

VANPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Report for September, 1944

When our patrons were informed the first of the month that the immediate future of the Vanport Library was secure, their comments were inspiring. Without exception, everyone expressed jubilation that there would be no interruption or curtailment of library service. We felt as if a tribute had been paid not only to our particular library, but since our patrons come from every State in the Union, to all public libraries throughout the country. If we have ever before wondered how secure a place we held in the community, we know now that we are an integral part of Vanport City.

Our small Branch at East Vanport, although open only two evenings a week, has shown a noticeable increase in circulation during September. About 125 books were borrowed, and Mrs. Sallila, our volunteer assistant, reports that there were many requests for new books and magazines which she was unable to fill. During the next month, we hope to add some of the more popular new titles to the collection. High school students ask for help with their school work frequently, and so we are adding as much reference material as possible. The residents of East Vanport, according to Mrs. Sallila, feel that their little library, in spite of the noise from the gymnasium across the hall, is "such a homey place."

The two additional sections for our desk, which were ordered last Spring, arrived during the month. At first it looked as though we might have to pay Northern School Supply an extra \$25.00 to fit it together, but fortunately the carpenters from Maintenance were able to do it for us. We are very glad at last to have room for our ever expanding files.

Our weekly service to the Vanport Hospital is becoming increasingly popular. This month we circulated 101 books there. Mrs. Gilmore, the assistant librarian who takes the book truck over each week, reports that patients frequently tell her that the books she brings help greatly to cheer their convalescence.

As winter approaches, we are once more becoming uneasy about our heat situation. Last year it was so bad that the extremes of temperature often drove patrons out of the building. We have requested a thermostat but so far none has been installed. We urgently request that something be done about it before the bad weather sets in.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Touhey
Eleanor Touhey, Librarian.

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Circulation Statistics -September, 1944

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| Fiction | 3196 |
| Non-fiction | <u>1146</u> |
| Total | 4342 |