

Registration Room	36,307
Current numbers of periodicals.....	1,225
Medical Library	21
Rental collection	1,423
Mounted pictures	208
Philip Sidney Patton Memorial Library (38 vol.).....	760

Total circulation from Ryerson Library building....	140,106
School circulation	48,383

Total home use.....	188,489
Readers in Newspaper Room (week days).....	30,317
Readers in Reference Room (week days).....	17,810
Sunday and Holiday readers in Reference and Newspaper Rooms	3,466
Books from stacks used in Reference Room.....	2,795
Readers in the Medical Library	30

Total recorded use of the Library242,907

Statistics of the use of the Grand Rapids public library, comparing the year of 1905 to that of 1904 are as follows:

	1904	1905
Cards issued	6,198	7,326
Cards in force	11,514	13,503
Books issued (home use)	181,456	215,257
Readers in reading rooms	41,159	72,820
Total recorded use of library.....	226,327	294,679
New books added	2,808	7,379
Cards added to catalogue..... *		23,708
Gifts (books, pamphlets, etc.).... †.....		19,048
Books in library	64,489	71,203

*Number not kept in 1904.

†Number not kept for calendar year.

One of the most beneficent features of the public library is the Philip Sidney Patton Memorial case of books for sick and crippled children. On November 23, 1903, Mr. Patton, President of the Board of Library Commissioners, presented to the Board the following letter:

"I hereby offer to equip and maintain a collection of children's books in a suitable case, to be used as a traveling library for the sick and crippled children of our city, to be called 'The Philip Sidney Patton Library for Sick and Crippled Children,' as a memorial to the little boy I have recently lost. This is a department of library work which has been successfully inaugurated elsewhere, and if agreeable I should like to see it tried here."