

City Librarian's Report
For the March 30, 1999 Meeting
of the

Decatur Public Library Board of Trustees

Work on the new library building continues. During the past month most of the interior walls have been constructed, considerable work has been done on the fire protection system, and with the exception of the cooling tower, most of the HVAC system work has been completed. Interior wiring work is underway and once the roof work has been completed on the north side of the building work can begin on ceiling installation.

The re-roofing contract was awarded to Craftmasters of Decatur earlier this month and they anticipate beginning work on March 23.

During the month, Illinois Power Company began work on the renovation of space in the upper level of the current library facility. This has been a difficult time for staff and library users as construction has caused a high noise level at times and there have been periods when dust was present within library use parts of the facility. I appreciate the efforts of Illinois Power staff and construction site employees to make this construction period as best as possible. I also express appreciation to library staff for their understanding in working under less than ideal conditions. We all look forward to May 1st when the work will be coming to a conclusion.

Larry Harris continues to work with Illinois Power in completing work on our current facility. During Good Friday it is hoped that the back flow valve can be installed in the sprinkler room. The sump pump has already been installed in preparation for this step. The air conditioning compressor has been replaced and we are working with the city on problems with the storm sewer on the east side of the building. During the month Larry and his staff removed all items from the auto center. Much time this month has been spent in getting bookmobiles repaired. Work included tune-ups, transmission repair, engine work and temporary repairs to a door until a new one could be obtained.

After much work and considerable cost a new west end bookmobile stop was finally put into operation. Due to weather and mechanical conditions bookmobile 548 was off the road for 12 days.

Karen Anderson did three stories for a fourth grade class at Durfee. Ken Banning and Karen did a special bookmobile stop at New Horizons Family Center on February 23 for Black History Month. Judy Ellison read to clients at Macon Resources.