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## BRIEF HISTORY OF THE LIBRARY OF THE WESTERN KENTUCKY

### STATE NORMAL SCHOOL AND TEACHERS COLLEGE

The library was organized in January, 1909, with 3,733 books then on the shelves. Many of these books were old and practically useless. During the year 1909-1910 the library purchased 1,267 books; and the entire library was classified according to the Dewey Decimal system. For that year 105 magazines were ordered and two newspapers. The circulation was 33,197. Then the library staff consisted of the librarian with library training and one untrained assistant.

The library now contains 11,018 volumes; is fully catalogued; uses Library of Congress and typewritten cards. The circulation for 1922-1923 is 70,942. The staff consists of the librarian and assistant-librarian, both trained, two untrained assistants for the first semester, and three for the second semester and summer term. The library receives twelve newspapers and ninety-five magazines, many of which are of very high grade. The student body consists of 2800.

The circulation includes books kept on reserve and given out for one hour during the day and for over night. The growth of the library has been very slow on account of lack of funds. There is no stated sum from student fees or appropriation for making additions to the library.