

Nebraska Public Library Commission

Lincoln, Dec., 1905.

To librarians and trustees of  
Nebraska libraries:-

We enclose herewith the program of the 11th annual meeting of the Nebraska library association. Trustees are urged to attend, and to make it impossible for librarians to stay away from the meeting. If Nebraska wishes to maintain her rank in the educational procession, libraries must receive better support from their constituencies, and ~~xxx~~ more earnest and thoughtful attention from those entrusted with their government. The program is designed to be a help to everybody connected with library management, as well as to parents and teachers, and you are asked to extend a cordial invitation to everybody who ought to be interested to attend the meetings and join the association. The Thursday morning talk on "Reference work in a small library", is intended as technical instruction for those who need it, and all such are advised to make the most of this privilege, as Mr. Wyer is soon to leave the state—having been called up higher.

In connection with this meeting, there will be an exhibit of bindings which will be worth studying, and should engage the attention of librarians and trustees.

Miss Stearns, who is to be with us, will inspire us to better things in our libraries. Do not let this opportunity pass unappreciated. You are requested to send in at once the questions that you would like to have Miss Stearns discuss in the Round table during the Thursday morning session.

We have decided to publish a bulletin, and now call upon you for items of interest, and suggestions. Since the first issue of this bulletin is to appear as early in January as possible, do not delay a response to this request. The bulletin will be for you, and we depend upon your help to make it a success. Any item concerning a Nebraska library may be regarded as suitable material for such a bulletin. News of improvements in equipment, gifts, entertainments, use made by special classes of readers, changes in management, increase of income &c, is greatly desired at this office. Information regarding the probable or actual establishment of new libraries is wanted for the bulletin. Let us have it by January 1st if possible. If your library has books or periodicals for sale or exchange, we may find room in the bulletin to state that fact. Let us hear from you.

Our clearing house for magazines is at your disposal. Advertise for the surplus magazines in your respective towns, keep what you want, and let us have the rest. You need a magazine collection. The smaller your library, the more you need it. Nebraska libraries should be alive to their opportunities.

Herewith find one circular of information, and one traveling library application blank. These you are asked to put into the hands of somebody who ought to know of our traveling libraries and special loans, and who might make use of them. We wish particularly to reach the rural communities. Please consider yourselves a part of our library extension committee. Help to give a wider publicity to the work we are prepared to do for those who wish books either to read or study.

We are sending the latest ~~XXXX~~ ~~XX~~ A.L.A. book list to all libraries. Your attention is called especially to the excellent list of references on "Christmas. It should be of great use, and is worthy of preservation.

Respectfully,

Edna D. Bullock, Sec'y.

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To librarians of our traveling libraries:-

Herewith is the program for our library meeting. Prof. Hunt is your appointed representative, but I very much want as many of you as possible to be present, and many more to send in some brief word as to the results of the use of traveling libraries in your community. Please do not delay too long your response to this request.

Such items of interest as you may send in may be used also for the first issue of our proposed bulletin, which it is hoped to have ready for distribution the middle of January. One department of this bulletin will be devoted to the interests of traveling libraries, and we depend upon you to furnish the items that go into it.

For the improvement of the traveling libraries, we would very much like to have your comments and suggestions at any time.

Please put the enclosed circular of information, and traveling library application blank into the hands of someone who ought to know about our traveling libraries and special loans, and might make use of these advantages.

Come to the library meeting, or send us news of what our libraries are doing.

Respectfully,

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To superintendents and teachers  
in Nebraska schools:-

Herewith is sent a copy of the program of the 11th annual meeting of the Nebraska library association. The program on Wednesday afternoon is designed especially for those who train children, and it is hoped that teachers will attend the meetings, and take part in the discussions.

Your attention is invited especially to the subject of school libraries. Every child in Nebraska should have an opportunity to learn to use a good dictionary, a good encyclopaedia, and various indexes and handbooks. Every village in Nebraska should have its collection of bound periodicals and suitable indexes, either in the public library or at the school, and children should learn to use them. If a school cannot have the latest and most complete encyclopaedia, an assortment of the Charplin encyclopaedias for young people will make a very good temporary substitute. Handbooks like the World almanac should be introduced to the young students, so that they may acquire facility in the use of many books.

The facilities of this office and the personal services of the Secretary are at all times at the disposal of the schools, in any way that will tend to improve or augment the school libraries of Nebraska.

Respectfully,

Edna D. Bullock, Sec'y.

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To Nebraska Club women:-

We send you herewith the program of the 11th annual meeting of the Nebraska library association. You are cordially invited to attend these meetings, and participate in the discussions. Librarians have no interest in libraries, except to make them useful to you and other people. A library is a successfully managed institution just in proportion as it is made useful to its patrons, and attractive to those who should be its patrons. Hence, a library meeting is of interest to all progressive people.

If you know of any place that needs any service the Library commission has to offer - let us know. If you can help us get into closer touch with the people who need or want good books, you will be assisting in the much needed and profitable work of library extension. If you know of a place where a traveling library ought to go, send us the address of somebody we may write to. If you know of a place where a library should be established, furnish us addresses of people in that place, and we will take pleasure in pushing the matter forward. Please join our library extension committee - and lend a hand.

You can help the little libraries of Nebraska by collecting standard magazines that are being put away in the attics, and sending them to us to make up volumes and sets for libraries. If your own public library is without good sets of periodicals and the necessary indexes, you could do nothing more helpful to the community and directly useful to all study clubs than to see that such sets are collected and bound, and the indexes necessary to make them available secured. Three hundred bound volumes of the standard magazines covering the last 15 years, with good indexes, would make a reference collection of untold value to you and your children. Every village and town in Nebraska should have such a collection whether it has a public library or not. Here is a work that women may do, and which needs to be done. If your own town is supplied, help us supply less fortunate ones. Once more - lend a hand!

Sincerely,

Edna D. Bullock, Sec'y.