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James M. O'Brien, Head Librarian, Accepts SLS Position

Head Librarian James M. O'Brien has accepted the position as Executive Director of the Suburban Library System (SLS) effective January 16. He succeeds Lester Stoeffel who has retired after serving since 1967 as the first chief administrator of SLS.

O'Brien is completing ten years as head of the Oak Lawn Library. When he came to the Library in April, 1976, a major addition was under construction. As he leaves, a major remodeling program is under way.

"The people of Oak Lawn and the Library Board have never been satisfied with standing still," O'Brien noted. "They recognize the ever-changing needs of the community and the obligation of the Library to meet those needs. The result is a Library that moves steadily forward."

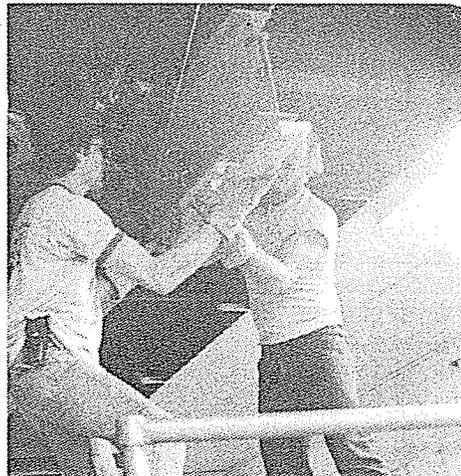
O'Brien recalled some of the most memorable activities of his tenure. According to statistics, more and more people use the Library so that approximately half a million persons enter the doors each year which indicates that a variety of needs are being met. He mentioned the development of the Newsletter as an important vehicle to let the people know what is going on at the Library and to get feedback from them with mail-in surveys.

He said that he continues to be gratified by the response to the programming for the children of the community. *"Because they are the future leaders of our society, it is important to continue to make services available in every way possible,"* O'Brien said.

According to O'Brien, support by organizations such as the Southwest Board of Realtors, Illinois Bar Association, PTA's, women's groups and veterans' groups and contributions of materials in their field have been valuable. He also mentioned that the interest throughout the community in being elected to the Library Board, the willingness to serve and to provide help through governance have shown that the Library does impact on its public. He noted that several candidates vie for seats on the Board at each election while other libraries often have a lack of persons to fill the vacancies.

Other memories that were mentioned included the good working relationship with the administration of the Village and the mutual respect and understanding between the governing boards about their roles and responsibilities. He said that revenue sharing funds from Worth Township had provided a chance to acquire and do things that were out-of-the-ordinary such as buying the grand piano and the Library sculpture for the front of the building.

The Friends of the Library were remembered for their growth and service to the community and the access to cultural activities that they provide. *"They have made many things possible through their donations,"* he said. *"For example, the online database searching, original purchase of videotapes, the listening table for Youth Services and much, much more."*



Workmen install a 26-foot steel beam in the ceiling over the Fine Arts Department checkout desk as part of the current remodeling project. On that day, patrons were directed to the Youth Services Department for videotapes and checkout services.

O'Brien recalled the introduction of a regular schedule of surveys in order to actively seek input and response from patrons. *"These were instrumental in giving us direction for the current remodeling program. They showed how the Library is used. Changes were needed, not unbridled growth."* Surveys also show where satisfaction is the greatest. Overall, the regular surveys and the mail surveys indicate that the Library has a positive look in the community, and O'Brien is proud of that.

The best known happening was the censorship "storm" that erupted in 1980. A group of Oak Lawn residents wanted the book *Show Me* removed from the Library. After several months of controversy, the book was retained by the Library *"as a matter of principle."*

How does he view the future for the Oak Lawn Public Library? He says that it should change to meet the changing needs, maintain flexibility and be responsive to the community, both in fiscal matters and in meeting community needs.

As to the challenge of his new position, O'Brien says that it will be a different role for him. He will become a consultant offering advice as well as being an administrator responsible for providing services. He noted that he will spend an initial time on the job determining the needs of the 170 libraries in the system. He intends to listen to how they feel about SLS, what it should provide and how he can assist them in delivering services to their clientele. He plans to continue to maintain a dedicated and knowledgeable staff to assist the member libraries as much as possible.

O'Brien will be on the job in Oak Lawn until January 15, the day before he begins at SLS. *"I'll miss the community, the people and the staff. However, my office will be in Burr Ridge which isn't too far away. I'm sure there will be visits to Oak Lawn. The Oak Lawn Library is a vital part of the Suburban Library System, and we are certain to have much contact,"* O'Brien said.

Linda P. Elliott Appointed Acting Director

Linda P. Elliott, Assistant Head Librarian, has been appointed Acting Director by the Library Board. She will serve as chief administrative officer while a nationwide search is conducted for a replacement for J. M. O'Brien.

Elliott has been with the Library since 1984. She has been actively involved with Library administration including the current remodeling program.

The Library Board has placed advertisements in state and national library journals and hopes to conduct initial interviews in January at the American Library Association mid-winter conference in Chicago. The whole Board is serving as a search committee with Harriet Murphy as Chairman.

Videotapes in Abundance

More than 850 videotape titles are available for checkout in the Fine Arts Department. The large collection includes children's and juvenile films, full-length popular movies and classics and many foreign films. There are BETA and VHS tapes, but not all titles can be found in both.

Videotapes can be checked out by patrons who are at least 18 years of age. Two tapes at a time can be taken out on a library card. Loan period is three days which includes day of pickup and day of return. An insurance fee of 50¢ is charged for each tape. In order to keep the collection turning over and changing, there are no renewals or reserves. Selection is based on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Library owns most of the tapes that it circulates. In order to provide a bigger variety for patrons, it participates with other libraries in the area in a cooperative in which joint-owned tapes are rotated every two months.

According to Library staff, the current season is an excellent time to use the videotape collection. An unusually large number of tapes are on the shelves which means that a greater selection is waiting for interested persons with video players.

Youth Services Department

Think Summer

A special program for creative writers in grades three through eight is scheduled for 3:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, January 31. Participants are invited to come to the Library for an hour of summertime creative writing and to forget about the cold, snow and wind.

All those who enroll are invited to bring thoughts of summer and to enjoy a glass of lemonade while writing a poem, story or song about summer.

Registration, in person or by phone, begins Monday, January 20; 422-4993.

Winter Wonderland of Stories

A six-week session of storyhours will be offered for three- to five-year-olds from February 3 through March 13. The sessions will feature songs, stories, puppets, poems and much more. Special celebrations will be held for Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day and other winter occasions.

Three-year-olds:

Monday, 10-10:30 a.m.
beginning February 3
Thursday, 1:30-2 p.m.
beginning February 6

Four- and five-year-olds:

Tuesday, 1:30-2:15 p.m.
beginning February 4
Wednesday, 10-10:45 a.m.
beginning February 5

Registration either in person or by phone begins January 20; 422-4993.

Story Quilt Update

Last spring, this department coordinated a Story Quilt Project. Many eager volunteers stitched and assembled quilt blocks into a beautiful wall hanging with favorite characters from juvenile books such as Mother Goose, Curious George and Bambi. The quilt will be ready to hang when the Youth Service Department moves to its new quarters on the first floor.

Those who contributed blocks are Gretchen Hart, Jan Korenchan, Peggy Owens, Barbara Lundeen, Joan Kikowski, Rita Berndt, Carol Ann Mueller, Kathy Ward, Joanne Wenzel, Betty Cramp, Kathy Waitkus, Diane Bruer, Marcie Farano, Kathie Berka, Carol Dykstra and Kathy Lang.

One block featuring a gingerbread man was turned in without a name attached. The staff is anxious to know who created it and asks the person who is responsible to call Youth Services, 422-4993.

Computer Catalog Classes Set

Three identical classes of instruction for using the computer catalog are scheduled in January. The classes will be small and informal with an opportunity for participants to use the computer terminals while an instructor is on hand.

The class schedule includes sessions from 1:30-3 p.m. Sunday, January 12; 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, January 14; and 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 15. Classes are limited to 12 persons for each session. Registration, by phone or in person, begins January 5 on a first-come, first-served basis; 422-4992.

The Library has ten computer catalog terminals which are programmed so that users can search for materials in the same classifications as the standard card catalog—author, title and subject. By touching the computer screen, patrons can find out whether the material is on the shelf or out in circulation. Also disclosed is whether the material is available from any of the other libraries in the Suburban Library System, a service not provided by the card catalog.

The computer catalog is updated daily. The card catalog is not maintained and will be phased out when the remodeling is complete.

Questions about the classes or registration should be directed to Librarian Anne Kozak, class instructor, 422-4992.

Library Board Members

President Thomas Krzeminski
Vice President William Roach
Secretary Catherine Siemeck
Treasurer Harriet Murphy
Directors David Gallagher
Carol James
Beth McElroy

Friends Recall Past Projects and Contributions

Under the able leadership of many volunteers, the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library have undertaken many worthwhile projects in support of the Library. Their contributions provide services and equipment that are used by patrons daily. In addition, their trips give local people a chance to attend cultural events and visit interesting places without concerns about driving or parking. Although their primary fundraiser, the annual Book Sale, is on hold until the remodeling is complete, the trips continue to prove that the organization is alive and well.

Some of the past projects of the Friends are purchases of photographic equipment, cassettes and videotapes, stuffed animals, musical instruments for children and art prints. They financed the design and building of a listening center for the Youth Services Department. They have underwritten the cost of a series of history booklets, *After Black Oak*. The latest in that group is due from the printer in early January. It details the history of the Oak Lawn Fire Department.

Members of the Friends serve as volunteers for patron surveys, committees on planning for Library community programs and as general supporters of the Library and its services.

The Board of the Friends meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Library. Those interested in active participation in the group are invited to attend these meetings. A general membership meeting is held annually in June.

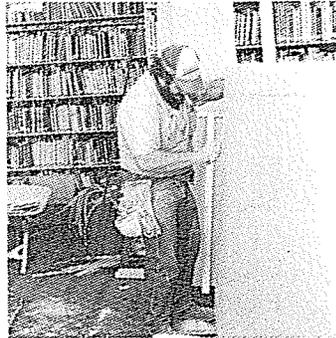
Phone Numbers Reminder

Dialing direct to various Library departments is possible with the recently installed phone system. Those who know which area they want to contact can direct dial and bypass the main switchboard.

General Switchboard 422-4990
 Circulation 422-4991
 Reference 422-4992
 Youth Services 422-4993

Remodeling Moves to Upper Levels

With the lower level nearing completion, the Library's major remodeling project is now on the main two floors. Patrons have an opportunity to observe the changes and the progress. Although inconveniences are bound to occur, the Library will remain open with regular hours in order to serve the public. Already evident is the fact that materials may not be located where expected. Also apparent is the sound of construction which includes hammering, sawing and drilling.



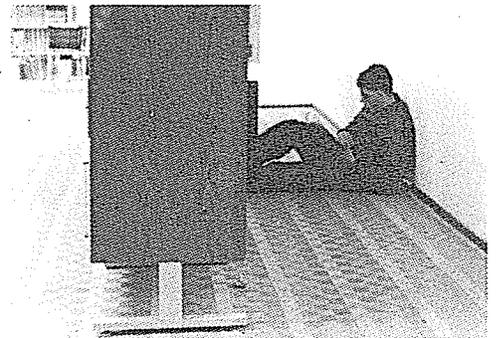
A carpenter works on construction of new main floor facilities as the renovation moves from the lower level to the main section of the Library.



From one day to the next, various sections of the Library are moved to accommodate the construction crews. This group of patrons discovers the videotapes in the area that formerly housed the art gallery.



A library cart serves as a carrier for wire while the electrician installs wiring in the circulation area.



This patron has discovered that finding a seat or a study carrel is not always convenient with all the work going on.

Answers to Trivia IQ

The December issue of the Newsletter contained a Trivia IQ test of 32 questions. Many patrons expressed interest with phone calls and personal visits as they attempted to find the right answers. Based on the responses at the Library score of 25-32 correct is excellent; 16-24 is great; 10-15 is good; 1-9 is average. Here are the correct answers.

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| 1. Zone Improvement Plan | 17. Bob Wills |
| 2. Dottle | 18. Christ Hospital |
| 3. NCC-1701 | 19. \$1.98 |
| 4. Frank O'Brien | 20. Six |
| 5. 9-0 | 21. Village of Oak Lawn |
| 6. Yuri Gagarin | 22. Harvey |
| 7. White Christmas | 23. Speech, worship, want, fear |
| 8. James Montgomery | 24. None |
| 9. Leslie King | 25. Audie Murphy |
| 10. Joe Louis | 26. The Fugitive |
| 11. Black Oak | 27. San Antonio, Texas |
| 12. Theodore Roosevelt | 28. Iceland |
| 13. Back in the Saddle Again | 29. Wings |
| 14. Water | 30. Black Oak Grove Road (95th Street) |
| 15. King Abdul-Aziz International,
near Jeddah, Saudi Arabia | 31. Cobb, Ruth, Wagner, Johnson,
Matherson |
| 16. Steamboat Willie | 32. Oak Lawn Public Library |

For those who misplaced their December Newsletter, copies are available for pickup at the Circulation Desk and in the Information stands.

For Scrabblers

As any good Scrabble player knows, a two-letter word is often the answer to winning a game — but not when the tiles still held make strange combinations. The answer may be in the list below which contains every two-letter word in the English language according to a Scrabble expert. Gook luck!

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AM	DA	GO	LI	OF	RE	XI
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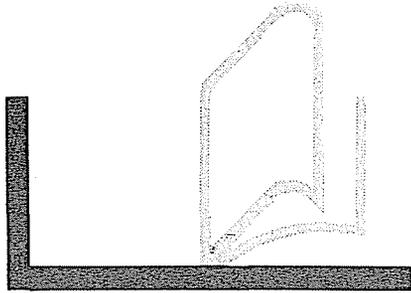
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Thanks for the Memories

There is no doubt that 1985 was a busy year at the Library. Now that the statistics have been compiled, the figures show it. Due to the obvious major remodeling program, staff and patrons know it. In this issue of the *Newsletter*, a summary of the statistics, programs and activities of the past year is presented.

Statistically Speaking

More than 373,000 persons exited the Library in 1985. This means that the average number per month was more than 31,000. The busiest month was March with 38,000; the slowest month was June with 24,000.

At the end of the year, 40,196 active patrons were registered for library cards. This compares to the end of 1984 when the total was 37,483.

The circulation of materials increased from 516,938 in 1984 to 541,897 in 1985. This includes adult books, junior books and audiovisual materials. In addition, the statistics show that the use of non-circulating materials, such as periodicals and microforms, added up to 80,577.

Librarians were kept on their toes answering reference questions. More than 56,000 inquiries were tabulated by those in Adult Reference, Youth Services, Fine Arts and Local History.

Library patrons received 14,523 books through Interlibrary Loan. They placed 13,238 reserve requests.

The Library's book collection at the end of the year totaled 127,921. Of that number, 92,742 were adult books, 34,315 were junior books. In addition Suburban Library System adds its 35,000 items to Oak Lawn shelves.

The audiovisual collection showed a great increase due to the large addition of videotapes. Audiovisuals went from 11,475 at the beginning of the year to 17,838 in December, 1985.



Youth Services Librarian Cindy Dobrez conducts a storyhour for first and second grade students. Children's programs are continuing until construction forces the department to vacate its present quarters. Youth Services will be relocated permanently on the first floor.

Chapter and Verse

A brief, monthly review of 1985.

JANUARY

The first computer catalog classes were offered to patrons who were interested in becoming more familiar with the operation of the touch terminals located throughout the library. The three classes were fully subscribed, and additional sections were scheduled.

A new publication, *Videotapes*, was published listing videotapes that the public could check out. The first issue of 1,000 copies was distributed the first week indicating that it was well-received and would be continued.

Friends of the Library donated six locust trees that were planted at the north end of the Library as a memorial to Ramona Griffin, former Friends President who died in June, 1984. They also contributed a 15-player rhythm set, autoharp, kalimba, maracas and bongo drums to the Children's Department. With these, a new dimension of participation was added to young people's storyhours.

The Children's Department held several storyhours for first and second grade students and for preschoolers. In addition, a Paul Bunyan creative writing workshop gave third and fourth graders a chance to stretch their imaginations. *Help Wanted Survey*, published in the *Newsletter* and designed for parent input, brought in many responses to help the planning of future children's programs.

FEBRUARY

Automatic opening doors were installed at the Raymond Avenue entrance. This gave physically handicapped patrons direct access from their designated parking spaces on Raymond Avenue.

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Cindy Kittleson was appointed as a new librarian in the Children's Department. She initiated a Judy Blume creative writing workshop for the month and continued the storyhours that were in session. The Children's Department began participation in the Oak Lawn Fire Department's babysitting course with information about things to be used by sitters for entertaining their charges.

Openers, a quarterly newspaper published by the American Library Association, was offered to the public without charge.

Friends of the Library made plans for their annual membership drive and for bus trips to see two plays in the spring.

Tax forms and tax books were offered to the public to help in preparing income tax returns.

MARCH

Cooperative programming between the Library and the Oak Lawn National Bank began with an exhibit of Lithuanian artifacts in the bank lobby. This was the first in a series of cooperative exhibits, displays and programs planned for the coming two years.

Remodeling crews worked through cold weather and snow storms to finish off the mansard roof line around the building. This was an interim procedure while final plans were being made for the major remodeling of the Library interior.

The Children's Department scheduled a special program for two-year-old children and their parents to demonstrate parent-child interaction with the use of activities, songs and rhymes. The Touring Children's Theater of Moraine Valley Community College presented *Remus Tales*. William Koukala gave a magic program. The movie, *The Hobbit*, was shown.

A week-long survey of patrons was conducted with the help of the Friends.

APRIL

Approximately 1,500 balloons were launched by adults and children on a windy Saturday. The program was co-sponsored by the Library and the Oak Lawn National Bank.

An exhibit of the 1967 Oak Lawn tornado compiled by high school student Jason Gray was featured in the Local History Room.

Several performances of Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves puppet show and *The Last Unicorn* movie were special events in the Children's Department.

Friends of the Library decided on a May date to see the musical *Cats*, but tickets to this popular show sold out in April.

Tape instructions for taxpayers were offered to last-minute income tax filers.

New officers were elected by the Library Board.

MAY

A summer photo contest was announced as a Library and Bank cooperative effort.

Friends of the Library cancelled the annual book sale due to preparations by the Library for the major remodeling. Plans for the June annual dinner were announced.

Open Books Open Doors, the Children's Department summer reading program, was introduced to elementary schools throughout Oak Lawn.

Results of the March patron survey were published showing that the Library was doing very well in providing materials and service.

JUNE

The Library and Bank photography contest inspired many camera users to pick up applications to enter. Winners of the balloon launch, the first co-sponsored contest, were notified. Balloons had floated from the Bank at 9400 Cicero to White Cloud and Twin Lake, Michigan.

Friends of the Library scheduled bus trips to Ravinia and Grant Park concerts and a visit to the India exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry.

Tornado pictures by Gary Settle were on display in the Local History Room.

Summer hours went into effect meaning that the Library would be closed on Sundays.

The summer reading program in the Children's Department went into full swing with hundreds of students participating. Famous author Madeleine L'Engle visited the Library and presented a program for an overflow crowd.

JULY / AUGUST

The major remodeling program finally got under way. Funding was secured and the preliminary work completed. Work began in the lower level to make room for administrative offices and technical services.

Colette Meyer was appointed as new Head of Technical Services.

Officers were elected and board reports given at the Friends annual dinner.

SEPTEMBER

Winners of the photography contest were announced and their pictures were posted in the lobby of the Oak Lawn National Bank.

Youth Services Department was selected as the new name for the Children's Department. A total of 849 children participated in the summer reading program according to the final report. Creative writing workshops and a series of storyhours were the openers of fall programming.

Mr. Logo and Buelah Bookworm, two new library characters for display use, were introduced by the Public Relations Office. Both were created by Public Relations to enhance Library exhibit cases.

A survey of business patrons was initiated by the Reference Department to get input for selecting investment letters.

OCTOBER

Dr. Seuss' story Green Eggs and Ham was the basis for a program for first to third grade students. Those who attended wrote to Dr. Seuss to tell him about eating green eggs. In response, Dr. Seuss sent an original drawing and a message to his friends at Oak Lawn Library. Halloween story time primed the children for the season.

Friends of the Library took a bus trip to the Waccamah Pottery with lunch at Mother Tucker's Restaurant.

Finishing touches to the lower level were undertaken, and staff started preparing for shifting and moving as the remodeling program progressed.

A Library patron survey was conducted with the help of the Friends.

NOVEMBER

Remodeling moved into the main sections of the Library. Walls tumbled and rooms disappeared. Patrons were able to watch and hear the work being done. Books and services moved around almost daily to accommodate the work crews.

Youth Services offered a toy program for parents to assist them in selecting the appropriate toys for their children.

Friends took a bus trip to the Lyric Opera to hear *La Traviata*.

DECEMBER

A new direct dial phone system was installed. This enabled callers to connect directly with the Library's various departments.

Computer catalog classes resumed for those who wanted to feel more comfortable in using the touch terminals. As in the past, all classes had full enrollments.

Youth Services sponsored a class in counted cross stitch, a family Christmas storyhour and a do-it-yourself session to make gift wrapping paper.

Friends of the Library took trips to the Christmas Tree Story House in Kenosha and to hear Andy Williams in Joliet.

Remodeling continued with patrons and staff exposed to all facets of the removal of walls, windows, carpeting and customary storage of materials. New rooms and open spaces started to shape into strange configurations.

Results of the October patron survey were published indicating that 65 percent of the patrons interviewed rated Library services "Excellent". Another 26 percent rated the services "Good".

The Trivia IQ test published in the *Newsletter* prompted a large number of calls from interested persons who hoped to get the answers before they were scheduled to be printed in the January issue.

James M. O'Brien, Head Librarian, announced that he had accepted the position of Executive Director of the Suburban Library System and would assume the post on January 16. Linda P. Elliot was named Acting Director. New legislation, effective January 1, changed the title from Head Librarian to Director. It also changed elected board members from Directors to Trustees.

Youth Services Department

Movies, Movies, Movies

Children in kindergarten through third grade are invited to sign up for an hour of free movies on Wednesday, February 12. Two identical showings are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

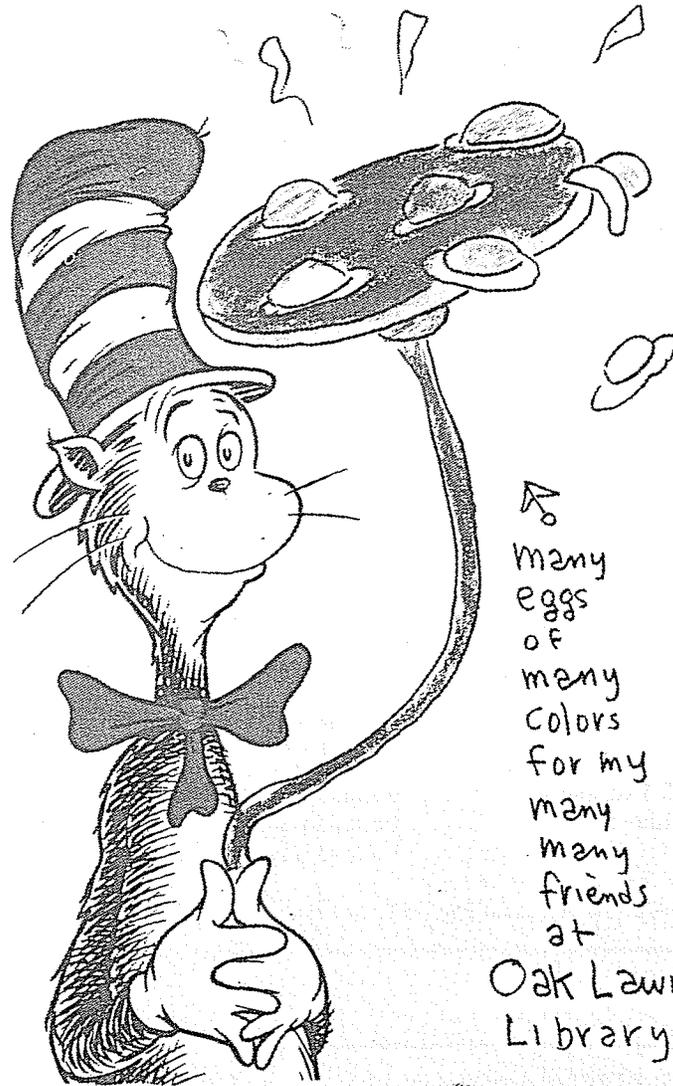
Registrations which will begin at 9 a.m. Wednesday, February 5, can be made in person or by phone. The direct dial phone number is 422-4993.

Farewell to Winter Party

Hoping that winter will be over soon, the staff has planned a farewell to winter storyhour session for first and second grade students. The program will include stories, songs, and a craft project — all in celebration of winter's end. Two identical programs are scheduled from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, February 21 or from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, February 22. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Tuesday, February 17, either in person or by direct dial phone, 422-4993.

Missing Quilters Found

The Newsletter carried a request last month for the missing name of a person who had created a block for the story quilt for Youth Services. In response, two missing names were found: Martha Jurasek who stitched the gingerbread boy block and Sabina Bolbot who created the Wizard of Oz block. The Editor and Youth Services staff thank you for clearing up the mystery.



This is a production of the drawing that was sent to the Youth Services Department by Dr. Seuss. The original, which is in color, has been framed for display. Those who are interested in seeing the original should inquire at the Youth Services desk.

FRIENDS VOLUNTEER FORM

Friends of the Oak Lawn Library is an independent, not-for-profit organization of volunteers that supports the Library and its programs in a variety of ways. If you are interested in volunteering to help with one or more of its activities, complete the form below indicating your choices. A representative of the Friends will contact you.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

_____ Programming

_____ Book Sale

_____ Special projects

_____ Publicity

_____ Surveys

_____ Ticket sales

_____ Membership

_____ Trips

_____ Interested, but undecided
about activities

Send complete form to Friends of the Oak Lawn Library, President Jeanette Fowler, 9427 Raymond Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Dial Direct and Avoid Delays

Direct dialing to the various departments is available. Patrons are urged to use the appropriate numbers for faster service.

Circulation ... 422-4991

For patrons who:

- want information about applying for a library card;
- are renewing a book by phone;
- are checking interlibrary loans;
- want information about overdue materials;
- want information about books on reserve.

Reference ... 422-4992

For those who:

- are doing research;
- need answers to specific questions;
- want to reserve the typewriter or computer.

Youth Services ... 422-4993

For those who:

- want to register for Youth Services programs;
- have questions about children's books;
- have questions about parents' books;
- need materials for classroom assignments.

General Information ... 422-4990

For those who:

- want to contact the Administration Office;
- want to contact the Public Information Office;
- have a general question about the Library;
- have a question about Library policy;
- are not sure which department to contact.

CLIP AND SAVE

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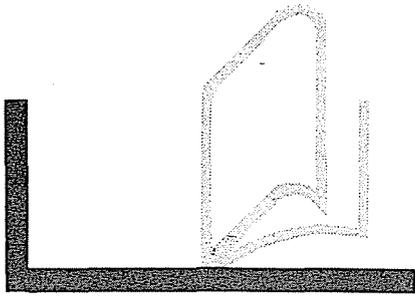
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Program Planning Coming Up

Programs for the community will begin as soon as Meeting Rooms A and B are available. Seminars and workshops for specific interest groups may be produced this summer. A full schedule of programming will be offered after Labor Day.

According to Mary Nelson, Public Relations Officer, program ideas and suggestions from the adult community are a vital part of program planning. "We want input from interested people. We need to know what kind of activities and subjects will appeal to our audiences," she said. "Although we have a file of suggested topics and formats from evaluations of our former programs, we need to be updated and informed about current trends."

To make it as easy as possible for reader participation, a form is included on page 3 of the *Newsletter*. Deadline for returning forms is March 31. This will allow time to tabulate the material and to put program plans together in April. According to Nelson, commitments for fall program presenters and artists will be made in the spring. This enables the Library to secure the services of a variety of qualified performers and speakers.

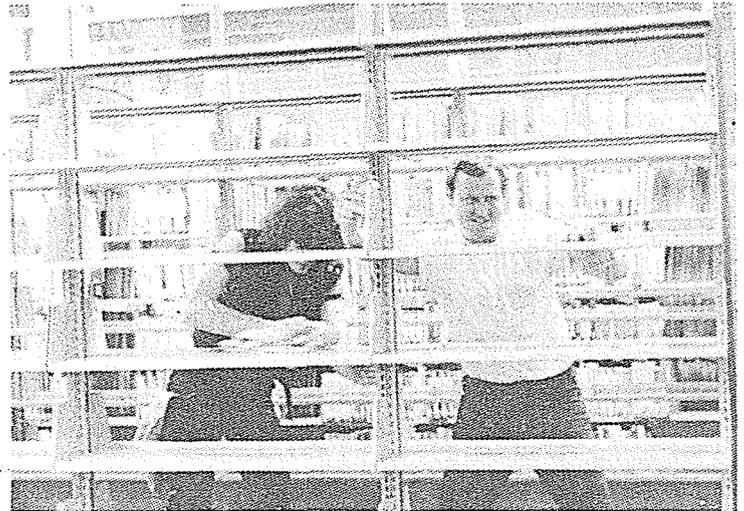
Questions or additional information about community programs should be directed to Nelson, 422-4990.

Kite Fly Coming Up in April

Watch for an announcement about a *Kite Fly* in April. This is another program in the two year series of cooperative presentations by the Library and the Oak Lawn National Bank. The Oak Lawn Park District has been invited to participate in this gala event also.

This is being planned as a family activity ... something that can be enjoyed by kids of all ages! Details will be published in the April *Newsletter*.

*The Library will be
closed on Easter Sunday,
March 30.*



Staff members Dan Bobel and Tom Brucker hurry to erect shelves in the recently completed New Book Room. Books are being placed on shelves almost as fast as they can be assembled. As the remodeling continues, the construction crews clean up an area and move to the next department to begin all over again.

Award Honors Librarian

The Rita A. Bert Librarianship Award has been established by the Children's Librarian Association of the South Suburbs (C.L.A.S.S.) in honor of the Librarian who headed Oak Lawn Youth Services Department from 1974-1986. The first award was presented to Rita Bert by C.L.A.S.S. in January.

The award will be given biennially to a librarian who exhibits professionalism, dedication, graciousness and humanitarianism. A committee appointed by C.L.A.S.S. will select future winners.

Rita Bert was a charter member of the awarding group. She has participated in all of its activities and has served on numerous committees.

She joined the Oak Lawn Library staff in 1974. Under her guidance and leadership the Department grew from four persons to 13. She developed the overall plan for the successful children's storyhours. She introduced a series of dynamic summer reading programs that have become more popular each year with more than 800 participants in 1985. She was instrumental in installing a comprehensive Listening Center which she designed specifically for the Youth Services Department.

In addition to C.L.A.S.S., she has been active in several other professional organizations including, the Catholic Library Association, Illinois Library Association, American Library Association, Library Administrators Council of Northern Illinois and the School Sisters of St. Francis.

Rita Bert retired from her position in January. Her spirit, accomplishments and dedication stay on the job as a vital part of the Youth Services Department.

Youth Services Throws a "Think Summer" Party



Daniel Braun (Harnew School) and Emily Nee (St. Germaine School) spread their beach towels out on an imaginary beach as they identify shells from the shore. They are thinking summer while the weather outside is still winter.



Mary Skinner (Covington School), Andrea Clemens (Covington School) and Sharon Abelman (St. Gerald School) write about all the wonderful things that they can do in the summertime.



Joshua Capka (Harnew) and Linas Gierstikas (Harnew) enjoy playing with bubbles at the Think Summer party. All who attended had an opportunity to participate in several summer activities and to enjoy lemonade.

Youth Services Department

Two major activities are keeping the Youth Services staff very busy, so busy that no special programs have been planned for March. The most apparent happening is the preparation for moving the department to new quarters on the first floor. The second time-consumer is preparing for a better-than-ever summer reading program.

Readers on the Move is the theme for the summer program. Plans are underway for contests, puzzles, games, programs — a whole spectrum of enjoyment to go along with summer reading.

More than 800 participated in last year's summer reading program. More are expected this year. Watch for the announcement of the opening date in the *Newsletter* or in *The Whole Story*, the Youth Services monthly publication.

Final note: The storyhours, which are an ongoing activity, will continue for the scheduled time during March.

The McNaughton Plan

What is the McNaughton Plan? Part of the Library's remodeling program? A new diet? Financial investing? The correct answer is none of the above. The McNaughton Plan is a book system through which the Library offers more copies of popular books and best-sellers. It increases the availability of books which are in great demand because they are new or recently published or have been made into a movie.

The Library subscribes to this plan which makes large numbers of popular books available while there is a demand. However, they would not necessarily be added permanently to the Library's holdings. In addition, the plan affords an opportunity on a temporary basis to secure additional copies of books which the Library owns. When the demand dies down, the books can be returned.

Request for books are highest when they are on best-seller lists or are recent publications of a well-known author. Adapting books for a movie often inspires readers to get the books. The reverse may be true; movies written into books are very popular when first released.

Although patrons may not be aware of the McNaughton Plan, it increases the number of copies that can be checked out. The books are on the 14-day shelves along with the regular collection.

Openers Preview

Openers, the quarterly library newsletter, has interesting and informative articles planned for the Spring, 1986, issue. This American Library Association publication is furnished to Oak Lawn Library patrons without charge as a community service.

Coming up is an article featuring *Bruce Jenner*. The former Olympic champion talks about keeping fit for life.

Titanic explains why the sinking of this ship has been a part of popular mythology for over seventy years.

Stranger Danger refers to ways of educating children to keep them safe.

Reserve Shelf, a regular column by Bill Ott, will take a look at short story collections.

Sound Advice, a regular column that deals with recordings, takes a look at movie sound tracks, blues and classical music.

Magazine Rack looks at some intriguing articles from several popular and specialty publications.

Books by Numbers is a sneak preview of some likely best-sellers to be published this spring and summer.

Patrons are urged to watch for *Openers*. As soon as copies are received, they will be placed in the Library for pick up.

Friends Plan Theater and Dinner

The latest activity sponsored by the Friends of the Library includes a trip to Chicago to see the play *Shear Madness* and dinner at a surprise restaurant on Sunday, April 27.

Shear Madness is the long-running hit play that has been entertaining audiences for several years at the Mayfair Theater in the Blackstone Hotel. It is a comedy and a mystery with the audiences determining the ending of the play.

The price is \$24 for members and \$26 for others. Included are the theater ticket, dinner and round trip bus transportation from the Library.

Reservations will be taken at the Library from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, and 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday, March 13. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Program chairman Genevieve Sobanski, who is making arrangements for the surprise restaurant, indicates that there will be a dinner and not just a light lunch.

Additional information is available from Sobanski, 598-7971 or Dee Kopf, 422-0488.

College Financial Aid Information

Valuable information about Federal student financial aid for the 1986-87 year can be picked up at the Information Desk. Applications, instructions and guidelines are available for the five Federal programs. They are Pell Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), College Work-Study (CWS), National Direct Student Loans (NDSL) and Guaranteed Student Loans (GSL).

According to the U.S. Department of Education, more than 12 million citizens are continuing their education beyond high school. This is twice as many as the Soviet Union, 10 times as many as France and 15 times as many as the United Kingdom. During 1986-87, the nation will spend an estimated \$261 billion for education. Of this amount, more than \$11.9 billion will be spent on Federal financial assistance. Some aid programs are grants which are outright assistance provided by tax funds. Other programs are not "free" forms of aid but are loans which entail an obligation to repay when the students leave school. College work-study gives students the chance to work to help pay for their schooling.

Questions about the Federal financial student aid material can be directed to Reference, 422-4992.

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Program Planning Suggestion Form

Check the types of programs that appeal to you.

- Music on Sunday afternoons
Specify types _____
- Music on week nights
Specify types _____
- Music on Saturdays
Specify types _____
- Financial planning seminars
- Travelogs (slides or movies)
- Travel agent films
- Dramatic presentations
- Classes from local colleges
- Writing seminars/workshops
- Publishing seminars/workshops
- Health and fitness programs
Specify topics _____
- Craft programs
Specify interests _____

- Parapsychology discussions
- Genealogy sessions
- Cultural presentations
 - Lecture _____
 - Artists _____
 - Showings _____
 - Demonstrations _____
 - Displays _____

- Audience participation programs
Suggestions _____
- Self-improvement courses
- Know-your-town series
Introductions to Village officials,
businessmen, organizations, churches, etc.
- Art demonstrations/classes
- Technology (state of the art)
- Special age group presentations
Age group _____
Type of programs _____
- Special nationality programs
Nationalities _____

- Types of programs _____

Suggestions and comments

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

I am interested in serving on a Program Advisory Committee.

Mail or bring the completed form to: Mary Nelson, Public Relations Officer
Oak Lawn Public Library
Oak Lawn, IL 60453 422-4990



The new catches up with the old. An archway is located where the large community bulletin board used to be near the Raymond Avenue exit. The collection of containers indicates that the workmen are ready to move into the next phase of construction.

Typos

The typographical error is a slippery thing and sly.
 You can hunt until you're dizzy, but somehow it will get by.
 'Till the forms are off the presses, strange how still it keeps.
 It cowers in a corner and never stirs or peeps.
 The typographical error is too small for human eyes
 'Till the ink is on the paper, then it grows to mountain size.
 The boss just stares in horror, then he grabs his hair and groans.
 The copy reader drops her head, wrings her hands and moans.
 The remainder of the issue may be clean as clean can be,
 But the typographical error is the only thing you sea!

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Vocabulary Quiz

This quiz will challenge the reader's word knowledge and still provide some fun.

Each sentence represents a famous quotation or statement that is familiar to everyone. The object is to discover the quotation as quickly as possible. For example: "Pulchritude does not extend below the surface of the derma" would translate to "Beauty is only skin deep."

The real trick is to try to solve the quiz in 30 seconds.

For those who want to test their friends, this little hint: the quiz is more difficult if given orally.

1. Every article that coruscates is not fashioned from aureate metal.
2. One Pyrus Nalue per diem restrains the arrival of the Hippocratic apostle.
3. Cleave gramineous matter for fodder during the period that the orb of the day is refulgent.
4. Preciptancy creates prodigality.
5. Compute not your immature gallinaceans prior to heirs being produced.

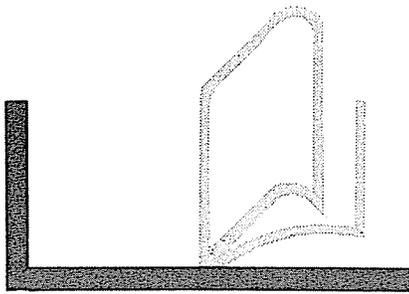
Answers? Next month, or course.

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April 1986

“Meet Illinois Authors” Program Announced

“Meet Illinois Authors”, an all-day program featuring seven renowned writers, has been announced by 25 sponsoring suburban libraries. The program is scheduled for 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at Homewood-Flossmoor High School North, 190th St. and Governors Highway. The event is open to the public without charge in honor of National Library Week, April 6-12.

Authors who will participate in the program include fiction writer, Mort Castle; poet, Carolyn Rodgers; mystery writer, Sara Paretsky; jazz critic and historian, Dempsey Travis; novelist, Charles Dickinson; science-fiction writer, Gene Wolfe, and free lance writer, Barbara Schaaf.

All of the writers will discuss the art of writing and their own writing. In addition, they will read from their own works.

The morning sessions will run concurrently with staggered starting times: Mort Castle, 10 a.m.; Sara Paretsky, 10:30 a.m.; Carolyn Rodgers, 11 a.m. The afternoon sessions will follow the same pattern: Charles Dickinson, 2 p.m.; Gene Wolfe, 2:30 p.m.; Barbara Schaaf, 3 p.m.

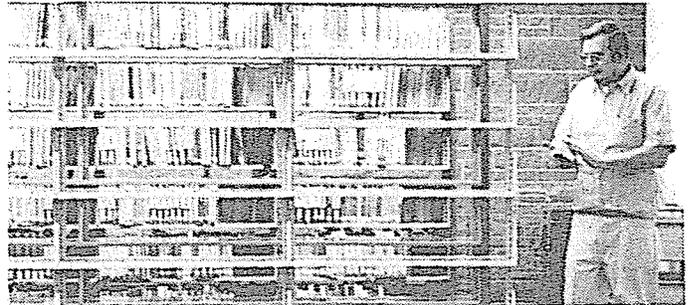
Dempsey Travis is the scheduled luncheon speaker from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Those who are interested in ordering a mini-banquet box lunch can purchase tickets in advance at participating libraries. The cost is \$7 per person. Ordering lunch is optional; the session is open to the public.

The program is being coordinated by the South Suburban Library Association. It is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Sponsoring libraries are Acorn, Alsip-Merrionette Park, Bedford Park, Blue Island, Dolton, Flossmoor, Frankfort, Glenwood-Lynwood, Grande Prairie, Green Hills, Harvey, Homewood, Markham, Matteson, Midlothian, Oak Lawn, Orland Park, Park Forest, Richton Park, Robbins, Sauk Village, South Holland, Thornton, Tinley Park and University Park.

Kite Fly Postponed

The Kite Fly, a cooperative venture of the Oak Lawn National Bank and the Library, has been postponed. Originally, it was planned for April. Additional information will be published in the *Newsletter* as it becomes available.



Books, books and more books . . . Donald Lambrigger, Head of Building and Maintenance, faces the daily problem of where to move them and when in an attempt to keep ahead of the renovation. Patrons often wonder how entire sections can disappear from one place and reappear in another overnight.

Biographical Briefs About The Authors

Mort Castle, resident of Crete, IL, has written short stories which have appeared in magazines and anthologies. His books include *Deadly Election*, *Fiction for the Fellows: Writing Stories for Men's Magazines*.

Sara Paretsky, resident of Chicago, has written three popular mysteries: *Indemnity Only*, *Deadlock* and *Killing Orders*. All feature woman detective V. I. Warshawski.

Carolyn Rodgers, born and raised in Chicago, has published in numerous magazines and journals. Her books include *the heart as ever green*, *paper soul*, *song for a blackbird*, and *how i got ovah*.

Dempsey Travis, lifelong Chicago resident, is a musician, businessman and author. His books include *An Autobiography of Black Jazz*, *An Autobiography of Black Chicago*, *Don't Stop Me Now* and *Autobiography of Black Politics*.

Charles Dickinson, a resident of Palatine, has written two novels, *Waltz in Marathon* and *Crows*. A third novel was recently serialized in *The Reader*, *A Dollar a Mouse*. He also writes and has published many short stories.

Gene Wolfe has written *The Fifth Head of Cerberus*, *Peace*, *The Devil in a Forest*, *The Castle of the Otter*, *The Sword of Lictor* and many more. His books have been translated into six languages.

Barbara Schaaf, a resident of Harvey, wrote *Mr. Dooley's Chicago* which was nominated for a Pulitzer Award and won the Cliff Dwellers Arts Foundation Award. Her articles and reviews appear regularly in *Chicago Tribune* and *Sun-Times*.

Friends Membership Open

The 1986-87 membership campaign of the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library begins with this *Newsletter*. Renewals and new memberships will be accepted. The regular membership year is June 1 through May 31. Those who join for the first time in April and May receive a bonus; their membership will be entered in the files as soon as their fees are received.

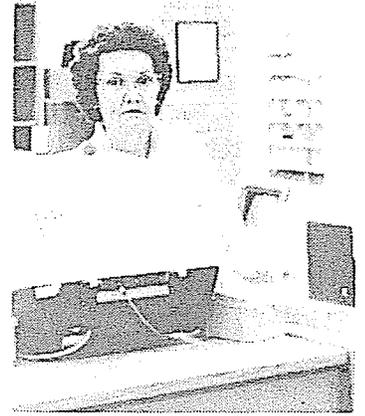
The Friends organization is an independent group whose purpose is to support the Library in a number of ways. Members volunteer to help with patron surveys. They assist with community program planning. They raise funds to furnish special equipment, materials and gifts for the Library. Each year the group arranges for trips to cultural events and entertaining activities for local residents. The profits from these ventures are added to the group's primary fund raiser, an annual book sale. Because of the Library renovation, the book sale has not been held. The Friends and others who contribute materials for the sale are keeping them at home until the Library has storage space.

Currently, plans are being made for summer trips to Ravinia and Grant Park. An April trip to see *Shear Madness* with dinner at a local restaurant has been sold out.

Dorothy Wolf, Membership Chairman, can furnish additional information about membership in the Friends; phone 425-5512.



Now you see it. Now you don't. Staff member Evelyn Kanost is shown behind the Circulation Desk. In the first photograph taken in 1984, a solid brick wall forms the background. In the second shot taken in 1986, the wall has been removed and book shelves can be seen in the newly-opened book room.



Friends Introduce Book Discussion Group

Interested area residents are invited to join the Friends Book Discussion Group. The first meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, in the lower level conference room. Initially, the group will meet every other Wednesday.

Coordinators of the program are Kathy Gaynes, Evelyn Stanton and Dorothy Bergstrom. As the first book to be discussed, they have selected Mary Ann Ferguson's *Images of Women in Literature*. They are investigating the possibilities of securing copies of this book and others that will be used as a convenience for those who will be participating in the group.

The contact person for additional information is Dorothy Bergstrom, 422-0008.

What Is a Library?

National Library Week is set aside each year to remind citizens to visit their libraries and become better acquainted with the services that are offered. Libraries are much more than books!

This is a partial list of services and materials from the Oak Lawn Library.

Books	References
Periodicals	Interlibrary loan
Pamphlets	Information
Art prints	Phone Renewal
Sculpture	School services
Films	Study carrels
Cassettes	Reading areas
Records	Typewriters
Videotapes	Computer
Projectors	Software
Screens	Tape players
Cameras	Filmstrips
Viewers	Polaroid cameras

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Those who live outside of Oak Lawn who want the Newsletter mailed to them should add \$3 for postage.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

Individual (\$5) New Newsletter (\$3)
 Family (\$8) Renewal \$ _____ Total amount sent
 (spouse/children under 18)

If you are interested in becoming an active member of Friends, check one or more of the activities in which you wish to volunteer. Friends will contact you.

Programming Membership Surveys
 Publicity Projects Interested but undecided about activities

Send check and form to Friends of Oak Lawn Library, Membership Chairman, 9427 Raymond Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

(The Friends Membership year is June 1—May 31.)

ON READING ALOUD TO CHILDREN

Why Read?

(This item appeared in the Winding Rivers Library System, Wisconsin, newsletter *Whirlpools* several years ago. The reasons are as good or better today than when they were written.)

Ten Reasons to Read to Your Child:

1. Because when you hold them and give them attention, they know you love them.
2. Because reading to them will encourage them to become readers.
3. Because children's books today are so good that they are fun for adults.
4. Because children's book illustrations often rank with the best, giving them a lifelong feeling for good art.
5. Because books are one way of passing on your moral values to them. Readers know how to put themselves in another's shoes.
6. Because, until they learn to read themselves, they will think you are magic.
7. Because every teacher and librarian they ever encounter will thank you.
8. Because it's nostalgic.
9. Because for that short space of time they will stay clean and quiet.
10. Because, if you do, they may then let you read in peace!

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Helpful Reading Hints

Here are some helpful hints for parents, grandparents, older brothers and sisters and anyone else who wants to share the love of reading with young people.

Readers should:

- always read the book ahead of time. Practice in reading it aloud helps.
- read stories that they enjoy. Sharing enthusiasm for what is being read makes it an enjoyable experience for all.
- Use lots of expression in their voice. If possible, change voice to fit any dialog in the story.
- slow down reading pace so that the listeners get a mental picture of what the story is all about. At times, showing illustrations from the book will help them visualize. This also tends to keep the reader from pushing ahead too fast. If the book is a picture book, all those who are listening should be able to see the pictures.
- remember to adjust the reading rate to fit the story. Suspense parts are better if read slower.
- read the information about the author that is found on the cover of the book and tell the listeners something about the person who wrote the story. Books are written by real people.

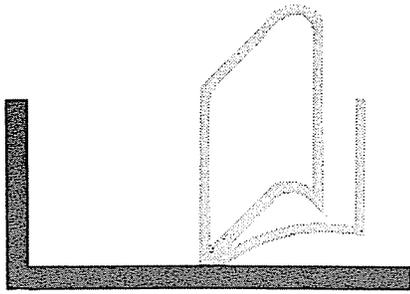
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May 1986

Meet the New Library Director

John A. Moorman, the Library's new Director, is going to become a well-known person around town. Although his tenure just began on May 1, he intends to become heavily involved in community affairs and community organizations.

This reflects his firm belief that the Library must be a vital part of the community, must sense the needs of the community and then must meet them. He emphasizes strongly that the Library should participate in cooperative ventures with other groups and organizations. This includes whole-hearted support for the Library's role in initiating joint programs to meet community needs; at times serving in the capacity of catalyst.

"The first step in establishing our plan will be a comprehensive community analysis," Moorman said. "Additional information about this survey will be given as plans are underway."

What are the Director's goals for the Library? His answer is two-part. First, there must be the involvement and the reaching out to the community which has been described above. The second part is to put the Library on the cutting edge of technology, willing to try new things and to introduce new ideas. At the same time, the Library must make sure that its collection and its staff are top quality. This may involve workshops and seminars to improve staff skills and to provide the expertise demanded by technological innovations. Moorman summed it all up by saying, "Patrons and staff should have an enthusiasm for the Library. It should be a challenging place to work and a fun place to be. We want to generate excitement so that people who come here for the first time will want to come back again."

In his leisure time, the Director has a variety of interests. He is a sports enthusiast, has played and coached soccer and watches sporting events on television. He likes to travel, to work with community groups and enjoys being with his family and doing things with them. He and his wife, Ileen, have two daughters; Johanna who is 12 and Jessica who is seven.

Moorman admits that it will be an adjustment to get used to the midwest weather after spending the last 15 years in the south. However, he was born in Nebraska, raised in Missouri and worked for four years in Iowa. His position prior to coming to Oak



Lawn was Director, Brazoria County Library System, Angleton, Texas. That system included a central library, nine branches and a bookmobile serving 203,000 persons.

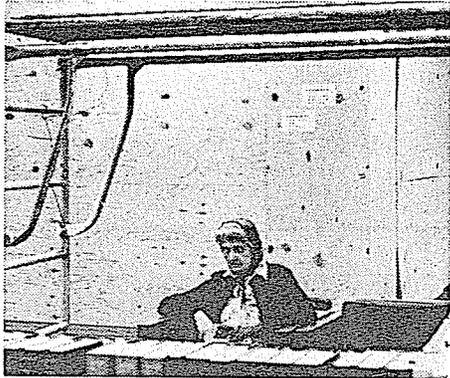
Moorman has a bachelor's degree from Guilford College, North Carolina, and an MSLS degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He has been an active member of the Texas Library Association and the American Library Association: he has chaired several committees and has served as an officer. Currently, he is President of the Angleton Rotary Club, a member of the Board of Directors of the Brazoria County Historical Museum, a member of the Angleton Chamber of Commerce and a past member of the Board of Trustees of the Houston Graduate School of Theology. He is active in local church affairs.

John's wife, Ileen B. Moorman, is a native of Jacksonville, Florida. She also graduated from Guilford College where she earned an AB degree in sociology. She is a full-time homemaker who is active in church and community activities. She assisted in starting a Junior Great Books program in the Angleton public schools and leads several discussion groups at both the elementary and middle school levels. Currently, she is Treasurer of the local Parents and Teachers Organization.

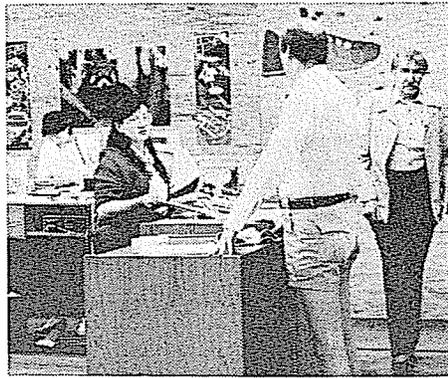
Without a doubt, John Moorman's influence and presence will become apparent soon in the Library and in the community. As the Library's major remodeling program nears completion, Oak Lawn can expect new and exciting things to begin happening at the Library.

***The Library will be closed Sundays
from May 25 through August 31.
Closed May 26, Memorial Day.***

CONSTRUCTION IS RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE



Patrons are cooperating and adapting to the changes that appear every day while construction is in progress. The huge barrier along with building equipment that appeared overnight in the middle of the main floor is taken in stride by an ardent reader.



Patrons find the Circulation Desk hidden behind the plywood structure. Enterprising staff have decorated the temporary walls with bright posters in an attempt to relieve the "remodeling syndrome".



Behind the barricade is the Library's new central staircase which leads from the second floor to the area near the Circulation Desk. When this stairway is completed, the west stairway will be removed.

Shape Up, America — Spring *Openers* Tells How

Openers is America's Library Newspaper distributed quarterly by the Library for interested patrons. Copies can be picked up while supplies last.

Americans are facing fitness facts—exercise and good nutrition are keys to a longer, healthier life. In the Spring issue of *Openers*, Bruce Jenner, former Olympic gold medal winner, talks about keeping fit ten years after his Montreal decathlon.

"Fitness is not just for the rich. You don't have to go to a health club to get fit. You can do it in many different ways," Jenner says. The article talks about Jenner's fitness and diet habits and gives a list of excellent books on health and fitness.

Also prominent in the new issue is Academy Award-winning actress Goldie Hawn who is featured on the cover. She is helping to promote libraries this year. She says that she used libraries a great deal as a child and still uses them with her own children.

The Spring issue includes a look at the real-life "Twilight Zone" episode, the sinking of the Titanic. Robert Ballard's recent discovery of the ill-fated luxury liner has brought the ship back into the news. *Openers* discusses the public's fascination with the Titanic and lists recent magazine articles about Ballard's expedition.

In regular features, "Reserve Shelf" reviews recent short story collections and "Sound Advice" looks at recent record releases including *A Chorus Line*. Of special interest to parents is a story on the frightening issue of Stranger Danger and reading recommendations to keep children safe.

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Youth Services Department Coming Soon: Readers on the Move

Readers on the Move is the theme of the 1986 Summer Reading Program for students who will be entering kindergarten through eighth grade this fall. Pre-schoolers can sign up for a special program called Read-To-Me.

Those who are going to participate in *Readers on the Move* can start preparing in advance by reading a book between now and the opening date, June 2. To register for the program, it is necessary to read one book. Many programs, contests, puzzles and other activities are being planned.

Summer Reading Improves School Achievement

Summer reading does affect school achievement, says researcher Barbara Heys in *Summer Learning and the Effects of Schooling* (Academic Press). Her research study showed:

- the number of books read during the summer is consistently related to achievement gains
- the use of the public library is more predictive of vocabulary gains than attending summer school
- reading is the single summer activity most strongly and consistently related to summer learning
- the major factors determining whether a child read over the summer were whether the child used the public library, sex (girls read more than boys but also watched more television), socioeconomic status and the distance from the home to the library
- more than any other public institution, the public library contributed to the intellectual growth of children during the summer.

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Friends of the Library Set Annual Dinner Meeting

Friends of the Oak Lawn Library have announced that John A. Moorman, newly-appointed Director, will be the guest speaker for the annual dinner meeting, Wednesday, June 4, at the Old Barn Restaurant, 8100 Parkside, Burbank. The event is open to the public.

A complete roast beef dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Following dinner officers will be elected for the 1985-86 year. Friends nominating committee has selected the following slate: President, Dorothy Bergstrom; Vice President, Dee Kopf; Secretary, Edith Masson; Treasurer, Beth Baird. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Cost of the dinner is \$7.95 per person. Checks should be made payable to the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library and sent to Dee Kopf, 9325 South Raymond Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Deadline for making reservations is May 31. Additional information is available from Dee Kopf, 422-0488.

Former Staff Member Dies

Former Youth Services Librarian Rita Bert died April 18. A funeral mass was held at School Sisters of St. Francis, Milwaukee, and burial was in Chester, Illinois.

Rita Bert had been at the Oak Lawn Public Library for 12 years before retiring in January. She was honored recently by the Children's Librarian Association of the South Suburbs who established a librarianship award in her name. She received the first award for her professionalism, dedication, graciousness and humanitarianism.

Under her direction as Head of Youth Services, the Department instituted an overall plan for children's storyhours, introduced a series of dynamic summer reading programs and installed a comprehensive Listening Center.

She was active in many professional organizations including the Catholic Library Association, Illinois Library Association, American Library Association, Library Administrators Council of Northern Illinois and the School Sisters of St. Francis.

Report on Program Planning

The following report was compiled from the March issue program suggestion forms that were returned. The Library thanks the large number of patrons who responded. An advisory committee has been formed based on those who indicated a willingness to serve. News of that committee's activities will be reported in the *Newsletter* at a later date.

Check the types of programs that appeal to you:

- 48% Music on Sunday afternoons
- 19% Music on week nights
- 14% Music on Saturdays
- Music types suggested:
 - 30's - 50's jazz
 - choral madrigal
 - show tunes light classical
 - popular classical
 - big band country
 - local school bands folk
 - local school choruses polka
 - chamber Franz Bentler
 - light opera variety
 - blues
- 34% Financial planning seminars
- 58% Travelogs (slides or movies)
- 26% Travel agent films
- 32% Dramatic presentations
- 53% Classes from local colleges
- 34% Writing seminars/workshops
- 21% Publishing seminars/workshops
- 29% Health and fitness programs
- Specify topics:
 - nutrition exercise
 - diet arthritis
 - aerobics senior exercises
 - children's exercises yoga (a.m.)
- 27% Craft programs
- Specify interests:
 - needlework ceramics
 - scrap craft stained glass
 - woodworking macrame
 - crochet floral arranging
 - knitting toile painting
- 29% Parapsychology discussions
- 36% Genealogy sessions
- 53% Cultural presentations
 - lecture 39%
 - artists 32%
 - showings 29%
 - demonstrations 34%
 - displays 34%

- 9% Audience participation programs
- Suggestions:
 - Great Books
- 39% Self-improvement courses
 - Stop smoking classes (during day)
- 51% Know-your-town series
 - Introductions to Village officials, businessmen, organizations, churches, etc.
- 34% Art demonstrations/classes
- 7% Technology (state of the art)
- 27% Special age group presentations
- Type of programs:
 - anything to stimulate mind of seniors
 - defensive driving
 - social security
 - discounts
 - rights of seniors
 - teen club activities
 - computer classes
 - retirement planning
- 11% Special nationality programs
- Representative of village population
- Types of programs:
 - heritage
 - dance
 - folk dancing
 - folk music

Additional suggestions:

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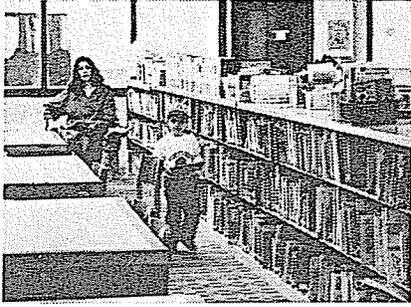
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If you are interested in becoming an active member of Friends, check one or more of the activities in which you wish to volunteer. Friends will contact you.

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| _____ Publicity | _____ Projects | _____ Interested but undecided about activities |

Send check and form to Friends of Oak Lawn Library, Membership Chairman, 9427 Raymond Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.
(The Friends Membership year is June 1—May 31.)



Renovation moves ahead on the second floor. A young patron and his mother still find a variety of children's books even though a quiet study room takes shape in a section of the Youth Services Department. Youth Services will be moving to new quarters on the main floor in the near future.



Workmen are putting the finishing touches on the new offices for Information and Reference Services in the area where audiovisual materials and local history formerly were housed.

Name These Famous Mothers

In honor of Mother's Day, *Newsletter* presents the following quiz. Each of the following clues leads to an answer which contains some form of the word "Mother".

1. Had a dog with no bone
2. Black comedienne
3. A birthmark
4. Related to Elizabeth
5. Someone you can't fool
6. Expecting a child
7. Loved nursery rhymes
8. 50' TV show about a Scandinavian family
9. A plant
10. Irish song
11. The state of Virginia
12. Special holiday
13. A gangster

14. TV show involving an automobile
15. A novel about actress Joan Crawford
16. Think of pots and pans
17. Who sang with the Mamas and the Papas
18. TV show starring Kay Ballard
19. Head of the convent
20. Won the Nobel Peace Prize
21. A mining term
22. Precious gem
23. Gave birth to Li'l Abner
24. Watched over the Little Women
25. The planet on which we live
26. Al Jolson's song

Answers next month, of course.

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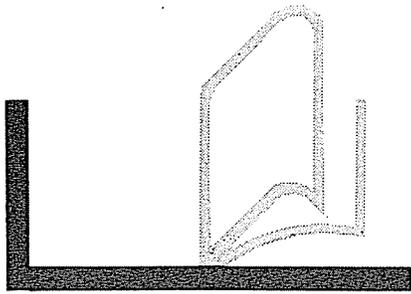
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June 1986

Readers on the Move: Summer Reading Program Begins

Beginning June 2 and continuing until August 8, young readers have an opportunity to participate in *Readers on the Move*, this year's summer reading program. The program includes a full schedule of activities to go along with the reading of books. However, those who want to register must read one book before they qualify. Once that goal is reached, they are invited to come to the Library to sign up. At that time, they will receive a reading record chart, a bookmark and a full explanation of the entire summer's happenings.

Additional prizes, including special shoelaces and Readers on the Move buttons will be given to those who read more books. At the completion of the program, certificates will be issued to those who have read at least five books. These will be passed along to school principals for distribution when classes begin in the fall.

According to the Youth Services Department, sponsor of the program, reading is not a passive activity. People who read can take exciting adventures to foreign lands, outer space and visit other times, both past and future. Active readers can learn new sports, games, crafts, jokes and stories. They can become *Readers on the Move*. The following is a listing and brief description of program special events.

Read-to-Me-Club

Preschool children who will not be starting school this fall can sign up for the special reading club. Parents or older siblings may read books to preschoolers for credit in the Read-to-Me-Club. Details are available in the Youth Services Department.

Travel Kit Week

During the week of June 16-22, Readers on the Move can prepare for a summer trip by stopping at the Library during regular summer hours. They will be able to assemble a travel kit of games and other activities to keep busy while riding in a car, plane, train or boat. Another thing that all vacationers should remember is to take along books. These can be picked up at the same time as gathering the travel kit or at a later date, depending on the vacation time.

Postcard Craft Class

From 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday, June 16, readers from kindergarten through eighth grade can learn how to design their own postcards. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative cards. These can be mailed to friends from a



Large white jogging shoes will decorate the Youth Services Department this summer as young readers compete for top school participation in *Readers on the Move*, the summer reading program that begins June 2. Librarians Cindy Dobrez, Eleanor Young and Jean Day are busy with all the preparations. They look for a larger number of readers than the 800-plus that took part last year.

vacation spot or sent to friends on vacation.

Registration is required and will be taken by phone or in person beginning June 9.

Preschool Storytime

This program is for four- and five-year-olds who want to be Readers on the Move on Monday mornings during July. The schedule is from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on July 7, 14, 21 and 28. Registration in person or by phone begins June 23. There will be stories, songs, fingerplays and crafts.

Storytime: Grades One and Two

This group will be on the move from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, July 9, 16, 23 and 30. The sessions will include stories, songs and complete crafts about adventures all over the world. Registration in person or by phone begins June 23.

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I Luv My Father Cuz . . .

A couple of years ago, a local elementary teacher asked her second grade students to write a little story about fathers and why there was a Father's Day. Since she knew that there were several one-parent families represented in her class, she dismissed the thought of having them write only about their own fathers.

The responses were interesting, surprising and, in some cases, humorous. She forwarded a sampling of them to be shared with *Newsletter* readers. Her only request was that she, her school and class names remain anonymous. Here they are as written:

"Fathers don't hug and kiss as much as mothers. They just pat you on the head. Fathers like to eat and watch football. Father's Day is when we go out to eat and my Mother pays the bill."

"My father lives in a different city. I only get to see him in the summer when school is over. He takes me to the park with the rides, lots of movies and buys me new things. But I don't think it was on Father's Day."

"My friends father is nice. If I had one I would want one like him. I give him a present on Fathers Day."

"Fathers are people who help mothers some times. They go to work early and like to drink beer some times. Fathers Day is so its the same as Mothers Day and he wont feel bad."

"My dad and I play ball. He helps me read. He knows how to fish. I go too. I am glad its Father's Day."

"My father is big. He drives a big truck. I get to ride in the truck. When he is home its Fathers Day."

"My father works hard. He sleeps in the chair and looks at TV. On Fathers Day he will wake up."

"Fathers are big and talk loud. They can make your head touch the roof. They are strong. Fathers Day is for them."

"I want to be a father when I get big. I will cut the grass and shovel the snow. I will love my boys and girls. I will get them presents. I will have Fathers Day."

"Fathers are nice and best in the hole world. That is why there is Fathers Day."

I luv my father cuz he is nice. I luv my mother too. I luv my baby sister. I luv Fathers Day."

Library Board Elects New Officers

The Library Board of Trustees elected new officers for the 1986-87 year at its annual reorganization meeting in May. They are William L. Roach, President; Thomas P. Krzeminski, Vice President; Carol C. James, Treasurer; and Beth A. McElroy, Secretary.

Other Trustees are Dave Gallagher, Harriet P. Murphy and Catherine Siemeck.

The Board meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Meetings are open to the public.

Friends Plan Summer Outings

Several musical outings are being set up for July and August by the Friends. Complete arrangements will be announced in the July/August *Newsletter*; however, preliminary plans include three to four trips to Ravinia and two or more trips to Grant Park.

Ravinia trips that have been confirmed are *Summer of '42* with Frankie Laine, July 17; *Tribute to Gershwin*, July 27; and *Twyla Tharp Dancers*, August 31. A possibility exists that a fourth concert, *Tchaikowsky Gala*, may be added on August 17.

Grant Park reservations have not been firmed up, but at least two concerts will be scheduled.

Times and dates when registrations will be taken at the Library have not been established. Interested persons are urged to watch the next issue of the *Newsletter* for details. Program Chairman is Genevieve Sobanski, 598-7971.

Friends Book Discussion Group Open

The public is invited to participate in a Book Discussion Group sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The next meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, in the Library lower level conference room.

The book to be discussed is *Souvenir* by Jayne Anne Phillips. Copies are available at the Reference Desk, second floor.

For additional information about the group and its meetings, contact Dorothy Bergstrom, 422-0008.

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New Librarian Appointed for Reader Services

Jamie Bukovac has been appointed as Reader Services Librarian. She began her official duties on May 1. When Library remodeling is complete, Reader Services activities will be introduced to provide additional assistance for patrons.

Prior to coming to Oak Lawn, Bukovac was Director of Adult Services at Grande Prairie Library in Hazelcrest. Her experience also includes working as Technical Services Librarian and Readers Advisory Librarian at the Dolton Library.

She received her BA from Purdue University and her MLS from Rosary College. She is a member of the Illinois Library Association and has worked on several committees affiliated with the Suburban Library System.

She enjoys reading just about anything but is partial to humor and English mysteries. Some of her all-time favorites include *Lonesome Dove* by Larry McMurtry, *Dancing Aztecs* by Donald Westlake, *Shibumi* by Trevanian and any mystery by Martha Grimes.

According to Bukovac, she is "looking forward to meeting the people of Oak Lawn and contributing to the excellent service offered at the Oak Lawn Library."

Construction Update

The large barrier in the middle of the Library has been removed to reveal the new central stairway. Some departments have been moved to new, permanent locations and are working to get books and material in order. Other departments are anticipating moving shortly.

As the final phase gets into high gear, some inconveniences to patrons are possible. For example, videotapes will not be available for approximately a week. This may occur around the first week in July.

The library appreciates the patience and cooperation of all its patrons throughout the remodeling. Within a few weeks, the clutter, noise and confusion should start to settle down. As indicated when the work started, the purpose of the project was to make more creative use of Library space and to provide better and more efficient service for patrons. The results should be evident very soon.

Counted Cross Stitch

This is a four-week class for those in grades five through eight who would like to learn the delicate art of counted cross stitch. A *Readers on the Move* bookmark will be completed by each industrious student. Registrants must be able to attend at least three of the classes. The time is 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays, July 8, 15, 22 and 29. Registration can be made by phone or in person beginning June 30.

Codes and Secret Language Workshop

Students in grades three to eight can sign up for this workshop which will be held from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 16. The session will feature pig latin, writing with invisible ink and speaking Iggity. Registration is required.

Travel Souvenir Creative Writing Workshop

Sharing vacation stories is the motivation for this workshop scheduled for 2-3 p.m. Thursday, July 24. Those who participate must bring a souvenir that was acquired on vacation. Souvenirs will be traded so that those attending make up a story about somebody's else's souvenir. After that, they will compare the make believe stories with what really happened. Youngsters in grades four and five can register in person or by phone.

Puzzles

Every week new puzzles will be available to test the skill and imagination of Readers on the Move.

Weekly Drawing

A drawing will be held each week. To be eligible, readers must read five books for each ticket for the drawing. Prizes will include Cubs tickets, posters, hamburgers and more.



The blockade finally came down from around the central stairway and gave staff and patrons some operating room and a chance to see how the remodeling is finally winding down.

School Contest

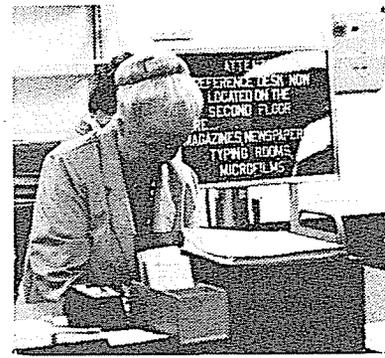
Which school has the most summer readers? Only time will tell, but readers can help their schools become NUMBER ONE by joining the summer reading program. A giant running shoe poster for each school is on display at the Library. As readers join *Readers on the Move* their names are added to their school's poster. The Library will keep a record of the school that has the largest percentage of students in the program.

St. Gerald and St. Catherine were tied for the highest percentage last year in the *Open Books Open Doors* program. St. Linus was the winner in 1984 in the *Be A Star Read Program*.

School winners will be announced at the conclusion of the program in August.

Direct Dial Phone Numbers

Circulation 422-4991
 Reference 422-4992
 Youth Services 422-4993
 General Information 422-4990



Patrons are alerted to new services by signs placed in various sections of the Library. In this section Peggy Nevins, staff member, helps a patron with magazine selection. The area formerly housed the Reference Desk.

Reading Rainbow 1986 Program Information

Reading Rainbow is the public television series that gets children excited about reading. Aimed at five-to eight-year-olds, the program illustrates the fun of books by exploring in depth the topics the books introduce. *Reading Rainbow* begins its fourth season on June 23. Each 30-minute segment is hosted by LeVar Burton. LeVar explores the theme of each featured book by traveling on-location to fascinating sites, meeting experts and giving children glimpses of the real world.

New this season to *Reading Rainbow* is science programming. Two of the new shows feature books with science themes, one exploring germs and one tracing the process of dairy products from the farm to the table. The 1986 season includes 10 newly-produced shows for a total of 35 shows altogether.

Contact Youth Services for additional information.

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Puzzlement and Prize

This test does not measure intelligence, fluency with words nor mathematical ability. However, it does give puzzle solvers a gauge to measure their mental flexibility and creativity. In the three years since it was developed, the test has shown that few people can solve more than half the 26 questions on the first try. Many reported getting answers long after the test had been put aside, especially at unexpected moments when their minds were relaxed; some reported solving all of the questions over a period of several days.

To stimulate the readers into accepting the challenge of this Puzzlement, a prize is offered to the first person to submit the correct answers to the *Newsletter* Editor at the Oak Lawn Public Library. A custom-made, silk screen poster will be designed for the winner. Good luck!

Instructions: Each question contains the initials of words that will make it correct. Find the missing words.

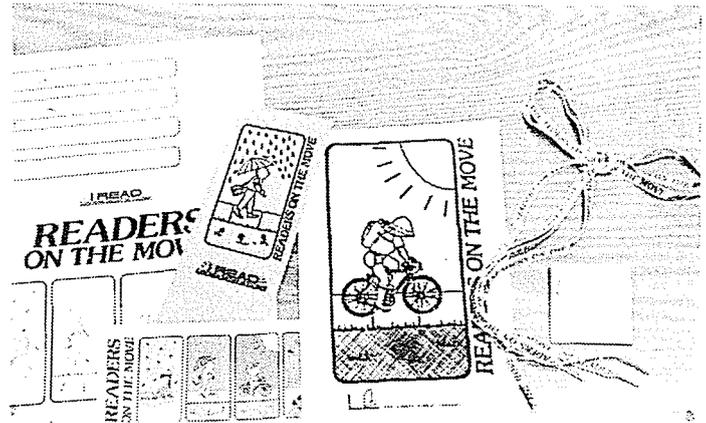
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| 2. 7 = W. of the A.W. | 15. 4 = Q in a G. |
| 3. 1001 = A.N. | 16. 24 = H. in a D. |
| 4. 12 = S. of the Z. | 17. 1 = W. on a U. |
| 5. 54 = C. in a D. (with the J.) | 18. 5 = D. in a Z.C. |
| 6. 9 = P. in the S.S. | 19. 57 = H.V. |
| 7. 88 = P.K. | 20. 11 = P. on a F.T. |
| 8. 13 = S. on the A.F. | 21. 1000 = W. that a P. is W. |
| 9. 32 = D.F. at which W.F. | 22. 29 = D. in a F. in a L.Y. |
| 10. 18 = H. on a G.C. | 23. 64 = S. on a C. |
| 11. 90 = D. in a R.A. | 24. 40 = D. and N. of the G.F. |
| 12. 200 = D. for a P.G. in M. | 25. 15 = M. on a D.M.C. (Y.H.H.) |
| 13. 8 = S. on a S.S. | 26. 8 = B. in a B. |

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Some of the materials that will be used in the *Readers on the Move* summer reading program are a Reading Record Chart, book marks, shoe laces that say Readers on the Move, large square buttons and a booklet with a complete schedule of events.

Name the Famous Mothers

Answers to last month's quiz

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Mother Hubbard | 14. My Mother, the Car |
| 2. Moms Mabley | 15. Mommie Dearest |
| 3. Mother's mark | 16. Ma Kettle |
| 4. Queen Mother | 17. Mama Cass |
| 5. Mother Nature | 18. The Mothers-in-Law |
| 6. Mother-to-be | 19. Mother Superior |
| 7. Mother Goose | 20. Mother Theresa |
| 8. I Remember Mama | 21. Mother lode |
| 9. Mother-in-law's tongue | 22. Mother of pearl |
| 10. Mother Machree | 23. Mammy Yokum |
| 11. Mother of Presidents | 24. Mamie March |
| 12. Mother's Day | 25. Mother Earth |
| 13. Ma Barker | 26. Mammy |

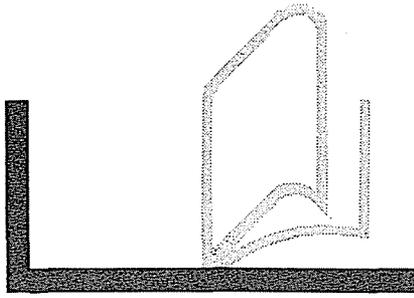
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Programs for Adults Return in Fall

After an absence of more than a year due to remodeling, adult programs are due to begin again in mid-September. According to Library staff, the large meeting room should be ready for use shortly after Labor Day. Based on that information, the Library is working on an exciting season of fall presentations.

The first offering is part of the cooperative programming that began two years ago between the Oak Lawn National Bank and the Oak Lawn Public Library. Former programs included a balloon launch, photo contest, Lithuanian exhibit and egg decorating. The next event is the most ambitious undertaken so far. *Symbols of Faith*, a traveling exhibit of the Smithsonian Institution, will have its only showing in the Chicago area under the joint sponsorship of the Bank and the Library during September. The exhibition, through photographs and quotations mounted on large display panels, traces the common roots and aspirations of the world's three leading monotheistic religions; Judaism, Christianity and Islam, as they are reflected in specific examples of art — the menorah, the icon and the prayer rug. The exhibit will be held at the Bank. Several related programs, speakers and films will be scheduled at the Library during the display period. The September *Newsletter* will have comprehensive information about *Symbols of Faith* and attendant activities.

Other fall Library programs are being developed based on the results of the March *Newsletter* survey, input from the Program Advisory Committee and coordination with other municipal groups such as the Park District and the Senior Center.

Built into the overall plan are regular showings of travel films and slides, several sessions of a "Know-Your-Own-Town" series, musical programs on Sunday afternoons, a genealogy seminar, one or more series on specific types of money management, writing workshops, art shows with demonstrations and dramatic presentations.

When arrangements are complete, a program brochure will be developed for distribution to the public. The *Newsletter* will carry program dates and descriptions at the appropriate times.

Questions about programs for adults should be directed to Mary Nelson, 422-4990.

Because of Oak Lawn Fest, the Library will close at 3 p.m. Friday, July 11, and will be closed all day Saturday, July 12. During the summer, the Library is not open on Sundays.



Newly-elected officers of the Library Board are (seated) William L. Roach, President; Carol C. James, Treasurer; (standing) Thomas P. Krzeminski, Vice President; Beth A. McElroy, Secretary.

First Time Tax Listing

For the first time this year, the Library will be listed as a separate line item on real estate taxes. Previously, the Library was grouped together with Village assessments and did not appear individually. This provides the Library with a welcome opportunity to further inform Oak Lawn residents about how their tax dollars are being spent for quality services for all.

The Library serves as an information center for all ages. More than 400,000 visits are made each year to the Library by those who take advantage of the multitude of things that are offered. These include the traditional books, magazines and newspapers. In addition, patrons come to use the photocopy machines, free typewriters and the Apple II computer. They borrow more than 500,000 items a year including videotapes, records, cassettes, framed art prints, sculptures, computers and cameras. They seek answers to reference questions, both in person and by phone.

The Library has a computerized catalog which gives Oak Lawn residents full access to the Library's 132,364 volumes plus access to 2,300,000 volumes of other libraries who also are members of the Suburban Library System.

Other Library services include the publication 11 times per year of the *Newsletter*. When current remodeling is completed, interesting and varied community programs will be offered again, and meeting rooms will be available for use by community groups and organizations.

Questions concerning the first listing on current tax statements or any of the Library's services can be directed to John A. Moorman, 422-4990.



Mike Stiber

Mike Stiber Wins Prize

Oak Lawn resident Mike Stiber is the winner of the *Puzzlement and Prize* contest published in the June *Newsletter*. He brought his correct answers to the Public Relations Office shortly after noon on June 2.

The winner is a senior at Marist High School where his best subjects are math and science. He hopes to get an appointment to the Air Force Academy or the Naval Academy when he graduates next June. He has taken flying lessons and is "working on taking more." He and Rose Franceschini, Library graphic artist, are developing a jet aircraft design for a silk screened poster, the contest winner's prize.

The response to the contest was much greater than anticipated. Large numbers of answer sheets were brought in or mailed. Calls continued for more than two weeks from those who had completed the puzzlement and were inquiring to see if there was a winner. An enterprising junior high school student called to get the call number of the book that had the answers. That was a good try; however, none of the puzzles, trivia questions or quizzes that have been used in the *Newsletter* have been derived from a single source. In several cases, they were originals. As additional brain teasers and stretchers are discovered and space is available, they will be published.

Answers to *Puzzlement and Prize* are on page 4.

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Computer Catalog Classes Offered

Library users who have indicated an interest in computer catalog classes will be pleased to know that 22 small group sessions are scheduled during July. The purpose of the instruction is to teach patrons how to use the computer catalog. To give the maximum amount of personal instruction, each session will be limited to four participants. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who want to register should select a preferred time, with one or two alternatives, and call Jamie or Nadine, 422-4991.

Computer Classes Schedule

Friday, July 11	9:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 15	6:30 p.m., 7:45 p.m.
Wednesday, July 16	9:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m.
Friday, July 18	9:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m.
Monday, July 21	9:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 24	6:30 p.m., 7:45 p.m.
Saturday, July 26	10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:15 p.m., 3:45 p.m.
Wednesday July 30	6:30 p.m., 7:45 p.m.

Additional classes will be scheduled in the fall as part of the new Reader Services division. These will be listed in future *Newsletters*. Patrons who experience any problems with the computer catalog are encouraged to ask the librarians for assistance. The Library recognizes that the computer system does have many quirks which may be confusing to the user.

Phone Numbers Update

For the convenience of patrons who have questions about audiovisual materials, a new number has been added to the Library's direct dial system. For faster and more efficient service, callers are urged to use direct numbers. As a handy reference, the following complete listing can be clipped and retained.

General Information 422-4990

This is the number for those who want to contact Administration or Public Relations offices, have a question about general Library policy or are not sure what department they want.

Circulation 422-4991

This is the number for those who are inquiring about renewals or interlibrary loans, are applying for a library card, want to reserve a typewriter or computer, have questions about magazines or newspapers or have questions about any other matters related to checking materials out or in.

Reference 422-4992

This is the number for those who are doing research or need the answers to specific questions.

Youth Services 422-4993

This is the number for those who want to register for Youth Services programs, have questions about children's or parents' books or need materials for their school or classroom assignments.

Audiovisual Services 422-4994

This is the number for those who have question about videotapes, cassettes or records.



Giant running shoe posters take up an entire wall in the Youth Services Department. They are a vital part of the summer reading program, *Readers on the Move*. Children up through eighth grade are invited to enroll in the program and have their names placed on a shoe. Youth Services now is located in its new quarters on the first floor.

Youth Services Department

Readers on the Move, the summer reading program, is off to a running start. More than 250 young readers enrolled in the program when registration opened on June 2. Others who qualified by reading one book have joined to bring the enrollment to 935 as of 1 p.m. June 23, 100 more over the final total for 1985!

There is still ample time for others to get involved; the program will run until August 8. Besides reading books, participants can attend special activities. A booklet explaining the program can be picked up in the Youth Services Department on the first floor.

Extra large posters of running shoes are posted on the wall in Youth Services, one shoe for each school in Oak Lawn. The names of the students who are in the program are placed on their school shoe. The Library recognizes as NUMBER ONE the school who has the largest percentage of students enrolled at the end of the summer reading program.

Post Card Winners

A group of 30 children participated in the post card craft class in June. Each participant created a brightly-colored post card to mail to family or friends. Readers on the Move posters were awarded to winners in three categories.

Most original idea, Jason Wiegman, grade three, Covington School, title: Hi, I'm on the Moon.

Funniest drawing, Chrissy Schmit, grade one, St. Gerald School, untitled.

Best art work, Joshua Capka, grade five, Harnew School, title: Visiting Texas.

All of the group received Readers on the Move stickers and bookmarks.

Lottery Winners

Emily Nee and Christina Terra were two lucky winners in the first Readers on the Move lottery drawing. They each received a pair of tickets to see the Cubs. Andrew Guyette won a tennis shoe library poster. Drawings will be held on Monday throughout the summer. To be eligible for the drawing, children must be registered for Readers on the Move. A lottery ticket is given for each five books read. The first drawing was made by Judith McMahon, new Head of the Youth Services Department.

Friends Announce Summer Trips

Five trips to Ravinia Festival and three trips to Grant Park concerts are scheduled by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library during July and August. Reservations for all of the trips will be taken 7-9 p.m. Monday, July 7, and 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesday, July 8.

Grant Park Concerts

Reservations include round trip bus transportation from the Library to Grant Park. Reservations are unlimited. Buses will leave the Library at 6:30 p.m. for Friday concerts and 5:30 for Sunday. Prices are \$3 for members of the Friends for each concert and \$4 for others. Dates are permanent, rain or shine.

On Friday, July 18, concert goers will hear the Grant Park Pops featuring the Buffalo Shufflers in a Roaring Twenties Night.

On Friday, July 25, Nicholas McGegan will conduct the orchestra with bassoon soloist Milan Turkovic. The program includes Mozart's Symphony No. 20 in D, Mozart's Bassoon Concert and a complete rendition of Handel's Water Music.

On Sunday, August 10, jazz, pop, rock and Latin music are scheduled for the Grant Park Pops with the High Class Brass and trumpeters Jeff Tyzik and Allen Vizzutti, two brilliant trumpet virtuosos, composers and arrangers.

Ravinia Concerts

Reservations include round trip transportation by deluxe coach from the Library with reserved seating in the pavilion. Reservations are limited and will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Only two tickets per person for each concert will be permitted.

Thursday, July 17, Tex Beneke his orchestra and The Modernaires with Paula Kelly will bring *Big Band Sounds from the Summer of '42* featuring Helen Forrest and



John A. Moorman, Library Director, accepts a contribution from Vida Wilson and Leatha Johnson, representatives of the Dewalt Mecklin Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The donation was a copy of the *DAR Patriotic Index*. Vida Wilson is the immediate past President of the DAR Chapter; Leatha Johnson is DAR Chapter Librarian.

spotlighting special guest star Frankie Laine. Tickets are \$22 for members and \$24 for others. A total of 92 tickets is available. The bus will leave at 6 p.m. for the 8 p.m. concert.

Sunday, July 27, the concert will be Ravinia Pops in *A Tribute to Gershwin*. The Chicago Symphony will be directed by Eric Kunzel. Soloists are William Tritt, pianist; Daisy Newman, soprano; and Arthur Thompson, baritone. Selections are *An American in Paris*, variations on *I Got Rhythm* and *Rhapsody in Blue* and selections from *Porgy and Bess*. A total of 92 tickets is available at \$28 for members and \$30 for non-members. The bus leaves at 5:30 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. concert.

Tuesday, August 5, will feature the New York Philharmonic Orchestra directed by Leonard Bernstein. He will lead two of his own compositions, *Overture to Candide* and *Serenade for Solo Violin* with violinist Glenn Dicterow. The final selection will be Tchaikowsky's Symphony No. 6, B Minor, *Pathetique*. Only 46 tickets are available at \$32 for members and \$34 for others. The bus leaves at 6:30 p.m. for the 8:30 p.m. concert.

Sunday, August 17, the concert is a *Tchaikowsky Spectacular* with Erich Kunzel directing the Chicago Symphony. Pianist Peter Orth is the soloist. Selections are from *Eugene Onegin*, Piano Concerto No. 1 in B Flat Minor, Op. 23; Suite from the ballet, *The Nutcracker*; and the *1812 Overture* (with cannons). The bus will leave at 5:30 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. concert. Only 46 tickets are available at \$25 for members and \$27 for others.

Sunday, August 31, is *Twyla Tharp Dance* with artistic director Twyla Tharp, hailed by many as the messiah of modern dance. She is considered to be one of the most brilliant and unusual choreographers in the dance world. A total of 92 tickets is available at \$22 for members and \$24 for others. The bus will leave at 6 p.m. for the 8 p.m. program.

No reservations will be taken before the in-person sign up on July 7. Members of the Friends who will be taking reservations are anticipating longer waits than usual during the specified times because of the number of concerts involved. Interested persons are asked to be patient while waiting for their turn.

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_____ Newsletter (\$3)

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(spouse/children under 18)

_____ Renewal

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_____ Membership
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_____ Interested but undecided about activities

Send check and form to Friends of Oak Lawn Library, Membership Chairman, 9427 Raymond Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

(The Friends Membership year is June 1—May 31.)



Once the floor is in where the West stairway was removed, the concrete is poured. Members of the remodeling crew work quickly to get it leveled.

Summer Issue of Openers Arrives

The summer issue of *Openers* can be picked up from Library information racks. *Openers* is the good reading, free newspaper that opens up the world to new people, places and ideas.

The latest issue contains a wealth of information about vacation possibilities. In its front page article *Searching for Escape*, ten tantalizing suggestions are made under these titles: Free Spirit, Do-Gooder, Cool Cruise, No Passport Required, No Money Down, Family Affair, Group Therapy, Hot Wheels, Armchair Traveler and Party Goer. Another interesting article is a must for family reading, *How To Survive a Family Car Trip*. Contacts are provided for following through on all of the ideas. Related reading materials are listed.

A story about women's tennis, *Courting Fame — or Disaster*, and another about *The Magic of Baseball* provide excellent reading for sports enthusiasts and give an insight into some of the latest books written about these two sports.

This issue is a special bonus for parents with young children. Two full pages are devoted to some of the latest developments in children's music along with listings of the best recordings for family sharing and enjoying.

There is more — an article about cooking, *Cookbooks Get User-Friendly*, discusses Craig Claiborne's new video cookbook, a show-and-tell videotape that comes with a traditional cookbook, just in case. Jeff Smith, the Frugal Gourmet, talks about his traditional book. He also notes the latest trends in cooking including the swing to healthy cooking methods and fresh, natural ingredients.

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Puzzlement and Prize Answers

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| 1. 26 Letters of the Alphabet | 15. 4 Quarts in a Gallon |
| 2. 7 Wonders of the Ancient World | 16. 24 Hours in a Day |
| 3. 1001 Arabian Nights | 17. 1 Wheel on a Unicycle |
| 4. 12 Signs of the Zodiac | 18. 5 Digits in a Zip Code |
| 5. 54 Cards in the Deck (with the Jokers) | 19. 57 Heinz Varieties |
| 6. 9 Planets in the Solar System | 20. 11 Players on a Football Team |
| 7. 88 Piano Keys | 21. 1000 Words that a Picture is Worth |
| 8. 13 Stripes on the American Flag | 22. 29 Days in February in a Leap Year |
| 9. 32 Degrees at which Water Freezes | 23. 64 Squares on a Checkerboard (also acceptable: Chessboard) |
| 10. 18 Holes on a Golf Course | 24. 40 Days and Nights of the Great Flood |
| 11. 90 Degrees in a Right Angle | 25. 15 Men on a Dead Man's Chest (Yo Ho Ho) |
| 12. 200 Dollars for a Pass Go in Monopoly | 26. 8 Beats in a Bar (also acceptable: Bits in a Byte) |
| 13. 8 Sides on a Stop Sign | |
| 14. 3 Blind Mice (See How They Run) | |

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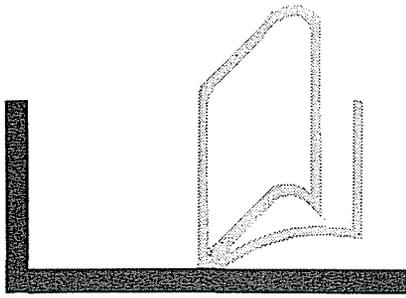
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September 1986

Symbols of Faith on Exhibit

Art and religion go hand-in-hand in a traveling exhibit, *Symbols of Faith*, opening September 13 at the Oak Lawn National Bank, 9400 S. Cicero Ave. The exhibit is co-sponsored by the Bank and the Oak Lawn Public Library, one of a series of cooperative programs by the two institutions as a service to the community. This will be the only showing in the Chicago area.

Symbols of Faith celebrates the shared heritage of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The panels in this display feature photographs and text which show the common roots and aspirations of the three religions as reflected in the various art works. It is on loan from the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES).

The display was adapted from a major exhibition by the national committee in charge of coordinating Islam's 14th centennial observance. With the cooperation of the National Geographic Society the exhibit was condensed for SITES.

Symbols of Faith focuses on familiar religious symbols that have been used over the years by the three religions. Primarily, the symbols were aids for worship. Specifically shown are art works involving the Jewish menorah, the Christian icon and Muslim prayer rug.

Menorahs, icons and prayer rugs have been used for centuries in art forms as a teaching tool and as a means of inspiration. The menorah is a branched candelabrum that is used in Jewish services. Icons are religious images that are usually painted on wood blocks or panels and used by the Eastern Christians for instruction about God's miracles. Prayer rugs are used by Muslims for prayers, a ritual that is observed several times each day.

The three featured religions share a common bond; they each worship a single God and cherish his revelations to mankind. Also, they all originated in the Near East and follow an authoritative set of scriptures.

Artifacts loaned by area residents and groups will complete the presentation. Contributors are David Katz, Joseph Hapak, Executive Director Bill Sullivan, Oak Lawn Historical Society; and Pastor Randall Webb, Ridge Lutheran Church.

The exhibit can be viewed in the Bank lobby during regular banking hours from September 13 until October 2. For more information about the exhibit or Bank and Library cooperative programs contact Roberta Bauer, 636-2112, or Mary Nelson, 422-4990.



Symbols of Faith



Oak Lawn National Bank



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Art by Rose Franceschini, Library graphic artist

**Closed Labor Day, September 1.
Beginning September 7, the
Library will resume Sunday hours
from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

Youth Services Department

Summer Reading Program Hits Record High

The summer reading program, Readers on the Move, moved right to the top this year with a total of 1,228 young readers enrolled. Of that number more than 100 were in the preschool Read to Me Club. This beat out last year's enrollment in which 849 took part.

Other statistics from the program show that:

- 800 pairs of shoelaces were awarded to readers of five books and preschoolers who were read ten books;
- 710 certificates were awarded to readers of five books;
- 500 square buttons were awarded to readers of ten books and preschoolers who were read 20 books;
- 45 Cubs baseball tickets were won by members in the lottery drawings;
- 10 posters were awarded in the lottery.
- more than 50 postcards from as far away as Hawaii and Canada have been received from vacationing Readers on the Move.

St. Gerald's School was the winner in the school race with 36 percent of its students enrolled in the program.

Pig Out on Storyhours!

Three-year-olds

Three-year-old children can "fill up" on stories, songs, poems and films about food, pigs, Halloween and other exciting treats this fall.

The storyhour series runs for eight weeks from September 29 through November 19. Select one of the following times:

- Monday, 10-10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, 10-10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, 10-10:30 a.m.

In person registration is required. Children must be three years old by September 15. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Monday, September 15. The program is limited to Oak Lawn residents.

Four-and five-year-olds

Four- and five-year-old children can "fill up" on stories, songs, poems and films about food, pigs, Halloween and other exciting treats this fall.

The storyhour series runs for eight weeks from September 29 through November 19. Select one of the following times:

- Monday, 10:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, 1 p.m.-1:45 p.m.
- Wednesday, 1 p.m.-1:45 p.m.

In person registration is required. Programs are limited to Oak Lawn residents. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Monday, September 15.

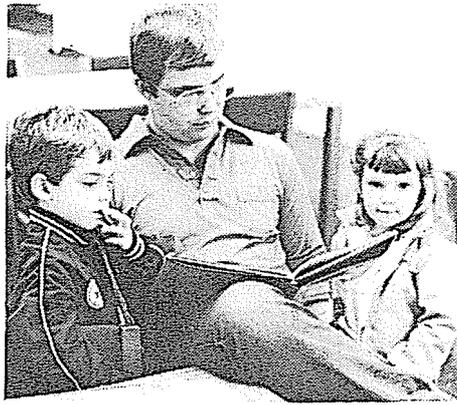
First to third graders

This is a one session, special storyhour for those in the first to third grades. The program includes stories, songs, poems and crafts.

Those who are interested can select one of the following times:

- Thursday, Sept. 25, 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Friday, September 26, 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Registration, either in person or by phone, begins at 9 a.m. Monday, September 15. The program is limited to Oak Lawn residents or students.



Bill Plahm finds an interesting story to read to his children, Michael and Lauren, in the Youth Services Department. A large selection of books and convenient places to relax are conducive to read-aloud sessions.

Youth Services Department (cont.)

Sharing Family Stories

(A program for grandparents and grandchildren)

Family stories are very precious and should not be lost. The Library is encouraging the development of the tradition of family story telling by celebrating a September Grandparents Day with a special program.

After hearing a family story told by Librarian Cindy Dobrez, grandparents will relate a family story to their grandchildren. Together they will write and illustrate a book to preserve the story. They will hear about other ways to preserve family stories such as with quilts, buttons, books and other devices.

This program is for grandchildren in grades four through eight who will be accompanied by grandparents, Friday, September 19, 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.

Registration begins Monday, September 8, either in person or by phone.

Dear Author

Children are invited to help celebrate International Letter Writing Week by writing a letter to their favorite author.

Librarian Cindy Dobrez will help locate addresses and information about the authors. Participants should be prepared with questions to ask their favorite author.

The program is for those in fourth to eighth grade. It is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday, October 10.

Registration begins Monday, September 29, either in person or by phone.



Angie and Caroline Ogradnik concentrate on completing a square of counted cross stitch sewing during a summertime Library class. This was one of the special offerings presented during the summer reading program.

Community Programs Postponed

Community programs that were scheduled to begin in September have been postponed until after the first of the year. The change in plans was announced by the Library in late August.

According to John A. Moorman, Library Director, the Library's remodeling project will not be completed as early as anticipated. Although work in the main areas is nearly done, the lower level meeting rooms will not be functional until the end of the year.

Based on this, the fall program series was deferred. Program participants have been notified of the delay and asked to consider rescheduling when facilities are fully equipped.

Moorman noted that the decision was made with deep regret and sincere apologies to everyone involved. He added that the Library is anxious to present quality programs in fully-functioning and appropriate settings and looks forward to achieving this goal when programming resumes.

Every effort will be made to restructure the programs to meet the requests of the public as expressed in the survey that was taken earlier this year. "You Asked for It", the program theme, will guide future preparations according to Mary Nelson, program coordinator. She reports that initial response from program participants has been very positive with a willingness to cooperative in the future.

New Loan Periods Announced

The Library's circulation staff is responsible for a revised and updated schedule of loan periods for Library patrons. Staff members noticed that patrons often regretfully returned material that they had not finished within a loan period. They also expressed concern for more consistent and longer loan periods. Based on their input, patrons have the benefit of longer loan periods and easier to remember due dates.

The new schedule appears on the last page of this *Newsletter*. The circulation staff is looking forward to working with the simplified schedule.

Please note: Videotapes remain on a three-day loan period including the day of checkout.

Friends of the Library Plan Trips

Two fall outings have been scheduled by the Friends of the Library, a trip to the Morton Arboretum and a lunch and theater date at the Drury Lane Oak Brook.

Reservations for both activities will be taken from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, September 10, and from 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday, September 11.

The trip to Morton Arboretum includes lunch at the Ginkgo Restaurant and a two-hour walking and riding tour. Two professionally-trained Arboretum guides will take the group on an eight-mile drive with two stops for short walking tours. The trip is designed to permit participants to see and enjoy all the fall colors. The bus will leave the Cook Ave. entrance of the Library at 9 a.m. Thursday, October 16. The price is \$12 for members and \$14 for others. A total of 46 reservations is available.

Mickey Rooney will star in the comedy *Go Ahead and Laugh* when the Friends visit Drury Lane Oak Brook on Tuesday, October 21. The trip includes lunch and a matinee performance of the play. The price is \$24 for members and \$26 for others. A total of 92 tickets is available. Lunch will be served at noon. The theater begins at 2 p.m. The bus will leave the Cook Ave. entrance promptly at 11 a.m.

There are no refunds or exchanges on tickets.

Additional information is available from Genevieve Sobanski, Program Chairman, 598-7971, or Dee Kopf, Vice President, 422-0488.

Introducing New Department Heads

Two new department heads have assumed their duties at the Library — Susan G. Baird, Head of Circulation, Audiovisual and Reader Services; and Judith McMahon, Head of Youth Services.



SUSAN G. BAIRD

Susan Baird is originally from Pennsylvania where she had her first library job as a jack-of-all trades including shelf reading, shelving books or anything else that needed doing. She went to the University of Missouri-Columbia and earned her MLS degree. Since that time, she has lived and worked in libraries from Iowa to Tulsa, Oklahoma. She says that she loves Illinois with its comfortable summers. Her special interests are travel, reading, walking and music.



JUDITH McMAHON

Judith McMahon was Youth Services department head at Homewood Public Library before coming to Oak Lawn. She has a BA degree from St. Xavier College and an MALS from Rosary College. She currently is the 1986-87 President of Children's Librarians of the South Suburbs (C.L.A.S.S.). She and husband, Patrick, have two children. She enjoys reading and gardening and loves to travel.

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Friends Book Discussion Group

The book discussion group sponsored by the Friends will meet at 1 p.m. Wednesday, September 10, in the lower level conference room. The story for the session is *Rima the Bird Girl* by Rona Jaffee. Copies of the story can be picked up at the Reference Desk on the second floor. The discussion is open to the public. Questions and comments can be directed to Dorothy Bergstrom, 422-0008.

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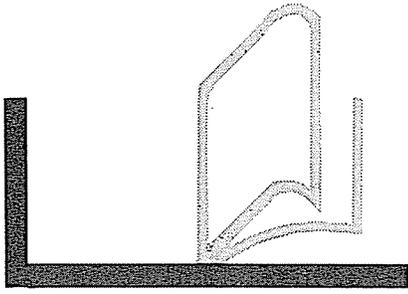
The standard loan period for materials is three weeks with no limitation on the number of items checked out. Anyone with an Oak Lawn or Suburban Library System card is eligible. However, some materials are available on a limited or restricted basis. The updated list of these exceptions appears in the following table.

MATERIAL	LOAN PERIOD	QUANTITY	BORROWER
Books:			
Reference (selective)	Overnight		
New Book Room	3 weeks		
Interlibrary Loan (ILL)	14 days or as noted		Oak Lawn resident
Juvenile Holiday Books	3 weeks	3	
Science Experiment Books	3 weeks	3	
Pamphlets	3 weeks	5	
Periodicals (Adult)	Non-circulating		
Art Prints and Mini Prints	3 months (1 renewal of 1 month)		
Sculptures and Statues	3 months (1 renewal of 1 month)		
Suburban Audiovisual System (SAVS) Materials	Determined by SAVS	Determined by SAVS	Oak Lawn resident only, 18 and older
16 mm Film Catalogs	3 weeks	1	
16 mm Projector	3 days	1	Oak Lawn resident only, 18 and older
8 mm Projector	3 days	1	Oak Lawn resident only, 18 and older
Projection Screens	3 days	1	Oak Lawn resident only, 18 and older
Slide Projector	3 days	1	Oak Lawn resident only, 18 and older
AV Kits	3 weeks	3	
Filmstrip Viewer	3 weeks	1	
Filmstrips	3 weeks	3	
Cassette Players (Adults)	3 weeks	1	
Cassette Players (Youth Services)	7 days	1	
Videotapes	3 days	4	18 and older
Christmas Records (Thanksgiving - New Years Day)	3 weeks		
Polaroid Cameras	3 days-1 month	1	Oak Lawn resident only, 12 and older
Magazines (Youth Services)	3 weeks		

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Library Shapes Up

A grand staircase, new study areas, spacious quarters, beautiful carpeting and new patron services are beginning to emerge from the year-long, major remodeling program in the Library. Director John A. Moorman indicates that the Library should be in complete operation by the first of the year.

The original purpose of the renovation was to provide more convenient space for patrons and to use staff more effectively. The end result is a Library facility better suited to the needs of the Oak Lawn community.

Changes that have taken place include moving the Youth Services Department to the first floor and providing a storyhour room that can be closed when programs are in progress. The reference section which was very crowded on the first floor has been moved to a much larger area on the second floor. For those who want a quiet place for reading or study, a separate, "quiet" room has been installed. For those who want to participate in small group study, a "group" room is available.

The Audiovisual Services area which encompasses cassettes, videotapes and records is relocated in a more convenient place on the first floor. Magazines and newspapers remain on the first floor with expanded display and reading space.

Improved shelving and enlarged quarters make selecting books much easier in the new book room. A browsing shelf of recently returned fiction books gives quick access to popular novels.

***Closed, Thursday, October 17,
for Staff In-Service Workshop.***



Courtney and Ryan Harrison proudly display the books they will take home from the Easy Reader shelf in the Youth Services Department. Library policy now makes it possible for children of any age to get their own library card.

Reader Services will swing into action in October. This new Library unit will provide answers for patron questions such as:

- "Where is the reference area?"
- "Where can I find magazines and newspapers?"
- "How does the computer catalog work?"
- "Can you find a good murder mystery for me?"
- "I need a library card. Do I get it here?"
- "Is this where I put a book on reserve?"
- "How do I get a book on an interlibrary loan?"

A detailed description of Reader Services will be published in the November *Newsletter*.

Administrative offices and the Technical Services Department are located on the lower level. The Public Relations Office also is on this level directly across from the community meeting rooms. Community programming is scheduled to begin in February with a complete "You Asked for It" series based on the results of a community survey.

Hague Richards Associates, Ltd. was the architect on the project. Interior work was done by Berg and Associates, Inc. and carpet work was provided by Carpet Laying Service.

Library Closed for In-Service Day

Each year the Library closes for one day to provide in-service workshops for the staff. The date for closing this year is Friday, October 17. Because all of the employees are involved, no library services will be available that day. Regular hours will resume on Saturday.

The theme for the program this year is "Getting Our Act Together." Plans for the day-long event were developed by a staff committee based on staff suggestions. Eliminating job stress, developing positive attitudes and learning about nutrition and physical fitness were top selections. They will be demonstrated and discussed by guest speakers and presenters. Some lighter moments will be offered over lunch with a Library trivia quiz, brief history of the Library and adult storytelling.

Guest speakers include Alice Ihrig, Kenneth Potts (Wholistic Health Center), Beth Schwaller (Palos Community Hospital), Dee Kopf and Dr. Bob Brown (Christ Hospital).

Members of the staff committee are Tom Brucker, Evelyn Kanost, Cheryl Koerber, Elaine McClure, Peggy Nevins, Kathy O'Leary and Mary Nelson, chairman.

Resident Library Cards

According to recent state legislation, local libraries including Oak Lawn can issue library cards to residents of their tax base only. The only exceptions to this are corporations, partnerships or sole proprietorships located in Oak Lawn that are in retail or wholesale sales. A card can be issued in the business' name which is good for one year. Applications must be made by an officer of the business on company letterhead. Owners and individuals are responsible for all materials checked out on their business card.

Others who are interested in using checkout privileges at the Oak Lawn Library can secure cards from their local Illinois libraries. These cards will be honored with reciprocal borrowing privileges. For those who live outside of Illinois or in an unincorporated area, Oak Lawn offers non-resident cards, valid for one year, for a fee of \$85.

Those who want additional information can contact the Administration Office, 422-4990.

Computer Catalog Classes Offered

What is the computer catalog? How does it work? What kind of information does it give? Is it difficult to use? Patrons ask these and many other questions when they are first introduced to the computer catalog touch terminals located throughout the Library.

The Library staff provides answers by offering computer catalog classes for those who are interested in becoming more comfortable with the operation of the computer catalog. The classes are small and informal with an opportunity for participants to have some "hands on" experience and to have individual attention. Each class is limited to four participants.

Four identical sessions are scheduled for October:

3 p.m. Wednesday, October 8;

2 p.m. Monday, October 13;

1 p.m. Monday, October 20;

1 p.m. Thursday, October 30.

The computer catalog is programmed to allow users to search for materials in the same classifications as the standard card catalog—author, title and subject. With the touch of a finger, the computer discloses whether the material is on the shelf or out in circulation. It also tells the user whether the material is available from any of the other libraries in the Suburban Library System, a service not provided through a card catalog. The computer is updated daily. The card catalog is not maintained and will be phased out.

Registration for classes is required. Those who are interested should call 422-4991. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Youth Services Department

Bookmark Contest Announced

Young people in kindergarten through eighth grade are invited to participate in a Bookmark Contest which will be held from October 15 to November 15. The activity is sponsored in conjunction with National Children's Book Week, November 17-23. Theme of the contest is books and reading. A winner from each grade will be chosen by a panel of art instructors. From the winning designs, a grand winner will be chosen as the official Youth Services bookmark for the year 1986-87. All those who submit entries will be invited to attend a party on Saturday, November 22. Rules of the contest and other information about the celebration are available in the Youth Services Department.

Pig Out on Storyhours

Popcorn a'Plenty is the theme of the storyhour for first through third graders. Two identical sessions are offered: 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, October 23, or 3:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, October 24. The program will feature stories, songs, poems and crafts, all revolving around popcorn.

Registration, either in person or by phone, begins at 9 a.m. Monday, October 13. The Youth Services Department phone number is 422-4993.

Halloween Spook House Offered

Scary stories, shivery shadows and spooky songs will be a part of the Spook House. Those who enter will wander through cobwebs, feel Frankenstein's brain and Dracula's eyeballs... all of this as a fitting tribute to ghost and witches holiday, Halloween.

Grades one through three will have an opportunity to be involved from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 29. Grades four through eight will take over from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, October 30.

Registration begins October 13, either in person or by phone, 422-4993. This activity is for Oak Lawn residents or students only.

Friends of the Library

Friends Sponsor Book Discussion Class

A book discussion class for members of the Friends of the Library will begin Thursday, October 16. Professional leader and teacher Evelyn Craig will direct the group with the theme "Books You've Always Meant to Read But . . ." Evelyn Craig is a talented and enthusiastic presenter whose classes are fun, invigorating and enlightening. She leads classes at Moraine Valley Community College and has an advanced degree in literature.

The class will meet from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on October 16 and 30, November 13 and December 4 in the lower level conference room. Additional sessions will be scheduled after January 1. Enrollment is limited to 16 members of the Friends. Registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis by Kathy Gaynes, 424-4494. There is no charge for this special "members only" program.

The first book to be discussed in the class is *Pride and Prejudice*. Questions about the selections or details of the activity can be directed to Dorothy Bergstrom, Friends President, 422-0008.

Friends of the Library Plan Trips

The Goodman Theater will be the destination for the Friends of the Library during November. Two trips are planned. The group will attend a matinee performance of the Hubbard Street Dance Company, Thursday, November 13. The bus will leave the Library at 12:30 p.m. for the 2 p.m. performance.

Price of the tickets is \$15 for members and \$17 for others. A total of 46 tickets is available.

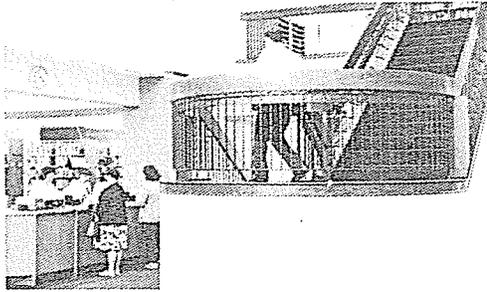
The second trip to the Goodman is to see the traditional *Christmas Carol*, Sunday, November 30. The bus will leave the Library at 6:30 p.m. for the 8 p.m. performance.

Price of the tickets is \$18 for members and \$20 for others. A total of 46 tickets is available.

Tickets will go on sale for both events from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, October 14, and from 9 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, October 15. There are no refunds or exchanges on tickets. If tickets remain after the original offering, they can be purchased from Genevieve Sobanski, 598-7971, or Dee Kopf, 422-0488.

Library Shapes Up, Almost

Finishing touches, some new equipment and furniture, a signage system and relocation of an area or two still remain to be done. However, these photos demonstrate that more convenient space is provided for patrons as the major remodeling program nears the end. All those who have not visited the Library recently are invited to stop in to see the improvements.



New circular staircase leads directly from the second floor to the Circulation Desk for easy checkout.



The business and law area, located on the second floor, has plenty of room to watch current stock market reports on television or to locate information from the special reference materials.



An expanded section has been given to videotapes, one of the most popular services of the Library.



The bright and roomy Youth Services Department attracts people of all ages.



The reference librarian is ready to serve patrons either in person or by phone. The desk is located conveniently at the head of the circular staircase and near the elevator doors.



Patrons find records and cassettes easier to examine in the new arrangement.

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_____ Newsletter (\$3)

_____ Family (\$8)
(spouse/children under 18)

_____ Renewal

\$_____ Total amount sent

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_____ Programming
_____ Publicity

_____ Membership
_____ Projects

_____ Surveys
_____ Interested but undecided about activities

Send check and form to Friends of Oak Lawn Library, Membership Chairman, 9427 Raymond Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

(The Friends Membership year is June 1—May 31.)

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Newsletter Nibblers

True, thumbnails grow faster than fingernails. But it isn't because of the diameter of the digit. Fingernails grow faster than toenails... How many of the Pilgrims who came over on the Mayflower went back to England? Not a one... Some ancient Egyptians wore dentures. Mummies prove that... What sort of cosmetic surgery is most popular among men who want it? Hair transplant is No. 1. No. 2 is a nose job. No. 3 is an eye fix.

The lowest point in Colorado is 3,350 feet which is still higher than the highest points in 18 other states... What does HO stand for in model trains? Half O. When trains called "O Gauge" were first made in England, they were scaled 7 mm to a foot. Later, trains scaled 3.5 mm to a foot were introduced and called Half O or HO gauge. That was in England. When the trains were built in the United States, the O gauge was changed to a quarter inch to the foot, but HO gauge remained the same. The big question: Why was it called O gauge in the first place?

Earaches are most common in February, least common in June. At least, that is true in the northern hemisphere. Medical records show that February is the month of the most health complaints. June has the fewest... Mice are either right-pawed or left-pawed... Mt. Whitney in California was the tallest mountain in the nation for a generation. But when Alaska became a state, Whitney dropped to No. 17. That's life... Nothing is for certain.

Mary Nelson, Editor

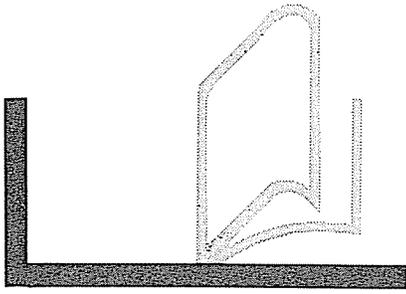
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Introducing Reader Services

Library users can discover that the new Reader Services Desk provides them with the shortest distance between two points. The staff can provide general information about where services are located, give assistance with the selection of books or other materials, help facilitate use of library equipment, refer patrons to reference services and generally help with basic information.

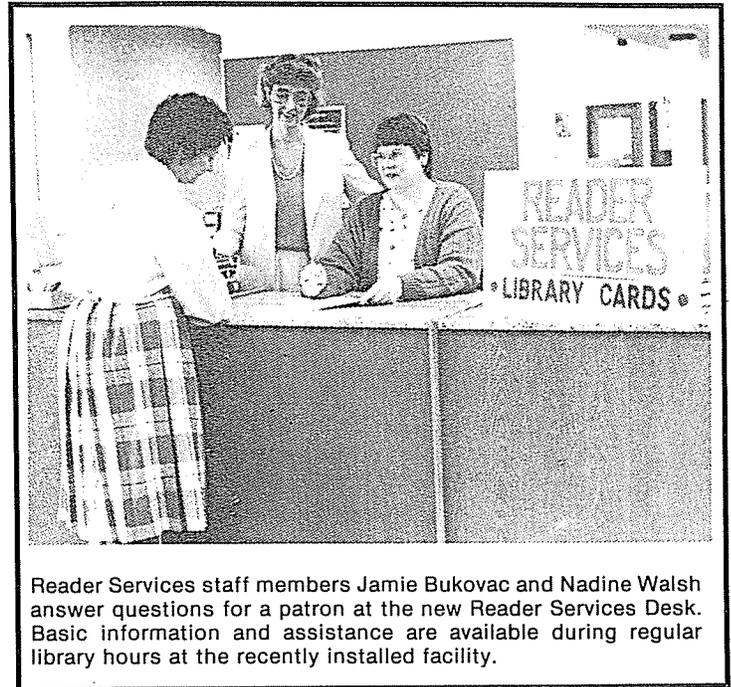
According to Jamie Bukovac, coordinator of the service, the purpose is to meet patrons' needs and make them aware of all the resources offered by the Library. "We will try to answer questions that will save the patrons' time and energy," Bukovac said. "Our desk is like an express line in the supermarket. We try to make a trip to the Library easier, faster and more satisfying. We hope that those we assist will have enough time to enjoy their visit."

New library cards are issued at this desk. Those who have not had a card before or need to have a card renewed can apply at any time. One of the specialties of Reader Services is providing one-on-one assistance with the computer catalog. Those who have questions about use of the terminals or would like a demonstration or brief training session are urged to ask here. Catalog classes are scheduled for those who want more detailed training. Each class is limited to four participants. Registration is required and accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Six sessions have been scheduled for November.

- 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 5
- 2 p.m. Monday, November 10
- 7 p.m. Thursday, November 13
- 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 18
- 7 p.m. Thursday, November 20
- 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 25

To register, call 422-4991 and ask for the Reader Services Desk.

The staff is responsible for the selection of adult fiction, paperbacks and large print books. They also process all requests for interlibrary loans and for books to be put on reserve.



Reader Services staff members Jamie Bukovac and Nadine Walsh answer questions for a patron at the new Reader Services Desk. Basic information and assistance are available during regular library hours at the recently installed facility.

In addition, the staff is a general information source for directing people to library locations, assisting with photocopiers and distributing Library brochures, bookmarks and Library program information.

The Reader Services Desk is located near the Cook Avenue entrance for easy accessibility. John A. Moorman, Library Director, noted that establishing the desk is intended to be a practical way to give expedient service in answering general questions and providing basic information. "At the same time," he noted, "staff members at the Circulation Desk and the Reference Desk can concentrate on their functions because general information is available from Reader Services."

*The Library will be closed on
Thanksgiving Day,
Thursday, November 27.*

Inservice Meeting Recap

Patrons who tried to visit the Library on Friday, October 17, found the doors locked. Signs indicated that it was Staff Inservice Day. Each year a staff committee develops a program which often covers a wide variety of topics including staff development, planning, self-improvement, skills training and new techniques.

Speakers and their topics were Rev. Kenneth Potts, "Stress Management, I Need It Bad!"; Alice B. Ihrig, "It's Your Public—It's Your Job"; Dee Kopf, "History of Oak Lawn Public Library"; Mary Beth Schwaller, "Fit or Fat?"; and Dr. Robert Brown, "Comprehensive Health Care—What You Can Do and Expect of Medicine".

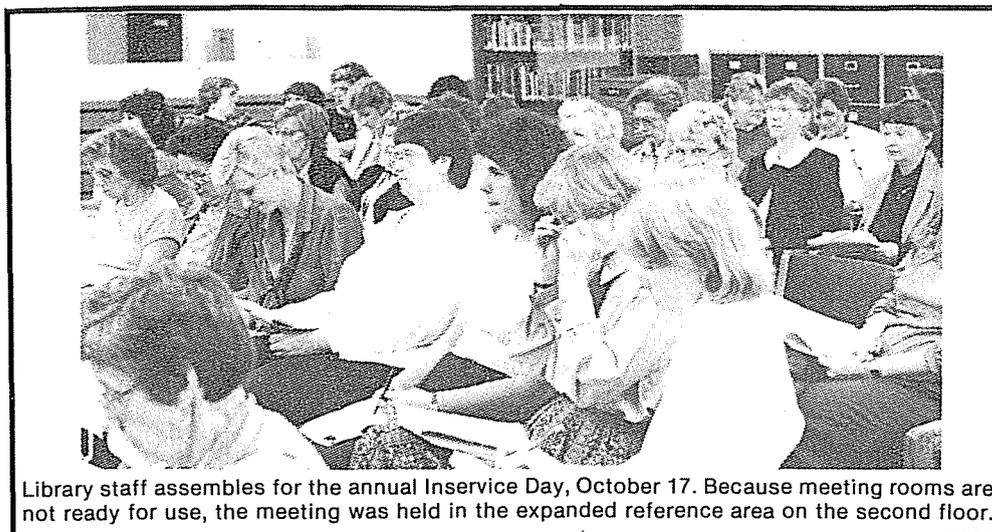
Staff evaluations indicate that the program was well-received and appreciated by those who attended. Next year's program will be developed by a committee who volunteered following this year's activity. Suggestions from the evaluation forms will guide the members in their planning.

Thank you, Mr. Johnson!

Regular readers will recall that a column, Newsletter Nibblers, appeared in the November issue. The piece was a collection of miscellany and trivia. It included some information about HO train gauge and asked the question, "Why was it called O gauge in the first place?" *Newsletter* readers are wonderful respondents. This time was no exception. Robert E. Johnson sent a letter with a complete explanation of O gauge along with details, history and current information about model railroads.

He has given permission for his letter to be reproduced. Copies are available in the Public Relations Office, lower level. For those who would like to contact him in person, his address is 9116 South Meade, Oak Lawn.

Again, thank you.



Library staff assembles for the annual Inservice Day, October 17. Because meeting rooms are not ready for use, the meeting was held in the expanded reference area on the second floor.

News About Friends Trips

Christmas Show

Friends of the Oak Lawn Library have scheduled a trip to see the Dinah Shore Christmas Show, Thursday, December 11. The matinee performance will be held at the beautiful Rialto Theater, Joliet. A giant Christmas tree will be on display in the rotunda with holiday decorations throughout the building.

Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, November 10, and from 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, November 11. Tickets are \$30 for members and \$32 for others. A total of 90 tickets is available. The ticket includes roundtrip transportation on a deluxe motor coach and excellent reserved seats for the show. The bus will leave the Cook Avenue entrance of the Library promptly at 12:30 p.m. for the 2 p.m. show. Return time is approximately 5:30 p.m.

Goodman Theater Tickets

A limited number of tickets still are available for the trips to Goodman Theater in November. The Hubbard Street Dance Company is set for Thursday, November 13. Price of the tickets is \$15 for members, \$17 for others. This is a matinee performance and includes roundtrip transportation and reserved seats.

Also available are tickets for the traditional *Christmas Carol* at Goodman, Sunday, November 30. This is an evening performance. Price of the tickets is \$18 for members, \$20 for others.

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Newsletter Noodlers Published

Copies of a new Library publication are available for all the readers who have enjoyed the trivia, puzzles and games that have appeared in the *Newsletter*. The new booklet, *Newsletter Noodlers*, is a compilation of the novelties, nothings and noodle nuzzlers from February, 1985, to July/August, 1986.

Putting the copy together was a response to the large number of requests for back issues of the *Newsletter*. One person who asked for copies of several back issues suggested a compilation. "An excellent idea," said the editor and promptly went to work.

Copies are available on request from the Reader Services Desk and the Public Relations Office.

New Equipment Due

Six new photocopy machines are on their way to the Library. Joining them will be two coin changers for public use. The copy machines will be located in various areas of the Library and will replace the current machines that have been in service for several years. Two copiers will be in the Reference area on the second floor. One will be in Youth Services. Three will be near the Magazine Desk on the first floor.

One coin changer will be placed near the Reference copiers. The other will be near the checkout desk.

The cost of copies will remain at ten cents each.

Youth Services Announces November Activities

Bookmark Contest Continues

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All of the entrants will be invited to a party on Saturday, November 22, where public announcement of the winners will be made. Winners in kindergarten through third grade will receive a paperback. Fourth through eighth grade winners will have lunch with renowned author Jamie Gilson.

Rules of the contest can be picked up in Youth Services, first floor. Only one entrant per person is allowed.

Family Christmas Storyhour Coming

Children and adults are invited to take time from busy schedules to attend a special storyhour. Christmas stories, songs and poems will be shared with participants from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, December 11. Registration, in person or by phone, opens November 24, 422-4993.

Pig Out on Storyhours

"Can't Catch Me, I'm the Gingerbread Man" is the theme for the storyhour for first through third graders, 3:30-4:30 p.m. either Thursday, November 20, or Friday, November 21.



Rev. Kenneth Potts talks to the staff about stress management.

Library Director John A. Moorman and program speaker Alice Ihrig watch a presentation.



Staff members Una Veneris and Josephine Trafficanta make their selections from the buffet during lunch break.



Mary Beth Schwaller answers questions about physical fitness and nutrition during the afternoon session.

The program will feature stories, songs, poems and crafts. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Monday, November 10, in person or by phone, 422-4993. The sessions are limited to Oak Lawn students or residents.

Preview of Plans for Preschool Roundup

Plans are being formulated for a Preschool Roundup to be held on February 28. The purpose is to give parents an opportunity to ask questions in order to decide which

school would be best for their children. On the other hand, the session will give preschools the chance to present a complete picture of their programs.

According to Judith McMahon, Head of Youth Services, schools in Oak Lawn can contact her at any time to make arrangements for presentations, 422-4993. Complete details of the program and the preschools that will be participating will be published after the first of the year.

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It's the Law

How do things **really** work? Generally, not quite the way they should. When something happens over and over again, everyone knows that there must be a law. Here are some examples.

Nelson's Law: If it works right the first time, you've obviously done something wrong.

Franceschini's Law: You don't learn anything the second time you're kicked by a mule.

Secretary's Law: The less important you are on the table of organization, the more you'll be missed if you don't show up for work.

Mary's Law: If you take off your right-hand glove, your keys will be in your left-hand pocket.

Linda's Law: The easiest way to refold a map is differently.

Law of Investments: Never invest your money in anything that eats or needs repainting.

Johnson's Law: At whatever stage you apologize to your spouse, the reply is the same: "It's too late now."

Laws of the Game: 1. No matter how well you do something, someone won't like it. 2. No matter how trivial the assignment, it is always possible to build it up to a major issue.

John's Law: It's easy to make decisions on matters for which you have no responsibility.

Payday Law: You will have the same amount of money left at the end of the month no matter how many raises, bonuses or windfalls occur during the month.

Editor's Law: The reason for the rush is the delay, and conversely, the reason for the delay is the rush.

Hospital Miraculous Secret Law for the Early Recovery of Patients: Inflation.

Final Law: After all is said and done, a lot more is said than done.

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