

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF INSTITUTIONS

STOCKTON STATE HOSPITAL
STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

Q Address all communications and make checks payable to the Superintendent.
Q Always mention full name of patient in correspondence and give your address in full.
Q Requests for continuance of leave of absence must be accompanied by a report of the case.

February 27, 1929.

Miss Grace E. Barneberg,
State Chairman, C.F.W.C.
No. 550 Dana Street,
San Luis Obispo, California.

My dear Miss Barneberg:-

Your letter regarding the advisability of a library in State Hospitals, has been received.

While we have some books here, the patients have read and re-read most of them and we feel that a circulating library would be appreciated.

It is possible a few books might be destroyed by the patients. However, we do not think this would be enough to deter us from having the use of a library.

We are inclosing the Questionnaire, filled out, according to your request.

Yours truly,

Fred P. Clark

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT,
Stockton State Hospital.

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QUESTIONNAIRE

Question - Have those under your care a library?

Answer - We have books in book cases on the separate wards.

Question - How many books?

Answer - A fairly good collection.

Question - How supplied:

Answer - Some of these books were bought by the hospital and some are books that have been discarded by different libraries. The City Library in Berkeley, Calif., has sent us their discarded books for two years.

Question - In charge of a trained librarian?

Answer - Not in charge of a trained librarian.

Question - If no library, what reading is supplied and from what source?

Answer - The following publications are furnished the patients by the Stockton State Hospital:

American Magazine.
Cosmopolitan Magazine.
Everybody's Magazine
Good Housekeeper.
Ladies Home Journal.
Literary Digest.
Motion Picture.
Munsey's Magazine
Modern Priscilla.
Pacific Rural Press
Pictorial Review
Photoplay
Woman's Home Companion.
Popular Mechanics.
Red Book
Saturday Evening Post.

(Some of our patients have cards from the City Library).

Question - What is the character of the books? Haphazard? Well selected with a view to the needs of the users?

Answer - Many of the books that would be pleasing to a child fourteen years of age. Quite a considerable number wish more solid reading. The magazines are very pleasing to most of the patients.

Question - Would you favor a branch library of the State Library cared for by a trained librarian who could properly guide the readers?

Answer - Yes.

Stockton St. Hospital

Harpers