

## 1991 Publicity Scrapbook Summary

### System News:

The Hennepin County Library Board acted on a mandate from the County Board of Commissioners to cut \$413,000 from the 1991 budget by the end of June. The cut was a part of slashing of \$10 million from the Hennepin County budget because of other loss of homestead credit and other aids. (Pioneer 3/15/91)  
Beginning January 8, 1991 a new fine rate for overdue adult materials went into effect. Beginning that date the fine would be 25 cents per item for each day overdue. The old rate was 20 cents a day. (Champlin Dayton Press 1/1/91)

This year, during National Library Week, library supporters campaigned with the slogans, "Kids who read, succeed" and "Read. Succeed."

The need for a new jail put on hold Eden Prairie and Maple Grove projects. (Eden Prairie Sailor 2/27/91)

Library Kids are Wild About Reading was the summer program theme for 1991. (Anoka Union 5/31/91)

### Individual libraries:

#### Augsburg Park:

Augsburg Park Library celebrated their 15th anniversary on March 24. (Sun Current 3/21/91) A cooperative effort by various community groups made the purchase of an electronic magnifier possible. The magnifier makes it possible for people to read labels, recipes, books and view photos. Magnification can be selected and ranges from three times to 45 times enlargement.

#### Bookmobile:

Hennepin County's new Children's Bookmobile made visits to low income daycare homes. The bookmobile visited "contract" daycare homes where daycare fees are subsidized by the county. The library ran a test case for the children's bookmobile in 1989. The bookmobile inspired so many children to bring their parents to the library that the Brooklyn Park library grew tremendously. (Northeaster 1/9/91)

#### Brookdale Area Library:

Nancy Dahl and Pamela Holt offered ideas for gifting books to adults and children. (Star Trib 11/17/91)  
Brookdale Area Library offered a forum to discuss seniors' housing options. (Post News 5/1/91)

### Champlin:

Melissa Brechon-Sibley from Champlin Library was actively involved in educating the public and school children about the International Special Olympics and mental retardation. A public information meeting was held at the library on April 18 and was well attended. (Champlin Dayton Press 5/7/91) The library remained open during the County Road 12 construction project. Funds to build a new Champlin library were among the very few new projects to survive Hennepin County's budget process in 1991. (Champlin Dayton Press 11/26/91) Ruth Stephens volunteered as a tutor at Dayton Elementary School as well as volunteering at Champlin Library where she was the librarian for 34 years. (Champlin Dayton Press 1/1/91)

### Eden Prairie:

Marge McPeak noted in the Eden Prairie News (10/31/91) that there used to be peaks and valleys of library use. Now, she said, there are just peaks. As an example almost 50,000 books/materials were circulated in July against an average of 40,000.

### Edina:

The Friends of the Edina Library and students at Countryside Elementary School collected 1000 books for Fiji islanders as a result of a visit from Evie Teegen, U.S. Ambassador to Fiji, Tonka, Tuvalu and Kiribati. (no source, 1/16/91) The Edina Art Fair marked its 25th year. The article recalled the 1966 fair, called the Edina Art and Book Festival. It came into being as a means of raising money for a new public library for the city. This long article from the Sun Current (6/5/91) includes the early history of Edina Library. The Hmong Handiwork Shop organized an exhibit at the library the included a "Story Cloth" telling how the Hmong people aided American soldiers during the Vietnam War. (Edina Sun Current 7/10/91)

### Golden Valley:

The Black History Committee of Golden Valley was honored in August for its efforts to enhance human rights in Minnesota. The award was presented by the League of Minnesota Human Rights Commissions at its annual meeting in Crystal. The committee was formed in 1982 to promote racial and social understanding through culturally diverse activities. Past events included community forums on issues of race, a rap music competition, educational exhibits and an annual Jazz Improv Festival and Black Gospel Jamboree. (Star Trib 10/3/91)

### Long Lake:

The notice of a recommendation to close the Long Lake Library was like the re-issue of a bad novel for the patrons and friends of the library. Over five years ago a recommendation for closure of the library was approved by the county commissioners. (Pioneer 3/25/91) Long Lake Library observed the fifth anniversary of its relocation to

the Orono Shopping Mall after many years in the old Gordon Building. (Pioneer 3/25/91) Long Lake Library received a one year reprieve from the threat of closing that was announced as a part of the budget cut. The continuation of library services in Long Lake was made possible by postponement of design change at Southdale Area Library. (no date, no source) Beginning September 3 the library is embarking on a "Can you find the library?" public awareness campaign. Although it was five years since the library moved to its present location, numerous patrons didn't know Long Lake Library was here. (Pioneer 8/10/91)

#### Minnetonka:

Minnetonka Library closed for two weeks in June for construction work to improve the acoustics of the building. (Weekly News 5/30/91)

#### Osseo:

Osseo patrons were urged to contact their county commissioner and/or the Hennepin County Library Board to keep Osseo Library open. (Osseo Maple Grove Press 4/3/91) Apparently it was successful as the Osseo Maple Grove Press (4/10/91) reported that the library would remain open in 1991. The old Osseo Village Hall housed the first library for Osseo. (Osseo Maple Grove Press 8/7/91)

#### Oxboro:

Lois Andersen provided recipes for an article about her in "Tastemakers" ( Star Trib 7/28/91). Lois belonged to a task force on family literacy that included the public schools and human services organizations.

#### Plymouth:

Councilwoman Carole Helliwell made a motion to adapt a resolution implementing a "quick-take" procedure to acquire property at the northeast corner of Hwy 55 and Vicksburg Lane as the site for a proposed Hennepin County Library at a cost of over \$1 million. The motion was approved in a 3-2 vote. (Weekly News 4/25/91) A district court judge will decide if the city of Plymouth can take over 5 acres of privately owned land for its first library. Of the three suggested sites, the Hennepin County Library Board favored the 5.06 acre parcel on the northwest corner of the intersection of Highway 55 and Vicksburg. (Plymouth Sailor 6/12/91) An acquisition specialist was unsuccessful in negotiating a price for the library's preferred site. (5/1/91)

#### Readmobile:

Children attending a daycare program in Brooklyn Park got a special treat when the newly launched Children's Readmobile stopped by with books. The Readmobile is a special project to bring library services and learning opportunities to the doorsteps of child care providers in targeted areas of northern Hennepin County. (no source)

5/15/91) Few ideas or agencies were left unexplored when the Library Foundation of Hennepin County (Library) began working on its first initiative in the Emergent Literacy Program, the Children's Readmobile. The Hennepin County Library System and Minneapolis Public Library collaborated with the Foundation in forging partnerships with human service agencies and organizations to reach out to home based, preschool child care providers to build pre-reading skills. (Osseo Maple Grove Press 5/22/ 91) Studies show that one of the most important factors in becoming a literate adult is being read to as a young child. (Hennepin Family 5/10/11)

#### Ridgedale Area Library:

Eighth graders from Hopkins West Junior High visited Ridgedale for an orientation and a chance to learn about services available in the library that would help them with their assignments. (Minnetonka Sun Sailor 10/18/91)

#### Rockford Road:

District 281 artist displayed their work during the third annual open house at Rockford Road. The displays were intermixed to show the progression of skills through the grades. (Post News 3/27/91)

#### St. Bonifacius:

A pictorial cancellation has been authorized by the U.S. Postal Service in honor of the 60th anniversary of the library in St. Bonifacius. The souvenir cancellation was available at the library on August 5. A pictorial cancellation is a specific event and date--not to be offered again. The rubber cancellation stamp is destroyed after the event. (article includes a picture of the stamp) (Waconia Patriot 8/1/91) The St. Bonifacius Library is one of the oldest libraries in the Hennepin County Library system. (Waconia Patriot 7/25/91)

A gathering of civic groups and businesses celebrated the completion of the St. Bonifacius' Library remodeling project. Each of the groups donated to the project which included sandblasting, painting and replacement of lead windows. (Waconia Patriot 12/27/91)

#### Southdale Area Library:

The city of Edina denied a conditional use permit and setback variance for the library expansion. The issue was the county's insistence on adding 77 parking spaces by eliminating some green space. (Edina Sun 2/27/91) In March the Edina City Council approved the architect's Scheme B that eliminated additional parking and added a bookdrop. (Edina Sun Current 3/13/91)

The Southdale Library renovation, which includes asbestos removal as well as redesign, was delayed until February 1991. The delay would save \$183,000 in the

current calendar year. The renovation began in September and will last 2 years. The library remained open for service. (Edina Sun Current 9/25/91)

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