

Official Proclamation

CITY OF
DECATUR, ILLINOIS

Whereas: on August 3, 1875, the Decatur City Council approved, and on August 10, 1875 established by ordinance, tax supported public library service for Decatur; and,

WHEREAS: during its history the Decatur Public Library has enriched the lives of Decatur residents through its collections, programs and services; and,

WHEREAS: the Decatur Public Library through its new, modern main library facility and two bookmobiles provides services to all residents of Decatur; and,

WHEREAS: in March 2000, the Decatur Public Library will begin a celebration of its 125 anniversary through special programs and events designed to highlight the Library's history, collections and services; and,

WHEREAS: the 125 anniversary, which will celebrate Decatur as a city of informed readers, is an important opportunity to raise awareness of the vital role the Decatur Public Library plays in the educational, recreational and cultural life of the city of Decatur.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry M. Howley, Mayor of the City of Decatur, do hereby proclaim the year 2000 as the "YEAR OF THE DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY" and encourage all Decatur residents to use their public library and to participate in and enjoy the educational, informational, and entertaining programs, events and services the Decatur Public Library will present throughout the year.

Done at the City Hall this 21st day of February, 2000.

 , Mayor

