

Iowa  
Library  
Commission  
Its  
Purpose  
And  
Activities

# Iowa Library Commission

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## MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS

**Johnson Brigham**, State Librarian, Chairman.

**John G. Bowman**, President of the State University.

**A. M. Deyoe**, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

## MEMBERS APPOINTED

Mrs. H. M. Towner - - - - Corning

Mrs. H. J. Howe - - - Marshalltown

Mrs. A. J. Barkley - - - - Boone

W. R. Orchard - - - - Council Bluffs

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Miss Julia A. Robinson, Secretary and Director of Library Extension.

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## OFFICE

State Historical Building, Des Moines, Ia.

## IOWA LIBRARY COMMISSION

The Iowa Library Commission was created by an act of the Twenty-eighth General Assembly, March 20, 1900. The Commission consists of seven members, three being ex-officio, and four appointed by the Governor. These serve without compensation and employ a Secretary not of their number to attend to the activities of the Commission work. Its purpose is to promote the establishment and efficiency of public libraries in Iowa, and to encourage the circulation and reading of good books.

### ACTIVITIES

#### Extension and Supervision

The Library Commission co-operates with local communities in establishing and developing public libraries; aids in book selection, building plans, etc. Organizes libraries according to modern methods and gives advice and instruction to trustees and librarians by personal visits and correspondence.

#### Library Statistics

Collects and publishes statistics of libraries in the state for guidance and information of trustees and for inclusion in the Official Register. Furnishes report blanks for library statistics and records in local libraries.

## **Traveling Library**

Maintains a system of Traveling Libraries, loaning books for reading and study throughout the State.

(a) In **Fixed Groups** of fifty volumes for general reading by adults and children; (b) In **Selected Groups** to meet specific needs of study clubs, debating societies, and farmers' organizations.

## **Books for the Blind**

Provides a collection of books in N. Y. Point for blind readers in connection with the Traveling Library.

## **Picture Collections**

Loans pictures in connection with art books, and for exhibit purposes.

## **Study Club Programs**

Loans outlines and syllabi to clubs to aid in preparing programs.

## **Periodical Exchange**

Collects and distributes standard magazines free, to aid small libraries in providing a reference collection.

## **Publications**

Issues the Iowa Library Quarterly, devoted to library progress and news of the state; also selected lists, leaflets and aids of various kinds.

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If you want books for reading or study, or help for your library, write to the **IOWA LIBRARY COMMISSION**, State Historical Bldg., Des Moines, Iowa.