

**Emily Margaret Ball, better known as Margaret Ball. (Second Director from 1942 - 1958)**

According to Miss Ball's obituary, dated October, 24, 1958, "her death followed a short illness but she had suffered other illnesses for the past few years. Her home was at 507 W. Mills Street."

Ball lived in Creston practically all her life, except for three (3) years when she was Librarian at Stuart before becoming the Librarian at Gibson.

She was well known for all her work at the library where she conducted the summer reading program and story hour for school children of the community.

Ball was born in Creston on December 7, 1891 and was 66 years old when she died on October 24, 1958. She was the daughter of Frank Delevan Ball (born in Illinois according to Census data) and Lucy Margaret Munch-Ball (born in Ohio according to Census data). Miss Ball had never married.

Ball was a member of the First Congregational Church, the PEO Sisterhood, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Business and Professional Women's Club and Delta Alpha Gamma sorority.

Ball was laid to rest at Graceland Cemetery in Creston, IA. Unfortunately, we could not secure a picture of Miss Ball in the Library and Genealogy archives.



**Image source:** Graceland Cemetery

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/17450238/emily-margaret-ball>