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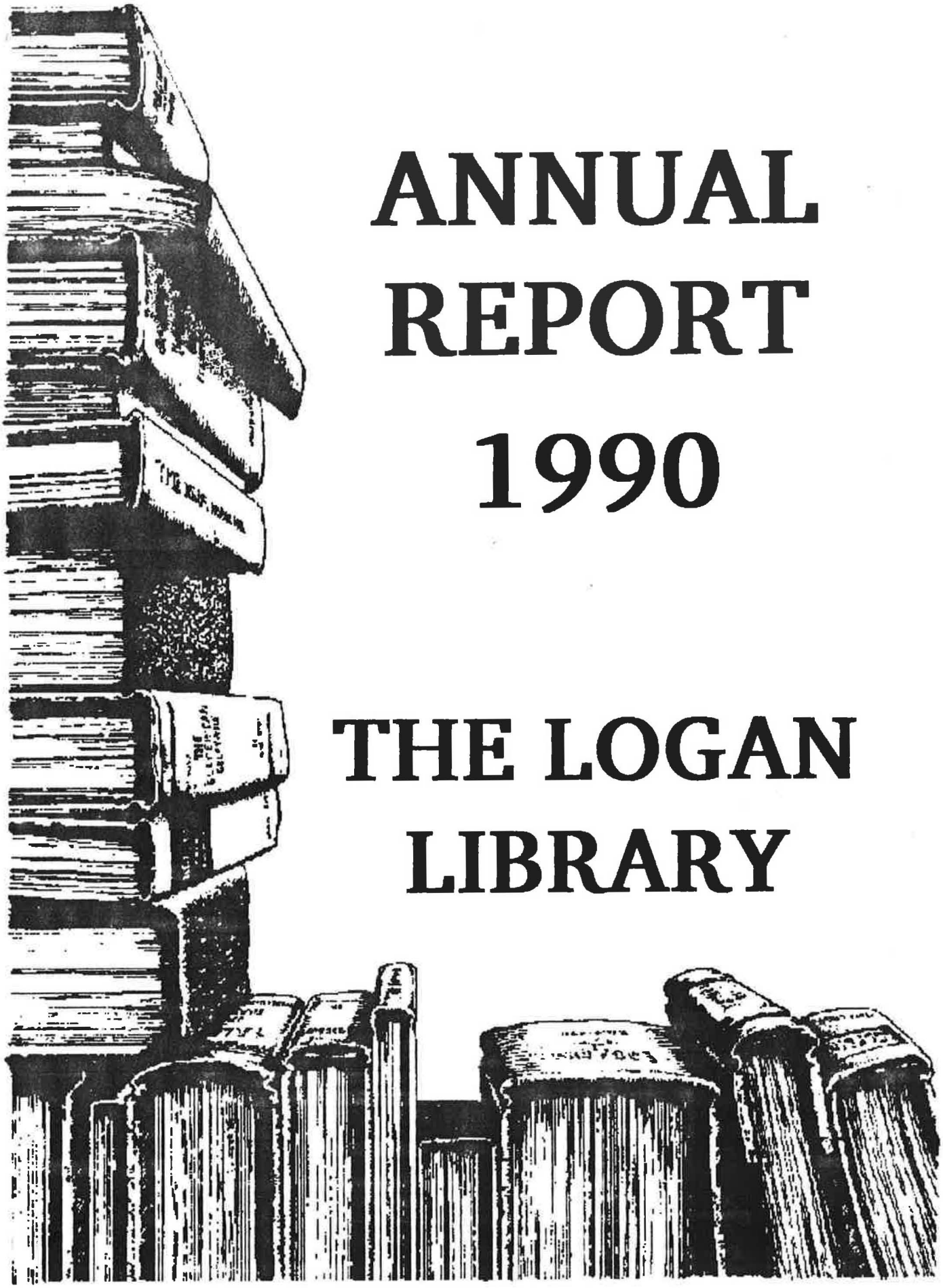

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INTRODUCTION:

The Logan Library continues to provide a very active but impartial role for the City of Logan as it extends its services and resources to the local community. The activity of the Library is indicated by the usage rate as it continues to climb. The impartiality is reflected in the fact that any citizen of Logan, or non-citizen, may enter and use the Library and search for material on virtually any topic of interest.

Usage indicators for 1990 show that the number of books checked out climbed by 12.6% or 40,960 volumes over the previous year. These indicators also show that the average number of people entering the library increased by 6% for an average of 641 people per day, and the average number of books checked out per day was 1,213.9.

A closer examination of all indicators reflects a continuing change in the usage patterns of those visiting the library. This trend, which has been occurring over the last few years, and was strongly indicated again during 1990, shows an increasing need for, and usage of, non-fiction type materials by the public. Circulation of non-fiction materials increased by 17.5%. In-house usage of the Reference collection also reflected this strong non-fiction trend. The number of questions asked by the

public at the Reference desk during 1990 increased by 7.9%. It should also be noted that the questions being asked are not only increasing in number, but in complexity.

This overall increase in non-fiction materials does not mean that there is a decrease in the usage of the fiction collections. The fiction collections are a mainstay of the total collection. What the trend seems to indicate is that the public is using the fiction collections as much, and in some cases more than before, but there has been and continues to be significant increases in the usage of the non-fiction collection. This usage pattern goes way beyond any previous history of usage of these types of materials in this library.

During 1990 two issues continued to be of significance to both users and non-users of the library. The first issue deals with the usage of the library by the "student public". The second issue deals with the usage of the library by non-Logan City residents.

Providing resources to the student population (Grades K-12) continues to be a challenging area. While the Library does recognize that these students are a part of the "public", the Library also realizes that this portion of the public places almost excessive demands on the Library's resources and capabilities. The need for information by the students is valid and is not disputed. But when the requirements of the school systems on the students exceed the available resources within the school

systems and the local libraries, a disservice is being done to the "student public". Simply put, this means that students are being required to find resources and information for their course work that is either not available, or is only available in limited quantities, or is out-dated. All of these restrictions inhibit the learning process for the students. Neither the Logan Library or the City of Logan can resolve this problem alone. It will require the participation and cooperation and resources of both school districts, all local libraries, and other government agencies.

Public library service within Cache County continues to be a two-fold problem. First, though the Logan Library offers service to non-city residents for an annual service fee of $25 per library card, this annual fee does not even come close to covering the actual costs of providing this service to these non-residents. Each non-Logan City resident card issued during 1990 cost the City more than fifty dollars per card. Second, there are still 25,494 individuals residing in Cache County that do not have direct access to a fixed-site public library of any kind. Because of the disparity of library service that exists in Cache County, the Logan Library and the City of Logan continue to receive a great deal of unfounded, but negative publicity. When it comes to an individual or a family wanting to use a public library they care very little about jurisdictional boundaries or

laws. They only want to use what appears to them to be readily available. The Logan Library Board and the City of Logan should continue to promote and encourage an equitable solution to the disparity of public library service that exists within Cache County.

We are in the "age of information". The public library will continue to play an important and critical role during this age. It is necessary for all citizens to have access to the informational, educational, and recreational resources that exist so that they will be able to survive and to thrive in the coming years. The Logan Library has established a firm foundation on which to build and provide the informational, educational, and recreational materials that our community will need. During 1991, and in each succeeding year, the Library will be striving to identify, locate, and provide those materials, capabilities, and resources that will be needed for all citizens to achieve their goals.

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LIBRARY USAGE INDICATORS:

1. Collection Analysis
2. Average Circulation per volume Analysis
3. Patron Analysis
4. Circulation by Patron Category Analysis
5. Holds Function Analysis
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7. Reference Transactions

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LIBRARY USAGE INDICATORS

STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN

1. Library Sponsored Programs: 133

   Attendance 5,760

   BREAKDOWN:

	Times Held	Attendance
Special Storytimes	18	421
Tales for Tots	90	2,487
Summer Storytime	25	2,852

   OTHER PROGRAMS:
   (Not included in attendance figures)

   Summer Reading Program 1,008

2. Scheduled Public Meetings: 696

   Attendance Unknown

3. Items Circulated: 365,384

   Circulation for previous years:

1986	294,467
1987	271,219
1988	308,979
1989	324,424
1990	365,384

   Per cent of change from previous year: 12.6%

4. Interlibrary Loan Requests Processed: 4,030

Patron requests from our patrons: 1,272

Patron requests unfilled: 168

Requests from other libraries: 2,758

Requests filled for other libraries: 1,323

Per cent of increase over previous year: 15.5%

5. Population served: 32,762 (1990 Census)

BREAKDOWN OF REGISTERED CARD HOLDERS:

Logan City Residents: 17,288

Non-Logan City Residents: 1,204

Out-Of-County Residents: 73

Total Number of library cards issued: 18,565

6. Volunteer Hours: 525.75

7. Patron Exit Count: 192,838

Per cent of increase over previous year: 6%

RESOURCES:

1. Catalogued items: 82,875

2. Serials: 190

Purchased Current Subscriptions: 142

Donated Current Subscriptions: 48

3. Newspapers: 10

ACQUISITIONS 1990:

1. New Items Purchased: 6,832

2. Donated Items: 710

3. TOTAL: 7,542

Per cent of change from previous year: (-13%)

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COLLECTION ANALYSIS

BREAKDOWN BY COLLECTION CATEGORY:

THREE YEAR COMPARISON:

	1988	1989	1990
Archives	—	534	566
Art Print	32	31	31
Biography	2,637	2,873	3,064
Board Books	673	842	805
BSA Booklets	260	260	260
Christmas	805	904	998
Easy Read(Graded Readers)	1,629	1,605	1,547
Easy (Picture Books)	6,672	6,850	7,229
Equipment--audio visual	21	21	21
Fiction	7,912	8,336	7,415
Fiction Mystery	2,322	2,559	2,599
Fantasy Science Fiction	3,491	3,687	3,686
Fiction Western	895	959	900
Juvenile Biography	976	1,056	1,122
Juvenile Fiction	6,457	6,777	6,772
Juvenile Nonfiction	1,631	1,743	1,914
Juvenile Story Collection	293	303	326
Large Print	309	321	359

LDS Collection	1,975	2,081	2,173
Nonfiction	29,937	31,943	33,532
PB-A	420	378	432
Reference	2,089	2,244	2,326
Serials (Bound)	569	595	631
Story Collection	413	731	654
Young Adult	3,215	3,256	3,522

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AVERAGE CIRCULATION PER VOLUME ANALYSIS:

Collection Category	Volumes in Collection	Circulation 1990	Ave. Circ. per Volume
Art Prints	31	252	8.12
Biography	3,064	5,954	1.94
Board Books	805	11,143	12.84
BSA Booklets	260	1,011	3.88
Christmas	998	3,502	3.50
Easy Read (Graded Readers)	1,547	19,862	12.83
Easy (Picture Books)	7,229	67,058	9.27
Equipment	21	81	3.85
Fiction	7,415	35,832	4.83
Fiction Mystery	2,599	13,094	5.03
Fantasy Science Fiction	3,686	14,028	3.80
Fiction Western	900	4,081	4.53
Juvenile Biography	1,122	2,456	2,18
Juvenile Fiction	6,772	34,368	5.07
Juvenile Nonfiction	1,914	10,540	5.50
Juvenile Story Collection	326	2,010	6.16
Large Print	359	1,562	4.35
M200's	2,173	13,513	6.21

Total 41221

Nonfiction	33,532	104,648	3.12
PB-Adult	423	5,117	12.09
Serials (Bound)	631	545	.86
Story Collection	654	1,545	2.36
Young Adult	3,522	13,177	3.74
TOTALS:	79,983	365,384	4.56

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PATRON ANALYSIS

BREAKDOWN BY PATRON CATEGORY:

	1988	1989	1990
Amalga	2	4	4
Clarkston	1	3	3
Cornish	2	2	2
Hyde Park	66	79	99
Hyrum	60	73	82
Lewiston	7	7	8
Logan	12,459	14,730	17,288
Mendon	40	47	54
Millville	34	42	54
Newton	8	8	12
Nibley	34	41	49
North Logan	170	240	288
Out Of County	45	59	73
Paradise	16	18	22
Providence	120	141	163
Richmond	20	24	28
River Heights	70	81	104
Smithfield	55	77	95
Trenton	2	3	4
Unincorporated	34	46	61
Wellsville	47	51	72

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CIRCULATION BY PATRON CATEGORY ANALYSIS:

Patron Category	Card Holders 12-31-90	Circulation 12-31-90	Ave. Circ. per card
Amalga	4	21	5.25
Clarkston	3	164	54.66
Cornish	2	0	0
Hyde Park	99	7,533	76.09
Hyrum	82	2,947	35.93
Lewiston	8	675	84.37
Logan	17,288	289,530	16.747
Mendon	54	5,132	95.03
Millville	54	2,942	54.48
Newton	12	567	47.25
Nibley	49	2,488	50.77
North Logan	288	15,635	54.28
Out Of County	73	2,670	36.54
Paradise	22	1,863	56.22
Providence	163	12,695	77.88
Richmond	28	2,884	103.0
River Heights	104	4,496	46.51
Smithfield	95	5,936	62.48

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Trenton	4	42	10.5
Unincorporated	61	2,167	35.52
Wellsville	72	5,342	74.19
TOTALS:	18,565	365,384	19.681

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HOLDS ANALYSIS:

Requested	Filled	Canceled	Waiting
12,339	9,810	803	1,726

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FINE ACTIVITY 1990

Fines:		Misc.:	
Number	Amount	Number	Amount
42,902	$13,329.01	582	$3,989.33
31 cents average per transaction		$6.85 average per transaction	

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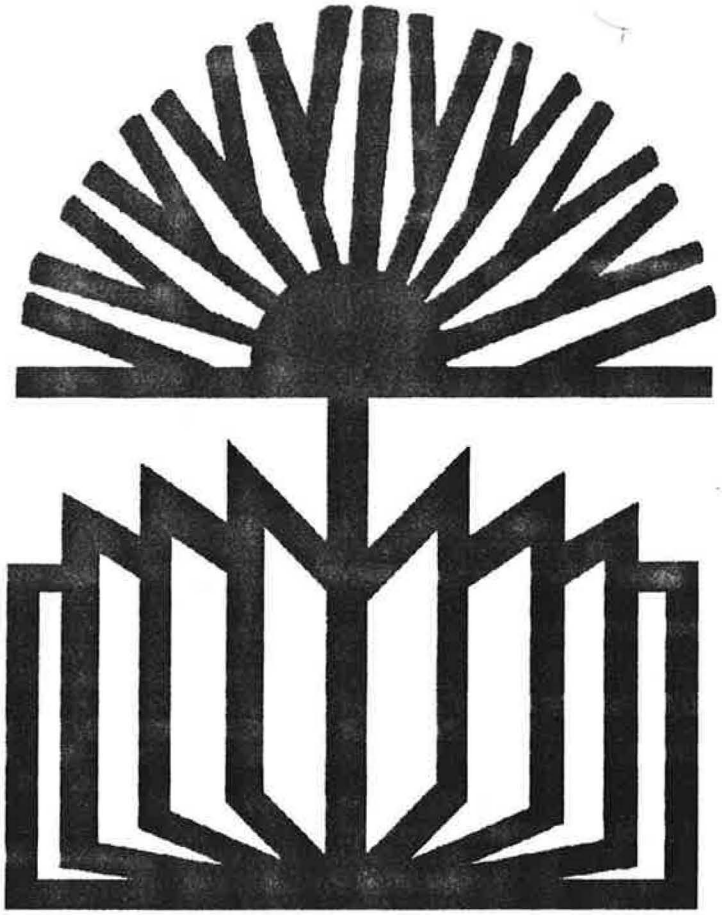
REFERENCE TRANSACTIONS 1990

In-house	12,929
Telephone	1,990
Directional	6,697
TOTAL:	21,616

Per cent of increase over previous year: 7.9%



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