

receiving and instructing groups of children in the use of the library, and arranging timely exhibitions of books both at the library and at local schools. These activities are basic in a well-run library, and such is the pressure from public use at the Greenville Public Library that they go on at an ever-increasing rate.

In fact, the increased circulation, as stated in the Librarian's reports, led to a vote at the last meeting of the Executive Committee that the library shall be open six additional hours a week during the coming year. Even with the able assistance of our well-trained volunteer workers, the load carried by them and the Librarian has been a heavy one. It is to be hoped that the expedient of increasing the hours will spread the load, for a time at least, as it has done before; and that it will allow something of a breather before we are for the third time confronted by the same problem on an ever-increasing scale.

The second group of activities are those termed in the teaching profession as "extra-curricula." With the library now celebrating its 80th anniversary, it is good to note that in extra-curricula activities we are living up to the injunctions of the past, as stated at the time of incorporation. In an act passed by the Rhode Island General Assembly on April 18, 1882, it is stated that The Greenville Public Library is incorporated "for the purpose of providing a library and reading room, and promoting literary and social intercourse among its members."

Although the exhibition of Fire Apparatus and Survival Equipment held at the library on October 8th, in honor of the Volunteer Fire Companies of Smithfield, could not claim much in the way of "promoting literary intercourse," it was a social event of high order. Everybody came. The fire engines and apparatus of the Greenville, the Georgiaville, and the Wrentham Fire Companies were displayed in the library's parking area, together with the Rescue Boat, the truck of the Rescue Squad, and the handsome new ambulance