

Below are tables showing details of the School Library Service at 31st March, 1949 :—

Education Boards.	Schools Served.	Children (Standard Classes).
Auckland	504	46,384
Canterbury	276	13,459
Hawkes Bay	144	9,036
Nelson	91	5,345
Otago	146	7,269
Southland	137	6,782
Taranaki	116	8,259
Wanganui	167	10,655
Wellington	172	14,466
Education Department—		
Special Groups	20	374
Maori schools	128	7,256
Child Welfare	15	507
Private schools	63	4,561
Island schools	3	528
	1,982	134,881

Additions to stock were 54,917 fiction and 26,195 non-fiction. Withdrawals were 3,290 fiction and 642 non-fiction. The stock now stands at 289,644, of which 189,743 are fiction and 99,901 non-fiction :—

Books.	Fiction.	Non-fiction.	Total.
Stock at 31st March, 1948	138,116	74,348	212,464
Accessions	54,917	26,195	81,112
	193,033	100,543	293,576
Withdrawals	3,290	642	3,932
Stock at 31st March, 1949	189,743	99,901	289,644

HOSPITAL AND INSTITUTIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE

The following scale of assistance has been approved for public hospitals and is available through free public libraries in boroughs with a population under 15,000 :—

Average Number of Occupied Beds Per Diem in Hospital.	Number of Books Allocated to Library.	Average Number of Occupied Beds Per Diem in Hospital.	Number of Books Allocated to Library.
1- 29	40	115-134	110
30- 44	50	135-154	125
45- 59	60	155-174	140
60- 74	75	175-199	150
75- 89	90	200-224	175
90-114	100	225-249	200

During the year 5 public libraries inaugurated this service, and 465 books were on loan to the total of 6 libraries receiving such assistance. Exchanges of books may be made every four months.