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An even larger number of new titles and replacements has been prepared for the South Side branch where Miss Ruth Hemmerly has been assisting in their preparation for circulation.

Personal narratives of war experiences are particularly popular among readers at the South Side branch, Miss Root's report indicates, many of these being issued to teen age youngsters. Many requests for various services are being received there it was stated. Tentative plans are also under way for organization of a Victory Reading Club to place emphasis on a better understanding of the country and its neighbors.

Bills for the month totalling \$3,088.85 are as follows: salaries, \$1,572.70; wages \$200.00; books, \$638.83; periodicals, \$8.68; binding, \$89.83; heat, \$282.31; light, \$88.62; telephone, \$18.37; supplies, \$120.73; building maintenance, \$35.25; transportation, \$10.78 and repairs, \$22.75.

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