

City Librarian's Report

April 1990

I. Statistics

April was the fourth consecutive record-breaking month for circulation, which was up 3% (1,960 items) over April 1989. Twelve month circulation increased 5% (41,718 items) over the previous twelve months. Young adult and audiocassettes had large circulation increases. Extension was down slightly because of the school stops being closed for spring break. Circulation of record albums continues to decline, as the library has stopped purchasing this format.

Attendance was up 7% (1,907 patrons) over April 1989.

II. Budget

Revenue for 1989/90 totaled \$2,461,362, or 2% less than projected. Expenditures were \$2,288,783, or 97% of the budget, ending the year with a carry-over of \$172,579, a decline of \$32,120 from 1988/89.

The Illinois Department of Revenue indicates a flat growth rate for the personal property replacement tax. We have been advised to use the 1989/90 totals for 1990/91.

	Projected	Revised
1989/90	160,000	150,700
1990/91	200,000	150,700

This changes the 1990/91 total projected revenue from \$2,561,405 to \$2,492,235.

Expenditures for fiscal year 1990/91 are:

Budget	2,413,993
99% spending	2,389,853
5/1/91 carry-over	102,382

In addition, there are several bills before the House and Senate that could have a negative financial impact on the library. SB2040 would limit property tax increases to the

III. Collection Development

Effective July 31, 1991, all out-of-state telephone directories will have to be purchased. Illinois Bell has followed a similar policy and will provide free directories for our area code only.

The materials budget was overspent by \$800. A total of \$47,000 more was spent on materials in 1989/90 than in 1988/89.

Paperback subscriptions have been ordered for adult mysteries, romances, horror stories, science fiction, and westerns. The new paperbacks will provide a broader selection of materials for these popular genres. These books will not be cataloged.

IV. Public Relations

I have accepted an appointment to the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee. This committee approves grants and recommends priority areas the State Library should include in its long range programs.

Mrs. Gibson is the new president of the Decatur Area Women's Network (DAWN).

National Library Week activities were detailed in the Herald & Review and the Decatur Tribune. Radio coverage included five WSOY TNT shows, five WSOY caravan shows, four WDZ tempo shows, and two WDZ breakfast clubs. Television coverage included: 1) Mrs. Gibson was interviewed on Channel 23's Nightline News, and 2) I was interviewed by Channel 3 concerning the library security system.

Both the library and Baby TALK were represented at a "Baby Shower" booth at the Four Square Gospel Church on April 24. A "Summerfest" booth at Hickory Point Mall on April 28 publicized the summer reading program.

A special bookmobile stop was made at Adams Elementary School on April 26, registering 88 children for library cards and checking out 277 books.