angell (Mrs. James Burrill Angell), that it was not to be opened before April 1976. It was the "Roll of



Honor".

In the actual book the "Roll of Honor" was described as the "Role of Immortality", which, in our day of jet air travel, atomic bombs, instant television reports of men walking on the moon, and pictures beamed back to earth from instruments placed on Mars, seems a bit superconfident. But it is a touch from the past, and we feel an obligation to attempt to pass on the touch with a message to those who will come after us in 2076. The signatures of our predecessors were those of the prominent members of Ann Arbor society and business in that day, as well as of members of the faculty of the University of Michigan and included signatures and messages from young women belonging to the junior and senior classes of the university. The junior girls sent this greeting down through the century to the junior girls of 1976: "We hope that the next centennial year [the centennial, of course, of the United States] may find in our University a larger band of girls than we, wiser for all the progress which the world will make in these hundred years to come, but still as enthusiastic and earnest as we are, to whom the admission of women to colleges is a new thing and for whom it required some heroism to enter upon a University course. We have faith that our Alma Mater will ever cherish her daughters as her sons, and that before the year nineteen hundred and seventy-six, the world will know some great or noble work done by a woman at the University of Michigan." Alice Freeman [Palmer], from 1881 to

1887 president of Wellesley College, was among the ladies of the Class of 1876 who signed a poem written by one of their classmates.

Today we have no such membership as is indicated by this roster of names. The Association now consists only of the twenty active members of our Board and a few emeritae. It is the proposal of this member of the Ladies' Library Board, by chance President during our own centennial celebration in 1966 and now the Treasurer, to put down for our successors the history of the "endowment funds" of the Library, which will also explain why the organization, which lacks building, books, and reader-membership, still exists.

On April 10, 1871, the secretary, Sarah Welles Hunt [Mrs. Alfred H. Hunt] had this to say to the Ladies: "I would earnestly recommend for your consideration the propriety of opening a subscription for a permanent endowment fund, to which any person may contribute from time to time whether in large or small sums (let not the smallest be refused) the money to be placed at interest and accumulate till it reaches the sum of at least \$1000 and then only the annual interest to be expended. To this might be added, if thought advisable, all annual donations which are pledged by friends of the Library and thus may be laid the foundations of a fund which shall be an unfailing resource in time to come." However, such a subscription was never set up, although the treasurers' books record lists of donors to special funds, first for the lot and later for the building.

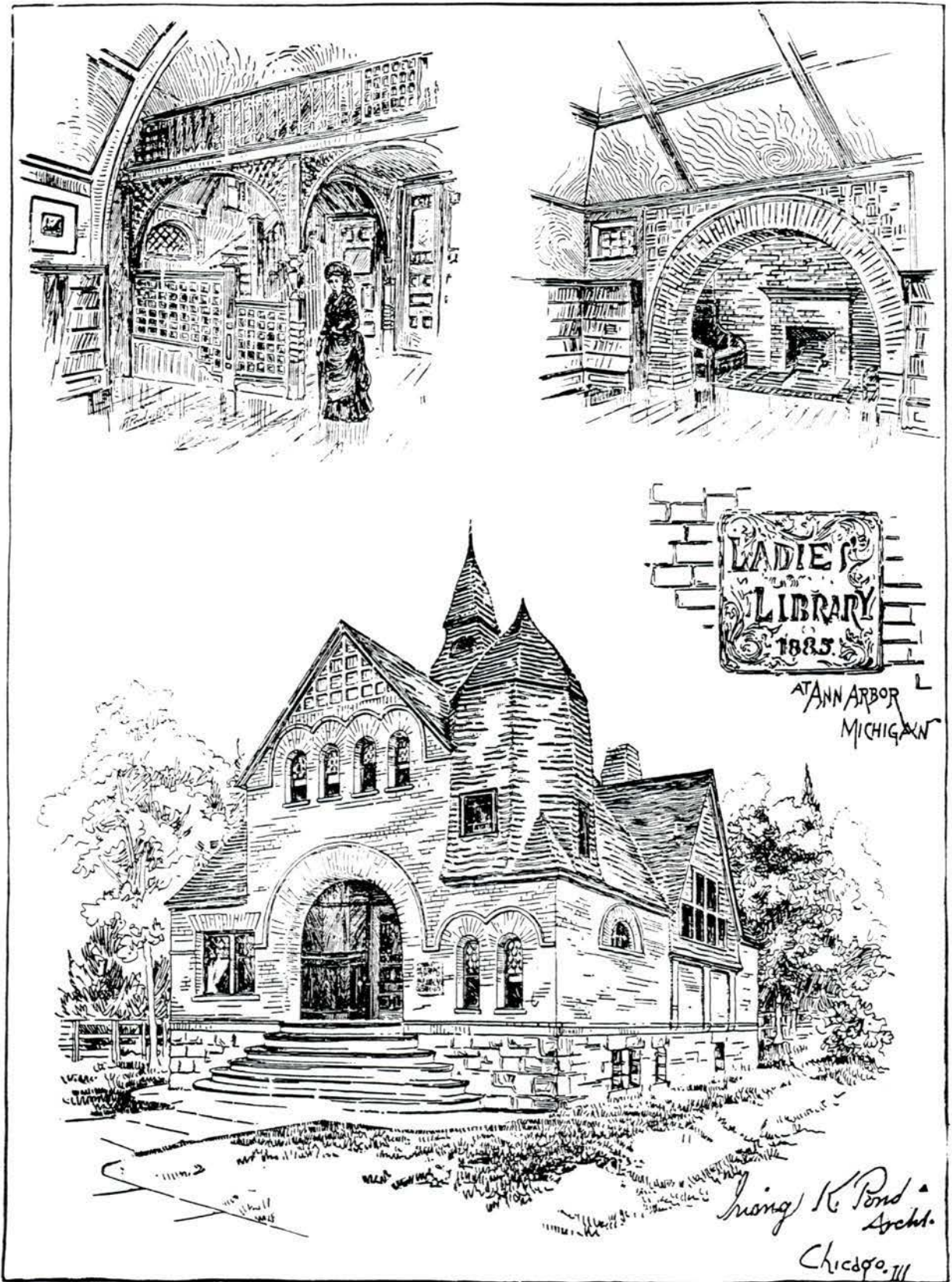
Mrs. Martin Luther D'Ooge's [Mary Worcester] account of the Ann Arbor Ladies' Library Association, published in Adrian, Michigan, at the time of the 1876 centennial celebration of the founding of an independent America, makes the next mention of an "endowment". In 1872, when the Ladies' Library had been in existence only six years, a surplus remained in the Forest Fire Fund for relief of Michigan sufferers from the fires of that year. One half, to the amount of \$505, was given to the Library. Of that, in Mrs. D'Ooge's words, "\$350 were added to the \$50 placed at interest the year before, and the whole was reinvested at 10 percent interest, as the nucleus of an endowment fund."

In 1881 the treasurer's report, printed in full in the issue of April 13 of the Ann Arbor Register, listed a bequest from the estate of E. C. Seaman of \$500, which some later commentators have stated became part of the "endowment". Its actual history is different. Mrs. D'Ooge, in her secretary's report, printed in the same issue of the Register, described the action of the Ladies as the result of this legacy for the purchase of books. "It was judged that ... the usual income from membership fees, entertainments, etc., might safely be devoted to the purchase of a very desirable lot [at 324 East Huron Street] ... lying just west of Dr. [William J.] Herdman's residence, ... for the sum of \$1,200, \$700 being paid down ..." The Seaman bequest was in bonds of the Leavenworth Gas Co. and actually amounted to only \$400 when the bonds were sold on July 6 to D[avid] Henning. But

in 1882, according to the secretary's minutes, Mr. Henning contributed \$100 to the Ladies' Library, because in the interim the price of the bonds had risen. On April 14, 1884, the minutes record that the Seaman bequest was exhausted.

Here I must digress a bit from financial history to correct a sad mistake. In 1885 the library building was actually erected, its architect being, most suitably, the son of a founding member of the organization, Mrs. Elihu B. Pond, whose husband as editor of the Ann Arbor Argus had from the inception of the idea of a public library been a most sympathetic chronicler of the doings of the Ann Arbor Ladies' Library Association. Irving K. Pond's charming architectural drawings are presented in photographic copy with this report, because we have to explain with penitence and humility that in our Centennial booklet published in 1966 we ascribed the design of the long-vanished library building -- it was demolished in 1946 to make way for the Michigan Bell Telephone building -- to a contemporary Detroit architect named Gordon V. Lloyd.

There is some excuse for this muddle because our old records are difficult to interpret. There had been several years of negotiations over plans. The minutes of April 11, 1881 state that "Mrs. [Thomas] Cooley [Mary Elizabeth Horton] presented a plan of a library building which she had obtained from Mr. [Gordon W.] Lloyd the [Detroit] architect which could be erected for \$5000." That same month the lot on Huron Street was purchased for \$1260.



LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION BUILDING, ANN ARBOR, MICH.

IRVING K. POND, Architect, Chicago.

However, the year dragged on with no specific estimates from builders until December when several had been received "some too high for consideration, the one for \$7,000 was the most acceptable." But no progress was made on how to raise the money, and the last mention of the Lloyd project seems to have been in January 1885 when \$70 was paid for "plan of building."

In the meantime a different project had been developing. On April 7, 1884, the President "Mrs. [Charles K.] Adams [Abigail Disbrow Mudge] showed the Ladies a plan of an inexpensive Library building. She had also the specifications for it and a carpenter's estimate of the cost which was a little less than \$2000." No action was taken at that time. A year later on May 4, 1885, "the President [still Mrs. Adams] presented a rough plan and estimate for a building [by the same architect as the one of the year before?]. After some examination of the plan a motion was made that the Library Association erect a building on its lot ... [and] was carried. It was understood that the building is to conform as nearly as possible to the plan and estimates presented with some modifications by way of decoration." The minutes of June 1, 1885, mention that the plan was presented by Mr. Pond and that the estimate was \$2450. The name of the editor of the Argus, Mr. Elihu Pond, had frequently figured in the minutes of the Library Board, and later readers failed to realize that this Mr. Pond was not the editor but his son, Irving K, Pond, a Chicago architect . It was decided to add a dressing room in the basement

which would bring the estimate to \$2650. This time the Ladies took action by voting to place a mortgage of \$2600 on the property. On July 5 the mortgage was taken by Robert Lilly at 7% interest. Three months later on October 6, "\$25 [was] advanced to Mrs. Adams for plan, to be covered by her note." The very next week on October 14, 1885, a public reception was held in the completed building!

This investigator has failed to find any further mention in our records of the architect of the building, and not until his published drawings were discovered in 1968 in the Inland Architect and Builder of 1885 did we learn that our architect was Irving K. Pond of Chicago.

To return to our financial history, after the Annual Meeting of 1892 a reception and musical were given in the library to celebrate the final payment on the debt. The library building with its lot had cost \$4568, and in the meantime a collection of several thousand volumes had been accumulated. It was in 1889 that the Association was given the first of the funds that have been described since as the "endowment funds" -- a gift of \$1000 by David Henning in memory of his wife Julia Henning. Former Governor Alpheus Felch, who died in 1896, is credited with the presentation of \$300 as a memorial to his wife, but the only description occurs in the minutes for April 12, 1897: "Estate of Gov. Felch \$300.00". The largest gift, usually described in round numbers as \$3000, was bequeathed to the Ladies' Library by Mrs. Alonzo B. Palmer [Love

Maria Root] and first appears in the account books in 1901, under date of May 14 and 16. It consisted of local mortgages valued at \$1800, Ann Arbor Water Co. bonds to a total of \$1000, and the remainder in cash.

For a time these funds, which in all came to \$4,300, were kept separate. In 1901-1902 we learn that they were all invested locally, in several mortgages at 5% and in bonds of the Ann Arbor Water Co. and the Michigan Milling Co., and in each case the fund involved was identified as Henning, Felch, or Palmer [though in a later hand]. By 1907-1908 the investments had been shifted to a wider circle of businesses: bonds of the Lansing Gas Co., the Portage County Drainage Co., the Monroe Gas Co., the Tri-City Railway and Light Co., and the Coldwater Gas Co. Again the individual funds involved were cited.

And here there must be another digression from a simple financial history: an account of the Carnegie Library. At the April 1902 meeting, the president, Anna Botsford Bach [Mrs. Philip Bach] made the proposal that the Association should consider union with the city library and a request for financial aid from Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Meetings with the Library Committee of the School Board confirmed the general favor with which the plan was received. The Ladies' Library Board thereupon asked Professor Harry B. Hutchins, Dean of the University Law School, to draw up and send to Mr. Carnegie a request for \$20,000. The letter bore the signatures of President James B. Angell of the University of Michigan, of



Dean Hutchins, of the Mayor of Ann Arbor, of the President of the Board of Education, and of the President of the Ladies' Library Association. A second letter signed by Mrs. Hutchins and the members of the Ladies' Library Board was sent to Mrs. Carnegie. By January of 1903 an offer had come from Mr. Carnegie to give \$20,000 for a new library building on condition that \$2,000 annually be provided through some municipal agency for its support. It seemed feasible to unite with the Board of Education in accepting the offer, but negotiations stalled when the School Board insisted that the building be placed on the High School square. The Ladies withdrew. Then the old High School building burned down in January 1904, and the new "Public Library" was erected as a wing of the new school building. It was paid for from Carnegie grants of 1905 and 1907 totalling \$30,000.

As one who passed through the Ann Arbor School system during the first World War and afterwards down to 1927, I can add a footnote to this outcome. The Ladies were right in thinking that the general public would consider any library on the High School square as only a school library. In my youth that institution was widely referred to as the "High School Library", and not until the collection was moved into the new building on South Fifth Avenue in 1957 did the term "Public Library" come into universal use.

The part of the Ladies' Library in obtaining a Carnegie building was not overlooked by the Board of Education, which passed a resolution in November 1907 acknowledging that "the members of the

Ladies' Library Association initiated the movement which has resulted in a beautiful and commodious library building" and inviting the Ladies' Library to join fortunes. In 1916, the fiftieth anniversary of the Association, the offer was accepted.

Inevitably the fortunes of the Ladies' Library, which depended on subscriptions and annual dues, declined with the competition of a free public library. From 1909 to 1916 the account books are particularly difficult to decipher, though the declining membership is frequently mentioned in the minutes. At the end the income failed to cover expenses and the building and books were deeded to the Ann Arbor Board of Education. However, the Association's "endowment" or "trust fund", as it was occasionally termed, was reserved to use for continuing expenditures under the Ladies' own control for books for the Public Library.

In 1919 it can be learned from the account books that some of the investments of 1907-1908 were still in the portfolio. The discovery of a packet of old brokers' receipts brought the precise information that the bonds of Lansing Gas, Coldwater Fuel, and Monroe Gas came due in 1924-26 and were paid off. The \$1000 mortgage bond of the Tri-City Railway and Light (surely an electric interurban line), due in 1923, seems to have had its due date moved ahead, then certainly defaulted about 1925, a victim of the shift in transportation from trolley lines to private cars. With such slow-moving investments it is not really strange that on November 22, 1922 the Ann Arbor Times News reported that the "endow-

ment funds" still consisted of \$4,300.

Through the 1920's and early 1930's the investment pattern remained very much the same. The Ladies still bought bonds, at that period mostly of businesses in Detroit. I have found notations of such diverse investments as a \$500 bond of Stroh Products, which was called and paid off in full, of \$1000 in bonds of the Stormfeltz-Loveley commercial building at the corner of Woodward and Grand Boulevard, foreclosed in 1937 and finally paid off in 1947-48 with \$955. A \$1000 bond of Trumbull Cliffs Furnace was called in at its full price. A \$1000 bond on the Eaton Tower building in Detroit, purchased in 1928 was liquidated in 1936 in the aftermath of the Great Crash of the Stock Market in 1929 for \$239.60. However, that seems to have been the last important loss that the Ladies took for nearly fifty years. In the 1940's they began shifting to preferred stocks and then to common stocks, thus at last moving into the main stream of American finance.

In the Ann Arbor Daily News of May 15, 1930, it was announced that the Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor would henceforth devote its funds to the purchase of books "relating chiefly to the fine arts, rather than with general non-fiction or fiction titles." It further said that "every book donated by the association contains an engraved bookplate showing from which fund the money was used to buy the book: namely, the "Love Maria Palmer" or the "Alpheus Felch fund". This curious report is a garbled version of an idea brought up in a meeting of the Ladies' Library Board

of September 26, 1916: "It was suggested that books be credited to the different funds as follows: Felch, Practical ... Henning, Fiction, ... Palmer, Art ..." In actuality the separate funds had long since been merged if not almost forgotten by 1930. The new turn in the Association's history was marked in 1931 by the adoption of a new constitution, drafted by Mary Campbell Hays [Mrs. James Griffith Hays], which stated that "The purpose of this association shall be to build up a Fine Arts Library."

From 1937, when Mrs. John Winter, the Treasurer, reported that she had been unable to buy some shares of stock in the name of the Association because we were not incorporated, until 1951, after Mrs. Winter had resigned from her office, our investments were held in her name. In that year we learned that without real property we could function perfectly easily as an unincorporated charitable body and re-registered our holdings in the name of the Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor.

During the years of World War II there was an unexpected accumulation of funds for sheer lack of books to buy because of wartime shortages. However, our records will continue to be a source of dissatisfaction to later investigators. A bound volume exists that lists the purchases and sales of the assets of the Ladies' Library only from 1952. It was laid out badly in the first place and by 1974 had become practically illegible with repeated insertions of material in too small places. I discontinued it and now maintain a typed record of all our current holdings.

The yearly reports now show very clearly when wny one investment entered or left our portfolio and for how much. It was not until January 1958 that for the first time the Treasurer presented a full listing of our holdings and their original cost, which then amounted to nearly \$10,000. In October of the same year another report showed the current value to be a little more than \$13.,000. Four years later in March 1962 our assets had increased to more than \$16,000. The next such statement is dated in July 1965, when our intangibles had skyrocketed to move than \$27,000. But that was due to an unexpected development.

The happy and bizarre chapter in our financial history that accounts for this fantastic rise in our assets occurred in the early 1960's. The agreement of 1916 with the Board of Education had contained the provision that in the event that the Ladies' Library building was sold and that the funds realized were not immediately invested in a new Public Library building, the interest from such funds was to revert to the Ladies' Library board. Twelve years had passed between the sale of the Ladies' Library building to the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. for \$12,500, and the erection in 1957 of the new Public Library on South Fifth Avenue. Our agreement had been lost among the papers of a former secretary, Mrs. Ida Finney, papers which were eventually deposited in the Michigan Historical Collections along with the papers of her husband, Byron Finney. Mrs. Mary Campbell Hays, long the president of our organization. located the agreement and retrieved it,

and then tackled the Board of Education to fulfill their part of the bargain. In 1962 we had the first of three yearly \$1000 grants from the School Board, actually paid to the Public Library but the purchases supervised by us. For those years therefore we could conserve our own funds and the rising stock market did the rest.

In those years we made an important discovery. The Ann Arbor Public Library could buy books at discounts far below those that we could achieve. Consequently in their hands our money bought a great many more books than we could buy on our own. Ever since we have left the purchase of our books to the staff of the library, subject only to supervision and additions by the Book Committee of the Ladies' Library Association. The arrangement has immensely simplified our financial records. At the present time we merely issue a check twice a year to the Ann Arbor Public Library Revolving Fund.

In 1974 we moved another step toward modernization by changing our fiscal year of April 1 - March 31 to the calendar year January 1 - December 31, to conform with modern business practice. Year by year now, beyond the statement of receipts and expenses, a chart is presented, as part of the permanent record, of the current amount and value of our various equities. By 1979 we felt that our funds were invested in virtually fail-proof securities. That year came the disaster to the nuclear power plant at Three Mile Island owned by General Public Utilities, in which we

had invested about \$2,400.00. It precipitated the sale of all of our utility stocks whose companies depended in any way on nuclear plants. We had a loss of more than \$7,000.00. However, in the 1920's and 1930's the Ladies' losses amounted to nearly a third of their capital. In 1979 it amounted to one seventh.

Our conservative portfolio in 1983 consists entirely of highly rated common stocks, all but one listed on the New York Stock Exchange: Eastman Kodak, Household Finance, Beatrice Foods, Central and South West Utilities, Standard Oil of Indiana, Mobil Oil, Safeway Stores, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing, Du Pont, Comerica (a Detroit Bank, our only "over-the-counter" holding), and the Paine-Webber Cash Fund. Safety and good return have been our watchwords and we can take pride in the line of investments which our successive treasurers and their committies have chosen.

Our records show that from 1929 to May 1983 we have contributed \$32,958.66 worth of books on the fine arts to the Ann Arbor Public Library. In addition, at the end of the Year 1982 the total value of our assets was a little more than \$62,200.00. We certainly have not done badly.

The endless inflation of the twentieth century compels us to keep adding to our capital. Consequently out of a projected income in 1983 of something more than \$5,000.00 we plan to spend \$4,300.00 on books. The Ladies of 1876 would surely be astonished at the amounts of money that we control and disburse more than a century later. We hope, that were we able to come back in 2076, we would

find that the proceeds of the Ladies' Library funds are bettering the pace, year by year, of our present contributions to the Public Library.

As a postscript this Treasurer would like to comment on a special oddity of the present financial affairs of our Association: the dues of ten cents a year paid by each member of the Board who attends the Annual Meeting in the spring. A long commonly-held view has been that the amount is a quaint legacy from the nineteenth century. A recent theory, that this commentator cannot account for, is that they were payable to the hostess of the day. Our minute books and treasurers' reports show that the facts are quite different. In 1916, after the Ladies had made final arrangements to give their building and books to the Ann Arbor Board of Education, the minutes for July 5 record that "It was voted to reduce annual dues after this year from \$1.00 to ten cents." Since then each annual treasurer's report has listed a small, variable sum labelled "members" or "dues". Once only, in 1959, the item is missing: through oversight the dues were not collected at that one meeting. It was the occasion of the adoption of a new constitution and it is quite comical that in the minutes for the Annual Meeting, held on May 14th of that year, we can read that "the Board voted that the new Constitution be adopted. A few articles were discussed, such as Article V of the By-Laws, which states that members' annual dues will remain one dime. The Board gladly endorsed it for tradition's sake."



## II.

## THE SEVERAL CONSTITUTIONS

1866 - 1983

CONSTITUTION OF THE LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN  
1866

ARTICLE I

This Association shall be known by the name of the Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor.

ARTICLE II

The object of this Association shall be to establish and maintain a Library, to afford and encourage useful and entertaining reading, and other means of moral and intellectual improvement in the city of Ann Arbor.

ARTICLE III

The officers of this Association shall consist of fifteen ladies, from whom shall be elected annually a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Collector and Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV

The members of the Board shall be elected annually to serve three years. But of the Board elected at the time of organizing, five shall serve one year, five two years, and five three years, the length of term to be decided by lot.

ARTICLE V

It shall be the duty of the President and in her absence the Vice-President, to preside at all meetings of the Association and and of the Board of Directors. She shall call special meetings

of the Board of Directors, upon the written application of three of its members, and of the Association upon the written application of seven of its members or of either, when in her judgment the interests of the Association demand it.

#### ARTICLE VI

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to make and keep a record of the proceedings of the Association, and of the Board of Directors to be read at the following meeting. She shall cause a notice of the Annual and special meetings of the Association to be published in one or more of the city papers, or posting at the Library Room, in a conspicuous place, or by such other method as shall be determined by the Board of Directors. She shall maintain such correspondence as may advance the interests of the Association, and keep a memorandum of all letters received by her subject to call from the Board of Directors, and shall present a report at each annual meeting.

#### ARTICLE VII

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies belonging to the Association or donated for its benefit, subject to the order of the Board of Directors signed by the President and Secretary. She shall keep an account of her receipts and disbursements, and hold herself in readiness to make a statement of the condition of the Treasury upon call of the President. She shall make a full report to the Association at the Annual Meeting, and to the Board of Directors quarterly. She shall give security to

the Association in a sum not to exceed one thousand, or less than three hundred dollars.

#### ARTICLE VIII

All the business and property of the Association shall be confided to the Board of Directors with authority to devise and execute such measures as are calculated to promote the interests of the Association.

The meetings of the Board shall be held monthly, at such time and such places they shall choose, nine of the members constituting a quorum for the transaction of business. Any member of the Board absenting herself from its regular meetings for more than two successive months without giving satisfactory reasons therefore, shall forfeit her membership in the same, and her place may be declared vacant. All vacancies shall be filled by special meetings of the Association.

The Board of Directors shall have no power to contract debts or to sell the property of the Association, except by consent of the same expressed by a vote of two thirds of its members present at any regularly appointed meeting of the Association.

#### ARTICLE IX

The board shall choose from its members a Committee of three, whose duty it shall be to examine all books presented to the Library, also to purchase new books as the funds of the Association shall warrant, their selections subject to approval by the Board.

## ARTICLE X

It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint a suitable person for Librarian who shall be accountable to them for the proper discharge of her duties.

She shall keep a book in which the name of each member of the Association shall be registered. She shall number and register the books in their proper order, each with the class to which it belongs; she shall not allow any person to draw from the Library more than one book at a time except when there is more than one volume of the same work, each volume containing less than three hundred pages; she shall keep a strict account with each member and not allow any person to draw a book while any are charged against them. It shall be her duty to be present at the Library one day in each week at such hours as the Board of Directors shall determine and to submit her accounts to the Committee on books any month. An assistant shall be provided at her request. Persons retaining books more than two weeks shall pay one Dime for any additional week, and any books lost or injured shall be paid for according to assessment by the Board.

## ARTICLE XI

Any lady subscribing her name to this constitution and paying an admission fee of three dollars may be elected a member of this Association, subject to an annual tax of one dollar to be paid in advance.

## ARTICLE XII

Any gentleman by paying the sum of three dollars shall be

entitled to the privilege of drawing books from the Library for one year.

#### ARTICLE XIII

Any Gentleman by contributing the sum of Fifty Dollars to the funds of this Association shall be made an honorary member for life, and be constituted an advisory member of the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE XIV

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association, by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

#### ARTICLE XV

The Annual Meetings of this Association shall be held on the second Monday in April.

#### ARTICLE XVI

The members of this Association may assemble socially for mutual improvement at their pleasure.

#### ARTICLE XVII

This Association may enact such ByLaws as circumstances may require provided they do not conflict with this Constitution.

#### ARTICLE XVIII

A portion of Scripture shall be read at each meeting in the order and by whom the President shall direct.

Adopted April 9th, 1866.

We the undersigned subscribe our names to this Constitution.

Mrs. A. E. Kellogg

Mrs. A. H. Hunt

Mrs. Merritt

Mrs. Cooley

Mrs. S. Denton

Mrs. John Maynard

Mrs. Henriques

Mrs. H. W. Welles

Mrs. Wm. Sinclair

Mrs. E. Wells

Mrs. J. F. Miller

Mrs. S. H. Douglass

Mrs. J. F. Jennings

Mrs. S. N. Henion

Mrs. L. B. Gilmore

Miss Kate Hale

Miss Laura Fuller

Mrs. Norman Chapin

Mrs. Sibyl Lawrence

Mrs. C. H. Richmond

Mrs. J. S. Swathel

Miss Ella Ellis

Mrs. Andrew De Forest

Mrs. S. E. Sager

Mrs. Martin Clark

Mrs. C. H. Millen

Mrs. C. B. Porter

Mrs. Lizza Sutherland

Mrs. Abby Maynard

Mrs. D. H. Fenley

Mrs. G. D. Hile

Mrs. S. Beakes

Mrs. D. Henning

By Laws (1866-1880)

ARTICLE I

The Officers of this Association shall make a full and complete report of all, or any of their proceedings, upon the written application to the President of any seven members of the Association.

ARTICLE II

The Secretary shall keep complete and separate records of

the proceedings of the Association and of the Board of Directors, and shall at all meetings of the Board, call the roll, and note the absence of any member, and immediately upon the opening of each meeting, whether of the Association or of the Board of Directors, read from the books kept by her the proceedings of the next preceding meeting of the body assembled.

#### ARTICLE III

All moneys due from members or other persons entitled to draw books, on account of membership, annual tax, or fines imposed, shall be paid, whenever the indebtedness accrues to the Treasurer, and any person neglecting or refusing to pay amount so due, or any part thereof, for one month after being notified of such indebtedness by the Treasurer, shall forfeit all privileges of the Library, until such indebtedness shall be paid, and the time for paying the Annual tax shall be at the Annual Meeting, which shall be held on the second Monday in April of each year.

#### ARTICLE IV

All elections of Officers of this Association shall be by Ballot of the members of this Association. The candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected.

#### ARTICLE V

All committees appointed by the Association or Board of Directors shall report as soon as practicable, and unless otherwise prescribed at the time of their appointment shall cease to exist as committees, whenever their reports are made to the body appointing them.



## ARTICLE VI (April 13, 1868)

These By Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board.

## ARTICLE VII

No book shall be reserved by the Librarian for any individual member if such book has already been called for, but shall be delivered to the first applicant.

## ARTICLE VIII (April 17, 1871)

Strangers and citizens who are not members may draw books on depositing two dollars, or the value of one book, with the Librarian, and paying one dollar quarterly; the two dollars to be returned whenever said person or persons shall cease to draw.

## ARTICLE IX (April 7, 1873)

New works of Fiction must be returned at the end of two weeks and may not be renewed. Magazines may not be retained longer than one week.

## ARTICLE X (Oct. 1st, 1878)

Books shall be drawn by the use of the cards provided for that purpose.

## ARTICLE XI (October 1878)

Each book shall be kept with its own division and with its own number, the number to be kept legible on the backs of the books.

## ARTICLE XII (October 1878)

The books shall be examined by Divisions, one or two Divisions

a month, until the whole library is examined and then the condition reported annually to the Board.

ARTICLE XIII (April 1880)

Special meetings of the members of the Association may at any time be called by the president and secretary for the transaction of business in which the consent or cooperation of the members shall be necessary or desirable and shall be called by such officers whenever a written request to that effect shall be presented to them signed by any 3 directors or 10 members. -- Notice of any meeting shall be given by publication in at least one of the Ann Arbor papers three days or more before the time fixed therefor, and by posting in the library room for at least one day while it is regularly open for the drawing of books, or by addressing a card or circular to the several members through the mail.

(Transcribed from photostats of the original minutes by Alice S. Wethey, May 1966. Recopied April 1984).

LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN  
ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION  
1887

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as the "LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ANN ARBOR."

ARTICLE 2. The object of this Association shall be to establish and maintain a Library, and to afford other means of moral, intellectual, and social improvement.

ARTICLE 3. The corporate powers shall be vested in a Board of fifteen directors, five of whom shall be elected at each annual meeting, and shall hold their office for three years and until their successors are elected: Provided, That the said Board of Directors shall not contract debts, nor sell any property of the Association, except in pursuance of a vote of the same at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE 4. The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer who shall also be Collector, and shall be elected from the Directors at each annual meeting. All vacancies, either of officers or directors, occurring during the year, shall be filled by the Board.

ARTICLE 5. The President, and in her absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Directors. She shall call special meetings of the Association by order of the Board of Directors, or upon the written application of three

members; or of either, when in her judgment the interests of the Association demand it.

ARTICLE 6. The Secretary shall perform the usual duties pertaining to that office, and shall present a report at each annual meeting, and whenever called for by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 7. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys for this Association, and disburse the same on the order of the Board of Directors, signed by the Secretary. She shall keep an account of the receipts and disbursements, and make a report thereof to the Association annually; to the Board of Directors quarterly, and more often if required; and shall give such security for the faithful discharge of her duties as the Directors shall require.

ARTICLE 8. The Board of Directors shall meet monthly, and nine members shall constitute a quorum. If any member of the Board shall absent herself from its regular meetings for more than two successive months, without giving satisfactory reason therefore, her place may be declared vacant.

ARTICLE 9. The Board of Directors shall designate three of their number as a Book Committee, with power to select and purchase books, subject to the approval of the Board. They shall also appoint a Librarian, and Assistant Librarian if deemed necessary, and define their duties.

ARTICLE 10. Any lady may become a member of the Association by subscribing to this Constitution and paying an admission fee of three

dollars. Each member shall also be subject to a yearly tax of one dollar, the same to be paid in advance, at or before each annual meeting.

ARTICLE 11. Any gentleman contributing fifty dollars to the funds of this Association shall be made an honorary life member, and be constituted an advisory member of the Board of Directors. Any gentleman paying the same fee and tax as is required of lady members shall be entitled to the privilege of the Library.

ARTICLE 12. A portion of Scripture shall be read at each meeting, in the order and by whom the President shall direct.

ARTICLE 13. The annual meeting of this Association shall be held on the second Monday in April, and the Secretary shall give such notice thereof, and also of special meetings, as the by-laws shall prescribe.

ARTICLE 14. The Board of Directors may make such by-laws as they shall deem necessary, not inconsistent with this Constitution, and amend the same at pleasure.

ARTICLE 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

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At the annual meeting held in April, 1878, Article 10 was amended so as to read:

Any lady subscribing her name to this constitution and paying an admission fee of one dollar, may be elected a member of this

association, subject to an annual tax of one dollar to be paid in advance.

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At the annual meeting held April, 1887, Article 3 was amended so as to read:

The corporate powers shall be vested in a Board of eighteen directors, six of whom shall be elected at each annual meeting, it being understood that the three additional members be young ladies.

(Transcribed from the Catalogue of the Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan, Sixth edition, 1887, pp. 5-7, by Alice S. Wethey, May 1966; recopied April 1984).

## CONSTITUTION OF 1903 (?)

A small typed memorandum, clipped to a letter of February 9, 1937 from the Michigan Corporation and Securities Commission in Lansing, Michigan, states that the Ladies' library Association was incorporated in 1866 under the act for libraries and lyceums. Expired in 1902. Re-incorporated under a new constitution which was adopted March 3, 1903. All legal requirements fulfilled. Book 5, page 69 ff. Both constitution and articles of incorporation have disappeared.

The letter to which the memorandum was clipped is addressed to Mrs. Theophile Raphael, and states that "we can find no record of the Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor on file here."

CONSTITUTION OF THE LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN  
1931

ARTICLE I.

The name of the association shall be: The Ladies' Library Association.

ARTICLE II. Purpose.

The purpose of this association shall be to build up a Fine Arts Library.

ARTICLE III. Membership.

Section 1. The membership of this Association shall be limited to a board of 20 members, from whom shall be chosen a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairman of the Book Committee, the annual dues to be ten cents.

Section 2. The names of new members for the board may be proposed at the annual meeting by any member.

ARTICLE IV. Meetings.

There shall be an annual meeting in April at which shall be given all reports for the year, and election of new members and officers held.

Special meetings shall be called at the President's discretion.

ARTICLE V. Quorum.

A quorum shall consist of 6 members.



ARTICLE VI. Length of Office.

The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairman of the Book Committee shall be elected by ballot for a term of one year each.

ARTICLE VII. Duties of Officers.

The President shall preside at all meetings, and shall call meetings when necessary. She shall confer with the Chairman of the Finance and Book Committees about members of those committees.

The Vice-President shall fulfill the duties of the President in her absence.

The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings.

The Treasurer shall receive, conserve, and disburse all funds and act as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

The Chairman of the Book Committee shall choose, after consulting with the President, the three members of her committee, with whom she shall meet, spring and fall, for the purpose of selecting the books to be purchased.

[Composed by Mary Campbell Hays]

Adopted April 27, 1931.

(Transcribed by Alice S. Wethey, May 1966 and April 1984).

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN  
1959

ARTICLE I, Name.

The name of this association shall be THE LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II, Purpose.

The purpose shall be to build up a Fine Arts Collection of books and magazines to be deposited in the Ann Arbor Public Library.

ARTICLE III, Membership.

Membership shall be of two kinds: active and emeritus.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I, Meetings.

The annual meeting shall be held the last Friday in April at which time annual reports shall be submitted in writing by all elected officers with such other reports as the President may deem desirable.

The President shall call a second meeting sometime in October. Special meetings may be called by the President or by two members of the executive committee whenever necessary.

ARTICLE II, Quorum.

A quorum shall consist of eight members.

ARTICLE III, Amendments

These by-laws may be amended at the annual meeting, provided

notice of the proposed changes had been given at the October meeting.

ARTICLE IV, Officers.

The officers shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman of the Book Committee and shall hold office for a term of one year. The nominating committee shall prepare a ballot of officers and proposals for new members at the annual meeting.

ARTICLES V, Dues.

The dues shall be ten cents a year, payable at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI, Membership.

Active members shall be limited to twenty members resident in Ann Arbor, nominated in April, voted on in October. Emeritus membership shall be confined to women who have served ten years or more on the Board. A member may become emeritus by her own choice or by vote of the Board. They shall be notified of all meetings and may attend them but shall have no vote. They shall be entitled to all reports or publications of the Board. They shall pay no dues.

ARTICLE VII, Duties.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board. She shall appoint a nominating committee of three members to serve throughout the year. In consultation with the Treasurer she shall appoint two members to the Finance Committee and with consultation with the Chairman of the Book Committee she shall appoint two members

to that Committee. She may appoint such other committees or representatives of the Board to civic affairs as she deems desirable. She shall serve on all committees ex officio except the nominating committee.

The Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President in her absence.

The Secretary shall notify the members of all meetings, keep the minutes of all meetings and maintain the membership roll.

The Treasurer shall receive, conserve and disburse all funds of the Association. She shall act as chairman of the finance committee and at the end of the fiscal year obtain an audit of her books.

The Chairman of the Book Committee shall with her Committee select the books to be purchased during the year according to the status of the Treasury. She shall keep an up-to-date file of the books so purchased and deposit the books in the Ann Arbor Public Library.

The Executive Committee shall consist of all elected officers and shall convene on the call of the President to transact any necessary business in the interim between meetings.

The Finance Committee shall advise with the Treasurer on the assets of the Association. No stocks or bonds may be bought or sold without the consent of the Finance Committee.

#### ARTICLE VIII, Depositories.

The depositories of the Association shall be a bank for the

monies, a safety deposit box for securities and legal and rare documents, and the Michigan Historical Collections for such records as the Association may wish to preserve there. An historian appointed by the President for a term of three years shall act as curator of such records and write a history of the Association at fitting times.

[composed by Helen Bates Van Tyne]

Amended in 1961 as follows:

ARTICLE I. The Annual Meeting shall be held during the second half of April.

ARTICLE VI. Active members shall be limited to twenty members resident in Ann Arbor, nominations to be made at any meeting and voted on at the next.

Amended in 1969 as follows:

ARTICLE I. There shall be two meetings each year, one in the spring and one in the fall.

[Transcribed by Alice Sunderland Wethey, April 1984]

LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN  
ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION  
April 9, 1983

1. Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor is this Association's name.

2. This Association's sole purpose shall be to build up a Fine Arts Collection of books and magazines for and in the Ann Arbor Public Library.

3. This organization is formed exclusively for this charitable and educational purpose. The Association's dues and earnings shall not inure to the benefit of any member, officer, or private person. The dues and net earnings shall be used solely to make purchases for the Ann Arbor Public Library and to pay administrative expenses incurred in the furtherance of the Association's tax exempt purpose. Thus, this Association is limited to spending money for education, charitable and literary purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

4. This Association shall not carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation. The Association also shall not in any way participate in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

5. The Association's mailing address shall be: Ann Arbor Public Library, 343 South Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48104.

6. The Association's Executive Committee shall consist of the Association's elected officers. As further delineated in the Association's Bylaws, the Association's elected officers shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman of the Book Committee. The President shall convene the Executive Committee whenever necessary to conduct business.

7. If the Association ever decides to dissolve, after paying or providing for the payment of all its liabilities, the Association must distribute all its assets to the Ann Arbor Public Library. If the Association cannot make such a distribution, it must distribute the money to one or more organizations which qualify as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

## BYLAWS

### ARTICLE I - MEETINGS

The annual meeting shall be held the last Friday in April, at which time annual reports shall be submitted in writing by all elected officers with such other reports as the President may deem desirable.

The President shall call a second meeting sometime in October. Special meetings may be called by the President or by two members of the Executive Committee whenever necessary.

## ARTICLE II - QUORUM

A quorum shall consist of eight members.

## ARTICLE III - AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended at the annual meeting, provided notice of the proposed changes had been given at the October meeting.

## ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

The officers shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman of the Book Committee and shall hold office for a term of one year. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a ballot of officers and proposals for new members for the annual meeting.

## ARTICLE V - DUES

The dues shall be ten cents a year, payable at the annual meeting.

## ARTICLE VI - MEMBERSHIP

Active members shall be limited to twenty members resident in Ann Arbor, nominated in April, voted on in October. Emeritus membership shall be confined to women who have served ten years or more on the Board. A member may become emeritus by her own choice or by vote of the Board. They shall be notified of all meetings and may attend them but shall have no vote. They shall be entitled to all reports or publications of the Board. They shall pay no dues.



## ARTICLE VII - DUTIES

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board. She shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three members to serve throughout the year. In consultation with the Treasurer she shall appoint two members to the Finance Committee and with consultation with the Chairman of the Book Committee she shall appoint two members to that Committee. She may appoint such other committees or representatives of the Board to civic affairs as she deems desirable. She shall serve on all committees ex officio except the Nominating Committee.

The Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President in her absence.

The Secretary shall notify the members of all meetings, keep the minutes of all meetings and maintain the membership roll.

The Treasurer shall receive, conserve and disburse all funds of the Association. She shall act as Chairman of the Finance Committee and at the end of the fiscal year, obtain an audit of her books.

The Chairman of the Book Committee shall with her Committee select the books to be purchased during the year, according to the status of the Treasury. She shall keep an up-to-date file of the books so purchased and deposit the books in the Ann Arbor Public Library.

The Executive Committee shall consist of all elected officers and shall convene on the call of the President to transact any

necessary business in the interim between meetings.

The Finance Committee shall advise with the Treasurer on the assets of the Association. No stocks or bonds may be bought or sold without the consent of the Finance Committee.

#### ARTICLE VIII - DEPOSITORIES

The depositories of the Association shall be a bank for the monies, a safety box for securities and legal and rare documents, and the Michigan Historical Collections for such records as the Association may wish to preserve there. A historian appointed by the President for a term of three years shall act as curator of such records and write a history of the Association's activities at fitting times.

#### ATTACHMENT

Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor  
343 South Fifth Avenue  
Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48104

April 29, 1983

Marci Westerman states that the attached Articles of Association and Bylaws are complete and accurate copies of the original documents for the Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, that she is the President of this Association, and that she has the authority to sign for the organization

(signed) Marci Westerman, President.

[Composed by Mr. Essel W. Bailey, Jr., Attorney-at-Law]

## III.

THE PRESIDENTS, SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS

OF THE LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

1866 -- 1986

CHART OF THE OFFICE-HOLDERS

1930 -- 1986

PRESIDENTS OF THE LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

1.	Mrs. A. E. Kellog	.	.	.	.	.	1866-1870	4
2.	Mrs. Thomas M. Cooley	.	.	.	.	.	1870-1871	1
3.	Mrs. Charles K. Adams	.	.	.	.	.	1871-1873	2
4.	Mrs. Alfred H. Hunt	.	.	.	.	.	1873-1875	2
5.	Mrs. James B. Angell	.	.	.	.	.	1875-1878	3
6.	Mrs. Charles K. Adams	.	.	.	.	.	1878-1886	8
7.	Mrs. J. M. Wheeler	.	.	.	.	.	1886-1891	5
8.	Miss Kate N. Hale	.	.	.	.	.	1891-1894	3
9.	Mrs. Alonzo B. Palmer	.	.	.	.	.	1894-1895	1
10.	Mrs. Wooster W. Beeman	.	.	.	.	.	1895-1897	2
11.	Mrs. Harry B. Hutchins	.	.	.	.	.	1897-1902	5
12.	Mrs. Philip Bach	.	.	.	.	.	1902-1906	4
13.	Mrs. Victor C. Vaughan	.	.	.	.	.	1906-1908	2
14.	Mrs. Warren P. Lombard	.	.	.	.	.	1908-1909	1
15.	Mrs. Albert Prescott	.	.	.	.	.	1909	1
16.	Mrs. Warren P. Lombard	.	.	.	.	.	1909-1910	2
17.	Mrs. Junius E. Beal	.	.	.	.	.	1910-1913	3
18.	Mrs. William H. Hobbs	.	.	.	.	.	1913	1
19.	Mrs. Warren P. Lombard	.	.	.	.	.	1913-1923	10
20.	Mrs. J. F. Lawrence	.	.	.	.	.	1923-1928	5
21.	Mrs. G. Carl Huber	.	.	.	.	.	1928-1932	4
22.	Mrs. Philip E. Bursley	.	.	.	.	.	1932-1936	4
23.	Mrs. G. Carl Huber	.	.	.	.	.	1936-1944	8
24.	Mrs. Philip E. Bursley	.	.	.	.	.	1944-1948	4
25.	Mrs. Edward L. Adams	.	.	.	.	.	1948-1951	3
26.	Mrs. J. Griffith Hays	.	.	.	.	.	1951-1958	7
27.	Mrs. Cameron Haight	.	.	.	.	.	1958-1960	2
28.	Mrs. William B. Frayer	.	.	.	.	.	1960-1963	3
29.	Mrs. James M. Plumer	.	.	.	.	.	1963-1965	2

PRESIDENTS OF THE LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

30.	Mrs. Harold E. Wethey	.	.	.	.	.	1965-1967	2
31.	Mrs. John Alexander	.	.	.	.	.	1967-1969	2
32.	Mrs. Arno Bader	.	.	.	.	.	1969-1971	2
33.	Miss Helen Hall	.	.	.	.	.	1971-1973	2
14.	Mrs. Joseph R. Hayden	.	.	.	.	.	1973	1
15.	Mrs. Millard Pryor	.	.	.	.	.	1973-1975	2
16.	Mrs. Hayward Keniston	.	.	.	.	.	1975-1977	2
37.	Mrs. George Cameron	.	.	.	.	.	1977-1979	2
38.	Mrs. R. Perry Innes	.	.	.	.	.	1979-1981	2
39.	Mrs. Robert M. Oneal	.	.	.	.	.	1981-1983	2
40.	Mrs. Scott Westerman	.	.	.	.	.	1983-1986	3
41.	Mrs. Kirby Hall	.	.	.	.	.	1986-1988	2
42.	Mrs. David Huntington	.	.	.	.	.	1988-	

(compiled by Alice S. Wethey)

SECRETARIES OF THE LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

(Not checked at the Bentley Library for period 1886-1904)

1.	Mrs. Alfred H. Hunt	. . . . .	1866-1873	7
2.	Mrs. Martin Luther D'Ooge	. . . . .	1876-1886	13
3.	Mrs. Wooster Beman	. . . . .	1886- ?	
4.	Mrs. Anna B. Gelston	. . . . .	? -1904	
5.	Mrs. Byron Finney	. . . . .	1904-1927	23
	1908 - pro-tem Mrs. W. H. Wait			
	1909 - pro-tem Mrs. W. H. Wait			
	1910 - pro-tem Mrs. G. Carl Huber			
6.	Mrs. Hugo P. Thieme	. . . . .	1927-1931	3
7.	Mrs. Campbell Bonner	. . . . .	1931-1935	4
	Interregnum			
	1935-1936 - pro-tem Mrs. J. Griffith Hays			
	1936-1937 - pro-tem Mrs. Hugo P. Thieme			
	1937-1938 - pro-tem Mrs. J. Griffith Hays			
8.	Mrs. Theophile Raphael	. . . . .	1938-1945	7
	1940 - pro-tem Mrs. J. Griffith Hays			
	1941, 1942, 1943 minutes are missing			
9.	Mrs. Horace Dodge	. . . . .	1945-1954	9
10.	Mrs. Harold Wethey	. . . . .	1954-1958	4
	1956 - pro-tem Mrs. Horace Dodge			
11.	Mrs. Charles Vibbert	. . . . .	1958-1961	3
12.	Mrs. James Plumer	. . . . .	1961-1963	2
	1961-1962 - pro-tem Mrs. Charles Vibbert			
13.	Mrs. Philip Youtz	. . . . .	1963-1964	1
14.	Mrs. Arno Bader	. . . . .	1964-1965	1
15.	Mrs. John McKevitt	. . . . .	1965-1967	2
16.	Mrs. George Cameron	. . . . .	1967-1971	4
	1969 - spring - pro-tem Mrs. Harold Wethey			
17.	Mrs. David Huntington	. . . . .	1971-1975	4
18.	Mrs. Robert Oneal	. . . . .	1975-1978	3
19.	Mrs. Scott Westerman	. . . . .	1978-1980	2
20.	Mrs. James Gramentine	. . . . .	1980-1982	2
21.	Mrs. Cameron Haight	. . . . .	1982-1984	2
22.	Mrs. Amnon Rosenthal	. . . . .	1984-1988	4
23.	Miss Frances McSparran	. . . . .	1988-	

TREASURERS OF THE LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

1. Miss Kale Hale, 1866-1867	1
2. Mrs. Lewis B. Gilmore, 1867-1873	6
3. Mrs. Moses Coit Tyler, 1873-1881	8
4. Mrs. Celia A. Jaycox, 1881-1895	14
5. Miss Alice Douglas, 1895-1929	24
6. Mrs. Philip Bursley, 1929-1931	2
7. Mrs. John Winter, 1931-1950	19
8. Mrs. Joseph R. Hayden, 1950-1958	8
9. Mrs. Josselyn Van Tyne, 1958-1963	5
10. Mrs. R. Perry Innes, 1963-1965	2
11. Mrs. Cameron Haight, 1965-1967	2
12. Mrs. John McKevitt, 1967-1969	2
13. Mrs. Howard H. Peckham, 1969-1973	4
14. Mrs. Harold E. Wethey, 1973-1986	13
15. Mrs. Jonathan Bulkley 1986-1988	2
16. Mrs. Robert Oneal 1988-	

## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ANN ARBOR

## OFFICE HOLDERS

	1930-31	1931-32	1932-33	1933-34	1934-35
PRESIDENT	Huber	Huber	Bursley	Bursley	Bursley
VICE-PRES	Lawrence	Thieme	Thieme	Thieme	Thieme
SECRETARY	Thieme	Bonner	Bonner	Bonner	Bonner
TREASURER	Bursley	Winter	Winter	Winter	Winter
CHAIRMAN BOOK COM.	Parker	Hays	Hays	Hays	Hays

	1935-36	1936-37	1937-38	1938-39	1939-40
PRESIDENT	Bursley	Huber	Huber	Huber	Huber
VICE-PRES	Thieme	Thieme	Thieme	Thieme	Thieme
SECRETARY	Hays pro-tem	Hays pro-tem	Thieme pro-tem	Raphael	Raphael
TREASURER	Winter	Winter	Winter	Winter	Winter
CHAIRMAN BOOK COM.	Hays	Hays	Hays	Hays	Hays

	1940-41	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45
PRESIDENT	Huber	Huber	Huber	Huber	Bursley
VICE-PRES	Thieme	Thieme	Thieme	Thieme	Thieme
SECRETARY	Hays pro-tem	minutes missing	minutes missing	minutes missing	Raphael pro-tem
TREASURER	Winter	Winter	Winter	Winter	Winter
CHAIRMAN BOOK COM.	Hays	Hays	Hays	Hays	Hays



## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ANN ARBOR

## OFFICE HOLDERS

	1945-46	1946-47	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50
PRESIDENT	Bursley	Bursley	Bursley	Adams	Adams
VICE-PRES	Thieme	Thieme	Pattengill	Pattengill	Pattengill
SECRETARY	Dodge	Dodge	Dodge	Dodge	Dodge
TREASURER	Winter	Winter	Winter	Winter	Winter
CHAIRMAN BOOK COM.	Hays	Hays	Bursley	Bursley	Bursley
	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55
PRESIDENT	Adams	Hays	Hays	Hays	Hays
VICE-PRES	Pattengill	Pattengill	Fraye	Fraye	Fraye
SECRETARY	Dodge	Dodge	Dodge	Dodge	Wethey
TREASURER	Hayden	Hayden	Hayden	Hayden	Hayden
CHAIRMAN BOOK COM.	Bursley	Bursley	Haight	Haight	Haight
	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60
PRESIDENT	Hays	Hays	Hays	Haight	Haight
VICE-PRES	Fraye	Fraye	Fraye	Fraye	Dodge
SECRETARY	Wethey	Dodge pro-tem	Wethey	Vibbert	Vibbert
TREASURER	Hayden	Hayden	Hayden	Van Tyne	Van Tyne
CHAIRMAN BOOK COM.	Haight	Haight	Haight	H. Hall	H. Hall
REPRESN. LIB.COUN.	President ex-officio or her appointee from 1959-60; made a separate elective office from 1978.				Haight

## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ANN ARBOR

## OFFICE HOLDERS

	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65
PRESIDENT	Fraye	Fraye	Fraye	Fraye	Fraye
VICE-PRES	Dodge	Dodge	Dodge	Alexander	Alexander
SECRETARY	Vibbert	Plumer	Vibbert pro-tem	Youtz	Bader
TREASURER	Van Tyne	Van Tyne	Van Tyne	Innes	Innes
CHAIRMAN BOOK COM.	Wethey	Wethey	Wethey	Collins	Collins
REPRESEN. LIB.COUN.	Alexander	Alexander	Fraye	Plumer	Plumer
	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70
PRESIDENT	Wethey	Wethey	Alexander	Alexander	Bader
VICE-PRES	Alexander	Alexander	Keniston	Keniston	Keniston
SECRETARY	McKevitt	McKevitt	Cameron	Cameron	Cameron
TREASURER	Haight	Haight	McKevitt	McKevitt	Peckham
CHAIRMAN BOOK COM.	Collins	Collins	Bader	Bader	Collins
REPRESEN. LIB.COUN.	Plumer	Plumer	Keniston	Keniston	Innes
	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74	1974-75
PRESIDENT	Bader	H. Hall	H. Hall	Hayden	Pryor
VICE-PRES	Keniston	Cameron	Cameron	Mellencamp	Mellencamp
SECRETARY	Cameron	Huntington	Huntington	Huntington	Huntington
TREASURER	Peckham	Peckham	Peckham	Wethey	Wethey
CHAIRMAN BOOK COM.	Mellencamp	Mellencamp	Mellencamp	Wunsch	Wunsch
REPRESEN. LIB.COUN.	Innes	H. Hall	H. Hall	H. Hall	Westerman

## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ANN ARBOR

## OFFICE HOLDERS

	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80
PRESIDENT	Pryor	Keniston	Keniston	Cameron	Innes
VICE-PRES	Mellencamp	Collins	Collins	Collins	O Neal
SECRETARY	O Neal	O Neal	O Neal	Westerman	Westerman
TREASURER	Wethey	Wethey	Wethey	Wethey	Wethey
CHAIRMAN BOOK COM.	Innes	Innes	Innes	Innes	O'Brien
REPRESEN. LIB.COUN.	Westerman	Westerman	Westerman	K. Hall	K. Hall
	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85
PRESIDENT	Innes	O Neal	O Neal	Westerman	Westerman
VICE-PRES	O Neal	Westerman	Westerman	K. Hall	K. Hall
SECRETARY	Gramantine	Gramantine	Haight	Haight	Rosenthal
TREASURER	Wethey	Wethey	Wethey	Wethey	Wethey
CHAIRMAN BOOK COM.	O'Brien	Collins	Collins	Collins	Bulkley
REPRESEN. LIB.COUN.	K. Hall	K. Hall	K. Hall	Innes	Innes
	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
PRESIDENT	Westerman	K. Hall	K. Hall		
VICE-PRES	K. Hall	Huntington	Huntington		
SECRETARY	Rosenthal	Rosenthal	Rosenthal		
TREASURER	Wethey	Bulkley	Bulkley		
CHAIRMAN BOOK COM.	Bulkley	Westerman	Innes		
REPRESEN. LIB.COUN.	Innes	Innes			

## IV.

## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

RECORDS, 1930 -- 1953

The secretary's minutes are reproduced here along with scattered book lists. The financial data of these years are to be found in the separate volume of Treasury Records.

## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

COPIES OF THE MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION FROM APRIL 29, 1930  
WHEN IT WAS DECIDED THAT HENCEFORTH ONLY BOOKS ON THE FINE  
ARTS WOULD BE PURCHASED

April 29, 1930

The Board of Directors of the Ladies Library Association met Tuesday morning April 29, 1930 with Mrs. Philip Bursley. Five members were present, Mrs. Bursley, Huber, Thieme, Miss Parker and Miss Wead.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was given and accepted. A balance of \$650.00 in April 1930 was reported, \$595.00 being available for books none having been purchased since Oct. 1929.

The chairman of the Book Com. reported \$285.70 spent for books in the past year. The Com. having decided to buy only high class books, and fewer, since the locked book case in the library had been installed. In the discussion which followed the Board agreed to the step taken by the Com. to expend money available only on art books, arts and crafts, fine biographies and such types. Miss Wead proposed and Mrs. Bursley seconded that the Book Com. meetings be held three times a year approximately the last weeks of May, Oct. and Jan. This was carried. Miss Wead presented a request from Miss Hannum, the Carnegie Librarian that the Board purchase a set Encyclopedia Britannica. Mrs. Bursley moved and Mrs. Thieme seconded that we keep entirely to the class of books voted. This was

carried. The following officers were then elected. Mrs. Huber, Pres., Mrs. Lawrence, Vice Pres., Mrs. Thieme, sec., Mrs. Bursley, Tres., Miss Parker chairman of the book com. It was moved and seconded to invite Mrs. J. G. Hays and Mrs. Campbell Bonner to become members of the Board, Mrs. Hays to become a member of the Book Com. The sec. was instructed to write to these new members. After considerable discussion on the lack of knowledge of the Constitution of the present Ass. and the impossibility of getting any trace of said Constitution Miss Wead moved and Mrs. Bursley seconded, that the Pres. and Sec. be instructed to draft a Constitution and present it at the next meeting, this was carried. The Pres. then adjourned the meeting.

Mrs. Thieme, Sec.

April 27, 1931

The Ladies Library Board met for the Annual meeting with Mrs. Huber Monday morning April 27, 1931. Few members were present. Mrs. Huber, Zimmerman, Hays, Thieme, Miss Parker, Miss Douglas.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was given and accepted: \$362.29 spent for books. Savings account \$208.60 with \$183.42 in the open account. A bond of \$500.00 was reported as defaulted but so far interest has been paid.

Mrs. Hays then presented the draft for the new Constitution. It was presented clause by clause. After much discussion and some and some amendments a new constitution was accepted. The two most

important points were (1) the aim being to build up a library on the fine arts, (2) to limit the members on the board to 20. It is the hope of the new Board that with this more definite line to follow it will be possible to carry on the splendid work of the old Ladies' Library Assoc. The following officers were elected: Pres. Mrs. Huber, Vice-Pres. Mrs. Thieme, Sec. Mrs. Bonner, Treas. Mrs. Winter, Chairman book committee, Mrs. Hays.

The President then adjourned the meeting.

Evelyn Thieme, Sec.

CONSTITUTION OF THE LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, 1931

Article I.

The name of the association shall be: The Ladies' Library Association.

Article II, Purpose.

The purpose of this association shall be to build up a Fine Arts Library.

Article III. Membership.

Section 1. The membership of this Association shall be limited to a board of 20 members, from whom shall be chosen a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairman of the Book Committee, the annual dues to be ten cents.

Section 2. The names of new members for the board may be proposed at the annual meeting by any member.

#### Article IV. Meetings

There shall be an annual meeting in April at which shall be given all reports for the year, and election of new members and officers held.

Special meetings shall be called at the President's discretion.

#### Article V. Quorum.

A quorum shall consist of 6 members.

#### Article VI. Length of Office.

The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairman of the Book Committee shall be elected by ballot for a term of one year each.

#### Article VII. Duties of Officers.

The President shall preside at all meetings, and shall call meetings when necessary. She shall confer with the Chairman of the Finance and Book Committees about members of those committees.

The Vice-President shall fulfill the duties of the President in her absence.

The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings.

The Treasurer shall receive, conserve, and disburse all funds and act as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

The Chairman of the Book Committee shall choose, after consulting with the President, the three members of her committee, with whom she shall meet, spring and fall, for the purpose of selecting the books to be purchased.



April 21, 1932

The Annual meeting of the Ladies Library Board was held at the home of Mrs. Winter with the president Mrs. Huber in the chair. Members present: Mrs. Huber, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Bursley, Mrs. Hays, Mrs. Thieme, Mrs. Winter, Miss Parker, Mrs. Bonner.

Minutes were read and accepted. Treasurer's report read and approved. Disbursements \$192.41. Receipts \$342.94. Savings account \$596.54. Open acc't \$46.01. \$500.00 Bank Trust bond paid no interest this year.

Mrs. Hays moved, Mrs. Bursley seconded the motion that a \$500.00 bond be bought, details of purchase to be left with Finance Committee - carried.

The President called for nominations for officers, the following officials were elected:

President, Mrs. P. E. Bursley, Vice-President, Mrs. Thieme, Treasurer, Mrs. Winter, Secretary, Mrs. Bonner, Chairman of Book Com., Mrs. Hays.

The meeting adjourned.

Ethel H. Bonner, Sec't'y.

April 21, 1933

The annual meeting of the Ladies Library Board was held April 21 at the home of Mrs. Hays. Present: Mrs. Hays, Lawrence, Winter, Bonner.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report showing balance of \$228.74 was heard and accepted.

It was moved and seconded that the present officers continue in office - carried.

There was a discussion over the desirability of new members; the following names were suggested: Mrs. Wheat, Mrs. Raphael, Mrs. Coller, Mrs. Franville (?).

The meeting was adjourned.

Ethel H. Bonner, Sect'y.

1934

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Library Board was held at the home of the president Mrs. P. E. Bursley. Present - Mesdames Bursley, Hays, Lawrence, Winter, ~~Thime~~, Bonner, and Miss Wead.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer's report read and approved. Balance May first \$639.12.

In view of the carrying charges made by the bank the treasurer closed the commercial account transferring balance to Savings account.

The report of Mrs. Hays Chairman of book committee was heard and approved.

Miss Wead offered to put a group of her students to work on Peasant Art, ascertaining what is available, where it can be procured and at what price.

The subject of new members was discussed.

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Miss Wead seconding the motion, that Miss

Georgia Goodrich be asked to become a member of the Board. Carried.

Mrs. Thieme moved that Mrs. Hays ask Mrs. Coller and Mrs. Raphael to become members of the Board. Mrs. Lawrence supported the motion. Carried.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. P. E. Bursley, President, Mrs. Hugo Thieme, Vice-President, Mrs. John G. Winter, Treasurer, Mrs. Campbell Bonner, Sect'y, Mrs. J. G. Hays, Chairman Book Committee.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Ethel H. Bonner, Sect'y.

#### April 1935

A meeting of the Ladies Library Association was held April \_\_\_ 1935 at Mrs. Thieme's. Present, Mrs. Hugo Thieme, Mrs. John Lawrence, Mrs. Carl Huber, Mrs. Junius Beal, Mrs. John W. Winter, Mrs. J. Griffith Hays, Mrs. Frederick A. Coller, Mrs. Theophile Raphael.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer's report read and accepted. After buying a Canadian Pacific Bond -- balance left of \$71.86.

Two new members -- Coller and Raphael -- welcomed into the fold.

Mrs. Beal moved that the entire slate of the past year be re-nominated. Seconded by Mrs. Lawrence. Carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Hays that Mrs. Lawrence collect all material possible about the early days of the Ladies Library, and write an account to be turned over to the secretary - Seconded - Carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Beal that Mrs. Hays put a report of

the annual meeting. with a list of new books, into the paper --  
 Seconded - Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mary C. Hays for Ethel Bonner.

May 1936

The annual meeting of the Ladies Library Association was held  
 May \_\_\_ 1936 at the home of Mrs. Philip Bursley.

Present were Mesdames Lawrence, Coller, Huber, Hays, Winter,  
 Raphael, the Misses Goodrich and Douglas.

The secretary's report was read and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Balance May 1st  
 was \$450.41

It was moved and passed that the cash in hand be invested in  
 Dow Chemical preferred 5% at 105.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. Huber, President,  
 Mrs. Thieme, Vice-President, Mrs. Raphael, Secretary, Mrs. Winter, re-  
 elected as Treasurer.

It was moved and passed that Mrs. Hays be chairman of the book  
 committee.

The resignation of Mrs. Campbell Bonner was accepted with regret.  
 Meeting adjourned.

Mary Campbell Hays, acting secretary.

April 9, 1937

The annual meeting of the Ladies Library Board was held with Mrs. Bursley, April 9, 1937. Present were Mrs. Huber, Bursley, Thieme, and Miss Douglas. The secretary not being present, Mrs. Huber read her minutes of the last meeting which were accepted. The Treasurer not being present Mrs. Bursley read the report which was accepted. A balance of \$560.81 was in the bank. \$111.68 had been spent for books.

Mrs. Winter reported that she had been unable to buy the stock which she had been instructed to buy at the last meeting, as we are not incorporated.

Mrs. Bursley also read the report of the Chairman of the Book Committee -- 18 had been purchased and four ordered. The report was accepted.

Mrs. Huber asked Mrs. Thieme to act as Secretary.

A discussion followed as to means of becoming incorporated. It was decided to instruct the secretary, Mrs. Raphael to write to the Secretary of State for papers for that purpose.

Miss Douglas moved and it was passed that the same officers act for another year. Mrs. Huber, President, Mrs. Thieme, Vice-President, Mrs. Raphael, Secretary, Mrs. Winter, Treasurer, Mrs. Hays, Chairman of the Book Committee.

It was decided to ask Mrs. Hays to confer with Miss Hannum (Librarian) and arrange for an exhibit of our books during the Centennial [of the University of Michigan].

The meeting was adjourned.

Evelyn Thieme, Secretary pro-tem.

May 9, 1938

The Annual Meeting of the Ladies Library Board was held at the home of the President, Mrs. Huber, on May 9th, 1938. The members present were Mesdames Huber, Hays, Bursley, Winter, Thieme, Raphael, and Miss Douglas.

The Secretary's report was read and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. The Treasurer, Mrs. Winter, reported the purchase of 16 shares of Dow Chemical, preferred at 103.

Mrs. Hays was authorized to purchase a new book plate so that all books will be marked.

Mrs. Bursley reported that after investigation it was decided that it would be unwise for the Ladies Library Association to incorporate. It would involve too many complications in selling the stock later on. Therefore stock has been purchased in the name of the Treasurer, Mrs. Winter.

Mrs. Hays reported on the books purchased during the past year. She brought several from the Library to be examined during the meeting.

After the officers were unanimously reappointed for another year the meeting adjourned.

Mary M. Raphael, Secretary.

May 2, 1939

The annual meeting of the Ladies Library Board was held at the

home of the President, Mrs. Huber, on May 2nd, 1939. The members present were Mesdames Huber, Thieme, Hays, Bursley, Winter, Raphael, and the Misses Wead, Douglas and Goodrich.

The secretary's report was read and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Receipts from April 15, 1938 to April 15, 1939 were \$266.33 and with the balance of \$4.40 as of April 15, '38 added, amounted to a total of \$270.63. Expenditures for the year totalled \$8.30, leaving a balance of \$262.33.

Mrs. Hays, chairman of the Book Committee, gave her report which was accepted.

A discussion followed on the question of ordering new book plates. It was decided to use all of the old book plates first. Miss Wead was instructed to order small labels reading "Ladies Library Association" to be used in addition to the book plates.

After the officers were unanimously re-appointed for another year the meeting adjourned.

Mary M. Raphael, secretary.

April 16, 1940

The Annual Meeting of the Ladies Library Association was held April 16, 1940 at the home of Mrs. Carl Huber. The members present were Mesdames Beal, Douglas, Goodrich, Hays, Huber, Wead, Winter.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted. Receipts were \$246.65, expenditures \$126.48. Balance on hand April 14, 1940, \$382.50.

After discussion of Miss Hannum's request, Mrs. Beal moved that the L. L. As. buy a new book case. This motion was seconded and carried.

It was, however, the consensus of opinion that the proper and safe housing of the valuable books really lies within the province of the Public Library and not with the L. L. A. and in the future they hope this need will be met. The L. L. prefers that henceforth all its monies go to the purchase of books.

This sentiment is to be sent by the Secretary to Otto Haisley [then Superintendent of Schools], Miss Hannum, and any one else Miss Hannum would suggest.

The Constitution was read by Mrs. Huber.

It was moved, seconded and passed that all officers be reappointed.

Mrs. Hays suggested that a year's subscription to the Modern Art Museum [of New York] be made. This was agreed by all.

Mrs. Hays brought up the subject of having frames and a collection of modern collotype prints to be hung in the Library. It was left to the discretion of Mrs. Hays to talk with Miss Hannum as to the possibility of this -- then order after consultation with the treasurer.

Miss Douglas produced a most interesting document, found in one of her old desks. It was a reprint of an article written in 1876 by Mrs. Martin D'Ooge recording the activities of the L. L. A. for the first ten years of its existence. The L. L. A. was organized the



19th of March 1866.

It was proposed that three photostatic copies of this report be made.

It was moved and seconded that the following women be asked to be members of the L. L. A.: Mrs. Stanley Dodge, Mrs. Joseph Hayden, Mrs. Edward L. Adams. The motion was carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Mary C. Hays, Secretary, pro-tem.

The minutes of the years 1941, 1942, 1943 are all missing. Mrs. Theophile Raphael seems to have been secretary during those years.

April 30, 1944

The annual meeting of the Ladies Library Association was held on April 30, 1944 at the home of Mrs. Hays with Mrs. Philip Bursley presiding. Present were Mrs. Thieme, Mrs. Winter, Miss Goodrich, Mrs. Hays, Miss Pattengill, and Mrs. Adams.

The treasurer's report was accepted and placed on file. A discussion followed on the present investments.

Mrs. Hays reported that Miss Hannum at the Library has asked for help in dealing with the problem of the care of the art books. Some of the teachers in the Art Department have injured the books in taking tracings for class use. Miss Hannum felt that she needed backing in bringing the matter again to the teachers. We all agreed that if possible Miss Hannum be given authority and that she quote the L. L. A. as wishing to hold the teachers responsible for

tracing damage in using the books.

It was suggested that we subscribe to "The Arts" published by the Federation of Arts in Washington, \$5.00 per year. We voted to do this and Mrs. Hays was asked to subscribe.

Mrs. Hays reported writing to Mr. C. T. Lu in acknowledgement of the fine photographs of Chinese bronzes, stone sculpture and ancient bronzes given to the L. L. A.

Mrs. Hays gave her report on the purchase of books during the year.

The board unanimously elected were: Mrs. Bursley, Pres., Mrs. Thieme, Vice-Pres., Mrs. Dodge, Sec., and Mrs. Winter, Treas. Mrs. Hays - chairman of book committee.

The meeting adjourned.

Mary M. Raphael, acting secretary.

April 26, 1945

The Annual Meeting of the Ladies Library Board was held April 26, 1945 at the home of the President, Mrs. Bursley. Present were: Mrs. Thieme, Mrs. Winter, Miss Pattengill, Mrs. Hays, Mrs. Raphael and Mrs. Dodge.

The Secretary's report of the last meeting was read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted, and followed by a discussion of our financial affairs. We have a balance of about \$700.00 and the prospects of an annual income of about \$300.00. As there are very few art books available at the present time [war shortage], it was moved and passed that Mrs. Winter be asked to buy a

\$500.00 U. S. Bond, "G" type, in the Spring Bond Drive.

Mrs. Hays then gave the report for the Book Committee. A few books and periodicals have been ordered, but of course the supply is very limited.

It was then moved and seconded that the Secretary be asked to cast a unanimous ballot for the present officers to continue for another year. President, Mrs. Bursley; Vice-President, Mrs. Thieme, Treasurer, Mrs. Winter, Chairman of the Book Com., Mrs. Hays, Secretary, Mrs. Dodge.

The meeting then adjourned.

Caroline Wilgus Dodge, Sec'y.

June 11, 1946

The Annual Meeting of the Ladies Library Board was held June 11, 1946, at the home of the President, Mrs. Bursley. These were present: Mrs. Winter, Miss Pattengill, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Hays, Mrs. Hayden, and Mrs. Dodge.

The Secretary's report of the last meeting was read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. We have a balance on hand of about \$542.00.

Mrs. Hays then gave the report of the Book Committee. She says that a fair number of second hand art books are now available, and that about fifty titles were bought during the year. She had quite a number of the books there at the meeting and the members of the Board enjoyed looking them over. Mrs. Hays reported that our

collection of books on Architecture is used a great deal by the University students and that some of the works on Ceramics have been in great demand by night classes making pottery. It was suggested that our books might be more readily available to the public if we had printed or mimeographed lists of the titles in certain fields, as for instance, "Oriental Art," "Metal Work", etc. These lists would be posted on the Bulletin Board in the Library. Many people who might be interested know nothing of our collection. Miss Pattengill offered to find out what such lists would cost, and attend to it if practicable.

This year being the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Ladies Library Ass'n, it was felt that a little publicity might be in order. Mrs. Hays was asked to write a short article for the paper about our early history and present activities.

It was moved and seconded that the Secretary be asked to cast a unanimous ballot for the present officers to continue for another year: President, Mrs. Bursley, Vice-President, Mrs. Thieme, Treasurer, Mrs. Winter, Chairman of the Book Com., Mrs. Hays, Secretary, Mrs. Dodge.

The meeting then adjourned.

Caroline Wilgus Dodge, Sec'y.

May 27, 1947

The Annual Meeting of the Board of the Ladies Library Association was held May 27th at the home of the President, Mrs. Bursley.

There were present, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Winter, Miss Pattengill, Mrs. Raphael, Mrs. Hayden, and Mrs. Dodge.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Then Mrs. Winter gave the Treasurer's report. Some of the Investments have been changed, and we have a balance on hand of \$866.37. The report was accepted and placed on file with the Sec'y.

Mrs. Hays then reported for the Book Committee that this year she had been able to get about 70 titles on all phases of art. She had many of them there for us to see.

Mrs. Raphael then presented the slate of new officers, as follows: President, Mrs. Edward Adams, Vice-President, Miss Pattengill, Treasurer, Mrs. Winter, Secretary, Mrs. Dodge, Chairman of the Book Com., Mrs. Bursley. The Sec'y was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate.

Mrs. Hayden then moved that a new leather note book be purchased for the Book Committee. Seconded by Mrs. Hays and passed.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Wilgus Dodge, Sec'y.

June 1, 1948

The 1948 Annual Meeting of the Ladies Library Association was held at 3:30 on June 1st at the home of the President, Mrs. Edward Adams. There were present: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Bursley, Mrs. Winter, Miss Pattengill, Mrs. Hays, Mrs. Hayden, Mrs. Raphael and Mrs. Dodge.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Mrs. Winter gave the Treasurer's Report, saying that we have a balance on hand of \$547.46. The report was accepted and a copy filed with the Sec'y.

Mrs. Bursley, as Chairman of the Book Committee read the titles of the various books purchased during the year - there were about 40 of them. She also passed out copies of some lists Miss Pattengill had made of the books we have in different fields of art. This was followed by a general discussion of the ways and means of making the collection more useful. Two things were finally agreed on, (1) That the Treasurer be authorized to purchase a small Bulletin Board for the Library, then when the University has special exhibitions as the recent one on Tapestries, we could get out lists of our books in that field and post it on the Board. (2) Mrs. Adams appointed Mrs. Hays and Mrs. Raphael as a Committee for Publicity to work out ways of bringing our collection before the public.

Mrs. Hays brought some old book lists and other papers of the Ladies Library that she had found. As many of our early papers have been lost, these were given to the Sec'y to keep with the Minutes. Mrs. Adams then read excerpts from a recent article by Miss Hannum giving many interesting details of our early history.

It was felt that we should have more members on the Board, and it was moved and passed that Miss Helen Hall be asked to become a member -- Miss Pattengill to ask her.

Mrs. Raphael gave the report of the Nominating Committee that

the present slate of officers hold over for another year: President, Mrs. Adams, Vice-Pres., Miss Pattengill. Treasurer, Mrs. Winter, Sec'y, Mrs. Dodge, Chairman of the Book Committee, Mrs. Bursley. The Sec'y was asked to cast a unanimous ballot to that effect.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Caroline Wilgus Dodge, Sec'y.

June 29, 1949

The Annual Meeting of the Ladies Library Association was held at four o'clock on June 29, 1949, at the home of the President, Mrs. Edward Adams. There were present: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Thieme, Mrs. Bursley, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Raphael, Mrs. Hays, Miss Hall and Mrs. Dodge.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Mrs. Winter gave the Treasurer's report, saying that we had a balance of \$400.40 on June 1, 1949. The report was accepted and placed on file with the Sec'y. This was followed by a general discussion as to whether to buy books up to the limit of our income, or to keep a bit back toward buying more stock. It was decided to wait another year and see whether the scrip issued by Bondholders' Management would amount to enough to get another share.

The Publicity Committee reported that they had discussed the matter of a Bulletin Board with Miss Hannum, but had not yet found the exact place for it. Also, they suggested that Mrs. Bursley give them a list of our new books to put in the paper, so that the

A. A. U. W. and City art groups, etc., which use the collection, can know about our new acquisitions.

Mrs. Bursley, Chairman of the Book Committee reported that 42 titles had been bought during the year. She had many of the books there for us to see, though some had been turned over to the Library in January. Miss Hall was asked to look over our collection and see what fields we are weakest in, so that the Book Com. can make purchases along those lines. As it is sometimes rather difficult to find out exactly what we do have, Mrs. Dodge was asked to consult with Miss Wead, who will probably be here this summer, as to the possibilities of getting someone to make an author catalogue of our collection - probably buying L. L. cards for it. She was authorized to make any arrangements necessary to get this done.

Mrs. Raphael gave the report of the Nominating Committee that the present officers be asked to carry over for another year: President, Mrs. Edward Adams, Vice-Pres., Miss Pattengill, Treas. Mrs. Winter, Sec'y, Mrs. Dodge, Ch. of the Book Com., Mrs. Bursley. The Sec'y was asked to cast a unanimous ballot to that effect.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Caroline Wilgus Dodge, Sec'y.

April 13, 1950

The Annual Meeting of the Ladies Library met at 3:45 on April 13th at the home of the President, Mrs. Edward Adams. There were present: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Thieme, Mrs. Winter, Miss Pattengill, Mrs. Hayden, Miss Hall and Mrs. Dodge.



The Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Mrs. Winter gave the Treasurer's Report, which was accepted and placed on file. The balance on hand as of April 4th was \$510,93. Mrs. Winter also said that for \$18.60 she had bought 1/5 of a share of Bondholders Management stock to go with the 4/5 share that had been issued to us in the past in scrip -- thus giving us one whole share more. As Mrs. Winter is leaving this week for a year abroad, she explained our financial arrangements in detail. As the Association is not incorporated, the stocks have had to be issued in her name. In case of any change in investment, she said Mr. Hays should be consulted.

Miss Pattengill then gave the report for the Book Committee, saying that we have been particularly fortunate in getting what we wanted this year. When Miss Hall was abroad last summer she was able to fill in gaps in some sets that we had, and also to buy some very fine monographs on Carcassone, Mt. St. Michel, etc., and books on tapestries, Chinese gardens, etc. -- to name only a few.

Mrs. Dodge then reported that she had arranged with Miss Hannum to have a Library School student make a catalogue of our books for us. Miss Hannum advised having the shelf list copied and keeping the cards in the subject order at least for the present. For this work we are to pay the student 75 cents per hour and it will probably come to \$30 - \$35. The Library will see that as the books come in cards are made for our catalogue to keep it up to date.

Miss Hannum sent word that she would like to have the Board

consider the possibility of having our catalogue printed in booklet form -- have 500 - 1000 of them made for perhaps \$75 - \$100. She suggested that they be given to A. A. U. W. and other groups that write papers on art subjects, and also be sold for 25 cents to all interested. A general discussion followed. It was felt that that would be quite an expenditure and that it was better to do nothing for the present, but perhaps take it up again at a later date.

Mrs. Dodge then told of her efforts to find out whether we had ever been incorporated or not: writing to Lansing, searching the old Sec'y Books in the Rackham Building, and the records in the Court House -- all to no avail -- except that there was one reference to our having been incorporated in 1876, and that in 1881 there was the statement that Library Associations could not hold property to exceed \$5000. The Sec'y was asked to continue the search, and whether we have been incorporated in the past, or not -- see what steps should be taken to do it now.

No Nominating Committee having been appointed, Miss Hall made a motion that the present slate of officers be continued for another year, except for the Treasurer, Mrs. Winter, who will be abroad, and that Mrs. Hayden be elected in her place. The motion was carried.

There was some discussion of adding a few new members to the Board, and we were all asked to think of people who might be interested.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Caroline Wilgus Dodge, Secretary.

March 31st, 1951

The Annual Meeting of the Ladies Library Association was held at 2:30 on March 31st, 1951 at the home of the President, Mrs. Edward Adams. There were present: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Bursley, Miss Pattengill, Miss Hall, Mrs. Hayden, Mrs. Hays, and Mrs. Dodge.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Then Mrs. Hayden gave the Treasurer's report saying that we have a balance of \$411.24. During the year the Crowley-Milner stock was called in, and for what we got from that and some more we bought 50 shares of King Seeley stock. The report was accepted.

A general discussion followed as to the pros and cons of incorporation. As it has been found that the Association can hold stocks and bonds in its own name without being incorporated (it is only real property that cannot be so held) it seems simpler to go on as we are. The stocks and bonds that were held in the name of Mrs. Winter have now been transferred to the name of the Association, so only the address of the Treasurer will have to be changed as different people are elected to that office. The securities are to be kept in a Deposit Box in the Ann Arbor Bank, and the signatures of three officers are needed for the buying or selling of stock.

Mrs. Adams brought up the subject of having a small Executive Committee to attend to such matters and anything else that might come up during the year. After some discussion Mrs. Hays made a motion that the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman of the Book Committee form an Executive Committee and that they be

empowered to act for the Association between the Annual Meetings -- three to constitute a quorum. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mrs. Bursley gave the report of the Book Committee. 42 books have been added this year, and she gave each of us a list of them, and one copy for the Secretary to keep on file. It was decided to keep such a list of the new acquisitions with the Secretary's Book each year.

Mrs. Winter reported that Miss Hannum had bought a show case which was being used to exhibit our books. Miss Pattengill made a motion that the Sec'y be asked to write a note of appreciation to Miss Hannum. The motion was seconded and passed. In the discussion on publicity which followed, Mrs. Hays moved that some member of the Book Committee see that notices about our new books be put in the papers from time to time, Passed.

The question of new members was next taken up. Each person read a list of possibilities, then we voted and six new members were elected at this time: Mrs. William Frayer, Mrs. Cameron Haight, Mrs. James Plumer, Mrs. Charles Vibbert, Mrs. Josselyn Van Tyne, and Mrs. Harold Wethey.

The slate of officers for 1951-1952 was presented and the following were duly elected: President, Mrs. J. G. Hays, Vice-President, Miss Pattengill, Treasurer, Mrs. Joseph Hayden, Sec'y, Mrs. Stanley Dodge, Chairman of the Book Com., Mrs. Philip Bursley.

Mrs. Hays suggested that in accordance with our Constitution Mrs. Hayden could have a small Finance Com. to assist her, and Mrs.

Bursley have a committee of three to help in the choice of books. As the Board of the Ladies Library has been so small in recent years we had given up this practice, but now with more members, it seems a good idea to return to it.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Wilgus Dodge, Sec'y.

March 25, 1952

On March 25, 1952, Mrs. Hayden, the Treasurer, called a special meeting at her house to discuss the investment of certain funds. Mrs. Bursley and Mrs. Dodge were present. Mrs. Hayden reported that we have on hand \$813.00, as two bonds and a note have come in. \$165.66 from Bondholders Management, \$250.00 from King Seeley and the rest from income. She said she had consulted with Mr. Hays and that he had recommended that we buy either Standard Oil of New Jersey or Eastman Kodak stock. After some discussion, it was decided that Mrs. Hayden should look into the matter and get whichever she could buy to the best advantage. The meeting was adjourned.

Caroline W. Dodge, Sec'y.

June 4, 1952

The Annual Meeting of the Ladies Library Association was held on June 4, 1952, at the home of Mrs. Philip Bursley, the Chairman of the Book Com. There were present: Mrs. Hugo P. Thieme, Mrs. Edward

Adams, Mrs. William A. Frayer, Mrs. John Winter, Mrs. Joseph R. Hayden, Miss Caroline Pattengill, Mrs. Theophile Raphael, Mrs. Josselyn Van Tyne, Mrs. James Plumer, Mrs. Harold Wethey, Mrs. J. G. Hays. Mrs. Cameron Haight, and Mrs. Stanley Dodge.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Hays, the Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Hays read the Treasurer's report as Mrs. Hayden was delayed. We have on hand \$362.31, having bought in April 12 shares of Eastman Kodak stock for \$541.77. The report was accepted.

Mrs. Bursley then gave the report of the Book Committee. She had been working with Mrs. Haight and Miss Helen Hall. They bought 40 titles, and had many of the books there. Each member was given a list of the new acquisitions and one was filed with the Sec'y. Mrs. Bursley asked that if during the year any of us hear of books which would be good to buy, she would be glad to have the information sent in on a post card to any member of the Book Committee.

Miss Pattengill then gave the report of the Nominating Com. for the officers for 1952-53, as follows: President, Mrs. J. G. Hays, Vice-Pres., Mrs. William Frayer, Treasurer, Mrs. Joseph R. Hayden, Sec'y, Mrs. Stanley Dodge, Chairman of the Book Committee, Mrs. Cameron Haight.

It was moved and seconded that the Sec'y be asked to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate. Passed.

Mrs. Hays then read us the report of the first ten years of the Ladies Library Association written in 1876 by Mrs. Martin L. D'Ooge.

It was a very delightful account of their struggles making money and getting the Library started. Eunice Wead found this report and had it photostated. The original was put in our Deposit Box in the A. A. Bank and Mrs. Hays has the copy. As five of our six new members were present, it was particularly nice to introduce them to the Association in this way.

In the discussion that followed, it was suggested that it would be wise to use whole names at least once in each report, for in the course of a few generations it is hard to keep people straight. Also, Mrs. Edward Adams and some others whose families have been long in Ann Arbor were asked to annotate Mrs. D'Ooge's report with any information they could find about the women active at that time.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Wilgus Dodge, Sec'y.

September 22, 1952

On September 22, 1952 Mrs. Hays called a special meeting at 2:00 at the State Savings Bank. There were present: Mrs. Hays, Mrs. Hayden, Mrs. Haight and Mrs. Dodge. It is necessary to have a form drawn up for the Bank to use when we want to sell stock showing who in the Association has the authority to do it. The following resolution based on the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 1951, was drawn up with the advice of Mr. Crandell:

"That any three officers of the Executive Committee consisting

of five are hereby authorized to sell and assign stock and securities owned by the Ladies Library Association of Ann Arbor." The resolution was passed.

It was then decided to sell 85 shares of King Seeley stock, so that our holdings may be more diversified.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Caroline Wilgus Dodge, Sec'y.

May 5, 1953

The Annual Meeting of the Board of the Ladies Library Association meet at 3:30 P. M. Tuesday May 5, 1953, at the home of the President, Mrs. J. G. Hays. There were present: Mrs. Hays, Miss Helen Hall, Mrs. Philip Bursley, Miss Caroline Pattengill, Mrs. John Winter, Mrs. Hugo P. Thieme, Mrs. J. R. Hayden, Mrs. James Plumer, Mrs. Cameron Haight, Mrs. Harold Wethey, Mrs. William Frayer, and Mrs. Stanley Dodge.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Mrs. Hayden then gave the Treasurer's Report for the year as of April to April. The balance on hand on March 31, 1953 was \$372.38. Mrs. Hayden said that some stocks were sold during the year and others bought -- about the same amount of money being reinvested. The report was accepted.

Mrs. Haight then reported for the Book Committee. Four brochures on modern glass have been presented to us by Mrs. Bursley and Virginia Warthin MacEachern has given us ten books. The Committee



itself bought twenty-eight titles, on various phases of art. The report was accepted.

Mr. Chance, the new Librarian, has made some suggestions which were then discussed at length. First, that in general we buy books costing more than \$10.00, as the Library does not feel able to buy these. We agree and feel that that has been our general policy in recent years. Next, he has asked what we would think of taking some of the fiction given long ago by the Ladies Library from the locked case and putting it in general circulation, or even perhaps selling it and buying art books. After a good deal of discussion Mrs. Winter made a motion that Miss Pattengill be asked to confer with Mr. Chance about the possible sale of some of our non-art books now kept in the locked cases, and report to us on the subject. It was seconded and passed.

Mrs. Bursley then gave the report of the Nominating Committee: President, Mrs. J. G. Hays; Vice-President, Mrs. Frayer, Treasurer, Mrs. Hayden, Sec'y, Mrs. Wethey, Chairman of the Book Committee, Mrs. Haight.

The Sec'y was asked to cast a unanimous ballot for this slate. On motion the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Wilgus Dodge, Sec'y.

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LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

FULL REPORTS OF THE MEETINGS, 1954-1962

Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan

Board Members in 1954 +

1. Mrs. Philip Bursley (1927).
2. Mrs. Hugo P. Thieme (1928).
3. Mrs. John G. Winter (1929).
4. Mrs. James Griffith Hays (1930) - President.
5. Mrs. Theophile Raphael (1934).
6. Mrs. Stanley D. Dodge (1940).
7. Mrs. Joseph R. Hayden (1940) - Treasurer.
8. Mrs. Edward L. Adams (1940).
9. Miss Caroline Pattengill (1943).
10. Miss Helen B. Hall (1948).
11. Mrs. William A. Frayer (1951) - Vice President.
12. Mrs. Cameron Haight (1951) - Chairman, Book Committee.
13. Mrs. James M. Plumer (1951).
14. Mrs. Charles B. Vibbert (1951).
15. Mrs. Josselyn Van Tyne (1951).
16. Mrs. Harold E. Wethey (1951) - Secretary.

+ In parentheses is given the year the individual member joined the library board.

(This first list of the members was made by Alice S. Wethey).

Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Annual Meeting, May 28, 1954.

The Annual Meeting of the Ladies Library Association was held on May 28, 1954, at 4:00 P.M. at the home of Mrs. James G. Hays, the President of the Board. Those present were: Miss Caroline Pattengill, Mrs. Philip Bursley, Mrs. Hugo P. Thieme, Mrs. John G. Winter, Mrs. James G. Hays, President, Mrs. Stanley D. Dodge, Miss Helen B. Hall, Mrs. William A. Frayer, Vice-President, Mrs. Cameron Haight, Chairman of the Book Committee, Mrs. James M. Plumer, Mrs. Charles B. Vibbert, Mrs. Harold Wethey, Secretary. The absent members were Mrs. Theophile Raphael, Mrs. Joseph R. Hayden, Treasurer, Mrs. Josselyn Van Tyne, and Mrs. Edward L. Adams.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Hays. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. In the absence of Mrs. Hayden the treasurer's report showing a balance as of April 1, 1954 of \$567.58 was read by Mrs. Hays. The report was accepted as it stood.

The report of the book committee was given by Mrs. Haight and accepted. In the course of the report there was some discussion as to book-buying policies. At an earlier meeting it had been decided that books costing more than ten dollars (\$10.00) be chosen by the Ladies Library, but conferences with Mr. Chance, the city librarian, have brought out the fact that

there are desirable Fine Arts books costing less than that, which he doesn't wish to include in his own lists. Miss Pattengill suggested that the book committee be restricted to no particular amount.

Mrs. Haight reported that Miss Pattengill had spent much of the summer of 1953 making a card catalogue of all the Ladies Library books. The cards are filed under subject, and the Book Committee will make a duplicate set of cards for alphabetical filing. This catalogue is the only complete one of the Ladies Library collection, and Mrs. Haight asked that it be recorded in the Minutes the gratitude of the Ladies Library Board for Miss Pattengill's fine work. A survey of the present state of the collection shows that there are nearly 700 art books, some in locked cases, some on open shelves, some on the out-size shelf, some in the librarian's office, on the tops of cupboards, etc. There is a nearly complete record of all purchases since 1936. Odd losses have been brought to Mr. Chance's attention. The point was raised that many of the items presented to the Public Library are not marked on the public catalogue cards as forming part of the Ladies Library collection. Mrs. Hays suggested that special lists of the books presented each year might be prepared for endorsement by the city librarian, and that these endorsed lists be kept as a permanent record with the secretary's book. The Board agreed that such a plan was desirable

and should be carried out. Miss Pattengill suggested that a pamphlet file of our own might be useful, since some of the Fine Arts pamphlets are quite handsome items. It was mentioned that Mr. Chance asked that some books on photography be included in the Ladies Library purchases. The Board took the opportunity of examining some photographic books belonging to Miss Nancy Hays.

Several historical items relating to the Ladies Library, presented to the Board by Loretta Beal Jacobs (Mrs. Albert Jacobs, now of Hartford, Connecticut) were shown to the Board members: They had belonged to her mother, the late Mrs. Junius Beal of Ann Arbor. There was: a copy of the Sixth Edition of the Ladies Library Catalogue, dated 1887; a copy of the history of the Ladies Library Association compiled by Mrs. Martin Luther D'Ooge and published in 1876, in connection with the national Centennial; a handbill advertising the "Tin Wedding" of the Ladies Library Association, a sort of bazaar held on April 18 and 19, 1876. (There was an Art Gallery, a Fortune Teller, etc., and Supper Tables. The admission was 10 cents.) A note of thanks is to be sent to Mrs. Jacobs.

The report of the nominating committee was made by Miss Pattengill. The present officers were renominated and the secretary was asked to cast a unanimous ballot for this slate.

The appointment of a committee to discuss the design

for a new book plate was suggested. Miss Helen Hall was named chairman of the book-plate committee by Mrs. Hays and was asked to choose her own committee members. Mrs. Hays would like the florid script used in the title of Mrs. D'Ooge's article reproduced as the basis for the new book plate.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

*Alice Sunderland Wethey*

Alice Sunderland Wethey, Secretary.

## Ladies' Library Association

## Treasurer's Report

April 1, 1953 to March 31, 1954

Expenditures		Income	
Safety deposit box	‡ 3.60	U.S. Gov't bonds	‡ 38.80
Stamps	.30	Eastman Kodak	22.20
Wittenborn	122.37	King Seeley	80.00
Slater's	117.20	Dow Chemical	76.00
Wahr's	1.03	Diamond Match (com.)	30.00
Caroline Pattengil	13.95	Diamond Match (pf.)	37.52
Helen Hall	4.00	Standard Oil	59.55
	<hr/>	B.M. I. Dividends	100.00
	262.45	int. on notes	3.00
		Savings Bank int.	3.13
		Dues collected	1.20
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Reinvested in Gov't Bond, Series K	500.00	Gov't Bond sold	506.25
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	762.45		957.65
Balance, March 31, 1954	567.58	Balance, April 1, 1953	372.38
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(E. O. Hayden, Treasurer)



Books presented to the Ann Arbor Public Library by the  
Ladies Library Association, January 1954.

1. Blunt, Anthony, Art and Architecture in France, 1500-1700.
2. Bossert, Helmuth Th., Folk Art of Europe.
3. Bradford, Ernle, Four Centuries of European Jewellery.
4. Breuil, Abbe H., Four Hundred Centuries of Cave Art.
5. Evans, Joan, A History of Jewellery.
6. Frankenstein, A., After the Hunt.
7. Goldscheider, L., Michelangelo.
8. Goodrich, Lloyd, American Water Color.
9. Grabar, André, Byzantine Painting.
10. Ivins, W. M., Prints and Visual Communication
11. Lopez-Rey, J., Goya's Caprichos.
12. Mack, Gerstle, Toulouse Lautrec.
13. Maiuri, Amedeo, Roman Painting.
14. Malraux, Andre, The Voices of Silence.
15. Maringer, J., Art in the Ice Age.
16. Radin, Paul, African Folktales and Sculpture.
17. Rowland, Benjamin, The Art and Architecture of India.
18. Summerson, John, Architecture in Britain, 1530-1830.
19. Vincent, I. V., The Sacred Oasis.
20. Waterhouse, Ellis K., Painting in Britain, 1530-1790.

(Book Committee:

Helen B. Hall

Carol Plumer

Isabel Haight)

Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Special Meeting, Nov. 5, 1954.

A special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Ladies Library Association was held at the home of Mrs. Hays, the President, at 10 A.M., November 5, 1954.

A new record book was shown in which the Ladies' Library investments can be recorded in a more systematic fashion than formerly. The holdings of the Ladies' Library Association were reported as including \$2000.00 in government bonds and \$2666.00 in cash. Consultation had been made with Mr. Crandall of the State Savings Bank as to new possibilities for investments. His suggestions included Abbot Laboratories, Phelps Dodge Copper, Monsanto Chemical and American Cyanamid. After a discussion it was concluded that a new investment of \$2240.00 could be made by buying 25 shares of Abbot Laboratories, filling out the Eastman Kodak holdings to 20 shares, and buying 20 shares of Phelps Dodge Copper.

The meeting was called to order. It was moved by the Treasurer to buy 7 and 40/100 shares of Eastman Kodak, and that the additional Eastman Kodak scrip which would be available in January be converted into cash. The motion was seconded <sup>and</sup> carried unanimously. It was moved by the Secretary to buy 25 shares of Abbott Laboratories. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The Chairman of the Book Committee

moved that 20 shares of Phelps Dodge Copper be purchased. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The question was brought up as to what restrictions there are on buying books. The passage from the Constitution was read, which states that "the purpose of this association shall be to build up a Fine Arts Library."

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 A. M.

*Alice Sunderland Wethey*

Alice Sunderland Wethey, Secretary.

Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan

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13. Mrs. Charles B. Vibbert (1951).
14. Mrs. Josselyn Van Tyne (1951).
15. Mrs. Harold E. Wethey (1951) - Secretary.

\* In parentheses is given the year in which the individual member joined the library board.

## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

Annual Meeting, May 10, 1955.

The Annual Meeting of the Board of the Ladies Library Association was held on May 10, 1955, at the home of Mrs. Cameron Haight, Chairman of the Book Committee. Those present were: Mrs. James G. Hays, President, Mrs. Joseph R. Hayden, Treasurer, Mrs. Edward L. Adams, Miss Caroline Pattengill, Miss Helen B. Hall, Mrs. William A. Frayer, Vice President, Mrs. Cameron Haight, Chairman of the Book Committee, Mrs. James M. Plumer, Mrs. Josselyn Van Tyne, and Mrs. Harold E. Wethey, Secretary.

The President, Mrs. Hays, called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. The financial report for the year from April 1, 1954 to April 1, 1955 was given by the Treasurer, Mrs. Hayden. The preferred stock in Dow Chemical was called in for \$2033.00. 25 shares of Abbot Laboratories, 20 shares of Phelps Dodge copper, and 1 share of Eastman Kodak were purchased. The total investment was \$2122.11. Cash on hand on March 31, 1955 was \$426.39. The report was accepted as it stood. Dues of \$0.10 were collected from each member of the Board who was present.

The minutes of the meeting of May 28, 1954, were read by the Secretary, Mrs. Wethey. A motion by Mrs. Plumer that they be accepted was seconded by Miss Pattengill and passed. The minutes of a special meeting of November 5, 1954 were likewise read and accepted.

The report of the Book Committee was given by Mrs. Haight. There was a discussion as to the form of the lists of books to be kept as part of the permanent records of the Board. It was the concensus that endorsement of the lists by the librarian, Mr. Chance, was not necessary, and that it was sufficient to give the name of the book, the author, and the price, since the rest of the information was available on the cards of the catalogue.

It was commented upon that some of our newest purchases were already in circulation, and thus not available for inspection during this meeting. Among these are the Pelican books on India and Russia, the Covarrubias book on Mexico, and the Sachs book on Drawings. Mrs. Philip Bursley's membership in the Museum of Modern Art was mentioned as the source of some of the pamphlet acquisitions, since the Museum publications which come to her through that membership are subsequently given to the Library.

Mrs. Haight reported that \$285.52 had been paid for books this past year. They were mostly bought locally through Mrs. Slater who gives a 20 % discount. Wittenborn in New York gives a like discount, but does not pay postage. The purchases included 11 books on painting, 2 on sculpture, 2 on architecture, and 3 on general decorative arts. A catalogue of furniture dealers and makers was the most expensive book, costing \$20.00 at discount. The most spectacular volumes are the Unesco folios on India and Australia.

Mrs. Hays had asked about books on landscape gardening. A check by Mrs. Haight in the library has been quite negative. Miss Pattengill said there is a book on oriental gardens. It was concluded that it would not be out of line to purchase other books on gardens and landscape gardening. Miss Pattengill thinks there are some fine books on the gardens of England that might be found.

Mrs. Haight commented that every time she used the card catalogue finished last year by Miss Pattengill the more respect she had for the time that went into making it.

The matter of the circulation of the Ladies' Library books was discussed in a general way. Miss Pattengill said that some of our nicest books have never been out at all, that circulation is quite erratic. Mrs. Hays spoke about getting the lists of new purchases published in the local paper. In the past such lists have gone to the paper before the books were catalogued and the publication of the lists meant that the individual items were asked for too soon. Mrs. Haight said that the 8 purchases made in January have been catalogued, and Mrs. Plumer suggested that an item might be put in the paper on the society page about the new books. The name of Mr. Carl Gehring was mentioned as the one to help in this matter.

Other possible types of purchases were brought up. Mrs. Van Tyne spoke of the Gould plates, done in England in a tremendous edition, and more attractive than the Audubon plates. There is no text, and they are sold separately at about \$2.50

apiece. However, Mrs. Hays pointed out that it has never been the practice of the Board to buy anything loose, even though Mr. Chance does have some color prints now and lends them out. Books on music were mentioned, and Mrs. Adams voiced the opinion of the Board that we are hardly qualified to buy such books.

It was moved by Mrs. Van Tyne that the report of the Book Committee be accepted. Seconded by Mrs. Adams, the motion was passed unanimously.

The report of the Nominating Committee was made by Miss Caroline Pattengill. Since in her opinion the present officers are so nearly perfect that they can scarcely be improved upon, she presented the same slate for re-election. Mrs. Dodge was nominated as temporary secretary in the absence of Mrs. Wethey next year. The report was accepted as it stood.

Mrs. Hays brought to the attention of the Board the case of an acquaintance who insisted on knowing how one went about joining the Board of the Ladies' Library. There was no comment.

Mrs. Plumer, who is now a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Ann Arbor Public Library, spoke of a forthcoming book, bake and flower sale to be held at the Beal house, corner of William Street and Fifth Avenue, on Saturday, May 14, from 8:30 to 4:00. She said that books left over from the Wellesley Club book sale earlier this spring had been given to the public library.

Miss Pattengill asked where we are in regard to a new book



plate. Miss Hall, Chairman of the Book Plate Committee, produced some photographic proofs made by Mrs. Wethey and passed them around. The florid script of the title of Mrs. D'Ooge's history of 1876 was used for the legend below a line drawing of the original Ladies' Library building. Since the building no longer exists, the committee felt that its commemoration upon the new book plate is especially appropriate. The line drawing was located by Mrs. Wethey in the Michigan Historical Collection at the Rackham Building in a newspaper article of March 19, 1908 commemorating the 42nd birthday of the Ladies' Library Association. (The clipping forms part of a collection made by Mr. Byron Finney, former librarian of the University of Michigan, and husband of Mrs. Ida Finney, who was for many years Secretary of the Ladies' Library Association. The building, designed by the Chicago architect, Irving K. Pond, and constructed of brick in the Romanesque revival style, was erected in 1885 at 324 E. Huron St., deeded to the Board of Education in 1916, and finally taken down in 1946 to make way for an office building of the Michigan Bell Telephone Co.)

Mrs. Adams showed around a play bill, which she recently found among her papers, for "The Doctor of Alcantara," a comic opera in two acts, held at the Athens Theatre on May 1, 1901 for the benefit of the Ladies' Library. (The Athens Theatre stood on Main Street. It was replaced about 1908 by the Whitney, which in turn was demolished during the past winter as a fire hazard.) From the play bill Mrs. Adams read off the names of "neighbors, citizens and night watch", of

the members of the School of Music orchestra and of the University of Michigan Mandolin Club. On the back page was a little account of the Ladies' Library which concluded with the sentence, "The Library has a comfortable, well lighted reading room where the principal magazines can be found."

Mrs. Adams suggested that her play bill might be deposited in the Rackham Building with the Michigan Historical Society. Mrs. Van Tyne raised the question as to how to deposit our material, whether under key or not, since some student might conceivably be turned loose in it. Miss Pattengill remarked that someone certainly could make a lot of fun over some of the Minutes of years gone by, and suggested that a committee look into the matter of what material the Ladies' Library Board has and how to preserve it. Mrs. Frayer said she would talk to Mr. Vandervelde and ask about the cost of keeping our material isolated.

Mrs. Hays remarked that she thought the proofs of the book plate excellent as far as they go, and said that a midsummer meeting would be called to get the report of Mrs. Frayer and of the Book Plate Committee.

The newspaper clipping of the 42nd birthday of the Ladies' Library Association, in photographic copy, was read aloud by Mrs. Hays, and the secretary said that the copy would be incorporated in the minutes of the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

*Alice Sunderland Wethcy*  
Secretary

# FORTY-TWO YEARS OLD

## LADIES' LIBRARY CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAY TODAY

### A Brief History of One of the Best Public Societies Ever Instituted In the City

This is the birthday of the Ladies' Library Association of the city of Ann Arbor.

Forty-two years ago today, thirty-five charter members organized and elected officers and from that time to the present the most prominent women have been connected with the association as its officers, boards and members.

A library was not an institution to be found on every corner forty-two years ago. A library was an intellectual luxury, a matter of real concern, a truly educative proposition entered into with due appreciation of the real meaning of giving out to people the material which may form thought and character. The same dignity of purpose which actuated the association in its origin has ever remained.

#### Meeting 42 Years Ago

The meeting of forty-two years ago today was held in the First Presbyterian church. Mrs. A. E. Kellogg was in the chair, a constitution was drafted, officers elected and \$118 subscribed. The first officers were as follows:

President—Mrs. A. E. Kellogg.

Vice-president—Mrs. Henriques.

Secretary—Mrs. A. H. Hunt.

Treasurer—Miss Kate Hale.

The first board of directors was made up by Mrs. A. E. Kellogg, Mrs. Samuel Denion, Mrs. Henriques, Mrs. Sibyl Laurence, Mrs. S. H. Douglass, Mrs. C. H. Richmond, Mrs. E. B. Pond, Mrs. I. F. Miller, Mrs. Dr. Porter, Mrs. S. N. Henion, Mrs. G. H. Hill, Mrs. Gilmore, Mrs. Thomas Cooley, Miss Kate Hale.

#### The First Librarian

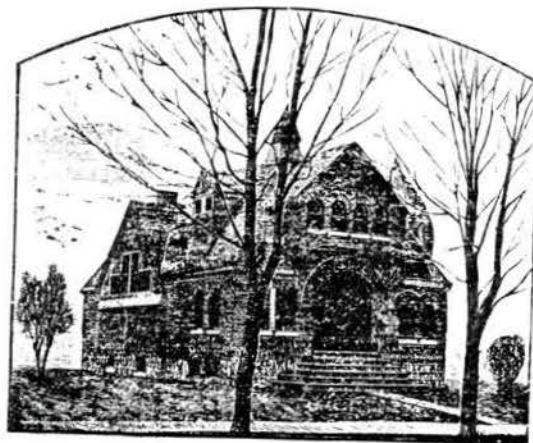
Miss Sarah Barry was the first librarian. The association rented a library

room in the Hangsteffer block on the corner of Main and Washington streets. Mrs. Charles Clark donated the first books, six volumes of Hume's History of England.

In January, 1867, before the association had reached the age of one year, it moved to larger quarters over the First National bank.

The record of the first year was one in which to take pride. Seven hundred and eighty dollars and seventy cents was raised and 346 volumes purchased.

A social reading club was organized this first year, which gave programs of papers and recitations from the best authors. This society later developed into the Ladies' Tuesday club.



March 19, 1908

Ann Arbor News Argus

After the first year had shown such success in the matter of the work of the ladies in the line of a library, the members, who were very public spirited, wished to make the plan work into a free public library but the proposition was refused.

#### Policy Has Never Changed

The Ladies' Library Association has moved along in pleasant lines for all its years and has the memory of one of the most gracious and beautiful women of the city as its inheritance. Sarah Caswell Angell was chosen a director in October, 1873, and made president in April, 1875. She was always a friend of the association. A picture of Mrs. Angell taken in 1879, is in the album, which is a highly prized possession of the association today.

#### Only Two Charter Members Living

Of the original charter members of thirty-five, but two are now living, Mrs. E. B. Pond and Mrs. Charles Richmond.

In 1879 the school board made a proposition to combine a library, the nucleus of which had come from a district library which had landed in the court house, with the Ladies' Library, but the proposition was declined with thanks.

In 1880 the association bought a lot and in 1885 the present building was erected. Many entertainments were given for the fund, one being a "Kermis," directed by the late Prof. de Pont. The late Judge Cooley always gave material assistance to the project.

Still the ladies had in mind the free public library and appealed a few years ago to Andrew Carnegie, who promised \$20,000 for the scheme. The library landed further up the street, and possibly for the first time, Carnegie isn't just sure on what location his precious dollars landed.

The original cost of the library property was \$4,268. Of course the present valuation would be much higher.

The association was given an endowment fund by the late David Henning of \$1,000 as a memorial for Mrs. Henning, whose picture in oil was also presented.

Gov. Felch gave \$500 as a memorial for his wife. The late Mrs. Alonzo B. Palmer willed \$3,000 to the association.

#### D. A. R. Library

In the alcove at the side of the entrance is the library of the Daughter of the American Revolution, 145 volumes. A treasured souvenir is a hand painted tortoise shell fan, the former property of Mrs. Ann Allen, presented to the D. A. R. by this lady's descendants.

Many pictures grace the walls, some of women who were the founders of the association.

The society now has 125 members and owns 1,600 volumes.

The library is open five hours each day during the week. Miss Carrie Watts, the present librarian, has been in faithful service for ten years.

#### Description of Interior

As one visits the pretty building, well heated and lighted, quiet and quaint in its restful coloring of tans and browns, and curved woodwork and its cheerful grate fire in its arched alcove, with, above all its distinctive air of refinement, it seems very fortunate that it never was engulfed in the larger proposition of a free public library, but continues a distinctive feature.

The present officers are as follows:

President—Mrs. Victor Vaughan.

Vice-president—Mrs. A. B. Prescott.

Secretary—Mrs. Ida Finney.

Treasurer—Miss Alice Douglass.

Librarian—Miss Carrie Watts.

The board of directors is made up by Mesdames Lombard, Zimmerman, Huber, Pond, Laurence, Hutchins, Beal, Wait, Davis, Beman, Bach, Jones Brown, Martin, and the Misses Douglass and Parker.

## Ladies' Library Association

## Treasurer's Report

April 1, 1954 to March 31, 1955

Expenditures		Income	
Safety deposit box	\$ 3.60	Bank interest	5.33
Slater's	451.84	U.S. bond interest	52.60
Wittenborn	37.23	B.M.I. int. on note	3.00
Flora Bursley		Diamond Match (com.)	30.00
2 years member-		Diamond Match (pf.)	37.52
ship, Mus. Mod. Art	25.00	Dow Chem. (div.)	57.00
	<hr/>	Eastman Kodak	25.30
	517.67	King Seeley	80.00
Stocks bought:		Phelps Dodge Corp.	13.00
20 sh. Phelps Dodge	970.71	Standard Oil	62.04
25 sh. Abbott			<hr/>
Laboratories	1126.75		465.79
1 sh. Eastman Kodak		Sale of Dow Chem.	
plus 60/100		(called)	2033.00
scrip	24.65		<hr/>
	<hr/>		2498.79
	2639.98	Balance, April 1,	
Balance, March 31,		1954	567.58
1955	426.39		<hr/>
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	3066.37		

(E. O. Hayden, Treasurer)

## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

## Book Committee Report, May 1954-May 1955

The following books were purchased (unless otherwise indicated) and presented to the Ann Arbor Public Library during the year May 1954 - May 1955.

1. Zoete, B., Dance and Drama in Bali	\$ 13.86
2. Frankfort, Henry, The Art and Architecture of the Ancient Orient	6.80
3. Hamilton, G. H., The Art and Architecture of Russia	6.80
4. Covarrubias, M., The Eagle, the Jaguar and the Serpent.	12.00
5. Mekhitarian, A., Egyptian Painting	16.00
6. Sachs, Paul, Modern Prints and Drawings	6.00
7. Groth-Kimball, I., The Art of Ancient Mexico	10.00
8. Dupont, J., Gothic Painting	15.75
9. Kramrisch, Stella, The Art of India through the Ages	6.00
10. Harada, Jiro, The Lesson of Japanese Architecture	5.20
11. Swarzenski, Hans, Monuments of Romanesque Art	20.00
12. Flexner, James, The light of Distant Skies	8.00
13. Bieber, Margrete, The Sculpture of the Hellenistic Age	14.00
14. Carpenter, Ralph, The Arts and Crafts of Newport, Rhode Island	8.75
15. Read, Sir Herbert, Australia: Aboriginal Paintings	12.00
16. Singh, Madanjeet, India: Paintings from the Ajanta Caves	12.00
17. Vandier, Jacques, Egypt: Paintings from Tombs and Temples	12.00

18.	Grohmann, Will, Paul Klee	10.00
19.	Venturi, L., Piero della Francesca	3.96
20.	Wehle, Harry B., Art Treasures of the Prado	10.00
21.	Heal, Ambrose, London Furniture Makers 1660-1840	20.00
22.	Canaan, G., Rebuilding the Land of Israel	10.00
23.	Hitchcock, H. R., Early Victorian Architecture in Britain	16.00
24.	Munz, L., Rembrandt	10.00
25.	Sowers, R., The Lost Art	3.20
26.	Schweinfurth, P., Russian Icons	5.20
27.	Neuenschwander, E., Finnish Architecture and Alvar Aalto	7.20
28.	Stewart, J., The Folkways of Norway	8.00
29.	Tischner, H., Oceanic Art	6.80
		\$ 285.52
30.	Freer Gallery of Art: A Descriptive and Illustrative Catalogue of Chinese Bronzes. Gift of Mr. A. Wenley	
31.	Barr, Alfred, Masters of Modern Art Free with annual membership fee of \$12.50	
32.	Museum of Modern Art, Art for the Family. (Membership)	
33.	Museum of Modern Art, Sculpture of Jacques Lipchitz (Membership)	
34.	Museum of Modern Art, Circulating Exhibitions (Membership)	
35.	Museum of Modern Art, 15 Paintings by French Masters of the Nineteenth Century (Membership)	

Complete information on each book (publisher, date, where purchased, etc.) is kept in alphabetical order in our card file.

An additional card is made and filed in the subject catalogue file which Miss Caroline Pattengill made in 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen B. Hall,	)	
Carol Plumer,	)	Book
Isabel Haight (Chairman)	)	Committee

## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

## BOARD MEMBERS 1956 - 1957

Mrs. Philip Bursley (1927)	917 Olivia	8-7956
Mrs. Hugo P. Thieme (1928)	3 Geddes Heights	2-0801
Mrs. John G. Winter	901 South Forest	3-7123
Mrs. James Griffith Hays (1930) President	1555 Washtenaw	2-1420
Mrs. Stanley Dodge (1940) Secretary pro-tem	1547 Washtenaw	2-0620
Mrs. Joseph R. Hayden (1940) Treasurer	1530 Hill Street	8-8033
Mrs. Edward L. Adams (1940)	1830 Washtenaw	
Miss Caroline Pattengill (1943)	1213 Hill Street	8-6282
Miss Helen B. Hall (1948)	715 South Forest	8-6331
Mrs. William A. Frayer (1951) Vice-President	745 Riverview	2-3347
Mrs. Cameron Haight (1951) Chairman Book Committee	2112 Vinewood	3-4520
Mrs. James M. Plumer (1951)	1505 Golden	2-1230
Mrs. Josselyn Van Tyne (1951)	1921 Cambridge	2-0822
Mrs. Charles B. Vibbert (1951)	1710 Hermitage	3-4433
Mrs. Harold E. Wethey (1951)	2009 Morton	2-2415
Miss Eleanor Collins (1956)	703 South Forest	3-6255

[Mrs. Thieme resigned from the Board in 1957.]



Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Annual Meeting, June 10, 1956.

The Board of the Ladies' Library met at 3:30 on June 10, 1956 at the home of the President Mrs. J. G. Hays. There were present, Mrs. Frayer, Mrs. Bursley, Mrs. Hayden, Mrs. Vibbert, Mrs. Adams, Miss Hall, Miss Pattengill and Mrs. Dodge.

Mrs. Dodge, the secretary pro tem, in the absence of Mrs. Wethey, read the minutes of the meeting of May 10, 1955. They were accepted as read.

Mrs. Hays asked about the book-plate situation at present. Miss Hall reported that Mrs. Wethey has taken over the project and that the new bookplates with a cut of the old library will probably be ready for use in the fall. Meanwhile we will continue to use the old ones.

Mrs. Frayer brought up the subject of the papers of the Ladies' Library. Some things are in Mr. Hays' Deposit box, some are in the Historical Collections in the Rackham Building and various members have items that would be of interest. Miss Pattengill said that after Mrs. Finney's death many valuable papers were lost. It was decided to gather things together as much as possible. Anyone having items of interest are to give them to Mrs. Frayer and she will turn them over to Mr. VanderVelde to be kept at Rackham.

Mrs. Hays brought up the subject of new members. She suggested that, as our President is now Ex Officio a member of the Library Advisory Council and we are necessarily brought more into contact with Library problems, perhaps we should have a regular librarian as a member of our Board. After some discussion, Miss Collins, Curator of Slides in the Fine Arts Department, was suggested and unanimously elected.

Mrs. Hayden then gave the Treasurer's Report. Our total income for the year was \$613.44. We bought one share of Eastman Kodak, and reinvested a Bond due. We also bought ten shares of Monsanto Chemical for \$480.74. Balance on hand May 31, 1956, \$245.92. The report was accepted as read.

Mrs. Frayer gave the report of the Nominating Committee: President, Mrs. Hays; Vice Pres. Mrs. Frayer; Sec'y, Mrs. Wethey; Treas., Mrs. Hayden, and Chairman of the Book Committee, Mrs. Haight.

In view of the fact that the Public Library is moving this year, the Book Committee felt that they should keep the number of purchases down. Miss Hall reported that they had bought 28 books on very diverse subjects -- two on gardens were included this year.

The report was accepted and it was moved and passed that we adjourn.

Caroline W. Dodge,

Sec'y pro-tem

## Ladies' Library Association

## Treasurer's Report

April 1, 1955 to March 31, 1956

Expenditures		Income	
Safety deposit box	\$ 3.30	Abbott Laboratories	45.00
1 share Eastman		B. M. I. Note & int.	53.00
Kodak plus 35/100	25.64	B. M. I. dividends	100.00
ledger (cash)	1.20	Bank interest	4.99
Edwards Letter Shop	11.85	dues 1954 & 1955	2.95
Slater's	249.82	Diamond Match (com.)	41.25
Wittenborn & Co.	21.36	Diamond Match (pf.)	37.52
		Eastman Kodak	32.40
		King Seeley	90.00
	<hr/>	Phelps Dodge	82.00
	313.17	Standard Oil	71.73
		U.S. Bonds, Ser. G	25.00
U.S. bond Series K		U.S. Bonds, Ser. K	27.60
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in bank book)	500.00		613.44
10 shares Monsanto			
Chemical	480.74	U.S. Bond D791625G	500.00
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	1293.91	ly in Series K.	
		Does not appear in	
Balance, March 31,		bank book)	
1956	245.92		<hr/>
	<hr/>		1113.44
	1539.83	Balance, April 1,	
		1955	426.39
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			1539.83

(Elizabeth O. Hayden, Treas.)

Report of the Book Committee

June 1955-June 1956

The Ladies' Library Association

During the year from June 1955 to June 1956 the Book Committee selected twenty-eight books which are now in the Ann Arbor Public Library. The total cost was \$252.91 plus our membership in the Museum of Modern Art (\$12.50). Due to the overcrowded shelves at the library and the fact they will be moving the collection to the new library in the not too distant future we felt it wise to keep the number of purchases at a minimum. In addition to our customary selections of books on architecture, painting and sculpture we included two books on Gardens, one biography "John Singer Sargent", and a book on a collection of letters written by Peter Paul Rubens.

Book Committee

Helen Hall

Carol Plumer

Isabel Haight

Books presented to the Ann Arbor Public Library by the  
Ladies' Library Association, June 1955 - June 1956.

1. Ammann, Gustav, Landscape Gardens,	\$6.80
2. Barr, Alfred H. Jr., Paintings from Private Collections, Museum of Modern Art (free catalogue - Membership)	
3. Baur, John, The New Decade	2.90
4. Brown, Milton, American Painting	12.00
5. Church, Thomas D., Gardens are for People	8.00
6. Christensen, Edwin O., Primitive Art	12.00
7. Farr, Michael, Design in British Industry	8.80
8. Lafuente Ferrari, E., Goya: Frescoes in San Antonio	14.00
9. Gideon, S., Walter Gropius	8.00
10. Grodecki, L., Norway: UNESCO Series	12.00
11. Hamlin, Talbot, Benjamin Henry Latrobe	12.00
12. Hendy, Sir Philip, Arts Treasures of the National Gallery	12.00
13. Hillier, J., Hokusai	6.80
14. Kaufman, Edgar, Frank Lloyd Wright	8.00
15. Lassaigue, J., Fifteenth Century: Van Eyck to Botticelli	16.00
16. Lieberman, William S., Etchings by Matisse, Museum of Modern Art (free catalogue - Membership)	
17. Magurn, Ruth S., Letters of Peter Paul Rubens	8.00
18. Myers, Bernard S., Encyclopedia of Painting	8.76
19. Ogden, Henry, English Taste in Landscape in the Seventeenth Century	12.00

## June 1955 - June 1956 (continued)

20.	Paine, Robert T., The Art and Architecture of Japan, Pelican History of Art	16.80
21.	Rice, David T., Yugoslavia: UNESCO Series	12.00
22.	Rodman, Selden, The Eye of Man	8.00
23.	Soby, James T., Yves Tanguy. Museum of Modern Art (free catalogue - Membership)	
24.	Stone, Lawrence, Sculpture in Britain: The Middle Ages, Pelican History of Art	6.80
25.	Sickman, Laurence, The Art and Architecture of China, Pelican History of Art	6.80
26.	Wilber, Donald N., Architecture of Islamic Iran	16.00
27.	Zimmer, H., The Art of Indian Asia	22.50
28.	Mount, C., John Singer Sargent	5.95

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\$ 252.91

The books were purchased from Slater's at 20 percent discount with the exception of the three Pelican History of Art books which are on standing order from Wittenborn (20 percent discount plus postage). The books which we receive free from the Museum of Modern Art, New York, are included in our membership, for which Mrs. Bursley should be reimbursed \$12.50.

Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan

Special Meeting, Feb. 29, 1957.

A special meeting of the Ladies' Library Association was held on February 29, 1957 at the home of Mrs. James G. Hays, the President. Those present were: Mrs. James G. Hays, President, Mrs. Joseph R. Hayden, Treasurer, Mrs. Edward L. Adams, Miss Caroline Pattengill, Mrs. John G. Winter, Mrs. Josselyn Van Tyne, Mrs. Harold E. Wethey, Secretary, Mrs. William A. Frayer, Vice President, and Mrs. Cameron Haight, Chairman of the Book Committee.

The President, Mrs. Hays, called the meeting to order at 3 P. M. She then read aloud a letter from a local committee organizing Hungarian Relief, asking if the Ladies' Library could offer any employment or other help. Employment and housing were wanted first, and interpreters were needed. Later clothing, bedding, and furniture were to be collected. It was decided that as an organization the Ladies' Library could do nothing about it, since it has no employees and the Board has only one regularly scheduled meeting a year. A letter was to be sent explaining all this.

Mrs. Hays then reported that Miss Davis at the University Library had called to say that more workers were needed for the Children's Book Fair, which is to be held at the Rackham Building from Monday, March 25, through Thursday, March 28. People were needed especially to take the hours from 11 to 1

on each of the four days. Mrs. Hayden offered to do it on Thursday.

Then Mrs. Hays brought up the matter of the plans for the Ladies' Library book collection in connection with the new Ann Arbor Public Library building now being erected on the former Beal property at the corner of Fifth Avenue and William Street. A committee consisting of Miss Hall, Mrs. Haight, Mrs. Dodge, and Miss Collins had discussed the matter previously with the head librarian, Mr. Chance. "Mr. Chance wants no locked cupboards for books in the new library and proposes an alcove for the Ladies' Library books which would give them a measure of special safety."

Mrs. Hays had made a large sketch plan of the new library building to show the arrangement. Most of the books and the main reading room will be on the ground floor. On the second floor a large work area is planned at the north. At the south-east are stacks and a stair. Between the stacks and the elevator shaft on the east side there is enough unassigned space for book cases and three or four tables and chairs. This area is suggested for the Ladies' Library books. Mr. Chance's office is on that floor, and there is an open desk from which a librarian could always be overseeing the alcove. Mr. Chance plans to have only magazines over a year old and the art books upstairs. He had planned to have art books other than those of the Ladies' Library downstairs, but the committee's reaction



was that in the interest of more orderly classification all the art books should be in the same area. A telephone call by Mrs. Haight to Mr. Chance in the course of this discussion clarified various matters of dimensions and prices. The new library will double the shelf space we now have. The wall of the alcove is 24 feet long. The difference in price between glassed-in cases and no glass at all for the whole area is \$5,000.00

There followed considerable discussion of the pros and cons of locked cases. Mrs. Hays suggested that we ask for locked, sliding glass doors only for the most expensive books. A good many of the cards of the Ladies' Library books are now stamped "locked book-case". Mrs. Dodge suggested that someone look over the contents of the locked cases and see what is really irreplaceable. Mrs. Haight pointed out that having the fine arts books on the second floor is an important safety factor. It was reported that Mr. Chance thinks that all the damage to the books occurs when the books are out of the library, and all of the Ladies' Library books are allowed to circulate. He says that books on photography chiefly have been mutilated. It was recalled that Miss Frances Hannum, when she was chief librarian, never spoke of much damage. Mrs. Hays suggested that a sum might be laid aside for deterioration and for replacements also if necessary. It was the opinion of most of the Board members that too much locking

up defeats the purpose of a library, and the cost of the locked shelves seemed preposterous in view of the sums involved in the prices of the books themselves. Mrs. Van Tyne moved that we have no glass cases, and a show of hands on the matter showed that all but one of the Board members present were in favor of abandoning locked cases. However, it was finally decided that the matter should be left to the committee, which now consists of Mrs. Hays, Miss Collins, Mrs. Dodge, and Mrs. Haight. Miss Pattengill moved that the same committee continue to deal with Mr. Chance on whatever new problems may arise. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Haight then mentioned the matter of a plaque commemorating the Ladies' Library to be put in the alcove. Mr. Chance is in favor of it, and there is a logical place for it. It was decided to wait until the building is finished before making any decision.

Someone asked about the new book plate. Mrs. Haight said that none as yet have been put in any books. In the absence of Miss Hall, the chairman of the book plate committee, Mrs. Wethey reported that she had ordered the new plates at Edwards Letter Shop in August 1955, providing as copy a photo of a line drawing of the old Ladies' Library Building with a legend below in florid script taken from the title of Mrs. D'Ooge's 1876 history of the organization. Since Miss Hall was abroad at the time, Edwards' were instructed to inform Mrs. Hays when

the plates were ready. Mrs. Wethey on her return from Spain in the autumn of 1956 found that nobody knew anything about the plates. They were found still at the printers', the bill for them having been paid sometime in the autumn of 1955. Mrs. Wethey delivered the package of plates to Miss Hall in early October 1956.

Mrs. Hayden, the treasurer, reported that there was \$710.00 in the treasury and asked if some it should be invested. Mrs. Haight asked that \$200.00 be saved out for book purchases, as only about \$100.00 was spent this last year. Mrs. Adams made a motion that the treasurer be empowered to invest about \$500.00. The motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

*Alice Sunderland Wethey*

Alice Sunderland Wethey,  
Secretary.

## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

## BOARD MEMBERS 1957 - 1958

Mrs. Philip Bursley (1927)	917 Olivia	8-7956
Mrs. John G. Winter (1929)	901 South Forest	3-7123
Mrs. James Griffith Hays (1930) President	1555 Washtenaw	2-1420
Mrs. Stanley Dodge (1940)	1547 Washtenaw	2-0620
Mrs. Joseph R. Hayden (1940) Treasurer	1530 Hill Street	8-8033
Mrs. Edward L. Adams (1940)	1830 Washtenaw	
Miss Caroline Pattengill (1943)	1212 Hill Street	8-6282
Miss Helen B. Hall (1948)	715 South Forest	8-6331
Mrs. William A. Frayer (1951) Vice-President	745 Riverview	2-3347
Mrs. Cameron Haight (1951) Chairman Book Committee	2112 Vinewood	3-4520
Mrs. James M. Plumer (1951)	1505 Golden	2-1230
Mrs. Josselyn Van Tyne (1951)	1921 Cambridge	2-0822
Mrs. Charles B. Vibbert (1951)	1710 Hermitage	3-4433
Mrs. Harold E. Wethey (1951) Secretary	2009 Morton	2-2415
Miss Eleanor Collins (1956)	703 South Forest	3-6255
Mrs. John Alexander (1957)	788 Arlington	8-5879
Mrs. Hayward Keniston (1957)	1507 East Park Place	2-4164
Mrs. Robert McNamara (1957)	410 Highland	2-7091

Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan

Annual Meeting, April 25, 1957.

The Annual Meeting of the Board of the Ladies' Library Association was held on April 25, 1955, at the home of Mrs. William A. Frayer, Vice-President. Those present were: Mrs. James G. Hays, President, Mrs. Joseph R. Hayden, Treasurer, Mrs. Edward L. Adams, Miss Caroline Pattengill, Miss Helen B. Hall, Mrs. William A. Frayer, Vice-President, Mrs. Cameron Haight, Chairman of the Book Committee, Mrs. John G. Winter, Mrs. Charles B. Vibbert, Mrs. Stanley D. Dodge, Miss Eleanor Collins, and Mrs. Harold E. Wethey, Secretary. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Hays.

An informal discussion followed concerning the Association's records. It was asked if anyone knew who took the old Minutes Books to the Michigan Historical Association. This was apparently done after Mrs. Finney's death. Mrs. Dodge reported that one is missing, that only three are at the Historical Association.

Mrs. Hays recalled the circumstances of deeding the Ladies' Library building to the Board of Education. Repairs were necessary and had to be paid out of the members' pockets. Mrs. Lombard was President then (1916). An offer to turn over the Library to the Women's Club had not been accepted. Then the Treasurer, Miss Douglas, was authorized to consult

with Mr. Springer over a proposal to make a gift of the property to the Board of Education. Only the real estate and books were to be involved in this transaction. The Trust Fund was to be withheld to be "manipulated" by the Ladies' Library Board.

The Secretary's report was read and accepted.

Mrs. Hayden gave the Treasurer's report. Our fiscal year is from April to April. We have no income tax to pay, as we are unincorporated. The total income was \$616.00 and the balance as of April 1, 1957 was \$91.98. The financial report was accepted. Copies of a special report as to holdings and income were distributed to all the Board members present. It is planned that such reports be given each year to each member. Dues of \$.10 were collected from each member.

The Book Committee reported that very few books were bought for the year 1956-1957 because of the overcrowded condition of the books in the locked cases and the fact that in September the library will be moved to its new building. The list of titles includes two new volumes of the UNESCO World Art Series, one on Iran, the other on Masaccio, a new volume in the Pelican History of Art Series on mediaeval architecture in Britain, and a Skira publication covering sixteenth century painting from Leonardo to El Greco. Seven new pamphlets have also been added to the collection from the \$12.50 annual membership in the Museum of Modern Art. A total of \$66.85 was spent. In conclusion the committee reported that a list had

been made up for about \$200 worth of books to have on hand for the opening of the new Public Library in the autumn. The book report was accepted as read, and copies of the report were distributed to the Board members.

Mrs. Hays inquired whether there should be an article in the Ann Arbor News about the new books. Mrs. Haight reported that Mr. Chance, the head librarian, does not like publicity before the books are catalogued. Then the suggestion was made that after the new books were catalogued, they might be withdrawn and a special presentation with suitable publicity be made at that time. No specific action was taken.

Miscellaneous matters were discussed. In answer to Mrs. Hays' suggestion that perhaps something might be done to improve the organization of the Association, Miss Pattengill remarked that in nine years the Ladies Library will celebrate its one-hundredth birthday, and yet it has run quite well in its present loose form.

The bill for the Book Plate in the autumn of 1955 came to \$11.85. It was paid by the Treasurer.

Mrs. Vibbert will help Mrs. Hayden clear up the old Treasurers' reports. Mrs. Hays and Mrs. Wethey will look over material from the safety deposit box, old minutes, etc.

The report of the Nominating Committee followed. It was acknowledged that there should be new officers soon, but that this year was rather a special one in that the new Public

Library was to be opened in the fall. Consequently it was proposed that elections not be held until after the new library is finished. A motion was made and carried to the effect that a special meeting be called for that purpose later in the year.

The suggestion was made that a special interim committee be created with power to act over the transition period of the transferal of the Public Library to its new building. Thus a meeting of the Board would not be necessary if anything comes up. The committee was to consist of Mrs. Hays, Mrs. Dodge, and the Book Committee. A motion to that effect was made by Mrs. Vibbert. It was seconded and passed.

Miss Hall asked how the membership of the book committee is determined. There have been two members and the chairman. The Secretary read the appropriate lines in the Constitution which says that there shall be a Chairman and three other members. Miss Hall and Mrs. Plumer are the present members and Miss Hall proposed Miss Collins as the third.

On motion by Miss Pattengill the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

*Alice Sunderland Wethey*

Alice Sunderland Wethey,  
Secretary.



## Ladies' Library Association

## Treasurer's Report

April 1, 1956 to March 31, 1957

Expenditures		Income	
Safety deposit box	4.40	Dues	1.00
Slater's	58.00	Abbott Laboratories	45.00
Wittenborn & Co.	8.35	B. M. I.	110.00
	<hr/>	Diamond Match (com.)	45.00
	70.75	Diamond Match (pf.)	37.52
		Eastman Kodak	37.10
		King Seeley	100.00
		Phelps Dodge	100.00
Rights, Eastman		Monsanto Chemical	10.25
Kodak and Monsanto		Standard Oil	67.80
Chemical	26.88	Bank interest	8.43
1 share, rights	28.96	U.S. Bond series G. int.	12.50
10 shares, Monsanto		U.S. Bond series K. int.	41.40
Chemical	339.34		<hr/>
10 shares, Arvin			616.00
Industries	304.01		
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	699.19		
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	769.94	Balance, April 1,	
		1956	<hr/>
			245.92
Balance, March 31,			
1957	91.98		
	<hr/>		
	861.92		

(Elizabeth O. Hayden)

Ladies Library Association

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Holdings April 1957

<u>Company</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Income 1956</u>
Abbott Laboratories	25	\$45.00
Bond Holders Management, Inc.	100	100.00
Diamond Match, common	26	45.00
Diamond Match, preferred	25	37.52
Eastman Kodak	15	37.10
King Seeley	80 (stock split)	100.00
Phelps Dodge	20	100.00
Standard Oil Indiana	30	67.80
Monsanto Chemical	10	7.50
Monsanto Chem. Purchased 1957	11	
Arvin Industries. Purchased 1957	10	
		\$ 539.92
U. S. A. Bond, Series G. \$500.00		12.50
U. S. A. Bond, Series K. \$1500.00		41.40
	Total	\$ 607.62

Elizabeth O. Hayden,  
Treasurer.

## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

## Report of Book Committee for year 1956-57

Due to the overcrowded condition of the books in the locked cases and the fact that in September the library will be moved to its new building we have kept the number of purchases to a minimum. The following have been presented to the Ann Arbor Public Library since our last annual meeting in 1956:

Sieveking, Johannes, Die Terrakotten der Sammlung Loeb, 2 vols.  
(Gift of Mary Hays)

Sieveking, Johannes, Die Bronzen der Sammlung Loeb.  
(Gift of Mary Hays)

New York Museum of Modern Art Publications (membership) \$12.50

Balthus by James Thrall Soby.

A Report on the Film Library 1941-1956.

Painting and Sculpture Acquisitions June 1, 1953 -  
June 30, 1955.

Eduard Munch by William S. Lieberman.

International Exchange in the Arts by George F. Kennen.

Jackson Pollock by Sam Hunter.

Masters of British Painting 1800-1950.

Webb, Geoffrey, Architecture in Britain: The Middle Ages  
Pelican History of Art Series. 8.35

Venturi, L., The Sixteenth Century from Leonardo to  
El Greco: Skira Great Centuries of  
Painting. 22.00

Gray, Basil, UNESCO World Art Series: Iran. 12.00

Hendy, Philip, UNESCO World Art Series: Italy,  
Masaccio 12.00

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\$ 66.85

We have a standing order with Wittenborn for the Pelican History of Art. Otherwise we have placed our order at Slater's. Each firm allows us 20 percent discount but Wittenborn charges for shipping. Mrs. Bursley maintains the Museum of Modern Art Membership. At the present time we have placed an order for books which will be on hand for the opening of the new library. Some have arrived today, but I will include them in the report for the following year. We plan to spend about \$200 on this order.

The Book Committee wishes to thank Miss Caroline Pattengill, Miss Eleanor Collins, Mrs. Philip Bursley and Mrs. J. G. Hays for their helpful assistance.

Helen Hall

Carol Plumer (Mrs. James M. Plumer)

Isabel Haight (Mrs. Cameron Haight)

Books Presented to the Ann Arbor Public Library  
by the Ladies' Library Association

November 30, 1956:

Publications of the Museum of Modern Art:

1. Rewald, John, Post-Impressionism from Van Gogh to Gauguin.
2. Wheeler, Monroe, Textiles and Ornaments of India.
3. Miller, D. C., Twelve Americans.
4. \_\_\_\_\_, Recent Drawings USA.
5. \_\_\_\_\_, Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Final Report

I. Haight, Chm.

April, 1957:

1. Jackson Pollock, Museum of Modern Art.
2. Edvard Munch, Museum of Modern Art.
3. George F. Kennen address, Museum of Modern Art.
4. Venturi, L., The Sixteenth Century from Leonardo to El Greco.
5. Gray, Basil, UNESCO, Iran.
6. Hendy, Philip, UNESCO, Masaccio.
7. Gantner, J., The Glory of Romanesque Art.
8. Gieure, M., G. Braque.
9. Little, N., The Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Collection.
10. Pageant of Japanese Art, Vols. IV, V, VI.

I Haight, Chm.

Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan

Special Meeting, December 14, 1957.

A special meeting of the Board of the Ladies' Library Association was held on December 14, 1957, at the home of Mrs. James G. Hays, President. Those present were: Mrs. James G. Hays, President, Mrs. Joseph R. Hayden, Treasurer, Mrs. Stanley D. Dodge, Miss Eleanor Collins, Miss Helen B. Hall, Mrs. William A. Frayer, Vice President, Mrs. Cameron Haight, Chairman of the Book Committee, Mrs. Charles B. Vibbert, Mrs. Josselyn Van Tyne, and Mrs. Harold E. Wethey, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Hays about 10:15 A. M. Mrs. Hays said that the time had come for the Association to acquire some new members. Twenty is the limit set by the constitution, and there are only fifteen on the Board at the present time, since Mrs. Thieme has resigned. She suggested that five new members all at once might be too many, that the elections might better be spread over two or three years. Various names have been suggested. Mrs. Plumer moved that we elect just three, and the motion was passed.

An informal discussion followed as to the voting. Mrs. Dodge wondered whether there should not be a minimum of votes necessary to elect any one. Miss Hall asked what the mathematical probabilities might be with a given number of candidates and electors. It was agreed that probably the election would come out all right any way it might be handled.

Further informal discussion followed as to the membership. Mrs. Hays remarked that we are a self-perpetuating, non-incorporated, free-wheeling group. Mrs. Van Tyne suggested a rotating membership, but others felt that that would not work. Then Mrs. Hayden proposed that we make some of our members emeritus, then there would be room for more active members. As member emeritus, any individual would still be able to contribute if she could or wished to do so. An emeritus member would have no voting privileges, and could not hold office, but could attend meetings. The motion was made and passed that when a member wishes to resign, she may be given this half-active status, and that members who wish to retire from active participation may be made members emeritus.

The financial reports were brought into the discussion. Each member is to have a statement about holdings, what was paid for each investment, its value in January of each year, and the income from it. The total fund is worth about \$12,000 at the present time. Yet in 1916 the income was not enough to take care of the little Library building. The existence of the Public Library meant that the private Ladies' Library could get no more members, consequently there was almost no income from membership dues.

A slate of the names of the various candidates suggested for new memberships was then given to each of the Board members present. As a result of the balloting we elected the following:

Mrs. John Alexander, Mrs. Hayward Keniston, and Mrs. Robert  
McNamara.

The meeting was adjourned about 11:30.

*Alice Sunderland Wethey*

Alice Sunderland Wethey,  
Secretary.



Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan

Board Members in 1958.\*

1. Mrs. Philip Bursley (1927).
2. Mrs. John G. Winter (1929).
3. Mrs. James G. Hays (1930)- President.
4. Mrs. Stanley D. Dodge (1940).
5. Mrs. Joseph R. Hayden (1940) - Treasurer.
6. Mrs. Edward L. Adams (1940).
7. Miss Caroline Pattengill (1943).
8. Miss Helen B. Hall (1948).
9. Mrs. William A. Frayer (1951) - Vice President.
10. Mrs. Cameron Haight (1951) - Chairman, Book Committee.
11. Mrs. James M. Plumer (1951).
12. Mrs. Charles B. Vibbert (1951).
13. Mrs. Josselyn Van Tyne (1951).
14. Mrs. Harold E. Wethey (1951) - Secretary.
15. Miss Eleanor S. Collins (1956).
16. Mrs. John Alexander (1958).
17. Mrs. Hayward Keniston (1958).
18. Mrs. Robert McNamara (1958).

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In parentheses is given the year the individual member  
joined the library Board.

Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Annual Meeting, May 31, 1958.

The Annual Meeting of the Ladies' Library Association was held on May 31, 1958 at the home of Mrs. Josselyn Van Tyne. Those present were: Mrs. James G. Hays, President, Mrs. Josselyn Van Tyne, Miss Caroline Pattengill, Mrs. Cameron Haight, Chairman of the Book Committee, Mrs. Charles B. Vibbert, Mrs. Joseph R. Hayden, Treasurer, Mrs. Stanley D. Dodge, Mrs. John Alexander, and Mrs. Harold E. Wethey, Secretary.

The Meeting was called to order by the president at 11:15 A. M. The secretary read the minutes of a special meeting on February 29, 1957, of the Annual Meeting on April 25, 1957, and of a special meeting on December 14, 1957. The minutes were accepted.

The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Hayden. The balance on hand on April 1, 1957 was \$91.98. Total cash received up to March 31, 1958, including a bond which came due, was \$1091.00. Expenditures for the year were \$241.04, and on March 31, 1958 the cash on hand was \$941.94.

There was a discussion as to the advantages and disadvantages of a checking account as against a savings account. Mrs. Hayden said that a checking account would be more expensive, but others felt that the interest on our savings account is so small as to be negligible. Miss Pattengill observed that, after all, the purpose of our organization is to spend money, not to

save it. Mrs. Van Tyne pointed out that there is undoubtedly a minimum balance, probably \$100, which must be maintained in a checking account. Last year the account did get down below \$30 because the Board was not buying books for a while, but was investing reserve sums instead. It was the consensus that a checking account would be more convenient. Consequently it was moved and seconded that we change over to a checking account, and the motion was carried by a show of hands.

New investments this year have been 10 shares of Detroit Bank and Trust Co., and 6 shares of American Electric Power, bought for a total of \$687.54. The treasurer's report was accepted.

The report of the book committee was made by Mrs. Haight. At the dedication of the new Public Library last October the Ladies' Library Association presented ten books each with the new book plate. The list of these will be added to the Minutes. There is a difficulty with the book plate, especially in the books on the 14-day shelf, for the jacket covers it. Could it be put on the fly leaf? Mrs. Dodge agrees that it would be dreadful to put it on the title page. No solution was reached in the discussion.

The standing orders for the UNESCO and Pelican volumes were mentioned and it was reported that the subject catalogue made by Miss Pattengill is being kept up to date. Attention was called to the mixed-up situation in an oversize case for

large books, a case which is not locked. One volume of Panofsky is there, but the other volume is shelved elsewhere. It was pointed out that a lot of our books still do not have book-plates in them, and that there is a long job involved to fill them in. Who is to do it? Mrs. Haight has been working at it gradually, but it seems endless.

It appears that Mr. Chance has bought some books over \$10, although for a long time it was understood that the Association was to assume responsibility for all such; and it also appears that he thought that we didn't buy books on architecture! The cataloguing of our books seems very strange in some instances. Some are downstairs under other classifications. For example, primitive art is classified under country. Mrs. Dodge suggests that we simply request that classification of our books be under art. The report of the book committee was accepted.

The report of the nominating committee given by Miss Patten-gill named for President, Mrs. Haight; for Vice President, Mrs. Frayer; for Treasurer, Mrs. Van Tyne; for Secretary, Mrs. Vibbert; and for Chairman of the Book Committee, Miss Helen Hall. Mrs. Hayden moved that nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and passed and the slate was elected.

A proposed change in the constitution was brought up by Mrs. Hays, that the Board have a regular fall meeting in addition to the annual spring meeting. At the spring meeting we would continue to elect new members. A motion to have a second

regular meeting in the fall was made by Miss Pattengill. It was seconded and passed.

Various historical matters were discussed. Mrs. Hays read the letter of Byron Finney, of March 23, 1917, describing his difficulties with the Secretary of the Board of Education over the Article of Agreement between the Ladies' Library Association and the Public Schools of Ann Arbor. In the Article of Agreement signed May 6, 1916 by Charles A. Sink, President of the Board of Education and G. J. Ray, Secretary, and Caroline C. Lombard, President of the Ladies' Library, and Ida C. Finney, Secretary was the following stipulation: "In case the said Public Schools, the party of the second part, should sell or lease the premises above deeded and conveyed, then the funds realized from such sale or lease, less the expense incident to the change, shall be invested in good securities by the governing board of the said Public Schools, party of the second part, and the income arising therefrom expended in the purchase of books to be added to said collection. The books so purchased to be selected by the said Ladies' Library Association with the approval of said governing board." However, the Association never had a cent of money in the <sup>eleven</sup> years between the sale of the property on Huron Street to the telephone company and the erection of the new Public Library Building on S. Fifth Avenue.

It was recalled that at an earlier meeting [1956] it was requested that anyone having items of historical interest

concerning the Ladies' Library give them to Mrs. Frayer, who would arrange to have them kept at the Michigan Historical Collection in the Rackham Building. But to date Mrs. Frayer has received nothing. Miss Pattengill feels that it is not safe to have any such material in any of our own houses. Mrs. Vibbert thinks that the Historical Association should have a list of all of our documents and that we should have a list of theirs in connection with the Ladies' Library. Of course, the original Article of Agreement and the original deed of the property on Huron Street to the Public Schools of Ann Arbor belong to us and should be in our safety deposit box. Mrs. Hays found them at the Rackham Building, evidently having been presented by Byron Finney. But he had never any right to such documents and could not legally give them away, and we now have them back.

The latest book of Minutes dates from 1908 to 1953. Miss Pattengill suggested that we vote at the fall meeting what to do with our material. Mrs. Haight proposed Mrs. Hays, Mrs. Van Tyne and Miss Pattengill to be an historical committee to take care of this matter.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

*Alice Sunderland Wethey*

Alice Sunderland Wethey,  
Secretary.

## C O P Y

Extract from Minutes of Annual Meeting of Ladies' Library Association, May 31, 1958:

"A proposed change in the constitution was brought up by Mrs. Hays, that the Board have a regular fall meeting in addition to the annual spring meeting. At the spring meeting we would continue to elect new members. A motion to have a second regular meeting in the fall was made by Miss Pattengill. It was seconded and passed."

## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

## TREASURER'S REPORT

April 1, 1957 -- March 31, 1958

Expenditures:

Safety deposit box	4.40
Mrs. P.E.Bursley, Art	13.50
Wittenborn	10.50
Slater's	192.40
Guaranty Trust for 58/00 sh. Monsanto	20.24
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	\$ 241.02

Balance, March 31, 1958	941.94
	<hr/>
	\$ 1,182.98

Income:

Dues and contrib.	2.10
Abbott Laboratories	47.50
Arvin Industries	20.00
B. M. I.	100.00
Diamond Match (com.)	45.00
Diamond Match (pf.)	37.52
Eastman Kodak	40.50
King Seeley	100.00
Monsanto	21.25
Phelps Dodge	60.00
Standard Oil (Ind.)	62.70
U.S.Gov. bond paid in with interest (series G)	506.25
Series K bond	41.40
Bank interest	6.78
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	\$ 1,091.00

Balance, April 1, 1957	91.98
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	\$ 1,182.98

Bond \$500

[Retyped by Alice S. Wethey  
1966 and May 1978]

Elizabeth O. Hayden. Treasurer



## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Holdings, January 1, 1958

COMPANY	SHARES	DATE ACQ.	COST	DIV. 1957	INCOME 1956
Abbott Lab.	25	12/28/54	1,126.75	\$1.80	45.00
Arvin Indust.	10	4/ 4/57	304.01	2.00	15.00
B. M. I.	100	11/ 2/53	880.00 ?	.80	110.00
Diamond Match com.	25	2/16/51 to 5/ 6/55	353.57	1.80	45.00
Diamond Match pf.	25	6/15/51	1,310.85	1.50	37.52
Eastman Kodak	15	4/18/52	541.77	2.65	38.90
" "	1	11/12/54	24.65		
" "	1	4/19/55	25.64		
" "		1/26/57	26.88		
King Seeley	40	9/30/52	923.60	2.50	100.00
Monsanto	10	3/16/56	480.75	1.00	18.50
"	1		28.86		
"	10	3/25/57	339.34		
Phelps Dodge	20	12/23/54	970.71	5.00	86.00
Standard Oil (Ind)	30	10/17/52	1,158.99	2.20	62.70
" stock split	30	12/ 1/54			
U.S.Bond, K		10/52	500.00		13.80
U.S.Bond, K		10/53	500.00		13.80
U.S.Bond. K		1/56	500.00		13.80
			<u>\$ 9,996.47</u>		<u>\$ 600.02</u>

[Typed by Alice S. Wethey  
August 1978]

Elizabeth O. Hayden, Treasurer

## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

BOOK COMMITTEE REPORT, May 31, 1958

At the dedication of the new Ann Arbor Public Library on October 13, 1957, the Ladies' Library Association presented ten books with our new bookplate. The value of these books totaled \$156. These were on display on the second floor during the ceremony. The following books were presented.

1. Pageant of Japanese Art, Vol. I Painting 1,
2. Venice Observed , Mary McCarthy.
3. UNESCO WORLD ART SERIES - IRAN
4. UNESCO WORLD ART SERIES - SPAIN
5. UNESCO WORLD ART SERIES - MASACCIO
6. The Glory of Romanesque Art, Joseph Gantner.
7. Leonardo da Vinci, Istituto Geografico de Agostini.
8. Japan's New Architecture, Shinji Koike
9. American Painting Today , Pousette-d'Art
10. Greek Architecture, A. W. Lawrence (Pelican History)

In connection with the University's exhibit and symposium on Mexican Art the library exhibited some books on Mexican Art. Miss Hall presented a list of twenty-five titles as possible book selections in this field. On checking I found eleven to be in the library, but we were able to purchase two new publications included in the following list. These books were presented in April 1958 (\$108.).

1. Indian Art of Mexico and Central America, M, Covarrubias,
2. Pre-Columbian Art, S. K, Lothrop,
3. UNESCO WORLD ART SERIES - CEYLON,
4. Greece in Color, Kerenyi,
5. Early Medieval Painting, Grabar and Nordenfalk,
6. German Art of the 20th Century, Haftmann.
7. Matta, Bulletin of the Museum of Modern Art.
8. David Smith, Bulletin of the Museum of Modern Art.

We have a standing order for the Unesco publications and also for the Pelican History of Art Series (Wittenborn). With the exception of the Museum of Modern Art Publications (Mrs. Bursley's subscription) and the Pelican series all books have been ordered at Slater's at 20% discount.

Miss Simpson at the library has continued our author and title file and I have continued the subject file organized by Miss Patten-gill. In addition to buying new books this coming year the committee should help arrange the locked case and also check our books which do not have our book-plate.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Plumer

Eleanor Collins

Helen Hall

Isabel Haight (Chairman)

## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

## BOARD MEMBERS 1958 - 1959

Mrs. Philip Bursley (1927)	917 Olivia	8-7956
Mrs. John G. Winter (1929)	901 South Forest	3-7123
Mrs. James Griffith Hays (1930)	1555 Washtenaw	2-1420
Mrs. Stanley Dodge (1940)	1547 Washtenaw	2-0620
Mrs. Joseph R. Hayden (1940)	1530 Hill Street	8-8033
Mrs. Edward L. Adams (1940)	1830 Washtenaw	
Miss Caroline Pattengill (1943)	1213 Hill Street	8-6282
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Mrs. William A. Frayer (1951) Vice-President	745 Riverview	2-3347
Mrs. Cameron Haight (1951) President	2112 Vinewood	3-4529
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Mrs. Charles B. Vibbert (1951) Secretary	1710 Hermitage	3-4433
Mrs. Harold E. Wethey (1951)	2009 Morton	2-2415
Miss Eleanor Collins (1956)	703 South Forest	3-6255
Mrs. John Alexander (1957)	288 Arlington	8-5879
Mrs. Hayward Keniston (1957)	1507 East Park Place	2-4164
Mrs. Robert McNamara (1957)	410 Highland	2-7091

Mrs. Adams died in 1958

Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan

Meeting of October 14, 1958

The October meeting of the Ladies' Library Association was held at the home of Mrs. Cameron Haight. Those present were: Mrs. Cameron Haight, President, Mrs. William Frayer, Vice-President, Miss Helen Hall, Chairman of the Book Committee, Miss Caroline Pattengill, Chairman of the Archives Committee, Mrs. Edward L. Adams, Mrs. Stanley D. Dodge, Mrs. Joseph Hayden, Mrs. J. Griffith Hays, Mrs. Hayward Keniston, Mrs. Robert McNamara, Mrs. Charles B. Vibbert, Secretary. The meeting was called to order by the president at 4:00 P.M.

The secretary read the minutes of the annual meeting held on May 31, 1958. The minutes were accepted.

The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Frayer, substituting for Mrs. Josselyn Van Tyne, Treasurer. The income from dividends and interest between May 31 and October 10 was \$204.83. The previous balance was \$273.89, making a total of \$478.72. Expenditures amounted to \$439.30, leaving on October 10, 1958 a cash balance of \$439.30. The treasurer stressed the fact that the safety box now contains, besides the cash on hand, all the certificates of stocks, Mrs. D'Ooge's history of the Association, the 1931 signed Constitution, authorization for the treasurer to handle the accounts, the Warranty Deed to the Public Schools dated July

16, 1916, and a copy of the agreement with the School Board. The report was filed in the Secretary's book.

The report of the Book Committee was given by Miss Hall who stated that more books would be bought before Christmas.

Miss Pattengill gave her report on the Archives of the Association. She was happy to state that the Association now has a complete record of what papers it has (as far as can be ascertained). She proposed the following resolutions for the consideration and action of the board:

(1) That, for the present anyway, we keep possession of what papers we now have, and if at some later date it seems best to deposit some of them with the Michigan Historical Collection, that they be placed there on loan only.

(2) That we give to the Michigan Historical Collections the D A R booklet about the Angell Bible School in China; "An Appreciation of Sarah Caswell Angell," by Mrs. E. M. Blatchford, read before the Michigan Branch of the Women's Board of Missions; a photostat of a clipping about a public meeting in 1905 and one of Mrs. D'Ooge's history.

(3) That any discarded material be offered to Mr. Vander Velde for his inspection.

(4) That the decision in regard to the material in the Treasurer's box be left to the Executive Committee, with any assistance they may wish, and with power to act.

// (5) That a suitable container, plainly marked, be

purchased for the Archives.

The second resolution was passed after a motion by Mrs. Adams, seconded by Mrs. Frayer, the third after a motion by Mrs. Hays, seconded by Miss Hall, the fourth after a motion by Mrs. Frayer, seconded by Mrs. Hays. During the discussion of the first resolution Miss Hall stated that it would be acceptable if the location of the documents is definite, and, added Miss Pattengill, of easy access. Finally the resolution was table until the Spring meeting. The fifth resolution also was shelved until the Spring meeting.

It seems fitting to dwell longer on Miss Pattengill's report. She gave an intimate history of the Association from its beginning, stressing its devotion to the community, its unity of purpose all through the years, in spite of changing boards. Lately the untiring efforts of Mrs. Hays and others carries on the tradition. She also mentioned the multiple duties of the early committees, including besides those we have today, many others concerned with repairs, heating problems, and the like. She spoke of their constant financial worries, since the body of contributors was small and the members' dues very low: \$1.00 a year, or \$.50 the half year. But they always came through the crises, raising money with strawberry festivals, luncheons, kermesses, cantatas, plays, lectures given in churches or private houses. All these brought in a few dollars each time:

A profit of \$35.00 was considered good; \$76.00 was the top. They were greatly helped by two large gifts, one of \$500.00 (E. C. Seaman) and \$1,000.00 (Mr. David Henning), also occasionally by some men's clubs' contributions. Such an intimate picture was of great interest to the members present. Miss Pattengill's report was filed in the secretary's book.

Mrs. Haight, who as president of the Association is a member of the Ann Arbor Library Advisory Committee, expressed concern over the power of the librarian to weed out books the publication dates of which go back ten years or more. Mrs. Keniston explained that such a measure applies only to old text books, out of date, and of no use in a public library.

Mrs. Haight thought that the Constitution of the Association should be clarified. Mrs. Van Tyne is in charge of it. Mrs. Haight thanked Miss Pattengill for her work and wonderful report on the history of the Association and expressed the hope that it might be the start of a book on the Ladies' Library Association.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

Madeleine B. Vibbert, Secretary.



## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

TREASURER'S REPORT, October 10, 1958

According to the consensus at the last meeting, held in May, Mrs. Hayden, Mrs. Haight and the incumbent, Mrs. Van Tyne, transferred the savings account of the Association to the present checking account in the Ann Arbor Bank. The keys to the safety deposit box were transferred on the same day. Mrs. Haight and Mrs. Van Tyne each hold one and either is authorized to have access to the box.

Because of Miss Pattengill's very arduous and meticulous efforts to gather together in the safest and most accessible places our archive material, you may be interested to know that the safety deposit box now contains all the certificates of stock, the printed copy of Mrs. D'Ooge's history of the Association, the 1931 signed Constitution, authorizations for the treasurer to handle the accounts, the warranty deed to the public schools dated June 16, 1916, a letter from Mr. Finney to Mrs. Lombard, then President of the Association, regarding the transactions with the School Board, and a copy of the agreement. Other things, previously kept in the safety box have been placed with the records, which, it was voted at an earlier meeting, should be placed in the Michigan Historical Collections.

A letter was sent to Mrs. Hays in the name of the Finance Committee expressing the sorrow and loss we share with her in the death of her husband, who gave so generously of his advice

and time to the Association.

The Finance committee has held one meeting at which time we discussed our present holdings and the possibility of trying to find some one who would advise us as Mrs. Hays has done. It was decided that we would try to carry on without an official adviser, at least temporarily, since most of the members of the committee have access to professional advice for themselves.

The Treasurer has attempted an analysis of our stocks which has not been circulated to the committee, but which will be completed and brought up to date for the annual meeting. No changes were made in our holdings, although we have had some cut in our income. We are watching the market, and at a later date may feel it necessary to change some holdings.

It has been suggested by several advisers that we put our holdings in some trust or affiliated fund. Sample statements may interest you.

Respectfully submitted.

Helen B. Van Tyne. Treasurer.

[Retyped by Alice S. Wethey, August 1978]

## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

## TREASURER'S REPORT

October 10, 1958

Expenditures:

Wittenborn	\$ 10.50
Slater's	27.00
Bank fees	1.92
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	39.42

Income:

Balance, June 1, 1958	\$		\$273.89
Standard Oil (Ind.)		10.50	
Phelps Dodge		15.00	
Monsanto Chem.		5.50	
Eastman Kodak		9.75	
Arvin Indust.		2.50	
Abbott Lab.		11.25	
Detroit Bank		4.50	
King Seeley		10.00	
B. M. I.		20.00	
Diam. Gard. pf.		9.38	
Diam. Gard. com.		11.25	
Standard Oil (Ind.)		10.50	
American Elec. Power		2.40	
Phelps Dodge		15.00	
Monsanto Chem.		5.50	
Detroit Bank		4.50	
Eastman Kodak		9.75	
U.S. bonds		13.80	
Abbott Lab.		11.25	
Arvin Indust.		2.50	
B. M. I.		20.00	
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		\$204.83	478.72
Balance, Oct. 10, 1958		439.30	

[Retyped by Alice S. Wethey  
1966 and May 1958]

Helen B. Van Tyne, Treasurer

## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Appraisal of Holdings as of October 1, 1958

COMPANY	SHARES	PRICE	TOTAL VALUE	PERCENT OF TOTAL	EXPECTED INCOME	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Abbott Lab.	25	66	\$ 1,650.00	11.8	47.50	5.20
Am. El. Pwr.	6	44 1/2	267.00	2.0	4.80	.80
Arvin Ind.	10	27 1/8	271.25	2.1	12.50	2.17
B. M. I.	100		880.00 ?	6.7	100.00	18.90
Det. Bank	10	46 1/8	461.25	3.5	9.00	.90
Diamond Gard. com.	26	40 1/2	1,053.00	8.1	45.00	8.50
Diamond Gard. pf.	25	30 1/2	762.50	5.1	37.52	7.10
East. Kod.	15	126 3/4	1,901.25	14.6	42.75	8.10
King Seeley	40	24 3/4	990.00	7.6	55.00	10.40
Monsan. Chem.	21	35 1/2	745.00	5.7	22.00	4.20
Phelps Dod.	20	56 1/4	1,130.00	8.6	60.00	11.30
St. Oil Ind.	30	48 1/2	1,447.50	11.09	42.00	7.90
U.S. Bonds	3	\$ 500	1,500.00	11.49	41.40	7.80
			<u>\$ 13,058.75</u>	<u>98.38</u>	<u>\$ 519.47</u>	<u>93.27</u>
Preferred stocks			762.50	5.1	7.52	7.08
U. S. Bonds, K			1,500.00	11.49	41.40	7.80
Industrials (common)			9,193.45	69.6	324.75	57.60
Financial			46,125.00	3.53	9.00	.90
Public Utility			267.00	2.0	4.80	.80

[Retyped by Alice S. Wethey  
August 1978]

Helen B. Van Tyne, Treasurer

Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan  
Contents of Safety Deposit Box  
August 18, 1958

STOCKS

Industrials

10 shares Arvin Industries, common  
25 shares Abbott Laboratories  
26 shares Diamond Gardner  
25 shares Diamond Gardner, cumulative preferred  
12 shares Eastman Kodak, common  
10 shares King Seeley  
12 shares Monsanto Chemical  
20 shares Phelps Dodge  
30 shares Standard Oil of Indiana

Utilities

6 shares American Gas & Electric Power

Bonds, Banks, Mutuals

100 BMI (Business Management Investments)

10 shares Detroit Bank & Trust Company

Series K, U. S. Bonds:

October 1952, \$500.00

October 1953, \$500.00

February 1956, \$500.00

Helen B. VanTyne, Treasurer

## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Program of benefit performance at the Athens Theatre,

May 1, 1901, "The Doctor of Alcantara."

Catalogue of Ceramic Exhibition.

Mrs. D'Ooge's history of the Ladies' Library Association,  
1876.

Constitution of the Association of 1931.

The copper plate for the Love Maria Palmer bookplate.

Booklists, treasurer's bills and receipts, etc., up to  
1957, except for current books, are placed in the Michigan  
Historical Collections.

Helen B. Van Tyne, Treasurer

Report on the Archives (1958)

I am happy to report that we now have what we have long been wishing for, a complete record of what papers we have (as far as can be ascertained) where they are, and of what they consist. I use the word archives, which is perhaps a rather pretentious word for our papers, because it is explicit; not all papers are archives.

Many of them have turned up in the Michigan Historical Collections; others are in our bank box; still others in the big box passed on from treasurer to treasurer without, it would appear, any very careful inspection; recently some have to light in the library of the University.

I have made a careful and detailed list of everything we now possess in two parts: (A) Those in the Michigan Historical Collections. It seemed wise to list them separately as they are entirely out of our hands, though anyone has easy access to them; (B) Those that we still possess and have control of.

First, in regard to the archives in the Michigan Historical Collections which have a rather bizarre history. Mrs. Byron Finney, who was secretary of the Ladies' Library Association for many years, resigned in 1927 and died in 1929. Some time before his death in 1938, Mr. Finney gave his papers to the University Library. He included in them some items which were the property of the Ladies' Library Association and, of

course, were not his to dispose of. Why they were not turned over to our board which was still very active, I can't imagine. In 1941, Mr. Finney's papers were transferred to the Michigan Historical Collections. The Ladies' Library papers went with them and were catalogued as "Finney Papers" and so were "lost" for some time. Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Hays, they are now catalogued under our name.

They consist of (1) Four volumes of minutes, from 1866-1980, except for Volume II. With the minutes we have they make a continuous record of the activities of the Ladies' Library Association for nearly 93 years, except the lost seven, 1872-1879; (2) A folder of heterogeneous, unsorted material (see list). Mrs. Hays managed to secure the original warranty deed (of the Ladies' Library Association property to the Schools of Ann Arbor) and the original copy of the Articles of Agreement between the Ladies' Library Association and the Board of Education; (3) A copy of the sixth edition of the book catalogue, published in 1887; (4) The Michigan Historical Collections also have a short sketch of the first ten years of the Ladies' Library Association by Theresa Schwob. It is a student thesis of no special interest as she covers much less ably the same period covered by Mrs. D'Ooge's delightful history.

After the lists were compiled and I thought that my work was completed, I found that the General Library of the University



has copies of the first edition of the book catalogue, published in 1873, a supplement published in 1875, and the fifth edition published in 1882. They also have a copy of the 1887 edition, still another copy of which we possess in our own archives. I hope that Mr. Vander Velde can get these University Library items transferred to the Michigan Historical Collections in pursuance of our policy, often expressed in our annual meetings, of having our archives less scattered.

Under Part B of the list I have listed everything we have in our possession except any items from the treasurer's box which may be chosen later to be included in our archives. The contents have been carefully sorted and annotated, but no suggestion has been made to date as to their final disposition. It seems to be pretty much a difference of opinion, chiefly depending on whether you are a hoarder, a "disposer-of," or an inbetweener! The box yielded five very interesting little account books which were listed at once, there being no question about them. Otherwise, the box contains roughly, cancelled checks, savings bank books, receipted bills, chiefly for books, and a large number of book lists.

I am much chagrined that the lists in their final form, although completed, are not here today as I fully intended. They have to be typed by an expert and owing to the opening of the University year at the time when the lists were ready, it was impossible to get the work done properly. Except for

a sudden indisposition, I should have tried to type a half-way presentable copy for this meeting.

Everything in our possession is here today for your inspection except the items in the bank. I will not list those as the treasurer has already done so in her report.

Very special mention should be made of the fine gift Mrs. Hays has made to the board. It is said that he who gives of himself with his gift, gives twice. This is certainly true of Mrs. Hays, for she spent many hours going over the material in the Michigan Historical Collections, especially the minute books which are far from easy reading, selecting certain items which she thought would be useful and interesting for us to have. The photostats here on the table are the result and are only one of the many ways she has shown her deep interest in the work of this board.

Mrs. Vibbert and Mrs. Hayden deserve a special vote of thanks for the masterly job they did on the treasurer's box. A tedious and boring chore, but one which immeasurably simplifies the necessary decisions in regard to the ultimate disposition of the material.

I hope that this list of all our archives, wherever housed, will be useful to any future historian or to anyone looking for material about any phase of our work, as it is now possible to tell at a glance just what is available and where it is. The record of nearly 100 years of our small but

very active and quite influential group is of more immediate import to us of course, but it also has a certain value for any study of early Ann Arbor and its development and growth.

Nothing has been destroyed. Our archives constitute a part of the responsibility of the Board and no action can be taken without their formal consent. Mr. Vander Velde is very anxious to see anything that we may discard; he insists that this is the "proper procedure" in the case of old papers.

To bring the whole question of our archives before the Board, I take the liberty of proposing the following resolutions for your consideration, and if you so wish, action.

(1) That for the present, anyway, we keep possession of what papers we have, and if at some later time, it seems best to deposit some of them with the Michigan Historical Collections that they be placed on loan only.

(2) That we give to the Michigan Historical Collections the Daughters of the American Revolution booklet about the Angell Bible School in China, and the photostat of Mrs. D'Ooge's history.

(3) That any discarded material be handed to Mr. Vander Velde for his inspection.

(4) That a suitable container, clearly marked, be purchased for the archives.

Oct. 14, 1958

Caroline Pattengill

Notes: (to Miss Pattengill's report).

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Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan

Annual Meeting, May 14, 1959

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Library Association was held on May 14, 1959 at the home of Mrs. William A. Frayer. Those present were: Mrs. Cameron Haight, President, Mrs. William Frayer, Vice-President, Mrs. Josselyn Van Tyne, Treasurer, Miss Helen Hall, Chairman of the Book Committee, Mrs. Charles B. Vibbert, Secretary, Miss Eleanor Collins, Mrs. Stanley Dodge, Mrs. Joseph R. Hayden, Mrs. Hayward Keniston, Miss Caroline Pattengill, Mrs. John Winter.

The meeting was called to order by the president at 4:00 P. M. The secretary read the minutes of the meeting held on October 14, 1958. The minutes were accepted.

The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Van Tyne. The balance on hand on May 10, 1959 was \$368.06. The written report was filed in the secretary's book.

Miss Helen Hall gave the report of the Book Committee. Six of the books bought and given this year to the Ann Arbor Public Library were on exhibit at the meeting. Miss Hall also said that she would send to the secretary her written report with the list of the books bought, as soon as she could. It will then be filed in the secretary's book. Next year her committee will have as a new member, Mrs. John Alexander.

Miss Caroline Pattengill gave the Archives Committee's

report. She had asked Mr. Vander Velde (Director of the Michigan Historical Collections) that early catalogues of the Association be taken from the University of Michigan library and added to documents already deposited in the Michigan Historical Collections. Miss Pattengill mentioned that the Michigan Historical Collections gave to the Ann Arbor Ladies' Library Association a poem received from the Kalamazoo Ladies' Library Association. It is a printed pamphlet entitled Poem Delivered Before the "Ladies' Library Association, of Kalamazoo," at the Quarter Century Celebration of the Settlement of the Village and County of Kalamazoo, Michigan, June 21st, 1854, by E. Lakin Brown, New York, 1854. Pp. 12. The secretary was asked to write a letter of thanks to Mrs. Ruth Borden, at the Michigan Historical Collections. Miss Pattengill also asked that one of the books at the Michigan Historical Collections be rebound at her own expense.

Mrs. Haight expressed her appreciation of her work and suggested that Miss Pattengill be reimbursed for the various expenses incurred by her on behalf of the Association, such as typing, binding. It was moved and seconded and carried that she be reimbursed \$5.00.

Mrs. Van Tyne gave the report on the new Constitution and By Laws of the Association. It was moved by Mrs. Van Tyne, seconded by Mrs. Hayden, and voted by the Board that the old Constitution be annulled. Then, Mrs. Van Tyne moved,

Mrs. Frayer seconded, and the Board voted that the new Constitution be adopted. A few articles were discussed, such as Article V of the By-Laws which states that members' annual dues will remain one dime. The Board gladly endorsed it for tradition's sake. The secretary was asked to send in the fall to the new members elected at that time or in the future a copy of the new Constitution and By-Laws.

Nominating Committee: Mrs. Dodge gave the slate of officers for the year 1959-1960, which remains the same as for 1958-1959. It was passed unanimously by the Board after a motion by Miss Pattengill, seconded by Mrs. Hayden.

Question of Emeritus members: It was suggested that members, unable to be active, become emeritus members instead of resigning, and as such have the privilege of attending meetings, without voting power. Mrs. Van Tyne moved and Mrs. Keniston seconded that the secretary write Mrs. Hugo Thieme that the Board would consider it an honor to have her as an emeritus member. The Board voted unanimously in favor of it.

Mrs. J. G. Hays will replace Mrs. Frayer on the Board of the Friends of the Public Library.

Mrs. Haight, as President of the Ladies' Library Association, attends as a non-voting member the meetings of the Library Advisory Council.

Finally, the Board was asked by its President to be aware of possible changes due to expansion, which changes might

affect our collection in the Public Library.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

Madeleine B. Vibbert,  
Secretary.

[A copy of the constitution of 1959 appears among the series of constitutions at the front of this volume.]

A memorandum circulated to the board members in May 1959:

At the last meeting of the Ladies' Library Association the need for a constitutional revision was discussed. In accordance with that feeling, Mrs. Haight appointed the undersigned committee to bring a revised constitution to your attention. The enclosed is a copy that the committee proposed to present at the annual meeting, May 14, 1959.

Please look it over carefully now and if you have any suggestions call one of us now or speak freely at the meeting.

Caroline Pattengill  
Bertha Frayer  
Mary Hays  
Isabel Haight  
Helen Van Tyne



## Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan

Treasurer's Report, June 6, 1958 - March 31, 1959

Balance on hand June 6, 1958 \$513.89

<u>Expenditures</u>		<u>Income</u>	
Wittenborn	\$30.80	Abbott Laboratories	36.25
Slater's	27.00	Arvin Industries	7.50
Marshall's	8.58	American El. Power	7.44
Bank charges	4.68	B. M. I.	80.00
Mrs. Bursley	13.50	Detroit Bank	14.00
	<hr/>	Diamond Gardner, com.	26.25
	83.56	Diamond Gardner, pf.	28.14
		Eastman Kodak	33.00
		King Seeley	30.00
		Phelps Dodge	60.00
		Stand. Oil Indiana	51.00
		Monsanto Chem.	22.00
		U. S. Bonds	27.50
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			612.51

Balance on hand April 1, 1959

Income 1957-58 \$579.97  
 1958-59 208.90 (a drop of \$71.07)

Fitch ratings of stocks held: 3 BBB, 5 BB, 2 B,  
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No new stocks were bought or sold during this period.

Current report April 1 to May 10, 1959

<u>Expenditures</u>		<u>Income</u>	
Slater's	\$258.80	Abbott	\$11.25
Slater's	28.40	Eastman	11.10
Edwards'	9.37	U.S. bonds	13.80
Stamps	1.00	Arvin	2.50
Deposit B	4.40	B. M. I.	20.00
Bank sc.	.26	K.-Seeley	20.00
Mus. Mod. Art	15.00	Diamond	16.88
Arvin Ind.	12.75		<hr/>
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	329.98		

Balance May 10, 1959

\$368.06

Helen B. Van Tyne  
Treasurer

## Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan

Assets - May 10, 1959

Number of shares	Company
25	Abbott Laboratories
6	American Electric Power
13	Arvin Industries
100	Bondholders' Management, Inc.
10	Detroit Bank & Trust
25	Diamond Gardner common
25	Diamond Gardner preferred
30	Eastman Kodak
40	King Seeley
21	Monsanto Chemical
20	Phelps Dodge
30	Standard Oil of Indiana
3	Series K, U. S. Treasury Bonds

In April of this year Eastman Kodak issued one share for every share held, so we now hold 30 shares. Arvin Industries also issued a 25% stock dividend and the finance committee decided to keep the two and one half shares, buying the rights for another half share, so altogether we will hold 13 shares. Some of the stocks which went down, such as King Seeley have begun to come back. There are a few stocks that we are watching carefully, in case they do not continue to improve. With all outstanding bills paid we have as of April 25 a balance in the bank of \$417.96. With an anticipated income of over \$500 a year, we may be able to purchase more stock in the latter part of the year.

Helen B. Van Tyne, Treasurer.

Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan

Report of the Book Committee for 1958-1959

In view of the somewhat reduced activity in book-buying during the past year or two, resulting from the circumstances attendant upon the establishment of the Ann Arbor Public Library in its new building, the purchase of books during 1958-1959 has followed a somewhat different pattern from the normal one of several years past. Primary attention has been given to the acquisition of certain books recommended by the Library Staff and by members of the Ladies' Library Board, and to filling gaps in two series of books published by Skira. Other books on the list for the year include certain ones in series on standing order (UNESCO and Pelican), as well as a few received through membership in the Museum of Modern Art, New York.

The Chairman has tried to acquaint herself with the collection as a whole, through work with the excellent card file prepared by Miss Pattengill and kept up to date by the former Chairman of the Book Committee, Mrs. Haight. Future purchases will be directed as much as possible not only towards new books and fairly recently published ones, but also towards older publications which may be specially needed to round out the collection.

Mrs. John Alexander was invited this year to be a member of the Book Committee, to serve together with Miss Eleanor Collins, a continuing member, and with the present new Chairman.

The statistics on books presented to the Ann Arbor Public Library during 1958-1959 are here given. These may not tally exactly with the Treasurer's figures, since they take into account the books actually turned over during the year, while some payments may have been entered on the books just prior to the beginning of the current year's business.

Cost of books turned over to the Library (exclusive of the items from the Museum of Modern Art):

Dec. 1958	\$ 84.38
Mar. 1959	268.80
Apr. 1959	28.40
Total	<u>381.58</u>

Number of Items turned over:

32 actual books (27 titles, plus 3 Bulletins of the Museum of Modern Art)

A list of the books is here appended.

Mrs. John Alexander  
 Miss Eleanor S. Collins  
 Mrs. Cameron Haight, ex officio  
 Miss Helen Hall, Chairman

## Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan

## Books presented to the Public Library, 1958-59

## December 1958:

- Ananda K. Coomaraswamy, Mediaeval Sinhalese Art, New York, Pantheon Books, 1956.
- Guido Balla, Modern Italian Painting, New York, Przeger, 1958.
- André Grabar and Carl Nordenfalk, Romanesque Painting, New York, 1958 (The Great Centuries of Painting).
- W. Stevenson Smith, The Art and Architecture of Ancient Egypt, Baltimore, 1958 (The Pelican History of Art, Vol. 14).
- Henry Russell Hitchcock, The Architecture of the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries, Baltimore, 1958 (The Pelican History of Art, Vol. 15).
- Rudolf Wittkower, Art and Architecture in Italy, 1600-1750, Baltimore, 1958 (The Pelican History of Art, Vol. 16).
- Henry Russell Hitchcock, Gaudi, New York, The Museum of Modern Art, 1958.
- The Museum of Modern Art, New York, Bulletin:  
 Vol. XXIV, No. 4, summer 1957,  
 Vol. XXV, No. 3, July 1958,  
 Vol. XXV, No. 4, July 1958.

## March 1959:

- Victor Lazareff and Otto Demus, USSR. Early Russian Icons, New York Graphic Society, 1958 (The UNESCO World Art Series IX).
- Jacques Soustelle and Ignacio Bernal. Mexico: Pre-Hispanic Paintings, New York Graphic Society, 1958 (The UNESCO World Art Series X).
- The Complete Letters of Vincent Van Gogh, 3 volumes. New York Graphic Society, 1958.

- A. Reynolds Morse and Michel Tapié, Dali: A Study of his Life and Work, New York Graphic Society, 1958.
- Jacques Lassaigne. Spanish Painting, from the Catalan Frescoes to El Greco. New York, Skira, 1952 (Skira: Painting, Color, History).
- Jean Leymarie, Dutch Painting, New York, Skira, 1956 (Skira: Painting, Color, History).
- Jacques Lassaigne. Flemish Painting, The Century of Van Eyck, New York, Skira, 1957 (Skira: Painting, Color, History).
- Jacques Lassaigne and Robert L. Delevoy, Flemish Painting, from Bosch to Rubens, New York, Skira, 1958 (Skira: Painting, Color, History).
- Douglas Cooper, Toulouse Lautrec, New York, Abrams, 1957.
- Reinhold Lullies and Max Hirmer, Greek Sculpture, New York, Abrams, 1957.
- Charles Sterling, Great French Painting in the Hermitage, New York, Abrams, 1958.
- Yuiko Yashiro, Two Thousand Years of Japanese Art, New York, Abrams, 1958.
- H. Th. Bossert, Decorative Art of Asia and Egypt, New York, Praeger, 1957.
- Picture Encyclopedia of Art, New York, Praeger, 1958.
- G. Bernard Hughes, Small Antique Silverware, Macmillan, 1957.
- P. J. Riis, Introduction to Etruscan Art, New York, Philosophical Library, 1954.
- Harold E. Wethey, Alonso Cano, Painter, Sculptor and Architect. Princeton University Press, 1956.
- April 1959:
- Werner Haftmann, etc., The Inward Vision: Paul Klee, New York, Abrams, 1958.
- Serge Elisseef and Yahachi Kawai, Japan. Historic Masterpieces of Japanese Painting, New York Graphic Society, 1959 (The UNESCO World Art Series, XI).

## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

## BOARD MEMBERS 1959 - 1960

Mrs. Philip Bursley (1927)	917 Olivia	8-7956
Mrs. John Winter (1929)	901 South Forest	3-1723
Mrs. James Griffith Hays (1930)	1555 Washtenaw	2-1430
Mrs. Stanley Dodge (1940) Vice-President	1547 Washtenaw	2-0620
Mrs. Joseph Hayden (1940)	1530 Hill Street	8-8033
Miss Caroline Pattengill (1943)	1213 Hill Street	8-8382
Miss Helen B. Hall (1948) Chairman Book Committee	715 South Forest	8-6331
Mrs. Cameron Haight (1951) President Representative Library Council	2112 Vinewood	3-4520
Mrs. James M. Plumer (1951)	1505 Golden	2-1230
Mrs. Charles B. Vibbert (1951) Secretary	1710 Hermitage	3-4433
Mrs. Josselyn Van Tyne (1951) Treasurer	1921 Cambridge	2-0822
Mrs. Harold E. Wethey (1951)	2009 Morton	2-2415
Miss Eleanor S. Collins (1956)	703 S. Forest	3-6522
Mrs. John Alexander (1957)	788 Arlington	3-5879
Mrs. Hayward Keniston (1957)	1507 East Park Place	2-4164
Mrs. Robert McNamara (1957) [Left Ann Arbor 1960]	410 Highland	2-7091

Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan

Meeting of October 27, 1959

The October meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Cameron Haight, President. Those present were: Mrs. Haight, President, Mrs. Josselyn Van Tyne, Treasurer, Mrs. Stanley Dodge, Vice-President pro tem in the absence of Mrs. William Frayer, Mrs. John Alexander, Miss Eleanor Collins, Miss Helen Hall, Chairman of the Book Committee, Mrs. Hayward Keniston, Mrs. Robert McNamara, Miss Caroline Pattengill, Mrs. James Plumer, Mrs. Harold Wethey, Mrs. John Winter, Mrs. Charles B. Vibbert, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Mrs. Haight. The secretary read the minutes of the meeting of May 14, 1959. They were accepted.

Mrs. Van Tyne gave the treasurer's report. On April 1, 1959, the balance on hand was \$626.01; during the period April 1 to October 1, 1959, the income was \$281.45, the expenditures were \$371.33, leaving a balance of \$541.63. The report was accepted and filed. Mrs. Hays suggested that it might be good to have expert advice about investment. Mrs. Van Tyne reminded Mrs. Hays that the Board had decided not to spend money for investment counsel. So, it was a question of getting free expert advice, if possible.

The report of the Book Committee for 1958-1959 was made by Miss Hall. Thirty-two books were purchased and given



to the Ann Arbor Public Library. Some of them had been recommended by the Library Staff or by members of the Ladies' Library Board. The Book Committee would appreciate further suggestions. Mrs. Hays wondered whether there might be art books for children that we could buy. Miss Pattengill said Mr. Chance, Librarian of the Public Library, would buy them, but Miss Hall thought that if they were more expensive than the Ann Arbor Public Library wanted to afford, there was no reason why we should not buy them.

Mrs. Haight mentioned that Miss Pattengill had brought the following manuscript volumes of the Ladies' Library Association: (1) Journal 1881-1886. (2) List of Pledges for debt, Journal 1888-1915 and investment data. (3) Account Book 1913-1946. (4) Yearly and Quarterly Reports, 1903-1916, 1916-1953.

Mrs. Hays gave a report on the Friends of the Library Meeting. They discussed the best ways of spending money to improve the furnishings and lighting in the Public Library, and also the possibilities of a branch library and another Bookmobile. The High School Library closes at 5:00 P.M. Would it be possible to keep it open later at night, or is the solution to this problem the creation of Public Library branches? Also, there is the problem of the teen-agers in the Library; some consider it as a meeting place for dates; the problem is really nation-wide.

Miss Pattengill lamented the death of Mrs. Edward L. Adams, a devoted member of the Board of the Ladies' Library Association and a very active past president. Mrs. Adams' mother had been one of the charter members in 1866 (Note by the copyist, 1966: see below). She suggested that a letter of condolence be sent to her sons. Mrs. Haight directed the secretary to write a letter to the sons of Mrs. Adams. Then, she asked the members of the Board to suggest to her or to the secretary, the names of possible new members for the Board of the Association. Mrs. Hays suggested Mrs. Jennings, and Mrs. Keniston suggested Mrs. Youtz.

The Treasurer collected the annual dues (\$.10) from the members absent on May 14, 1959.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Madeleine B. Vibbert,  
Secretary.

Note by Mrs. Wethey: Mrs. Adams' mother was Mrs. Hardy, who was Susan A. Sager before her marriage and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Abram Sager. Thus it was Mrs. Adams' grandmother, Sarah Dwight Sager, who was one of the charter members of the Ladies' Library Association.

Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan

Board Members in 1960 +

1. Mrs. Philip Bursley (1927).
2. Mrs. John G. Winter (1929).
3. Mrs. James G. Hays (1930).
4. Mrs. Stanley Dodge (1940) - Vice-President.
5. Mrs. Joseph Hayden (1940).
6. Miss Caroline Pattengill (1943).
7. Miss Helen B. Hall (1948).
8. Mrs. William A. Frayer (1951) - President.
9. Mrs. Cameron Haight (1951).
10. Mrs. James M. Plumer (1951).
11. Mrs. Josselyn Van Tyne (1951) - Treasurer.
12. Mrs. Charles B. Vibbert (1951) - Secretary.
13. Mrs. Harold E. Wethey (1951). - Chairman Book Committee.
14. Miss Eleanor S. Collins (1956).
15. Mrs. John Alexander (1958).
16. Mrs. Hayward Keniston (1958).
17. Mrs. Robert McNamara (1958).
18. Mrs. R. Perry Innes (1960).
19. Mrs. Millard Pryor (1960).
20. Mrs. Philip Youtz (1960).

+ In Parentheses is given the year the individual member joined the board.

LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN  
Annual Meeting of April 29, 1960

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor was held at the home of Mrs. Charles B. Vibbert. Those present were: Mrs. Cameron Haight, President, Mrs. William Frayer, Vice-President, Mrs. Josselyn Van Tyne, Treasurer, Miss Helen Hall, Chairman of the Book Committee, Mrs. James Plumer, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Miss Eleanor Collins, Mrs. Stanley Dodge, Mrs. Joseph Hayden, Mrs. J. Griffith Hays, Mrs. Hayward Keniston, Miss Caroline Patten-gill, Mrs. Harold E. Wethey, Mrs. John Winter, Mrs. Charles Vibbert, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Haight at 4:00 P.M.

The secretary read the minutes of the meeting of October 27, 1959; they were accepted and filed.

Mrs. Van Tyne gave the treasurer's report which was accepted and filed. As spokesman of the Finance Committee she brought up the question of keeping or selling such stocks as Bondholders Management, Inc., Diamond National, common and preferred. Also the Finance Committee would like to know whether the Board wants to spend all or most of the income for books, or save some income for future good investments opportunities. They would like the Board to express an opinion on a general financial policy. Mrs. Haight suggested that the Finance Committee and the Book Committee meet and decide on the amount to be spent on books.

The report of the Book Committee was given by Miss Hall. During the course of the year 1959-1960 fifty-eight books plus four Museum of Modern Art Bulletins were turned over to the Public Library. The list is filed with the report. Miss Hall thought it would be better to discontinue the individual membership in the Museum of Modern Art, New York, and buy instead such of the museum publications as seemed essential. The report was accepted and filed.

Mrs. Haight remarked that the gifts of books to the Public Library by the Ladies' Library Association received some very favorable publicity both in the Ann Arbor News (March 4, 1960) and in the Library Chat of the Friends of the Library. Also, she told the board that the corner stone of the Ladies' Library building is in the basement of the Public Library.

Mrs. Hays reported on the situation between the Ladies' Library Association and the Board of Education. It arises from a legal document signed in 1916 by Mrs. Lombard and Mr. B. A. Finney on behalf of the Association, and Mr. Sink on behalf of the Board of Education. The Ladies' Library Association deeded their building to the Public Schools of Ann Arbor with the following stipulations: (1) The capital realized from the sale of the property was to be spent for the building of a new Public Library. (2) Should there be a lapse of time between the sale of the property and the actual spending of the money for a Public Library building, the income during such period was to belong to

the Ladies' Library Association. Since such a lapse of time occurred, the Board of Education owes the Ladies' Library Association the interest or income for such period. Finally, after months of effort, Mrs. Hays was going to meet with Mr. Bonisteel, attorney for the Board of Education, on May 4, to discuss this matter.

Mrs. Hays also reported on the meetings of the committee of the Friends of the Library, which she attends as the representative of the Ladies' Library Association.

Mrs. Height reported on the meetings of the Library Advisory Council, which she attends as president of the Ladies' Library Association. Teen-ager problems of crowding and noise are not solved, but studied. More books are needed. The Board of Education has voted to give the library \$10,000.00 for the purchase of books. More furniture, higher salaries are needed, so is another bookmobile. Finally, there is the possibility of the expansion of the services of the library to near-by communities such as Willow Run, Ypsilanti. The Ann Arbor Public Library might become a part of a larger system. In such an eventuality problems might arise concerning the collection of books given by the Ladies' Library Association <sup>to</sup> the Public Library. We hope that the collection will remain together in the central library in Ann Arbor.

The report of the nominating committee was given by Mrs. Plumer. She gave the board a list of names of possible future members, and suggested that in the next October meeting we elect

three of them to bring the board to the full membership of twenty. She also gave the slate of officers for 1960-1961 as follows: President, Mrs. Frayer; Vice-President, Mrs. Dodge; Secretary, Mrs. Vibbert; Treasurer, Mrs. Van Tyne; Chairman of the Book Committee, Mrs. Wethey. The slate was voted on and accepted.

Mrs. Haight gave the chair to the new president, Mrs. Frayer. Mrs. Van Tyne moved that a vote of thanks be given to Mrs. Haight for her work as President of the Association.

The meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Frayer, after five o'clock.

Madeleine B. Vibbert, Secretary.

Extract from the minutes of May 31, 1958:

"A proposed change in the constitution was brought up by Mrs. Hays, that the Board have a regular fall meeting in addition to the annual spring meeting. At the spring meeting we would continue to elect new members. A motion to have a second regular meeting in the fall was made by Miss Pattengill. It was seconded and passed."

Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan  
Annual Report of the Treasurer  
April 1, 1959 - March 31, 1960

Balance on hand April 1, 1959 \$626.01

<u>Expenditures</u>		<u>Income</u>	
Bank charges	\$ 4.32	Abbott Lab.	\$ 47.50
Safety Box	4.40	Amer. El. Pwr.	10.44
Typing (C. Pattengill)	5.00	Arvin Ind.	12.25
To F. Bursley for membership		B. M. I.	100.00
Mus. Mod. Art	13.50	Detroit Bank*	15.00
Edwards Bros.	10.37	Diam. Nat. com.	30.00
Mus. Mod. Art	15.00	Diam. Nat. pf.	37.52
Arvin stock	12.75	Eastman Kodak	59.00
Slater's	616.20	King Seeley	100.00
Wittenborn	174.70	Monsanto Chem	44.21
		Phelps Dodge	60.00
		St. Oil Ind.	59.60
		U. S. K Bonds	41.40
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	856.24		619.92

Balance on hand April 1, 1960 \$ 389.69

\* Dec. 31st dividend check missing, appears in May report, 1960.

Audited by Mr. Benz, Ann Arbor Bank

Helen B. Van Tyne  
Treasurer.

[Typed by Alice S. Wethey  
1966]



## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

## TREASURER'S REPORT

October 1, 1959 - March 31, 1960

EXPENDITURES		INCOME	BALANCE
OCTOBER			\$ 541.65
Bank charge	.34	Abbott Lab.	\$ 11.25
		Arvin Ind.	3.25
		Eastman Kodak	11.10
		U.S. K bonds	13.80
		King Seeley	20.00
		B.M.I	20.00
			<u>79.40</u>
			620.69
NOVEMBER			
Bank charge	.36	Diam. Nat. c.	7.50
		Diam. Nat. pf.	9.38
			<u>16.88</u>
			637.21
DECEMBER			
Bank charge	.16	Am. El. Pwr.	2.70
		Phelps Dodge	15.00
		St. Oil Ind.	26.10
		Monsanto	5.50
			<u>49.30</u>
			686.35
JANUARY, 1960			
Bank charge	.23	Arvin Ind.	3.25
		Detroit Bank	5.00
		Eastman Kodak	25.70
		Abbott Lab.	13.75
		B. M. I.	40.00
		King Seeley	20.00
			<u>92.70</u>
			788.82
FEBRUARY			
Bank charge	.29	Monsanto rts.	22.21
Slater's	65.10	U.S. K bond	6.90
Slater's	12.50	Diam. Nat. c.	7.50
Wittenborn	149.00	Diam. Nat. pf.	9.30
	<u>236.89</u>		<u>45.99</u>
			596.92

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## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT (page 2)

October 1, 1959 - March 31, 1960

EXPENDITURES		INCOME		BALANCE
<b>MARCH</b>				
Bank charge	.23	Am. El. Pwr.	2.70	
Slater's	194.60	Phelps Dodge	15.00	
Slater's	8.00	St. Oil Ind.	10.50	
Wittenborn	15.30	Monsanto	5.50	
Slater's	28.80			
	<u>246.93</u>		<u>33.70</u>	384.69
<b>APRIL</b>				
Bank box	4.40	Abbott Lab.	11.25	
Slater's	289.90	Arvin Ind.	3.25	
	<u>294.30</u>	Detroit Bank	5.00	
		U.S. K. bonds	13.80	
			<u>33.30</u>	138.19

[retyped by Alice S. Wethey  
1978]

HELEN B. VAN TYNE, TREASURER

Report of the Ladies' Library Association Book  
Committee for 1959-1960

Mrs. Hayward Keniston was invited this year to be a member of the Book Committee, to serve with the members of the previous year. The individual membership in the Museum of Modern Art, New York, held in the name of one of the Association's officers, brought eight items to the book collection for the Ann Arbor Public Library, four books or pamphlets and four bulletins. The present Chairman questions the advisability of continuing this policy. It is her opinion that it would be better to discontinue the membership and buy such of the Museum's publication as seem essential.

The standing order with Wittenborn for the Pelican History of Art series brought two volumes and should be continued until the series is complete. A new standing order was placed with Slater's for the fifteen volume set of the McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of World Art. This was very welcome to the Public Library. The first volume appeared early in 1960, and one or two per year can probably be expected. The cost per volume is \$32, less 10%; the total cost of the set will be \$480, less 10% or actually \$432, to be distributed over several years.

The statistics for the year are as follows for books turned over to the Ann Arbor Public Library:

64 actual pieces, which amount to 58 titles plus 4 Museum

of Modern Art Bulletins.

The cost of these books was \$793.90 (plus the Museum of Modern Art Membership Fee of \$15.00).

The complete list of the books turned over during 1959-1960 is here appended. Records of individual prices are kept in the files of the Book Committee.

Mrs. John Alexander

Miss Eleanor S. Collins

Mrs. Cameron Haight, ex officio

Mrs. Hayward Keniston

Miss Helen B. Hall, Chairman

Book Committee of the Ladies' Library  
Association of Ann Arbor.

Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor Michigan  
 Books Presented to Ann Arbor Public Library  
 1959 - 1960

November 1959:

Conant, Kenneth John. Carolingian and Romanesque Architecture, 800-1200. Baltimore, Penguin Books, 1959 (The Pelican History of Art, Vol. 13).

Kubler, George and Soria, Martin. Art and Architecture in Spain and Portugal ... 1500-1800. Baltimore, Penguin Books, 1959 (The Pelican History of Art, Vol. 17).

The New American Painting as shown in eight European Countries, 1958-1959. New York, The Museum of Modern Art, 1959.

The Museum of Modern Art, New York, Bulletin: Vol. XXVI, No. 1, Fall 1958; Vol. XXVI, No. 3, Spring 1959; Vol. XXVI, No. 4, July 1959.

January 1960:

Birrell, Verla, The Textile Arts, New York, Harper's, 1959.

Bovini, Giuseppe, Ravenna Mosaics (The Great Masters of the Past IV), New York, Graphic Society, 1956.

Brion, Marcel and others, Art since 1945, New York, Abrams, 1958.

Bruhn, Wolfgang and Tilke, Max. A Pictorial History of Costume, New York, Praeger, 1955.

Gilson, Etienne, Painting and Reality (Bollingen XXXV.4, 1955), Pantheon Books, 1957.

Huyghe, René. Ideas and Images in World Art: Dialogue with the Visible, New York, Abrams, 1959.

Joedicke, Juergen, A History of Modern Architecture, New York, Praeger, 1959.

- Metz, Peter, The Golden Gospels of Echternach. Codex Aureus Epternacensis. New York, Praeger, 1957.
- Neumeyer, Alfred, Cézanne Drawings, New York, Thomas Yoseloff, 1958.
- Pope-Hennessy, John, Italian Gothic Sculpture (An Introduction to Italian Sculpture, Part I), New York, Phaidon, 1955.
- Pope-Hennessy, John, Italian Renaissance Sculpture (An Introduction to Italian Sculpture, Part II), New York, Phaidon, 1958.
- Powell, Nicolas, From Baroque to Rococo, New York, Praeger, 1959.
- Read, Herbert, The Art of Sculpture (Bollingen XXXV.3, 1954), Pantheon Books, 1956.
- Read, Herbert, A Concise History of Modern Painting, New York, Praeger, 1959.
- Robertson, Martin C., Greek Painting (Skira: The Great Centuries of Painting, Vol. 14), New York, Skira, 1959.
- Rosenberg, Jakob, Great Draughtsmen from Pisanello to Picasso, Harvard University Press, 1959.
- Swann, Peter C., Chinese Painting, New York, Universe Books, 1958.
- Winchester, Alice, etc., ed., The Antiques and Treasury of Furniture and Other Decorative Arts, New York, Dutton, 1959.
- February 1960:
- Canaday, John, Mainstreams of Modern Art, New York, Henry Holt.
- Diringer, David, The Illuminated Book, Its History and Production, New York, Philosophical Library.

- Gombrich, E. H., Art and Illusion, A Study in the Psychology of Pictorial Representation (Bollingen XXXV 1956), Pantheon Books, 1959.
- McCarthy, Mary, The Stones of Florence, New York, Harcourt, Brace, 1959.
- Warner, Langdon, edited and arranged by J. M. Plumer, Japanese Sculpture of the Tempyo Period, Harvard University Press, 1959.
- Evans, Grose, Benjamin West and the Taste of His Times, Carbondale, Ill., Southern Illinois University Press, 1959.
- Gray, Basil and John B. Vincent, Buddhist Cave Paintings at Tun Huang, University of Chicago Press, 1959.
- Hayes, William C., The Scepter of Egypt, Part 2., Harvard University Press, 1959.
- Kidder Smith, G. E., Italy Builds, Reinhold Publ. Corp., 1955.
- McCracken, Harold, George Catlin and the Old Frontier, New York, The Dial Press, 1959.
- Madsen, Stephen Tschudi, Sources of Art Nouveau, New York, Wittenborn, 1956.
- Mourlot, Fernand, Art in Posters, The Complete Original Posters of Braque, etc., New York, George Braziller, 1959.
- Selz, Peter, German Expressionist Painting, University of California Press, 1957.
- Illustrators of Children's Books, 1946-1956, compiled by Viguers, Ruth Hill, Dalphin, Marcia, and Miller, Bertha Mahony, Boston, The Horn Book, 1958.
- Wright, Frank Lloyd, Drawings for a Living Architecture, New York, Horizon Press, 1959.

March 1960:

- Encyclopedia of World Art, Vol. I., New York, McGraw-Hill, 1959.
- Block, Raymond, Etruscan Art, New York Graphic Society, 1959.
- Buchner, Ernst, Art Treasures of the Pinakothek, Abrams, 1957.
- Chastel, André. Botticelli, New York Graphic Society, 1958.
- Decker, Hans. Romanesque Art in Italy, Abrams, 1959.
- Goldscheider, Ludwig, Jan Vermeer, Phaidon, 1958.
- Grohmann, Will, Wassily Kandinsky, Life and Work, Abrams, 1958.
- Hunter, Sam, Joan Miró: His Graphic Work, Abrams, 1958.
- Kyjet, Jan and Swarzenski, Hans, Czechoslovakia: Romanesque and Gothic Illuminated Manuscripts, UNESCO World Art Series V. 12, New York Graphic Society.
- McDermott, John Francis, George Caleb Bingham, River Portraitist, University of Oklahoma Press, 1959.
- Masson, Georgina, Italian Villas and Palaces, Abrams, 1959.
- Michener, James, Japanese prints from the early masters to the modern, Tuttle, 1959.
- Nelson, Henry Loomis, Uniforms of the United States Army, Yoseloff, 1959.
- Ross, Marvin C., ed., George Catlin, Episodes from Life, University of Oklahoma Press, 1959.
- Rothenstein, Sir John, The Tate Gallery, Abrams, 1958.
- Savage, George, Eighteenth Century German Porcelain, Macmillan, 1958.
- Viollet-le-Duc, E. E., Tr. by Benjamin Bucknall, Discourses on Architecture, 2 vols., Grove, 1959.
- Wilenski, R. H. Flemish Paintings, 2 vols., Viking, 1960.



April 1960:

Miller, Dorothy C., ed., Sixteen Americans, New York, Museum of Modern Art, 1959.

Selz, Peter, New Images of Man, New York, Museum of Modern Art, 1959.

Toward the "New" Museum of Modern Art, Brochure to raise funds, issued by the Museum of Modern Art Thirtieth Anniversary Committee, 1959?.

The Package, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, Bulletin, Vol. 27, No. 1, Fall 1959.

(Helen B. Hall, Chairman of the  
Book Committee)

From LIBRARY CHAT, Vol. 6, No. 7. Issued occasionally by the  
Friends of the Library, Dec., 1959.

When it comes to gifts we are very, very lucky to have a Ladies' Library Association so interested in our Library! Do you realize that in the last year alone they have spent \$480 to add 27 new titles to the fine collection of art books they have been building up over the years? The next time you are in the Library, look for these beautiful books which their generosity has made possible.

- "USSR, Early Russian Icon," by Lasareff and Demus.
- "Mexico: Pre-Hispanic Paintings," Soustelle and Bernal.
- "The Complete Letters of Vincent Van Gosh," Lassaigue.
- "Spanish Painting, from the Catalan Frescoes to El Greco," Lassaigue.
- "Flemish Painting, the Century of Van Eyck." Lassaigue.
- "Flemish Painting, from Bosch to Rubens," Lassaigue and Delevoy.
- "Dali: a Study of His Life and Work" Morse and Tapie.
- "Dutch Painting," Leymarie.
- "Toulouse Lautrec," Cooper.
- "Greek Sculpture," Lullies and Hirmer.
- "Great French Painting in the Hermitage," Sterling.
- "Two Thousand Years of Japanese Art," Yukio Yashiro.
- "Decorative Art of Asia and Egypt," Bossert.
- "Picture Encyclopedia of Art."
- "Small Antique Silverware," Hughes.
- "Introduction to Etruscan Art," Riis.
- "Alonso Cano," Wethey.
- "Japan: Ancient Buddhist Paintings," UNESCO.
- "The Inward Vision," Paul Klee.
- "Mediaeval Sinhalese Art," Coomaraswamy.
- "Modern Italian Painting," Balla.
- "Romanesque Painting," Grabar and Nodenfalk.
- "The Art and Architecture of Ancient Egypt," W. S. Smith.

"Architecture, Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries," Hitchcock.

"Gaudí," Hitchcock.

"Art and Architecture in Italy, 1600-1750," Wittkower.

"Arp," edited by J. T. Soby.

"Bulletin," Museum of Modern Art, Vols. XXIV, No. 4, Vol. XXV,  
Nos. 3 and 4.

From LIBRARY CHAT, vol. 6, No. 8, April, 1960.

The Ladies' Library Association has done it again! Fifty-two beautiful and expensive art books have been given to the Library since last November. When you come into the Library, be sure to look at the books on display in the glass case near the rack which holds books that are "Old -- but Good". Watch for these books in the weeks to come:

"Encyclopaedia of World Art," Volume I.

"Stones of Florence, : Mary McCarthy.

"Japanese Sculpture of the Tempyo Period, : Langdon Warner.

:Drawings for a Living Architecture," Frank Lloyd Wright.

"Greek Painting," Martin Robinson (a Skira book).

"Chinese Painting," Peter Swann.

"The Illuminated Book," David Diringer.

"A Concise History of Modern Painting," Sir Herbert Reed.

"Painting and Reality," Etienne Gilson.

Note: The report was missing, so these lists from LIBRARY CHAT were introduced in its place.

April 29, 1960

As President of the Ladies' Library Association I have attended the monthly meetings of the Library Advisory Council. Recently Mrs. Alexander, appointed by the Friends of the Library, and I have served on a committee to investigate the services for young people at the public library. On week-nights during the school year there are problems of noise and over-crowding because the junior and senior high school groups come in such large numbers. This year Mr. Chance requested more furniture for extra seating space on the second floor, but due to lack of funds the Board of Education refused. However, the Board has purchased the property adjoining the library on William Street with future expansion in mind. We have begun a study of the way in which other libraries have solved the problem and have found that many of them have special rooms or sections under the direction of a librarian trained to work with young people. Further studies of our own particular needs in Ann Arbor will have to be made before any concrete suggestions can be presented. We do not know at this time how the new YM-YWCA building across from the library will alter our problems.

The Library Advisory Council endorsed a report to the Board of Education requesting another bookmobile and also the purchase of two or more sites for future branch libraries. This was not acted upon, but the Board voted to give

\$10,000 to the library for the purchase of books. Another committee of the Council is working on a library expansion and cooperation program with neighboring communities. The State Library Board is interested in this program, believing that a central processing and purchasing of books would benefit individual libraries. In case such a program is adopted and the Ann Arbor Library becomes a part of a larger system, I hope the Ladies' Library Collection will remain together in the central library.

Respectfully submitted,

Isabel H. Haight

MATERIAL ON THE AGREEMENT OF MAY 6, 1916

between

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

AND

THE LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

c o p y

Witness this Article of Agreement entered into this sixth (6th) day of May, A. D. 1916, by and between the Ladies' Library Association of the City of Ann Arbor, State of Michigan, party of the first part, and The Public Schools of the City of Ann Arbor, of the same place, party of the second part.

In Consideration of the party of the first part conveying by good and sufficient deed to the party of the second part the grounds and buildings owned by said Association, party of the first part, and situated on the south side of Huron Street in said city and and known as the Ladies' Library Building, the said party of the second part undertakes to suitably maintain and care for at its own expense the Library in said Library Building for the use and benefit of the members of said Association, party of the first part, and for the use and benefit of the persons attending the public shhools of said city and for the use and benefit of the residents of said city of Ann Arbor, under such reasonable regulations as the Governing Board of said Public Schools, the party of the second part, may adopt.

It is understood that said Library and its incidental properties shall be cared for in said Library building or in the Public Library building of said city at the option of the said governing board.

In case the Library is moved to the said Public Library building, the books of said Library are to be shelved together for use

as one collection, so far as it is practicable, in some suitable place in said building and shall be known and named, "The Ladies' Library Collection of the City of Ann Arbor".

In case the said Library is transferred to the Public Library of the City of Ann Arbor, if some of the books of said Ladies' Library are not needed, because of duplications, then such duplications shall be disposed of as the said Ladies' Library Association may determine.

I. the said party of the second part agree that the said Association, party of the first part, may from time to time add to said collection such books as it may purchase from the income of trust funds under its control. The books so purchased to be approved by the governing board of said party of the second part and to be cared for in the same manner as is provided for by the original collection. In the books so purchased and added shall be placed the book plate of the said Ladies' Library Association.

II. In case the said Public Schools, the party of the second part, should sell or lease the premises above deeded and conveyed, then the funds realized from such sale or lease, less the expense incident to the change, shall be invested in good securities by the governing board of the said Public Schools, party of the second part, and the income arising therefrom expended in the purchase of books to be added to said collection. The books so purchased to be selected by the said Ladies' Library Association with the approval of said governing board.



III. If at any time in the future the parties to this proposed agreement deem it wise and for the educational advantage of the inhabitants of said city to erect a library building on some suitable place to be agreed upon by said parties then the funds realized or that may have been realized from the sale of the property proposed to be deeded may be applied to that end and used for that purpose.

Witness the hand and seal of the Ladies' Library Association of said city this sixth (6th) day of May A. D. 1916, by its President and Secretary duly authorized and the hand and seal of the Public Schools of the City of Ann Arbor, by

(Signed) Charles A. Sink, President,

(Signed) G. J. Ray, Secretary,

duly authorized.

(Signed) Caroline C. Lombard, President (Ladies'  
Library Association)

(Signed) Ida C. Finney, Secretary (Ladies' Library  
Association)

## C O P Y

Extract from agreement dated May 6, 1916 between the Board of Education and the Ladies' Library Association, signed by Charles A. Sink for the Board and Caroline C. Lombard for the Association, as Presidents respectively.

III. "If at any time in the future the parties to the proposed agreement deem it wise and for the educational advantage of the inhabitants of said city to erect a library building on some suitable place to be agreed upon by said parties, then the funds realized or that may have been realized from the sale of the property proposed to be deeded may be applied to that end and used for that purpose."

Property deeded June 14, 1916.

At the Board of Education meeting on April 11, 1923, the Boy Scouts of America were given the free use of the building at 324 E. Huron St., rent free, the building to be kept in repair by the Boy Scouts.

Building sold to the Michigan Bell Telephone Co., in 1945, for \$12,500, and was demolished early in 1946.

C O P Y

November 4, 1943

Mr. George R. Sidwell, President  
Board of Education  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Sir:

In view of the present interest in post war planning for the city of Ann Arbor, it has been suggested that the need for a City library be emphasized.

This is a matter particularly close to the Board of the Ladies' Library Association whose books, since having left its own property, have been housed in that part of the High School building known as the Carnegie library.

Because of the growth of the city and the school system, this building has become entirely inadequate for the public needs. The space assigned for reading rooms is the minimum that might conceivably be given over to the school system alone. In addition, it had been expected to care for the reading public of the entire city. The unhealthy congestion resulting is found also in the stacks where there is no longer a suitable place, or any place at all, to house gifts of valuable books, not to mention the ever increasing number necessary for constant reference by library patrons.

Throughout the years, since the deeding of the original building, the Ladies' Library Association has maintained its interest in the Library and, for the past few years, have been making a valuable contribution in the building up of a collection of outstanding volumes in various fields of art. In view of this continued connection, therefore, and because of its early association with the city's cultural interests, it seems fitting that the Ladies' Library Association should be among the first to sponsor any forward-looking movement having in mind the establishment of a permanent and more adequate Library for the people of Ann Arbor.

We wish, therefore, to make the suggestion that as soon as possible the School Board sell the former Ladies' Library property on East Huron street, now increasingly valuable, and set aside the amount accruing as the beginning of a fund for a new City Library. Such a fund, once established, might soon grow from gifts and otherwise to a sufficient size to erect a Library building of which Ann Arbor might well feel proud.

Very truly yours,

The Board of Ladies' Library Association  
Secretary.

## MAYER, FRIEDLICH, SPIESS, TIERNEY, BROWN &amp; PLATT

(MAYER, MEYER, AUSTRIAN &amp; PLATT)

231 SOUTH LA SALLE STREET

CHICAGO 4

STATE 2-0600

November 16, 1959

Mr. John Hollowell, President  
Ann Arbor Board of Education  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Hollowell:

Mrs. James G. Hays has asked me to examine an Agreement dated May 6, 1916, between the Ladies' Library Association of the City of Ann Arbor and The Public Schools of the City of Ann Arbor, and she has told me that after having been submitted to the Board of Education for its comments, the Agreement was returned to her on November 5, 1959 without comment by Mr. Carr.

I am not acting as an attorney for for the Ladies' Library Association and have no intention of doing so, but am writing this letter as a friend whose advice Mrs. Hays has sought as to how the Ladies' Library Association should proceed in this matter.

I should like to suggest to you that the officers of the Ladies' Library Association would be derelict in their duties if they did not persist in attempting a clarification of the present status of the 1916 Agreement, and that continued silence on the part of the Board of Education can only compel them to employ an attorney to act in their behalf. It seems to me, therefore, that the interests of everyone concerned would be advanced if the Board of Education would indicate a willingness to investigate the facts and then to discuss amicably with the Ladies' Library Association how the respective rights and duties of the parties under the contract, if any, should be carried out.

Yours very truly,

MGS:lm

Miles G. Seeley

cc: Mrs. James G. Hays  
1555 Washtenaw Ave.  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

*Answered May 29, 1961  
after Annual Meeting.*

## ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

September 21, 1960

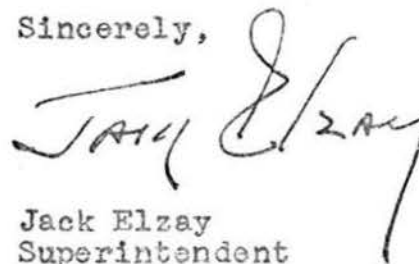
JACK ELZAY, Superintendent  
THAD CARR, Adm. Assistant  
RUSSELL W. WEST, Assistant  
GERALD R. NEFF, Assistant  
GEORGE M. BALAS, Business Manager

Mrs. J. G. Hays  
1555 Washtenaw Avenue  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Hays:

Your note regarding your concern over the lack of legal response in the matter of the Ladies Library Association and the school system has now been referred to Bonisteel and Bonisteel in writing. This usually brings a prompt response. I hope it will be so in this case. Indeed, you have been most patient in a long overdue matter.

Sincerely,



Jack Elzay  
Superintendent

JE:er

2009 Morton Ave.,  
Ann Arbor, Mich.,  
February 8, 1961.

Mr. Richard Mann,  
Chairman, Ann Arbor Board of Education,  
Schools Administration Building,  
1220 Wells Street,  
Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Mann:

As chairman of the book-buying committee of the Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor I must trouble you further over the matter of the funds due to the Ladies' Library from the Board of Education. I have been party to none of the arrangements, discussions and telephone conversations, which have taken place, but I venture to summarize their sequence as follows:

I quote first the

"Article of Agreement entered into this sixth (6th) day of May, A. D. 1916, by and between the Ladies' Library Association of the City of Ann Arbor, State of Michigan, party of the first part, and the Public Schools of the City of Ann Arbor, of the same place, party of the second part."

It reads in part:

"In Consideration of the party of the first part conveying by good and sufficient deed to the party of the second part the grounds and buildings owned by said Association, party of the first part, and situated on the south side of Huron Street in said city and known as the Ladies' Library Building, the said party of the second part undertakes to suitably maintain and care for at its own expense the Library in said Library Building for the use and benefit of ... the residents of said city of Ann Arbor ...

"II. In case the said Public Schools, the party of the second part, should sell or lease the premises above deeded and conveyed, then the funds realized from such sale or lease, less the expense incident to the change, shall be invested in good securities by the governing board of the said Public Schools, party

Mr. Richard Mann

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of the second part, and the income arising therefrom expended in the purchase of books to be added to said collection. The books so purchased to be selected by the said Ladies' Library Association with the approval of said governing board.

"III. If at any time in the future the parties to this proposed agreement deem it wise ... to erect a library building on some suitable place ... then the funds realized or that may have been realized from the sale of the property proposed to be deeded may be applied to that end and used for that purpose.

..."

The Ladies' Library Building on Huron Street was sold in 1945 by the Board of Education to the Michigan Bell Telephone Company for \$12,500. Not until 1956 was a new site for the public library purchased by the Board of Education, and it was October 1957 when the new building was dedicated. Thus for eleven years the sale price of the building should have been drawing interest for the benefit of the book funds of the Ladies' Library Association.

All these matters were discussed, I am told, at a meeting in the spring of 1960 in the offices of Bonisteel and Bonisteel in Ann Arbor. There were present on behalf of the Board of Education Mr. Jack Elzay, Mr. Richard Mann, Mr. Homer Chance, and Mr. Roscoe Bonisteel, Jr.; and on behalf of the Ladies' Library Association Mrs. J. Griffith Hays, Mrs. Cameron Haight, and Mrs. William Frayer. At that meeting I understand that it was verbally acknowledged by those representing the Board of Education that the Ladies' Library Association has a valid claim and there was considerable discussion as to how it might be satisfied, but no statement in writing was prepared.

On September 21, 1960, Mr. Jack Elzay, Superintendent of Schools, wrote to Mrs. J. Griffith Hays as follows:

"Your note regarding your concern over the lack of legal response in the matter of the Ladies' Library Association and the school system has now been referred to Bonisteel and Bonisteel in writing. This usually brings a prompt response. I hope it will be so in this case. Indeed, you have been most patient in a long overdue matter."

Mr. Richard Mann

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There the affair seems to have rested until January 1961 when there appears to have been a telephone conversation between you as Chairman of the Board of Education and Mrs. William Frayer, the president of the Ladies' Library Association. I believe the tenor of that conversation can be summarized as follows: That an account would be set up, so that when books are ordered by the Ladies' Library, with the approval of the librarian, Mr. Chance, as is customary with all of our purchases, the bills could be sent directly to the Board of Education. The account is to run no longer than three years and bills to a total of \$1000 a year or \$3000 in the three years would be honored.

My law professor father used to say that there are many situations in which a verbal agreement is binding, and this may indeed be one of them. He was Edson R. Sunderland of the Michigan Law School, and just possibly you were in one of the summer school classes which he taught after his retirement in 1944. But even if you never had him as a teacher, you certainly knew his name. Furthermore, he was one of your predecessors on the Ann Arbor School Board. However, as a lawyer's daughter I am unwilling to embark on a book-buying program without a statement in writing. The School Board has indicated its willingness to carry through this old obligation, and I suggest that a contract should be drawn with reference to a particular series of fiscal years. Do your yearly accounts run from July to July or from January to January? If it is the former, I would prefer to start next summer on the first lap of the three year program.

In expectation of an early reply, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

*Alice Sunderland Wethey*

(Mrs. Harold E. Wethey)



# Ann Arbor Trust Company

EARL H. GRESS, PRESIDENT

## Ann Arbor, Michigan

RICHARD J. MANN  
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT  
AND  
TRUST OFFICER

February 23, 1961

NORMANDY 3-4231

Mrs. H. E. Wethey  
2009 Morton  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Wethey:

First, may I apologize for not replying to your letter of February 8, 1961, at an earlier date. However, I was out of the city when your letter was received and it was just handed to me yesterday evening at our Board meeting.

You are quite correct in your summary of the events in connection with the Ladies Library Association matter, with two exceptions. I believe that my conversation with Mrs. Frayer took place in December rather than January. Secondly, and more important, in the latter part of December the Board of Education took official action authorizing and approving a statement to be signed by the President of the Board of Education, and the President of the Ladies Library Association, setting forth the agreement as stated by you in your letter. At that time I signed the agreement on behalf of the Board of Education, but for some reason it was never forwarded to your President. Last night I asked the Administration to transmit the statement to your President for signature, if the statement sets forth the facts as your group sees them.

While the statement was not forwarded to your group, the Board of Education, in preparing its budget for 1961-62, did set up an item of \$1,000 to be used for the purchase of books under your supervision. Last night the budget, including this amount, was approved by the Board.

I must agree with your father that many situations such as this could be covered by a verbal agreement, but at the same time I must also agree with you that a written undertaking is very desirable. This is particularly true where the membership of the governing boards of the two groups change from time to time. While the verbal agreement would be binding, the written statement sets forth the agreement so that it would not at any later time be opened to question. I did not have the good

Mrs. H. E. Wethey

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February 23, 1961

fortune of being in one of your father's classes. However, I did know him and have always felt indebted to him for his contributions to the University of Michigan Law School and to the legal profession as a whole.

I must say, that this matter has taken far too long to resolve and if the fault lies with the Board of Education, I should like to apologize to you and to your group for this inordinate delay. I believe now, however, that the matter will be successfully concluded when your President signs the statement. Thank you very much for bringing this matter to my attention.

Very truly yours,



Richard J. Mann

RJM:mk

2009 Morton Ave.,  
Ann Arbor, Mich.,  
February 27, 1961.

Mr. Richard J. Mann,  
Ann Arbor Trust Co.,  
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dear Mr. Mann:

Thank you very much for your courteous letter of the 23rd, and for your assistance in closing up the matter of the agreement with the Ladies' Library Association. At this point there may be a little further delay on our side, because Mrs. Frayer has been away and I do not know exactly when she is expected back. I'm sure there can be no difficulty now over precise wording, and I assume that the arrangement will start next summer with the beginning of a new fiscal year.

Very truly yours,

*Alice Sunderland Wethey*

(Mrs. Harold E. Wethey)

## ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

February 28, 1961

JACKSON  
 TRUSS  
 K...  
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 ... Business Manager

Mrs. William Frayer  
 745 Riverview Drive  
 Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Frayer:

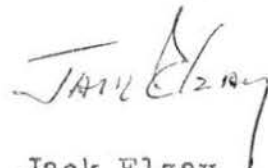
Enclosed please find legal documents pertaining to the arrangements agreed upon relative to interest earned on the receipts from the sale of a property transferred by the Ladies Library Association to the public schools, and later sold by the Board of Education.

I believe the document to be self-explanatory with one exception. Regarding the \$3,000.00 allocation, this will be spread in the library budget expenditures subject to your approval, at the rate of \$1,000.00 annually.

Please sign the document in the spaces indicated, returning the original to me.

If you have questions, please feel free to call me. (NOrmandy 2-5564).

Sincerely,



Jack Elzay  
 Superintendent

JE:er

Encls.

2009 Morton Ave.,  
Ann Arbor, Mich.,  
March 31, 1961.

Mr. Richard J. Mann,  
President, Ann Arbor Board of Education,  
Ann Arbor Trust Co.,  
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dear Mr. Mann:

I am obliged to write you again on the matter of the Ladies Library Association. Our president, Mrs. Frayer, has returned from California and she and I have had the opportunity to consider with some care the STATEMENT as drawn up by the Bonisteel office. It seems to us not wholly adequate, since it is not self-explanatory, and even Mr. Elzay's covering letter fails to complete the explanation. For example, nowhere is it stated when the Ladies Library Association can begin drawing on the funds allocated by the Board of Education or at what date the obligation will terminate. Surely it is desirable for both parties that these matters should be set down in the agreement itself. I am returning the two copies of the original STATEMENT for your examination.

By way of substitute I have retyped the whole STATEMENT, adding dates to paragraph 3 and rephrasing, in terms which I hope are legally proper, the paragraph beginning NOW, THEREFORE. Mrs. Frayer and I have signed it and we enclose both copies. In the event that this substitute STATEMENT is acceptable, we trust that you and Mr. Elzay will affix your signatures and return one of the copies to us.

With many thanks for your attention,

Sincerely yours,

*Alice Sunderland Wethey*

(Mrs. Harold E. Wethey)

# Ann Arbor Trust Company

EARL H. CRESS, PRESIDENT

Ann Arbor, Michigan

RICHARD J. MANN  
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT  
AND  
TRUST OFFICER

April 13, 1961

MEMORANDUM 3-4231

Mrs. Harold E. Wethey  
2009 Morton Avenue  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Wethey:

I am enclosing herewith the executed statement of agreement in connection with the Ladies Library Association's right to select books for the Ann Arbor Public Library.

The agreement is the agreement which you submitted to us and has been unchanged, with the exception of the date. Since this is a formal action of the School Board, I thought it advisable that the date on the statement coincide with the date on which the Board took its formal action.

My delay in getting this to you is accounted for by the fact that without formal action of the Board, I am not authorized to enter into such an agreement, and last night was the first night that the Board has gotten together since you submitted the revised statement to me.

I am pleased that this matter has at last reached a satisfactory conclusion, and may I express to you and all members of your Association, my personal appreciation and the appreciation of the School Board for your cooperation and assistance.

Very truly yours,



RJM:mk  
Enc.

## C O P Y

S T A T E M E N T

WHEREAS, an agreement was heretofore entered into by and between the LADIES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION of the City of Ann Arbor, and the PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR, the 6th day of May, 1916; and

WHEREAS, by reason of said agreement, which provided that in the event the property transferred by the Ladies Library Association to the Public Schools was ever sold, that the interest derived from the proceeds thereof until it was expended should be used for the purchase of books for the said Public Library owned by the Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Public Schools of the City of Ann Arbor in 1945 did sell the property heretofore given to it by the Ladies Library Association and not until 1956 did use the proceeds therefrom to help build and establish the new Public Library on Fifth Avenue, in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, by reason of the agreement being some forty years ago, and neither the Public Schools of the City of Ann Arbor nor the Ladies Library Association being cognizant of its terms since it was done under other administrations; and

WHEREAS, the Public Schools and the Ladies Library Association having considered the agreement as of the present time since calling attention to it and the actions heretofore taken;

NOW, THEREFORE, in fulfillment of the agreement hereinbefore referred to, so that the Ladies Library Association of the City of Ann Arbor may select, in consultation with the Librarian of

the Public Schools, books to be purchased in its name for the Public Library, the governing board of the Public Schools of the City of Ann Arbor does hereby agree to set aside the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) in its budget, the disbursement of which is to be as follows:

Beginning with the budget for 1961-1962 the governing board of the Public Schools will establish an account in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) against which such purchases may be charged, and will include an identical item in its budget for the two succeeding fiscal years, to-wit, 1962-1963 and 1963-1964, at the conclusion of which the obligation of the said Public Schools to the Ladies Library Association will be deemed to be fulfilled and this agreement terminated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their respective hands and seals this 12th day of April, 1961.

In the Presence of:

Alice S. Wethey  
Chairman of Book Committee

LADIES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

By Bertha Van Z. Trayer  
Its President

Jack Elsay  
Superintendent

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE CITY  
OF ANN ARBOR

By Richard J. Warner  
Its President



## MAYER, FRIEDLICH, SPIESS, TIERNEY, BROWN &amp; PLATT

(MAYER, MEYER, AUSTRIAN &amp; PLATT)

231 SOUTH LA SALLE STREET

CHICAGO 4

STATE 2-0600

June 2, 1961

Mrs. James N. Plumer  
1505 Golden Avenue  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Plumer:

Thank you very much for your kind note of  
May 29th. I am happy that the Ladies Library Associa-  
tion was able to bring this matter to a satisfactory  
conclusion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Miles G. Seeley". The signature is written in a cursive style and includes a small mark at the end that looks like "M".

Miles G. Seeley

MGS:lm



Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan

Meeting of October 28, 1960

The meeting of the board was held on October 28, at the home of Mrs. William A. Frayer, the President. It was called to order at 4:15 P.M. with the following members present: Mrs. John Alexander, Miss Eleanor Collins, Mrs. Stanley Dodge, Vice-President, Mrs. William A. Frayer, President, Miss Helen Hall, Mrs. Cameron Haight, Mrs. Joseph Hayden, Mrs. J. Griffith Hays, Mrs. Hayward Keniston, Mrs. James M. Plumer, Mrs. Josselyn Van Tyne, Treasurer, Mrs. Charles Vibbert, Secretary, Mrs. Harold E. Wethey, Chairman of the Book Committee.

The Secretary's Report of the annual meeting held on April 29, 1960, was read, accepted and filed.

Mrs. Van Tyne's treasurer's report also was accepted and filed. There was an exchange of views as to a future financial policy. Does the Board approve the bank's suggestion that the Board invest the funds of the association in Mutual Funds, or does it prefer to invest directly in Securities, as in the past? No decision was made.

Mrs. Hays reported on the state of affairs between the Ladies' Library Association and the Board of Education. The Board of Education represented by Mr. Bonisteel has agreed to pay a sum of about \$2100.00 (twenty-one hundred dollars) for the purchase of books to be selected by the Board of the

Ladies' Library Association and presented by it to the Public Library. But this agreement has not been acknowledged in writing by the Board of Education. Mrs. Frayer appointed Mrs. Hays and Mrs. Wethey to write to Mr. Elzay and Mr. Bonisteel asking (1) that the Board of Education acknowledge in writing the amount they have agreed to pay to the Ladies' Library Association, and (2) where the Association is to send the bills for the books selected and purchased.

Mrs. Frayer suggested that the Secretary write a letter of sympathy to the family of Mrs. Thieme.

The Board elected three new members selected from the slate presented by the nominating committee at the meeting of April 1960. The new members are: Mrs. R. Perry Innes, Mrs. Millard Pryor, Mrs. Philip Youtz. Mrs. Plumer was asked to invite them to join the Board of the Association. Mrs. Plumer suggested that a tea be given in the Public Library for the new members sometime after New Year 1961. The suggestion was approved.

Book Committee: Mrs. Wethey had no report to give.

Mrs. Plumer brought up the question of the election of new members. According to the Constitution the nominations take place at the April meeting and the elections at the October meeting. Mrs. Plumer suggested that it be changed in the following way: the nominations would be made at any meeting and the elections at the following meeting. Mrs.

Van Tyne moved that such change be accepted. Mrs. Hayden seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

The By-Laws state that the Annual Meeting is to be held on the last Friday of April. Mrs. Hays made a motion seconded by Mrs. Vibbert that this be changed to "the second half of April." The motion was carried.

These two motions will be voted upon at the annual meeting of April 1961.

Mrs. Frayer appointed the following committees: Finance, Mrs. Van Tyne, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Haight; Nominating: Mrs. Hayden assisted by three members of her choice; Book: Mrs. Wethey, Mrs. Plumer, Miss Collins; History: Miss Patten-gill, Mrs. Van Tyne; Legal adviser: Mrs. Hays.

A report was presented on the Library Advisory Council. There was no meeting in October; in September it discussed a project -- still vague -- of coordinating Public Libraries. Concerning teen-agers in the Public Library, it was proposed that the Public Library and the YM-YWCA get together to work out a solution of the problems arising.

Report on the Friends of the Public Library: Mrs. Hays mentioned only that the Friends would like every member to get five new members.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

(Madeleine B. Vibbert, Secretary)

## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

## TREASURER'S REPORT

April 1, 1960 - September 30, 1960

EXPENDITURES		INCOME		TOTALS INCOME	BALANCE
APRIL					389.69
Bank box	4.40	Abbott Lab.	11.25		
Bk. chargs	.55	Arvin Ind.	3.25		
Slater's	289.90	Detroit Bank	5.00		
	<u>294.85</u>	Eastman Kod.	13.50		
		U.S. bonds	13.80		
		King Seeley	20.00	66.80	156.64
MAY					
M.I.T.	1,289.91	Dia. Nat. c.	7.50		
Bk, Chgs.	.74	Dia. Nat. pf.	9.38		
	<u>1,290.65</u>	Dues, etc.	3.00		
		B.M.I.	1,300.00	1,319.88	190.87
JUNE					
Wittenborn	10.50	St. Oil Ind.	10.50		
		Am. El. Pow.	2.70		
		Phelps Dodge	15.00		
		Monsanto	5.50	33.70	214.07
JULY					
Bk. Chgs.	.78	Arvin Ind.	3.25		
		Det. Bank	5.00		
		Eastman Kod.	13.50		
		Abbott Lab.	11.25		
		King Seeley	40.00		
		Mass. Inv. Tr.	9.30	82.30	295.59
AUGUST					
Bk. Chgs.	.69	Dia. Nat. c.	10.00		
		Dia. Nat. pf.	9.38		
		U.S.K bond	6.90	17.28	321.18
SEPTEMBER					
Slater's	21.60	St. Oil Ind	10.50		
Bk. Chrgs.	.52	Phelps Dodge	15.00		
	<u>22.12</u>	Am El. Pow.	2.70		
		Monsanto	5.50	33.70	332.76
TOTALS	\$ 1,619.59	Oct. receipts		\$ 1,567.60	\$ 332.76
				40.55	

Helen Bates Van Tyne, Treasurer

[Typed by Alice S. Wethey,  
August, 1978]

Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan

Annual Meeting, April 28, 1961

The meeting of the Board of the Ladies' Library Association was held on April 28 at the home of Mrs. William Frayer, President. It was called to order at 4 o'clock, P.M. with the following twelve members present: Miss Eleanor Collins, Mrs. Stanley Dodge, Mrs. William Frayer, Mrs. Cameron Haight, Miss Helen Hall, Mrs. Joseph Hayden, Mrs. Hayward Keniston, Miss Caroline Pattengill, Mrs. James Plumer, Mrs. Millard Pryor, Mrs. Josselyn Van Tyne, and Mrs. Harold Wethey.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. Charles Vibbert, Miss Hall served as Secretary Pro-tem. The Secretary's report of the meeting of October 28, 1960 was read, accepted, and filed.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. Van Tyne, here attached, was read, accepted, and filed.

For the Book Committee, Mrs. Wethey, Chairman, reported that the Committee had not been able to function according to past normal patterns because of the uncertainty in the financial arrangements with the Board of Education. Further Mrs. Wethey reported on negotiations with the Board of Education as follows: She wrote to Mr. Mann, Chairman, and received a nice letter in reply, this letter stating that a contract had been signed in December, 1960. However, when this contract was received, it seemed ambiguous. Mrs. Wethey

and Mrs. Frayer thereupon prepared a new contract, which was duly accepted and signed. Mrs. Wethey read the contract. Copies of the letters and the contract are here attached.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Wethey and to Mrs. Hays, for the excellent work they have performed, was moved by Mrs. Haight and seconded by Mrs. Dodge, and carried.

Mrs. Haight then moved that the Secretary be instructed to write to Mr. Miles Seeley, thanking him for his letter of November 16, 1959, and informing him of the successful outcome of the negotiations with the Board of Education. Seconded by Mrs. Hayden, motion carried. Mr. Seeley's letter here attached.

The question of the absence from Ann Arbor of one of the Board members, Mrs. Robert McNamara, was brought under discussion. While the consensus was that someone should be named to replace her during her absence, it was recognized that this could not be done without bringing the number of Board members over the total of twenty established by the Constitution. Mrs. Keniston then suggested that the Secretary write to Mrs. McNamara asking her if she wished to continue as a Board member. Mrs. Hayden so moved; Mrs. Plumer seconded; the motion carried.

With regard to the election of new members, Mrs. Plumer suggested that all Board members be ready to present names at the Fall meeting, in the event that the need arises to

elect someone new.

The next order of business was a vote on two changes in the By-Laws of the Association, such changes having been presented for consideration at the meeting of October 28, 1960:

Article 1. The time of the Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting shall be held during the second half of April.

Article 6. The time of electing new members.

Nominations for new members may be made at any meeting, and election of members thus nominated may be made at the following meeting.

Affirmative vote by the Board on both changes.

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by Mrs. Hayden, Chairman, for the committee composed of herself, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Plumer, and Mrs. Vibbert. Miss Pattengill moved and Mrs. Keniston seconded, that the nominations be closed and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot. The motion being carried, the following slate was elected as nominated:

President, Mrs. Frayer

Vice-President, Mrs. Dodge

Treasurer, Mrs. Van Tyne

Secretary, Mrs. Plumer

Chairman of the Book Committee, Mrs. Wethey.



Mrs. Frayer reported for the Library Advisory Council. The teen-age problem is under better control; plans for Branch Libraries are being considered; and there are no plans for the enlargement of the present Library.

Mrs. Frayer reminded the Board members of the May 20th Book Sale of the Friends of the Library at the Ann Arbor Public Library.

The meeting adjourned at 5 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen B. Hall,

Secretary Pro-Tem.

Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan  
Treasurer's Report, April 1, 1960 - March 31, 1961

ExpendituresIncome

Balance April 1, 1960		\$384.69
Bank charges      \$ 10.30	25 Abbott Lab.      \$ 47.50	
Slater's            343.50	6. Am. El. Pwr.      20.34	
Wittenborn        32.00	13 Arvin Ind.        13.00	
Stock purchase - Mass,	100 B. M. I.        2,165.00	
Inv. Trust        1289.91	10 Det. Bank        26.00	
Mon. Chem.      25.64	25 Diam. Nat. c.    37.50	
	25 Diam. Nat. p.    37.52	
	30 Eastman Kod.     63.00	
	100 King Seeley     100.00	
	94 Mass. Inv. Tr.    34.09	
	23 Mon. Chem        22.25	
	20 Phelps Dodge     60.00	
	30 Stan. Oil Ind.    60.90	
	3 U.S. K bonds      41.40	
	Dues                    3.00	
<u>1,690.35</u>	<u>2,731.50</u>	
Balance March 31, 1961		\$1,425.84
		+ 125.08
		<u>1,550.92</u>

Helen B. Van Tyne, Treasurer

[Typed by Alice S. Wethey.  
1966]

1611 East Stadium  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
October 23, 1961

Dear Mrs. Plumer:

I'm sorry I can't be with you this Friday. We will be in Urbana, Ill. for the ACSA meetings.

I am enclosing material on the Acanthus History of Sculpture. There are many other books in this field, I know, but we thought the photographs in these unusually good. We now have the Egypt and Greece. As you will see they plan to issue two volumes yearly.

You probably know the Pelican History of Art - there are a number of excellent art and architecture books in this series. I would mention especially "Architecture: 19th and 20th Centuries" by Henry Russell Hitchcock - \$12.50. This has a philosophical approach which is rare.

The encyclopedia I mentioned to you is: "A Diderot Pictorial Encyclopedia of Trades" - Denis Diderot. Chas. Coulston Gillispie, editor, New York, Dover Publications, 1960, 2 vols. 485 plates \$18.50. This was reviewed for the AIA Journal for Nov. 1960 by Henry Hope Reed, Jr. - an architectural historian and commentator. Sounds fascinating.

The Scientific American for May 1960 had a review on p. 222 of "Drawings for a Living Architecture" by Frank Lloyd Wright, Horizon Press \$35. This is a collection of some 200 drawings, 75 in color, covering 70 years of Wright's work. Text is by Giuseppe Samona a leading Italian critic and A. Hyatt Mayor, Curator of Prints at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Wright will always stand out as a great American architect. Probably no one else has ever had such world wide influence. He was appreciated abroad long before he had any recognition here.

Two other books about which I know little except that they are New York Graphic Society which recommends them are: "Indian Miniatures" - 100 plates \$50 in color. \$25. 11th to 12th cent. "Etruscan Art" by Raymond Bloch - 100 plates, 71 in color, \$25.

"Marco Polo's Asia" by Leonardo Olschki, U. of Calif. Press, \$10. From Scientific American, Oct. 1961 review: "In Olschki's book we have an admirable and often fascinating review of what is now known about Marco Polo; the book is both a summary and a critical evaluation." Excellent illustrations and map.

I cannot find that review I mentioned to you of the prehistoric cave art. Probably Mrs. Wethey will know. It is recent and quite inclusive. \$35.

Hope these jottings will be of some help.

Sincerely, (signed) Frances [Youtz]

## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

## BOARD MEMBERS 1961 - 1962

Mrs. Philip Bursley (1927) [died 1961]	917 Olivia	8-7956
Mrs. John Winter (1929)	901 South Forest	3-1723
Mrs. James G. Hays (1930)	1555 Washtenaw	2-1430
Mrs. Stanley Dodge (1940) Vice-President	1547 Washtenaw	2-0620
Mrs. Joseph Hayden (1940)	1530 Hill Street	8-8033
Miss Caroline Pattengill (1943)	1213 Hill Street	8-6382
Miss Helen B. Hall (1948)	715 South Forest	8-6331
Mrs. William A. Frayer (1951) President	745 Riverview	2-3347
Mrs. Cameron Haight (1951)	2112 Vinewood	3-4520
Mrs. James M. Plumer (1951)	1505 Golden	2-1230
Mrs. Charles B. Vibbert (1951) Secretary	1719 Hermitage	3-4433
Mrs. Josselyn Van Tyne (1951) Treasurer	1921 Cambridge	2-0822
Mrs. Harold E. Wethey (1951) Chairman Book Committee	2009 Morton	2-2415
Miss Eleanor Collins (1956)	703 South Forest	3-5879
Mrs. John Alexander (1957) Representative Library Council	788 Arlington	3-5879
Mrs. Hayward Keniston (1957)	1507 East Park Place	2-4164
Mrs. R. Perry Innes (1960)	3125 Geddes Avenue	2-3902
Mrs. Millard Pryor (1960)	715 Spring Valley	2-2118
Mrs. Philip Youtz (1960)	1611 E. Stadium	2-2245

Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan

Fall Meeting, October 27, 1961

The Fall meeting of the Board was held at the home of the President, Mrs. Frayer, On October 27, 1961. Fourteen members were present: Mrs. John Alexander, Miss Eleanor Collins, Mrs. Stanley Dodge, Mrs. William Frayer, Mrs. Cameron Haight, Miss Helen Hall, Mrs. J. Griffith Hays, Mrs. R. Perry Innes, Mrs. Hayward Keniston, Mrs. James Plumer, Mrs. Josselyn Van Tyne, Mrs. Charles Vibbert, Mrs. Harold Wethey, Mrs. John G. Winter.

The meeting was called to order, after a delicious tea, at 3:30 P.M. by the President. Mrs. Innes, a new member, was welcomed. Mrs. Millard Pryor and Mrs. Philip Youtz, the other two new members who were unable to be present, were mentioned.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of April 28, 1961 were read, accepted, and filed.

The Treasurer's report was read, accepted, and filed. The balance on hand was reported, as of September 30, as \$1,424.80.

Mrs. Wethey reported for the Book Committee that all our book orders now go through Mr. Chance and that his staff keeps a record of our balance. Mrs. Hays explained that we now have \$1000.00 per year for three years from the Board of Education to spend for books, and briefly outlined the history of this

arrangement for our new member, Mrs. Innes. Mrs. Wethey further reported that all the Skira and Unesco publications are regularly sent on approval. Up to July first we have spent about \$500.00 on books, including works on Indian, Byzantine, American Indian, and American art. She mentioned a new book on Winslow Homer which had been acquired.

Mrs. Haight asked a question about the new display case on the second floor of the Library in which some of our books are being specially shown. Mrs. Wethey answered that Mr. Chance is keeping a list of books displayed there. Mrs. Haight asked members to keep an eye out for our books in the Library, especially the large ones and the very fine ones, as it was felt by the Board members that these should have special care.

Mrs. Hays reported that she and Mrs. Vibbert attended a meeting of the Washtenaw County Historical Society at which a Library Science student gave a very interesting talk on the history of the Ladies' Library Associations throughout the country, in counties, and of our own Ann Arbor Association. Mrs. Hays will obtain a copy of this talk for our files. (Note: a copy is appended to these Minutes).

The Secretary had not written to Mrs. McNamara and apologized for the oversight. Mrs. Vibbert moved that a letter be written to inquire if she wishes to continue on the Board. Mrs. Hays seconded, and the motion was carried.

Mrs. Van Tyne, Mrs. Keniston seconded, and the motion was carried, that the Secretary write a letter of condolence to Mr. Philip Bursley, and that appreciation be expressed for Mrs. Bursley's long and valuable service to the Board.

Mrs. Hays reported for the Friends of the Library that not many had been present to greet English teachers from other lands. She further reported that the Membership Tea would be held on November 19, and that the speaker would be Mr. Marvin Felheim. The subject of branch libraries is being debated and sites in East Ann Arbor are being considered.

For the Library Advisory Council Mrs. Alexander reported that new branches are also being considered by them. Mr. Elzay has plans for a new building which could be used for offices if the site proved not good for a library. The candidates for the Constitutional Convention (of the State of Michigan) had been interviewed before the election to determine their views on what should be put into the new Constitution with reference to libraries. A discussion considered libraries under Boards of Education and those which had their own Boards. The situation in Ann Arbor was considered to be advantageous. The County Supervisors are considering a County Library.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Miles Seeley, attached to these Minutes, acknowledging our letter to him and congratulating us on the successful outcome of our arrangements

with the Board of Education.

The Secretary then read a letter of appreciation from Mrs. Harriet Hamme, a teacher of art in the Mack School, to the Association for the fine books available in the Ann Arbor Public Library, and of how particularly useful they are to her in preparing her work for her students. This letter is attached to these Minutes.

The death of Mrs. Bursley leaves us with a vacancy on the Board. Miss Hall proposed that a new member be elected at the April meeting. Names proposed to fill this vacancy were:

Mrs. Arno L. Bader

Mrs. Harriet Hamme (Mrs. Richard)

Mrs. George Cameron.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. James M. Flumer,

Secretary.



## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

October 27, 1961

The Treasurer's report is missing. In the minutes are these words:

"The Treasurer's report was read, accepted, and filed. The balance on hand was reported, as of September 30, as \$ 1,424.80.

October 2 (1961)

Dear Members of the Ladies Library Association:

I would like to thank you as a practicing artist and elementary art teacher for the excellent art books you have given the Ann Arbor Public Library.

I have started teaching art through the ages this year to children from the 2nd through the 6th grades at Mack School. I begin each lesson with a discussion from that period and by showing them pictures from these books. The children are not allowed to touch the books -- only myself and the classroom teacher are allowed to handle them. The inspiration and knowledge from these books has made my teaching a real pleasure, for as you know without visual aids teaching art is impossible, and explaining aesthetics is hopeless.

In my own work as a potter and painter, and still a student of the arts for me are always that book on Bernard Leach and volumes on Japanese Art, and your fine book "The Approach to Greek Art" by Charles Seltman have been indispensable aids in improving my own techniques and understanding the past from whence came many of "my" ideas. The fine Skira publication on the Caves at Lascaux was a wealth of information, both in text and plates, for the student and layman interested in his art heritage.

Thank you for the opportunity these books afford.

Sincerely,

Harriet Bennett Hamme.

Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan

Annual Meeting, April 4, 1962

The annual spring meeting of the Ladies' Library Association was held on April 4, 1962 at the home of Mrs. Van Tyne after a lovely tea. Mrs. Frayer, President, opened the meeting at 3:30. The members present were: Mrs. John Alexander, Miss Eleanor Collins, Mrs. Stanley Dodge, Mrs. William Frayer, Mrs. Cameron Haight, Miss Helen Hall, Mrs. Joseph Hayden, Mrs. J. G. Hays, Mrs. Hayward Keniston, Miss Caroline Pattengill, Mrs. Millard Pryor, Mrs. Josselyn Van Tyne, Mrs. Charles Vibbert, Mrs. Harold E. Wethey, Mrs. John Winter, Mrs. Philip Youtz.

Mrs. Frayer welcomed two new members of the Board, Mrs. Millard Pryor and Mrs. Philip Youtz.

In the absence of Mrs. James Plumer, Mrs. Vibbert acted as Secretary. The minutes of the meeting of October 27, 1961 were read, approved and filed.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Van Tyne, had no formal report to give, but she mentioned future possible changes in the portfolio of stocks. The Finance Committee reported assets of \$16,000.00.

The Book Committee chairman, Mrs. Wethey, gave the first part of a report which will be completed in the autumn, when all the books for 1962 will have been purchased. She also gave a partial list of new books donated to the Public Library.

She explained that the list of books acquired with the money owed by the Board of Education to the Ladies' Library Association, is made up by the Ann Arbor Public Library and approved by the Book Committee of the Association.

Mrs. Vibbert gave a short oral report of the March meeting of the Friends of the Library, and Mrs. Hayden did the same for the annual tea of the same group. There was nothing new to report on the meetings of the Library Advisory Council.

The Board proceeded to elect two new members to replace Mrs. Philip Bursley, deceased, and Mrs. R. McNamara, who now resides in Washington, D. C. The new members are Mrs. Arno Bader and Mrs. George Cameron. The Secretary was asked to write them that they had been elected to become members of the Board.

The chairman of the Nominating Committee, Mrs. Dodge, presented the slate of officers for 1963, which is the same as in 1962. The slate was elected. The meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Madeleine B. Vibbert,

Acting Secretary.

Ladies' Library Association  
Report of the Nominating Committee  
1962

President, Mrs. Frayer.

Vice President, Mrs. Dodge.

Secretary, Mrs. Plumer.

Treasurer, Mrs. Van Tyne.

Chairman of Book Committee, Mrs. Wethey.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. Dodge.

## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

## TREASURER'S REPORT

April 1, 1961 -- March 31, 1962

Balance, Savings Account, April 1, 1961	\$ 1,157.02
Balance, Checking Account, April 1, 1961	267.78
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	1,424.80

Expenditures

Bank charges	\$ 8.12
Deposit box	4.40
Stock purchase - Duquesne Lt.	1,451.01
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	\$ 1,463.53

Income

Abbott Laboratories	47.50
American Electric Power	11.52
Arvin Industries	346.92
B. M. I.	69.38
Detroit Bank	53.04
Diamond National com.	40.00
Diamond National pf.	37.52
Duquesne Lighting	45.00
Eastman Kodak	67.50
King Seeley	80.00
Massachusetts Inv. Trust	47.58
Monsanto Chemical	47.36
Phelps Dodge	60.00
Standard Oil (Indiana)	69.30
U. S. K bonds	41.40
Bank interest	7.38
Dues	1.20

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 \$ 1,072.60

Balance, March 31, 1962

1,033.87

[Copied  
by Alice S. Wethey  
May 1978]

Helen B. Van Tyne, Treasurer

## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 20, 1962

INVESTMENTS						
COMPANY	NO.	PURCH. DATE	PURCH. PRICE	PRICE	VALUE 3/20/62	DIVIDEND
ABBOT LAB.	25	12/54	44 1/2	77 3/8	1,831.25	1.80
AM. EL. POW.	6	6/58	44 7/8	71 3/8	428.35	1.96
DETROITBANK	10	6/58	41 1/4	66 1/2	612.50	.55
DIAM. NAT. com.	15	2/51		50 1/4	753.75	1.60
DIAM. NAT, pf.	10	2/51		34	340.00	1.50
DUQUESNE LTG.	50	6/61	28 5/8	31 5/8	1,581.25	1.18
EASTMAN KODAK	30	4/52	44 1/2	114 1/8	3,423.75	2.25
K NG SEELEY	40	8/52	40	32	1,280.00	1.00
MASS. INV. TR.	93	5/60	13.87	15.68	1,520.00	
MONSANTO	23	3/56	47.34	48 5/8	1,118.37	1.00
PHELPS DODGE	20	12/52	47 7/8	58 5/8	1,117.25	3.00
STAND. OIL IND.	15	10/52	76 3/4	55	825.00	1.60
U. S. "K" Bonds	3				1,150.00	3.90
Savings Account					871.15	3 1/2 %
Checking Account					160.82	
					<u>\$ 17,007.40</u>	

Are drug companies going to be totally affected by new federal legislation? Diamond Nat.. pf has called some stocks and undoubtedly will soon again. Is this a stock to sell? Eastman Kodak to be adversely affected by Japanese Camera production? Is King-Seeley a stock to sell? Are there any other doubtful stocks in your opinion? Should we sell and buy savings certificates in some bank?

Helen B. Van Tyne, Treasurer

[Retyped by Alice S. Wethey, August 1978]

## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

## TREASURER'S REPORT

April 1, 1961 -- March 31, 1962

EXPENDITURES		INCOME		BALANCE SAVINGS	BALANCE CHECKING
APRIL				1,157.02	267.78
Bank box	4.40	U.S. K bonds	13.80		
Bk. chgs.	.46	Abbott Lab.	11.25		
		Detroit Bank	5.50		
		Eastman Kod.	15.00		
		Arvin	3.25		
		King Seeley	20.00		
		Mass. Inv. T.	9.40	1,186.42	311.72
MAY					
Bk. chgs.	.61	Arvin	333.92		
70 shares		B.M.I.	52.38		
D. Ltg.	1,451.01	Diam. Nat.	10.00		
		Diam. Nat. pf	9.38	341.18	111.02
JUNE					
Bk. chgs.	.12	Dues	1.20		
		St. Oil Ind.	10.50		
		Monsanto	5.75		
		Bk. Int.	1.92		
		Am. El. Pow.	2.82		
		Phelps Dodge	15.00	360.92	128.35
JULY					
Bk. chgs.	.71	Abbott Lab.	11.25		
		Eastman Kod.	15.00		
		Detroit Bk.	5.50		
		Arvin	3.25		
		King Seeley	20.00		
		Mass. Inv. Tr.	9.40	390.32	162.64
AUGUST					
Bk. chgs.	.64	Dia. Nat. c.	10.00		
		Dia. Nat. pf.	9.38		
		U.S. K bond	6.90	416.60	162.00
SEPTEMBER					
Bk. chgs.	.61	Phelps Dodge	15.00		
		Duquesne Lt.	14.75		
		Am. El. Pow.	2.82		
		Monsanto	5.75		
		St. Oil Ind	10.50	465.42	161.39



## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT (page 2)

April 1, 1961 -- March 31, 1962

EXPENDITURES		INCOME	BALANCE SAVINGS	BALANCE CHECKING
OCTOBER				
Bk. chgs.	.77	Abbott Lab.	11.25	
		Duquesne Lt.	14.75	
		Eastman Kod.	15.00	
		Detroitbank	5.50	
		King Seeley	20.00	
		Mass. Inv. Tr.	8.46	
		U.S. K bond	13.80	
			540.78	160.82
NOVEMBER				
		Dia. Nat. c.	10.00	
		Dia. Nat. pf.	9.38	
			554.18	160.82
DECEMBER				
		Bk. int.	5.66	
		Am. El. Pow.	2.94	
		Phelps Dodge	15.00	
		Mass. Inv. Tr.	9.40	
		Monsanto	5.75	
		B.M.I.	17.00	
		St. Oil Ind.	34.80	
			573.56	160.82
JANUARY				
		Eastman Kod.	22.50	
		Monsanto	24.36	
		Detroitbank	5.50	
		Abbott Lab.	13.75	
		King Seeley	20.00	
		Duquesne Lt.	15.50	
			765.72	160.82
FEBRUARY				
		U.S. K bonds	6.90	
		Dia. Nat. c.	10.00	
		Dia. Nat. pf.	9.38	
		Mass. Inv. Tr.	10.92	
			802.92	160.82
MARCH				
		Phelps Dodge	15.00	
		Am. El. Pow.	2.94	
		Monsanto	5.75	
		Detroitbank	31.04	
		St. Oil Ind.	13.50	
		Detroitbank	5.50	
			976.65	160.82

## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

REPORT OF THE BOOK COMMITTEE

April 4, 1962

The first thousand of the three thousand dollars allocated to the Ladies' Library by the Board of Education became available this year. Consequently since last July the purchases of the Ladies' Library have been handled entirely by the order department of the Public Library.

The Public Library collects a good deal of material concerning the books on the fine arts that it wants. The preference is for the new books with handsome reproductions in color, and there have been a spectacular number of such books available recently. The book lists that I have provided them at various times in the past year turned out to be mostly duplications of what they already had.

Some of our new books have already been in the display case, and it is intended that all of them will take their turn there before they are put on the shelves.

The sum of the items already received indicates that about \$770.00 have already been spent. On May 18 all the orders for this fiscal year must be in, so that the vouchers can be cleared through the business office before July 1. After that time it will be possible to make a complete report for this year and I will present it to the Ladies' at their autumn meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice S. Wethey,  
Chairman, Book Committee.

## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

## BOARD MEMBERS 1962 - 1963

Mrs. John G. Winter (1929), 901 S. Forest	3-1723
Mrs. James G. Hays (1930), 1555 Washtenaw	2-1430
Mrs. Stanley Dodge (1940), 1547 Washtenaw Vice-President	2-0620
Mrs. Joseph Hayden (1940), 1530 Hill St.	8-8033
Miss Caroline Pattengill (1943), 1213 Hill St. [died 1962]	8-6382
Miss Helen B. Hall (1948), 715 S. Forest	8-6331
Mrs. William A. Frayer (1951), 745 Riverview President	2-3347
Mrs. Cameron Haight (1951), 2112 Vinewood	3-4520
Mrs. James M. Plumer (1951), 1505 Golden	2-1230
Mrs. Charles Vibbert (1951), 1710 Hermitage Secretary pro-tem	3-4433
Mrs. Josselyn Van Tyne (1951), 1921 Cambridge Treasurer	2-0822
Mrs. Harold Wethey (1951), 2009 Morton Chairman, Book Committee	2-2515
Miss Eleanor Collins (1956), 703 S. Forest	3-6255
Mrs. John Alexander (1957), 788 Arlington Representative, Library Council	3-5879
Mrs. Hayward Keniston (1957), 1507 E. Park Pl.	2-4164
Mrs. R. Perry Innes (1960), 3125 Geddes	2-3902
Mrs. Millard Pryor (1960), 715 Spring Valley	2-2118
Mrs. Philip Youtz (1960), 1611 E. Stadium	2-2245
Mrs. Arno Bader (1962), 285 Orchard Hills	3-5898
Mrs. George Cameron (1962), 1515 Ottawa Drive	2-9109

Ladies' Library Association of Ann Arbor, Michigan

Meeting of October 30, 1962

The fall, 1962 meeting of the Ladies' Library Association was held at the home of the President, Mrs. William A. Frayer, on Tuesday, October 30, at three o'clock. After a delicious tea, the meeting was called to order by the President.

Those present were: Mrs. John Alexander, Mrs. Arno Bader, Mrs. George Cameron, Miss Eleanor Collins, Mrs. Stanley Dodge, Mrs. William A. Frayer, Mrs. Cameron Haight, Miss Helen B. Hall, Mrs. Joseph R. Hayden, Mrs. James Griffith Hays, Mrs. James Plumer, R. Perry Innes, Mrs. Charles Vibbert, Mrs. Harold E. Wethey, Mrs. John G. Winter, Mrs. Philip Youtz. Mrs. Hayward Keniston telephoned just before three to say she was prevented by an emergency at the library from coming. Caroline Pattengill was also not present. The only other member absent was Mrs. Millard Pryor, who is now in Korea.

Mrs. Frayer welcomed our two new members, Mrs. Bader and Mrs. Cameron.

The minutes of the April meeting were then read and approved with one addition, that the officers had been duly elected. The Secretary was reminded that some years ago a rule had been made that the full names of members should be recorded in the minutes. It was suggested that this be done in the list of members present. Some difficulties have been encountered in identifying people mentioned in minutes of long past years,

and the use of full names should do away with this.

Mrs. Van Tyne read a summarized treasurer's report and gave copies of this to all members. Our balance at the end of October in the savings account was \$1,063.83, and in the checking account \$149.73, plus \$8.73 for the savings account which had just arrived, making a total of \$1,222.29. The report was approved as read and a copy is filed with these minutes.

Mrs. Frayer had found a third key to our safety deposit box, and there was some discussion as to what disposition to make of it. Ordinarily we have two keys, one kept by the President and the other by the Treasurer. It was decided to keep the third key, but not locked up in the box where it had been found. The Treasurer took charge of it.

Mrs. Wethey then reported for the Book Committee that now, while we are enjoying a recess from expenditure for three years, all purchases of books are handled by the order department of the Public Library, although she consults with Mr. Chance. The first thousand dollars has now been expended except for \$24.05, and it is hoped to make this up in next year's purchases. There remain two years, 1962-1963, and 1963-1964, during which the Board of Education will allocate one thousand dollars per year for Ladies' Library purchases. Mrs. Wethey handed copies of book lists for the year 1961-1962 to members. Her report was approved as read and is filed

with these minutes, as is a copy of the book list. It was suggested that we bring some of the new books to the April meeting.

Mrs. Hays reported on the recent activities of the Friends of the Library. The Friends underwrote the printing of Miss Lela Duff's book, Ann Arbor Yesterdays, Ann Arbor, 1962. The edition of 2,000 is almost entirely sold out, and the schools and the Library have no copies, hence a new printing is planned for the near future. There was a question as to the Friends underwriting this also, but it was decided that this would not be necessary, as some profit has already been realized and this could be turned back on the new edition. The plates are to be given to Miss Duff.

Mrs. Frayer reported on the Library Advisory Council, which is considering building a branch library on Packard Road near Platt Road. The Council and the Board of Education has not reached an agreement as to the size of building needed, and Mrs. Frayer was to attend another meeting that evening. A second Bookmobile is also needed. Mr. Chance had reported a one hundred per cent increase in circulation of books through the summer school period, which points up the need for increased facilities. There was a discussion of the County Library, which now stores books in the Public Library as it has no building of its own. Mrs. Frayer was asked to find out how the County distributes its books.

Mrs. Haight then proposed the question of whether the books donated by us should go to the branch library, or to the Bookmobile, and what our policy should be with regard to this. Miss Collins suggested that there might be an inter-library loan plan to take care of this, and perhaps exhibits from time to time. Mrs. Haight suggested that we inquire from the Advisory Council as to their plans for the use of the books.

Miss Pattengill brought up the matter of the careless use of our old minute books and other records by students, particularly one who had consulted her about a paper on the "Influence of the First Three Years of the Ladies' Library Association." These papers are available at the Michigan Historical Society. Miss Pattengill felt that the old records would not stand much handling and ought to be reserved, at least to some extent. It was suggested that they might be microfilmed, and Miss Collins and Miss Hall were appointed to find out the cost of this, and to report to Mrs. Frayer. All members were in favor of this suggestion.

Mrs. Wethey described a forthcoming publication, Master Drawings of the World, in four volumes, price \$160.00. It has been favorably reviewed, and she asked whether the members would consider this as a possible purchase for the current year. It was agreed that the book should be examined before deciding.

The President next appointed a Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of officers for 1963-1964. The Chairman is Mrs. Haight, to be assisted by Mrs. Keniston and Mrs. Vibbert.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Plumer (Mrs. James M. Plumer)  
Secretary.



## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

## TREASURER'S REPORT

April 1, 1962 -- October 31, 1962

EXPENDITURES		INCOME		BALANCE SAVINGS	BALANCE CHECKING
Bank box	4.40	East. Kod.	15.00	876.65	160.82
Bank certif.	1,000.00	Duquesne Lt.	15.50		
Purchase 100 Con. Power	1,298.89	U.S. bonds	15.80		
		Abbott Lab.	11.25		
		King Seeley	24.00		
		Diam. Nat. sold	739.00	1,715.20	150.32
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MAY		Diam. com.	11.25		
Diam. Nat. div. refund	10.50	Diam. pf.	9.38	745.53	150.32
		Mass. Inv.	9.70		
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JUNE		Bk interest	12.02		
Bank chgs.	.59	Dues	2.00		
		Cons. Pwr.	10.50		
		Phelps Dodge	15.00		
		Am. El. Pwr.	2.94		
		St. Oil Ind.	13.50		
		Monsanto	5.75	807.24	149.73
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JULY		Det. Bank	5.50		
		Abbott Lab.	11.25		
		East. Kod.	15.50		
		Duquesne Lt.	15.50		
		King Seeley	48.00	902.49	149.73
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AUGUST		Mass. Inv.	9.70		
		U.S. bonds	6.90	919.19	149.73
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SEPTEMBER		Con. Pwr.	5.25		
		Am. El. Pwr.	2.94		
		Phelps Dodge	15.00		
		Monsanto	5.75		
		Dues, Contr.	10.50		
		St. Oil Ind.	13.50	972.13	149.73
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OCTOBER		Det. bank	5.50		
		East. Kod.	16.50		
		U.S. bonds	13.80		
		Duquesne Lt.	15.50		
		Abbott Lab.	11.25		
		King Seeley	24.00		
		Mass. Inv.	8.73	1,067.41	149.73
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[Retyped by Alice S. Wethey  
August 1978]

Helen B. Van Tyne, Treasurer

## LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

REPORT OF THE BOOK COMMITTEE

October 30, 1962

As reported at the April meeting, the first thousand of the three thousand dollars allocated to the Ladies' Library by the Board of Education became available for the fiscal year July 1961 to July 1962. As also reported at that meeting, the purchases of the Ladies' Library are now handled entirely by the order department of the Public Library.

There is some disadvantage in this arrangement. The Public Library suffers from the usual institutional malady of being understaffed, and the order department hasn't been able to keep as close a watch on our special budget as we would ourselves. Consequently I have found that not all the funds were expended within the time limit specified by our contract with the Board of Education. However, Mr. Chance has resolved the difficulty by proposing to charge belated orders against his own general funds, while cataloguing them in our collection.

When the completed list of books with their prices can be compiled from information provided by the library staff, it will be appended to this report. In the meantime I am passing around an interim list.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Sunderland Wethey,  
Chairman, Book Committee.

## LADIES LIBRARY - 1961-1962

	list price	actual price
Munro, Eleanor, <u>The Golden Encyclopedia of Art</u> , Golden Press, 1961	14.95	8.42
<u>Encyclopedia of World Art</u> , McGraw-Hill, New York.		
Vol. 4, 1961	32.00	28.80
Vol. 5, 1962	32.00	28.80
Vol. 6, 1962	32.00	28.80
Archer, William, <u>Indian Miniatures</u> , New York Graphic Society, 1961	25.00	16.25
Haftmann, Werner, <u>Painting in the Twentieth Century</u> , 2 vols., Praeger, 1961	37.50	24.37
Andrea Feininger, <u>Maids, Madonnas and Witches</u> , Introduction by Henry Miller, Abrams, 1961	17.50	10.50
Koyama, Fugio, <u>Two Thousand Years of Oriental Ceramics</u> , Abrams	25.00	15.00
Porcher, Jean, <u>Medieval French Miniatures</u> , Abrams	25.00	15.00
Baker, John, <u>English Stained Glass</u> , Introduction by Herbert Read, Abrams	25.00	15.00
Rice, David Talbot, <u>Art of Byzantium</u> , Photos by Max Hirmer, Abrams	25.00	15.00
Rosenblum, Robert, <u>Cubism and Twentieth Century Art</u> , Abrams, 1961	25.00	15.00
Haftmann, Werner, <u>Emil Nolde</u> , Abrams	15.00	9.00
Cahill, James, <u>Chinese Painting</u> , Skira, 1960	27.50	17.88
Gray, Basil, <u>Persian Painting</u> , Skira, 1961	22.50	14.63
Louis, Frédéric, pseud., <u>The Art of India</u> , Abrams, 1960	17.50	14.00
Bieber, Margarete, <u>The History of the Greek and Roman Theater</u> , Princeton, 1961	17.50	14.00

Malraux, André, <u>The Metamorphoses of the Gods</u> , Doubleday, 1960	20.00	13.00
Daute, François, <u>Renoir: Watercolors and Pastels</u> , Abrams, 1961	27.50	16.50
Lankheit, Klaus, <u>Franz Marc: Watercolors, Drawings, Writings</u> , Abrams, 1961	17.50	10.50
Pataky, Denes, <u>Master Drawings from the Collections of the Budapest Museum of Fine Arts, Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries</u> , Abrams	25.00	15.00
Haesaerts, Paul, <u>James Ensor</u> , Abrams, 1961	20.00	12.00
Longstreet, Stephen, <u>A Treasury of the World's Great Prints</u> , Simon and Schuster, 1961	15.00	8.12
Dockstader, Frederick, <u>Indian Art in America</u> , New York Graphic Society, 1961	25.00	16.25
Duncan, David W., <u>Picasso's Picassos</u> , Harper's, 1961	30.00	16.22
Masson, Georgina, <u>Italian Gardens</u> , Abrams, 1961	17.50	10.50
Akiyama Terukasu, <u>Japanese Painting</u> , Skira, 1961	22.50	13.00
Dournovo, Lydia, <u>Armenian Miniatures</u> , Abrams, 1962	25.00	15.00
<u>Georges Braque. His Graphic Work</u>	18.50	11.10
Margarete Bieber, <u>The Sculpture of the Hellenistic Age</u> , Columbia, 1961	27.00	14.63
Ayrton, Elizabeth, <u>The Doric Temple</u> , photos by Serge Molinier; Clarkson N. Potter	17.50	9.75
Volbach, W. F., <u>Early Christian Art</u> , photos by Max Hirmer. Abrams, 1962	25.00	15.00
Maillard, Robert, <u>Tudor History of Painting</u>	10.00	5.53

Grohmann, Will, <u>The Art of Henry Moore</u> , Abrams, 1960	15.00	9.00
Gardiner, Albert Ten Eyck, <u>Winslow Homer</u> , Clarkson N. Potter, 1961	25.00	12.97
Andrews, Wayne, <u>Architecture in America</u> , 1960	15.00	9.75
Armitage, Edward L., <u>Stained Glass</u> , Charles T. Brandford, 1961	15.00	9.75
Wildenstein, Georges, <u>The Paintings of Fragonard</u> , Doubleday, 1960	20.00	16.00
Kubler, George, <u>The Art and Architecture of Ancient America (Pelican History of Art, No. 21)</u> , 1962	16.50	13.70
Henry Miller, <u>Watercolors</u> , Abrams, 1962	15.00	9.75
Lee, Sherman, <u>Chinese Landscape Painting</u> , Abrams, 1962	7.50	4.50
Seuphor, Michel, <u>Abstract Painting</u> , Abrams,	20.00	12.00
Lafuente Ferrari, Enrique, <u>Goya</u> , Abrams, 1962	17.50	10.50
Gray, Camilla, <u>The Great Experiment: Russian Art, 1863-1922</u> , Abrams, 1962	25.00	15.00
Heyghe, René, <u>Art and the Spirit of Man</u> , Abrams,	15.00	9.00
Wethey, H. E., <u>El Greco and His School</u> , 2 vols, Princeton, 1962	40.00	26.00
Hatje, Gerd and Ursula. <u>Design for Modern Living</u> . Abrams, 1962	15.00	9.00
Menz, Hinner, <u>The Dresden Gallery</u> , Abrams, 1962	7.50	4.50
Dorival, Bernard, <u>The School of Paris in the Musée d'Art Moderne</u> , Abrams, 1962	7.50	4.50
<u>Fontana</u> . Abrams, 1962	25.00	15.00

Tapié, Michel and Tôre Haga, <u>Avant-garde art in Japan</u> , Abrams, 1962	25.00	15.00
<u>Bram Van Velde</u> . Abrams, 1962	25.00	15.00
Bazin, Germain, <u>The Loom of Art</u> , Simon and Schuster, 1962	30.00	16.22
Moskowitz, Ira, <u>Great Drawings of all Time</u> , Shorewood, 1962	175.00	160.00
Janson, H. W., <u>History of Art</u> , Abrams, 1962	18.50	9.60
<u>Treasures from the National Gallery</u> , Collier-McMillan, 1962	25.00	12.77
Busch, Harold, <u>Baroque Europe</u> , Collier-McMillan, 1962	15.00	9.60
<u>Larousse Encyclopaedia of Prehistoric and Ancient Art</u> , Putnam, 1962	17.95	9.72
Salvini, Roberto, <u>Modern Italian Sculpture</u> , Abrams, 1962	20.00	12.00
Akurgal, Ekrem, <u>Art of the Hittites</u> , Abrams, 1962	25.00	15.00
Courthion, Pierre, <u>Rouault</u> , Abrams, 1962	35.00	18.00
Dupin, Jacques, <u>Miró</u> , Abrams, 1962	35.00	18.00
Werner, Alfred, <u>Pascin</u> , Abrams, 1962	17.50	10.50
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THE LADIES' LIBRARY OF ANN ARBOR, 1866-1870.  
A paper read by Mary Ellen Fink at the Oct. 25, 1961, meeting of the Society.

In 1866, long before the Public Library as we know it became a common institution in Michigan, a group of Ann Arbor women organized a library open to all Ann Arbor residents, financed only by membership fees and by whatever the women could raise by their own efforts. This library lasted for 50 years. During the first 20 years of its life it was by far the largest and most useful collection of reading matter open to the public in Ann Arbor.

<sup>1885</sup> In 1881, when the Ladies' Library Association was 15 years old, the books, about 200 in number, were moved into their first permanent home, the Association's new building on E. Huron St. At about the same time, the tiny "Ann Arbor Public School Library" began to get more public funds, and became more and more popular, soon rivaling the Ladies' Library. By 1896 the "Ann Arbor Public School Library" was being called the Ann Arbor Public Library, and its circulation was more than twice that of the Ladies' Library. In 1905 the two libraries competed for a Carnegie grant, and the Ladies' Library lost, under circumstances that caused bad feelings all around. In 1907 the Ann Arbor Public Library moved into the new Carnegie building at Thayer & Huron (now the Audio-Visual Education Center of the Univ. of Mich.), and by 1916 it had forced the Ladies' Library out of business. The ladies donated their Huron St. building and the collection of over 5000 books to the Ann Arbor Public Library, but did not disband their organization. It functions today as a patron or sponsor of the public library, for which it selects and purchases books in the field of fine arts, which normally would be too expensive for the library's budget.

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The Ladies' Library as a Type

There was nothing unique about Ann Arbor's Ladies' Library Association. Public or semi-public libraries organized and operated by groups of women were scattered over at least 8 states during the 1800's. About half of them were in Michigan. They also existed in Massachusetts, Illinois, Vermont, Ohio, Indiana, New Hampshire and California. Michigan had at least 60 ladies' libraries, of which only six seem to have been established before mid-1866,-- which makes the Ann Arbor Ladies' Library something of a pioneer. Most Michigan ladies' libraries were founded between 1868 and 1875, and grew up mostly in small towns. By present-day standards they were small: most of them never had more than 3000 volumes. Only two, Lapeer and Ypsilanti, reached 5000 volumes before 1900. In that year the Ann Arbor Ladies' Library had 3750 volumes.

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Despite the similarity of purpose and organization of many ladies' libraries in Michigan, there is no record that they ever formed a state or regional organization. The standardized form of name adopted by so many of them ("The Ladies' Library Association of \_\_\_\_\_") may have been adopted in imitation of YMCA's, temperance societies, and other social groups which were locally autonomous but which wanted to demonstrate their spiritual connection with a national or state movement.

Most ladies' libraries, in Michigan at any rate, were "subscription" or "association" libraries. They were supported by annual dues and by fees charged to outsiders, rather than by sale of stock or by public funds. Association libraries organized and operated by men were quite common during the 1800's, so as far as the practical work of organizing went, the ladies were following a familiar pattern.

The ladies' libraries were sometimes operated to serve a ladies' literary society, but far more frequently as a community service. Probably most of them encouraged men to become members, as the Ann Arbor Association did, but few allowed men to vote or hold office. Even the associations which discriminated against men in their borrowing or membership rules at first, usually modified the rules in later years to give equal service to men and women, and frequently also relaxed the rules regarding non-members and transients. The associations were usually incorporated, and often would acquire their own building, if they lived long enough. Most of them have by now either died out or changed their form of organization, and their places have been taken by libraries more closely associated with local governments.

Ladies libraries had a source of income not available to the ordinary association library: money raised by means of public entertainments. Perhaps without this source of income they could not have succeeded as well as they did in such small towns. Their average life was only 30-35 years, which was normal for association libraries; but their collections were larger than one might expect to find in such small towns in the 1800's. The ladies' libraries for which information is available always reached several hundred volumes and sometimes reached several thousand. Still, one wonders how the Ann Arbor Ladies' Library, which did not rely heavily on entertainments, found as much success as it did.

#### The Social Setting

The townspeople probably thought of the Association in the same terms as they did any ladies' aid society or sewing circle. The members themselves were more aware of the primary function of the group, which was to furnish books to the community. In their own words:

The object of this Association shall be to establish and maintain a Library, and to afford other means of moral, intellectual, and social improvement. (Book of Minutes, April 1870)

But in order to raise money to buy the books, the group had to give socials, festivals, skits, and concerts, to which they charged admission. The Michigan Argus advertised one of their earlier entertainments thus:

A musical treat is in store for our citizens. On Friday and Saturday evenings next, Bradbury's beautiful cantata, "Esther, the Beautiful Queen," will be performed...The performers number about sixty-five ladies and gentlemen of our city, including the best singers of the several choirs...full Jewish and Persian costume... (Mich. Argus, Nov. 9 & 16, 1866)



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For various reasons it was a social group as well, whose members enjoyed each-other's company, and who displayed a loyalty for eachother which is like that of one guild member for another. It was a socially homogenous group of upper class and upper middle-class women, who had frequent social contact outside the group as well, and whose social life consisted largely of cultural and philanthropic activities. The group had a tendency to become homogeneous with respect to age, too. Around 1881 they passed a by-law specifying that three members of the board had to be young ladies.

Aside from the fact that it was a women's organization, there was nothing unusual about the association: the members annually elected a board of directors numbering 15, including a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. The board appointed the librarian from among the members at large. She was often an unmarried woman. There were committees for selecting and buying books, fitting up the library room, putting on entertainments, and so forth. In other words, the board of directors then did everything which would now be done by a board of trustees, librarian, library staff, and "friends of the library" group. Decisions were made as a body and executed by means of committees. There was an annual membership meeting in the spring.

Because it was a women's organization, however, at a time when the role of women was changing, and when the women's suffrage movement was 20 years old and gaining momentum, there were certain pressures and attitudes in the community which the ladies had to cope with.

The front page of the Michigan Argus, which carried features and human interest stories, had one or more articles every week in the late 1860's on "Woman's Nature," "Women as Workers," and other topics related to the role of women. They give the impression that people were concerned about the rapid social changes then taking place, especially the likelihood that not only negroes, but also women would get the vote. Some people may have thought that library work, previously monopolized by man, was being used as an opening wedge by women who wanted to dominate local politics. There were certain signs of a connection between ladies' libraries and the New Woman, to be sure. In November, 1869, the newly organized Woman's Suffrage Association of Ann Arbor had at least three members who were also active in the Ladies' Library Association: Mrs. A. E. Kellogg, Mrs. Edwin Lawrence, and Mrs. Abram Sager. And the Coldwater Ladies' Library Association, showing an awareness of a connection in the mind of the public, reported:

But one entertainment was attempted the first year -- a Fourth of July celebration, which was barely successful. It failed to receive general support by reason of a misapprehension of its character, some timid hearts apparently fearing lest, unawares, they were to be entrapped into some Woman's Rights movement.

(Bixby, p. 50)

Mark Twain lumped together the ideas of women's organizations and the suffrage movement:

I have read the long list of lady petitioners of in favor of female suffrage, and as a husband and a father I want to protest against the whole business. It will never do to allow them to vote...It will never do to allow them to hold office...They like to hold office too well. They like to be Mrs. President Smith of the Dorcas Society, or Mrs. Secretary Jones of the Hindoc Aid Association, or Mrs. Treasurer of something or other...They are always setting up sanctified confederations of all kinds, and then running for President of them. They are even so fond of

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office that they are willing to serve without pay...I do not want the privileges of women extended, because my wife already holds office in nineteen different infernal female associations, and I have to do all her clerking... (Mich. Argus, April 6, 1867)

Despite these signs and comments there is no reason to believe that ladies' libraries had any political program or significance.

Still, one gains the impression that the ladies were thought a bit too progressive, first in dealing in a matter as practical as a library, and second in inviting men to join a group which was open to the public and not sponsored by the church. At that time, women's organizations had been concerned only with non-practical affairs, such as art, self-improvement, or charity. Sometimes, as Ladies' auxiliaries, they supplemented the efforts of men's organizations in civic affairs, but, until they started the library, they had never entered the arena directly in normal times by operating anything that might be considered a utility or public service. Moreover, at that time very few groups had mixed membership. Except for the state fair committees, the temperance society, the Bible society, and some church groups, voluntary associations in Ann Arbor were composed of men or of women, but not of both. Probably none but the most respected and socially prominent women could have gotten away with such an innovation. It seems that there was some pressure to keep the association out of the civic arena, to turn it into an innocuous self-improvement society, as indeed some of the ladies' libraries were.

The following excerpts from the Michigan Argus and from the Association's Book of Minutes tell how the organization was founded in 1866. Phrases are emphasized to show differences in conceptions of its future role. First, an announcement by the editor of the paper, Mr. E. B. Pond:

We would remind our lady readers of the call for a meeting to be held on Monday next, at 3 o'clock, P.M., in the Lecture Room of the Presbyterian Church, for the purpose of organizing a Ladies' Library Association. We are confident that such an Association once established will grow into favor more and more with every passing year, and that it will do much towards developing and improving the intellectual tastes of the Mothers and daughters of our city. (Mich. Argus, Mar. 16, 1866)

The next week the ladies reported the meeting:

Ann Arbor Library Association

Agreeably to notice, a meeting of much interest was held on Monday, P.M., to organize a Library Association. Thirty-five ladies subscribed their names, adopted the constitution, and elected the following officers:

President - Mrs. E. A. [i.e., A. E.] Kellogg  
 Vice-President - Mrs. E. M. Henriques  
 Secretary - Mrs. A. H. Hunt  
 Treasurer - Miss Kate Hale

...The sum of one hundred and eighteen dollars was subscribed. A subscription list [will] be left at each of the book-stores for such gentlemen as may wish to become members of the association. (Mich. Argus, Mar. 23, 1866)

Editor Pond's chivalrous but determined comments on the above report were:

...We beg leave to suggest that the ladies, in selecting a name, were entirely too modest. It should have been called the "Ladies' Library Association." [Emphasis his.] The managers need not fear its growing beyond their capacity to

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manage it, even though their highest anticipations are realized, and need guard against no jealousy or want of co-operation from the gentlemen of our city. As the originators of the movement, they are entitled to a name that will give them the credit, and we suggest a change. (Mich. Argus, Mar. 23, 1866)

They changed the name. They continued, however, to emphasize in their annual reports that the library existed to serve the whole community. (Book of Minutes, April, 1868 and 1869)

#### The Members

If the entire membership list had only been preserved, as well as the names of the board members, a great deal could be said about the extent to which different elements in the population came into contact with the library. However, we can only guess that that contact must have been fairly limited. Literacy was not as widespread then as it is now, and many people must have found beyond their means the three-dollar initial membership fee, which entitled one to take out books from the library. The 200 or so members of the Association in 1870 may have included nearly all the well-educated, well-off people in town who did not have access to the University of Michigan Library, and many of those who did. The membership never rose very far above 200, to judge from the fact that it stabilized at 225 during 1901-1903. How many of these members were men is not recorded.

The membership seems to have grown faster than the number of people who actually used the library, which would indicate a certain number of "duty" memberships. If there were 2400 adults in town in 1869, out of an estimated non-student population of 7100, then 7% of them were members of the Association. But probably no more than 5% used the library that year (the Book of Minutes gives 176 as the membership that year, and an estimate of 100 as the number of users is obtained by extrapolation from the figures for 1870 and 1871). But 5% is not very much less than the proportion of the population that uses libraries today in the country as a whole!

The names of women who signed the constitution or served as board members during this early period have been preserved, and are listed in Table 1. It is easy to see that it was a select group. Most of them had husbands who paid income tax, in a period when less than 5% of the town's incomes were large enough to be taxable. Most of the women had successful or influential husbands or families, in business or the professions, or in local or state politics. Mr. Reakes, Mr. Douglass, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Wells were all mayors of Ann Arbor at one time or another. Messrs. Adams, Cooley, Denton, Douglass, Sager, and Ten Brook were professors at the University of Michigan (Ten Brook, however, was not teaching but was the librarian). Messrs. Pond, Porter, Sutherland, and others were aldermen at some time in their lives; and so on.

Having children in the family was apparently no handicap to the wife's library activities. Mrs. Cooley had six children, Mrs. Douglass seven, and Mrs. Pond at least four. Neither was lack of library experience a handicap.

The essential qualifications for these women were money, prestige, and influence. Without these qualifications in the Association's leaders, the library could not have survived, because it was not an economically feasible enterprise. Like a present-day symphony orchestra, it needed a group to sponsor it, to solicit donations through personal connections with sources of wealth, and to divert income to it from other enterprises (public entertainments) that were economically feasible.

Probably this group included almost every woman in town who had wealth, prestige or influence, and they all appear to have worked peaceably together despite the controversies and different convictions that divided the men of the town. The minutes of the first six years contain not a hint of the storms of opinion caused by the admission of women to the university, the setting up of a homeopathic college on campus, or any other community issue.

A short search has revealed much information on their husbands, but little on the women themselves.

The Association's first president, Mrs. A. E. Kellogg, was probably a widow, since the 1868 city directory lists her under her own name, separately. She was not the wife of the clairvoyant Dr. Kellogg. She lived on Ann Street, between Fifth Avenue and Division. She was a member of the Ladies' Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Association, and the Women's Suffrage Association. We know very little else about her.

Mrs. Cooley was the Association's second president, taking office in 1870. As Mary Elizabeth Horton of Adrian, she married the 22-year-old Thomas Cooley in 1846. In 1859 they moved to Ann Arbor, and their house stood where the Union now is, on State Street near the end of South University. She had six children, and entertained socially a great deal. Mr. E. B. Pond, in his diary, records frequent visits to the Cooleys. She died in 1890, ten years before her youngest child got her Ph. B. The Ladies' Library Association minutes in 1891 have an "In Memoriam" that describes her as bright, animating, helpful and cheerful.

Mrs. Douglas, who was on the board till her death in 1880, was described by her fellows in a similar tribute as "quiet and retiring." The Douglas home on Huron Street, west of State, is now the Baptist Guild House.

Mrs. Henning was married to one of the three richest men in town at the time (the other two were Dr. Chase and Mr. Maloney). David Henning dealt in stocks and bonds, and may have had a farm besides. When Mrs. Henning died in Chicago in 1889 he sent the Association \$1000 in her memory.

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence belonged to the "liberal set" in town. It was they who entertained Emerson when he came to Ann Arbor in 1860. Mr. Lawrence opposed religious exercises in the Union School, because he advocated separation of church and state. Pond's diary for July 21, 1867, says:

To church in evening. An excellent discourse by Dr. Livermore.

Too much Christ in it for Lawrence and his set. Makes them growl. Sybil Lawrence was president of the Women's Suffrage Association, organized in 1869, and had been president of the Soldiers' Aid Society during the war. In 1867 she was president of the newly organized Ladies' Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Association. Despite this experience in office, she was not overly talkative. On New Year's Day, 1868, when members of the Bar and County Officers called to give the Judge a gold-headed cane and Mrs. Lawrence a chromo, the conversation ran about as follows:

Judge Beakes -- Mrs. Lawrence, in behalf of the Bar and County Officers, and as a token of their respect and esteem, [I] present to you this chromo.

Mrs. L. -- My husband will reply for me.

The Judge -- Not at all; a woman who goes in for woman's rights and women's suffrage must make her own speeches.

Mrs. L. -- I will when I have taken lessons in elocution.

(Mich. Argus., Jan. 3, 1868)

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Not very much is known about Mrs. Porter. An entry from the July 2, 1869, social reading minutes says, "Mrs. Porter gave another original paper in her usual sprightly and chatty style." She was the librarian of the Ladies' Library in 1869 and 1870 (and perhaps some time between 1872 and 1878, but since that book of minutes is lost we have no way of knowing). She and Miss Porter (who may have been her daughter Alice) were taking care of the library in 1879, just before the Porters moved out of town -- perhaps to Bay City, where in 1880 a Charles B. Porter joined the Presbyterian Church.

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Mrs. Sager was Sarah E. Dwight, of Detroit, before she married in 1838. She may also have been the Sarah Dwight who was a charter member of the Presbyterian Church in Dexter in 1830. Her husband, born 1810, was professor of obstetrics and diseases of women and children. She was a member of the Woman's Suffrage Association. She signed the constitution of the Ladies' Library Association, but was not on the board in 1866 or 1870. She had eight children, of whom the two longest-lived were Cynthia A. and Susan A. (Mrs. Hardy).

Mrs. Ten Brook, a widow, married Prof. Ten Brook in 1868, a year and a half after his first wife died. His first wife might have been one of the 1866 founders of the Ladies' Library.

Table I

Ann Arbor Ladies' Library Association - Signatories to Constitution and Board Members, 1866 and 1870

Name	Age in 1866	Husband's occupation
Adams, Mrs. Charles K.		Professor of History
Beakes, Mrs. H. J. (Sarah C. Swathel)	45	Judge of Probate
Burton, Mrs.		
Chapin, Mrs. Norman		Hardware merchant, 1872
Clark, Mrs. Martin		Baker & grocer
*Cooley, Mrs. Thomas M. (Mary Elizabeth Horton)	37?	Professor of Law
DeForest, Mrs. Andrew	45	Proprietor of drug store
Denton, Mrs. Samuel D. (Martha)	55	Professor of Medicine
*Douglass, Mrs. Silas H. (Helen Welles)	45	M.D., Chemist, Geologist
Ellis, Mrs. Richard W. (Ella E.)	17	Proprietor of drug store
Fenley, Mrs. D. H.		
Fuller, Miss Laura		
*Gilmore, Mrs. Lewis B.		Bookseller
Hale, Miss Kate N.		
Henion, Mrs. Samuel N.		Proprietor drygoods store
Henning, Mrs. David	37	Cooper
*Henriques, Mrs. Emanuel M. (Sarah M.)		
Hill, Mrs. George D.		Farmer, miller
*Hunt, Mrs. Alfred H. (Sarah W.)	56	
Jennings, Mrs. J. F.		
*Kellogg, Mrs. A. E.		
*Lawrence, Mrs. Edwin (Sibyl)	47	Circuit Judge
Maynard, Miss Abby (daughter of Wm. S.)	34	
Maynard, Mrs. John Wesley	48	Drygoods merchant, 1860
Merritt, Mrs.		
Millen, Mrs. Chauncey H.	41?	Drygoods merchant
Miller, Mrs. John F.		Bookseller, banker
*Pond, Mrs. Elihu B. (Mary Barlow <sup>Adams</sup> Allen)	41	Pub. of <u>Mich. Argus</u>
*Porter, Mrs. Charles B.		Dentist
Porter, Miss (Alice?) <sup>Louisa</sup>	17 in 1870	

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Table I, cont.

Richmond, Mrs. Charles H.		Banker
Sager, Mrs. Abram (Sarah E. Dwight)	45	Professor & Physician
Sinclair, Mrs. William M. (Eliza)	48	Miller
Sutherland, Mrs. Andrew J. (Lizza)	37	Broker & lumber dealer
Swathel, Mrs. J. S.		Miller
Ten Brook, Mrs. Andrew		Librarian of the University
Wells, Mrs. Ebenezer	41	Physician
Welles, Mrs. Henry W.		Hardware merchant, 1860

\* Most active members; were on board both in 1866 and in 1870.

### Income

Table 2

Total Income of the Association and Amount Raised by Entertainments, 1866-1870.

Year	Total	From Entertainments
1866-67	\$780.79	\$453.00
1867-68	399.72	?
1868-69	360.08	33.00
1869-70	377.07	0.00
1870-71	309.00	4.68

Table 2 shows how the income of the Association fell during its first five years, a normal thing for a new organization that depends on gifts and subscriptions to get started. It is unusual that the Ann Arbor ladies were able to raise a total of only eleven cents per inhabitant during their first year, whereas the ladies of Coldwater, Corunna, Plainwell, and Marshall (all smaller towns, whose libraries were founded in the 1860's) were able to collect 28 cents per inhabitant.\*

The members struggled to raise money for the Association during the first two years, racking their brains and investing numberless hours in projects that yielded uncertain returns. The 1868 minutes are full of suggestions for other ways of making money: sponsoring lectures, raising the annual fee, printing and passing out a circular calling upon the people of the town for support, and even a hint for tax support from the city, which was apparently not followed up by an outright request. Here are some excerpts from the book of minutes for 1868, to illustrate the dilemma in their own words:

...It is very desirable so to increase the number of books as to make it attractive to a larger number of subscribers and render it self-supporting, as well as to place it on an equality with similar institutions in other cities.

...We feel greatly encouraged by what has already been accomplished. Still it is a question not easily solved, and one occasioning much anxious thought to your Committee, how shall the funds necessary to carry on this enterprise more successfully be obtained? The lecture field seems closed against us - entertainments of a social character have not proved successful, and nothing seems left but to appeal to the good sense and patronage of the community.

\* These figures, and those in the last paragraph of this paper, were calculated on the basis of a sample of 16 ladies' libraries founded before, or within three years after, the Ann Arbor Library. Ann Arbor was one of the largest towns, and its ladies' library was one of the longest-lived, of the sample.

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We ardently hope the time may not be distant when the city authorities may see the importance of making an annual appropriation for the support of an institution which is already a public benefit. How much more shall it be so when it can be supported as a Free Library open to all. (Book of Minutes, April 1868)

In later years they were more successful in the field of entertainments, from which their income between 1886 and 1891 averaged \$150 a year.

#### The Social Readings

Part of the purpose of the Ladies' Library Association was "to encourage useful and entertaining reading, and other means of moral and intellectual improvement in the city of Ann Arbor." To this end, they held frequent social readings at the houses of members. Each person was supposed to bring something interesting to read aloud to the group. It might be poetry or prose, original or not original, and on any of a variety of subjects. It might be a memorized recitation or an informal talk. When the weather was good, five to twenty members would come, and they had a good time, to judge from the brief minutes they kept, of which the following is a sample:

Mrs. Raymond read Hood's "Lost Hair" with telling effect as the excited mirthfulness of the hearers testified...The remainder of the evening was spent in cheerful and not unprofitable conversation. (Book of Minutes, Oct. 3, 1870)

#### The Library's Location

Between 1866 and 1870, the Ladies' Library was housed in two successive locations, both of which were rooms above stores on Main Street, rented for \$50 per year. At the March, 1866, board meeting they decided to rent a small room in "Hangsterfer's new block," on the southwest corner of Main and Washington, to house the books they were going to buy. A week later they held their first meeting in the new room. By the next fall it had a bookcase in it, with two to three hundred books; no table, but a carpet, stove, fuel, and "gasalier" (presumably for illumination).

On the last day of April, 1867, another office building with space to rent opened its doors, and soon afterward the ladies moved out of Mr. Hangsterfer's room and into a room in the new building, above the First National Bank at 22 South Main Street, only a stone's throw from the first room. Probably they needed a larger room for their growing collection and membership.

The collection was moved a total of five times before it was moved into the Association's new Huron Street building in the '80's.

#### The Librarians

April 23, 1866, to Nov., 1866	Miss Sarah Berry (She resigned for reasons not recorded)
Nov., 1866, to May, 1867	Probably Miss Henriques
May, 1867, to June, 1869	Miss Henriques
June, 1869, to May, 1870	Mrs. C. B. Porter, with Mrs. Adams' assistance
May, 1870, to April, 1871	Mrs. Adams. Her assistant was not recorded

The librarian's job involved a lot of work, but required no special training or skill. All problems and decisions were referred to the board of directors. From 1866 to 1869 she was paid \$25 a year, and after that, \$40, which she divided equally with her assistant.

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There was no impersonal, bureaucratic atmosphere for the people who worked in the Ladies' Library. Their problems got individual attention from the board (of which they might also be members). Here is an example from the Book of Minutes: May 16, 1879.

A special board meeting was held at the library...

The president stated that Mrs. and Miss Porter felt hurt by what seemed to them a lack of confidence upon the part of the Board in their conduct of the Library and intended to resign. They were in the habit of doing a great deal of work out of Library hours and as there were but few at the room on Saturday morning, they felt that one Librarian could do the work there at that time with perfect ease, and that complaints of delay were without just cause.

...A very great degree of satisfaction in the general conduct of the library under the present librarians was expressed, and it was felt that the resignation of Mrs. Porter would be a great detriment to the library. From the representations made, it seemed clear to the board that for the present it was not necessary for Miss Porter to be at the room during the morning. The Secretary was requested to inform Mrs. Porter of this unanimous sentiment of the board.

*Louisa*

Adjourned.

#### The Collection

The books were grouped under twelve broad subject headings, according to the catalog printed in 1873. The largest category was fiction (29%), and the next largest was "miscellaneous" (27%); and it included much fiction as well as reference books and genuine miscellany).

In all major divisions there were books of every grade of quality, ranging all the way from classic to trivial. The "Youth's Department," for instance, listed on three pages of the catalog not only Alice in Wonderland, Little Women, Arabian Nights, Gulliver's Travels, Water Babies, and all the rest one might expect in a good library, but also thirty books by Oliver Optic, the modern counterparts of which would be comic books, probably.

The collection emphasized books for children, and books by and about women, as one might expect, since the women understood the reading needs of women and children better than they did those of men.

The periodicals for which they had the longest runs by 1873 were the Eclectic, Hours at Home, Littell's Living Age, Atlantic Monthly, and Putnam's. Their counterparts today would be the Reader's Digest, Ladies' Home Journal, and Harper's.

Every effort was made to preserve and account for every book. Inventory was a serious business, and readers were discouraged from touching the books. It was not customary in American libraries until decades later for the reader to select the book he wanted directly from the shelf. Printed catalogs were provided, at a reasonable price, to aid in choosing books, and the librarian brought the books from the shelves to the readers.

In 1869 the library was open from 3 to 5 on Saturday (not until 1882 did they have daily opening hours), and the rules were:

Each member may draw one Book and retain same two weeks.

Any member retaining a Book longer than two weeks, shall pay a fine of one dime per week.

Anyone defacing or injuring a Book, shall pay such damages as shall be assessed by the Board of Directors.



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Any person losing a Book, shall pay the cost of the same.  
No member shall be permitted to draw Books till such fines  
are paid.

No one shall lend the Books of this Library [i.e., to  
another person].

The size of the collection reached 1000 volumes early in 1872. Twelve percent  
of the 1000 volumes had been donated.

Most ladies' libraries founded in the sixties in Michigan had, by their third  
year, about one book for every five inhabitants of the town. The Coldwater asso-  
ciation had as many as one for every three. But the Ann Arbor association had only  
one book for every eleven inhabitants, even though the absolute number of books was  
greater than most ladies' libraries had. It would be hard to tell why this differ-  
ence existed among the associations. It had nothing to do with the size of the  
town, the number of entertainments given each year, or the date of founding.  
Other possible but unexplored reasons are the amount of total wealth in town, the  
extent to which the library served the whole community, and the demand for a public  
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The Miss Porter mentioned twice on page 7 is not Miss Alice Porter, the celebrated long-time teacher of Latin in the Ann Arbor High School. Alice Porter appears just once in the records of the Ladies' Library Association. On November 6, 1889 she is listed in an account book as paying \$1.00 for a subscribing membership. Her mother was Mrs. Charles B. Porter, one of the founding members.

The Miss Porter on page 7 was Miss Louisa Porter.

[Alice S. Wethey, August 1978]

Alice Porter's extreme near-sightedness, unrecognized throughout her childhood, put her far behind in her schooling. Born in 1853 she did not graduate from high school until 1876.



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