

City Librarian's Report
For the August 17, 1995 Meeting
of the
Decatur Public Library Board of Trustees

Summer is normally a time for the Adult Division staff to catch up on special projects. However, this summer staff have noticed little reprieve from library users' questions except during the evening. Several booklists have been completed or updated (attached). Both adult and extension divisions have been weeding heavily this summer. Jodi Randolph, Millikin intern, has produced several new posters and displays.

Adult Division staff have begun preparing an annotated card file of the books they read. Each staff member has different interests and preferred reading genres, so the card file will allow them to be aware of books that other staff enjoyed (or did not enjoy). The card file will also include videos.

The library will now be buying some new materials that used to be paid for by Communities in Partnership, such as Federal Assistance Monitor, Chronicle of Philanthropy, and Federal Alerts and Grants Weekly. Plans are being made to catalog the materials with the regular adult circulation collection, with some items still being kept in reference. Eventually, only reference materials will be in the Grant Assistance Center, with emphasis more on resources for finding grants.

We are adding the following periodical subscriptions: Value Line Expanded Edition, Kiplinger's Retirement Report and Moneypaper for the Business Information Center; Popular Communications, In-Fisherman, Fine Gardening, Smart Money, Country Music, and Disability Resources Monthly for the adult collection. We are cancelling subscriptions to Family Circle (one copy), Governing, Journal of Business Strategy, and Link.