

## 1990 Publicity Scrapbook Summary

### System News:

Hennepin County Library Board held a public hearing to consider recommending an increase in fine rates at the libraries. the proposed increases would raise rates by 5 cents. Current rates are 20 cents a day on adult materials and 5 cents a day on juvenile items. (Weekly News 6/21/90) The proposed changes would go into effect January 1, 1991. (Brooklyn Center Post 6/20/90)

The Washington County Library Board reviewed a complaint about a teen book titled Juggling. The board took no action. Vice president of the American Library Association Gretchen Wronka said library materials are chosen to serve a wide variety of people of all ages. She said the state library association is concerned about any attempts to censor anything, no matter how offensive it may be. (Star Trib 4/13/90)

A revised edition of its Friends of the Library Manual has just been announced. (Library PR News 6/90)

A library for Plymouth was included in the county's proposed capital budget for 1991-93. Mayor Kim Bergman said he was aware of the tight operating budget but said there is also an issue of fairness to Plymouth taxpayers. If the capital budget is passed as proposed a library would likely be three years away. Tad Jude, County Commissioner, said the search for a library site would focus on the area near the Plymouth City Center. (Wayzata Sailor 6/27/90) Plymouth will finally get a library, more than 20 years after residents thought one was on the way. the city is the largest in the county without its own library. The (Hennepin) County Board proposed locating the library at Highway 55 and Vicksburg Lane, near city hall. (Star Trib 11/14/90)

Hennepin County residents were asked to donate children's books to Project Bookshelf. Project Bookshelf was created by Lt. Gov. Marlene Johnson in 1989 to emphasize the importance of reading in children's lives. The statewide program collects new books to give to children during the holidays. Various libraries served as collection points. (Hopkins Sailor 12/5/90)

Several library board members wrote letters to the editor (North Hennepin Post 9/19/90) with concern for the steady decline in the library's collection budget. Since 1980 the library's use has gone up by 83%. In that same period the collection budget declined by 6%. (no source 9/19/90)

Hennepin County Library received the 1990 John Sessions Memorial Award "for the creation and implementation of subject headings that reflect with timeliness and sensitivity the social and cultural changes in the labor movement and the working population". The award, sponsored by the American Library Association's Reference and Adult Services Division was presented during the ALA's 1990 Annual

and Adult Services Division was presented during the ALA's 1990 Annual Conference in Chicago. (Union Advocate 10/22/90)

Even in 1990 newspaper articles reflected library budgets not adequate to the needs of library users. Accelerating demands on the library have outstripped resources. (Crystal/Robbinsdale Post 5/9/90) In the 1980s the county's suburban population rose by 16%. Library circulation jumped 94%. But the library's cataloged collection shrank 5%. (Star Trib 11/13/90)

Ardis Wiley and Pamela Holt contributed to an article in the Champlin Dayton Press (7/10/90) on the history of the bookmobile up to 1990. The article's catchy title was "The Bookmobile--from horse and buckboard to air-conditioning".

As book prices rose the library started a "Handle with Care" campaign with bookmarks that listed tips for extending the life of library materials. (Weekly News 2/1/90) Rockford Road library featured a display of water damaged books at their fall book sale. (Post News 9/26/90)

### Augsburg Park:

The 2nd Annual Winter Family Fun Day took place January 21 at Augsburg Park for outdoor activities and at Augsburg Park Library for indoor activities. (Your City and Schools, Richfield, 12/90)

### Bookmobile:

Hennepin County Library celebrated the 100th anniversary of the initiation of bookmobile service to rural Hennepin County residents. Last year the bookmobile logged more than 12,000 miles transporting library materials to county residents and chalked up a circulation of 69,500 items borrowed. (Weekly News 4/12/90) The bookmobile discontinued its stop in Rockford beginning in January 1990 due to declining use. From March 1989 to October 1989, use of the bookmobile decreased 43% because of the new library that opened in Rockford. (HCL Publicity brochure, n.d.)

### Brookdale:

Although only three people attended his Brookdale Library discussion, Maurice Britts is determined that civil rights is not an issue that will be forgotten. (no source 11/7/90)

### Champlin:

The Champlin City Council offered Hennepin County Library a land swap involving moving the operations of the Champlin Community Library from its current location on Curtis Road in Old Town Champlin to the area near the city hall. (Champlain Dayton Press 4/3/90)

### Eden Prairie:

A 1991 addition to Eden Prairie's library is among projects that fell by the wayside last week when the Hennepin County Board adopted a \$1.1 billion budget. The county board did not fund the \$538,262 request to expand the Eden Prairie Center Community Library by 5000 sq.ft. (Eden Prairie News 11/22/90)

### Excelsior:

Paul Turgeon succeeded Virginia Hastings as Excelsior's librarian in August. (Weekly News 8/30/90)

### Golden Valley:

As part of the Valley Square redevelopment project the third phase could include the Golden Valley Library. Bidding on the project was to begin this winter , with planting to be completed in 1991. (North Hennepin/Golden Valley Post 1/17/90) Golden Valley's annual Black History Month observance has been recognized as one of the most comprehensive celebrations of black cultural history in the nation. "No other predominantly white area has taken Black History Month) forward to this degree" said John Mentzos, cultural arts program director for the St. Paul based Compas organization. (North Hennepin/ Golden Valley Post 1/17/90)

### Maple Grove:

Jabeen Yusufali of Maple Grove authored a juvenile non-fiction book on her native Pakistan. She also provided a display at Maple Grove Library. Ms Yusufali is a freelance writer who also contributed an article on encouraging a love of reading to Minnesota Parent (n.d.)

The Day Care Dilemma was the topic of National Issues Forums on Saturdays in March at the Maple Grove Community Library. The forums are an effort to get citizen input into the legislative process regarding the child care issue. National Issues Forum does not advocate any specific solution or point of view on public issues but provides a framework within which citizens may work through information and opinion to informed judgment. (no source)

### Rockford Road:

The new downtown jail facility dominated the county's capital budget program to the exclusion of many other projects including expansions at Brookdale and Ridgedale courts and (the addition to) Rockford Road Library. (Crystal Robbinsdale Post? 5/9/90))

### St. Anthony:

When library hours were cut back it met with stiff opposition from the community. After many discussions, meetings and phone calls the controversial four hours were restored on November 5. The restoration of hours was only temporary , until May 1991. (Northeaster 11/28/90)

### St. Bonifacius:

On the Night of a Thousand Stars local "stars" read to more than 30 kids gathered at the St. Boni Library on April 25. They showed the kids that they believe in reading, in libraries and in the knowledge and fun that can be gained from books. (Waconia Patriot 6/3/90) Volunteers were out in force over the weekend to give St. Boni Library a paint job. Hennepin County Library System paid for the paint, while St. Boni Friends of the Library paid for the sandblasting. (Waconia Patriot 10/18/90)

### St. Louis Park:

Helen Halverson became the new head librarian, replacing Loren Taylor who transferred to Ridgedale Library last fall. (No source)

### Southdale:

The Southdale Area Library proposed expansion plans that could include increasing the facility by 12,000 sq.ft. More detailed planning hinged on the availability of funds. If the plan proceeds, portions of the library could be closed until 1991 while reconstruction is going on. (Sun Current 8/1/90)

### Wayzata:

A new Apple IIgs computer with a printer and software was available for public use. They are gifts to the library from the Friends. Individuals may also use their own compatible software or borrow software from the Ridgedale-Hennepin Area Library. Blank diskettes were available for \$3. each. (Weekly News 7/26/90)

### Westonka:

Friends of the Westonka Library contributed a new information desk in April. The desk is just one of the many contributions the group has made over the years. (Westonka Laker 4/2/90)