

FERNDALE'S LIBRARY

This website is underdevelopment. The Library and Museum have extensive history about our library. This placeholder offers some links plus news clips about its opening on Nov 1, 1930 and reopening in 1940.

Library History: <https://www.fadl.org/History-of-FADL>

Article by Jeff Milo*: https://www.ferndalehistoricalsociety.org/newsletters/Crows_2019_03_spring.pdf

Our first Librarian*: https://www.ferndalehistoricalsociety.org/newsletters/Crows_2025_01_Winter.pdf

* = Museum membership login required

Ferndale Gazette Nov 5, 1930

MANY USE LIBRARY

Ferndale Gazette Oct 29, 1930

Official opening of the new Ferndale public library in the Harrison Building has been delayed pending the arrival of furnishings, but the board has decided, according to Mrs. Vivian, librarian, to open the library November 1 for the loaning of books and reading. The public is therefore, invited to visit the library and make such use of it as they wish. Hours are: Weekdays, 1:30 to 5:30 and 7:00 to 8:30 p. m.; Sundays, 2:00 to 5:00 p. m., for reading only. Parents are asked not to send children under 16, evenings.

The new Ferndale Public Library issued 178 cards on the opening day last week, and loaned a total of 234 books. Mrs. Etta Vivian, librarian, was highly pleased at the enthusiasm displayed by the large number of visitors.

Formal opening has been delayed until the furnishings have been completed.

The library is open from 1:30 to 5:30 in the afternoon and 7 to 8:30 o'clock in the evening on week days, with children urged to attend during the afternoon. A special period from 2 to 5 on Sundays is reserved for reading only, and was patronized by a large number of persons yesterday.

Miss Sylvia Walker assists Mrs. Vivian. Members of the board who helped Mrs. Carah is planning the library are Mrs. Hobart B. Grow, the Rev. Earl R. Rice, William T. Miller and the Rev. L. H. Pertner. Advisory members are Supt. Edgar F. Down and Maurice F. Cole.

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Library Use Increasing Fast

The members of the Library Board of Ferndale Public Library, as well as Mrs. Vivian, the librarian, were made especially happy on the day before Christmas upon the receipt of a beautiful piece of library furniture, the gift of the Ferndale Women's Club. The article is a Double Book Display Rack and Bulletin Board combined. It makes an excellent rack for showing new books or books on some selected subject. The bulletin board is faced with cork on both sides. The wood is beautiful quarter-sawed white oak, with a dark hand rubbed finish, and it adds a nice touch to the interior decoration of the Library.

The usefulness of the library, which was opened to the public on November 1st, is rapidly expanding much to the satisfaction of Mrs. E. M. Vivian, librarian. The library hours have been extended to meet the growing demand of the public, and hereafter patrons will find the library open to the public at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. It is suggested that you clip this item from your newspaper and keep same for reference.

LIBRARY HOURS

Forenoon—10 to 12.

Afternoon—1:30 to 5:30.

Evenings—7 to 8:30.

Sundays, for reading only, 2 to 5.

Since the library was opened November 1st, 4,962 books have been circulated, 2,985 being circulated in December. 473 readers occupied the reading room this month. Of the books circulated in December, 921 were non-fiction, which is a good percentage in any public library, and particularly good for a library so small as ours.

City Library Has Been Popular

By **ETTA M. VIVIAN, Librarian**

As it is just a year ago that the Ferndale Public Library opened its doors to the public, perhaps a few words as to what it has accomplished in this brief time will not come amiss.

That the people of our city have appreciated this effort on the part of the Mayor and Commission to provide a place where they can come for recreational reading, for direction in courses of study and for aid in new vocations or business, is certainly proven by our registration which is increasing rapidly. One hundred and thirty new names were added in October, making a record of 2,832. Our library consists of only 2,559 volumes, but we have circulated 43,275 books since the opening. Surely a record that may be very favorably compared with much larger libraries where the cost of maintenance is much higher,—and a fine demonstration of the need of a library in Ferndale. But books

handled so often will wear out, and although we endeavor by mending and rebinding to fill in the gaps and keep the books out of circulation for as short a time as possible, yet our supply will decrease unless new books are purchased. But we find that although funds are low, the opportunities for service are greatly enlarged, and we are taking advantage of them. Through the kindness of Supt. of Schools, Edgar F. Down, a vertical file has been added to the equipment of the library. This is something every librarian is anxious to have, and a great help in the preservation of government documents, interesting clippings from magazines and newspapers and other material much of which is distributed free to schools and libraries. The file we have is now well filled with interesting information from the U. S. Government, State Experiment Stations, Industrial Laboratories and Transportation Agencies. And though the contents may not be taken from the library, yet the stu-

dent as well as the adult person will find here a mine of interesting material which may be just what he needs.

We are able to purchase a few new books each month, and the following list is worthy of your attention:

Color and Design, by Gilliam; Creative Evolution, by Bergson; The Meaning of a Liberal Education, by Martin; New Russia's Primer, by Ilin; The Fine Art of Reading, by Rogers; The Psychology of Achievement, by Pitkin; Dialogues, by Plato; The Spectator Papers, by Addison; Concrete Design and Construction, by Webb.

New Novels: The Red Headed Women, by Brush; Shadows on the Rock, by Cather; Simple Peter Cradd, by Oppenheim; Brothers in the West, by Reynolds; Their Father's God, by Rolvaag; Windmill on the Dune, by Waller.

Also several new books for the children.

LIBRARY REOPENED; YOU SHOULD SEE IT

Ferndale Library opened Monday morning after having been closed since June 12 for remodeling, redecorating and changes.

It took on a delightful appearance with its very delicate cast of green on the walls and the roominess of the interior with the new book shelves, new main desk and magazine racks.

The children's room which is an addition to the former library rooms, is a pleasure. The dull turkey-red background of the book cases, topped with the very light green of the walls was set off by the bright colors of the murals which have been moved from the former children's room. There were Alice in Wonderland, Hansel and Gretel and the Wizard of Oz, giving the new room a familiar look, and cutouts of the

dwarfs and "Dopey" adding a gay touch.

For the first time in its history the library seemed to be large enough for all its needs. There, for instance, is a new workroom which provides space for the mending and reconditioning of old books and the checking of new books. The librarian has a room of her own for her own office requirements and classifying of books. There is space given for reference books and magazines. Throughout all the rooms is most attractive new indirect lighting.

Although the average circulation has been cut down a great deal by the closing of the library, Mrs. Etta Vivian, the librarian is hoping that they may yet reach the average of a year ago of 8,000 books distributed in the month of August.