

comparatively stable membership of the preceding seventeen years. This increase cannot be wholly accounted for by the passing of the depression, nor by the growth of the city population, because that growth has been a steady one over the whole period under review. Is it unreasonable to presume that the greater membership of the Children's Library since 1925 is reflected in this rapid growth of the adult membership? If such a presumption is justified, it is equally justifiable to expect a further increase in adult membership to follow on from the more rapid growth of the Children's Library membership since 1944. Even if the adults of today are merely interested in the welfare of their children, it would at least be reasonable to suggest that those children will, in their turn as parents, have also an appreciation of the value of good literature and the spirit of tolerance.

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