

City Librarian's Report

For the February 17, 1994 Meeting

of the

Decatur Public Library Board of Trustees

The library is recognizing both African American History Month and Women's History Month with displays throughout the building. New book lists and video bibliographies have been developed to go along with the displays. The library will also have a display at the Environmental Fair at the Richland Schilling Center on February 19. Dan Guillory will read love poetry in the auditorium on February 15.

Bev Roelleke and Jack Aldrich worked in the storage room going through boxes and files of old materials. Many interesting items were found and some will be displayed in the Shilling Local History Room.

Fifteen groups visited the Children's Department, mostly for storytimes and tours. They included Headstart (4), Northwest Christian Preschool (3), Mt. Calvary Preschool (3), St. John's Rainbow Preschool, Garfield Beginnings, St. Patrick's 6th grade, a Boy Scout group, and a group of adults from a group home. The department also held eight storytimes for 2 and 3-year-olds, with attendance averaging ten. There were eight lap-sits, with evening attendance averaging 14 per session. Katie Gross visited 2 three-year-old Self-Start Preschool classes at Mueller Park and Longview for a storytime. She also gave each child a gift book left over from grant materials.

Leta Burch began work on a big bulletin board in the Children's Department called "Out of this World", drawing aliens from various picture books. This is displayed with science fiction and space travel materials.

Mark Mangold and Tony Delgado began work on January 13 as half-time Building Custodians, bringing the building division to

full staffing capacity. Interviews will be conducted on February 24 for two vacant Library Assistant positions. Applications are being taken through February 14 for an in-house promotion for the Head Page position.

Professional assists are up 17.2% for the month compared to January 1993 and up 25.5% for the 12 month period. Monthly circulation statistics are down 4.4% for the month and 3.3% for the 12 month period.

CPR classes were conducted in January for staff who chose to participate. Bruce Nims presented a training program on social styles. First Aid classes were held February 10 and 16. I attended the mid-winter conference of the American Library Association in Los Angeles from February 4-8.