

# 1987 Publicity Scrapbook Summary

## Systems News:

The "storm of the century" floods affected Ridgedale Area Library on July 23. The entire administrative office complex was flooded, damaging hundreds of books and other library materials. The flooding affected new library materials being processed as well as old materials being routed from one library to another. Library staff tried to salvage as many items as possible, but the extent of the damage changed from day to day. All new materials were removed from the high humidity of the administrative office level and were held for seven days before processing and distribution to the libraries. The major concern was the development of mold which could contaminate existing collections. Library users were warned that they may not get some reserved materials because they were destroyed in the flooding. No new materials would be distributed for some time. Some programs were cancelled at Ridgedale Area Library because the meeting room was used to store materials. (Post 8/6/87) Several Youth Services librarians contributed to the Post's two part series of gift books for children. (Post editions 12/3/87) Representative Ann Rest and Senator Ember Reichgott were present when Governor Rudy Perpich signed a bill into law that continues Hennepin County's authority for library construction and expansion. (North Hennepin Post 7/9/87)

## Individual Libraries

### Augsburg Park:

Vicki Oeljen became the new head librarian at Augsburg Park in August of 1986. Former librarian, Helen McNulty was appointed principal librarian at Edina Community Library. (Richfield Sun 4/6/87) Augsburg Park held their eighth annual pumpkin personality contest on October 31. Over 100 children attended the event and 50 pumpkins were entered. (Richfield City Hall and Richfield Public Schools 12/87)

### Champlin:

Champlin asked the (library) board to consider building a new facility or helping them to relocate the existing library because of its development of the Old Town area. Proposed relocation was too late for the library's five year plan but was placed on the new five year plan (1989 to 1994). (Champlin Dayton Press 9//87) The family of D. C. Chandler selected 11 of his color prints and placed them in the Champlin library. Most of the pictures were taken in the area. (Champlin News 11/27/87) Melisa Brechon became the new librarian at Champlin in January of 1987. She followed Ruth Stephens, a life-long Champlin resident and Champlin librarian for 33 years before her retirement in 1986. (Champlin Dayton Press 1/15/87)

### Eden Prairie:

After a year of operation statistics comparing July 1987 with July 1986 show circulation up 130%. The staff issued 272 new library cards in July. The number of business persons using the library prompted the addition of ValueLine weekly investment service, which had been available only at Southdale. (Eden Prairie Sailor 9/14/87)

### Edina:

Phyllis Wenell retired as Edina's youth services librarian after 20 years of service. She was a member of the original staff that moved into the present library in 1971 and was children's librarian for 10 years. (Sun 6/8/87)

### Golden Valley:

Pat Chisenhall was promoted to principal librarian of the Golden Valley Library in December, replacing Jeanne Gelinas, Golden Valley Librarian since 1979 who was appointed to head Westonka, Excelsior, Maple Plain and St. Bonifacius Community Libraries. (New Hope-Golden Valley Post 12/18/87) A collection of 200 puppets was purchased for the Golden Valley Library through a \$1700 donation from the Golden Valley VFW and Auxiliary. The group also donated an additional \$200 for the purchase of large-print books. (New Hope-Golden Valley Post 5/8/87)

### Hopkins:

Friends of the Hopkins Library provided a carpet lined bathtub as a popular spot for reading. They also raised funds for an Apple IIe computer, stand and software, an electronic typewriter, bins for easy books a rocking chair, puppets and two strollers. (Hopkins Minnetonka Weekly News 6/25/87) Children's author and book reviewer, Jane Resh Thomas was featured at the Friends of the Hopkins Library annual meeting on October 22. (Hopkins Minnetonka Weekly News 10/15/87)

### Maple Grove:

Maple Grove Library was scheduled to open on September 1 but the storm that hit the metro area in July caused damage to library materials. This moved back the opening date to late September. (Osseo-Maple Grove Press 8/26/87) Another problem delayed opening: the wrong shelving was supplied and took several weeks to be replaced. (City of Maple Grove Newsletter 8/87) The library finally opened on October 6. (Post 10/8/87) Dedication for the library was October 22. (Osseo Maple Grove Press 7/8/87) Children from the Children's Learning Center in Maple Grove released balloons at the new library on October 23. the children were entertained by circus stories and a clown prior the balloon release. (Osseo Maple Grove Press 10/28/87)

## Maple Plain:

The second annual World Teddy Bear Convention was held October 21 through November 4 . Bears were brought to the library to relax on the shelves until prizes were awarded. Rollie Maski, back by popular demand, judged the species. (no source 10/12 and 10/26/87)

The Maple Plain Community Library was remodeled April 27-May 1. In addition to recarpeting the building, the public service area of the library will be enlarged. Dedication took place on May 25. A short history of the library was included in the dedication booklet.

## Minnetonka:

The Hennepin County Board authorized plans for a new Minnetonka Community library to go out for bids. The new library at Highway 101 and Excelsior Boulevard would replace the Minnetonka Community Library that had been in the shopping center at Highway 101 and Minnetonka Boulevard for the last 20 years. Completion was expected in late 1988. (Hopkins Sailor 12/28/87)

## Osseo:

Osseo Library celebrated its 65th anniversary May 2, 1987. Friends sponsored an open house. (Osseo/Maple Grove Press 4/23/87)

## Oxboro:

Phyllis Krogness retired in December of '87 after completing 21 years of service with the library. (Bloomington Sun 12/7/87)

## Plymouth:

Finding a good location for a library for Plymouth was raised in 1987. Because Plymouth had no downtown and because a portion of Plymouth was served by other libraries the prospect for a library did not appear in the five year plan. Bookmobile service was provided on Wednesdays at the City Center but Plymouth's mayor said the city would continue to request a library for this community of over 40,000.(Sailor 11/9/87)

## Rockford Road/Robbinsdale

As the Rockford Road Library celebrated 15 years of service, members of the Robbinsdale Library Club . marked their 80th year of support for the library. Members of the club provided a short history of the group. (North Hennepin Post 10/1/87) During National Children's Book Week local librarians talked about current trends in library usage: more fathers bringing children in, children using the libraries at much younger ages, better non-fiction books for preschoolers, more use of libraries by day care providers, more ethnic books, more retelling of old tales, more home schooling. (Brooklyn Park Post 11/19/87) Roseanne Byrne discussed adult trends: job related research, do-it-yourself information, adult education, and travel. ( North Hennepin Post 9/24/87)

## Ridgedale:

Ridgedale Library's services were curtailed due to the "flood of the century" on July 23 . The entire administrative office complex was flooded, damaging hundreds of books and other library materials. The library staff tried to salvage as many items as possible but the extent of the damage was changing day to day. The major concern was the development of mold that could contaminate existing collections. (Weekly News, Inc 8/8/97) The flooding affected new library materials being processed as well as old materials being routed from one library to another. Library users' reserved materials were delayed; there were no new materials on the shelves for a period of time; some programs were cancelled. (Post 8/6/87)

## St. Bonifacius:

The Hennepin County Library Board voted to form a joint committee of county library staff and community representatives (regarding the proposed closing of St. Bonifacius library). Named to the committee from St. Bonifacius are (Shirley) Logelin,(Bob) Clifford, (Eleanor) Dittrich, Bonnie Thurk, Megan Mass, Agnes Thurk, Linda Schnobrich, Marilyn Bennett and Mona Neeley. (Westonka Sailor 8/3/87)

The fate of the St. Bonifacius Community Library was to be decided October 22 during the Library Board's annual meeting. The library would either stay open 18 hours a week or close completely. The board set up a committee to study the library and why it should be closed as well as why it should stay open. (Westonka Sailor 10/26/87) In November the Hennepin County Library Board voted to allow the St. Bonifacius Community Library to remain open through August 1, 1988. The circulation must increase to an average of 27.7 loans per hour of opening. (The Laker 11/2/87)

## St. Louis Park:

Loren Taylor was named the new head librarian at St. Louis Park Community Library in February. (Sailor 2/23/87) The American Legion Auxiliary of St. Louis Park donated more than \$4,000 to the library, enabling the library to expand its audiovisual materials for children and aiding in the purchase of a microcomputer for public use. The Apple II computer, purchased with funds from the Auxiliary and the Friends of the St. Louis Park Library, has been heavily used by children and adults. (no source 11/9/87)

## Wayzata:

The local American Legion presented a flag and flagpole to the Wayzata Community Library . (Wayzata Weekly News 11/25/87)

## Westonka:

The city of Mound celebrated its 75th anniversary in 1987. A souvenir booklet included a two page history of Westonka Library written by Jeanne Gelinis. (Mound City Days Summer/1987)

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