

officers of said municipality upon the properly authenticated vouchers of the library board.

Free to the
inhabitant
of the town.

SEC. 8. Every library and reading room established under this Act shall be forever free to the use of the inhabitants of the town or city where it is located, always subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the library board may adopt, in order to render the use of said library and reading room of the greatest benefit to the greatest number of the people, said board may exclude from the use of said library and reading room any all persons who shall wilfully violate such rules, and may extend the privileges and use of such library and reading room to persons outside of such municipality upon such terms and conditions as said board may from time to time by its regulations prescribe.

Make an an
nual report.

SEC. 9. Said library board shall make an annual report to the municipality on or before the twentieth day of January, stating the condition of their trust on the first day of January in that year, the various sums of money received from the library fund and from other sources, and how much moneys have been expended, and for what purposes, the number of books and periodicals on hand the number added by purchase, gift or otherwise, during the year, the number lost or missing, the number of such books loaned out, and the general character and kind of such books, with such other statistics and information and suggestions as they may deem of general interest. All such portion of said report as related to the receipt and expenditure of money shall be verified by affidavit, and shall be subject to audit of the municipal councils.

Power to pass
ordinances.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That the governing board of said municipality shall have power to pass ordinances imposing suitable penalties for the punishment of persons committing injury upon such library or the ground or other property thereof, and for the injury or failure to return any book belonging to such library.

May receive
and dispose
of gifts.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That the said library board may receive, hold and possess, or sell and dispose of all such gifts, donations, devises, bequests and legacies as may be made to the municipality or to said library board for the purpose of establishing, increasing or improving such public library. The library board shall act as trustees, and have control of such gifts, donations, devises, bequests and legacies, and may apply the proceeds, interests, rents and profits accruing therefrom in such manner as will best promote the prosperity and utility of such library; provided such application be accord-