

ESTABLISHMENT AND CONDUCT OF A LIBRARY

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William Penn Harbottle willed his home at 546 "G" Street in Salida together with certain household furnishings and all his library of books and papers to the Trustees of the Salida Library Association, and to their successors in office in perpetuity, for the purpose of establishing a Reference Library to be forever known as the "Juliana Library" as a memorial to his mother.

The Harbottle will specifically provides that the "Juliana Library" shall be a reference library as contradistinguished from a circulating library; that all donations or additions thereto shall be accepted with the understanding that the "Juliana Library" shall be kept separate and distinct from any other public library; that should the "Juliana Library" ever be housed elsewhere than in the Harbottle home it shall not be incorporated with any other public library, but that a room to be used only for study and reference shall be set aside for the "Juliana Memorial Library" so that its identity shall be maintained.

Later the Salida Public Library was completed to include the installation of the Juliana Reference Room, in which to house the "Juliana Reference Library" as no part of a circulating library, to conform with the terms of the Harbottle will. As also under the will of Mr. Harbottle, absolute title to the Harbottle property was vested in the Board of Trustees of the Salida Public Library, and in their successors in office, upon the library board devolves the administration



responsibility for the Harbottle property, as well as for the "Juliana Reference Library", in conformity with the terms of the will.

In recognition of the fine civic spirit for many previous years permeating the membership of the Tuesday Evening Club -- and in especial recognition of the club membership as sponsor, and as the originating and dominating community influence most responsible for the Salida Public Library, by common consent of the city and of public spirited citizens the architectural plans for the library building were drawn to provide an assembly hall as a future meeting place for the club. In return for the use of the hall the club maintains and keeps the premises in good condition and repair, rents to other desirable tenants whenever possible, and pays to the Library Board all the net revenues thus derived as funds to be expended in conduct of the public circulating library. To properly assume this obligation there was organized the Salida Library Association of the Tuesday Evening Club. This organization also became the natural guardian of the Harbottle property and as such was appointed by the Library Board of Trustees to act as its agent in the supervision and rental of the property, from which the net income is used in the purchase of non-circulating reference books for the "Juliana Reference Library" room.

The cooperative relationship which has existed for many years between the Board of Trustees of the Salida Public Library and the Salida Library Association of the Tuesday

Evening Club is regarded in other localities as unique, however, there seems a well united opinion that the arrangement may continue indefinitely as a most amicable and satisfactory way of best promoting the cultural interests of our community.