

DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY
Decatur, Illinois

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Members present:

Mrs. Stern	Mr. Pilcher	Mr. Hart
Mr. Sappington	Mr. Koslofski	

The Properties Committee met Monday, February 22, 1965 for lunch and discussed the following:

1. South Shores Branch
2. Bookmobile service in relationship to plans for physical plant.
3. Bring in Mr. Wheeler - for site consultation.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Members Present:

Mr. Sappington
Mr. West

The Finance Committee met at noon Wednesday, February 24, 1965 and discussed the following:

1. Savings Account for building fund.
2. Additional insurance for 4 vehicles -- \$29.00, \$2,000 payment medical; \$167.00 collision.
3. Budget papers are in hands of City Council and Administration.
4. Gerstenslager bookmobile.

Committees of the Board of Directors
August, 1964

NAME	TERM OF OFFICE		TELEPHONE	ADDRESS
	Beginning	Expires		
✓ Mr. Francis H. Hart, President	1959	July 1, 1965	877-2848 423-4492	*(H) 116 Wisconsin Dr. (B) Caterpillar Tractor Ext. 338
✓ Mr. Warren A. Sappington, Vice-President Finance, Ch.; Properties	1963	July 1, 1967	423-1986 428-6629	*(H) 328 South Westlawn (B) Record & Sappington
✓ Mr. Harold Koslofski Properties, Personnel	1959	July 1, 1965	429-7661 428-7791	(H) 1226 E. Division *(B) Wagner Casting, Ext. 74
✓ Mrs. Dwight Nelson Policy, Ch.; Finance	1962	July 1, 1965	422-7232	*(H) 278 South Linden
✓ Mr. David Pilcher Properties, Ch.; Policy	1960	July 1, 1966	423-1303 423-3451	(H) 326 South Linden *(B) Swain & Myers
✓ Mrs. Roger Pogue Finance, Personnel	1962	July 1, 1967	428-6588	*(H) 304 Redwood Lane
✓ Mrs. Joseph Russell Policy, Personnel	1963	July 1, 1966	422-5335 423-9769	*(H) 2615 S. Franklin St. Road (B) Wm. Harris P. School
✓ Mrs. Erich Stern Personnel, Ch.; Properties	1960	July 1, 1966	429-7519	*(H) 1521 West Sunset
✓ Mr. Robert West Finance, Policy	1964	July 1, 1967	423-7053 428-0901	*(H) 605 West Prairie (B) Tryco Mfg. Co.

Finance Committee-
4 P.M. Wednesday before Board Meeting

Mr. Sappington, Chairman
Mr. West
Mrs. Nelson
Mrs. Pogue

Policy Committee-
4 P.M. Third Thursday each month

Mrs. Nelson, Chairman
Mrs. Russell
Mr. West
Mr. Pilcher

Properties Committee-
4 P.M. Friday before Board Meeting

Mr. Pilcher, Chairman
Mr. Sappington
Mrs. Stern
Mr. Koslofski

Personnel Committee-
4:30 P.M. Third Thursday each month

Mrs. Stern, Chairman
Mrs. Russell
Mrs. Pogue
Mr. Koslofski

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors is held at 4:00 PM on the last Friday of each month. No meeting is held during August and December unless called by the President.

Board Meetings for the Fiscal Year 1964/65 are FRIDAY:

May 29, 1964	November 27, 1964
June 25, 1964	January 29, 1965
July 31, 1964	February 26, 1965
September 25, 1964	March 26, 1965
October 30, 1964	April 30, 1965

The Annual Meeting is held before May 15 each year in order to approve the Annual Report which is due in the Illinois State Library and the Decatur City Clerk's Office on or before May 15. Therefore, the Annual Meeting will be held May 10, 1965.

The Budget Request for the Annual Appropriation is due March 1 each year. Therefore, budget meetings will begin in November and final approval given at the January Board Meeting or no later than February. The Levy Request is due July 1 - August 1, 1964.

Staff Institute Day is Monday, October 12, 1964. This year it will be held in the Hott Memorial Center, Monticello.

ILLINOIS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Organized 1896

Dear Librarian:

You are fortunate. You have a library in your community. More than two million Illinoisians do not have public library service, and this is one million more than the number which didn't have it 15 years ago.

It is painfully apparent that library service has not kept pace with the growth of the state. The Illinois Library Association, which has your interest and the interest of your library at heart, has designed A Plan for Public Library Development in Illinois to benefit public library service by providing state aid for libraries.

It may come as somewhat of a surprise to you that Illinois is currently losing more than \$800,000 in federal funds for library service--and the figure will increase as funds increase--because of its inadequate library laws. This new plan, which has bipartisan political support and the support of leading educators and civic leaders, is designed to correct these shortcomings and to encourage better and more efficient library service through the organization of local library systems locally operated.

In the recent gubernatorial campaign in Illinois, Governor Otto Kerner called libraries: "basic to the American educational system," and added that "improved library facilities are much to be desired."

The Republican candidate, Charles Percy, said: "I have examined A Plan for Public Library Development in Illinois issued by the Illinois Library Association and support both the concept of state aid to local libraries and the system approach to the local library problem.

"But your plan guarantees much more than mere service; it guarantees service of a high quality while retaining those particular virtues of the local library locally located."

Proposed legislation is to be introduced at the current session of the legislature, and we hope that you will do your utmost to encourage support for the ILA program by your state representative and senators. You undoubtedly will want to go on record with them in an official statement of support on your library letterhead. To help you in preparing such a statement, we have enclosed a sample resolution which many libraries throughout the state are adopting.

In addition, we have enclosed a postal reply card on which you can indicate you are taking such action. This will provide us with a record of support from libraries which will be helpful in making presentations before the General Assembly.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Alphonse F. Trezza

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Chairman

Library Development Committee

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P.S. We felt you would be interested in knowing of the enclosed letter received recently from Dr. R. Downs of the University of Illinois

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS LIBRARY
URBANA, ILLINOIS 61803

January 12, 1965

Mr. Alphonse F. Trezza, Chairman
Library Development Committee
Illinois Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Mr. Trezza:

It gives me great satisfaction to endorse and to offer my support for the plan for public library development in Illinois, sponsored by the Illinois Library Association. I hope that the General Assembly will recognize the great merit and value of this far-reaching and carefully-worked out program. There is no better way, I am convinced, for the legislature to contribute to the educational progress of all the people of the state than to provide financial backing for a strong system of public library service.

It is highly regrettable that Illinois is one of the most backward states in the union in public library development. A number of Southern states are far ahead of us in this field. According to the most recent statistics I have seen, 115 of the state's 499 public libraries are open less than 20 hours per week. Also, 155 libraries spend less than \$1,000 a year for all purposes. About 2½ million Illinois citizens have no public library service available to them.

Books and libraries are, and doubtless will continue to be, fundamental in our culture and civilization. There can scarcely be any argument about the importance of reading in times like these. The population explosion, so much in the limelight, is matched by the explosion of knowledge. Americans are expected, as intelligent, responsible citizens, to know much about the newly emerging nations of Asia and Africa, about the conquest of space, the issue of the cold war, common world markets, racial problems, the impact of automation, and many other subjects vital to a democratic government.

The public library has a major educational role. Only the natural inclination to identify education with the formal school system sometimes leads to the neglect of this, one of our most basic institutions, serving an independent educational function.

The importance of public libraries is accentuated also by the fact that leisure is more abundant than ever before. The decline in the length of the work week has made additional free hours available to people of every social status. The mechanization of housework has put time at the disposal of more women, and the drop in the retirement age has increased the number of mature people without occupations. In every part of the country adult-education and reading courses multiply in response to the hunger for education.

With best wishes for the success of the ILA's efforts in this field,

Sincerely yours,



R. B. Downs
Dean of Library
Administration

RBD:cg

cc: Dr. White

Decatur Public Library, Decatur, Illinois

Resolution

Whereas Illinois libraries are currently losing more than \$800,000 in federal funds because of inadequate library laws, and

Whereas More than 2,000,000 Illinois residents are currently without public library service of any kind, and this is one million more than were without such service 15 years ago, and

Whereas The Illinois Library Association in cooperation with the Illinois State Library has developed an outstanding plan for library development in this state calling--for the first time--for state aid to libraries, and

Whereas The Illinois Library Association Plan for Public Library Development in Illinois which suggests the establishment of local systems of libraries locally operated would engender more efficient and a better quality of library service than is now possible in the state, and

Whereas The Decatur Public Library has ^{striven} in the past and continues to strive to provide the best possible public library service to its community, and

Whereas The Library Board of this community, having thoroughly studied the Illinois Library Association plan,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Decatur Public Library Board of ^{Directors} ~~Treasurers~~ does hereby record itself in favor of the Illinois Library Association Plan for Public Library Development in Illinois, and urges support of the plan by the citizens of this community.

Approved this 26 day of February, 1965.

Signed by

Francis N. Hart
President

Mary T. Howe
Librarian

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GENERAL WORKS	138	31	84	253	1834
*	209	53	117	379	1939
001 PHILOSOPHY	429	65	2	496	4465
	469	67	4	540	4673
002 RELIGION	411	12	99	522	4776
*	471	21	146	638	4754
003 SOCIAL SCIENCE	1346	171	549	2066	19000
*	1303	197	628	2128	19101
004 LANGUAGE	86	4	31	121	1369
*	111	3	31	145	1304
005 SCIENCE	705	182	948	1835	17412
*	680	209	1127	2016	17155
006 USEFUL ARTS	1694	246	463	2403	21953
*	1964	289	678	2931	23442
007 FINE ARTS	1705	172	432	2309	19621
*	1779	152	449	2380	19974
008 LITERATURE	1109	67	194	1370	12655
*	1233	95	240	1568	12441
009 HISTORY	1085	260	414	1759	15090
*	1385	274	505	2164	16385
010 TRAVEL	581	113	266	960	9521
*	706	130	439	1275	9547
011 BIOGRAPHY	957	326	664	1947	17751
*	1160	427	1028	2615	18718
012 FOREIGN NON FIC	8		25	33	355
*	11	1	26	38	433
013 PERIODICALS	783	84	74	941	10243
*	976	91	154	1221	10865
014 PAMPHLETS	53	2	1	56	511
*	92	1	3	96	693
015 PAPERBACKS	11			11	409
*	25		19	44	413

Total Non-fiction

11101	1735	4246	17082	156965
12574	2010	5594	20178	161837

115 FICTION

9282	3599	4649	17530	193974
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116 FOREIGN FICTION

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12		28	40	599
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8851 8851 92593 11346 11346 97735

Total fiction

9286	3599	13519	26404	286913
10505	4042	17725	32272	293614

Total books

*1964 figures -

20387	5334	17765	43486	443878
23079	6052	23319	52450	455451

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MAIN ADULT

9395	733	249	10377	99358
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5403	2038	16	7457	67721
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MAGIC CARPET

1	1	6401	6403	64289
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REFERENCE

28			28	240
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HOME SERVICE

644	130	3	777	7930
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ST MARYS

129	11		140	1515
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140	35	208	383	3964
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120	6	1	127	1237
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JUV COORD

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60			60	696
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15920	2954	6903	25777	247139
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B 1

1268	750	3109	5127	56865
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B 2

989	694	3971	5654	65235
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EVANS BRANCH

1334	437	1390	3161	34706
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DILL BRANCH

876	499	2392	3767	39933
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4467	2380	10862	17709	196739
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20387	5334	17765	43486	443878
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218	BIBLIOGRAPHIES	4			4	29
220	CEILING PROJECT	1			1	1
221	CLASS VISITS			8	8	64
222	BOOK TALKS					37
223	INSTRUCTION			4	4	31
224	STORIES			3	3	21
225	ATTENDANCE		25	182	207	1592
226	EXHIBITS	17		1	18	220
227	FILMS ATTENDANC	387		66	453	6789
228	SHOWINGS	12		4	16	164
229	16 MM	12		4	16	146
230	C PROJECTOR	11			11	11
232	RECORDAK	235			235	1866
235	GROUPS NOT CLAS	8	1	21	30	224
236	ATTENDANCE	69	25	373	467	3074
237	HOME SERVICE VI	52			52	544
238	HOME SERVICE PA	84			84	822
239	HOME SERVICE PA	3			3	14
240	INTER LIBRARY L	29			29	157
241	MAPS	7		1	8	27
242	MEETINGS IN BLD	10		4	14	117
243	ATTENDANCE	44		36	80	946
244	MENDING	60		204	423	6269
245	OVERDUE BOOKS	472	95	177	744	11700
246	OVERDUE NOTICES	396	65	112	573	7507
247	PICTURES FRAMED	4			4	52
248	PICTURES MOUNTE	328		241	569	3896
249	PROFESSIONAL VI	2			2	17
251	RECORDS LP	744		31	775	8708
252	RECORDS S	4			4	55
253	RECORDS SR	162			162	1703
254	RECORDS 16					9
256	READERS ADVISOR	1393	832	897	3122	29721
257	REQUESTS	65	24	47	136	1368
258	SCHOOL VISITS		1	1	2	11
259	STORY HOURS			3	3	25
260	ATTENDANCE			37	37	451
261	NUM OF STORIES			9	9	68
262	TELEPHONE INCOM	1551		18	1569	15934
263	TV					2
264	VISITS IN COMM					13
265	RECORD BAGS	77			77	1139
301	MADELS NURSING	18			18	21
305	WAKEFIELDS	41			41	340
306	WAKEFIELD NO 2	48			48	479
307	MADELS NURSING					15
308	LAKESHORE MANOR	71			71	787
309	RANKIN NURSING	33			33	342
310	SCOTT NURSING H	21			21	335
311	SCOTT NURSING H					377
401	18TH & E WILLIA	47	54	311	412	6084
402	CARDINAL & PIPI	37	23	59	119	1915
405	FAIRVIEW PLAZA	350	178	671	1199	12141
408	SAWYER & MONROE	199	164	440	803	11260
411	GRAND & SUMMIT	465	246	1371	2082	18218
502	MACON & LINDEN	52	3	73	128	3096
503	FOREST & LINCOL	53	33	143	229	3651
504	32ND & DUCHESS	83	68	362	513	8672
506	MT CALVARY CHUR	453	314	2134	2901	28751
508	MC CLELLAN					3799
509	N FORK RD	24	22	252	298	2154
510	MT ZION RD	44	63	231	338	1969
512	22ND & E CLAY	170	85	257	512	7247
513	24TH & E WILLIA	38	25	211	274	2658
514	EISNERS	242	166	565	973	10485
601	AP	5	1	431	437	4745
602	AM	1		1	2	55
603	AT	8	22	390	420	4520
604	YP	4		417	421	3137
605	YM					1
606	YT			1	1	15
607	JP	51		35	86	574
609	JT	4		4	8	80
610	JT	22			22	85
611	JT					39