

MISS G. PERRIER HONOURED

Miss Grace Perrier, who gave 52 years' service to the reading public of Rockhampton, was suitably honoured last night at the official opening of the modernised adult section of the Municipal Library.

A large photograph of Miss Perrier, with a plaque giving details of her wonderful work for the library, was hung on the wall immediately opposite the main entrance.

More than 70 people were present when the Deputy Mayor (Ald. H. S. Gardner) declared the new section officially open and said he hoped that every member of the community would benefit from the improvements, as it was the endeavour of the City Council to give the best service possible to the public.

"We are not unmindful, however, of the fact that the major work of the library was done in days gone by," Mr Gardner said, "and we have decided to place the handsome photograph of Miss Perrier in a suitable position to honour the 52 years' service she gave to Rockhampton. Miss Perrier has done a wonderful job and we want her to feel that all her efforts have been appreciated."

Ald. Gardner added that the adult section now had a membership of 2200, whereas that of the free children's library was 5000.

The annual expenditure for the library was £8603 and the receipts £4231, leaving a deficit of £4382. The rental of the hall, the adjoining hotel and other buildings amounted to £2952 (less expenditure £1396), reducing the library deficit to £2434.

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The City Council had also allowed £2100 for new books this year, Ald. Gardner said, and it was its aim to give the best reading facilities to young and old.

The Regional Director of Education and member of the Library Advisory Panel (Mr. A. E. Guymer) congratulated the City Council on its work and made particular mention of the facilities given to the children.

"The library serves many functions in the community," Mr. Guymer said. "It is a source of knowledge, it provides a background for the student and it provides pleasure and relaxation for a large number of people. However, I would like to see this library used more and more by students who wish to further their education."

Mr. T. Richards, a member of the Advisory Panel, also congratulated the City Council on the important improvements made.

Asked by Mr. Gardner for her impressions on the alterations, Miss Perrier said: "All I can say is that I thank the Deputy Mayor and the City Council for putting my portrait on the wall of this new and beautiful library."

The present librarian, Mrs. J. Wells, said she hoped that the community would show appreciation of the work done by the council in making good use of the library and she, in her turn, would endeavour to follow in the footsteps of Miss Perrier.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The new section, which is painted cream, fitted with modern lighting and tastefully furnished, gives the appearance of a comfortable and quiet living room, rather than the usual hard lines of a public library.

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tions on each, make all types of books easily accessible.

No alteration has been made in the classification of fictional literature, but non-fictional books now conform to the Dewey system, which classes together all books on the one subject.

Current magazines are to be found on the large tables and it is anticipated that many people will use the section as a reading room, although the one on the top floor will remain in operation also.

Among those present last night were Ald. J. Dowling and Mrs. Dowling, Ald. F. W. Har-

rup and Mrs. Harrup, Ald. L. Jones and Mrs. Jones and Ald. L. Laver and R. B. McKean.

The library committee of the City Council includes Ald. H. S. Gardner, R. Clanfield and L. Laver.