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During the month thirteen groups visited the Children's Division, most for storytimes and/or a tour. Preschool classes included Self Start (2), St. Paul's, Head Start (2), and Central Christian. Classes also came from French (2), Harris (3), Roosevelt and Oak Grove. The program for the Family Literacy Grant participants on October 23rd on sibling rivalry was attended by 22 individuals. Eight lap-sits brought in 135 individuals. The Division recorded 27 Baby TALK contacts, and 52 SPARK coupons were given out.

The Catalog Department began discussions on how paperbacks could be cataloged in order to give library user access to these items through FRED while preserving the current method of display and processing. It is hoped that by December 1st new procedures will enable these materials to become accessible through FRED.

The Maintenance Division, in addition to working with the roof replacement, reports that back up warning signals were installed in all library vehicles, a back step installed on Bookmobile 549, three bookdrops were painted and returned to location and thirty-one video tapes were repaired.

I have been appointed by ILA President Sue Stroyan to complete the term of Carol Brey as ILA 's ALA Councilor. This means that I will represent the Illinois Library Association on the Council of the American Library Association, which is the governing body of the Association, through the summer of 1996. I was also appointed to the ILA Nominating Committee.

A request for reconsideration of the book; Girls are Girls and Boys are Boys by Sol Gordon has been received. As per library policy, a committee of librarians has been appointed to review this book and report to me their findings within one month.

As of November 9th the Library has completed 52.45% of the fiscal year. Library expenditures and encumbrances stood at 51.7% of budget.

During the month of October 28 volunteers contributed 238 hours of service to the Library.