

1992 Publicity Scrapbook Summary

System News:

In a long article titled " Save the Public Library" David Morris credits Sanford Berman with providing up to date, accessible headings for the library catalog. In a side article he adds, "Hennepin County system offers a astonishing selection (of videos) including Children Service director and current President of Minnesota Library Association, Gretchen Wronka's interviews with hundreds of local celebrities from her local cable program" (All About Kids) (no source, n.d.)

The Star Tribune featured an article with photo about repetitive injuries in the library setting, particularly carpal tunnel syndrome. (11/29/92)

Another Star Tribune (no source, n.d.) article told of Robert Rohlf in Egypt representing the United States on a multinational committee that is planning the new Bibliotheca Alexandrina. The project was being undertaken by the Egyptian government and UNESCO which recommended him for the project.

On 2/17/92 the Star Tribune published an article titled "A new building downtown isn't the best way to spend library dollars." The article mentions shifting populations and employment , the decline of jobs located in the central city and the slipping of service in Minneapolis branch libraries. Minneapolis taxpayers paid more than most others for their library service. Per capita spending was \$37.65 in 1990.

A commission appointed by the legislature to study consolidation proposals rejected the potential mergers of public health programs and library systems. St. Paul and Ramsey County have unsuccessfully pursued merger of health services for more than 40 years. Any hopes that the Legislature could force the move died after Mounds View Mayor Jerry Linke argued that it wouldn't save money or improve services. (Star Trib 2/6/92)

The Readmobile was on display at the NACo Convention that was held in Minneapolis in June. It was available for NACo convention attendees to tour. (County News 6/22/92)

Brookdale Area Library:

The Hennepin County Library Media Lab has been relocated to the Brookdale Library because of extensive renovation in progress at Southdale-Hennepin Area Library, Edina. There are no darkroom facilities there because of space limitations. (Brooklyn Center/Brooklyn Park Sun Post 5/29/92)

Champlin:

An 8,900 square foot library in Champlin was to be located at Champlin Dr. and Ensign Av. It was designed by TSP Architects and Engineers. Estimated construction cost was \$973,693. (no source 5/21/92) When The Champlin Women's club sold the land at 230 Curtis upon which the Champlin Library was located, it decided to donate the proceeds from the sale to Champlin Park High School with the understanding that the money would be used to establish a scholarship trust fund. Interest from the money will be used to fund one or two scholarships. To be eligible, students must be Champlin residents and members of the graduating class and must intend to pursue a degree in library science, education or another post-secondary program. (Champlin Dayton Press 5/19/ 92)

Eden Prairie:

Eden Prairie Library, built in 1986, was planned as a two phase project with an addition to be added in five years. More than five years have passed and the library has not kept up to the growth in the community. This prompted Library Board Chair, Patrick Shannon to send a letter to the Eden Prairie City Council requesting support for a lobbying effort to direct Hennepin County construction money to the (expansion) project. (Eden Prairie Sun Sailor 9/16/92) Circulation at the Eden Prairie Library hit a new record in July thanks in part to major renovation underway at Southdale. Funding to expand the 10,000 square foot Eden Prairie Library toward the Lund's shopping center would be considered again in 1992. The Eden Prairie project has a price tag of \$862,000. (Eden Prairie News 8/13/92)

The Bloomington Sun Current(3/25/92) published a five column article on Marge McPeak and her husband Rod and their adventures on their Suzuki Cavalcade Motorcycle.

Excelsior:

A new library for Excelsior was discussed in an article in the Excelsior Sun Sailor (4/15/92). There were mixed feelings on the part of the community, the library administration and the City of Excelsior. On the one hand the present library has lots of parking spaces and is located out of mainstream traffic, making it safe for children. On the other hand the library has no community room, is not very visible to the public and lacks adequate staff working space. And the library system prefers to own, not lease, its library buildings.

Maple Grove:

An article in the Maple Grove Press refers to Maple Grove Library as a part of the business economy as new companies search out information to assist them in establishing themselves in the community. (5/20/92)

Minnetonka:

Minnetonka Library celebrated its 25th anniversary this year with a reception in the community room on December 17th. Karen McGovern contributed a brief history of the library that appears in the Weekly News article of December 10, 1992.

Osseo:

Osseo Library celebrated its 65th anniversary this year. An article in the Osseo/Maple Grove Press (4/29/92) contained a brief history of the library and its earlier incarnations. Osseo Library held a celebration on May 2 in the community room of the Osseo City Hall. (Osseo/Maple Grove Press 4/22/92)

Oxboro:

Vandalism at Oxboro Library prompted officials to close the bookdrop on weekends indefinitely. Vandals dropped ice and snow into the bookdrop damaging more than \$1000 worth of library materials. In separate incidents beer and eggs were poured into the bookdrop. Bathroom walls have been defaced with graffiti and a fire was set in a recycling dumpster. (Bloomington Sun-Current 12/9/92)

Plymouth:

A Star Tribune article's headline read "New libraries likely in Plymouth, Champlin" The library was losing the Champlin library site to redevelopment. But County Commissioner Mark Andrew of Minneapolis, opposed any new suburban library projects, particularly Plymouth's, arguing that social needs deserve higher priority. (Star Trib? n.d.)

In November 1990 the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners unanimously agreed to set aside \$2.51 million for the Plymouth library project. That decision was contingent upon an offer made by two Plymouth City Council members that the city would donate up to \$400,000 in land for the library. The Hennepin County Library Board selected an architect to begin designs to building the county's 26th library in Plymouth. The library is on track for completion in late 1993 or early 1994. (Star Trib? n.d.)

The new library in Plymouth with a minimum of 12,000 square feet, was designed by Frederich Bentz/ Milo Thompson/ Robert Rietow, Inc. The construction cost is estimated at \$1.37 million. (no source 5/21/92)

Ridgedale Area Library:

A used book store was opened at Ridgdale in May. Material available includes hardcover fiction and non-fiction, paperbacks, children's books, video cassettes,

compact discs and more. Most hardcover adult fiction sells for 50 cents, as do hardcover children's books; hardcover adult non-fiction is priced at \$1.; and paperbacks are 30 cents.(Plymouth Sailor 5/20/92)

St. Anthony:

St. Anthony City Council members got a preview of a plan that calls for curving 27th Avenue into Coolidge Street, taking out the two restaurant buildings in the area. (Northeaster 5/6/92)

Southdale Area Library:

Southdale Library shut down from March 9 to March 15 to get ready for construction that was expected to be finished in June 1994. About two-thirds of the library's collection was accessible to Southdale patrons during construction. Some library staff and materials were moved to other libraries. (Star Trib 2/14/92) When the library reopened the Popular Library floor was closed and under renovation. The Information Services floor was open and offered about two thirds of the library's total collection including all reference materials. Library hours remained the same. (SLP Sun Sailor 7/1/92)

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