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May Gillies, State Librarian

PARK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION LIBRARY

Enterprising lawyers of Park County have reason to be proud of their Bar Association Law Library which now boasts a total of 4,394 volumes. The Law Library Committee, with Oliver W. Steadman as Chairman, James A. Dumas of Powell, Secretary-Treasurer, and Jerry W. Housel, has done an excellent job of coordinating the resources of Park County lawyers. Much credit is due Park County Commissioners for providing a room in the basement of the Court House, together with necessary shelving and furniture for the library. The Husky Oil Company has added to the collection a complete set of the Southwestern Reporter, consisting to date of 536 volumes.

The Law Library is financed in several ways. Local lawyers are regularly assessed $3.00 each per month, with additional assessments for special purchases; the filing fee on all actions and proceedings in District Court has been increased by $5.00 and that amount is turned over to the library; and all fees for indigent prisoners are being utilized for the purchase of books.

The library was first organized about a year and a half ago, at which time Cody lawyers started pooling their law books in order to aid young veterans starting a law practice. From a small beginning it has grown to an imposing collection of references, texts, and reporter systems.

A complete inventory of the library was made by Miss May Gillies, State Librarian, and Mrs. Eveline Smith, Law Librarian, who recently spent several days in Cody for this specific purpose. Mrs. Smith, assisted by Mrs. Alberta Titus, has cataloged the books and a complete listing of the new Law Library holdings is now on file at the State Library in Cheyenne.

By arrangement with the Park County Bar Association, the State Library may now refer lawyers in the northern part of the state to the Park County collection. References must be used in the library at the Court House, however, since to date no arrangement has been made for circulating books.