Assessed valuation...... $30,754,920
Total population....... 87,667
White population...... 49,550

In 1930 the Columbia Library Association, which originated in 1896 and which received its first city appropriation in 1924, was able to begin a county library demonstration with the aid of the Rosenwald Fund, larger quarters and a bookmobile made possible in the city and in the county.

From 1930 to 1934 the library was supported by an appropriation and the Rosenwald Fund but in 1934 legislation was passed to create and establish the Richland County Library and to provide an annual levy of one mill on each dollar of taxable property in the county.

Library Statistics

Bookstock............ 73,071
Borrowers............ 22,159
Circulation........... 623,846
Tax: 1 mill secured in 1934

Librarian

Mrs. Hagood Bostick