

Webb City, Missouri
Feb. 8, 1949

The members of the library board met in monthly session at 7 p.m. The following members were present: Mrs. W. C. Ball, Mrs. J. M. Hiron, Mrs. Ray E. Watson, Mrs. B. C. Aylor, Olive Gilmer, E. R. Switzer, Jack Carmack, Louis Burris, Hal Wise.

Mrs. Ball presided.

Mr. Carmack gave a financial report as follows:

Balance - February 1, 1949	\$2186.34
Expense - January	198.65
Balance - February 1, 1948	2317.72

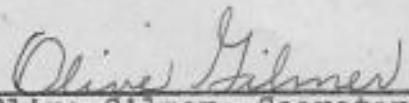
A note from the custodian, Luther Attebery, requesting remuneration for his additional service in last two elections was read.

No action was taken concerning the matter as it was informally agreed among board members that some one should confer with city officials first.

Mrs. Ball instructed Mr. Switzer, Mrs. Burris, and Mr. Carmack to assume the responsibility of having the broken trees and branches removed from the library premises.

Mrs. Baldrige, the librarian, read the monthly report which was accepted and ordered filed. An interesting item was the number of new books added to the shelves.

The motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Wise and seconded by Mr. Switzer.


Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
March 8, 1949

The library board met in monthly session at 7 p.m. in the library. Members present were: Mrs. W. C. Ball, Mrs. B. C. Aylor, Mrs. J. M. Hiron, Mrs. Ray E. Watson, Olive Gilmer, E. R. Switzer, Jack Carmack, and Louis Burris.

Mrs. Ball Presided.

Mr. Carmack presented a financial statement which showed a balance of \$1381.68 after the February expense of \$352.97 had been allowed. A comparison of the financial report of February 1948 and that of the current year showed a balance of \$2235.92 in 1948 or \$404.24 more than the balance of the present year.

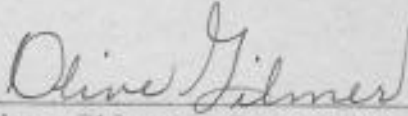
The building and grounds committee consisting of Mr. Switzer, Mr. Carmack and Mr. Burris reported that the broken trees had been trimmed and the branches had been hauled away. Ashes also had been hauled away. The expense of the transaction was as follows: tree trimming \$13, labor \$19.60, ash hauling \$6, making a total of \$38.60.

Mrs. Ball instructed Mr. Carmack to confer with Mayor Nelson concerning the shortage of library funds, also remuneration for the use of the library as a polling place in the recent city election.

She also instructed the secretary of the board to write letters to Fred Ray Colombo, Chairman of House Appropriations, Jefferson City, Mo. and John W. Noble, Chairman of Senate Appropriations, Jefferson City, Mo. in interest of public library appropriations.

Mrs. Baldrige submitted the monthly report which was accepted and ordered filed.

The motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. Hiron and seconded by Mr. Switzer.


Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
April 12, 1949

The library board met at 7 p.m. in monthly session with the following members present: Mrs. W. C. Ball, Mrs. B. G. Aylor, Olive Gilmer, Hal M. Wise, Jr., Louis Burris, and Jack Carmack.

Mrs. Ball presided.

Mr. Carmack presented a financial report which showed a balance of \$1574.30 after the March expense of \$353.70 had been allowed. The balance for April 1948 was \$1955.12.

Mrs. Ball instructed Mrs. Baldrige to meet with the book committee in the near future and decide upon the amount needed to purchase a number of new books each month. It was mutually agreed that the special fund be used to pay for them.

Mrs. Baldrige read the monthly report which was ordered filed. An interesting item was the addition of ten adult books and four juvenile books.

The motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. Aylor and seconded by Mr. Burris.

Olive Gilmer
Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
May 10, 1949

The library board met in monthly session at 7 p.m. The following members were present: Mrs. W. C. Ball, Mrs. Ray E. Watson, Mrs. J. M. Hiron, Olive Gilmer, Hall M. Wise Jr., and Jack Carmack.

Mrs. Ball presided.

Mr. Carmack presented a financial report which showed a balance of \$1401.53. The expense for April was \$195.93. The report for May 1, 1948 showed a balance of \$1769.11 or \$367.58 more than the balance for the present year.

Mrs. Baldrige, the librarian, reported that coal to the amount of \$18.⁰⁰ had been delivered in April.

She also reported that the present assistant librarian was resigning. A motion was made by Mr. Carmack and seconded by Mrs. Hiron that she be given the privilege of employing a new assistant. The motion carried.

The librarians monthly report was read and accepted. An interesting item was the addition of 11 adult books and 6 juvenile.

The motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Wise and seconded by Mrs. Hiron.

Olive Gilmer
Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
June 14, 1949

The library board met in regular session at 7 p.m. Members present were : Mrs. B.C. Aylor, Mrs. Ray Watson, Mrs. J.M.Hirons, Olive Gilmer, Louis Burris, E.R.Switzer, and Jack Carmack.

In the absence of Mrs. Ball, the president, Mrs. Aylor, the vice president, presided.

Mr. Carmack presented the financial statement as follows:

May 31, 1949	Balance*	\$1459.00
May Expense		\$211.85
May 31, 1948		\$1688.10

Mr. Carmack also reported that \$250.00 had been transferred from the city fund to the library fund.

Mrs. Baldrige read the monthly report, also the annual report of the city clerk, and the annual report of the library.

Since this meeting concluded the library year, officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

President	Mrs. W.C. Ball
Vice President	Mrs. B.C. Aylor
Secretary	Olive Gilmer
Treasurer	Jack Carmack
Librarian	Mrs. J.D. Baldrige

The matter of purchasing coal was discussed. Mr. Burris made the motion which was seconded by Mrs. Hirons that sealed bids be demanded before the committee in charge decided from whom to purchase it. The motion carried.

In an informal discourse Mr. Burris said that had recently investigated the operation and management of the Joplin library by way of comparison with the Webb City library. He suggested that some of the board members visit the Carthage library with the view of improving the Webb City library. It was mutually agreed that such investigation might prove helpful. Accordingly Mrs. Aylor appointed Mrs. Ray Watson, Mrs. J.M.Hirons and Olive Gilmer to make a comparative study.

The motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. Hirons and seconded by Mr. Switzer.

Olive Gilmer
Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
October 19, 1949

The library board met in monthly session at seven o'clock in the evening with the following members present:

Mrs. W. C. Ball, Mrs. B. C. Aylor, Mrs. J. M. Hiron, Olive Gilmer, E. R. Switzer, Hal M. Wise, and Louis Burress.

Mrs. Ball presided.

The secretary gave an informal report of a recent visit that Mrs. Watson and she has made to the Carthage library. The visit was made with the view of comparing the financial situation and general operation of the Carthage library with the Webb City library. The report showed that the Carthage institution is financed by a levy of 12 cents on the \$100 where as the Webb City library receives only 10 cents on the \$100. Service hours are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. while those of Webb City are from 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Carthage library is staffed by four regular librarians while the Webb City library has only one librarian.

Mr. Burress showed several annual reports of the Joplin library. It operates on a 20 cent levy per \$100.

The status of the local library was then discussed. All members present agreed that more revenue is needed to meet the ever increasing cost of operation. To this end Mrs. Ball instructed Mr. Wise to invite the mayor and city attorney to the next board session to discuss the advisability of asking for an increase of levy.

Mrs. Ball appointed Mr. Burress, Mr. Sivitzer, and Mr. Wise to compile an estimate of expense to meet such needs as adequate insurance, longer service hours, interior redecoration, installation of a gas heating system, and general building repairs.

Since Mr. Cornack was absent, no financial report was available.

Mrs. Baldrige read the monthly report which was accented and ordered filed. She also reported a leak in the roof at the front entrance of the building which is ruining the plaster in the basement.

The motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Sivitzer and seconded by Mr. Burress.

Olive Gilmer
Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
November 8, 1949

The Library Board met in regular session at 7:P. M.
Members present were Mrs. W. C. Ball, Mrs. J. M. Hirons,
Mrs. B. C. Aylor and Jack Carnack.

Mrs. Ball presided.

The secretary's report for October was read and accepted

Mr. Carnack reported the finicial statement as

follows:

10-31-49 Bank Balance	\$537.50
October expenses	\$211.31
10-31-49 Bank Balance	\$567.07

Mr. Carnack reported the fire insurance carried on the
building as \$10,000 and \$4,000 on the contents.

The committee to estimate the amount needed to increase
the effeciency of the library reported it would take at least
\$500 to repair the building, and more insurance was necessary,
more money needed for books and longer hours at the library
such would necessitate an assistant librarian, more lights,
and etc.

Mrs. Baldrige read the monthly report. Mrs. Aylor made
a motion the report be accepted and filed, seconded and carried.

Mr. Carnack made a motion to adjourn, seconded and carried.

Marie Baldrige
Marie Baldrige, Sec. pro. tem.

Webb City, Missouri

December 13, 1949

The members of the library board met at 7 p.m. in the library with the following in attendance: Mrs. W. C. Ball, Mrs. J. M. Hirons, Mrs. Ray E. Watson, Olive Gilmer, E. R. Sivitzer, Hal M. Wise Jr., and Louis Burris.

Mrs. Ball presided.

In the matter of new business, Mr. Burris reported that he had secured an estimate of the cost to redecorate the interior of the library. Mr. Henry Smith had estimated the cost of one coat of kemptone at \$346.93.

This estimate was made with a view of presenting the basic needs of the library to the general public sometime in the near future and to ask for an increased levy for maintenance.

Mrs. Ball reported that she had received a request to permit the garden clubs of the city to meet in the basement room. In an informal discussion that followed it was agreed by the members that at the present time facilities are inadequate for such meetings. However, each member agreed that the library should afford a room as a meeting place for civic organizations.

