

DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY
Decatur, Illinois

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SPECIAL WITH THE City Council
May 24, 1959

Members Present: Mr. Madden, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Felts, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Moothart, Mrs. Ridgley, Mr. Schroeder, and Mrs. Howe. Also present were Mrs. McNabb and Mr. Bushee. All members of the new City of Decatur Council were present: Hon. Robert A. Grohne, Mayor, Hon. Lloyd, Kopetz, Pogue, Arnold, Morey, Colburn, and Mr. Merris, Corporation Counsel.

Mr. Madden called the meeting to order and welcomed the Council to the Library.

A general discussion of the Library needs and the present budget was held. All members of the Council asked questions and the Directors answered by explaining how the Budget was developed. Some of the points covered were (1) the need of constant repair of the Main Library which was built in 1902 (2) need to offer better salaries to professional librarians because of a national shortage of trained personnel (3) cooperation with the schools (4) growth of the city necessitated increasing the services of the Library (5) crowded work conditions and economy of the administration.

Literature was distributed to the Council members explaining the budget.

Mayor Grohne thanked the Directors for their services to the Library and the City, stating the Library was well run and they were proud of its accomplishments.

Mr. Madden invited all members of the Council to tour the building after the meeting was adjourned. Mr. Arnold, Mr. Grohne, and Mr. Kopetz were shown the building by Mrs. Howe and Mr. Bushee.

Meeting adjourned at five o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Howe
Secretary