# DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA March 18, 1993 4:30 P.M.

- I. Call to Order Dick Lockmiller, President
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Meeting of February 18, 1993
- III. Communication from the Public
  - IV. City Librarian's Report
    - V. Reports of Committees
      - A. Personnel, Policy, and Public Relations Committee
        - 1. Meeting of February 1, 1993
        - 2. Meeting of March 1, 1993
      - B. Finance and Properties Committee
        - 1. Approval of Bills for February 1993
        - 2. Meeting of March 2, 1993
      - C. Rolling Prairie Library System
        - 1. Report on February RPLS Board Meeting
      - D. Foundation
        - 1. Meeting of March 6, 1993
      - E. Friends of the Library
        - Meeting of February 11, 1993
  - VI. Avenues to Excellence II
    - A. Chapter IX, Physical Facilities
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
  - IX. Adjournment

### DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES February 18, 1993

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Stanley Sitton, Vice President. Members present: Mr. Sitton, Daniel Gaumer, Edmund McClure, Barbara Ohlsen, and Robert Smith. Absent: Richard Lockmiller, Janice Lambert, John Stengel, and Patricia Williams. Staff present: John Moorman, Grace Veach, Joann Stanbery, and Linda Humphreys. Others present: Owen Balding.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 21, 1993 were approved as mailed. The minutes of the special meeting of February 8, 1993 were also approved as mailed.

### III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Owen Balding addressed the Board on a variety of his concerns.

#### IV. CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Grace Veach, Cataloger, talked about the functions of her department.

The City Librarian's report was previously mailed.

Mr. Moorman reported that the City Human Resources division has offered meeting management training for the Library Board.

The annual Staff Institute training day will be Friday, April 23. A bus trip to the Harold Washington Center Library in Chicago is scheduled. Some trustees indicated an interest in going on the trip. The library is 1 city block big and 11 stories tall.

The Per Capita Grant application forms have arrived. A document delivery survey will be required.

Mr. Moorman updated the Board on the statewide borrower's card proposal. It has now been split into two proposals. Twenty-five people testified at the second hearing, with one person being for the proposal.

Mr. McClure made a motion to adjourn to closed executive session to discuss labor negotiations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gaumer and unanimously carried on roll call vote. The Board went into closed session at 5:05 p.m. The meeting was re-convened at 5:40 p.m.

#### V. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Personnel, Policy, and Public Relations Committee: The Committee met February 1, 1993. The minutes were previously mailed.

Finance and Properties Committee: Mrs. Ohlsen made a motion to approve the January bills. The motion was seconded by Mr. McClure and unanimously approved on roll call vote.

At this point, Mr. Smith left the meeting and there was no longer a quorum.

The Committee met February 2, 1993. Technical Services needs modular furniture and networked terminals at each desk before the on-line catalog is implemented. Funding is available in the capital fund and the Breckenridge fund. Mr. Moorman reported that he and some staff toured the Iowa City Public Library last week to check their computer terminals. He agreed to purchase their old ALTOS unit for \$1,200, which is a considerable savings. Some furniture may be available for the Library from Staley; more details will be available mid-March. The Board recognized the staff for a substantial dollar savings based on original cost estimates for automation.

Mr. Moorman's initial response to the list of suggestions from Budget & Technology was reviewed. Mr. Moorman requested that a sub-committee be appointed to work on that project.

Rolling Prairie: Mr. Moorman attended the February meeting. He noted that Rolling Prairie staff received a 5% pay bonus to bring their pay level up to what it was in July 1992. A list of which libraries received Rolling Prairie's video titles has been prepared.

Foundation: The Foundation did not meet.

Friends of the Library: The Friends met January 28, 1993. The next book sale will be April 16 and 17, 1993.

### VI. AVENUES TO EXCELLENCE II

Chapter VIII, Materials, was reviewed.

#### VII. OLD BUSINESS

A volunteer is making a list of the materials in the Library's collection of rare books. The list will be mailed out for quotes to sell the collection.

### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

### IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sitton ended the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Williams, Secretary

Decatur Public Library Board of Trustees

### City Librarian's Report

For the March 18, 1993 Meeting

of the

Decatur Public Library Board of Trustees

The best thing about February is that it is only 28 days long. I think that all of us can echo the sentiment expressed above this year. February 1993 saw library circulation decline, and bad weather that contributed to early library closing, bookmobile shutdowns, and increased absence due to flu and related illnesses. Several Saturdays saw the library busier than ever with peak usage being recorded on February 20th when 3,375 items were borrowed from the library.

During the month I gave a speech to the Decatur Lions Club about library activities and programs, attended a reception in Springfield on February 26th honoring Carl Volkmann (retiring Director of the Lincoln Library), and assisted with the planning for the National Issues Forum meeting held at Richland Community College on March 4th. Planning continues on schedule for the ILA Annual Conference to be held in Springfield on April 28th through May 1st. At the conference there will be a program by Claudia Quigg, Director of the Decatur Baby TALK program, entitled "Proactive Possibilities for Ensuring Your Library's Future". Karen Anderson, DPL Circulation Librarian, will be heading a Circulation Workshop for Library Assistants.

As a first step in our plan to use our expertise and equipment to help offset city charges for service provision, we are printing the Police Department's operational manual. While the project is larger in scope than desired for a first effort, it should give us guidance for future efforts in this area.

As the result of hearings before LSCA committees, the Statewide Borrowers Card Program has undergone substantial revision and will likely become a voluntary program for those libraries wishing to participate. These changes remove my major concerns about the proposed program and its effect for this library.

Overall, library use statistics are down from February of 1992. Material circulation is down 13% and the only area showing an increase is outreach which had a 9.4% increase. However, our service statistics (information requests) were up 9.9% overall and Reference saw a 36.&% increase over last year. What does this mean? Right now not a whole lot. Weather played a part as this

February's weather was worse than last year. Bookmobile stops were canceled on several days and the main library closed early on one day. If the statistical trend continues in coming months, it may mean that Decatur is coming out of its economic recession. Library use tends to decrease in times of a robust economy, and increase when recession or depression is present. It may also signal a change in how the library is being used with more emphasis on the informational exchange process and less on the physical checking out of library materials.

As of March 10, 1993, 85.5% of the budget year had been completed and 80.1% of the library's budgeted funds were either encumbered or spent.

The on-line catalog project is proceeding. All public access terminals are now on order and furniture and printers will be ordered shortly. Carolyn Baker, Installation Consultant with CLSI, spent March 3rd and 4th working with library staff on setting the parameters for the new system and in training staff on its use.

On March 10, 1993 the Friends of the Library held a reception honoring Duffy Sadorus, the artist whose Sand Dollar sculpture was recently purchased for the library by the Friends. The reception was well attended and the Friends are to be commended for their addition to the Library.

Other major items this month included the replacement of a clutch in one bookmobile tractor, the interviewing of over 55 individuals to fill two part-time building custodian positions, and carpet repair in several building areas.

Jerald Merrick indicates in his report: "The Grant Assistance Center open house will be April 20, 1993 at 9:00 a.m. This will be set up just north of the Business Information Center with books from DPL Reference and Communities in Partnership. A computer will be in the Center with grant information. It will be connected to the laser printer in the BIC area. Charlene Mounce (of Communities in Partnership) will be available on-site that day for one-on-one grant assistance. She will schedule certain posted hours and will also be available by appointment."

The Library was represented at the Black History Month Fair at Richland Community College where as Joan Bauer states in her report: "Not many people stopped due to the cold, but those who did were very supportive of DPL." The library will also have a table at the Environmental Fair on March 27, 1993.

The Children's Department is working with Baby TALK as that agency is planning for Decatur to be a program test site for the "Touchpoints" parents education program developed by Dr. T. Terry Brazelton. As an indication of how outside programs affect library usage, Katie Gross reports "We recorded 58 SPARK contacts--SPARK parents request a paper saying they visited the library, and use it to earn points towards a prize (usually a paperback book). Last

February, we recorded 16, so we've had a sizable increase of parents motivated to use the library by SPARK." Lap-sit programs are well attended and on February 12 there were 76 in attendance at three programs.

In closing this month's report, I again wish to express my appreciation to all the library staff, whose hard work and dedication make this library the fine place it is.

### DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Monthly Circulation Statistics

### February 1993

Location	February 1993	February 1992	% Change
CENTRAL LIBRARY, PRINT			
Reference	146	172	-15.1
Adult	26,870	30,225	-11.1
Young Adult	1,583	1,804	-12.3
Children's	15,968	18,046	-11.5
TOTAL	44,567	50,247	-11.3
EXTENSION PRINT			
Bookmobile 547	3,900	5,734	-32.0
Bookmobile 548	4,342	5,738	-24.3
Outreach	1,172	1,071	9.4
TOTAL	9,414	12,543	-25.0
TOTAL PRINT	53,981	62,790	-14.0
NON-PRINT			
Films	0	42	-100.0
Videocassettes	7,841	8,596	-8.8
Audiocassettes	2,039	2,289	-10.9
Recordings	1,483	1,599	<b>-7.</b> 3
Other	121	93	30.1
TOTAL	11,484	12,619	-9.0
Extension Non-print	49	53	-7.6
TOTAL NON-PRINT	11,533	12,672	-9.0
Renewals	645	618	4.4
TOTAL CIRCULATION	66,159	76,080	-13.0

# DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

# 12 Month Circulation Statistics

### February 1993

Location	Current Year	Last Year	% Change
CENTRAL LIBRARY, PRINT			
Reference	1,866	2,481	-24.8
Adult	318,589	327,466	-2.7
Young Adult	21,500	23,266	<b>-7.</b> 6
Children's	197,305	200,383	-1.5
TOTAL	539,260	553,596	-2.6
EXTENSION PRINT			
Bookmobile 547	61,758	66,487	-7.1
Bookmobile 548	60,666	67,954	-10.7
Outreach	15,628	13,749	13.7
TOTAL	138,052	148,190	-6.8
TOTAL PRINT	677,312	701,786	-3.5
NON-PRINT			
Films	162	568	<b>-</b> 71.5
Videocassettes	90,226	96,295	-6.3
Audiocassettes	25,640	25,890	-1.0
Recordings	15,868	16,733	-5.2
Other	968	748	29.4
TOTAL	132,864	140,234	-5.3
Extension Non-print	509	497	2.4
TOTAL NON-PRINT	133,373	140,731	-5.2
Renewals	6,032	5,494	9.8
TOTAL CIRCULATION	816,717	848,011	-3.7

# STATISTICAL REPORT February 1993

### TECHNICAL SERVICES

New book volumes added: 1,381
New book titles added: 696
AV titles added: 125
Volumes withdrawn: 555
Books mended: 836
Gift books received: 233

### PERSONNEL REPORT

	Previous Month	Terminations	New Staff	Present Strength
Librarians	9	0	0	9
Library Assistants	7 + 6	0	0	7 + 6
Clerical	16 + 9	0	0	16 + 9
Pages	4 + 6	0	0	4 + 6
Maintenance	2 + 1	0	0	2 + 1

<u>CURRENT VACANCIES</u>: 1/2 time T.S. Clerk I; Audiovisual Librarian; Building Custodian; Catalog Clerk I; Library Administrative Clerk;

COMPUTER DOWN-TIME FOR MONTH: 0

PATRONS REGISTERED: 21 adult + 4 youth + 7 juvenile = 32 total

PROFESSIONAL ASSISTS: this 12 months to date: 53,311

last 12 months to date: 50,675

PATRONS IN THE BUILDING: this 12 months to date: 361,016

last 12 months to date: 372,073

<u>VOLUMES PURCHASED</u>: this 12 months to date: 14,989

last 12 months to date: 16,708

**VOLUNTEERS:** not available

### Personnel, Policy, and Public Relations Committee February 1, 1993

Patricia Williams called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Members present: Mrs. Williams, Stan Sitton, Dan Gaumer, Dick Lockmiller, and Barb Ohlsen. Absent: Janice Lambert. Staff present: John Moorman and Linda Humphreys.

Public Aid program: Mr. Moorman reported that he had been approached by a representative of the public aid department requesting that the library allow public aid recipients to work at the library at no charge to the library. Mr. Moorman noted several problems with the standard contract provided. He also said that staffing is very tight right now and it would be difficult to find time to train and supervise the people. There was mixed Committee reaction to the proposal and it was determined that the plan will be looked at again in three months. There was also interest expressed in participating in the AARP program which places retired people in part-time jobs at no cost to the participating agency.

Drug Free Workplace: Mr. Moorman explained that when the Board approved the per capita grant application, it included a statement that the library is a drug-free workplace. To comply with the regulations, the Board must adopt appropriate policy to support the statement.

Performance Evaluations: The forms that the library is currently using were reviewed. The consensus was that the forms need to be revised and updated. It was agreed that the forms are administrative tools and should be developed by Mr. Moorman and the department heads, using samples of forms provided by ALA and other libraries. Mr. Moorman also said that the department heads need to be trained on how to conduct performance evaluations. It was also noted that the Committee is responsible for Mr. Moorman's performance evaluation. Copies of appropriate forms for evaluating a director will be mailed out before the next meeting.

Long Range Plan Committee: The current Long Range Plan ends in 1994. In the past, the Long Range Plan Committee was an ad hoc committee of the Board. Several names were mentioned as possible candidates for the new committee. A new citizen's survey needs to be conducted before the new committee begins its work, and for consistency, some of the questions need to be the same as before. Mrs. Alpi has indicated that her students could conduct a survey, but they cannot begin until fall 1993.

Travel Expenses: The form used by library staff to report travel expenses, including mileage expense, was reviewed. It was noted that the IRS allows \$.28 for mileage and the library only pays \$.20. The city also pays \$.20 for mileage reimbursement, but the city has a large fleet so that most employees do not have to use their personal vehicles for city business. The library has only one station wagon and one van. The consensus was that \$.28 was

appropriate but the committee requested an estimate on the annual cost of increasing the reimbursement to \$.28.

Mr. Sitton made a motion to adjourn to closed executive session to discuss salaries. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ohlsen and unanimously carried on roll call vote. The Board went into closed session at 6:20 p.m. The meeting was re-convened at 6:40 p.m.

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Moorman City Librarian

# Personnel, Policy, and Public Relations Committee March 1, 1993

Patricia Williams called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Members present: Mrs. Williams, Stan Sitton, Dan Gaumer, Janice Lambert, Dick Lockmiller, and Barb Ohlsen. Staff present: John Moorman, Joann Stanbery, and Linda Humphreys.

Reorganization: Mr. Moorman presented a revised plan for library reorganization. The new plan includes six service areas and six people who will report directly to the City Librarian. The Committee agreed with the concepts in the plan.

Performance Evaluations: There was discussion about narrative versus scaled evaluations. The consensus was that the form created to evaluate the City Librarian should be numerically based with space for comments on each criteria. The progress toward the goals and ongoing should be part of the evaluation. It was also noted that it is important to recognize the routine parts of the job. A self-evaluation from Mr. Moorman should also be included in the process. Mrs. Williams agreed to develop a draft form.

Administrative Office Clerical Position: Mr. Moorman reported that he is ready to fill the vacant administrative clerical position. The previous responsibilities of the position have been reduced. Mr. Moorman proposed placing two half-time people in the position rather than one full-time person. It is assumed that the positions will be filled from within. The Committee agreed to recommend Mr. Moorman's proposal to the full Board for approval.

Mr. Moorman reported that the city Human Resources Division has offered the Library Board training on meeting management. The Committee members expressed possible interest in the training. Mr. Moorman will check on details and report to the Board.

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Moorman City Librarian

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## Finance and Properties Committee March 2, 1993

Mr. Sitton called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Members present: Mr. Sitton, Dick Lockmiller, Ed McClure, and John Stengel. Absent: Barb Ohlsen and Bob Smith. Staff present: John Moorman, Grace Veach, Joann Stanbery, and Linda Humphreys.

Technical Services Computer Network Proposal: Quotes were reviewed for a computer network in Technical Services. Mr. McClure recommended that a price difference be checked for 8 meg. of memory instead of 4 meg. as quoted. Mr. McClure recommended that the network be built in steps in case there are compatibility problems. Mr. Moorman will present a migration plan at the Board meeting on March 18. Ms. Veach said that it is important that everything be working before the on-line catalog is implemented. There was discussion about why Mr. Moorman and Ms. Veach were requesting approval of the higher quote. A written explanation will be prepared for the Board meeting.

Administrative Office Clerical Position: The Committee agreed with Mr. Moorman's proposal to fill a vacant administrative clerk position with two half-time clerks. The new positions will have less responsibility and will be pay grade 9 rather than 11. This proposal will be presented at the Board meeting.

The possibility of transferring funds from the library general fund to the library capital fund before the end of the fiscal year was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Moorman City Librarian

### Decatur Public Library Foundation March 6, 1993

The Decatur Public Library Foundation Board of Directors met Saturday, March 6, 1993 at 8:30 a.m. in the Library Board Room. Members present: Dick Lockmiller, Sharon Alpi, Martin Seidman, Bill Gerstner, and Mark Sorensen. Members absent: Bob Smith. Others present: John Moorman and Linda Humphreys.

The minutes of the meeting of January 4 were approved as mailed.

Treasurer's Report: The checking account balance is \$1,112.13. A Certificate of Deposit for \$14,744.03 matures on March 18, 1993. After discussion, Mr. Sorensen made a motion to put the \$14,744.03 in the Foundation's savings account. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alpi and unanimously approved.

Mission Statement: "The mission of the Decatur Public Library Foundation is to benefit the Decatur community by raising, managing, and distributing funds to enhance the services, facilities, and collections of the Decatur Public Library, and to increase public awareness of Library needs and services." Mr. Sorensen made a motion to adopt the mission statement as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gerstner and unanimously carried.

Mr. Moorman reported that the Foundation's three-year IRS "exempt" status expired on December 31, 1992. Mr. Moorman has asked Ed Booth to handle the paperwork to make the exemption permanent.

Long Range Plan: Mr. Moorman reported that he would like to hire a Development Officer to assist in fundraising projects. This position would initially need private funding from a source such as the Foundation, and could start as part-time. It was agreed that there was a need for the position and a decision was made to hire a consultant on an hourly basis for three months, spending up to \$5,000 of Foundation funds. Mr. Sorensen and Mrs. Alpi will serve as a Search Committee. Mr. Moorman will provide a list of responsibilities and goals for the position. The Search Committee will prepare a list of potential candidates by the next meeting.

Mr. Moorman also recommended that plans proceed with hiring a building consultant for a facilities plan. Richard E. Thompson, Director of the Wilmette Public Library, is a recognized library building consultant. Mr. Thompson agreed to provide a building needs assessment for the Library for \$2,500. After discussion, Mr. Moorman said that he would try to have Mr. Thompson at the next Foundation meeting to meet the Directors and bring some sample plans he has developed.

The draft of the Long Range Plan will be further refined after the new Development Officer is hired.

Bylaws: Mrs. Alpi made a motion to amend the bylaws to combine the positions of Secretary and Treasurer into one Secretary/Treasurer

position. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gerstner and unanimously approved. Mrs. Alpi made a motion to amend the bylaws by deleting the following sentence: "No director shall serve more than two consecutive terms." The motion was seconded by Mr. Gerstner and approved with four aye votes and one abstention (Mr. Sorensen).

Mr. Lockmiller will be working with Ms. Humphreys to prepare the Foundation's 1992 annual report.

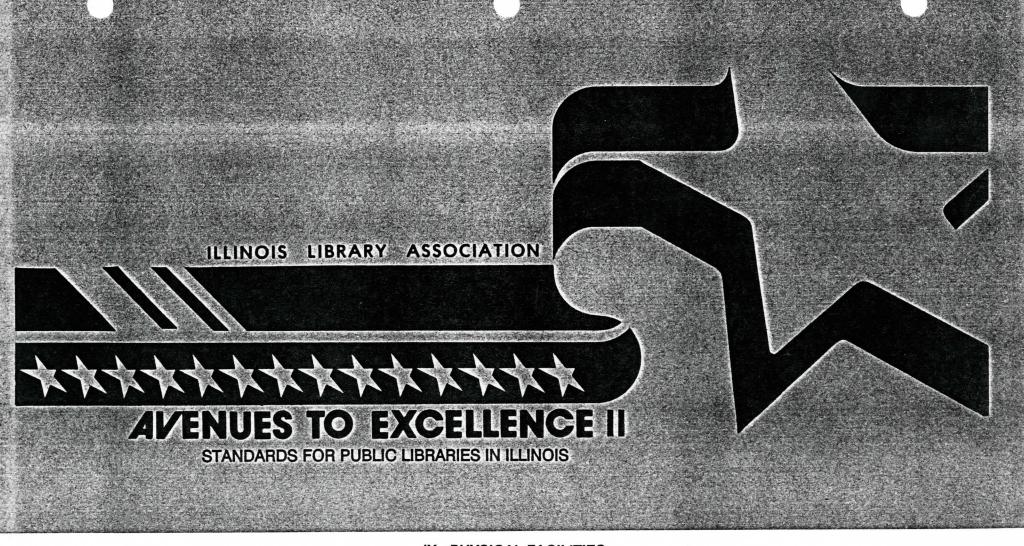
Mr. Moorman is checking to see if the Foundation is required to file form 990 with the IRS.

The next meeting will be Saturday, April 3 at 8:30 a.m.

There was no other business. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

N. Richard Lockmiller President



### IX. PHYSICAL FACILITIES

The library building shall be efficiently designed, flexible, attractive, functional, and expandable. Local service needs differ and facilities should be planned as part of a long-range library development program, in response to identified community needs. Appealing, attractive appearance is vital in addition to the functional requirements of the building.

Whether planning new buildings or expanding and remodeling old, consideration must be given to adapting the library environment to accommodate changes in community needs and emerging library roles. The Public Library Mission Statement and Its Imperatives for Service (Chicago: American Library Association, 1979.) states it this way: "Traditional library buildings should be considered as only one way to deliver library service. Innovative systems should be designed to deliver library services through a full range of physical and electronic means to the places where people live and work."

1.	All public library buildings must comply with fire, safety, sanitary, federal, state and local codes.	
2.	The library shall have a telephone, a listed telephone number and a listing in the "yellow pages."	
3.	Each public library shall determine whether or not it is equipped with enough telephone lines to accommodate user needs.	
4.	The library shall have a materials catalog located in a public area easily accessible to the user and the staff.	
5.	Library furnishings and equipment shall be selected for aesthetics, durability, comfort, and appropriateness suitable to the activities and needs of patr and staff.	ons
6.	Shelving and storage systems shall be selected for (1) properly housing the various types of items which form the collection and (2) easy access by intended user.	the
7.	Signs shall identify the library's service areas and the library collection; e.g., Adult Services, Reference, Youth Services, Large Print Books, etc.	
8.	The exterior of the building shall be well lighted and identified with appropriate signs of high visibility. The signs shall include hours of service.	

9.	Facilities shall be provided for the return of library materials when the library is closed.				
10	Building features which conserve energy shall be utilized whenever possible, especially when planning renovation or new construction. Adequate temperature control, humidity, and lighting influence the overall utilization and efficiency of the building and are essential for patron comfort, preservation of materials, and operation of equipment.				
11	Adequate and convenient parking shall be available to the library's patrons and staff at or near the library site. A question about parking shall be included in both the user and the citizen survey.				
12	The library shall undergo an energy audit at least once in the life of a building, more often if any major renovation or addition has been done.				
Ligi	hting				
13	Light shall be evenly distributed and glare avoided. See Appendix C for lighting standards and lighting level tables. A lighting audit should be performed at least every 10 years.				
Building Accessibility for People with Physical Disabilities					
Acc	Access for the those with physical disabilities is essential for every public library, and shall include signage as well as physical access. Staff and patron areas shall be accessible.				
Specific items to consider when determining library accessibility for the physically disabled and compliance with standards and codes:					
14	Automobile parking (Minimum 96 inch wide parking space, plus adjacent access aisle minimum of 96 inch width for aggregate of 192 inches (16 feet). Two spaces may use the same access aisle.*				
*Alv	*Always consult the latest ANSI Standards, federal, state, and local codes (listed in the Facilities Bibliography) for more details and latest advisable figures.				

15	Accessible route to circulation desk and the materials catalog. Minimum door openings of 32 inches and minimum 36 inch wide passageways. This insures maneuverability by wheelchairs and allows for a comfortable gait by people using walking aids.*
16	Drinking fountain and public telephone which are wheelchair accessible.
17	Toilet facility which is wheelchair accessible.
18	At least 5% or minimum of one of each item: fixed seating, table or study carrel. Area needed: clear floor space of 30" x 48"; knee clearance at least 27" high, 30" wide, and 19" deep. Top of work surfaces up to a maximum of 36" from floor.*
19	Shelf height for the materials catalog, reference, and current periodicals within the accessible reach area: 48" max. high forward reach and 54" max. high side reach of a person in a wheelchair; minimum forward reach not less than 15" above floor and not less than 9" above floor minimum side reach.*
20	Height of carpet pile: 1/2 inch maximum height.*

### **Square Footage**

Before libraries embark on a building or remodeling project intended to serve 20 years or more, considerable self-evaluation is required. Community differences and variations in library roles make it impossible to specify the total square footage needed by a library to serve a population of a certain size. Libraries are therefore encouraged to evaluate present space deficiencies based on current resources, service, and staffing levels, and to project future space needs based on a community assessment and plans for library development as outlined in the library's goals and objectives.

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Cui	rrent Space Needs
21	At least every 5 years the administrative librarian shall fill out and review with the board the form in Appendix E. (Libraries with less than the required space should begin discussing either a space utilization plan or a building project.)
(Ca libra	veat: This is not meaningful data if a library has not previously defined its role. For example, if a high percentage of the book collection is no longer used by a ary's patrons, it is misleading to use this formula to prove that the library needs more space to house those materials.)
Fut	ture Space Needs
22	At least every 5 years the administrative librarian, with input from the staff, should complete and share with the board a written space needs assessment

Libraries incorporating or planning a significant commitment to audiovisual collection and services, or computer based systems, should attend to the particular space, electrical, and environmental requirements of those services and systems.

c. space changes and requirements resulting from local role setting and adoption of a long-range plan

### The Construction Planning Process

based on the following:

a. current space requirements (Appendix E)

b. the most recent community analysis (Appendix A)

A written building program developed by the administrator, staff, and board with appropriate assistance from a qualified building consultant is essential to a successful project. This building program should be based on the library's written long-range plan.

An excellent way to approach a building or remodeling project is to talk with and visit other library staff and trustees who have just completed or are in the process of completing a similar project. A library board and staff should come to a mutual understanding of their library's needs prior to working with building consultants and architects. Names of building consultants and architects may be obtained from your system, the Illinois State Library, and the American Library Association.

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The following Illinois Laws are also relevant to physical facilities:

- 1. Illinois Vehicle Code (95-1/2: 11-302 and 11-301.1)
- 2. Environmental Barriers Act of 1985 (111-1/2: 3711 as amended)
- 3. Illinois Accessibility Code (To be completed)