



Librarian's Report Decr 1879

The total number of visitors at the Ridgway Branch in November was 791 persons viz 577 male and 214 female. Of these 188 were readers, who consulted 529 books. The number of books taken out was 87. All these figures show an increase over October. The total number of visitors for the year is 6384. Books read and taken out 5110.

During the past month I have changed places with Mr Abbott during the greater part of each day. He is preparing for the important task of moving books to the Locust St building, in which the experience he has gained at the Ridgway Branch will be valuable. I am engaged in cataloguing Dr Rusch's private library & have nearly finished the folios. Among them are many costly works of plates mostly on architecture & Egyptian, Greek, Roman, Etruscan and American antiquities which will be of solid value to the student. Great admiration of the building is expressed by visitors, and it is pronounced the finest structure specially erected for library purposes in the world.

The total no. of visitors at the Mula. Library in November was 5724. Average per day 238. Total no. of books taken out 2224. Average per day 92. This is an increase over the previous month.