Rules for the Government of the Board of Trustees and Employees of The Chariton Free Public Library. No I. The regular meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held on the first Monday of each month ,at 9:30 a.m. No. 2. Special meetings may be called by the President; or at the request of three members of the Board. No. 3. Three members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. No. 4. The order of business at all regular meetings of the Board shall be as follows: I. Roll call. 2. Reading of the minutes. 3. Petitions and communications. 4. Hearing of citizens and others. 6. Bills and pay-roll 7. New Business. No 5. The officers of the Board shall be such as are provided for by the Iowa Library Law for cities of the second class, and their duties such as are therein provided. 6. The standing committees of the Board shall be a finance committee a book committee and a committee on buildings and grounds to consist of three members each. Their duties shall be such as usually pertain to such committees.
No. 7. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, no indebtedness shall be incurred without the previous approval of the proper committee No. 8. No committee shall authorize an expense of more than \$25.00. in any one month without having secured the sanction of the Board in advance. No bill shall be recommended to be paid until it has been approved by the proper committee. All billsfor payment All bills recommended for payment by theBbard shall be certified by the president and secretary. No. 9. Subject to the direction of the Board and the several committees, the librarian shall have supervisory charge controland management of the Library building and all of its appurtenances, and of all the employees in and about the same bibrarian.
No. lo-The Secretary shall be held responsible for the care and preservation of the property in charge of the Board; the courte sy and efficiency of the library service; the accuracy of the records; the reliability of his accounts and statements; the classifying cataloging and shelving of the books; the enforcement of the rules; the cleanliness and good condition of the building, grounds and sidewalks; and the proper heating, lighting and ventelation of the building. He shall attend the meetings of the Board and assist the secretary in keeping his minutes and accounts. He shall keep an account in permanent form, of all his receipts and expenses on behalf of the library, and report the same to the Board monthly. He shall keep record books of all accessions to the libra ry by purchase, and of all gifts for its several departments , with the dates when received, and in case of donations, the names and places of residence of the donors. He shall promptly and courteously acknowledge all gifts to the library or any of its departments. Amendments hereto shall be made only at a regular meeting of the Board, and must be proposed at least one month pre vious to final action on the same.

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- I This Room is for Reading and must be kept quiet.

  CARD. To cover cost of printing two cents will be charged for each card.
- If this card is lost a new one will be given after a weekle notice upon payment of Five cents.
- and renewed for two weeks. Persons living three miles or more from the Court House may keep books four weeks without renewal.
- A fine of two cents a day including Sundays and holidays will be charged on all books overdue.

  A notice will be sent when a book is one week overdue, and at the end of two weeks a messenger will be sent and ten cents additional will be charged.
  - pamphlet or paper is strictly forbidden, and all injuries beyond reasonable wear must be promptly adjusted to the satisfaction of the librarian.
  - If the borrower lose a book he shall furnish another copy or pay the librarian's appraisement of the same.

## Rules for the Chariton Free Public Library.

## Rules for the Public

- No. I. The Library is open from 3:00 to 5:00 and from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. except Saturdays and Sundays. On Saturdays from 1:30 to 5:00 and from 7:30 to 9:00p.m.
- No. 2. All persons residing in the city of Chariton and giving satisfactory reference are entitled to the free use of the circulating department of the Library.
- No. BII. Persons residing outside corporate limits of the city of Chariton are entitled to same benefits on payment in advance of 25 cents per quarter.
- No. IV. Persons wishing books will apply to the librarian for cards
- No V. Acard holder is responsible for all books taken on his card.
- No. VI. Lost cards may be replaced on payment of 5 cents.
- No. VII. Unless otherwise marked books may be kept for two weeks and renewed for two weeks.
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- No. XIII. Back numbers of papers and periodicals may by had on application to the librarian.

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To the Hom. mayor and Council of the City of Chariton,

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ees for the Chariton Free Public Library herein submit for you consideration their first report from July 5th 1899 to Lecember 31st

tary and margaret mcCormick Treasurer.

There was turned over to the City from the independent organization them in existence 896 books of a propable value of \$500.00 to which has been added since 75 volumes of carefully selected books from pest authors at a value of about \$60.00 and to this has also been added other library property to the value of about \$100.00 making a total of about \$660.00 property value.

For this nucleus of an excellent Library we are indepted to the generosity of the Federation of Clubs, and to the active public spirit of a number of our citizens who have contributed money, furniture, and books, with great generosity.

To these persons, and to the officers of the old organization is principally due the existence of our present Library, and it is to their devotion that the Library has become so large an element in the moral and intellectual growth of our City.

ome by tak to sustain the Library for hearly nine months, but by entertainments and contributions, the work has not only seen maintained but has steadily gained in value and interest without cost to the tak payer.

Ine report of the Secretary and Treasurer which is appended shows more in detail our progress and present condition with the amount of money on hand, which will be promptly turned over to the city treasurer. Your Hon. Body are most cordially invited to make personal examination of your Free Public Library.

President Board of Trustees.

Thomas Gay

Free Public Library, Chariton, Jowa. To the Brand of Involves, of the Tree Public Library Charles, Anna Ladies and Genelemme, your Treasurer submits the following report July to Dreember 31. 1899 Receipelo bash in hands July 13. 1899. 68.71 Individual donations 23,80 Clubs and Svereties 85.05 Entert ammento 60.20 Disbursaments. Reul-737.50 Borker 33.43 Magazmes 30.35-Assistant Librarian Galatoging Library Supplies 52,50 15.00 31.65-Brading 21.16 Janith 4.80 226.39 Bal 11.37 237.76 237,76 The bebranan has also received Brok cardo \$ 2.84 Frues which has been your Sendbling 400 Charging case 4.50 Freight Brayage 6.06 .84 mudow eleaning .50 Bullilin Brank 250 Irbrary Supplies 19,35 Bal 20.87. 20.87 Alesputfully Sutmilled Margaul At Connich

## CONCERNING THE LIBRARY.

## Librarian Miss Margaret Brown Submits an Interesting Report.

To the Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library of the City of Chariton, Iowa; Ladies and Gentlemen:

Allow me to submit a report of the free public library, which has been for six months, ending Dec. 31, 1899, under your jurisdiction as a Board appointed by the Mayor, Hon. G. W. Alexander.

The free public library has been open daily, except Sunday, from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m.; on Saturday being opened at 1:30 as an accommodation ts the patrons living out of town. From the beginning the demand for books in circulation has been greater than the supply, which has of necessity limited the usefulness of the library. The library having been in existence 13 months, has had a total circulation of 13,555, while there have been 9,830 visitors in the reading room.

Under the efficient management of Miss Zoe E. Faddis of Chicago, who generously gave her time to the work, the library was reorganized under the Dewey system -- the books arranged in classes according to the subject. Each class, except fiction and biography, represented by a number; this number followed by other numbers, which stand for the division of classes.

A card catalogue of authors, titles and subjects arranged in alphebetical order is accessible to all.

In the government of the library the aim has been to do away with all restrictions save those which tend to general order and the placing of all upon equal grounds. And to place the books in the most accessible form. the open shelf system was inaugurated. Under this system people may intelligently choose a book by seeing it and examining its contents, and from very contact with the books become educated to a respect for and a delight in them.

In adding new books a careful selection is made from lists compiled by the best authorities, but so far as the other demands will permit, the librarian is glad to receive suggestions of books which it would be desirable to add to the library. As a factor in the popularization of a new library great stress is laid upon fiction, and much of the faithful services of the library the buying at the first must be pro- assistant. Respectfully Submitted, portionally larger in this department; but it is our aim to make the fiction list strong and clean and interesting, that through it may come the study of history, literature, arts, science and religion.

Through the interest and co operation of Mr. Johnson Brigham, state librarian, our library has been enabled to establish, upon application of teacher, the state traveling libraries in some rural school districts, making our library the center of sub-loaning and exchange. Thus making the school houses, the teacher being held responsible, the center for the dissemination of literature for the district and so making the books accessible to a greater number of people.

The Librarian is under obligation to our local papers, the editors having given freely, space for news items, articles and lists of new books.

The library has received great aid from the personal assistance of some of the citizens, as well as from clubs and societies. The handsome reading table from Mr. F. R. Crocker, adding materially to the appearance of the library and comfort of its patrons. Thirty-one books have been given, while the request for old magazines has been responded to by the gift of some of considerable value, which are stored for binding when the fund will warrant it. Odd magazines are always used to good account, by filling in numbers lacking in volumes, or the pictures being made use of to add to the collection of authors, poets, paintings, etc., which is to be arranged to supplement work in schools or clubs.

It is the aim of the library to develop along the line of school work, and is hoped that each year's addition of books will increase the library's usefulness in the schools.

It has been said that "it is always through the children that the best work is done for the uplifting of the community"; therefore, "the problem of the child is the problem of the state and no less the public library." And those who are the most familiar with the work of the library know that the children's department is our greatest need. We cannot buy enough books to keep the children supplied with literature.

In conclusion I wish to express the gratitude I feel for the patience and the thoughtfulness which the patrons of the library have shown from the first in their use of the books, the interest of the Board of Trustees and

MARGARET W. BROWN, Librarian.

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