

1983 Scrapbook Summary

System News

Individual Libraries

Brookdale

The number of volunteers more than doubled as a result of a Brooklyn Center Post article (12/2/83) about the use of volunteers at Brookdale library.

Two coin operated microcomputers were available for public use at Brookdale Library: an Epson QX-10 and a Franklin ACE 1000. More than 200 software programs were available. (Brooklyn Center Post 8/25/83)

Sick Kits filled with children's books, records, games, cassettes, magazines and paperbacks were available at Brookdale library. Each kit is customized according to the child's interests and needs. (Brooklyn Park Post 1/27/83)

Champlin

Champlin celebrated 70 years of library service at an open house Sunday, February 27. Friends of the Champlin Library and Champlin Women's Club sponsored the open house. (Champlin Dayton Press 2/17/83)
Ruth Stephens celebrated 30 years as librarian at Champlin Library. Mayor Josephine Nunn proclaimed a Ruth Stephens Appreciation Day. Mrs. Stephens' mother, Gertrude Leathers operated the library from 1933 until 1952 when Mrs. Stephens took over (Champlin Dayton Press 9/23/82)

Eden Prairie

Members of the Eden Prairie City Council unanimously supported preliminary plans for a proposed Hennepin County Library to be located in the city's major center area, south of Prairie Center Drive. Plans call for development of the 2.5 acre site, with construction of the library to be complete in 1984. (Eden Prairie Sailor 11/8/82)

Hopkins

In an opinion piece for the Star Tribune "community section, Dr. Paul Slaton traces Hopkins library's history from City Hall to Dow House to its present location and its joining the Hennepin County Library system. As a frequent user he feared its loss of independence. But, he says cheerfully, I was wrong. (Star Tribune 11/16/82)

Fran Jones, Hopkins librarian, wrote a guide to handling censorship issues, Defusing Censorship: the librarian's guide to Handling Censorship conflicts. Her book included a section on developing policy for people who object to library materials. (no source, 1983)

The Friends embarked upon a project to raise \$9000 for library projects. The money will be used to buy microcomputers for public use. (Hopkins Minnetonka Sun 10-6-82)

Long Lake

Pat Erickson became the new person in charge of the Long Lake Community Library. Pat replaced Virginia Matanic. Prior to her Long Lake appointment Pat had been a staff member at Hopkins Library. (Pioneer Newspaper 8/9/83)

Oxboro

Edith Craig retires after 20 years as librarian in Bloomington. Edith said she was taking early retirement, at age 63, "because I want to retire while I can still walk around and do things!" (Mpls Star Trib 8/4/83) An open house to honor her was set for July 28 at Oxboro Community Library. (Bloomington Current 7/21/83)

Ridgedale

Ridgedale Library opened October 20, 1982. The library would not be officially called an area library until the county budget provided enough funding for a media desk and additional staff positions. (S & T Community 10/28/82) Earl Joseph, futurist, spoke at the opening ceremonies. (Sun 10/27/82) The television production studio at the Ridgedale Library was an example of a private-public partnership. The studio, which was housed in the basement doubled as the Minnetonka access studio of Cablesystems Southwest. Most of the studio equipment belonged to the library system, but the cable company provided portable gear and editing equipment. The studio would be open to certified cable users who have taken a short course to learn about running the video camera and taping equipment. (newspaper article, no source)

St. Anthony

St. Anthony Library celebrated 20 years of Hennepin County Library service with a day-long open house sponsored by the Friends. (The Bullentine, 5/12/83)

Southdale

Southdale-Hennepin Area Library marked its tenth year of service in the summer of '83. The most recent innovation was the use of plastic library cards utilizing "zebra" bar codes. The bar codes were part of a circulation control system. The codes were printed on all library materials and information was stored in a central computer. The new system enabled librarians to locate books within the library network. An audio visual lab was a unique feature of the library. The facilities allowed patrons to create their own photo, audio and video materials. Lab technicians were available for help and guidance. (newspaper article, no source)

Wayzata

RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) recognized Agnes Sawtell for her ten year commitment as a Retirement Senior Volunteer. Agnes' most recent volunteer assignments were with Wayzata Library and the Library's Deposit Collection Service at the Boardwalk Residence. For her fellow residents at the Boardwalk, Agnes administrated the Library's Deposit Collection Service. This Service involves depositing approximately 150 books in the resident's solarium to be checked out over a two month period.(Senior Citizens Newsletter, 1/83)

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