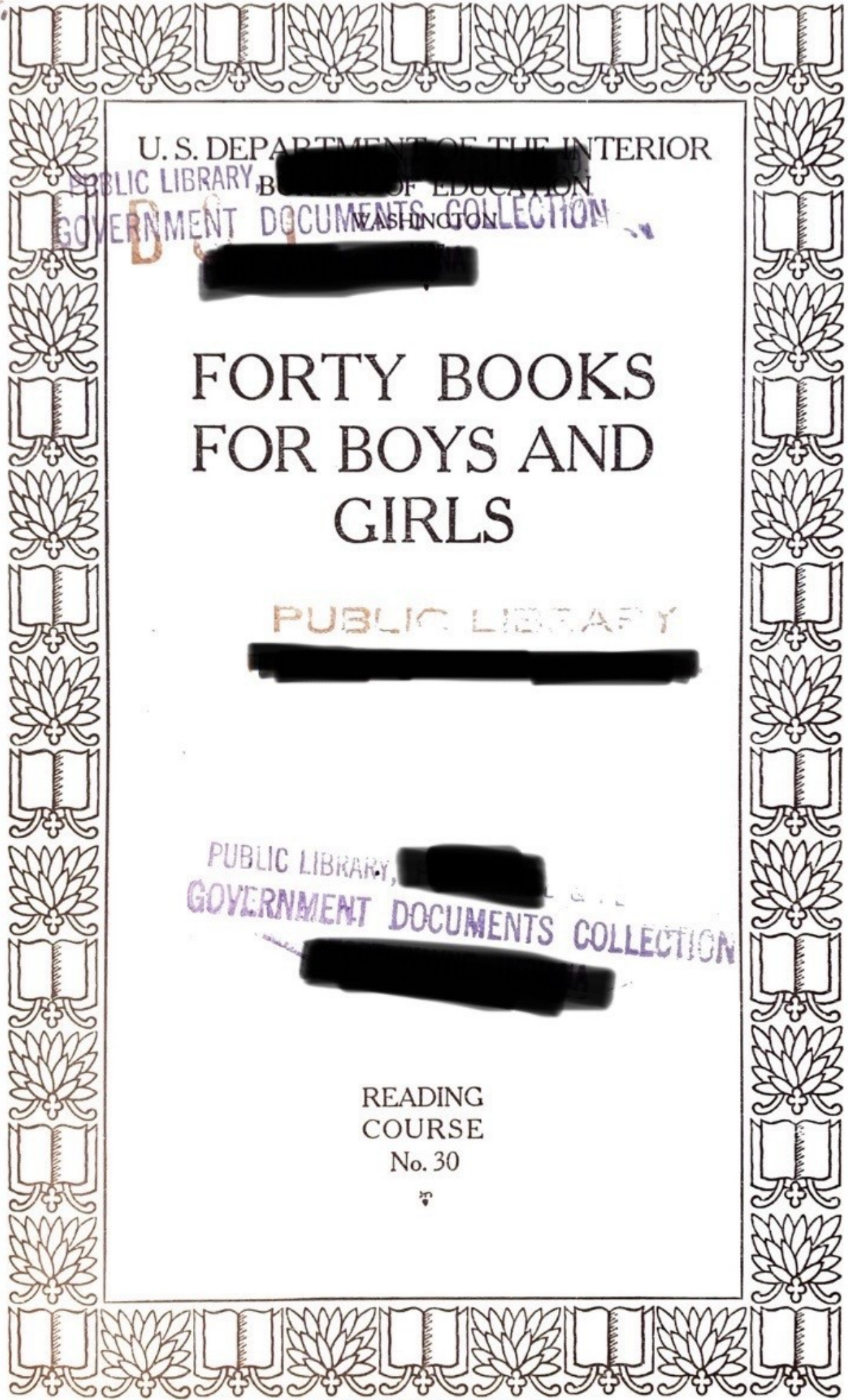


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READING
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FORTY BOOKS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS¹

Boys and girls learn to read in school, but most of their reading is done at home where they have many leisure hours during holidays and vacations. If they learn early to love good literature and have formed the habit of reading it, a summer of reading at home in leisure hours may be very profitable. During the school year there are also many hours each week free from home or school duties in which a boy or girl may read many books.

Children's librarians, teachers, and parents agree upon the need of furnishing children with well-selected lists of books and have cooperated in the preparation of many lists.

It is not possible to furnish a list containing all of the books that boys and girls should read before they are 16, but the Bureau of Education offers as a guide the following reading course which is intended merely to furnish suggestions for selecting books for children.

This course may be divided into four separate courses. Readers are permitted to select any 10 books for each course. The first 10 books selected will be called Reading Course No. 30-A; the next 10, 30-B; the next, 30-C; and the last 10, 30-D. A certificate will be issued for each of the four courses completed in accordance with the general requirements for the home education reading courses of this bureau.

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READING COURSE NO. 30

1. Little Women. Louisa M. Alcott.
2. Robinson Crusoe. Daniel Defoe.
3. Tanglewood Tales. Nathaniel Hawthorne.
4. Uncle Remus: His Songs and Sayings. Joel Chandler Harris.
5. Andersen's Fairy Tales. Hans Andersen.
6. The Jungle Book. Rudyard Kipling.
7. Alice in Wonderland. Lewis Carroll.
8. Treasure Island. Robert Louis Stevenson.
9. Just So Stories. Rudyard Kipling.
10. Heidi. Johanna Spyri.
11. The Arabian Nights.
12. The Adventures of Odysseus and the Tale of Troy. Padriac Colum.
13. The Oregon Trail. Francis Parkman.
14. Hans Brinker; or, The Silver Skates. Mary Mapes Dodge.
15. The Adventures of Tom Sawyer. Mark Twain.
16. Swiss Family Robinson. Johann David Wyss.
17. The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood. Howard Pyle.
18. Captains Courageous. Rudyard Kipling.
19. The Boy's King Arthur. Sir T. Malory.
20. Ivanhoe. Sir Walter Scott.
21. Aesop's Fables.
22. The Water Babies. Charles Kingsley.
23. A Child's Garden of Verses. Robert Louis Stevenson.
24. Master Skylark. John Bennett.
25. Little Men. Louisa M. Alcott.
26. The Little Lame Prince. Dinah Craig Mulock.
27. Gulliver's Travels. Jonathan Swift.
28. The Boys' Life of Abraham Lincoln. Helen Nicolay.
29. The Story of a Bad Boy. Thomas Bailey Aldrich.
30. The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. Mark Twain.
31. The Prince and the Pauper. Mark Twain.
32. Grimm's Fairy Tales.
33. The Story of Dr. Dolittle. Hugh Lofting.
34. The Wonderful Adventures of Nils. Selma Lagerlof.
35. Joan of Arc. Mark Twain.
36. Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm. Kate Douglas Wiggin.
37. The Man Without a Country. Edward Everett Hale.
38. Men of Iron. Howard Pyle.
39. Understood Betsy. Dorothy Canfield.
40. A Dog of Flanders. Ouida.