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production of these important collection information guides. Cathy Ritchie did new displays on fiction materials and we had a Red Ribbon campaign display in the basement which drew positive responses from library users.

Joan Bauer and city MIS staff have spent considerable time this past month working on setting up the ARIEL workstation in the basement and on configuring information network terminals so that all CD-ROM's could be accessed. She attended a meeting in Bloomington concerning the grant for computer software and hardware that will allow sight impaired individuals access to the Internet and computers.

On October 6th the Extension Division hosted members of the Illinois Library Association's Outreach Forum for their fall meeting. Those in attendance were given a presentation on the Answer Machine by Joan Bauer, and both bookmobiles were brought in for the group to tour. The group was impressed by the number of circulations done on each unit. Karen Anderson reports that during October, Bookmobile #548 was open a total of 202 hours with an average checkout of 59 per hour. Bookmobile #549 was open a total of 131 hours with an average of 32 checkouts per hour.

In response to an an increasing demand for Christian fiction at nursing homes and high rise Extension sites, main library and extension staff are increasing their purchasing in this area. The bookmobiles continue to get good publicity in area newsletters.

Katie Gross was able to attend the Illinois School Library Media Association's Annual Conference at the Decatur Holiday Inn. She attended a preconference on "The Internet for Kids, Classrooms and School Libraries" as well as conference presentations on a wide variety of topics. I was able to spend some time talking to exhibitors at the conference.

All of the Children's Division staff were able to attend the new Children's Museum open house for educators on October 18th and 19th. On October 29th Katie Gross gave an informal talk on "Books of Jewish Interest at the Decatur Public Library" at Temple B'Nai Abraham. She also updated a booklist on Jewish Children's Books.