

An Error Corrected

February 26, 1964

To the Editor:

The news story on the Hanover and Lebanon libraries in your issue of February 25 contains both a misapprehension and an error as it relates to Hanover.

The misapprehension arises from the use by the State Library of a population figure which is unreal for public libraries in Hanover. The figure given is that of the 1960 census, 7,329, which includes students at Dartmouth College. Dartmouth students unless living at home or through infrequent loans arranged by their college library, may not use the Howe Library in Hanover. Dartmouth students are now excluded from the accepted population figure of 4,200 on which our present representation in the General Court is based.

Using this figure of 4,200, the only one which applies to Howe Library and the Town Library in Etna, Hanover's per capita circulation for both libraries is 16.6, rather than the 9.5 figure quoted in your article. Of this 16.6 per capita circulation Howe Library accounts for 16.3.

Corrected per capita expenditures of the two libraries is \$6.44.

Howe Library is privately endowed and until 1947 received no monies from the Town of Hanover. Since 1947 income from its endowment has been modestly supplemented by Town appropriations. In 1962 (the year which the State Library report covers) the Town appropriation for Howe was \$6,000, for the Town Library, \$700; a total of \$6,700 contributed by the people of Hanover to their libraries. This amounts, not to the \$3.77 mentioned in your story, but to \$1.59 per person in Hanover to support services costing the libraries \$6.57 per person.

Sincerely yours,

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