

By-Laws and Rules

OF THE



Louisiana

Public

Library

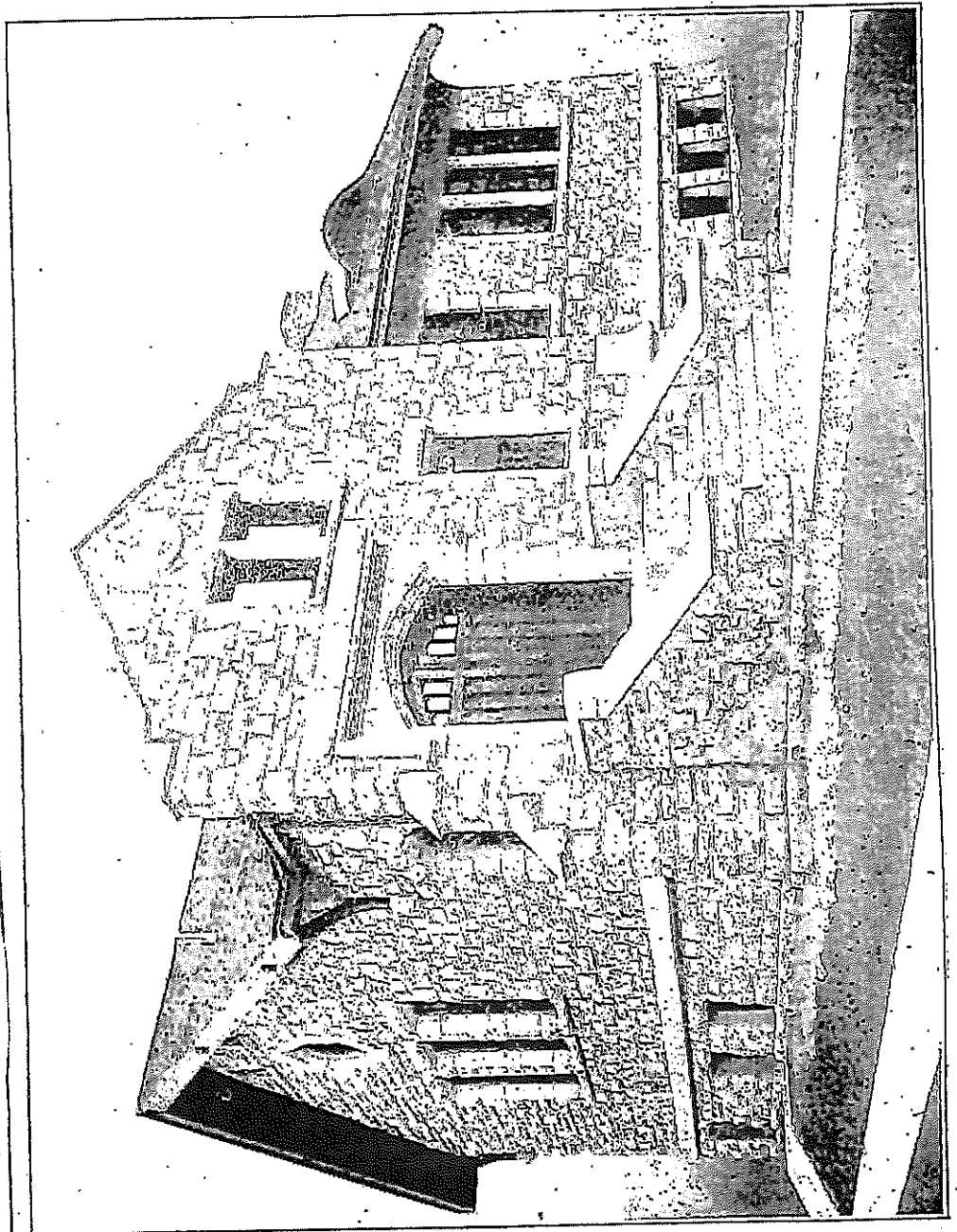
TOGETHER WITH THE

Ordinances of the City

and Statutes

RELATING TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

LOUISIANA PUBLIC LIBRARY



Cornerstone laid May 4, 1904.
Dedicated and opened February 22, 1905.

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BY-LAWS
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
LOUISIANA
PUBLIC LIBRARY
AND
LIBRARY RULES
MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

ARTICLE 1

REGULAR MEETINGS.—The regular meetings of the board shall be held at the library building on the second Monday of each month, at 8 o'clock p.m. Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the regular meeting in May of each year shall be the annual meeting, at which reports shall be received by the board, and the regular meeting in June of each year shall be the annual meeting for the election of officers.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.—The president of the board may, and on the request of three members of the board shall, call special meetings, by giving due notice thereof in writing, stating the object of the meetings, and no business shall be transacted at such special meetings except such as shall be stated in said notice.

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The president of the board shall be ex-officio a member of the executive committee, and chairman thereof.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.—It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings of the board; to sign all vouchers approved by the board; to appoint the standing committees for the year; to prepare in connection with the secretary and librarian, for the consideration of the board, the annual report of the board of directors, as required by the ordinance governing the same.

ARTICLE V.

DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.—In the absence or inability of the president, all the duties of that officer shall devolve upon the vice-president.

ARTICLE VI.

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.—The secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the board, or direct the same; shall keep a record of the proceedings of the board in a well-bound book; and shall be the custodian of all the records of the library. He shall examine all bills, attest all orders for warrants on the city clerk, authorized by the board, and shall perform such other duties from time to time as the board may direct.

ARTICLE VII.

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.—The treasurer shall receive all moneys due the board, and shall transmit same to the city treasurer, and shall keep a complete record of all financial transactions of the

board, and he shall report to the board, annually, at the regular meeting in May of each year or whenever the board may require the receipts and expenditures for the year and the condition of the library fund.

ARTICLE VIII.

DUTIES OF THE LIBRARIAN.—The librarian shall execute the orders of the board and the executive committee. Shall be held responsible for all property of the library entrusted to his or her care, and shall fully and faithfully perform such duties, and observe such regulations of the office as the directors may establish. The specific duties of the librarian shall be: To have, under the direction of the executive committee, the care and charge of the rooms and all the property of the library, and see that they are properly warmed, lighted, and kept in neat and cleanly order; to be present in person or by assistant, during the hours when the library is open, and at such other times as the directors may require his or her presence; to assist in the arrangement of the library and in the preparation of such catalogues, books and blanks, and to keep such record as the executive committee may require; to enter immediately upon receipt, in the proper books and cards, provided therefor, the title, author and edition of every book added to the library, by purchase or gift, with the date and cost, if purchased, or the name of the donor, and to prepare every book for circulation; marking inside the cover the proper number of the shelf and its place on the shelf, and volume if of a set, affixing a provided copy of the rules of the library, and also entering it, with its proper number, in its place in the gen-

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eral catalogue; to charge all borrowed books to the account of each borrower, in records as provided by the directors; to check them as soon as returned; to keep all books and papers not in use in their proper places on the shelves, and to allow no book to leave the library except by the presentation of the card as provided herein; to keep a separate record of all persons using the library and also of their indorsers, with the full names and places of residence of each, and the number of their accounts; to collect all fines and penalties incurred from the use of the library, subscriptions from non-residents, and all sums due from the sale of catalogues, and keep an exact account of the same, paying the amounts to the treasurer; also to keep an accounts of all pledges received for the use of books, with amounts retained for fines and repaid to borrowers, and present an itemized report of all cash transactions monthly; to keep a record of all books which may be requested for addition to the library and the names of the persons presenting the request; to keep a record of all donors of books, and property to the library and reading room, with the date of the donation; whose name shall be conspicuously placed thereon, and also honorably mentioned in the annual report of the librarian to the board of directors; to use constantly every endeavor to prevent the injury and loss of books, and to recover such as may from time to time be missing or left beyond the prescribed times, all books in the hands of borrowers, and to make a detailed report to the library committee, in season for the regular meeting in May, of the condition and increase of the library, the number of readers, and volumes taken out, and the

various amounts received during the year, and to afford all reasonable facilities for the use of the library kindly and impartially, according to the rules prescribed by the directors, and to aid them in extending the efficiency and public usefulness of the institution.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

ARTICLE IX.

DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—It shall be the duty of the executive committee to supervise the classification, cataloging and arrangements of books upon the shelves, and provide a system for issuing of books to readers, and to have the general management and control of the internal administration of the library, and to have the execution of all purchases ordered by the board.

ARTICLE X.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEES ON BOOKS.—It shall be the duty of the committee on books to recommend the purchase of such books as they deem advisable out of funds set apart for that purpose by the board. All questions concerning the selection, purchase and binding of books and pamphlets; the exchange or sale of duplicate or other books; their preparation for use, and their withdrawal from circulation; the acceptance or rejection of donations of books, pamphlets, pictures, etc., the printing and distribution of catalogues, bulletins and handlists, shall be referred to this committee.

ARTICLE XI.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.—It shall be the duty of the committee on finance, to examine

all bills against the library, indorsed by the proper sub-committee, and, if in their judgment correct, to approve the same for payment, or present them to the board for consideration.

SECURE DONATIONS.—To employ such means as they may deem best, to secure donations in money, or books, for the increase of the library, and to pay any money so obtained, and all moneys collected by such committee from whatever source, to the treasurer monthly, to be subject to the order of the board, unless donated for a specific object, approved by the board.

Insurance.—To see that the property of the library is kept properly insured.

REPORT ESTIMATE OF REVENUES.—It shall, at the meeting in June of each year, report an estimate of the revenues required for the succeeding fiscal year, and shall recommend to the board, at the beginning of each quarter, appropriations for such quarter.

ARTICLE XII.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEE ON COMPLAINTS.—It shall be the duty of the committee on complaints to inquire into all complaints from whatever source, and to report upon the same to the board and recommend action thereon.

ARTICLE XIII.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEE ON NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.—It shall be the duty of the committee on newspapers and periodicals to recommend the subscription and purchase of such newspapers and periodicals as they deem advisable, out of funds set apart for that purpose by the board, and to report a correct itemized list thereof to the board.

ARTICLE XIV.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEE ON BUILDING AND GROUNDS.—It shall be the duty of the committee on building and grounds to recommend all repairs, alterations and additions to the building and to superintend the same; to recommend the construction of all walks and improvements on the grounds, the planting and care of trees, shrubbery and plants thereon, and the ornamentation thereof, and to superintend the same; to recommend contracts for the heating, lighting, water supply and care of the building, including the service of a janitor.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ARTICLE XV.

The order of business at regular meetings shall be as follows:

1. Calling the Roll.
2. Reading the Minutes.
3. Reading communications.
4. Report of Finance Committee.
5. Report of Executive Committee.
6. Report of Book Committee.
7. Report of Committee on Complaints.
8. Report of Committee on Newspapers and Periodicals.
9. Report of Committee on Building and Grounds.
10. Reports of Special Committees and Officers
11. Report of Librarian.
12. Unfinished Business.
13. Election of Officers.
14. New Business.

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ARTICLE XVI.

PARLIAMENTARY LAW.—In cases not otherwise provided for, the board shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

AMENDMENTS.—None of the foregoing by-laws shall be repealed or amended, unless a majority of all the members of the board concur therein, nor unless a proposition, made in writing, shall be submitted at a previous meeting, but the order of business may be transposed as the occasion may require.

RULES
AND
REGULATIONS

ADOPTED MARCH 13, 1905

1. HOURS.—The library shall be open continuously on all week days from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., and from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

2. USE OF READING AND REFERENCE ROOMS.—Any person of good deportment and habits may use the reading rooms. No person who is intoxicated or unclean in person or dress shall be admitted to the library. No person shall be allowed to use tobacco, lounge or sleep, partake of refreshments, or use the rooms for purposes for which they are not intended.

3. Loud conversation is forbidden. In the reading and reference rooms silence must be maintained.

4. Books may be taken from the library only when charged on a reader's card. Violation of this rule will not only result in the forfeiture of all library privileges, but will also subject the offender to prosecution under the city ordinance. [See Ordinance.]

5. HOME USE OF BOOKS.—All persons who are residents of Louisiana, over the age of six years, shall be entitled to draw books for home reading upon signing the prescribed application and offering security for the return of the books, and the payment of any penalties incurred under the rules. Temporary sojourners may obtain a reader's card on the same terms as residents.

Non-residents may draw books for home use upon depositing the value of the book and paying a yearly fee of \$2.00.

Immediate notice of change of residence, or address, must be given, under penalty of forfeiture of privileges.

6. AGREEMENT.—Applicants must sign the following agreement:

"I, the undersigned, apply for a reader's card in the Louisiana public library,

"I am a resident of the city;

"I hereby agree to comply with all the rules and regulations of the library, and to make good any loss or injury sustained by it through issuing a card entitling me to draw books, and to give immediate notice of change of residence."

7. RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY.—Until otherwise ordered by the board of directors the residents of the county, outside of the city of Louisiana, shall be entitled to use the library and draw books for home reading under rules and regulations now applicable to citizens of Louisiana, as near as may be.

8. SURETY.—The security for the return of books, in accordance with the above rule, may be: A cash deposit not to exceed twice the value of the book desired, or a guaranty signed by a resident of the city known to be responsible. This guaranty shall remain in force from one to three years, and may be revoked at any time by the officers of the library or by the guarantor upon paying all liabilities which may have accrued. A special deposit, in addition, may be required for valuable books.

FORM OF GUARANTY.—“I, the undersigned, hereby agree to be responsible for any loss of, or damage to the books of the Louisiana public library issued to and for any penalties incurred by through violation of the rules of the library. Signed
Residence”

9. READER'S CARD.—As soon as practicable after the filing of the guaranty, or in case of a cash deposit, immediately upon the filing of the application, a reader's card will be issued to the applicant, setting forth his right to draw books. This card must be presented whenever a book is drawn, returned or renewed. If lost it will be replaced upon payment of ten cents; but notice of the loss must be given one week before another card can be issued.

Such card may be in the following form:
On presentation of this card

.....
will be entitled to draw books from the
LOUISIANA PUBLIC LIBRARY

until

A reader's card with list of books wanted must always be presented whenever a book is taken. **It must also be shown whenever a book is returned or renewed.** If lost it will be replaced at the end of seven days from the time notice is given, on payment of ten cents.

When found in possession of anyone but the person to whom it is issued, or members of the immediate family, it will be taken up.

Failure to give **immediate notice of change of residence**, will be deemed sufficient cause for cancellation of this card.

After such notice is given, the holder is no longer responsible for the card, but is held for any book that may be at the time out on the card.

The registered holder of a card is in all cases responsible for books drawn by means of the card, by whomsoever presented, and for all fines accrued on the same.

10. No books shall be regularly issued except upon a reader's card. But volumes required in emergencies may be issued upon a special deposit or guaranty satisfactory to the librarian.

11. No person shall lend his library card or any book belonging to the library to anyone not a member of the same household; and books shall not be transferred from one card to another.

12. **ISSUE OF BOOKS.**—Only two books at a time may be drawn on one card, only one of which may be a work of fiction; but of works in volumes, the number to be taken shall be determined at the discretion of the librarian.

13. Books may be retained fourteen days, and may be renewed for the same period. But new books are not renewable until they have been in the library at least three months.

14. Any person not desiring to await his proper turn for any book in the library, may withdraw any duplicate of such book in the duplicate collection on payment of five cents for five days and of two cents per day thereafter, and the librarian shall keep an account of the withdrawal of such books and moneys received therefor in a record to be known as the Duplicate Register.

15. **FINES AND PENALTIES.**—A fine of five cents shall be paid on each book which is not returned according to the provisions of the above rules. To this fine shall be added the expense of collection and serving notice. No book shall be issued to any person incurring such fine until it has been paid.

16. **OVERDUE NOTICES.**—Notices of books overdue will be mailed; but failure to receive such notice will not excuse delinquents from fines. If not returned, after due notice, books will be sent for, and 25 cents will be added to the fines already incurred.

Failure to return books is a violation of the city ordinance, and offenders are liable to prosecution.

17. **INJURIES TO BOOKS.**—All injuries to books, beyond reasonable wear, and all losses shall be

made good to the satisfaction of the librarian. Every book detained above one month, after serving notice, shall be considered lost.

If one volume of a set is lost, the loser will be held responsible for the value of the whole set, unless the lost volume can be readily replaced.

Marking a book, even with a lead pencil, turning down the corners of pages, or "dogearing" will be considered an injury within the meaning of this rule. The offender is also liable to prosecution under the city ordinance, for the protection of the library's property.

18. **TEACHER'S CARD.**—A card may be taken out by any public school teacher, known as a teacher's card, on which such teacher may withdraw not to exceed five books, not including works of fiction, to be retained for a period not exceeding fourteen days, provided that such withdrawals may be subject to restriction by the librarian as existing necessities may require.

19. **RULES MAY BE AMENDED.**—These rules may be amended, altered, added to, or changed, by a proposition submitted by any member of the board, at any regular meeting, to be laid over until the next regular meeting.



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CITY ORDINANCE
N^o 1733

AN ORDINANCE establishing and maintaining a free public library in the city of Louisiana, Mo.

BE IT ORDAINED by the city council of the City of Louisiana, Mo. :

Section 1. There is hereby established, in accordance with the result of an election held in said city on Tuesday, March 3, 1903, a free public library and reading room in said city of Louisiana, Mo., to be maintained by said city by the levy and collection of one-half mill on the dollar annually, on all the taxable property within said city. Said one-half mill on all the taxable property within said city shall be levied and collected annually in the same manner as the general revenue of the city is now levied and collected, and when so levied and collected shall be kept separate and apart from all other funds of said city, and shall be drawn on for no other purpose whatever.

Sec. 2. The mayor of the city of Louisiana, immediately after the passage and approval of this ordinance shall, with the approval of the city council appoint a board of nine directors for said free public library, and shall choose the same from the said city at large with reference to their fitness for such office, but no member of the municipal government shall be eligible as a member of said board.

Sec. 3. Said directors shall hold office, one-third for one year, one-third for two years and one-third for three years, from the first day of June next, and at their first regular meeting shall cast

lots for their respective terms, and annually thereafter the mayor shall, before the first day of June of each year appoint as before three directors who shall hold office for three years and until their successors are appointed. The mayor may, by and with the consent of the city council, remove any director for misconduct or neglect of duty.

Sec. 4. Vacancies in the board of directors, occasioned by removals or otherwise shall be reported to the city council and be filled in like manner as original appointments, and no director shall receive compensation as such.

Sec. 5. Said directors shall, immediately after appointment, meet and organize by the election of one of their number as president, and by the election of such other officers as they may deem necessary.

They shall make and adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations for their own guidance, and for the government of the library and reading rooms, as may be expedient, not inconsistent with this ordinance.

They shall have the exclusive control of the expenditure of all moneys collected to the credit of the library fund, and of the construction of any library building and of the supervision, care and custody of the grounds, rooms or buildings constructed, leased or set apart for that purpose, provided that all moneys received for said library shall be deposited in the city treasury to the credit of the library fund, and shall be kept separate and apart from other moneys of the city, and drawn upon by the proper officers of the city, upon properly authorized vouchers, drawn by the library

board and signed by the president and attested by the secretary of such board. Said board shall have power to purchase or lease grounds; to occupy, lease or erect an appropriate building for the use of said library; and shall have power to appoint a suitable librarian and necessary assistants, and fix their compensation, and shall also have power to remove such appointees, and shall in general carry out the full intent and spirit of this ordinance in the management and control of said library.

Sec. 6. Said free public library shall be forever to the use of the inhabitants of the city of Louisiana; subject, however, to such reasonable rules and regulations as the library board may adopt in order to render the use of the library and reading rooms of the greatest benefit to the greatest number:

And said board may exclude from the use of said library and reading rooms any and all persons who shall wilfully violate such rules; and said board may extend the privileges and use of said library and reading rooms to persons outside of this city, in this state, upon such terms and conditions as said board may from time to time by its regulations, prescribe.

Sec. 7. The said board of directors shall make, on or before the second Monday of June, an annual report to the city council, stating the condition of their trust on the first day of May of that year, the various sums of money received from the library fund and from other sources, and how much money has been expended and for what purposes; the number of books and periodicals on hand; the number added by purchase, gift or otherwise; and the

number and general character and kind of books; a list of all the property of the library, with such other statistics, information and suggestions as they deem of general interest; all such portions of said report as relate to the receipt and expenditure of money as well as the account of books purchased, lost or stolen shall be verified by affidavit.

Sec. 8. Any person desiring to make donations of money or personal property or real estate for the benefit of such library shall have the right to vest title to the money or real estate so donated in the board of directors created under this ordinance, to be held and controlled by said board when accepted, according to the terms of the deed, gift, devise or bequest of such property, and as to such property, the said board shall be considered as special trustees.

Sec. 9. Any person who shall take from said free public library any book, pamphlet, periodical, paper, or other property, except in accordance with the rules of said library board, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than one dollar nor more than twenty-five dollars for each offense.

Sec. 10. Every person who shall take or borrow from said free public library any book, pamphlet, periodical, paper or other property, and neglect or fail to return same within two weeks from the date of mailing a notice to his or her address, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars for each offense.

Sec. 11. Every person who shall wilfully or wantonly cut, mutilate, mark, tear, write upon, deface, or otherwise destroy or injure, in whole or in part any book, pamphlet, periodical, map, document, picture or written, engraved or printed paper belonging to said library, or shall suffer any such injury to be inflicted while such property is in his custody, or shall wilfully or wantonly injure any of the furniture or property in the library building shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine in the sum of not less than one dollar, nor more than twenty-five dollars for each offense.

Sec. 12. All fines collected under this ordinance shall be deposited in the city treasury to the credit of the library fund for the use of the free public library, and it shall be the duty of the city attorney to prosecute promptly all violations of this ordinance.

Sec. 13. This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed and approved June 5, 1903.

Attest:

J. P. LYNOTT, JR.,
Clerk City Council.

J. L. COLE,
Mayor.



SECTIONS OF REVISED STAT-
UTES OF MISSOURI, 1899

RELATING TO

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Sec. 6466. LIBRARY FUND IN CITIES, WHEN TAX MAY BE LEVIED—ELECTION, ETC.—When one hundred tax-paying voters of any incorporated city shall petition the mayor and common council asking that an annual tax be levied for the establishment and maintenance of a free public library in such incorporated city, and shall specify in their petition a rate of taxation not to exceed two mills on the dollar annually, and in cities of over hundred thousand inhabitants not to exceed two-fifths of one mill annually, on all the taxable property in the city, such mayor and common council shall direct the proper officer to give notice in his next legal notice of the annual election or special election, which may be called for the purpose of voting on such question, that at such election every voter may vote “for a —mill tax for a free public library,” or against a —mill tax for a free public library,” specifying in such notice the rate of taxation mentioned in said petition; and if the majority of votes cast on such proposition shall be “for the tax for the free public library,” the tax specified in such notice shall be levied and collected in like manner with other general taxes of such incorporated city, and shall be known as the “library fund:” Provided, that such tax shall cease in case the legal voters of any

such incorporated city shall so determine, by a majority vote, at any annual election held therein. (R. S. 1889, § 1779, amended; as amended, Laws 1901, p. 84.)

Sec. 6467. DIRECTORS.—When any incorporated city shall have decided to establish and maintain a public library and reading room under this article, the mayor of such city shall, with the approval of the legislative branch of the municipal government, proceed to appoint a board of nine directors for the same, chosen from the citizens at large, with reference to their fitness for such office; and no member of the municipal government shall be a member of said board. (R. S. 1889, § 1780.)

Sec. 6468. TERM OF OFFICE—REMOVAL.—Said directors shall hold office one-third for one year, one-third for two years and one-third for three years from the first of June following their appointment, and at their first regular meeting shall cast lots for the respective terms; and annually thereafter, the mayor shall, before the first of June each year, appoint, as before, three directors, who shall hold office for three years and until their successors are appointed. The mayor may, by and with the consent of the legislative branch of the municipal government, remove any director for misconduct or neglect of duty. (R. S. 1889, § 1781.)

Sec. 6469. VACANCIES—NO COMPENSATION.—Vacancies in the board of directors, occasioned by removals, resignation or otherwise, shall be reported to the city council, and be filled in like manner as original appointments, and no director shall receive compensation as such, and no person shall be employed by such board of library directors who is

related either by blood or marriage to any director of said board. (R. S. 1889, § 1782; amended Laws 1901, p. 84.)

Sec. 6470. ORGANIZATION—POWERS OF DIRECTORS—FUNDS.—Said directors shall, immediately after appointment, meet and organize by the election of one of their number president, and by the election of such other officers as they may deem necessary. They shall make and adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations for their own guidance, and for the government of the library and reading room, as may be expedient, not inconsistent with this article. They shall have the exclusive control of the expenditure of all moneys collected to the credit of the library fund, and of the construction of any library building, and of the supervision, care and custody of the grounds, rooms or buildings constructed, leased or set apart for that purpose: Provided, that all moneys received for such library shall be deposited in the treasury of said city or village to the credit of the library fund, and shall be kept separate and apart from other moneys of such city or village, and drawn upon by the proper officers of said city or village, upon the properly authenticated vouchers of the library board. Said board shall have power to purchase or lease grounds, to occupy, lease or erect an appropriate building or buildings for the use of the said library; shall have power to appoint a suitable librarian and necessary assistants, and fix their compensation, and shall also have power to remove such appointees; and shall in general carry out the spirit and intent of this article, in establishing and maintaining a public library and reading room. (R. S. 1889, § 1783.)

Sec. 6471. WHO MAY USE LIBRARY.—Every library and reading room established under this article shall be forever free to the use of the inhabitants of the city where located, always subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the library board may adopt in order to render the use of said library and reading-room of the greatest benefit to the greatest number; and said board may exclude from the use of said library and reading-room any and all persons who shall wilfully violate such rules; and said board may extend the privileges and use of such library and reading-room to persons residing outside of such city in this state, upon such terms conditions as said board may, from time to time, by its regulations pretercribe. (R. S. 1889, § 1784.)

Sec. 6472. ANNUAL REPORT, WHAT TO CONTAIN.—The said board of directors shall make, on or before the second Monday in June, an annual report to the city council, stating the condition of their trust on the first day of May of that year, the various sums of money received from the library fund and from other sources, and how much moneys have been expended and for what purposes; the number of books and periodicals on hand, the number added by purchase, gift or otherwise during the year; the number and general character and kind of such books, with such other statistics, information and suggestions as they may deem of general interest. All such portions of said report as relate to the receipt and expenditure of money, as well as the number of books on hand, books lost or missing, and books purchased, shall be verified by affidavit. (R. S. 1889, § 1785.)

Sec. 6473. COUNCIL MAY PROVIDE PENALTIES.—

The city council of said city or village shall have power to pass ordinances imposing suitable penalties for the punishment of persons committing injury upon such library or the grounds or other property thereof, and for injury to or failure to return any book belonging to such library. (R. S. 1889, § 1786.)

Sec. 6474. DONATIONS.—Any person desiring to

make donations of money, personal property or real estate for the benefit of such library, shall have the right to vest the title to the money or real estate so donated in the board of directors created under this article, to be held and controlled by such board, when accepted, according to the terms of the deed, gift, devise or bequest of such property; and as to such property the said board shall be held and considered to be special trustees. (R. S. 1889, § 1797.)

Sec. 6475. PROCEEDINGS IN VILLAGE OR TOWNSHIP.—

When fifty legal voters of any incorporated village or township shall petition the proper authorities, asking that an annual tax may be levied for the establishment and maintenance of a free public library in such village or township, and shall specify in their petition a rate of taxation not to exceed two mills on the dollar, such officers shall, in the next legal notice of the regular annual election in such village or township, give notice that at such election every voter may vote "for a—mill tax for a public library," or "against a—mill tax for a free public library," specifying in such notice the rate of taxation mentioned in said petition; and if the majority of all the votes cast in such village or

township shall be "for the tax for a free public library," the tax specified in such notice shall be levied and collected in like manner with other general taxes of said village or township, and shall be known as the "library fund:" Provided, that such tax shall cease in case the legal voters of any such village or township shall so determine, by a majority vote, at any annual election held therein, and the corporate authorities of such villages or townships may exercise the same powers conferred upon the corporate authorities of cities under this article. (R. S. 1889, § 1788.)

Sec. 6476. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS, ETC.—At the next regular election after any town, village or township shall have voted to establish a free public library, there shall be elected a library board of six directors, one-third for one year, one-third for two years, and one-third for three years; and annually thereafter there shall be elected two directors, who shall hold their office for three years, and until their successors are elected and qualified, which board shall have the same powers as by this article are conferred upon the board of directors of free public libraries in cities. (R. S. 1889, § 1789.)

Sec. 6477. LIBRARY—COUNTY COURT OF CERTAIN COUNTIES MAY CONTRACT WITH OFFICERS OF, ETC., WHEN.—The county court in any county wherein is situated an incorporated city containing a free public library, whenever petitioned by one hundred or more tax-paying citizens of said city, and one hundred or more tax-paying citizens of said county, residing outside of said city, for the use by the citizens of said county, residing outside of said city, of said library, shall have the right to contract