

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY LIBRARIES

NUMBER OF BOOKS ISSUED TO READERS AT BRANCHES DURING HALF-YEAR
ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1958.
(Figures for 1957 period in brackets)

ABBEEKNOCKMOY	3795	(1742)
ATHENRY	4697	(2936)
AHASCRAUGH	2155	(1989)
BALLINASLOE	16329	(8430)
BALLYGAR	5516	(3448)
CARRAROE	5641	(3144)
CARNA	1449	(447)
CLIFDEN	4874	(4113)
CREGGS	2844	(2404)
CRAUGH VELL	1936	(1416)
DUNMORE	4546	(2824)
GLENAMADDY	1544	(982)
GORT	8707	(6262)
HEADFORD	2647	(1632)
KILCONNELL	2322	(2191)
KILLIMOR	1625	(1018)
KILRONAN	1361	(325)
KINVARA	10521	(4228)
LOUGHREA	10008	(6463)
MOYLOUGH	2628	(2347)
OUGHTERARD	3906	(2739)
PORTUMNA	6780	(4753)
ROUNDTONE	2112	(609)
SPIDDAL	3275	(1875)
TUAM	10487	(6459)
WOODFORD	4776	(4600)
GALWAY CITY	<u>71975</u>	<u>(53885)</u>
TOTAL:-	198456	137161

Increase over same period 1957/58 = 61,295 = 44.6%

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FIGURES FOR HALF-YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1958.
(Figures for 1957 in brackets)

Number of books sent to Branches & Centres		14340	(14238)
Number of books returned from " & "		10050	(10,380)
Number of books sent to Bindery		1577	(5046)
Number of books returned from Bindery		4135	(4305)
Number of books purchased	F	2358	(3718)
	J	2506	(2872)
	NF	<u>1743</u>	<u>(1450)</u>
		6607	(8040)
Number of books withdrawn from stock	F	761	(2619)
	J	503	(1057)
	NF	<u>71</u>	<u>(681)</u>
		1335	(4357)

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Minutes of meeting of County Libraries Committee held on Friday,
31st October, 1958.

PRESENT: Thomas Clarke Esq.; Clr. Dowd; Deputy Geoghegan;
Clr. Glynn; R. Joyce Esq.; Clr. King; Deputy Kitt;
Clr. M. Mannion; S. Moroney Esq. N.T.; F. Mullin, Esq., N.T.;
Clr. F. Breathnach and Clr. Riddell.

IN ATTENDANCE: S. Bohan, Esq., County Librarian, and
T. Sharkey Esq., Assistant Librarian.

In the absence of the Chairman, Very Rev. P. Canon Glynn, the
Vice Chairman, Deputy M. Kitt took the chair.

10/58 It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting, as
circulated to each member, be taken as read and that they be signed.

11/58 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Deputy Kitt proposed that the meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect
to the memory of His Holiness Pope Pius XII and as a mark of respect to
the memory of Mr. Jarlath A. O'Connell, a member of the Committee.
Deputy Kitt in paying tribute to the memory of Mr. O'Connell said that
he had been an outstanding Solicitor and had been associated with a
number of worthwhile associations interested in the promotion of music,
the arts and athletics, and his loss would be felt by the County and
the Country as a whole.

Clr. King in seconding the proposal also paid tribute to Mr. O'Connell
and said that he excelled in his knowledge of the affairs of Irish
Libraries being a member of the Library Council for a number of years.

On the proposal of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Clr. King a vote of
sympathy was conveyed to Mr. Sharkey on the death of his father.

The meeting then adjourned to Monday 3rd November, at 4.30 p.m.

Patrick Glynn

3rd November, 1958

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY LIBRARIES

Minutes of meeting of County Libraries Committee held on Monday
3rd November, 1958, at 4.30 p.m.
(Adjourned from Friday 31st October)

PRESENT: Very Rev. P. Canon Glynn, Chairman.
Deputy M. Carty; T. Clarke Esq.; Clr. Dowd; Clr. Galvin;
Deputy Geoghegan; M. Higgins Esq.; R. Joyce Esq.;
Clr. King; Deputy Kitt; F. Mullin Esq. N.T.; T. O'Shea, N.T.;
Clr. Quinn; Clr. Ruane; Clr. Breathnach; Clr. Flood;
and Clr. J. Riddell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

S. Bohan Esq., County Librarian, and Mr. T. Sharkey,
Assistant County Librarian.
An apology for his inability to attend was received from
the Assistant County Manager, Mr. T.F. McDermott.

12/58 MINUTES: It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting
as circulated at meeting be taken as read and that they be signed.

13/58 REPORT OF COUNTY LIBRARIAN:

The County Librarian reported that sanction had been sought
for the opening of the nine Centres in Connemara. 4 Book Presses had
been constructed and Centres with 350 books at each would be opened in
five areas during the following week. The Centres to be opened were
at Clonbur, Cornamona, Tully (Penylye), Lettermore, and Rosmuc. The
opening of Centres at Ballyconneally, Leenane and Moycullen was being
postponed until January.

14/58 BRANCH LIBRARY AT BALLINASLOE:

The County Librarian reported that Fr. Kelly proposed
incorporating a Branch Library for the town of Ballinasloe in the Civic
Centre to be erected there and letting same to the County Council at an
inclusive charge for Rent, Heating, Lighting and cleaning. He informed
the Committee that the cost of maintaining the Library in the present
premises is approximately £150 per year. A Plan of the proposed
Library accommodation was circulated among the members and it was
considered very acceptable. After further discussion it was proposed
by Deputy Carty and seconded by Deputy Kitt that the committee accept
Fr. Kelly's offer, provided the inclusive annual charge was reasonable.

15/58 DELIVERY CUM MOBILE UNIT:

The County Librarian submitted the County Engineer's report
and recommendations regarding the type of Unit most suitable and the costs
involved in its construction and running expenses. After a lengthy
discussion the meeting decided that the Single Unit, Diesel type should
be provided and that it be recommended to the County Manager that
arrangements be made for the provision of the Unit at the overall cost
of £1,600.

16/58 CORRESPONDENCE:

A reply was read from the Secretary, Dept. of An Gaeltacht
to letter sent on 8th September regarding grant for Mobile Library in
Connemara. No reply had been received up to date of meeting to a
similar letter sent to Library Council.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

A vote of sympathy with the relatives of Fr. Finn was passed
on the proposal of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Mr. Higgins.

M. M. Higgins
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County Library Headquarters,
Courthouse,
Galway.

16th January, 1959.

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A Quarterly Meeting of the Galway County Libraries Committee will be held in the Bar Room of the Courthouse on Friday, 23rd January, at 5.0 p.m.

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A G E N D A

1. Minutes of previous meeting (herewith).
2. Estimate of expenditure for County Library Service 1959/1960 (copy herewith).
3. Statistics for nine months ended 31st December, 1958.
4. Correspondence.
5. Any other business.

To each member of the Committee
To County Manager
To Assistant County Manager
To County Secretary
To Town Clerks of Galway & Ballinasloe
To Editors of local newspapers

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GALWAY COUNTY LIBRARIES

COUNTY LIBRARY ESTIMATE 1959-1960 (COLUMN 3)

	ESTIMATE 1958/59	EXPENDITURE 1958/59	ESTIMATE 1959/60	TOTAL	INCREASE OR DECREASE
<u>BOOKS</u>					
New books	6400	6400	6400		
Binding	1200	1300	1000		- 200
Periodicals & Subs.	50	50	50	<u>7450</u> 42.57%	
<u>SALARIES</u>					
Headquarters Staff	4000	3900	4450		450
Branches	2300	2400	2500	<u>6950</u> 39.71%	200
<u>MAINTENANCE</u>					
1. Rent on Branches	800	800	830		30
2. Heat, light, cleaning					
(a) Galway City	250	250	250		
(b) Branches	150	150	150		
3. Renovations etc.	300	300	200	<u>1430</u> 8.17%	- 100
<u>OTHER CHARGES</u>					
1. Stationery etc.	140	140	140		
2. Postage & Petty Cash	100	100	100		
3. Telephone	30	30	30		
4. Travelling Exp.	400	480	450		50
5. Transport	200	200	300		100
6. Library Council	250	250	250	<u>1270</u> 7.25%	
<u>LOAN CHARGES</u>					
On loan of £1600 @ 5% over 5 years.	180	--	400	<u>400</u> 2.3%	220
TOTALS:-					
	16750	16750	17500		750
Income from Receipts (Estimated)	<u>800</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>850</u>		<u>50</u>
Charge on Rates	15950	15950	16650		700
Rate in £1. for Library Service	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ %		6 $\frac{3}{4}$ %		

DETAILED

BOOKS - BINDING - PERIODICALS

NEW BOOKS

Galway City Branch	1,400	
Ballinasloe	500	
Tuam	500	
Loughrea	400	
Gort	300	
22 small Branches @ £150 each	<u>3,300</u>	6,400

BINDING

Rebind 4,000 books at approximately 5/- each	1,000	1,000
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PERIODICALS & SUBS.

Subs. to British National Bibliography Periodicals, Journals and Review Papers, & Institutional membership of Assoc.	50	50
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SALARIES

HEADQUARTERS STAFF

Salary of present staff	4,050	
1 Driver Assistant (additional)	<u>400</u>	4,450

BRANCH LIBRARIANS

3 Branch Libs. @ £171. 10. 0.	514	
1 Branch Lib. @ £143.	143	
22 Branch Libs. @ £ 71. 10. 0.	1,573	
National Health employer contributions.	130	
9 Honorary Librarians @ £7. 10. per year.	65	
Increase in opening hours at 4 Branches	<u>75</u>	2,500

MAINTENANCE

RENT ON BRANCHES

Ballinasloe Branch	£100	100	
Loughrea Branch	£120	120	
(1 Branch @	39	39	
(1 Branch @	36	36	
Present rent (6 Branches @	30	180	
(7 Branches @	26	180	
(3 Branches @	25	75	
(5 Branches @	20	<u>100</u>	830

HEAT, LIGHT & CLEANING

Courthouse premises	200	
Woodquay	50	
Ballinasloe Branch	50	
Tuam Branch	50	
Spiddal Branch	25	
Roundstone Branch	<u>25</u>	400
(This charge included in rent for other Branches)		

RENOVATIONS, FURNITURE & FITTINGS

Improvements at a number of Branches and Woodquay	200	200
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GALWAY COUNTY LIBRARIES

c/f £15,830

OTHER CHARGES

Library Stationery and Advertising	140	
Postage & Petty Cash	100	
Telephone	30	
Travelling expenses - meetings of Committee and expenses of Librarian	450	
Transport of Books - Running cost of Unit	300	
Contribution to Library Council	<u>250</u>	1,270

LOAN CHARGES

Loan of £1,600 for purchase and equipment of Delivery cum Mobile Library Unit.		
Interest and Capital repayments over five years @ 5%. 1st year.	400	400
TOTAL:-		<u>£17,500</u>
less estimated income from Registration fees & fines etc.		850
NETT TOTAL:-		<u>£16,650</u>
Rate in £1.		6 ³ / ₄ d.

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Number of books issued to readers at Branches during nine months
ended 31st December, 1958. (Figures for 1957 in brackets.)

		<u>1957</u>
ABBEEKMOCKMOY	5883	(2994)
ATHENRY	7408	(5126)
AHASCRAUGH	3697	(3312)
BALLINASLOE	23223	(13889)
BALLYGAR	7516	(5816)
CARRAROE	7641	(4937)
CARNA	2893	(1167)
CLIFDEN	7450	(6692)
CREGGS	4308	(3632)
CRAUGHWELL	3103	(2275)
DUNMORE	7636	(5504)
GLENAMADDY	2448	(1900)
GORT	14925	(10536)
HEADFORD	4497	(2713)
KILCONNELL	4050	(3608)
KILLIMOR	2587	(2047)
KILROMAN	2196	(2020)
KINVARA	6613	(6723)
LOUGHREA	16440	(10396)
VOYLLOUGH	4184	(3876)
OUGHTERARD	6544	(4979)
PORTUMNA	10832	(7163)
ROUNDTONE	3730	(2560)
SPIDDAL	5407	(3599)
TUAM	15726	(11268)
WOODFORD	7294	(7239)
GALWAY CITY	<u>115247</u>	<u>(90419)</u>
TOTAL:-	303,478	(226390)
INCREASE:-	77,088	= 34%

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	<u>To 31st Dec.1958</u>	<u>1957</u>
Number of books sent to Branches and Centres	21,838	22,704
Number of books returned from Branches & Centres	19,111	16,776
Number of books sent to Bindery	1,577	5,046
Number of books returned from Bindery	1,577	8,165
Number of new books purchased	3,725 F	5,196 F
	3,955 J	4,286 J
	<u>3,251</u> N-F	<u>2,129</u> N-F
	10,931	11,611
Number of books withdrawn from stock	757 F	2,619 F
	498 J	1,057 J
	<u>61</u> N-F	<u>681</u> N-F
	1,316	4,357

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GALWAY COUNTY LIBRARIES

County Library H.Q.,
Courthouse,
Galway.

20th April, 1959.

Minutes of meeting of County Libraries Committee held on
Friday, 23rd January, 1959, at 5. p.m.

PRESENT: T. Clarke Esq.; Clr. J. Dowd; Deputy J. Geoghegan;
Clr. S. Glynn; M. Higgins Esq.; R. Joyce Esq.;
Clr. T. King; Deputy M. Kitt; Clr. M. Mannion;
S. Moroney Esq.; F. Mullin Esq.; Very Rev. M. Canon McDonogh;
T. O'Shea Esq.; Clr. M. Quinn; and Clr. J.J. Ruane.

IN ATTENDANCE:

S. Bohan Esq., Co. Librarian and Mrs. C. Hayes, Assistant
Librarian.

In the absence of the Rev. Chairman and Vice Chairman, Mr. O'Shea
proposed that Mr. Higgins take the chair. This was agreed and
Mr. Higgins took the chair.

- 17/58 MINUTES: It was proposed by Clr. S. Glynn, seconded by Clr.
J.J. Ruane and resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting
be taken as correct and that they be signed.
- 18/58 LIBRARY CENTRES: The Librarian reported that five of the nine Library
Centres for Connemara had been opened. Those opened were, Rosmuc,
Lettermore, Clonbur, Cornamona and Tully-Renvyle. Centres at
Ballyconneally, Leenane and Moycullen would follow as soon as
accommodation for the presses was found.
- 19/58 ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE 1959/1960: The Estimate of Expenditure on
the County Libraries Service for the year 1959/1960 as circulated
to each member was discussed in detail.
(At this point the Vice Chairman Deputy Kitt arrived and took the chair.)
Clr. Dowd inquired if any provision had been made in the estimates
for the opening of new Branches within the year. The Librarian
informed the Committee that no provision for new Branches had been
made. A long discussion took place on the provision of Branch
Libraries at Eyrecourt and Williamstown during which a number of
members expressed the feeling that these Branches should be postponed
until 1960/61 and that the Committee should concentrate on the
provision of the Mobile Service within the year 1959/1960.

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- 19/58 Clr. Glynn and Clr. Dowd continued to press for the establishment
of Branches at Williamstown and Eyrecourt in 1959. On the suggestion
of the Chairman, the County Librarian agreed to effect any economies
possible within the proposed figure of £17,500. It was finally
resolved that if sufficient economy could be effected on other items
that it be recommended to the County Manager that Branch Libraries
be provided at Williamstown and Eyrecourt, in that order during 1959.
The opening of a Branch at Williamstown was proposed by Clr. S. Glynn
seconded by Clr. T. King, and the Branch at Eyrecourt was proposed
by Clr. J. Dowd, seconded by Clr. J. Ruane.
The total estimate was then accepted by the Committee.
- 20/58 CORRESPONDENCE: The Librarian read a letter from the Secretary of
the Library Council in reply to application made to the Council
for a grant in aid of the proposed Mobile Library Service.
Clr. Glynn voiced a complaint from borrowers regarding opening hours
not being adhered to at a particular Branch. The Librarian stated
that he would like to be informed of any complaints made to members
by borrowers regarding such matters and that he would deal with
them if brought to his notice.
- 21/58 SYMPATHY: Votes of sympathy with the following were passed on the
proposal of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan,
(a) The County Manager on the death of his sister
(b) The Assistant County Manager on the death of his niece
(c) Mr. P. Colleran, Ballygar, on the death of his father.

Patrick Glynn

2nd May, 1959

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The following tables and figures give a summary of the organization and working of the County Library service during the year ended 31st March, 1959. (Figures for the year 1958/1959 where shown are in brackets.)

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STATISTICAL REPORT

1958 -o- 1959

1. Staff

Full time

Part time

TOTAL

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GALVAY COUNTY LIBRARIES

The following tables and figures give a summary of the organisation and working of the County Library service during the year ended 31st March, 1959. (Figures for the year 1957/1958 where shown are in brackets.)

T A B L E 1

1. Population to be served (1956 Census)	155,553
2. Total expenditure on Library Service	£ 16,928 (16,900)
3. Receipts from Registration Fees, fines etc.	£ 691. 10.
4. Rate in £. for Library Service.	6.6d.
5. Expenditure per head of population	2s. 2d.
6. Number of service points:	
Full time Branches	1 - 45 Hours per week
Part time Branches	3 - 24 " " "
" " "	1 - 20 " " "
" " "	22 - 10 " " "
Centres: Hon. Librarians paid £7. 10. per year.	6
Small Centres served from Headquarters	26
Rural Schools served directly from Branches	<u>43</u>
TOTAL:	102
7. <u>Staff:</u>	
Full time	<u>8</u>
Part time	<u>26</u>
TOTAL:	<u>34</u>

T A B L E 1 (contd.)

8. Book Stock:

(a)	Books added to stock	12,832
(b)	Books withdrawn from stock	3,520
(c)	Books lost and paid for	86
(d)	Total stock at 31st March, 1959.	102,005

9. Number of books per 100 of population 65.5

10. Total number of books recorded as having been issued to readers at 27 Branches * 434,456 (365,938)

11. Number of books issued per 100 of population 279 (235)

12. Registered Readers at 27 Branches:*

	Adult	4,981	
	Children	<u>5,352</u>	10,333 (10062)

* Books issued at Centres and the number of readers at each are not included.

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T A B L E 2

Number of books issued to Readers at Galway City and Branches for year ended 31st March, 1959. (Figures for 1957/1958 in Brackets).

<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>FICTION</u>	<u>NON-FICTION</u>	<u>JUVENILE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	
Galway City	94900	29721	36852	161473	(141323)
Abbeyknockmoy	5043	420	3719	9182	(5324)
Ahascragh	3856	169	1468	5493	(5470)
Athenry	4721	421	4687	9829	(8468)
Ballinasloe	15749	2426	12797	30872	(25342)
Ballygar	6161	552	6508	13221	(10937)
Carraroe	3484	3471	3258	10213	(8307)
Cerna	1910	711	1529	4150	(1888)
Craughwell	1796	105	2204	4105	(3911)
Clifden	6244	800	3245	10289	(10014)
Creggs	2849	250	4103	7202	(5172)
Dummore	5557	1125	5445	12127	(8442)
Glenamaddy	1584	257	1429	3270	(3111)
Gort	11971	1711	7880	21562	(16767)
Headford	4314	176	2060	6550	(5113)
Killimor	2203	167	1431	3801	(3768)
Kilconnell	2830	157	2939	5926	(5422)
Kilronan	1888	409	1368	3665	(3157)
Kinvara	5624	723	4753	11100	(11102)
Loughrea	12804	2451	8422	23677	(16584)
Moylough	2804	682	3045	6531	(5587)
Oughterard	4672	994	3322	8988	(8327)

T A B L E 2 (contd.)

<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>FICTION</u>	<u>NON-FICTION</u>	<u>JUVENILE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Portumna	6177	1137	7577	14891 (11078)
Roundstone	3415	273	2031	5719 (4483)
Spiddal	3166	1071	3752	7989 (6979)
Tuam	10845	1967	9581	22393 (19680)
Woodford	5902	290	4046	10238 (10182)
TOTAL:	232,469	52,636	149,351	434,456 (365,938)
PERCENTAGES:	53.5%	12.1%	34.4%	68,518

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T A B L E 3

Registered Readers at Branches

<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>ADULT</u>	<u>CHILDREN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>SCHOOLS SERVED WITH COLLECTION FROM BRANCHES</u>
Galway City	2182	1572	3754	--
Abbeyknockmoy	83	63	146	4
Ahascragh	100	86	186	--
Athenry	100	120	220	2
Ballinasloe	341	444	785	2
Ballygar	48	181	229	3
Carna	57	85	142	1
Carraroe	96	128	224	--
Clifden	123	115	238	1
Craughwell	37	63	100	--
Creggs	59	82	141	2
Dunmore	103	239	342	7
Glenamaddy	60	56	116	1
Gort	264	295	559	2
Headford	69	57	126	--
Killimor	60	51	111	--
Kilcomell	80	103	183	1
Kilronan	64	94	158	2
Kinvara	85	153	238	1
Loughrea	229	286	515	2
Moylough	86	71	157	4
Oughterard	122	88	210	2
Portumna	93	250	343	3
Roundstone	69	50	119	1
Spiddal	48	82	130	--
Tuam	246	446	692	2
Woodford	77	92	169	--
TOTAL :-	4981	5352	10333 (10062)	43

T A B L E 4.

	<u>Books added to stock 1958/1959</u>	<u>Bookstock on 31st March, 1959.</u>
000 General Works	34	1739
100 Philosophy	41	496
200 Religion	168	2093
300 Social Sciences	313	2691
400 Languages	56	640
500 Natural Science	125	1264
600 Useful Arts	361	4238
700 Fine Arts & Entertainment	422	4166
800 Literature	1104	11356
900 History, Geography, Travel and Biography	1234	14573
F. Fiction	4566	39138
J. Juvenile	<u>4408</u>	<u>19611</u>
	12832 (12971)	102005 (92779)

Number of books sent to Branches & Centres during year: 26952 (29881)

Number of books returned from Branches & Centres " : 21320 (25399)

Number of books sent to Bindery during the year: 2577

Number of books returned from Bindery during the year: 5135

T A B L E 5

EXPENDITURE 1958/1959

Books	£ 6338. 0. 5.	
Binding	1318. 7. 5.	
Periodicals	48. 10. 1.	£7704. 17. 11.
<u>SALARIES:</u> Headquarters	£ 3961. 6. 7.	
Branches	2515. 13. 10.	£6477. 0. 5.

MAINTENANCE:

1. Rent on Branches	793. 0. 0.	
2. Heat, light, cleaning.		
(a) Galway City	243. 15. 9.	
(b) Branches	132. 3. 5.	
3. Renovations, furniture.	366. 19. 9.	£1535. 18. 11.

OTHER CHARGES:

1. Printing & stationery	£139. 13. 2.	
2. Postage etc.	88. 17. 5.	
3. Telephone	24. 6. 2.	
4. Transport of books.	182. 1. 11.	
5. Travelling expenses	495. 15. 7.	
6. Library Council	215. 0. 0.	
7. Miscellaneous (Including Insurance)	64. 17. 4.	£1210. 11. 7.

TOTAL: £16928. 8. 10.

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Minutes of meeting of the County Library Committee, held on 2nd May, 1959.

PRESENT: Clr. F. Breathnach; T. Clarke Esq.; Clr. J. Dowd; Clr. P. Galvin; Clr. J. Geoghegan T.D.; Very Rev. P. Canon Glynn; Clr. S. Glynn; M. Higgins Esq.; R. Joyce Esq.; Clr. T. King; Clr. M. Kitt T.D.; Clr. M. Mannion; S. Moroney Esq.; F. Mullin Esq.; Very Rev. M. Canon McDonagh; Clr. M. Quinn; Clr. J. Riddell & Clr. J. Ruane.

IN ATTENDANCE:

T.F. McDermott, Assistant County Manager; S. Bohan, County Librarian, and Mrs. C. Hayes, Assistant Librarian.

22/58 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting as circulated to each member be taken as read and that they be signed.

23/58 DELEGATES TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Two delegates were nominated to attend the Annual Conference of the Library Association of Ireland to be held in Buncrana from 25th to 29th May. Clr. M. Kitt T.D. was nominated on the proposal of Clr. Mannion, seconded by Clr. P. Galvin, and Clr. J. Ruane was nominated on the proposal of Clr. M. Quinn seconded by Mr. M. Higgins.

24/58 CENTRE AT KILKERRIN:

On the proposal of Clr. John Geoghegan T.D., seconded by Mr. T. Clarke it was agreed that a further press Centre for Connemara be provided at Kilkerrin, Carna.

25/58 MOBILE LIBRARY:

The Librarian reported that tenders had not yet been invited for the supply of the Mobile Library Unit, and that specifications of the body work had not been completed. The Assistant County Manager informed the meeting that he expected to be able to report on progress in the matter at the next meeting. The post of Driver Assistant was then referred to and a long discussion took place on the qualifications necessary for the position and the salary applicable to the post. The general opinion of the members present was that the person appointed should, together with being a good driver, have a sound knowledge of running repairs and also have a competent knowledge of Irish. The County Librarian explained that no decision had yet been taken as to whether the position would be filled by examination or by interview.

26/58 OBJECTIONABLE BOOKS: Mr. F. Mullin drew the Librarian's attention to a book at the Loughrea Branch which had been objected to as unfit for general circulation. The Librarian reported that all books objected to by readers were held by the particular Branch Librarian and returned to Headquarters. He then explained the procedure adopted in the purchase of new books to guard against the circulation of material which might be considered unfit for general reading and the difficulties involved in having every book examined. The Chairman stated that he was satisfied that all reasonable precautions were being taken.

27/58 SYMPATHY: On the proposal of Mr. T. Clarke, seconded by Clr. J.J. Ruane the Committee passed a vote of sympathy with Mr. Tadhg O'Shea on the death of his father. The Assistant Manager also associated himself with the expression of sympathy.

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-----County Library Headquarters,
Courthouse,
Galway.

23rd July, 1959.

A Chara:

The Annual General Meeting of the Galway County Libraries Committee will be held in the Bar Room of the Courthouse, on Saturday 1st August at 1 p.m.

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1. Minutes of previous meeting (herewith).
2. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman for year 1959/1960.
3. Quarterly statistics.
4. Preparation of scheme of development for County Library Service. Memo herewith.
5. Correspondence.
6. Any other business.

To each member of the Committee
 To County Manager
 To Assistant Co. Manager
 To County Secretary
 To Town Clerks of Galway & Ballinasloe.
 To Editors of local newspapers.

MEMORANDUM ON SCHEME OF DEVELOPMENT FOR COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE

At the Annual Conference of the Library Association of Ireland in Buncrana in May it was agreed that each Library Authority in Eire who had not already done so should, without delay, prepare a Scheme of Development for its Library Service to be implemented over a period of five to ten years, that the scheme should be adopted by the Local Authority concerned and that a copy of the proposed plan be submitted both to the Library Council and the Minister for Local Government in support of Central Fund Grants towards the improvement and further development of Public Libraries.

No definite scheme of development has yet been prepared for the Galway County Libraries. While the service in the County has expanded considerably, particularly over the past eight years since a programme for the opening of Branch Libraries was commenced, no definite plan of action towards providing a uniformly adequate service has been recorded. It is, therefore, suggested that the Library Committee should at this stage prepare a definite plan for the future development of the Galway County Libraries. It is an essential of any good Library that an adequate service be made available to everyone irrespective of where he may reside. This service must be personal in that each reader must be enabled to visit a Library and choose his own reading and be given an opportunity to draw upon whatever wider sources of book and information he may require.

I submit for the Committee's consideration that development along the following lines must be envisaged in order to provide an adequate library service for County Galway.

1. That the County be divided into 10 Library Districts, each District to have a District Library and in addition a number of Branches and Centres.
2. That a School Library Service be provided for all National, Secondary and Vocational School in the County.
3. That an advisory Local Committee be appointed in each District.
4. That a Mobile Library Service be provided for rural areas.
5. That a number of Library extension services be provided, such as Lectures Educational Films, Gramophone records, Micro-films etc.

the Minister for Education to submit a memorandum on the organisation of a nation-wide School Library Service. The memorandum submitted included a recommendation that separate grants be given by the Department of Education for the provision of a School Library Service. The Association estimated that a minimum expenditure of 2/6 per capita (i.e. per pupil) per annum would be required to develop the schools service. This would give an average figure of £10. per school per year, or almost £5,000 per annum for a School Library Service for County Galway. Thus the £1. per £1. grant over the "standard year" and the grant for School Libraries would bring an additional £13,000 grant for the County Galway Service. This with the current year's allocation from local sources would provide £30,500 on the equivalent of 4/- per capita which without any increase on the present rate for Libraries would be only 1/- per head short of the 5/- per head target necessary to meet the requirements of a full and adequate Library service for the City and County organised on the lines set out in (1) to (9).

It is only through strong representation on the part of Library Authorities, Library Committees, Members of the Oireachtas, the Library Association, County Managers and Librarians to the Departments of State concerned that a proper awareness of the necessity for providing adequate Public Library Services can be stressed and the appropriate Departments induced to provide the necessary financial aid to support Library Authorities in their efforts to provide effective Library Services.

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Number of books issued to readers at Branches, during quarter ended 30th June, 1959. (Figures for 1958 in Brackets.)

Galway City	41,242	(39,661)
Abbeyknockmoy	1,703	(2,804)
Ahascragh	1,460 ✓	(1,217)
Athenry	2,337	(2,669)
Ballinasloe	6,151 0	(8,789)
Ballygar	3,334 ✓ 3302,	(3,257)
Carraroe	2,028 1968.	(3,411)
Carna	1,016	(752)
Clifden	2,425	(2,746)
Creggs	1,220	(1,564)
Craughwell	1,031	(1,020)
Dunmore	2,364 ✓ 2384	(2,354)
Glenamaddy	686 0	(834)
Gort	5,916 ✓	(4,719)
Headford	1,668 ✓	(1,445)
Kilconnell	1,662 ✓	(1,274)
Killimer	741 0 727.	(956)
Kilronan	567 0	(805)
Kinvara	2,294	(4,525)
Loughrea	6,246 ✓	(5,115)
Moylough	1,363	(1,491)
Oughterard	1,817	(2,210)
Portumna	4,085	(4,167)
Roundstone	1,417	(1,066)
Spiddal	1,806	(2,625)
Tuam	4,469 0	(5,986)
Woodford	<u>2,566</u> ✓	<u>(2,404)</u>
	103,614	110,866

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	Quarter ended <u>30th June, '59.</u>	Quarter ended <u>30th June, '58.</u>
Books sent to Branches & Centres	6,737 0	7,647
Books Returned from Branches & Centres	4,244 .	4,791
Books sent to Bindery	2,260	1,577
Books returned from Bindery	1,180	2,557
New books purchased	(1018 F (950 J (<u>630</u> NF 2,598	(1117 F (785 J (<u>1126</u> NF 3,028

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