

# Lakewood Public Library

# LOOKS FORWARD

to a second half-century of service



## Lesson in Growing

For boys and girls, the Library furnishes their own room with every book carefully chosen to introduce young readers to all the marvelous heroes, villains, princes and monsters, as well as the latest on astronauts, moon flights, missiles, and molecules. There are librarians skilled in interpreting books to children and in advising parents about the best in children's literature. There are story hours, book talks, films, instruction in the best use of the Library for public and parochial school children, and summer reading and discussion programs. The resources of the Children's Department are designed to serve most of the student's needs through the eighth grade. When a particular need can not be filled, the student is referred to the proper Adult Department.



"There is no magic like a book to keep children quiet and parents in their right minds."



Pony tails and picture books.



The first pre-school story hour is a thrilling experience for four-year-olds. These groups meet in Main Library and Madison Branch for a series of story hours in the spring and fall.

## The Library's Place in the Community

By MARY B. BLOOM  
Director,  
Lakewood Public Library

What is the library's place in the life of a community? Briefly, it is to fill the book and information needs of all of the people. The public library serves the individual more years of his life than any other institution except the church. As seen in these pages with pictures of the people of Lakewood using it, the library has something for everyone from the small children enjoying the picture books or the story hour, to the retired man with time to read the current magazines, or attend a daytime lecture. In between for each one are the student years when the public library serves as a supplement to the school library; and the adult years, when the library is the means of continuing education, a source of practical information and help in a variety of undertakings, and always a place for enrichment and entertainment.

To provide these services, the library system, including Madison Branch and twelve public school libraries, is staffed by just over a hundred people, full and part time, each one trained for his or her particular position. There are assistants who operate the circulation desks where books are borrowed and returned, pages who shelve books and magazines, typists who type and file catalog cards, secretaries in departments and in the business office, and many others.

THE POSITIONS, however, which are unique to a library are those of the professional librarians. These positions require a college degree, plus a graduate year of library science, with specialization in some particular area, for example, in work with children. It is the professional librarians who, working on different age levels and in various fields of interest, face the chal-

lenging and fascinating job of building a book collection that is so sound, comprehensive and up-to-date that it meets, if possible even foresees, the demands of the fast moving age in which we live.

From among the more than 28,000 books published in the United States each year and from some published abroad, the librarians must select the books most important for the Lakewood Library, either because a book is currently interesting and relevant, or because it will be a permanently useful and valuable book to have in the collection. This last factor weighs heavily in selection for all age levels and gives the Library's book collection the depth which makes it so helpful to a wide range of Lakewoodites as they pursue their individual interests, their careers, or their hobbies.

It is the professional librarians too who catalog the books and other materials, so that the particular title or the information it contains may be found quickly. The librarians are also on schedule for the long hours the library is open to serve the needs of the individual reader with help or advice.

Unseen by the general public but essential to the success of the Library is the financial support secured by the Trustees, and the creative counselling and leadership displayed in their policy-making.



MRS. BLOOM



Third and fourth graders from St. Hedwig School visit the Library and listen to a book talk in the Madison Branch children's room.

# Lakewood Library is Now 18 Times Original Size

BY MARY REED

A half century ago today, on May 19, 1916, a brief ceremony marked the opening of the Lakewood Public Library.

It had a brand new Carnegie building.

It had a collection of 10,069 books.

But its most valuable asset was the hearty backing of the Lakewood people acting through their Board of Education—and a lady with the romantic name of Roena Ingham, its dynamic first librarian.

Members of the Board of Education stood in the receiving line with Miss Ingham that Sunday afternoon, greeting some of the leading citizens of Lakewood and friends and neighbors. The Library was festive with displays of new books and spring flowers.

**MANY PEOPLE HAD** worked and planned for this day: David G. Jaeger, well known lawyer and President of the Board of Education, Mrs. A. N. Dawson, Mrs. Belle T. Graber, Mrs. Bernice Pyke, Mayor Clayton Tyler, and others too numerous to mention were involved. The Board of Education bought land at Detroit and Arthur Avenue, where the Library now stands. They secured a real estate tax levy to operate the Library and a building grant of \$45,000 from Andrew Carnegie. Two members went to New York to consult and hire a leading architect, Edward L. Tilden, to design the first building. They employed Miss Ingham, who had 20 years experience with the Cleveland

Public Library and came highly recommended by William Brett, the Librarian of that institution, to take charge of it.

Actually, the Library started in the back of Mr. Jensen's bakery nearby on Detroit Avenue. It was there that Miss Ingham bought and cataloged the first 10,060 books during 1915, while the building was going up. She combed the stores of Cleveland, Philadelphia, and New York for this first basic collection.

The record shows that Lakewood readers liked what she had done. In the first year, 5,340 registered borrowers made 93,824 withdrawals of books.

Lakewood's Madison Branch Library, now housed in its own attractive colonial building at Madison and Clarence, also had an unconventional start. It opened in 1921 in rented quarters, a former second floor dance and meeting hall.

**THAT SAME YEAR** the Board of Education, which had been taking care of Library affairs sandwiched in between the employment of teachers, legal bids and building contracts for ten additions to its elementary schools and a new million-dollar high school, appointed seven outstanding Lakewood citizens to serve as an independent Board of Library Trustees.

At the first meeting of the Trustees, Charles C. Dibble was elected President. The other six Board members were Mrs. H. A. Byrns, Mrs. L. A. Corlett, Mrs. A. N. Dawson, H. E. Hackenberg, David G. Jaeger, and Judge Willis Vickery. The growth of

the Library and its services to Lakewood people under the public spirited leadership of these Trustees and the men and women who succeeded them is well known.

Mr. Dibble held office for 12 years. Just three other presidents have followed him: Isaac S. Metcalf, Anthony Poss, and now Mrs. Robert S. Chehey, the first woman elected to this responsible post.

Miss Ingham guided the Li-

brary's growth and development for 22 years. There have been just three other administrators: George W. Grill, Dr. Mary P. Parsons, and Mrs. Mary B. Bloom. Mrs. Bloom has been director for the last 18 years. The beautiful new wing on Detroit Avenue was built during her administration and the whole library system is being continuously modernized and expanded. Last year the number of books lent reached an all time high

of 662,463. The Library is now four times the size of the original structure. It has seven times as many borrowers as it had in 1916. But its greatest "growth and development" is in the richness of its book collection. That is eighteen times the size of the first collection, so that each reader now may choose from among 185,922 volumes. Today it starts on its second half century of service to the people of Lakewood.



Madison Branch Library, conveniently located on Madison at Clarence, has 25,000 books for adults, young adults, and children.



ROENA A. INGHAM

Roena A. Ingham, Librarian of the Lakewood Public Library, 1916-1938, influenced it profoundly during the 22 years she presided over it. This is the impression she made on a young reporter who interviewed her for the LAKEWOOD POST in 1923:

"Miss Ingham's personality fairly radiates as she swings about the Lakewood library, helping here and suggesting there . . . The instant a reader approaches her, she is on her feet, listening to his request. In the next few seconds she is hustling to some corner of the library to fill his need. Volumes come from all parts of the library and are laid before him with pages marked in them. The table is literally jammed with every book in the library which may carry some point on his subject . . . Busy years have kept Miss Ingham young and mentally alert. Her streaming white hair is finely contrasted with a ruddy complexion. Her eyes sparkle . . ."

"One sensed something of the gracious lady about her," a staff member recalls. "Night after night, when Lakewood people used their Library most and the place was busiest, Miss Ingham would stand at the desk nearest the main entrance, greeting everyone who came, as a hostess greets her guests. Most of them were her friends or neighbors. She took a personal interest in them and what they wanted, helping them to find it, or sharing with them her knowledge and enthusiasm for a great range of books and reading."



Do you want a magazine article on any subject under the sun? These indexes will help you find what you want and the Library keeps more than 5,000 years of current and back issues conveniently on file for you.

# There Is Something For Everyone At Lakewood Public Library

1. More than 800,000 books cross this desk every year as people borrow and return books at Lakewood's Main Library.
2. A quiet place to study.
3. Discovering wonderful new worlds.
4. Four-year-olds cluster around a children's librarian.

5. A librarian helps a patient at Lakewood Hospital pick some entertaining reading. She visits the hospital two afternoons every week.
6. You drop a dime in the new copying machine to have a black-on-white photostat of library reference material or a document of your own. It takes about 20 seconds. It will reproduce a page of a book or magazine, a map, a picture, a birth certificate, or other personal records.





7. The Library shut-in delivery loads up with books for Lakewood residents who can't come to the Library because they are chronically ill or handicapped and have no one to come for them.

8. Listening to hi-fi in the Library's music room, a couple of fans enjoy classical and modern recordings. The collection also includes some plays, poetry, readings, and foreign language courses.

9. Many a borrower "researches" his own investments. The Library subscribes to important investment services such as Moody's, Standard and Poor's, Wiesenberger's, the Wall Street Journal, Barrons, and many other magazines and market guides.

10. A caller gets brief, factual information quickly over the phone in the reference room. In the background are files containing thousands of pamphlets and maps which people may consult or borrow.

# Four Man-Three Woman Board Oversees Library

BY MRS. ROBERT CHEHEYL  
President,

## Board of Library Trustees

The Lakewood Public Library is one of nine independent public library systems in Cuyahoga County. The library is under the direct control of the Board of Trustees, whose prime responsibility is determination of policy. The Board is composed of seven library trustees, all Lakewood residents. Since the Lakewood Library is a school district library, which means the taxing authority for the library is the Lakewood School District, trustees are appointed by the Lake-

## LIBRARY USERS

A random sampling of the occupations of some newly registered users of the Library shows people from every walk in life, from cab driver to college professor. Students, of course, outnumber all the rest, but the list also includes accountant, artist, chemist, contractor, draftsman, a variety of engineers, executive, factory worker, fireman, housewife, interior decorator, mail carrier, office manager, purchasing agent, registered nurse, sales representative, secretary, storekeeper, teacher, tree trimmer, and waitress.

## THE BOOK COLLECTION

The Library opened 50 years ago with a collection of 10,000 books. It now buys considerably more than that many new books for its readers every year and owns 185,922 volumes, plus thousands of magazines, pamphlets, maps, pictures, records, and documents that are not included in this count.

## EDUCATIONAL GUIDES

Choosing a school or occupation? The Library has over 1600 technical and special school, college, and university catalogs and a vocational section with descriptions of 29,000 ways to earn a living.

## CHARGING

With the Library's automatic photographic system, it takes 10 seconds to charge a book.

wood Board of Education. A full term for a trustee is seven years. Each year one term expires. Traditionally, the Board has been composed of four men and three women.

The Board of Education gives serious thought to library trustee appointments, evaluating the background of knowledge and experience each member can be expected to bring to the Board. Though space does not permit listing names of former trustees, today's library patrons owe much to these dedicated men and women, serving without pay, who helped make our main library the fine central core library it is today.

A MAJOR responsibility of the board of library trustees is the selection of a competent head librarian. Mrs. Mary B. Bloom, Lakewood's Librarian, is one of the top notch library administrators in the area. Mrs. Bloom and the trustees have developed a harmonious working relationship which is also vital for an efficient operation.

Another major responsibility of the trustees is to secure adequate funds for the operation of the library. Funds for operating and maintaining a public library in Ohio come from one tax source—and only one tax source—the Ohio Intangible personal property tax. This Ohio tax is collected by the county. These funds are then allocated by the County Budget Commission (the County Auditor, the County Prosecutor and the County Treasurer). The Commission is required by law to grant to each of the public library systems in the county funds based on the needs of each library.

THE PERCENTAGE of the total Intangible tax the Budget Commission decides to give to libraries is entirely at the discretion of the Budget Commission. If the Budget Commission allocates less than the total anticipated tax revenue, cities in the county share in the balance of the tax. Consequently, at the annual budget hearing each year, city officials as well as library officials are keenly interested in the anticipated tax collection and in its allocation. It is vital for a library board to fight as hard for its budget, based on need, as other public officials for theirs. The library's total receipts

for 1966 are estimated at \$499,000, of which \$404,000 were allocated by the Budget Commission. The balance will be received from fines and as refund from the Board of Education.

In 1953 the citizens of Lakewood passed an \$800,000 Library bond issue to provide funds for the modernization and expansion of the Main library, an old Carnegie type building, and for modernizing Madison branch library.

IN ADDITION TO operating the Main Library at 15425 Detroit Avenue and "Madison" at 13229 Madison Avenue, the Library Board, on a contract basis with the Lakewood Board of Education, is responsible for the supervision and operation of twelve school libraries, three in the junior high schools, and nine in the elementary schools. Mrs. Jeanette Bauer, Coordinator of School Libraries, supervises a staff of 16 in the school libraries. The Board of Education reimburses the Library Board for all salaries and costs.

Each year the Library's asking budget for the coming year is prepared with considerable deliberation. For example, the Personnel Committee of the Board, in consultation with the Librarian, recommends to the Board a minimum professional salary rate, which will keep the Library's salary scale competitive with others in Northern Ohio. Likewise, other budget items are reviewed. The grand total is the new asking budget. Later, if tax funds are not available to meet the increases as proposed, the Board must cut back on expenditures to achieve a balanced budget.

Each trustee is a member of at least two standing committees, which convene on call. The Board meets monthly at 7:45 P.M. on the first Thursday of the month. The Librarian, Mrs. Bloom, and the Clerk-Treasurer, Mrs. Fern Murray, attend Board meetings in their professional capacity. A good trustee is interested in the Library and has time to attend board and committee meetings regularly. A trustee must know the needs of his library and his community, and must be aware of new trends and procedures in the library field. Board membership is far from dull!



A young mother finds time to look over the new books.

## Library Quiz

How well do you know your Library?

- The Lakewood Public Library is governed by a Board of Trustees appointed by:
  - a. The County Commissioners
  - b. The Mayor of Lakewood
  - c. The Lakewood Board of Education
- A free borrower's card may be obtained by:
  - a. Residents of Lakewood only
  - b. Residents of Cuyahoga County
  - c. Any resident of Ohio
- The operating expenses of the Library are paid out of:
  - a. Lakewood real estate taxes
  - b. Taxes on the income from stocks and bonds
  - c. Sales taxes
- Approximately how many books does the Library own:
  - a. 50,000 to 100,000
  - b. 100,000 to 200,000
  - c. 200,000 to 300,000
- How many different current magazines and newspapers are available to a reader in the Library? Approximately:
  - a. 50 to 100
  - b. 200 to 300
  - c. 500 to 600
- Madison Branch was first opened in 1921 in:
  - a. A former dance hall
  - b. A former real estate office
  - c. A former drug store
- The Garden Collection in the Main Library is a memorial to:
  - a. The first Librarian
  - b. The first President of the Board of Trustees
  - c. A wealthy Library patron
- If you wanted a copy of Swift's Gulliver's Travels you would look for it in the:
  - a. Children's collection
  - b. Young Adult collection
  - c. Adult collection
- If you were looking for these three books under "Washington" in the Library catalog, which would appear first:
  - a. George Washington's Farewell Address
  - b. Washington Adventure (title) by Stockton Banks
  - c. Up From Slavery, the autobiography of Booker T. Washington
- If you asked a librarian for a book on "cryogenics" you would be given one that described:
  - a. The care and feeding of babies
  - b. The production and effects of very low temperatures
  - c. The testing and control of pesticides.

Answers to the Library Quiz appear on page .... Allow ten points for each correct answer. What's your score?



Isaac M. Stickney, Mrs. Elden E. Bolds, Secretary, Anthony Poss, 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Fern F. Murray, Clerk-Treasurer, Mrs. Robert S. Cheheyl, President, Mrs. Mary B. Bloom, Librarian, Frederick M. Asbeck, 1st Vice President, Mrs. Burdett Wylie, John H. Weeks.

# Program for Adults Extends to All Ages

Most people know that the modern public library is really an informal center for lifetime learning and enrichment. People come to it for the skill and knowledge that a person needs to graduate, to advance on the job, to pursue a hobby, or to become a good parent, home maker and a citizen. They ask for answers to a thousand and one practical and precise questions, and they also find their fun and inspiration.

A liberal education is available for any adult or young adult who reads selectively and consistently in the Library's first floor book collection. Here may be found all the richness of the humanities, the best in philosophy, in literature and in history, the important books in psychology, in biography and in travel. Along with today's best sellers are the best of American and foreign fiction of other years. The borrower may make his own selection from open shelves, or with the help of a librarian, as he wishes.

Upstairs are the sciences, the art and music collections, the financial and business services, the books for collectors of glass, china, or coins, and practical help for home repairs, car or radio and TV repair.

Many people who would not dream of going back to school use it to satisfy other deeper needs. They seek books that challenge the mind and stir the imagination. They browse and choose reading adapted to their own individual taste and maturity. Some community leaders and club women come for help in planning programs, selecting and reviewing books, or finding speakers.

Some people get a lift out of a discussion group or just for fun explore a new art, or listen to music with a group meeting in the relaxed atmosphere of the library. Among the most popular library sponsored programs are the Great Books groups, the Opera Pre-views and the Tuesday afternoon programs for adults.



Enjoying Great Books discussions, this group has been meeting in the Library for 19 years. Reading from left to right: Mrs. John M. Mayer, Mrs. Fae Haldeman, Mrs. Arthur Connard, Henry Snead, Arthur F. Connard, Mrs. Henry Snead, Dr. A. H. Wittlig, Albert D. Lawrence, Ralph A. Rood, and Mrs. Albert D. Lawrence.

## Discussions of Great Books Occupy Group's Time for Twenty Years

People and ideas.

These are the twin magnets that attract — and hold together year after year — sixteen Lakewood and West Shore members of a Great Books Discussion Group.

Four of the group, which has been meeting without interruption twice monthly for the past 20 years at Lakewood Public Library, are long-time members.

Their reasons for maintaining the 'unbroken relationship are as diverse as they are revealing of their individualities.

ONE OF THE oldest Great Books enthusiasts is 80-year-old Arthur F. Connard, a former Lakewoodite who now lives at 21375 Endsley Ave., Rocky River. He is also the group leader.

"My education was technical," says Connard, a graduate of the University of Illinois and a mechanical engineer with Basic, Inc., Cleveland, until his retirement five years ago.

"I have always missed not having more of a liberal arts background. The Great Books group reading assignments have helped me to satisfy my desire to know the classics and the fields not touched on in my engineering work. It has broadened and deepened my knowledge in literature, philosophy and the arts.

"I have found both the variety and the pace of the Great Books program very suitable for my purposes and will continue attending the sessions."

THE CHALLENGE of discussing the ideas of great minds is what prompted Mrs. John M.

Mayer, a former high school teacher who lives at 22350 Bartlett Dr., Rocky River, to join the Lakewood group.

"It's been fun to be with such a friendly group and to exchange ideas with them about the great writers. This rubbing of minds together is an exhilarating experience. We don't always agree, but we disagree amiably — and gain new viewpoints that keep us resilient and young-thinking."

Mrs. Mayer estimates that the group has read some 360 required books during the 20 years, plus many others as extra assignments.

"The theory behind the Great Books idea is to read only books tested by time, but every now and then we 'sneak in' something modern that we think is important — like Robert Penn Warren and Herbert Mueller."

A GENERAL SALES manager for East Ohio Gas Co., until his retirement 16 years ago, Karl Emmerling, 12030 Lake Ave., says: "It's not just the reading of the books that matter. It's the ideas and the conclusions people draw from what they read that count."

"The Great Books program has forced me to read much that I would never have read otherwise. Although I prefer history,

science and mathematics, the course compels you to be more democratic in your tastes and you get to enjoying the classics and areas far afield from your specialties. It literally spreads over the waterfront."

Emmerling, who attended Case Institute of Technology, plans to keep attending sessions as long as his health holds out. "I can't think of a more interesting way to spend leisure time," he says.

"We've learned to disagree with each other's point of view and still have a lot of fun," says Ralph Rood, chairman of the Biology Department at Lakewood High School.

"Differences of opinion add lots of intellectual stimulation to our sessions. There is more than just the sheer joy of reading — there is the joy of discussing it."

"And don't get the idea that it's easy. It's hard reading. It's not the kind of stuff you pick up for ten minutes of relaxation. People who want light reading don't stay with us very long. Neither do those with closed minds."

Nothing is ever really resolved in the class discussions, Rood says. "You must recognize that we are still wrestling with the same problems that confronted the ancient Greeks and Romans — human nature is the same through all periods of history."

"Every problem we study simply unfolds more problems. If we arrived at a final answer we would have exhausted the subject."



The Wide Horizons group at Madison Branch Library enjoys a talk and color slides shown by Alicia and Don Roof, Executive Directors of the Northeastern Ohio Camera Club Council, attended the New Goals and Wide Horizons meetings at the Well over two-thousand people, many of them senior citizens, Main Library and Madison Branch last year. Designed to stir the imagination and enlarge horizons, these free programs feature informal talks, usually illustrated with films or color slides. They are open to the public.



A reader does some browsing in the garden alcove. Note that he remembered his library card.



All the comforts of home — with 540 current magazines to choose from in the second floor reference department at Main Library.

# Library Trustees Report on 1965 Activity

The circulation of 662,463 books by the Lakewood Public Library system in 1965 is an all time high. It represents an increase of 13,000 over 1964 and slightly more than 3,000 over the next highest year, 1963. Of 662,463 books borrowed, 195,243 were from the school libraries; the other 467,220 were from Main, Madison and the Hospital library, the latter circulating 4,385 books. The professional staff at Main Library are conscious of a steadily larger demand for informational materials to be used in the Library. This is true not only of the Reference Department but also on the first floor where the librarians can be very busy helping numbers of people with often difficult questions only to find that the circulation figure for the day was low.

Registered borrowers grew from 36,695 to 37,662, this an increase of 2.6%.

A TOTAL OF 13,922 books purchased by the public library were added to the system, with an additional 5,503, paid for the Board of Education, added to the school libraries. All of these are purchased and cataloged by the

public library. For the past several years the Board of Education has given the school librarians generous funds for the purchase of books.

Of the 13,922 books added to the public library collection, 5,062 were new adult titles and 1,102 new juveniles. The choice of which of these titles to buy for current and future use in the community presents a major challenge to the professional staff and consumes much of their time and effort. Books cancelled from the collection numbered 10,267, making the book collection as of January 1, 1966 stand at 185,922 volumes, of which 136,736 are at Main Library, 24,569 at Madison and the rest in the schools.

PRESCHOOL story hour was more popular than ever, with 38 sessions at Main and 19 at Madison, attendance totaling 1,753 children. Story hours for older children also had a good response with 25 sessions drawing a total attendance of 775. All of these story hours will be continued in 1966.

The Young Adult Discussion Group, which is restricted to a

small number of participants because of the need for everyone to talk, was again considered a success by Mrs. Wilson. She was pleased by the quality of the reading and of the young people's contribution to the discussion.

Library sponsored and co-sponsored programs for adults continued to draw strong support from the community. Miss Reed reports that: "Our perennially popular Great Books discussion groups reached an all time peak of seven last spring, but failed to hold that gain in the fall. There have been four to six groups meeting in the Library continuously for the last eight years, which seems to me a remarkable record, considering the quality of the reading and the voluntary leadership and self-motivation involved."

OUR MEETING rooms at both buildings were used for the total of 649 meetings during the year. Miss Reed writes "It is interesting to see signs of the so-called 'culture explosion' in the increased use made of the Library's meeting rooms for the practicing arts. Ten years ago the 20 sessions of the Lakewood College Club's music appreciation group and one meeting co-sponsored by the Lakewood Little Theatre and the Library were the only ones devoted to these arts. In 1960 there were 30 sessions and by 1965 there were 69 sessions devoted to participating art and music appreciation courses, all of them sponsored or co-sponsored by art, orchestra, or opera associations. This is an increase of 240% in ten years and 130% in the last five years."

The four sessions of Opera Previews, co-sponsored and paid for by the Northern Ohio Opera Association with the Lakewood College Club, drew an average average attendance of 160, an increase of 44% over the year be-

was proceed with remodeling to provide more shelf space for the

## Library Use Open to All Organizations

The Board of Library Trustees see the Library as a service center for all education agencies, so they invite any community organizations with educational, cultural, or civic goals to use the auditorium and meeting rooms free of charge, whenever these are not needed for Library programs. Each year for the last ten years over 600 meetings have been held in the Main Library and Madison Branch.

Here are some of the community groups that have used these rooms since the buildings were remodeled in 1956:

American Association of University Women, Borrowed Time Club, Camp Fire Girls Council, Cleveland Council on World Affairs, Creative Writing Group, Daughters of the American Revolution, Foreign Affairs Discussion Group, Girl Scout Council.

Great Books Discussion Groups, Great Books Leadership Training Groups, Great Lakes Shakespeare Association, International Association of Firefighters, Local 382, Lake Erie Opera Association, Lakewood Art League, Lakewood Business & Professional Women's Club, Lakewood Chamber of Commerce.

Lakewood College Club, Lakewood Garden Club, Lakewood High School Reading Groups, Lakewood Historical Society, Lakewood Parent-Teachers Association, Lakewood Photographic Society, Lakewood Safety Council, Lakewood School Administrators, Lakewood Stamp Club, Lakewood Writers Workshop, League of Women Voters of Lakewood, Library Administrators of Greater Cleveland, National Association of Retired Civil Employees, Northern Ohio Opera Association, Ohio Library Association, South Lakewood Woman's Club, West Shore African Violet Society, West Shore Travel Club, Western Reserve University's Living Room Learning Groups, World Politics Discussion Groups.

## Library Cards Are Available to Anyone

Library cards are free. If you live, work, go to school or own property in Lakewood or anywhere in Cuyahoga County, you are welcome to borrow books and other material either from the Main Library or Madison Branch. To get a library card, apply at the charging desk at either place. You may borrow books at once.

Thirty-seven thousand, six hundred sixty-two readers owned library cards at the beginning of this year. This averages more than one card for every other man, woman, and child in Lakewood, and it does not include all the boys and girls who, without a library card, are able to use the 12 public school libraries or loans to parochial schools.

### LIBRARY HOURS

The Library is open from morning to night. Main Library at Detroit and Arthur Avenue is open from 9:30 A.M. to 9 P.M., Monday through Friday, and from 9:30 A.M. to 6 P.M., on Saturday.

The hours of Madison Branch at Clarence and Madison are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 1 to 9 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 6 p.m.

First Floor Adult Department! This has become a matter of great concern to all of us. Mrs. Heath, the Assistant Librarian, is responsible with Mrs. Folsom, the Department head, for that book collection. The collection has been weeded three times in five years in an effort to find space. Conforming to the general fore, and practically a capacity audience.

What we did not do in 1965 buying policy of the Lakewood Public Library, they have built up a sound core collection of books which do not go out of date quickly and cannot be discarded without waste. It is a great comfort to the staff to have borrowers tell us, as they frequently do, what a good book collection we have, how they can always find something on any subject they are looking for, and how much they appreciate it, but we must have more shelf space.

AT THE END OF fifty years, it is apparent that the Library fills an important service function to thousands of people of all ages. People come in and the telephones ring all day with calls for books and information relating to a broad range of human concern and activity. The Library must adjust to meet changes in the interests of our patrons and in situations in the community.

The vast strength of the public library is its service to the individual apart from his group activities. It is to answer this demand, as well as the constant student call, that we must keep our desks staffed with competent professional librarians and our book collection soundly chosen and faithfully maintained.

## Quiz Answers

- 1—c. The Lakewood Board of Education appoints the seven Trustees who are responsible for the government of the Lakewood Public Library.
- 2—b. Residents of Cuyahoga County. Anyone who lives, works, or goes to school in Cuyahoga County is entitled to a free library card.
- 3—b. Taxes on the income from stocks and bonds.
- 4—b. The Library owned 185,922 books at the beginning of this year.
- 5—c. Readers will find 540 popular, scholarly, technical, and special interest magazines and newspapers in the Library.
- 6—a. Madison Branch first opened in a rented, second floor former dance hall at the corner of Madison and Newman Avenues. The Library built the present Madison Branch building in 1929.
- 7—a. The Roena A. Ingham Garden Collection is a memorial to the first Librarian.
- 8—a, b, and c. All three are correct. Children love *Gulliver's Travels* for the story of tiny Lilliputians and giant Brobdingnags, while adults enjoy its witty political satire.
- 9—c. *Up From Slavery*, by Booker T. Washington. All books by or about authors named Washington are filed alphabetically before titles that begin with that name.
- 10—b. The production and effects of very low temperatures.

The Lakewood Library Trustees chose this means of celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary in the hope that it will encourage all of you to use and enjoy your Libraries and their rich resources.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE  
Isaac M. Stickney, Chairman

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ANNUAL CIRCULATION REPORT OF THE LAKEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

	Year of 1965											
	Adult Circulation	Comparison Prev. Year	Juvenile Circulation	Comparison Prev. Year	Total Circulation	Comparison Prev. Year	Pictures	Clippings	Maps	Plates	Adult Average Day	Juvenile Average Day
Main	270077	+4624	141443	+5125	411520	+9549	1576	180	70		879	460
Madison	21885	+ 375	29430	+1746	51315	+2121	2752				86	115
Emerson	2879	+ 743	12324	+ 902	15203	+1645	461	29	40		16	70
Harding	3270	+ 500	14080	+1787	17350	+2287			27		17.8	76.9
Horace Mann	2130	+ 128	10347	+ 187	12477	+ 315					12	58
Hospital	4013	+ 64	372	+ 35	4385	+ 90					45.6	4
Franklin			12796	+1780	12796	+1780						211
Garfield			13365	+1745	13365	+1745	44					207
Harrison			6842	+1426	6842	+1426	39					180
Hayes			18205	+3173	18205	+3173	150					260
Lincoln			26365	+2625	26365	+2625	170		3			240.7
McKinley			18310	+ 844	18310	+ 844	26					205.7
Madison Sch.			22676	+3037	22676	+3037						276
Roosevelt			18344	+3282	18344	+3282						235
Taft			13312	+2444	13312	+2444	81					263.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>304254</b>	<b>+3364</b>	<b>358209</b>	<b>+16396</b>	<b>662463</b>	<b>+13032</b>	<b>5299</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>140</b>			
<b>Registrations</b>	<b>Adult</b>		<b>Juvenile</b>		<b>System</b>		<b>System</b>					
	Main	Madison	Main	Madison	Adult	Juvenile	Total					
Cards in force January 1, 1965	24680	1890	8092	2033	26570	10125	36695					
Additions	8905	594	2498	593	9499	3091	12590					
Deductions	7776	645	2546	656	8421	3202	11623					
Cards in force December 31, 1965	25809	1839	8044	1970	27648	10014	37662					