

1978 Publicity Scrapbook Summary

System News

Hennepin County Library Board

The library board re-elected Mary Ness to a second term as vice president. Also re-elected were Barbara Amram, president, and Raymond O'Connell, secretary. (*Richfield Sun* 4/5/78) State Senator Emily Anne Staples resigned after serving for three years. Although there was some question about the legality of a legislator serving on the library board, John Derus, Hennepin County Board chairman said, "I am positive that Emily was serving legally on that board." (*Mpls Trib* 4/14/78)

Individual library news

Augsburg Park

A historical map of Richfield was presented to Augsburg Park Library by the Minnesota Valley women's Club. Winifred Duffy did much of the research for the project. (*Richfield Sun* 5/17/78) Storytelling was still going strong after ten years. A special story time featured nationally known storyteller, Denny Dey was offered in December. (*Richfield Sun*, 12/27/78)

Brookdale

A meeting was scheduled on 2/23/78 at Edina Library where presentations were made before city councils in the north suburban area before the Hennepin County Board gives its stamp of approval. Plans would then come to the Brooklyn Center Planning Commission and City council for final approval. The new one story regional library would also include the Hennepin County License Service Center. By March, the Hennepin County Board said it could not approve plans until Hennepin County owned the land. Land for the new regional library was coming from two parcels. Dale Ackmann said he would recommend reformation, transferring the original parcel for which the county has already paid, for the new parcel, just north of the original site. On March 22 the Hennepin County Board approved a land swap that would enable construction to begin on a new site. (*Mpls Tribune* 3/22/78) The Hennepin County Board last week approved the reprogramming and redesign of the proposed Brookdale Regional Library to include a satellite court facility. (*North Hennepin Post* 7/27/78) An expansion loft projected to add \$3 million to the \$6.5 million cost of the new library was defeated by a 4 to 2 vote. (*North Hennepin Post* 8/10/78) Construction of the Brookdale-Hennepin Area Library and Service Center should be underway next spring (1979) Ridgedale-Hennepin Area Library and Service Center is expected to be under construction next summer. (1979) Both projects still await final County Board approval. (*Hennepin Family*, 12/78)

Brooklyn Center

Brooklyn Center Library offered 24 color videocassettes designed to be used with workbooks to help people prepare for the GED examination. Participants may select videocassettes based on their individual needs: Orientation and Test Taking, Reading-Literature, Reading-Science, Reading-Comprehension, Reading-Social Studies and Mathematics. Individuals may either use the non-circulating copies of the workbooks or may purchase their own for \$3. each. *(no source 5/18/78)*

Dayton

The final decision was made to close the Dayton Branch of the Hennepin County Library. Shortly after the first of the year the area around Dayton will be served by a Bookmobile that will visit in some locations on a regular schedule. Until then the library will remain open. *(no source, 1978)*

Long Lake

Friends of Long Lake library protested because the current library was much too small—about 600 square feet. Friends produced a slide show—showing the lack of parking, the one electrical outlet, the confined space-- and went to the library board in late March. The board was sympathetic but said their hands were tied—the budget comes from the Hennepin County Commissioners. All were in agreement that the library should be kept in downtown Long Lake. *(Minnetonka Sun 4/14/78)*

Ridgedale

On 5/2/78 Architects got the go ahead to design a county library to be built near the Ridgedale shopping center. At the same time the major question remains unresolved: should space for district and municipal court facilities and county welfare offices be included in the project? An 8000 foot service center would cost an extra \$360,000. *(Mpls Star 5/3/78)*

Robbinsdale

On March 31, 1978 Robbinsdale Library closed its doors. The library opened in 1904 issuing books out of the Columbia Hotel. In 1977 the Library Club turned over its ownership of the building to the City of Robbinsdale. The building has been designated an historical landmark. There are plans to use the library as a community center. *(North Hennepin Post 3/30/78)* In July the library opened its doors as The Artists' Registry. The Artists' Registry offers events ranging from storytelling to a non profit referral program for local artists. *(Brooklyn Center Post 7/13/78)*

Rogers

When Hennepin County General Hospital was replaced, a prefabricated building which had served as a family practice clinic was taken apart and moved to Rogers. The county

board planned to remodel the building as a library to replace the Dayton Community Library. However remodeling the building was found to be more expensive than building a new library. The board voted 6 to 1 to sell the clinic building and ask the staff to look into the problem of housing the new library. (*Brooklyn Park Post 5/25/78*)

St. Louis Park

An estimated 1800 people attended programs at St. Louis Park Community Library last week, marking the 10th anniversary for the library at the Louisiana Avenue location. Bud and Nan Kraehling read a collection of short stories and poems at the Sunday open house. (*St. Louis Park Sun 4/12/78*)

Southdale

A super 8 workshop offered free by the library showcased the library's media lab and its facilities and equipment. Junior High students made their own nature movies at the library workshop. (*Bloomington Sun 8/16/78*) Denny Dey, the Kansas storyteller appeared at Southdale and other Hennepin County Libraries. (*Mpls Tribune 12/29/78*) Minnetonka author, Marion Dane Bauer also conducted a workshop in March. (*Hopkins Sun 3/1/78*)

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