The Wisconsin Free Library Commission.

The Wisconsin Free Library Commission was created by an act of the legislature of 1895. It consists of five members and its duties are to "give advice and counsel to all free libraries in the state, and to all communities which may propose to establish them, as to the best means of establishing and administering such libraries, the selection of books, cataloging and other details of library management."

The Commission was organized December 3, 1895, and proved so useful that the next legislature gave it larger means and duties. It was reorganized, under the amended law, April 24, 1897. It consists of five members; two of them are appointed by the Governor and three are members ex-officio. Hon. J. H. Stout, of Menomonie, and Mrs. Chas. S. Morris, of Berlin, are members by appointment. The ex-officio members are President Chas. K. Adams, of the University of Wisconsin, State Superintendent J. Q. Emery, and Secretary R. G. Thwaites, of the State Historical Society.

J. H. Stout, of Menomonie, is Chairman of the Commission, F. A. Hutchins, of Madison, is Secretary, and Miss L. E. Stearns, of Milwaukee, is Librarian.

The Commission now has a permanent office in the Capitol at Madison, to which all correspondence relating to its official work should be addressed, and where all friends of libraries will be welcomed.

The Commission is not only willing but anxious to promote the free public library interests of Wisconsin and will cordially accept opportunities to give personal counsel and aid. It also invites information and suggestions from all friends of libraries.

A Hand Book has recently been published by the Commission, which gives the Wisconsin library laws, and suggestions to communities desiring to establish libraries. Copies of this publication may be obtained by applying to the Secretary of the Commission.