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June 12, 1915.

TO THE PRESIDENT, OR, SECRETARY OF THE LIBRARY BOARD:

It is necessary for the Board of Library Trustees to recommend to the City Council before the first day of August of each year the amount or rate of library tax needed for the ensuing year for the maintenance of the library. (See Sec. 732 of Code). A Certificate is enclosed herewith to be used for that purpose. After the Library Board, at a regular meeting, determines and fixes the amount, the Certificate should be filled out and forwarded to the Mayor and City Council.

In this connection your attention is called to the fact that the 35th General Assembly amended Section 732 of the Code Supplement, by raising the maximum of tax to be levied for library purposes to five mills; and striking from the law the limit heretofore placed on the size of the city entitled to the maximum levy. In view of the many new opportunities for helpful service opening up before our public libraries, the need of increased maintenance is obvious.

The Library Commission urges upon Library Boards the importance of making the library a real educational center in the community and of recognizing the librarian's work as that of an educator. Adequate salaries should be paid for such service and sufficient help provided. A larger book fund will also be possible with an increased maintenance tax.

Very truly yours,

*Alice S. Tyler*  
 Secretary.

P.S.---A list is enclosed herewith of the recent library legislation.