

DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AGENDA
January 16, 1992 4:30 P.M.

- I. Call to Order - Dick Lockmiller, President
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Meeting of December 19, 1991
- III. Communication from the Public
- IV. City Librarian's Report
 - A. Introduction of Joan Bauer
- V. Reports of Committees
 - A. Personnel, Policy, and Public Relations Committee
 1. Meeting of January 6, 1992
 - B. Finance & Properties Committee
 1. Approval of bills for December 1991
 2. City Council Meeting on February 24, 1992
 - C. Rolling Prairie
 1. Report on RPLS January Board meeting
 - D. Foundation
 1. No Meeting
 2. Grand Opening of New Local History Room
 - E. Friends of the Library
 1. Meeting of January 9, 1992
 - F. Long Range Plan Committee
 1. Review completed--Presentation of Report
 - G. Interview Committee
 1. Meeting of January 13, 1992

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- VI. Avenues to Excellence II
 - A. Chapter VIII, Materials
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Patron Usage Survey
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Adjournment

DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 19, 1991

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Dick Lockmiller, President. Members present: Mr. Lockmiller, Barbara Ohlsen, Daniel Gaumer, Jerrodean Martin, Robert Oakes, Stanley Sitton, and Patricia Williams. Members absent: Robert Smith and Erik Brechnitz. Staff present: James Seidl, Linda Humphreys, Margaret Sommerfeldt, Jerald Merrick, James Kupish, and Cathy Ritchie.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no corrections or additions to the November minutes; they stood approved as mailed.

III. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

No one from the public was present.

IV. CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The City Librarian's written report had been previously mailed.

The Library has received all but \$4,000 in property tax revenue. The per capita grant check from the state still has not arrived.

Mr. Seidl interviewed five candidates for the Adult Services Librarian position. A decision should be made in the next week.

V. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Personnel, Policy, and Public Relations Committee: The committee met today at 4:00 p.m. in closed session for a grievance hearing.

Finance and Properties Committee: There is an error in the Illinois Power bill, which should be corrected by next month. Mr. Oakes made a motion to approve the November bills. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Martin and unanimously carried on roll call vote.

The City Council has approved the Library's levy request of \$1,955,000.

At a recent budget meeting, city officials announced that they are drastically cutting their travel budget in 1992/93. City staff will only be allowed to attend conferences if they are on a Board and their attendance at a meeting is mandatory. The general consensus was that the library should also curtail travel, including ALA and ILA conferences. These cuts will be reflected in the budget proposal.

For travel expenses for candidates interviewing for library positions, Mr. Seidl reported that he has observed that the standard reimbursement is one-half of the applicant's total expense or \$300, whichever is less.

The library budget will be reviewed at the February 24 City Council meeting.

Rolling Prairie: Mr. Oakes attended the December meeting. Directors of the 18 systems will meet January 8, 9 and 10 to discuss the state system reorganization. Representatives from all RPLS member libraries will meet January 7 from 9 a.m. until noon at discuss this. Mr. Lockmiller will be attending.

Foundation: Mr. Lockmiller reported that the Foundation money was moved from the checking account to a CD account at First National Bank. A grand opening for the Local History Room is being planned for February 12. The Foundation received \$2500 from the Economic Development Foundation to purchase the Dun's Million Dollar Disc for the Business Information Center. The Friends of the Library will be donating \$5,000 to the Foundation on January 8, 1992.

Friends of the Library: No meeting.

Long Range Plan Committee: Mr. Sitton reported that the committee has completed their review of the plan. It will be presented to the Board next month.

VI. AVENUES TO EXCELLENCE II

Chapter VII, Personnel, was reviewed.

Mr. Lockmiller will check with Linda Love to see when the Department of Budget & Technology can conduct a user survey for the library.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lockmiller read and accepted a letter of resignation from Mr. Seidl. The Board presented Mr. Seidl with a briefcase and thanked him for everything he has done for the library. Mr. Seidl's resignation is effective January 21 and his last working day will be January 3.

Ms. Williams made a motion to adjourn to closed session to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, or dismissal of an employee. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Martin and unanimously carried on roll call vote. The Board went into closed session at 5:15 p.m. The meeting was re-convened at 5:35 p.m.

Mr. Oakes made a motion to name Jerald Merrick as Interim City Librarian from January 3, 1992 through March 31, 1992 (unless a new City Librarian is hired before that time) at a 10% pay increase above his regular salary. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Martin and unanimously approved on roll call vote.

There have been no negotiation meetings because Mr. Taylor has been ill.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lockmiller adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert C. Smith, Secretary
Decatur Public Library Board of Trustees

City Librarian's Report December 1991

I. STATISTICS

Total library circulation for the month was up 4.2% (2,184 items) from December 1990. Twelve month circulation is up 2.6% (20,693 items) over the previous 12 month period.

There were 191 circulations in December for the McNaughton rental collection, compared to 170 in November and 152 in October. Staffing constraints have prevented an aggressive public relations campaign for this collection.

Adult materials were up for the seventh month in a row (12.8% for the month and 8.6% for the 12 month period). Circulation of children's materials was up 7.5%. Young Adult circulation was up 6.4% compared to last December. The Extension Department circulation dropped 10.2% compared to December 1990. Steve Serber, Extension Librarian, attributed the drop to school stops closing due to the flu and the general holiday slowdown seen at the schools. Total audiovisual circulation for the main library was down .5% for the month and up .2% for the 12 month period. Videos, however, showed a 7% increase over last December.

Service statistics are up 18.5% (527 contacts) over December 1990 and up 15.5% (6,357 contacts) for the 12 month period.

26,281 people used the library this month, up 7.3% (1,782 people) over December 1990.

II. BUDGET

Ninety-seven percent of the 1991/92 revenue projection is now received. The balance of the property tax revenue arrived in December. We are still waiting for the state per capita grant check.

Total expenditures are 64.7% of the total budget. The materials budget is 90.4% spent or encumbered. The materials budget will soon be over 100% spent or encumbered in order to allow for orders placed but not received by April 30, 1992.

III. COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

The Cooperative Collection Management Project meetings have continued. Cathy Hinkle, Young Adult Librarian, is now coordinating this project. The next meeting will be January 15. The Illinois State Library requires that libraries adopt a cooperative collection development plan to be eligible for

Babies & Books: A Joyous Beginning, written by Claudia Quigg and Children's Librarian Katie Gross, was listed in the November issue of the Wilson Library Bulletin.

VI. AUTOMATION

The circulation computer was upgraded the week of December 9. A one gigabyte hard drive was added as well as a tape back-up drive. Increased computer speed and memory were achieved. Total down time was 19 hours.

The database has been copied and sent to CLSI for retrospective conversion and authority control. Early predictions are that it may be back by mid-February. While it is gone, no items can be withdrawn and no changes can be made to records already in the database. New records can still be added, however.

Catalog staff received training on the Cataloging Micro-enhancer on December 9. This will allow staff to cut down on searching and to make more efficient use of non-prime time after the M300 computer is replaced. The city has placed an order for the new computer.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

The contractors finished work on the new Local History Room. Staff are moving library materials back into the room. The tentative date for re-opening the room is January 20. The grand opening will be held later.

Labor negotiation meetings are scheduled for January 15, 22 and 29 at 2:00 p.m. December meetings were cancelled because Jack Taylor had the flu.

Personnel, Policy, and Public Relations Committee
January 6, 1992

Stanley Sitton, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:57 p.m. in the Library Board Room. Members present: Mr. Sitton, Patricia Williams, Barbara Ohlsen, and Robert Oakes. Absent: Robert Smith and Richard Lockmiller. Staff present: Jerald Merrick and Linda Humphreys.

Mr. Sitton reported that he has received 14 resumes for the City Librarian position, and roughly half of them are from Illinois.

Mr. Sitton said that the library's search committee should consist of 6-9 people who should choose 3-5 candidates to be interviewed by an interview committee. The search committee will consist of 3-4 trustees, a professional librarian from outside the library, and a personnel specialist. The interview committee will consist of the search committee plus a professional staff librarian and a representative from the Friends of the Library.

After discussion, the selection committee was named as follows: Stan Sitton, Chairman, Richard Lockmiller, Robert Oakes, Barbara Ohlsen, David Zindel (librarian at Richland Community College), and Sheila Witts-Mannweiler (ADM--personnel). Mr. Sitton will contact Mr. Zindel and Mrs. Witts-Mannweiler to see if they are willing to serve on the committee.

The interview committee will include the selection committee plus Grace Veach (cataloger) and Edith Rossiter (former Board member and President of the Friends of the Library).

The selection committee will select the candidates to be interviewed and the finalist. The interview committee will prepare the interview questions and conduct the interviews.

The City Librarian's job description was reviewed and determined to be correct and accurate.


The committee members discussed the qualifications for the City Librarian position and decided that the ideal candidate will have administrative experience as a library director or assistant director of the public library or system. He/she should possess experience in budgeting, automation, and labor negotiations. Previous work with the Friends of the Library, a Foundation, and grants would also be helpful. "People skills" and excellent communication skills are essential. The selection committee should also look at how active the candidate has been in his/her community.

In final stages, the candidate will be introduced to a local real estate professional.

The interview committee will meet Monday, January 13 at 5:30 p.m. to develop questions for the interview.

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jerald Merrick
Interim City Librarian

Decatur Public Library Circulation Statistics December 1991

	Adult Materials		Youth Materials		Juvenile Materials		TOTAL	TOTAL
	Month	12 MONTH	Month	12 MONTH	Month	12 MONTH	MONTH	12 MONTH
PRINT 1991	26850	386108	1668	26532	15594	284014	44112	696654
PRINT 1990	24375	363045	1613	27877	15902	285460	41890	676382
A-Y 1991	10305	140449					10305	140449
A-Y 1990	10343	140028					10343	140028
TOTAL 91	37155	526557	1668	26532	15594	284014	54417	837713
TOTAL 90	34718	503073	1613	27877	15902	285460	52233	815411

	Current Month	Month	Percentage	Current 12 Months	Previous 12 Months	Percentage
Central Library, Print Reference	123	126	-2.38	2612	2778	-5.81
Adult Materials	22189	19664	12.84	320210	284902	12.22
Young Adult Materials	1489	1400	6.36	23373	23558	-0.78
Children's Materials	10536	9799	7.52	198321	201418	-1.53
Total Central Library	34337	30929	10.90	543218	521754	4.88
Extension Print						
Bookmobile 547	4064	4240	-4.15	65178	67204	-2.58
Bookmobile 548	4199	5018	-16.32	68863	82570	-16.72
Outreach Services	1153	1222	-6.65	14124	15088	-6.38
Total Extension	9416	10480	-10.15	148165	164862	-9.88
Total Print	43753	41409	5.50	691383	686616	0.67
Non-print Materials						
Films	36	54	-33.33	1000	1500	-33.33
Widencassettes	7215	6770	6.43	100000	95000	5.26
Audiocassettes	1708	1500	12.53	20000	18000	11.11
Recordings	1200	1000	20.00	15000	13000	15.38
Other non-print	46	54	-14.81	1000	1500	-33.33
Total Central Non-print	9025	8378	7.83	112000	112500	-0.45
Extension Non-print	40	34	17.65	400	300	33.33
Total Non-print Materials	9065	8412	7.83	112400	112800	-0.35
Renewals	330	400	-18.18	5267	4918	7.10
Total Circulations	52818	52221	4.18	803783	816416	2.53

FOR PERIOD ENDING 12/31/91

VENDOR	AMOUNT	CHECK NUMBER	CHECK DATE	DESCRIPTION
BRUNER COMPANY	72.70	30364	12/30/91	CONFERENCES AND OTHER TRAVEL
HOME CORP LEASING CORP	2,425.85	49134	12/02/91	RENTAL - EQUIPMENT
WYNE	144.00	49141	12/02/91	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
WYNE	48.00	49142	12/02/91	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
WYNE	96.00	49146	12/02/91	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
WYNE	48.00	49148	12/02/91	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
WYNE	23.10	49150	12/02/91	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
WYNE	65.79	49169	12/03/91	CONFERENCES AND OTHER TRAVEL
WYNE	17.55	49169	12/03/91	MATERIALS TO MAINT BLDGS
WYNE	4.50	49169	12/03/91	OFFICE SUPPLIES
WYNE	119.48	49197	12/04/91	POSTAGE
WYNE	2,987.79	49204	12/04/91	HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE
WYNE	40.00	49205	12/04/91	LIFE INSURANCE
WYNE	900.93	49205	12/04/91	GROUP LIFE INSURANCE
WYNE	8,629.08	49206	12/04/91	WORKERS COMPENSATION
WYNE	418.00	49237	12/09/91	RETIREMENT-IMRF
WYNE	77.00	49237	12/09/91	PRINTING AND BINDING
WYNE	440.10	49237	12/09/91	SERV TO MAINT OFFICE EQUIP
WYNE	39.87	49237	12/09/91	TELEPHONE
WYNE	988.62	49237	12/09/91	POSTAGE
WYNE	254.08	49254	12/09/91	RENTAL-EQUIPMENT
WYNE	39.58	49254	12/09/91	MOTOR VEHICLE-INSURANCE
WYNE	1,182.08	49254	12/09/91	BULLDOZER INSURANCE
WYNE	425.00	49254	12/09/91	PROPERTY INSURANCE
WYNE	240.26	49255	12/09/91	GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE
WYNE	15.53	49257	12/09/91	RENTAL-EQUIPMENT
WYNE	18.09	49257	12/09/91	OFFICE SUPPLIES
WYNE	2,407.00	49257	12/09/91	TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND
WYNE	687.10	49290	12/11/91	TELEPHONE
WYNE	135.75	49295	12/11/91	TEMP PERSONNEL SERVICES
WYNE	144.00	49300	12/11/91	OFFICE SUPPLIES
WYNE	12.41	49301	12/11/91	ADVERTISING
WYNE	915.45	49304	12/11/91	TELEPHONE
WYNE	3.33	49310	12/11/91	BOOKS-MAIN REFERENCE
WYNE	19.15	49310	12/12/91	POSTAGE
WYNE	19.66	49310	12/12/91	MATERIAL TO MAINT BLDGS
WYNE	4.55	49310	12/12/91	MATERIAL TO MAINT AUTO EQUIP
WYNE	19.00	49313	12/13/91	OFFICE SUPPLIES
WYNE	146.00	49336	12/16/91	MATERIAL TO MAINT AUTO EQUIP
WYNE	96.00	49345	12/16/91	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
WYNE	96.00	49347	12/16/91	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
WYNE	96.00	49353	12/16/91	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
WYNE	909.25	49355	12/16/91	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
WYNE	67.60	49356	12/16/91	OFFICE SUPPLIES
WYNE	96.00	49359	12/16/91	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
WYNE	96.00	49360	12/16/91	GASOLINE
WYNE	66.86	49362	12/16/91	GASOLINE
WYNE	96.00	49390	12/17/91	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
WYNE	96.00	49390	12/17/91	OFFICE SUPPLIES
WYNE	96.00	49393	12/17/91	EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION SUPPLIES
WYNE	96.00	49394	12/17/91	GASOLINE
WYNE	96.00	49394	12/17/91	GASOLINE
WYNE	96.00	49394	12/17/91	POSTAGE
WYNE	96.00	49394	12/17/91	TELEPHONE
WYNE	96.00	49394	12/17/91	TEMP PERSONNEL SERVICES
WYNE	96.00	49394	12/17/91	POSTAGE
WYNE	96.00	49394	12/17/91	HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE
WYNE	96.00	49394	12/17/91	GROUP LIFE INSURANCE
WYNE	96.00	49394	12/17/91	WORKERS COMPENSATION
WYNE	96.00	49394	12/17/91	RETIREMENT-IMRF
WYNE	96.00	49394	12/17/91	CONFERENCES AND OTHER TRAVEL
WYNE	96.00	49394	12/17/91	MATERIALS TO MAINT BLDGS
WYNE	96.00	49394	12/17/91	MATERIALS TO MAINT AUTO EQUIP
WYNE	96.00	49394	12/17/91	OFFICE SUPPLIES

GLA3120 FUND DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY CITY OF DECATUR, ILL. BILLS AND PAYROLLS

FOR PERIOD ENDING 12/31/91

DATE OF REQUEST	VENDOR	AMOUNT	CHECK NUMBER	CHECK DATE	DESCRIPTION
12/23/91	INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPEDIA SOC	29.00	49699	12/31/91	MAG/PAPERS-MAIN REFERENCE
12/23/91	LIBRARY	420.51	49700	12/31/91	PRINTING AND BINDING
12/23/91	LIBRARY	77.00	49700	12/31/91	SERV TO MAINT OFFICE EQUIP
12/23/91	LIBRARY	440.43	49700	12/31/91	TELEPHONE
12/23/91	LIBRARY	36.93	49700	12/31/91	POSTAGE
12/23/91	LIBRARY	845.25	49700	12/31/91	RENTAL-EQUIPMENT
12/23/91	LIBRARY	213.08	49700	12/31/91	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES
12/23/91	LIBRARY	193.08	49700	12/31/91	BOOKS-MAIN ADULT
12/23/91	LIBRARY	97.91	49715	12/31/91	MATERIALS TO MAINT BLDGS
12/23/91	LIBRARY	50.00	49744	12/31/91	SERV TO MAINT OFFICE EQUIP
12/23/91	LIBRARY	131.40	49744	12/31/91	OFFICE SUPPLIES
12/23/91	LIBRARY	43.45	49745	12/31/91	BOOKS-MAIN REFERENCE
12/23/91	LIBRARY	2,034.40	49751	12/31/91	TEMP PERSONNEL SERVICES
12/23/91	LIBRARY	100.00	49761	12/31/91	OFFICE SUPPLIES
12/23/91	LIBRARY	5.00	49776	12/31/91	MAG/PAPERS-MAIN ADULT
12/23/91	LIBRARY	46.64	49792	12/31/91	SERV TO MAINT BUILDINGS
12/23/91	LIBRARY	42.45	49797	12/31/91	BOOKS-MAIN ADULT
12/23/91	LIBRARY	416.66	49798	12/31/91	BOOKS-EXTENSION ADULT
12/23/91	LIBRARY	96.00	49799	12/31/91	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
12/23/91	LIBRARY	48.00	49820	12/31/91	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
12/23/91	LIBRARY	54.00	49835	12/31/91	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
12/23/91	LIBRARY	281.96	49839	12/31/91	BOOKS-MAIN REFERENCE
12/23/91	LIBRARY	21.69	49841	12/31/91	BOOKS-MAIN ADULT
12/23/91	LIBRARY	42.50	49843	12/31/91	TELEPHONE
12/23/91	LIBRARY	143.00	49849	12/31/91	BOOKS-MAIN REFERENCE
12/23/91	LIBRARY	120.00	49856	12/31/91	BOOKS-MAIN REFERENCE
12/23/91	LIBRARY	228.02	49857	12/31/91	PRINTING AND BINDING
12/23/91	LIBRARY	28.99	49858	12/31/91	SMALL CAPITAL ITEMS
12/23/91	LIBRARY	119.00	49862	12/31/91	MATERIAL TO MAINT AUTO EQUIP
12/23/91	LIBRARY	21.90	49863	12/31/91	MAG/PAPERS-MAIN ADULT
12/23/91	LIBRARY	61.43	49864	12/31/91	BOOKS-MAIN JUVENILE
12/23/91	LIBRARY		49866	12/31/91	CONFERENCES AND OTHER TRAVEL
	TOTAL	61,699.58			

GLA3120 FUND DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY CITY OF DECATUR, ILL. BILLS AND PAYROLLS

FOR PERIOD ENDING 12/31/91

DATE OF REQUEST	VENDOR	AMOUNT	CHECK NUMBER	CHECK DATE	DESCRIPTION
12/23/91	BAKER & BAKER	18878	29993	12/31/91	EXPENDITURES
12/23/91	BAKER & BAKER	28869	29993	12/31/91	EXPENDITURES
12/23/91	BAKER & BAKER	28869	29993	12/31/91	EXPENDITURES
12/23/91	BAKER & BAKER	28869	29993	12/31/91	EXPENDITURES
	TOTAL	81605			

DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

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FUND BALANCE

30600-000 BEGINNING FUND BALANCE

TOTAL

TAXES

30600-101 PROPERTY TAX LIBRARY

TOTAL

30600-102 OTHER GOVERNMENTAL REVENUE

TOTAL

30600-103 TRANSFERS FROM GENERAL FUND

TOTAL

30600-104 INVESTMENT INCOME

TOTAL

30600-105 INVESTMENT INTEREST

TOTAL

30600-106 OTHER INCOME

TOTAL

FUND TOTAL

FUND 21

LIBRARY CAPITAL

ACCT. DESCRIPTION

LIBRARY CAPITAL

30600-702 TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND

TOTAL

FUND TOTAL

UNREALIZED BALANCE % REAL

ANNUAL BUDGET

UNREALIZED BALANCE % REAL

DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL BUDGET	MONTHLY EXPENDITURES	YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENDITURES	Y-T-D BUDGET	UNEXPENDED BALANCE	ENCUMBERANCE	UNENCUMBERED BALANCE	PERCENT COMPLETED
SALARIES & WAGES								
1.286,708	75,511.34	689,921.10	857,805	596,786.90	.00		596,786.90	53.6
	5,708.25	26,117.34	0	26,117.34	.00		26,117.34	
	0	842.57	0	842.57	.00		842.57	
	4,665.42	21,254.58	0	21,254.58	.00		21,254.58	
	2,667.55	51,284.51	0	51,284.51	.00		51,284.51	
1,286,708	88,552.56	789,420.10	857,805	497,287.90	.00		497,287.90	61.4
PERSONAL SERVICES								
25,704	1,119.46	15.07	0	15.07	.00		15.07	
261,624	17,057.64	10,046.60	17,136	15,657.40	.00		15,657.40	39.1
1,134	80.00	152,194.02	174,416	109,429.98	.00		109,429.98	58.2
91,462	5,975.58	695.00	756	439.00	.00		439.00	61.3
3,391	1,801.86	51,677.46	56,308	32,784.54	.00		32,784.54	61.2
2,570	122.50	1,544.86	15,594	7,846.14	.00		7,846.14	66.5
		1,805.00	17,113	765.00	.00		765.00	70.2
300,005	26,157.04	231,978.01	265,923	166,906.99	.00		166,906.99	58.2
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES								
16,700	144.00	2,700.51	1,800	1,800	.00		1,800	
16,980	1,104.56	6,225.25	6,666	3,774.75	.00		3,774.75	51.1
	5.00	1,352.56	7,333	9,647.44	300.50		9,346.94	62.3
			7,133	200.00			200.00	15.0
		1,236.33	2,323	2,263.67	674.60		1,589.07	54.6
	204.00	4,720.38	7,000	5,775.62	174.00		5,601.62	46.6
	4,391.26	59,415.81	46,668	10,584.19	.00		10,584.19	46.2
	554.09	2,884.62	7,333	8,115.38	.00		8,115.38	26.2
	1,782.24	10,601.34	13,466	9,598.66	.00		9,598.66	52.5
		692.90	633	257.10	.00		257.10	72.9
		1,400.00	866	100.00	.00		100.00	107.7
		1,252.54	2,643	2,712.46	.00		2,712.46	31.6
		1,575.42	2,087	1,555.58	.00		1,555.58	50.3
	66.66	7,570.47	9,596	6,920.53	.00		6,920.53	32.2
		6,609.49	5,333	1,109.49	.00		1,109.49	32.1
		2,488.76	5,833	16,139.76	.00		16,139.76	26.5
		378.00	1,000	1,122.00	.00		1,122.00	25.2
		10,431.14	27,600	22,968.86	.00		22,968.86	44.5
		2,217.00	1,500	33.00	.00		33.00	98.5
		2,097.68	22,933	13,302.32	.00		13,302.32	61.3
		11,576.01	11,333	5,423.99	.00		5,423.99	68.1
		101,027.21	179,157	86,918.79	1,149.10		85,769.69	68.1
COMMODITIES								
310 GASOLINE		1,904.53	2,333	1,904.53	.00		1,904.53	45.6
312 JANITORIAL SUPPLIES		863.72	8,000	7,467.39	.00		863.72	75.3
320 MATERIAL TO MAINTAIN		37.8	2,000	17.10	.00		37.8	
337 OFFICE SUPPLIES		297.11	20,000	16,499.02	280.01		297.11	109.9
345 EMPLOYEE RECREATION		10,968.01	133	5,531.01	10,968.01		10,968.01	63.4
357		17.64		17.64	.00		17.64	100.0
		26,699.92	34,799	26,699.92	5,811.02		20,888.90	60.0
OTHER CHARGES								
400 CONTINGENCIES		6,748.00	6,666	6,748.00	.00		6,748.00	32.5
415 TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND		9,628.00	19,656	9,628.00	.00		9,628.00	66.7
418 MOTOR VEHICLE - INSURANCE		1,016.36	2,032	1,016.36	.00		1,016.36	66.7
420 BOILER INSURANCE		158.36	316	158.36	.00		158.36	66.7
421 PROPERTY INSURANCE		4,728.36	9,656	4,728.36	.00		4,728.36	66.7

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES TO BUDGET FY 1991-92 FUND 20 DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

GLA3010 40000 DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL BUDGET	MONTHLY EXPENDITURES	YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENDITURES	Y-T-D BUDGET	UNEXPENDED BALANCE	ENCUMBERANC	UNENCUMBERED BALANCE	PRCNT COMM
OTHER CHARGES								
LIBRARY CAPITAL ITEMS	5,100	425.00	3,400.00	3,400	1,700.00	.00	1,700.00	66.7
	1,050	228.02	228.02	700	821.98	830.85	8.87	100.8
	62,743	4,535.76	37,941.94	41,826	24,801.06	830.85	23,970.21	61.8
CAPITAL OUTLAY								
OFFICE MACHINERY AND EQUIP	10,800	.00	7,371.98	7,200	3,428.02	.00	3,428.02	68.3
	10,800	.00	7,371.98	7,200	3,428.02	.00	3,428.02	68.3
CAPITAL OUTLAY								
	11,500	3,012.51	65,074.58	54,333	16,425.42	8,681.61	7,743.81	90.5
	5,800	332.60	3,821.25	3,866	1,918.75	573.15	1,405.60	75.8
	29,400	1,686.31	24,267.51	19,600	5,132.49	2,482.80	2,849.69	91.0
	6,000	1,722.30	40,416.04	31,200	6,383.96	7,246.40	862.44	101.8
	3,120	435.00	1,368.87	2,080	1,711.13	569.64	1,181.49	62.1
	10,600	855.86	11,884.89	10,400	3,715.11	2,321.22	1,393.89	91.1
	670	38.22	3,210.42	5,800	2,368.96	65.81	365.77	45.4
	8,750	325.44	1,266.87	3,166	3,482.13	496.28	1,872.68	78.5
	8,270	202.94	3,643.15	3,980	2,326.85	2,151.02	2,175.83	97.1
	18,650	601.47	11,435.54	10,566	4,414.46	1,908.08	2,506.38	84.2
	18,650	652.40	16,188.61	11,584	927.39	.00	927.39	94.6
	18,650	.00	621.42	584	309.63	.00	255.58	70.9
	18,650	.00	856.37	777	309.63	.00	309.63	73.4
	18,650	29.00	7,195.67	5,344	218.33	.00	218.33	97.3
	18,650	.00	635.48	5,221	316.52	.00	316.52	66.0
	18,650	.00	2,234.07	1,916	639.93	.00	639.93	77.7
	18,650	.00	147.62	98	42.12	.00	42.12	55.7
	18,650	.00	252.12	140	42.12	.00	42.12	120.1
** DIVISION TOTAL **		10,231.75	198,462.52	166,327	51,037.48	27,144.40	23,893.08	90.4
		187,696.10	1,472,501.84	1,553,037	857,080.16	34,935.37	822,144.79	64.7

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES TO BUDGET FY 1991-92 FUND 21 LIBRARY CAPITAL

GLA3010 40000 LIBRARY CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL BUDGET	MONTHLY EXPENDITURES	YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENDITURES	Y-T-D BUDGET	UNEXPENDED BALANCE	ENCUMBERANC	UNENCUMBERED BALANCE	PRCNT COMM
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES								
COMPUTER SOFTWARE SERVICES	10,000	100	88	4,000	6,000.00	60.00	5,940.00	1.0
OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	11,000	100	100	4,333	65,000.00	8,300.00	56,700.00	12.8
				47,333	71,000.00	8,360.00	62,640.00	11.8
CAPITAL OUTLAY								
OFFICE MACHINERY AND EQUIP	10,000	100	100	35,333	53,000.00	340.00	52,660.00	.6
	10,000	100	100	35,333	53,000.00	340.00	52,660.00	.6
** DIVISION TOTAL **				82,666	174,000.00	8,700.00	115,300.00	7.0

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900	EXPENDITURES	12,000	2,176.50	4,663.73	8,000	7,336.27	2,346.15	4,990.12	58.4
		12,000	2,176.50	4,663.73	8,000	7,336.27	2,346.15	4,990.12	58.4
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		11,450	.00	.00	7,633	11,450.00	.00	11,450.00	
**	DIVISION TOTAL **	11,450	.00	.00	7,633	11,450.00	.00	11,450.00	

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900	EXPENDITURES	2,211	.00	.00	1,666	2,211.00	.00	2,211.00	11.6
		2,211	.00	.00	1,666	2,211.00	.00	2,211.00	11.6
**	DIVISION TOTAL **	2,211	.00	.00	1,666	2,211.00	.00	2,211.00	11.6

DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY
LONG RANGE PLAN, 1989-1994
1991 REVIEW

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DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY LONG RANGE PLAN, 1989-1994
Reviewed October 1991

I. GOAL: To provide adequate staffing, improve staff development and personnel administration.

A. Objective: Provide adequate staffing by FY 1993.

Action Steps:

1. Department managers and administration will review and make recommendations for library staffing requirements on an annual basis. Staffing priorities include:

- a. Forty additional Library Assistant hours, Children's Dept., FY 1991.
- b. Twenty additional Library Assistant hours, Reference Dept., FY 1991.
- c. Retain 40-hour Librarian, Business Information Center (if outside funding permits), FY 1991.
- d. Twenty additional Page hours, FY 1991.
- e. Twenty additional hours of Security Guard coverage, FY 1991.
- f. Twenty additional clerical hours, Reference Dept., FY 1992.
- g. Twenty additional clerical hours, Adult Services Dept., FY 1992.
- h. Twenty additional Page hours, FY 1992.
- i. Forty additional clerical hours, Circulation Dept., FY 1992.
- j. Twenty Library Assistant hours., Young Adult Dept., FY 1993.
- k. Twenty Library Assistant hours, Reference Dept., FY 1993.
- l. Twenty-eight and one-half additional Security Guard hours, FY 1993.
- m. Full-time Public Relations position, FY 1993.

COMMENTS: Have not accomplished increase in hours or added staff members; have reduced in areas. Need additional funding to accomplish these goals. Although we are not able to fill A - E, based on 12 months circulation, attendance, and patron statistics, library services are at an all-time high. Future staffing will depend on economics to fund these positions. Change C to Reference/BIC Librarian.

2. Administration will develop a list of substitute staff members at various levels, particularly those of Library Assistant, Clerk, and Page, by FY 1993. (This would ensure coverage during times of illness, vacation, leave, etc.)

COMMENTS: Need to create a list. Administration needs to advertize for the creation of a substitute list through Millikin University, Richland Community College, public schools, etc. Need to look at the whole concept of using Manpower for temporary and substitute help.

3. In all library departments, continue to expand the use of volunteers when feasible, particularly for special projects and during peak activity periods.

COMMENTS: Use of volunteers has definitely expanded in all departments. Suggest Board members volunteer for a two-hour shift to get a better understanding of library operations. Need more volunteers.

B. Objective: Expand staff development program.

Action Steps:

1. Staff Development Committee will:
 - a. Assess training and development needs of staff annually.

COMMENTS: Administration will assist in setting up the procedure or mechanism to get this done by assuring that time will be set aside for committee meetings. The Staff Development Committee will explore all avenues of assessing the staff's needs. This may include organizational and/or personality tests.

- b. Beginning FY 1990, develop an ongoing program to enhance customer relations.

COMMENTS: Currently, there is no ongoing program; however, it has been addressed at some Staff Institute days. This needs more development. Suggestions made included having more workshops, in-house videos to view, material to read, and quality circles.

- c. Beginning FY 1990, design an annual Staff Development Plan.

COMMENTS: This has been accomplished and needs to continue on an annual basis with the results being printed for all the staff members to see.

- d. Develop an orientation program for new employees by the end of FY 1990, to include an Employee Handbook.

COMMENTS: This has been accomplished and needs to be updated on an annual basis. Suggestions to review the orientation packet with a new employee after they have worked three months. Special notes:

Union negotiations will change both the Employee Handbook and the orientation packet.

- e. Develop ongoing orientation program for current employees in FY 1991.

COMMENTS: This has been accomplished but needs improvement. All staff need to be at the same level of orientation for their position. Recommend a check-list of pertinent skills for training needs assessment. Suggestion of opening the library one hour later on a designated week day so staff has one uninterrupted hour of time for training needs and meetings.

- f. Develop a "staff resource file", a listing of staff expertise in job-related or other areas, in FY 1991.

COMMENTS: A speaker's list for external use with other City departments has been accomplished. A list needs to be developed for internal use.

- g. Develop and implement a staff exchange program between departments and possibly with other area libraries, in FY 1991.

COMMENTS: This has been partially accomplished. Consensus was to combine this step with f.

2. Administration will:

- a. Develop program to promote teamwork throughout the library, beginning with library management team (administration, department heads, supervisors) in 1989.

COMMENTS: Workshop held in 1989 for all department managers. Continuing need for programs and workshop promoting teamwork throughout the library. Library managers should play a key role in planning and promoting team-building opportunities.

- b. Provide ongoing financial and administrative support for staff development.

COMMENTS: Financial and administrative support have been provided for internal and external programs. The needs for expanded staff development programs and substitute coverage make it increasingly difficult to allocate time for staff development programs. Substitute alternative coverage is required to enable completion of staff development goals (training, development, staff exchange, quality circles, etc.)

- C. Objective: Update library personnel policies by FY 1990, and review annually thereafter.

Action Steps:

1. By FY 1990, Library Board and administration will update the current personnel policy and make copies available to each individual staff member.

COMMENTS: Done, however, the job descriptions need to be added to the personnel policy. Revision will be required upon completion of union negotiations.

2. Library Board and City Librarian will review employee benefit package annually.

COMMENTS: Done.

3. Library Board and City Librarian will review salary plan annually.

COMMENTS: Done.

4. Supervisors will review job descriptions with their subordinates annually, as part of the performance review process.

COMMENTS: Sometimes done. Needs to be fully incorporated by all departments.

- D. Objective: Expand and improve internal communications and cooperation.

Action Steps:

1. Departments will continue to hold departmental meetings, at least quarterly.

COMMENTS: Typically done. Frequency of meetings varies by department from 2 to 12 meetings annually. Recommend that departmental meetings should be held monthly to promote teamwork and communication. Substitute coverage should be provided if needed.

2. Beginning in 1989, administration will issue a monthly newsletter for the staff.

COMMENTS: Monthly newsletter was not issued because the Assistant City Librarian did not have enough time nor staff assistance to do

3. Administration will form a Staff Advisory Committee in 1989.

COMMENTS: Done. Must re-evaluate the need for this committee as well as its mission following the establishment of the union contract.

4. Administration and Staff Advisory Committee will start a staff recognition program in FY 1990.

COMMENTS: This was not implemented due to resistance from the Staff Advisory Committee. No "fair" program could be agreed upon. Union should advise its recommendations on this matter.

- E. Develop departmental goals based upon library goals.

Action Steps:

1. Beginning with FY 1990, each department will write an annual plan based on the DPL Long Range Plan.

COMMENTS: Has not been done due to lack of time, priority, and funds to implement.

2. Beginning with FY 1990, each department will meet quarterly to review its annual plan and note progress made.

COMMENTS: Not done.

II. GOAL: To improve library awareness of community needs in programs, materials, and services.

- A. Objective: Using results of the 1987 Citizen Survey, review library collections, programs, and services annually to determine whether they are meeting the community's needs.

Action Steps:

1. Administration and staff will use Library Measures for Public Libraries as recommended by Standards for Excellence II to measure current use of collections, programs, and services against the 1987 Citizen Survey results.

COMMENTS:

2. Board and administration will use annual checklists from Standards for Excellence II to assess the overall

quality of library service given by Decatur Public Library.

B. Objective: Review library hours of service annually.

Action Steps:

1. In FY 1991, Library Board and administration will investigate the need for service hours on Sunday and establish a plan to implement these hours, if warranted.
2. In FY 1992, Library Board and administration will establish a trial period to determine the feasibility of Sunday hours.
3. At the end of this trial period, in FY 1993--if Sunday hours prove to be feasible--the Library Board, along with administration and staff, will:
 - a. Determine the continued availability of funds for Sunday hours, and
 - b. Adjust staffing levels where necessary for effective service on Sundays.

COMMENTS: Not been thoroughly investigated. Perceived barriers include cost/staffing and employee preferences against working Sundays.

C. Objective: Promote cooperation with area libraries by FY 1991.

Action Steps:

1. Beginning in FY 1990, administration and staff will develop an organization known as the Decatur Area Library Consortium--for Decatur area school, public, academic, and institutional library staff members.

COMMENTS: Rolling Prairie Library System holds quarterly meetings with Decatur area administrative librarians to discuss current relevant topics. No formal interlibrary program exists at this time. Need to develop further and expand this to support staff.

2. Administration and staff will work with the Decatur Area Library Consortium to plan for cooperative collection development, by the end of FY 1991.

COMMENTS: No Decatur Area Library Consortium is currently working on this. Adult Services staff have attended workshops on cooperative collection development as outlined in Avenues to Excellence

II. Per Avenues to Excellence II we must develop a written cooperative collection development plan for next year for the per capita grant.

- D. Objective: Continue Library's commitment to ongoing collection development.

Action Steps:

1. The Assistant City Librarian, City Librarian, and Public Service Librarians, as well as designated staff, will continue to select materials based on the community's need for information, education, and recreation.

COMMENTS: Ongoing. Need to develop a written collection maintenance plan for the entire library including all departments.

2. Public Service Librarians and designated staff will continue to weed items from collections as needed, to ensure their effectiveness.

COMMENTS: Ongoing, but halted temporarily during retrospective conversion.

III. GOAL: To improve community awareness of library materials, services, and programs.

- A. Objective: Increase public awareness of library materials, services, and programs to 50% by 1994, based upon the 1987 Citizen Survey.

Action Steps:

1. Assistant City Librarian and various departments will continue to issue media releases, totalling at least four per month.

COMMENTS: Averaged 2-4 releases per month until the departure of the Assistant City Librarian. Two to four releases per month is a more reasonable goal. Need an individual specializing public relations.

2. Assistant City Librarian and designated staff will continue to promote library events through local radio stations, at least four times per month.

COMMENTS: See number 1 above.

3. All staff will encourage media to give credit to the library when it serves as a resource for news features.

COMMENTS: Ongoing.

4. Beginning in 1989, Assistant City Librarian and other designated staff will develop a newsletter to replace the current Calendar of Events.

COMMENTS: A newsletter was developed and is published on a bi-monthly basis.

5. Beginning in FY 1990, Assistant City Librarian, Staff Artist, and others will develop an "Annual Report to the Community" each year, to publicize library activities.

COMMENTS: Not done. Needs an individual to spearhead.

6. Beginning in FY 1991, Assistant City Librarian will send letters each year to remind area clubs and associations that library staff are available to present programs.

COMMENTS: A number of library staff are included in the City's published speaker's bureau list. It should be included in the annual newsletter.

7. Library staff will continue to present programs for groups and organizations throughout the community, at least once per month.

COMMENTS: Done. There is a demand for more programs, however, staff limitations prevent expanding this service.

8. Assistant City Librarian will expand television coverage of library programs and events, to an average of six times per year by FY 1991.

COMMENTS: Done. Need another individual to spearhead this in the absence of the Assistant City Librarian.

9. In FY 1991, administration, working with the Library Board and the Friends of the Library, will develop community "focus groups" to determine speak needs and interest of the minority communities in Decatur.

COMMENTS: No formal focus groups established at this time. However, the library has been involved in the Black Community Network and Seminars during the past two years.

10. In FY 1993, administration and staff will conduct a Citizen Survey.

B. Objective: Increase public awareness of the following special services and materials from their present levels (according to the 1987 Citizen Survey) to a 50% level by 1994 (contingent upon accomplishing Objective A, Goal I, which deals with adequate personnel hours).

- 1) Programs for children
- 2) Programs for adults
- 3) Books for children under two years of age
- 4) Service to the homebound
- 5) Local history collection
- 6) Interlibrary loan service
- 7) Government documents
- 8) Vertical file

Action Steps:

1. Adult Services, Reference, and Audiovisual Departments will each sponsor at least one program for adults per year.

COMMENTS: Adult services and Audiovisual departments have met this requirement. Reference Department has sponsored programs pertaining to educating the public on the use of the Business Information Center. Continuing funding will be required to continue these programs.

2. Reference Department will increase the number of hours the Local History Room is open from 14 to at least 57 hours per week by FY 1992.

COMMENTS: Hours increased to approximately 25 per week; primarily achieved by use of volunteers. Through Schilling grant the Local history room is being expanded. Need a plan to increase volunteer usage to 57 hours per week.

3. Extension Department will explore new ways to publicize service to the homebound by FY 1992.

COMMENTS: Needs to be addressed.

4. Beginning FY 1992, the Reference Department will maintain and weed the vertical file collection--also exploring new ways to publicize this service.

COMMENTS: Currently weeded and maintained by the Adult Services Department. Adult Services and Reference need to work on this in the future and ways to publicize, i.e., brochure for teachers. Have "see" and "see also" references in card catalog.

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COMMENTS: Done.

3. Beginning in fall of 1990, department managers or designated staff (particularly from Reference, Children's, Young Adult, Adult Services, and Extension Departments) will make presentations at Decatur School District teachers' institutes to inform teachers of the services DPL provides.

COMMENTS: We should consider tying into the school's in-service days to better establish communication. This goal has not been pushed hard.

4. Beginning in FY 1990, administration will send a copy of the DPL Newsletter to each public and parochial Decatur school.

COMMENTS: Done.

5. Beginning in FY 1990, Children's, Young Adult, and Extension Department Librarians or designated staff will continue to promote the Summer Reading Program through visits to classrooms, special bookmobile stops, and the help of school librarians.

COMMENTS: Promoted Summer Reading Program to a number of schools through handouts. Increasing promotion activities may cause demand to exceed staff resources. There is a need to expand resources to meet this demand.

6. In FY 1990, administration and staff will form an Education Advisory Council to further coordinate school, college, and library roles in education--as well as to determine the availability of materials and services that students and faculty need. This EAC will be composed of representatives from Decatur Public Library, Decatur School District 61, Decatur parochial schools, Millikin University, and Richland Community College.

COMMENTS: Not done. Recommend a creative active interface with Richland Community College and Millikin University on teachers' reading lists. Teen Advisory Board and study sessions are a step in the right direction.

Goal IV. To improve accessibility and design of facilities for optimal public service.

A. Objective: Improve accessibility to the main library.

Action Steps:

1. Administration will investigate alternatives for increasing the availability of short-term parking near the main library building, in FY 1991.

COMMENTS: Not accomplished.

- B. Objective: Make the building's exterior more attractive and inviting by FY 1994.

Action Steps:

1. Administration and Board will investigate the purchase of an attractive and highly visible exterior sign, which could contain a message board for listing of library events and programs, by FY 1992.

COMMENTS: Not accomplished as yet.

- C. Objective: Renovate the main library's interior in order to make it more attractive and functional, by FY 1994.

Action Steps:

1. By FY 1990, administration and department heads will develop plan to provide more work space around the card catalogs for both patrons and staff.

COMMENTS: Done, but there are still problems. Moved them apart further but need to address the worn spots in the carpet.

2. By FY 1990, using grant funds, administration will purchase a FAX machine for use by library staff and patrons.

COMMENTS: Done, however, FAX machine is not available for patron use due to legislative tax collection/reporting services. Many alternative FAX locations are available.

3. In FY 1991, maintenance staff will install new carpeting for those areas that need it.

COMMENTS: Not done due to fiscal constraints. Board is looking at a replacement fund for the next 1-5 years.

4. In FY 1991, administration and designated staff will develop plan to increase staff and patron visibility in all public areas.

COMMENTS: Some improvements have been made but no plan has been developed.

5. In FY 1991, administration and designated staff will design an improved signage system for the building.

COMMENTS: Addressed by Quality Circle 1 (QC1) which developed recommendations. Recommendations have not been reported as quality circle activities were discontinued due to fiscal constraints. Need to formalize recommendations and present reviews. How do we prompt acquisition of additional library street signs?

6. In FY 1991, using grant funds, administration will purchase a TDD (Telecommunications Decoding Device) for communication with deaf persons in our area.

COMMENTS: Mandated that this be installed by January 1992; procurement activities are being implemented.

7. In FY 1992, Board and administration will hire an architect or consultant to design a building plan, looking at the library's needs for future growth and space requirements.

COMMENTS: Have not budgeted for this activity.

8. Based on the building plan mentioned in #7 above, goals for possible renovation of the main library will be established in 1992, which could include:
 - a. Redesigned layout--particularly public service areas and expanded work areas (circulation area, basement, main floor).
 - b. New furnishings for some areas--including desks with drawers for most staff members, and larger carrels for typewriters and micro-film/fiche readers.
 - c. A new color scheme throughout the building.
 - d. Improved lighting in all areas of the building.
 - e. Acoustics in all areas of the building, particularly public areas.
 - f. Shelving areas, particularly periodical storage shelving.

COMMENTS: Seeking funding for this through the replacement fund (see action step #3).

- g. The need to lease or purchase additional space as future space needs increase (downtown, or explore branch library sites).

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- D. Objective: Continue to modernize the appearance of the bookmobiles, in order to make them more attractive and functional, by FY 1992.

Action Steps:

1. Administration and Extension Librarian or designated staff will explore the options for repainting or redesigning the bookmobile exteriors, by FY 1991.

COMMENTS: One bookmobile was repainted.

2. Administration and Extension Librarian or designated staff will explore the options for redesigning the bookmobile interiors--including new carpeting, curtains, inner ceilings, and lighting, by FY 1992.

- E. Objective: Purchase generator(s) for both bookmobiles by FY 1992, to allow for more flexibility in scheduling and the promotion of library service.

Action Steps:

1. Extension Librarian will investigate cost of generator systems for both bookmobiles, and submit cost information to administration by July 1991.

COMMENTS: Done.

2. Based on cost information and feasibility, generator(s) will be considered for purchase in May of 1992, with installation during the summer of 1992.

COMMENTS: Seeking funding through replacement fund (see Objective C, Action Step #3).

- F. Objective: Develop a Disaster Plan for library materials by FY 1992, in compliance with the Illinois State Library requirements.

Action Steps:

1. Administration will form a Disaster Plan Committee by FY 1991.

COMMENTS: An individual has been named to address this issue. The committee may want to coordinate efforts with the Marion County Disaster Coordinator.

2. Disaster Plan Committee will develop plan by FY 1992, to be presented to the Library Board for adoption.

V. **GOAL: To increase patron access to the world of information through automation.**

A. Objective: Beginning in 1989, determine the need for database search services offered by the library.

Action Steps:

1. In 1989, survey potential users to determine if the need exists for database search services.

COMMENTS: Done.

B. Objective: Determine what type of database search services and equipment should be provided, by FY 1991.

Action Steps:

1. In 1989, Assistant City Librarian and designated staff will determine what databases should be offered in CD-ROM.

COMMENTS: Done. Several databases have been added.

2. In 1989, Assistant City Librarian will recommend for purchase one or more microcomputers to be installed in the Reference Department.

COMMENTS: Done. Purchased four microcomputers.

3. By FY 1991, Assistant City Librarian and designated staff will determine whether or not database search services should be offered on-line.

COMMENTS: Done.

4. Administration will determine whether fees should be charged for database search service, by FY 1991.

COMMENTS: Done. Fees have not been assessed for these services. Reduction of outside funding for this service will necessitate a re-examination of the services to be provided and whether fees should be charged. Patrons are assessed \$.05 per sheet of paper printed beginning July 1, 1991.

C. Objective: Beginning in 1989, prepare for an on-line catalog.

Action Steps:

1. Administration will form a staff Automation Committee in 1989 to deal with all aspects of library automation.

COMMENTS: Done. Committee still exists with six to seven members.

2. Staff Automation Committee will prepare a report concerning the best, most economical way to convert the present extended catalog records to MARC records, in FY 1991.

COMMENTS: Done. Reported verbally.

3. Based upon the staff Automation Committee's recommendation, convert extended catalog records to MARC format by FY 1993.

COMMENTS: Machine conversion of records will be done by the end of 1992. Conversion of non-hit items could take between two to five years, depending on the number of non-hits and availability of staff and funding.

4. Library staff will input the newly converted records into DPL's bibliographic database by the end of FY 1993.

COMMENTS: To be completed by the end of 1992. Non-hit conversions will be entered as completed by staff.

- D. Objective: Plan for the purchase of all necessary equipment and software to initiate on-line catalog by 1994.

Action Steps:

1. In FY 1992, the staff Automation Committee will recommend the purchase or lease of an additional disk-pack memory storage unit to expand the computer system for an on-line catalog.

COMMENTS: Done.

2. In FY 1993, the staff Automation Committee will recommend the purchase or lease of up to 20 terminals and necessary software for patron access to the on-line catalog.

COMMENTS: Survey automated libraries to determine the optimum number and locations for patron terminals, by April 30, 1992. Survey department heads to determine the number of terminals needed for staff within each department. Priority funding is needed for this project.

COMMENTS: Grant funds have exceeded \$50,000 for 1989/90. In 1991, \$55,000 for local history was received through the Schilling Foundation. Need a person proficient in grant writing to continue in this area of funding.

- C. Objective: Receive annual support from the Friends of the Library, on a project basis, beginning in FY 1990.

COMMENTS: Done. Foundation and individual departments within the library have received funding.

- D. Objective: Raise \$200,000 in donations to the Library Foundation by FY 1994.

Action Steps:

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1. Beginning in FY 1990, Assistant City Librarian and Decatur Area Resources for Economic Development Project Coordinator will continue to seek funding for this Project--through the Library Foundation, grants, and other sources.

COMMENTS: The committee members did not understand this goal.



ILLINOIS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION



AVENUES TO EXCELLENCE II

STANDARD FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN ILLINOIS

VIII. MATERIALS

One of the public library's functions is to assemble, organize, preserve, and make easily and readily available to all people a variety of print and non-print materials. Materials acquired should enhance the collection and fulfill community needs and interests. Library materials include, but are not limited to: books; periodicals; pamphlets; government publications; newspapers; pictures; films; slides; filmstrips; art reproductions; realia; music scores; maps; recordings and tapes; various forms of microproduction; television; audio and video recorders and players; computers; computer software, etc.

1. The public library must have a written policy for the selection of library materials and for general collection development which shall address the Library Bill of Rights and other ALA documents including unrestricted access to libraries for minors. (Chapter 81: 4-7.2 and Chapter 81: 1004-11.1)

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2. The materials selection policy must be reviewed by the Board biennially. (Chapter 81: 4-7.2 and Chapter 81: 1004-11.1)

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3. All materials shall be selected, retained, or weeded by library staff in conformance with the selection policy.

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4. Libraries shall have a written policy and procedure for handling requests for reconsideration of materials.

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Budget

The materials budget shall be allocated based on the results of a community analysis (Appendix A); library circulation statistics; strengths and weaknesses of the existing collection; local, regional and statewide library collections; costs of materials; and user demand. Libraries shall participate in cooperative collection development activities with other libraries.

Selection

When selecting materials, the following criteria shall be kept in mind: anticipated user needs, demonstrated needs and specific requests, and evaluation by professionally recognized sources and guidelines.

The public library shall provide resources which enable individuals to examine issues freely. Collections shall contain materials setting forth a variety of views on all topics. This does not necessarily imply numerical balance.

Organization and Control

Cataloging and classification of materials shall be by recognized practices. Lending regulations shall facilitate the use of library materials. An inventory shall be conducted at regular intervals.

5. All materials, except those judged by the librarian to be irreplaceable or needed in the collection for basic informational services, shall be available for use outside the library.

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Formats

The public library's collection shall include a variety of forms. Technology constantly makes available new forms chosen for library use. Whatever choice of formats, materials shall be provided in sufficient quantities and in areas of patron interest. Any collection of whatever type of material shall be dynamic, vital, and continually changing to meet the needs of the community. Items no longer useful shall be withdrawn from the collection and discarded.

Periodicals: The selection of periodicals, like other library materials, shall be based on community interests and needs. Titles included in the periodical indexes held by the library shall be given careful consideration.

The decision on the time span of back files for periodicals shall be based on a periodical usage study, and on cooperative collection development agreements. Libraries must also consider in this decision the current copyright restrictions, which limit the number of times articles published within the last five years may be copied.

6. A periodical usage study shall be conducted every three years to determine appropriateness of the collection to user needs, and the extent to which back files are used.

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Quality

The number of materials owned by a library is less important than the use those materials receive. In addition to the titles owned, the public library shall have rapid access through the library system and ILINET to all the titles published in the United States, and to available foreign titles. This is true for all types of media. The output measures as described in Output Measures for Public Libraries, second edition, American Library Association 1987, shall be used to determine (1) whether users find the materials they want when they come to the library, and (2) if not immediately available, how long the wait before delivery.

As mentioned in the paragraph above, quality is more important than the quantity of materials owned by a public library. However, for those libraries planning a new building, building expansion, etc., Appendix G lists input measures on collection size. These input standards were included in the first edition of "Avenues to Excellence". Use of Appendix G is optional.

Collection Development: Output Measures

7. The title fill rate output measure shall be performed every five years.

65% Minimum Percentile comparisons (Optional): _____ 50th _____ 75th _____ 90th

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8. Together with the title fill rate, the author and subject fill rate output measure shall be performed every five years.

70% Minimum Percentile comparisons (Optional): _____ 50th _____ 75th _____ 90th

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Time is running out to comply with this new law

Working with the Americans with Disabilities Act

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ON JULY 26, 1990, President Bush signed the most sweeping civil rights legislation enacted in over two decades, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Most of America's libraries will soon be in violation of this act, which requires that libraries cease discrimination in services, programs, and employment by January 26, 1992. As this date approaches, librarians have begun asking more questions about the act and its implications. Below are typical questions I have received from librarians in the last few months:

More questions will be discussed in a future issue of *LJ*. To submit yours, write to:

Answers on the ADA

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1. How does the ADA define "disability"?
For purposes of understanding the ADA, a disability is any physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity, such as walking, seeing, hearing, breathing, learning, working, sitting, standing, or caring for oneself.

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2. Which ADA requirements will affect my library?

Libraries that are subdivisions of state or local governments may not discriminate against applicants or employees with disabilities after January 26, 1992. Private entity libraries must comply with the requirements by July 26, 1992 if they employ 25 or more workers; those with 15-24 employees must comply by July 26, 1994.

The ADA also requires that both public entity libraries (Title II) and private entity libraries that are public accommodations (Title III) cease discrimination in services and programs no later than January 26, 1992. Additionally, the employment provisions of Title I require that special and corporate libraries that exist solely for the benefit of employees make their services accessible to workers with disabilities. If the special library is part of a public entity, this must be done by January 26, 1992; if the corporate or special library is part of a private entity, then the library must be usable by workers with disabilities no later than July 26, 1992 (if the private entity employs 25 or more workers) or July 26, 1994 (if the private entity employs 15-24 workers).

3. What will be the federal regulations implementing the ADA?

The critical regulations for libraries are already available. These rules pertain to Titles I, II, III, and the Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities. They were published in Volume 36 of the *Federal Register*, July 26, 1991, p. 35408-35726.

4. Where can I find a checklist of ADA requirements that will tell us exactly what we need to do in our library?

Nowhere. Essentially, library services must be provided in a manner that allows each eligible user with a disability to equally benefit from the local library. Because the needs of each individual with a disability differ and the range of disabilities is infinite, it is not possible to categorically state which specific actions a library will need to take. This is why the ADA's regulations are guidelines for making ADA decisions and not an exhaustive catalog of all possible required accommodations or modifications.

Every decision about ADA compliance must be made on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration the elements involved in the service or program and the needs of the library patron with a disability. For example, closed-captioned videotapes may be unusable by a patron with a hearing impairment who uses speech-to-communication, but may be totally usable to someone who uses sign language. A library that is unmodified for architectural accessibility may be unusable by a patron who uses a wheelchair, will be inaccessible for a person who is homebound.

In the next few months, Oryx Press will publish *The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Libraries*. Edited by Nancy C. Peck, the book will provide librarians with in-depth information about their responsibilities under the act. It is also important for librarians to become familiar with the law itself, which is Public Law 101-336, *United States Code*, Vol. 42, 12101-12213.

5. Does my library need to provide sign language interpreters for every program? Yes. The regulations require that libraries and other entities "furnish appropriate auxiliary aids and services where necessary to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in and enjoy the benefits of a service, program, or activity" (*Federal Register*, Vol. 56, p. 35721) and includes "qualified interpreters" in the long list of required auxiliary aids and services (*Federal Register*, Vol. 56, p. 35717). So, if there are people in your library's service area who use sign language to communicate and wish to attend your programs, you must provide interpreter services. Of course, your library would not need to do this if it would fundamentally alter the nature of your service (unlikely) or if it would result in an undue burden (i.e., significant difficulty or expense). If the library believes that providing this, or any other required auxiliary aid or service, would constitute an undue burden, the decision must be made by the head of the library, after considering the total resources available to the library and its parent agency. The decision must be put in writing and must be accompanied by an explanation of how the conclusion to not provide the needed aid or service was reached.

This service does not have to be prohibitively expensive. Some libraries contract with a qualified interpreter or a Deaf Service Center. Patrons are instructed to contact the interpreter or agency directly to declare their intent to attend a certain program. The interpreter then arranges to meet the patrons at the library, performs the required services, and bills the library for the time worked. This system is less expensive than hiring full-time interpreters. For a library serving a community of, say, 25,000 people, this service would usually cost less than \$1000 per year.

6. Do public libraries need to stock Braille books and periodicals, or can we simply refer Braille readers to other libraries? What about private libraries? Braille reading materials are included in the list of auxiliary aids and services and therefore must be present in appropriate quantities in libraries that are public entities. To refer Braille readers to another agency for all materials would deny these users

the benefit of local library services, which they pay taxes to support, and would violate the ADA's anti-segregation requirements. Of course, if no one in the library's service area needs or requests Braille reading materials, the library need not stock these materials.

Libraries funded by private entities are not required to collect Braille books and periodicals, audiobooks, or closed-captioned videocassettes, which are termed "accessible or special goods" (*Federal Register*, Vol. 56, p. 35598). However, these libraries must interlibrary loan these materials upon request if the library customarily provides interlibrary loan service for users who do not have a disability. In addition, both publicly funded and private libraries that are public accommodations must provide services and equipment necessary for readers with disabilities to benefit from the library's reference materials, which usually are not available in accessible formats from any source. This can be done through making staff available to read material to patrons, the acquisition of reading machines and text-magnification systems, or through other means depending on the needs of the patron.

7. Does my library need to designate a staff member to coordinate ADA compliance activities?

If your library is a subdivision of state or local government and employs 50 or more workers, at least one staff member must be appointed as the ADA coordinator (*Federal Register*, Vol. 56, p. 35718). The ADA coordinator will plan compliance activities; arrange for a required review of current programs, services, and facilities; investigate any complaint alleging noncompliance; and ensure the involvement of eligible readers with disabilities in the review process. The designation of an ADA coordinator will guarantee that people with disabilities can easily contact a knowledgeable staff member to discuss library violations. Publicly funded libraries with less than 50 employees and privately funded libraries are not required to appoint an ADA coordinator, but doing so would facilitate ADA compliance.

8. What is involved in the public entity library self-evaluation process? Every public entity library, regardless of staff size, must complete a re-

view of each facility's architectural accessibility no later than July 26, 1992 and must evaluate each program and service for ADA compliance by January 26, 1993. The reports of these reviews must be made available for public inspection, must detail any problems identified, must outline a plan for corrective action, and must list the names of individuals consulted. The reports must also, of course, be available in formats usable by patrons with disabilities.

Consumer input must be sought during the self-evaluation process. This may be done through open hearings, accessible surveys of current and potential users, and/or the establishment of an advisory committee composed of individuals with disabilities. A combination of these and other activities probably would be most effective.

Because the ADA requires the library to meet the service needs of every eligible individual with a disability, and since disabilities have an infinite range of variety and degree, libraries are strongly encouraged to convene at least one open, well-publicized consumer forum. Surveys in accessible formats that also allow for telephone responses will help to ensure input from those unable to attend the forum. A consumer advisory committee can be helpful in planning the forum, designing the survey, and analyzing the information received. It can also assist in ensuring that needed changes are actually made and that improved programs and services do not lapse into inaccessibility.

Fundamental to this process is the realization that you cannot meet the needs of people without actually asking them what they want. Libraries should also be aware that they are not shielded from litigation during the program review process and that all services must be usable to patrons with disabilities by January 26, 1992.

9. Why go through that elaborate process? Wouldn't it just be easier to wait for someone to enter a complaint? Ultimately, dealing with litigation will be more costly and time-consuming than going through the review process. Litigation could also be very bad for public relations. If that is not enough, you could lose federal and state aid until you are able to show that you have complied with the act.