

1993 Publicity Scrapbook Summary

System News

The Library Foundation of Hennepin County launched a \$93,000 fund drive to enhance the two Bloomington libraries. (*Bloomington Sun Current 2/10/93.*) \$10,000 had been raised by the end of the year (*Bloomington Sun Current 11/12/93.*)

St. Anthony, Osseo, Long Lake and St. Bonifacius libraries fought to keep open as the County board considered a budget restriction that included their closing (*Star Tribune 2/3/93*) In December the County Board voted to keep these four libraries open with reduced hours (*Star Tribune 12/3/93*)

Library Amnesty week allowed patrons to return overdue books without penalty. (*Star Tribune 12/30/93*) in preparation for conversion to public access computers. Only about 600 items were returned.

Library Outreach that began in 1971 and served 25-30 patrons in 1993 served 250.

Computer Access

Public Access computers became available for staff training at EP. They will be installed at all libraries beginning in 1994. (*Eden Prairie News 12/2/93*)

Library Construction

The final site plan was approved for the new Plymouth Library (*Weekly News 9/23/93*)

Southdale Area Library was in a renovation process (completion date 1994) and moved their video and audio production equipment temporarily to Brookdale. (*Crystal Robbinsdale Sun/Post 1-20-93*) Southdale was closed March 1 to 16 because of the construction project. (*Eden Prairie News 2/18/93*)

Eden Prairie expansion was in the planning stages for 1994. (*Eden Prairie News 10/21/93*)

A new Champlin library was planned to replace the existing building that had to be moved because of highway realignment. Groundbreaking was held 10/4/93. (*Champlin Dayton Press 9/30/93*)

Notable Library Programs

“Read-to-me” was a service offered by some libraries as a means of conveying to young children the importance of reading. (*Richfield Sun Current 1-27-93*) Volunteers offered individual stories on request at several libraries. (*HCL Publicity handout*)

Joseph Murphy, a member of the 1988-89 International Ski Expedition to the South Pole, presented a slide show on Antarctica. (*Bloomington Sun Current 2-17-93*)

Living Wills was a topic presented by a member of the Methodist Hospital staff. (*Bloomington Sun Current 3-3-93*) Arm chair travel continues to be popular at most libraries. The Tuskegee Airmen's story, A WWII success, was given by retired Air Force Colonel Kenneth O. Wofford (*Edina Sun Current 2-10-93*) "Starring Library Kids" was the 1993 summer program theme. (*Bloomington Sun Current 5-26-93*) Over 700 programs were offered including theater, films, puppet shows, story times, juggling and magic shows. (*Bloomington Sun Current 7-7-93*) For adults "Let's talk about books" with bring-a-bag lunch was popular at several libraries (*Richfield Sun Current 9-22-93*) Joint replacement was a topic of a talk by an orthopedic nurse (*Richfield Sun Current 2-3-93*) Job search and Job fairs and a mediation seminar were offered at Brookdale (*NW News 11-22-93*) Sick kits were offered at BP (*NW News 2-2-93*). Book discussions were part of EP's adult programming (*Eden Prairie News 9-23-93*) Edina Friends sponsored "Authors on Saturday" beginning in December (*HCL publicity handout*) September featured Phebe Hanson, poet and Evelyn Teegen, former American Ambassador to four individual countries in the South Pacific. (*Richfield Sun Current 9/15/93*) Book raffles were a popular offering at summer programs (*HCL publicity handout*) Health care options and prescription drug costs programs were already taking place at MG. (*HCL publicity handout*) Read-to-me volunteers were available for individual stories by request at several HCL libraries. (*HCL publicity handout*) Antiques and collectibles, always a favorite program, was given at Minnetonka by LaVerna Leipold. (*HCL publicity handout*) Elderhosteling was a popular senior program at many libraries. Children's book discussion groups encouraged summer reading in 1993. Tax help and tax updates were timely programs at most libraries. Diversity, consumer scams and healthy lifestyles for seniors were among the variety of programs in 1993. Dave Moore, a local television news celebrity, spoke at SL on the joys of reading (*St. Louis Park Sailor 11/24/93*)

Individual Library News

The **Bookmobile** burned as it was traveling south on highway 494 at Fish Lake Rd. (*Star Tribune 8/11/93*)

Brookdale Area Library received a print magnifier for the visually handicapped, purchased through a grant from Piper Jaffrey to the Library Foundation. The magnifier enlarges print up to 45 times. (*Brooklyn Center/Brooklyn Park Sun Post 8-25-93*)

Brooklyn Park closed 11/27/93 for training on the new automated system. (*Brooklyn Center/Brooklyn Park Sun Post, n.d.*)

Eden Prairie offered "Munch Bunch", a bag lunch story time. (*Eden Prairie Sun Sailor 7-14-93*)

Edina Librarian Helen Mc Nulty retired after 39 years of service. (*Richfield Sun 7/14/93*)

Excelsior Peggy Bauer became the youth Services Librarian at Ex (*Chanhassen Villager* 9/30/93)

Golden Valley African dances, games and culture were part of Black History month in February. (*HCL publicity handout*)

St. Anthony celebrated its 30 years of service with a Victorian tea. (*St. Anthony Bulletin* 4/21/93)

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