

305 Bay Shore Drive
Decatur, Illinois, 62521
September 3, 1975

Mr. Wilbur B. Lindsay, Secretary
Board of Directors
Decatur Public Library
Decatur, Illinois

Dear Mike:

I hereby submit my resignation as a member of the Library Board of Directors effective immediately. I have enjoyed my five years on the Board despite the abuse I have taken from the Decatur Newspapers. Fortunately for me (and for them) nothing they could say could really hurt me. I have learned a lot about the inner workings of our local government some of which shocked and horrified me. I wish to commend our City Council for having the courage to publicly admit that they have been acting improperly the past several years and to take steps to correct their mistakes.

I wish to thank all my fellow Board Members, Mr. Dumas, and his loyal staff for the support and encouragement given me at critical times. I would dearly love to continue "playing the game" except that I have read the ordinance adopted last night and I am unable to determine the duties and responsibilities of the Library Board. I sincerely hope that the City Council will amend this hastily drawn and poorly drafted ordinance before serious problems develop.

I will continue to be interested in the Decatur Public Library and as a taxpayer I intend to make sure that taxes levied for the Library will be spent solely for the benefit of the Library.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Farrell
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Copies to: Mayor James Rupp
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Members of the City Council