

City Librarian's Report
For the October 19, 1995 Meeting
of the
Decatur Public Library Board of Trustees

As this report is being written, periodic tremors remind me that the library roof is in the midst of replacement. This long awaited project began on September 28th and, with good weather, should be completed prior to the end of the month. So far, almost half of the old roof has been removed and new insulation and roofing installed. The new roof should help utility costs as our old roof had very little insulation.

Work also continues on the renovation of the bookmobile trailer. Most of the interior work has been completed and repainted shelving was installed a few days ago. After considerable searching, a newer tractor unit (1986 Mack model) was purchased through Glatz Truck-Trailer Sales of Decatur to replace the 1973 International Tractor currently used to pull our large bookmobile unit. This unit is currently having a fifth wheel installed and other necessary adjustments made prior to its being put into service. As a part of this transaction our 1985 Chevrolet Stationwagon was traded in. I appreciate the assistance given by the staff of Glatz Truck-Trailer Sales in the process of locating and purchasing this vehicle.

The Extension Division issued between 350 and 400 new library cards during the month. In September, they began keeping a head count of users on the small bookmobile unit and 1,581 individuals were recorded as visiting this unit. New school stops included Decatur Christian and Washington. Karen Anderson reports that the St. Patrick's school stop is checking out more items per visit with the small bookmobile than they were doing with the larger unit last year.

The Family Literacy Grant program continues to do well. The Library's participation includes bringing the small bookmobile out to their Head Start location on 1st through 3rd and 5th Mondays each month from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. On the fourth Monday, program participants come to