

Webb City, Missouri
January 10, 1950

The library board met in the monthly session at 7:00 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, Louis Burris, and Jack Carmack.

Mr. Carmack made the following financial report:

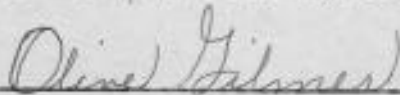
Expense (December, 1949)	\$ 223.15
Balance in treasury (Dec. 31, '49)	1819.98
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An interesting item is that the balance for December, 1949 is an increase of \$7.90 over the preceding year.

Mr. Burris reported that he hopes to submit an estimate of needed improvements next month.

Mrs. Baldrige read the monthly report which was approved and ordered filed. A noteworthy item was the list of new books that have been added to the library shelves.

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



Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
February 14, 1950

The members of the library board met in monthly session at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mrs. W. C. Ball, Mrs. J. M. Hiron, Mrs. Ray E. Watson, Olive Gilmer, Hal M. Wise Jr., E. R. Switzer, and Louis Burris.

Mrs. Ball presided.

Mr. Burris read the financial report as follows:

Balance January 31, 1950	\$2144.08
Expense January 31, 1950	292.74
Balance January 31, 1949	2186.34

A deposit of \$165.52 from the general city fund was made January 2nd as final payment of the city's indebtedness to the library.

Mr. Burris also gave a report of an investigation he had made relative to the status of the library. "Actually the present one mill on the dollar levy does not provide sufficient funds to operate the library. Had not the city returned the funds that were withheld a number of years ago, the library would have had great difficulty in operation. Mr. Burris said he had conferred with Mayor Fred Nelson about proposing a two mill levy to voters in the April election. He found Mr. Nelson interested in the welfare of the library and ready to indorse such procedure. However, the first step would be to prepare a formal petition and submit to the city council for the approval of placing it on the ballot of the April election.

Mrs. Ball instructed Mr. Burris and Mr. Switzer to prepare the petition and to present it to the members of the city council at the next regular meeting.

In an informal discussion all members of the library board concurred in the opinion that the basement rooms should be available for public meetings of a civic nature. If the revenue could be increased, then the rooms could be conditioned and opened for public use.

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



Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
March 14, 1950

The library board met in monthly session at 7:00 p.m. in the library. The following members were present: Mrs. W. C. Ball, Mrs. J. M. Hiron, Mrs. B. C. Aylor, Olive Gilmer, Hal M. Wise Jr., and E. A. Switzer.

Mrs. Ball presided.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Baldrige read the financial report as follows:

Balance in bank February 28, 1950	\$2026.36
Balance in bank February 28, 1949	1881.68
Expense for February, 1950	347.39

Mrs. Ball presented a request from the art instructor of the public schools to use the basement room for an art exhibit sometime in April. The motion to grant the request was made by Mrs. Aylor and seconded by Mrs. Hiron. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Switzer gave a report of his and Mr. Durriss' visit to the city council and the kindly attitude of the members concerning the proposed levy increase for the library.

In an informal discussion plans were made about advertising the proposed levy. Every member of the board seemed anxious to contribute his time and car in the effort to get people to the polls April 4th.

The monthly report was read and approved.

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

Olive Gilmer

Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
April 11, 1950

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

Mrs. Ball presided.

A certified report of the two mill levy proposition submitted to the voters of the city on April 4th, 1950 was read. 2537 votes were cast on the proposition, 1705 of which approved the levy and 832 were against it. The report of vote was made by city clerk, E. R. Justin.

Mr. Carmack submitted the following financial report:

Expense for March 1950-----	\$226.77
Balance in Treasury, March 1950--	\$1826.30
Balance, March 1949-----	\$1574.30

The question of conditioning the basement room so that it might be available for civic meetings was discussed. It was generally agreed that reading rooms and the office should be redecorated, but funds will not be available before 1951. Mrs. Ball instructed the building committee, Mr. Switzer, Mr. Burress, and Mr. Carmack, to investigate the cost of redecoration and repair work. She also instructed them to have a rail placed on the steps as a safety measure.

The motion was made by Mr. Switzer and seconded by Mr. Carmack that Mrs. Baldrige, the librarian, be allowed \$75 for books. The motion carried.

The motion to purchase a war surplus electric typewriter was made by Mr. Carmack and seconded by Mr. Switzer. The motion carried.

Mrs. Baldrige read the monthly report which was approved and ordered filed.

The motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. Watson and seconded by Mrs. Avlor.

Olive Gilmer
Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Missouri
May 9, 1950

The library board met in monthly session at 7 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Mrs. W. C. Ball, Mrs. J. M. Hiron, Mrs. Rey E. Watson, Olive Gilmer, Hal M. Wise, Jr. Louis Burris, and Jack Carmack.

Mrs. Ball presided.

Mr. Carmack presented a financial report as follows:

Expense for April-----	\$121.60
Balance in bank April 1950-----	\$2029.80
Balance in bank April 1949-----	\$1401.55

A bill from the Hare Welding Shop of \$17 for the newly installed hand rail on the step was ordered paid.

Mr. Burris presented a report of the condition of the building. He said he had called Sherman Stines to inspect the building who found a bad place on the roof where a tile is missing. The canopy over the front step and the front lighting facilities are in a state of dilapidation. Plaster repairs are needed in the basement rooms and the entire building needs redecoration. Mr. Burris estimated the cost of all the repairs at \$1150. He said he had conferred with Mayor Robert Cummings about securing the needed amount to recondition the building and that he, Mr. Cummings, had offered to serve on a committee with the president of the library board and any other member the president might name to borrow the money for library repairs. Mr. Burris said that the members of the committee could sign the note at a local bank and arrange to ^{pay it from} the revenue allocated to the library.

Mr. Wise made the motion that the board approve the general redecoration and repair of the library as specified by the building committee and that the proper library committee

he authorized to secure a loan to finance the project. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hirons. It carried unanimously.

The monthly report was read, approved, and ordered filed.

An interesting item was the addition of nineteen new books.

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

Olive Gilmer
Olive Gilmer, Secretary

Webb City, Mo.
July 11, 1950

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

Mrs. Ball presided.

Mr. Carmack presented the financial report as follows:

Expense May (1950) -----	\$44.52
Balance-----	\$1412.70
Balance May (1949)-----	\$1459.00
Expense June (1950)-----	\$548.80
Balance-----	\$2174.26
Balance June (1949)-----	\$1291.08

Mr. Burris presented a report of the recent repairs and redecoration of the library. He explained that he, Mayor Robert Cummings, and city attorney Max ^{Glover} Patton had secured an advance of \$1300. to be transferred from the city fund to the library fund in order that the project could be financed.

The amount expended thus far was approximately \$900. however Mr. Burris explained that some minor improvements, such as window shades, were yet to be added all of which would be paid from the remaining \$400.

The motion was made by Mrs. Aylor and seconded by Mrs. Watson that a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. Burris for his service in directing the repairs of the building. The motion carried unanimously.

