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Board of Library Directors
Decatur Public Library
400 N. Main Street
Decatur, Illinois

Attn: Mr. R. L. Schuerman, President

Mr. Schuerman and Members of the Library Board:

Needless to say, I was most surprised to receive your resolution of commendation for my participation in the design of the new Decatur Public Library while associated with the firm of Spangler, Beall, Salogga, Bradley, Albers. While such accolades - if deserved - are usually reserved until the successful completion of the project, permit me this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation to you, Mr. Dick and the entire Board for this expression of confidence, recognizing, of course, that any work of this magnitude is the result of the combined efforts of the entire firm.

It is also important to note that any successful project is the result of a collaboration of architect and client with mutually agreed upon goals. My experiences with all of you on the library board and Mr. Dumas have been some of the most enjoyable architect-client relationships in my professional career, and your contributions certainly are the foremost reason for the success of this project. As a former citizen of the City of Decatur it was most gratifying to experience the total commitment of all of you - as a responsible civic body - to provide the best in library facilities for the entire community. I'm confident that your efforts will be appreciated for generations to come. Continued best wishes as you pursue the completion of the project.

I will, of course, be following the progress of the library project to its successful completion and should you at any time have any questions with which I may be of assistance, please don't hesitate to call.

With kindest personal regards to all of you,

George A. Albers, AIA
Vice President

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STATISTICAL REPORT

July, 1970

CIRCULATION

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Juvenile</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Y-Date</u>
Total Books 1970 -	23,341	3,532	19,756	46,629	131,291
1969 -	21,335	4,038	20,304	45,677	134,676

REGISTRATION

Resident	25,966	Non-Resident	1,833	
Added	<u>755</u>	Added	<u>53</u>	
	26,721		1,886	
Withdrawn	<u>894</u>	Withdrawn	<u>63</u>	
	25,827		1,823	<u>27,650</u>

TECHNICAL PROCESSING

Cataloging

New books added	863
New titles added	465
Books withdrawn	803
Books mended	298

Acquisitions

Books checked in	612
Pamphlets	66
Telephone directories	14
Microfilm reels	6
Gifts	6