

CITY LIBRARIAN REPORT

June, 1987

I. Statistics

June circulation was up 3% (2,133 items) over June of the previous year. Adult material accounted for most of the increase.

The number of patrons entering the library was up 4% (965 patrons) over June, 1986.

Service statistics (directional information and professional contacts) dropped 5% (629 contacts).

II. Services and Programs

The summer reading program "Quest" has been very popular with 1,094 children signing up at the main library. Children's circulation is down slightly because the program started two days later than last year.

Three new summer bookmobile stops were established in the "Read in the Parks" Program. The bookmobiles registered 42 adults, 21 youths and 87 juveniles. Circulation started out slow but has been improving.

Video labeling has generated many positive comments from the patrons.

The catalog department was able to reduce part of the backlog of materials. Continued progress should eliminate the backlog by October 1. The backlog was a result of two vacancies.

A computer line to the City's mainframe was installed in early June. Software was received and installed in late June, allowing the library to access its financial records. The administrative and acquisition staffs are checking computer entries for accuracy.

III. Public Relations

Articles appeared in the Herald & Review concerning the new bookmobiles park stops and the summer reading program.

Mr. Serber spoke at the Bookmobile Conference in Columbus, Ohio on June 19.

The Library and the League of Women Voters are planning a fall forum on county government.

Mrs. Gross was interviewed on WDZ's breakfast club on June 1.

The Library received a \$200 gift from the Fraternal Order of Eagles for large print books.

Mr. Dale Jenkins has offered (upon his death) his extensive collection (six file cabinets of material) about the Illinois Terminal Railroad.

"Hooray for Hollywood", a book list about film books, was printed.

On suggestions from patrons, the library installed a hand rail in the elevator and contacted the Illinois Job Service for a microfiche copy of job openings in Illinois.

Eagle Food Stores will donate a 25 volume set of children's books entitled "Cornerstones of Freedom" in September.

IV. Personnel

Mr. Carol Ballinger joined the staff as Assistant City Librarian on July 13.

Mr. Seidl, Ms. Ritchie, and Mrs. Gross attended the American Library Association Conference in San Francisco.