

## **1979 Publicity Scrapbook Summary**

### **System News:**

The most significant event in 1979 was the initial implementation of the circulation system. The hardware began arriving in the spring, data input began, and a milestone was reached in September when EP went online. (*HCL Annual Report, 1979*)

Friends groups were being established at BP, Ch, GV, Ho, Md, Ox, and PL along with an organizational meeting of the Friends Council at Ed. Libraries continued their move into the age of electronic media. (*Lake Minnetonka Sailor 3/12/79*)

Melsa instigated an advertising campaign to promote library use. (*Mpls Tribune 1/8/79*)

Outreach recruited volunteers to provide library service to suburban nursing homes. (*Richfield Sun 5/30/79*) 1979 NACo (National Association of Counties) awards were given to the library for its chemical dependency film program. (*Hopkins Sun 8/15/79*)

### **Individual libraries:**

#### **Augsburg Park**

The Richfield Jaycee Women donated a statue for the children's area of the library. The sculpture, titled Tenderly, features a mother and child. (*Richfield Sun 12/12/79.*) Friends of the Augsburg Park Library held their annual Holiday Open House in December. Various crafts were demonstrated. (*Richfield Sun 12/9/79.*)

#### **Brookdale**

Plans for the Brookdale-Hennepin Area Library and Service Center were approved by the County board in March of 1979. The building will house a library, license service center, social services and the courts. (*Brooklyn Center Post 3/1/79*) After several delays ground was broken in November 1979. Construction time is estimated to be approximately 18 months. (*Brooklyn Park Post 1-A, 11/8/79.*)

#### **Brooklyn Center**

In November, 1979 Brooklyn Center Library displayed books banned at the second Moscow Book Fair to point out the importance of intellectual freedom. (*Brooklyn Center Post 11/8/79*)

#### **Champlin**

The year started with people on the committee preparing the Champlin History book. This book could be pre-ordered by mail or in person at Champlin library. (*ABC Newspapers 1/12/79*)

## **Excelsior**

A four day seminar on consumer education for senior citizens was offered by Excelsior library. Various community leaders spoke on areas of interest such as finance, housing, estate planning, and Medicaid. *(Lake Minnetonka Sailor 9/4/79)*

## **Golden Valley**

Jeanne Gelinas replaced David Waldemar as head librarian. *(Golden Valley Post 9/13/79)*

## **Hopkins**

A newspaper article requesting Friends' memberships pictured the old Dow House that served as the Hopkins library from November 1948 until the opening of the new Library on 22 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. *(Hopkins Sun 5/30/79)*

## **Penn Lake/Oxboro**

Gloria Barry was named community librarian at both PL and Ox libraries in November 1979 following the resignation of Fred Neighbors at Ox. *(Bloomington Sun 10/31/79)*

## **St. Louis Park**

St Louis Park Library exhibited a group of 31 original illustrations from children's literature in November/December. *(St. Louis Park Sun 11/21/79)*

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