

**MEMORANDUM**

February 8, 1990

**MEMO TO:** Library Board  
**FROM:** Jim Seidl  
**SUBJECT:** Lincoln Library

Mr. Lockmiller asked how Lincoln Library in Springfield was able to start Sunday hours and increase their materials budget to 15% of the entire budget. Lincoln Library's proposed budget for 1990/91 is \$2,590,000, compared to their 1989/90 budget of \$2,252,000.

Lincoln Library asked the Springfield City Council for \$25,000 to implement Sunday hours. Staff who worked Sunday would be eligible for either time and one-half pay or compensatory time off. Fourteen staff members are required to operate Lincoln Library on Sunday.

Lincoln Library does not pay the cost of operating or maintaining their building. This is funded by a public building commission, saving the library over \$450,000 per year. I estimate that it costs DPL about \$232,000 to operate and maintain our building.

Lincoln Library's materials budget will be increased annually until it reaches 15% of the total budget. In 1987/88, Lincoln Library's materials budget was \$260,000 (13%) of the total budget. However, if you add \$450,000 (building costs) to the total budget, that figure drops to only 11% of the total budget.

According to the Springfield newspaper on 2/8/90, the Springfield City Council approved a library budget of \$2,370,000 rather than the \$2,590,000 that was requested. According to Carl Volkmann, Lincoln Library director, Sunday hours have been dropped until the budget can pay for the cost.