

IN BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Recently a number of our most prominent citizens appeared before the Mayor and Council in the interest of the public library. Statements were made and figures submitted showing that families in every section of the city are reaping the benefit of this worthy institution.

So far the Library has been supported by voluntary contributions of books and periodicals and a small number of patriotic citizens have given the necessary financial aid to keep the Library in existence. The committee that appeared before council petitioned that body for an appropriation of \$300 for the current year, this amount to be applied both to the purchase of new books and the expenses incident to maintaining the Library. Investigation will show that many cities much smaller than Fort Valley in taxable property and population are supporting public libraries with appropriations several times the size of the one for which the committee has petitioned our governing Body, and it is hoped that the justice and fairness of this request will be seen and the appropriation made. Let all of our citizens get squarely in this matter and see that the Library, an institution promoting learning and refinement, is put on a permanent basis.

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