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LIBRARIES OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

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MAP SHOWING SITUATION OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN GEORGIA.
GEORGIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The Georgia Library Association was formed as the result of a call made by Miss Anne Wallace, librarian of the Young Men’s Library of Atlanta, for a meeting of Librarians and those interested in library work, on May 31st, 1897. At this meeting an organization was formed to be known as the Georgia Library Association. Its purpose is to aid the growth of library development in the state, to advance the profession of librarianship in Georgia, and by meetings and co-operation to keep fully in touch with all the library workers of the State, to the benefit of all concerned.

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Miss Anne Wallace, Carnegie Library, Atlanta, Secretary and Treasurer.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, May 16th, 1906, Mrs. Eugene B. Heard, of Middleton, Georgia, was appointed to fill the unexpired term of the lamented president of the Association, Walter B. Hill.

Officers for 1907.
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MEETINGS OF THE GEORGIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

1897—October 28–29, Macon.
1898—October 27–28, Atlanta.
1899—October 27–28, Athens.
1902—November 5–6, Atlanta.
1905—December 8–9, Atlanta.
1907—January 25–26, Atlanta.
GEORGIA LIBRARY LAWS.

Public Libraries, how maintained.

An act to authorize any city in this state to appropriate money for the purpose of maintaining a public library, or assisting in maintaining a public library, said money to be expended by the board of trustees of such public library, elected by the city council of said city, to receive donations in land, money or other property for the purpose of erecting suitable buildings for said public library, and for maintaining the same, and other purposes.

Georgia Laws, 1904, p. 90.

No. 621.

Be it hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same:

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Act, any city in the state may, through its properly constituted municipal authorities, raise by taxation, from year to year, and permanently appropriate money for the purpose of establishing or erecting or maintaining a public library, or assisting in maintaining a public library. Any such sum or sums of money so appropriated shall be expended by and under the direction of the board of trustees of such public library elected by the city council of said city.

Sec. 2. That in any city in which an appropriation shall be made under or by virtue of the authority conferred by this Act, the money so appropriated shall be drawn from the treasury of said city on the warrant of said board of trustees of such public library, elected by the city council of said city, and shall be paid out from time to time in the payment of salaries, purchase of books and for other necessary expenses of said library, and an itemized statement of the amounts so paid out shall be made annually to the mayor of said city, and by him submitted to the properly constituted authorities of said city.

Sec. 3. That said board of trustees of such public library elected by the city council of said city are authorized to accept
and receive donations, either in money, land, or other property, for the purpose of erecting or assisting in the erection of suitable buildings for the use of said public library, for maintaining the same, or for assisting in maintaining the same.

Sec. 4. That said board of trustees of such public library elected by the city council of said city shall exercise a strict and rigid supervision over said public library, and shall pass all necessary rules and regulations for the government and control of the same; shall elect a librarian and, if necessary, an assistant librarian, or designate some officer or officers to perform the duties of librarian or assistant librarian, and shall appoint and discharge the said officer or officers at pleasure.

Sec. 5. That the municipal government of any such city shall have authority to enter into a legal and binding agreement to accept and receive any donation offered by any person or persons on such terms as may be agreed upon between said person or persons and said municipal government, and such agreement so made shall be legal and binding upon said municipal government and its successors, and all agreements by said municipal government of said city to pay any sum or sums of money annually thereafter for the use of said public library shall be binding on the said city during the time mentioned by said agreement and said ordinance.

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted, That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved August 15, 1904.
STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION CREATED.

Georgia Laws, 1897, No. 295, p. 93.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Georgia, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same, That from and after the passage of this Act the Governor shall appoint five persons who shall constitute a State Library Commission and no person shall be eligible who is interested in any publication house or the sale of any book or books, or agent for the same. The members of said commission shall be appointed for a term of three years, and shall annually elect a chairman and secretary.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the commission shall give advice and counsel to all libraries in the State and to all communities which may propose to establish them, as to the best means of establishing and administering such libraries, the selection of books, cataloguing and other details of library management. The commission may also send its members to aid in organizing new libraries or improving those already established. The commission shall make biennial reports to the Governor.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That no member of this commission nor the secretary shall receive any compensation for services or traveling expenses as a member of this commission, nor shall the state pay any expenses whatever that may be incurred in any way by this commission.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act be, and the same are, hereby repealed.

Approved December 16, 1897.
GEORGIA LIBRARY COMMISSION.

The first Georgia Library Commission was appointed by Gov. W. Y. Atkinson on July 26th, 1897, and consisted of the following members:

Miss Anne Wallace, Young Men's Library Association, Atlanta, Secretary.
Miss Nora L. Barbrey, Public Library, Macon.
Mrs. Eugene Heard, Middleton.
Mr. Alec. C. King, Atlanta.
Mr. Henry Peeples, Atlanta.

In June, 1906, Governor Terrell appointed the following Commission:

Miss Anne Wallace, Carnegie Library, Atlanta, Chairman.
Mrs. J. K. Ottley, Atlanta, Secretary.
Professor Carleton B. Gibson, Columbus.
Hon. Bridges Smith, Macon.

At a meeting of the Commission on June 13, 1906, Mrs. Percival Sneed, Atlanta, was elected organizer.

In December, 1906, Governor Terrell reappointed the above Commission to serve for three years.
SUMMARY OF LIBRARIES IN GEORGIA.

Albany, Dougherty County.

Carnegie Free Library.—Established in 1906; building erected by Andrew Carnegie gift of $10,000; annual income from the city, $1,070; volumes, 2,000; librarian, Mrs. Emma Menko. Through the instrumentality of Mr. A. J. Lippitt, former mayor of Albany, Mr. Carnegie made the donation for the library building. The Library Association, a small subscription library, gave its collection of 1,100 volumes to serve as a nucleus for the present library.

Americus, Sumter County.

Americus Library Association Library.—This is a subscription library which was established in 1878, and occupies its own building. Volumes, approximately, 3,000; librarian, Myra Westhook.

Athens, Clarke County.

Lucy Cobb Library.—Established in 1858 for the use of the students of Lucy Cobb Institute. It consists of 900 volumes which are kept in the reading room of the Institute. Librarian, Basiline Prince.

University of Georgia Library.—Established about 1802; present building erected by George Foster Peabody gift of $50,000; volumes, 5,000; librarian, Duncan Burnet.

A collection of books has existed since the founding of the University. The first considerable amount spent on the library was the gift of $1,000, in 1810, from John Marx, a wealthy planter of Madison County. Library quarters were established in New College when that was built and practically the entire collection was destroyed with the burning of this building in 1820. For the next few years a room in Philosophical Hall was used as a library until the old Ivy building was erected in 1829 as a library and museum. In 1860 the books were moved to the second floor of the north wing of the present Academic building, where they remained until removed to the new library building in 1905.
The library is now being classified by the Decimal system, and work is progressing on both a dictionary and classed catalogue. Departmental catalogues of recent books have also been begun. The library has valuable files of old Georgia newspapers, and a nearly complete set of Government Documents. It expects to issue in the near future a check list of bound journals and proceedings of societies, of which it has probably the largest collection in the South.

Atlanta, Fulton County.

Atlanta Medical Association Library.—This library, which is the property of the Atlanta Medical Association, is housed in the Carnegie Library of Atlanta. It consists of 1,500 medical works. The Association subscribes to 47 medical periodicals which are on file at the Carnegie Library.

Carnegie Library of Atlanta.—Established in 1902; building erected by Andrew Carnegie gift of $125,000 with an additional gift of $20,000 for furniture and stack; volumes, 40,000; periodicals on file, 163; annual income from the city, $17,000; librarian, Anne Wallace.

The Carnegie Library of Atlanta is an outgrowth of the Young Men’s Library Association which was organized in 1867. This was a subscription library which rendered splendid service to the community. By the efforts of its members and directors it had by 1899 accumulated property to the amount of $75,000. Realizing that the day of the subscription library was over, and desiring to make it absolutely free, the directors through Mr. Walter M. Kelley succeeded in interesting Mr. Carnegie, and he offered to give the city $100,000, for a library building, afterwards increasing the amount to $145,000.

The Young Men’s Library Association purchased at a cost of $35,000, the lot on which the library stands, and donated it for the purpose. In addition it gave its entire collection of books, pamphlets and pictures to the new institution.

The new library was opened on May 29th, 1902. It is classified by the Decimal system and has a dictionary card catalogue.

Southern Library School, Carnegie Library of Atlanta.—The Southern Library School was established April 5th, 1905,
by Mr. Andrew Carnegie as a part of the work of the Carnegie Library of Atlanta. Mr. Carnegie agreed to give $4,000 a year, for a term of three years, to maintain the school, and if the work proves a success he has intimated his intention of caring for it permanently.

The School occupies ample quarters in the library, and its equipment is the best that thought and money can devise. The course of study of technical subjects is similar to that offered by other library training schools. The Carnegie Library of Atlanta is used as a laboratory for the practical work of the school, and the students have thus the use of a free circulating library in addition to a fine reference collection.

Carnegie Library of Atlanta, Branches.—In November, 1906, Mr. Carnegie donated $30,000 to the city of Atlanta to be used in erecting buildings for two branch libraries. It is expected that these two libraries will be completed during the year 1907.

Carnegie Library, Georgia School of Technology.—Volumes, 3,500; librarian, Laura Hammond.

This library was established about 1902, by the efforts of Dr. K. G. Matheson who was at that time occupying the chair of English. In 1906, Mr. Carnegie donated $20,000 for a library building on the campus, and the cornerstone of this building was laid in November, 1906. On the completion of the library it will receive an annual income of $2,000 from the State.

Mallon Library, Girls High School.—Established in 1879; volumes, 6,935; income, $400 a year from the city for the payment of the librarian’s salary, and 50 cents a year book fee from the students for the use of the library.

The Mallon Library had its beginning in a small collection of books which Mr. Bernard Mallon, first superintendent of the Atlanta Public Schools, willed to the Girls High School. The books came into the possession of the school, at the death of Mr. Mallon in 1879, and since that time the collection has been augmented by gifts and the proceeds of entertainments given to realize money for the purchase of books.
State Library.—Established in 1837; volumes, approximately, 50,000; 2,000 of which form the historical and Georgia collections; librarian, C. J. Wellborn; assistant librarian, Mrs. Maud Barker Cobb.

The State Library was established by legislative enactment in 1837; prior to this time the nucleus of the present collection was housed in the Supreme Court room, and was presided over by the clerk of the Supreme Court.

Augusta, Richmond County.

Young Men’s Library Association Library.—This library was established in 1848 and was a subscription library. It was closed during 1906 and the city has now under consideration the advisability of trying to secure a donation from Mr. Carnegie for a free public library.

Brunswick, Glynn County.

Brunswick Library.—Established in 1899; supported by subscription; located in one large room of the City Hall; volumes, 2,000; librarian, Florence Colesberry.

Cartersville, Bartow County.

Mary Munford Memorial Library.—Established in 1903; supported by Mrs. L. S. Munford; volumes, 300; librarian, Mrs. L. Attaway.

The Mary Munford Library is located in the building of the Cherokee Club of Cartersville. It is a free public library founded by Mrs. L. S. Munford in memory of her daughter, Mary Munford, who died just as the club was completing its building in 1903. Miss Munford had been a member of the library committee of the Cherokee Club and on her death it was resolved to call the library by her name.

Mrs. Munford at once assumed the indebtedness on the building, and furnished the first floor as a library and reading room. She has since that time employed a regular librarian, has purchased the books and defrayed all the expenses of the library.

Cave Spring, Floyd County.

Georgia School for the Deaf Library.—About 1,200 volumes which are housed in the school.
College Park, Fulton County.

Library of Cox College.—Occupies a room in the college building; income derived from students’ fees; volumes, 5,000; librarian, Blanche Hooten.

Columbus, Muscogee County.

Carnegie Library.—The building is in course of construction and is being erected by a gift of $30,000 from Mr. Andrew Carnegie; annual income from the city to be $3,000.

The library is an outgrowth of the Public Library of Columbus, which was supported by the Columbus Library Association. In 1904 Mrs. Nina Holstead, then librarian of the Public Library, took up the matter of a Carnegie Library, and with the help of the city authorities succeeded in obtaining a donation of $25,000 from Mr. Carnegie for a library building. This donation was finally increased to $30,000.

The library is to occupy Mott’s Green, a beautiful little park of about two acres situated on the bank of the Chattahoochee and within three blocks of the geographical centre of the city.

Cordele, Doolely County.

Carnegie Free Library.—Established in 1904; building erected by Andrew Carnegie gift of $10,000; annual income from the city $1,000; volumes, 1,500; librarian, Marie Montfort.

The gift of the library building was secured by the efforts of Col. W. H. Dorris, a citizen of Cordele.

Dahlonega, Lumpkin County.

North Georgia Agricultural College Library.—Established in 1899; volumes, 4,500; librarian, Anna Worley.

Until 1899 the library of the North Georgia Agricultural College consisted principally of a collection of United States Government Documents, of which it is a designated repository, with the addition of a few volumes presented by friends of the institution.

In 1899 the library was moved to its present quarters in Bostwick Hall, and the trustees made provision for a semi-annual
appropriation of students' fees, to be used in the purchase of books. Since 1900 the periodicals which were most valuable have been bound and added to the reference collection. In 1901 a regular librarian was appointed, and in 1903 the libraries of the two literary societies were bought and consolidated with the college library.

A complete card catalogue has been made of all volumes, except the Government documents, which have a separate arrangement.

**Darien, McIntosh County.**

Darien Free Reading Room.—Volumes, 300; librarian, Mrs. Richard W. Grubb. The Reading room also subscribes to four periodicals.

**Decatur, DeKalb County.**

Agnes Scott College Library.—Volumes, 3,000; librarian, Marion Bucher. This library was reorganized, classified and catalogued in 1906. It is at present located in one of the College buildings, but has an offer of $25,000 from Mr. Carnegie to aid in building a separate library, provided that the College raise an equal amount.

**Dublin, Laurens County.**

Carnegie Library.—Established in 1904; building erected by Andrew Carnegie gift of $10,000; annual income from city $1,000; volumes, 2,000, librarian, L. Hightower.

The library opened with 500 volumes and has increased the number to 2,000 in two years.

**Gainesville, Hall County.**

Brenau College Library.—Established in 1903; volumes, 4,000; librarian, Alice Murfee. The library is located in the College building.

**Macon, Bibb County.**

Macon Public Library.—Established in 1874; annual income, $420 from the city, and $420 from the county; volumes, approximately, 13,500; librarian, W. A. Huff.

The library is not catalogued, and its valuable newspaper files are not accessible to the public.
Mercer University Library.—Founded in 1838; volumes, 18,000; librarian, Sallie Boone.

This library began its existence with the founding of the University. In the early days the books were chiefly theological in character, in keeping with the scope of the University as first established. Of late years the library has been broadened and enlarged to meet the growing demands upon it, and has been strengthened in many ways.

The movement towards these ends was successfully set in motion by Dr. P. D. Pollock. With its well-selected collection of 18,000 volumes it now forms an excellent working library. It has been classified by the Decimal system and has a card catalogue.

Price Free Library.—Established in 1900; building erected by the gift of Hon. S. B. Price and Mr. T. J. Carling; annual income from city, $420; from county, $420; volumes, 5,332; librarian, Minnie F. Rice.

The Price Free Library was founded by the Hon. S. B. Price, late mayor of Macon. Being earnestly impressed with the educational needs of the poor of all ages, he determined to try and open to them the world of books. He was earnestly and ably supported in his efforts by the Hon. Bridges Smith, present mayor of Macon, who bent all his energies in collecting books. A very unique collection poured in, in response to the request for gifts of books for a library intended for the poor only.

This collection was the nucleus of the present library. The doors were opened in April, 1900, and the first free library in Macon became instantly popular and almost as instantly outgrew the most sanguine hopes of its founder. It has become a blessing to rich and poor alike, and to both a constant friend and helper.

Wesleyan College Library.—Established in 1838; volumes, 5,000.

Marietta, Cobb County.

Clarke Library Association.—Established in 1893; volumes, 5,000; librarian, Eva Clarke.
This is a subscription library, owning a lot in the most desirable part of Marietta, on which has been erected a building suitable for library purposes.

Milledgeville, Baldwin County.

Georgia Normal and Industrial School Library.—Volumes, 3,000; librarian, Katherine Greer.

State Sanitarium Library.—Established in 1887; volumes, 5,000; librarian, J. W. Maddox.

Montezuma, Macon County.

Montezuma has accepted a gift of $10,000 from Mr. Andrew Carnegie for a library building, and the cornerstone was laid on February 6th, 1907. The annual income from the city is to be $1,000.

Moultrie, Colquitt County.

Moultrie has accepted a $10,000 donation from Mr. Carnegie for a library building, and the city has appropriated $1,200 annually for its support. A site has been donated and the work on the building will probably begin in April, 1907.

Newnan, Coweta County.

Carnegie Library.—Established in 1904; building erected by Andrew Carnegie gift of $10,000, and $10,000 from the Auditorium corporation; annual income from the city, $1,000; volumes, 4,400; 3,000 being Government Documents; librarian, Mrs. D. B. Woodroof.

Oxford, Newton County.

Emory College Library.—Established about 1836; cost of building $25,000; income derived from students fees; volumes, 31,000; librarian Professor H. H. Stone.

The collecting of books for a College Library began soon after the establishment of the College in 1836. By the time of the Civil War a considerable number of volumes had been secured. During the war the College buildings were used as hospitals, the battles around Atlanta filling them to overflowing with wounded soldiers. The library was used freely by conva-
lescents and others, and as a result a large part of the most valuable books were lost.

From this time until the beginning of the administration of Dr. Warren A. Candler very little interest was taken in the library. At the close of Dr. Candler's first year there were 6,000 books in the library, and it has increased steadily since that time.

The literary societies, Few and Phi Gamma, had well-selected libraries of from 2,000 to 2,500 volumes, and these were turned over to the College Library a few years ago. The library has also acquired by purchase and by gift, the collections of Dr. W. P. Harrison, Dr. Thomas O. Summers and Dr. E. H. Myers.

The books are classified by the Decimal system.

**Pelham, Mitchell County.**

Pelham has accepted a donation of $10,000 from Mr. Andrew Carnegie for a library building. Mr. J. L. Hand has donated a site for the library and the city is to appropriate $1,000 annually for its support.

**Rome, Floyd County.**

Shorter College Library.—Established in 1898; volumes, 5,000; librarian, Linnie Page Hargrove.

This library was established by the efforts of Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Simmons after the election of the former to the presidency of Shorter College in 1898. Dr. and Mrs. Simmons gave 3,000 volumes from their own library and secured many donations from different people who were interested in the work. The societies of the College also donated their small collections of books. Since its founding the library has grown steadily and has become a feature in the College work.

**Savannah, Chatham County.**

Public Library.—Established in 1903; building owned by the Georgia Historical Society, the gift of Mrs. Margaret Telfair Hodgson; cost of building, $50,000; annual income from the city $4,200; other sources of income, $500 yearly from the Georgia Historical Society; volumes, 29,585; librarian, William Harden.

On the 6th of January, 1809, the Savannah Library Society was organized and it flourished for many years; but about 1830
"the society languished and in 1837 it nearly collapsed." In 1847 it united with the Georgia Historical Society which was founded in 1839.

In 1903, by an agreement between the mayor and aldermen of the city of Savannah and the Georgia Historical Society, the Savannah Public Library was established. The volumes owned by the former at that time numbered 25,000, and the collection has since grown to 29,585.

**Sparta, Hancock County.**

Sparta has received an offer of $5,000 for a library building from Mr. Carnegie, and the prospects seem most favorable for its acceptance.

**Tifton, Berrien County.**

Twentieth Century Club Library.—Established in 1905; volumes, 600; librarian, Bessie Morris.

The library occupies two rooms and subscribes to 20 periodicals.

**Washington, Wilkes County.**

Mary Willis Free Library.—Established in 1889; building erected by Dr. F. T. Willis gift of $20,000; income derived from endowment of $17,000 by Dr. Willis; volumes, 5,411; librarian, Mrs. James Turner.

The Mary Willis Library was the first free public library in the state of Georgia. It was erected and endowed by Dr. Francis T. Willis, a native of Washington, but for many years a resident of Richmond, Virginia. Mary Willis, for whom the library is named, was his only daughter, who married in 1864 Lieutenant Pembroke Jones of the Confederate Navy.

The splendidly chosen collection of books in this library, and its beautiful atmosphere have made it a central point in the community life. The library has many rare books on Georgia history, the minutes of the Wilkes county commissioners, beginning in 1784, and a file of the Washington News of 1816.

**Young Harris, Towns County.**

Young L. G. Harris College Library.—1,000 volumes; located in the College building.
LIBRARIES FOR NEGROES.

Atlanta, Fulton County.

Atlanta Baptist College Library.—Volumes, 3,000, which are now being catalogued; income derived from gifts; librarian, B. G. Brawley.

Atlanta University Library.—Established 1870-71; present building erected in 1906 by Andrew Carnegie gift of $25,000; volumes, 13,000; classified by Decimal system and catalogued; librarian, Mary E. Lane.

The foundation of this library was a gift of 300 volumes in 1870, from the Rev. Giles Pease of Boston. In 1873 Mr. R. R. Graves of Morrisania, N. J., gave $5,000 as a permanent endowment and $1,000 for immediate use. The library was known as the Graves library until 1907 when it was considered advisable to call it the Atlanta University Library. Enough of the income of the $5,000 has been saved to increase the principal of the fund to $6,000, and the income of this constitutes the book fund. The other expenses of the library are not derived from this income.

Clarke University Library.—Volumes, 2,500; occupies room in main building; librarian, Lawyer Taylor.

Gammon Theological Seminary Library.—Established in 1888; occupies its own building; volumes, 1,200; supported by endowment; librarian, Charles H. Haines.

Morris Brown College Library.—Reports a number of books but no available statistics.

Savannah, Chatham County.

Free Public Library for Negroes.—Opened in 1906; annual income from city, $360; from voluntary subscribers, $200; volumes, 1,200; librarian, Charles McDowell.
SUMMARY OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN GEORGIA.

In April, 1907, there are eight free public libraries in the state of Georgia occupying their own buildings. These are the Carnegie Library of Albany, the Carnegie Library of Atlanta, Carnegie Library of Cordele, Carnegie Library of Dublin, Price Free Library of Macon, Carnegie Library of Newnan, Savannah Public Library, Mary Willis Library of Washington. The Mary Munford Memorial Library of Cartersville is a free public library, occupying rooms in the building of the Cherokee Club.

At the same date there are actually in course of construction three free public libraries, Columbus, Montezuma and Pelham. Moultrie expects to build in a short time, having accepted a Carnegie gift, and Sparta can very possibly be added to the list in a few weeks.

Andrew Carnegie Gifts for Free Public Libraries in Georgia.

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Traveling Libraries.

The Georgia Library Commission having no appropriation has not been able to institute a state system of traveling libraries. There are in the state however, several traveling libraries operated by different organizations. Mrs. Eugene Heard of Middle-
ton, Georgia, has most successfully carried on an extensive work of the kind for the past several years. The libraries which she controls number approximately 10,000 volumes. The free circulation of this splendid collection of books is made possible by the efforts and aid of Mrs. Heard herself, combined with the earnest co-operation of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, along whose system the libraries are used, thus extending into the Carolinas and Virginia.

The board of education of Newton County has a very complete system of traveling libraries for the use of the schools in the county, and the results of the work have been most satisfactory.

The Atlanta Woman's Club has a number of traveling libraries which are sent free of charge to schools and communities in the state which may desire them.