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Now They Can Read It in Spanish

Crystal Capelis of 149 Seventh St., librarian, shelves books at Biblioteca Manuel Alonso, a library for the Spanish-speaking community. The new lending library, opened yesterday, offers books, records and films in Spanish about Puerto Rican history and culture. It's at 946 Clifford Ave. Biblioteca is funded by Title I and sponsored by the Monroe County Library System and the Ibero-American Action League.

A library with about 1,500 volumes in the Spanish language will open Friday noon at the Ibero-American Action League, 938 Clifford Ave.

The Biblioteca Manuel Alonso is housed downstairs in the middle of three league buildings. A Puerto Rican art and cultural center is upstairs.

The books, published by Puerto Rican companies, emphasize Puerto Rican history and culture and include a sizable collection of South and Central American works. The new library also has records and films.

Crystal Capelis, librarian, said some of the books are ready to be circulated and at least half of the others will be ready within two weeks. The Rochester Public Library is cataloging the materials.

Books may be borrowed for four weeks, records for two days, and films for three days. Miss Capelis said the library won't impose fines for overdue materials.

The library was financed for one year through Title I funds under the Library Services and Construction Act. Miss Capelis said. Books were purchased in New York.

An open house Friday will continue to 9 p.m. Three films about Puerto Rico will be shown at 7:30 p.m.

Library Projects Hit by ‘Crisis’

Two local library projects, including a Spanish-speaking library, will have to go on a “crisis” budget because President Nixon vetoed the Health, Education and Welfare bill last month which contained their funding. Monroe County Library System (MCLS) Director Harold S. Hacker reported on their status to the system’s board of trustees yesterday.

The projects are Biblioteca Manuel Alonso (Manuel Alonso Library) which recently opened at 396 Clifford Ave. and the Urban Information Center. The center gathers and distributes information of interest to inner-city residents through libraries and agencies.

MCLS received $55,000 from the federal Library Services and Construction Act for those and two other minor projects this year. This money runs out at the end of this month. Since no new appropriation has passed Congress, the projects will have to run on half the money or $27,500, which is allowed under a continuing resolution of Congress. This will keep both projects afloat for the month, Hacker said, and by that time he hopes new federal funding is passed. If not enough money is appropriated for 1973-74, it’s expected the Spanish library will be kept going rather than the Urban Information Center.
Funds for the city's only Spanish community library are drying up, and the facility may have to shut its doors when the money runs out March 31.

Biblioteca Manuel Alonso, a 1,500-volume library operated by the Rochester Public Library and Ibero-American Action League, was not funded in President Nixon's 1973-74 budget.

The library, which opened last September, at 938 Clifford Ave., was financed originally under funds in the Library Services and Construction Act, says librarian Crystal Capelis.

Miss Capelis said that she was hopeful the library would again be funded this year, but since there's no federal aid for library services in the new Nixon budget, she's not certain whether they will be able to operate after March 31. That's when the grant runs out.

After Nov. 30 of last year, her salary was paid through unspent funds from the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA), but now that's ending, too.

Miss Capelis said that Harold Hacker, director of the Rochester Public Library and the Monroe County Library System, asked for subsidy, in the county budget, but was turned down.

The library, which is in a converted house, is the center of Spanish books, newspapers, magazines, records and films mainly for Puerto Ricans, but also Cubans and other Spanish-speaking visitors.

The library is open five days a week and on Thursday nights. Miss Capelis is the only paid employee.

Books may be borrowed for four weeks, records for two days and films for three days.

No fines for overdue materials are enforced, "but we get them back anyway."

A small library, with only three rooms for books, it has at least 100 visitors a day, Miss Capelis said.

The Rochester Public Library's Spanish language library, Biblioteca Manuel Alonso, will open a satellite branch on Wednesday at the St. Francis Center, 77 Whitney St. Service will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The opening will be celebrated on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the St. Francis Center. The public is invited.
The first floor of a converted house at 946 Clifford Ave. contains a collection of resource materials, magazines and novels all written in Spanish and assembled for Rochester's Spanish-speaking community.

The Biblioteca Manuel Alonso is one of only a few Spanish libraries in a national public library system that generally ignores the nation's Hispanic population according to a recent library association publication.

When Alonso opened in 1972, only two other Spanish libraries existed in the Northeast. In this month's issue of the Wilson Library Bulletin, the Rochester public library system is designated as one of nine that have developed significant services for Spanish-speaking residents.

"Alonso is unique in that it is all Spanish," said Alan Kusler, head of public relations for Rochester Public Library. "Others may have a Spanish section, but this is one of the few Spanish public libraries in the country."

Named for a 19th Century Puerto Rican physician and author, the library is an extension service of the Rochester Public Library, not a branch. It opened after the Ibero-American Action League requested a Spanish library and is in a house rented from Ibero. The Monroe County library system financed the first two years under a federal grant. When the grant expired, Kusler said the city of Rochester agreed to pick up the tab.

Each year, Hispanics of all ages and at various reading levels check out about 10,000 books, records and magazines from the crowded library shelves, said library director Jose Rodriguez.

"Most of our customers are adults. We have to find a way of increasing use by youth," he said. "We have a good start. What we need for the future is to continue building with an eye on the community and changes there."

Rodriguez said the library opened to serve Rochester's Puerto Rican population, but Spanish-speaking people also are arriving here from Cuba and South America.

"We have to make sure those countries are included in the collection," he said. "When people are looking for a particular material, they don't want to hear about budget crises."

The "biblioteca" Spanish for library also operates programs at three day schools and a book station at St. Francis Center, 75 Whitney St. It also sponsors a Spanish-language film series and school programs. Rodriguez, a native of Puerto Rico who immigrated to New York City, manages the facility with two part-time clerical workers.

According to the Wilson Library Bulletin, Rodriguez is one of only about 350 Hispanic-heritage librarians in the United States.

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates Hispanics will be the largest ethnic minority in the United States by the end of the century, and libraries are unprepared for the resulting "cultural shock," the bulletin says.
Hispanic library closing

1 of 3 in country; books to be shared

By DEDE MURPHY
D&C Staff Writer

The Biblioteca Manuel Alonso, Rochester's Spanish language library and only one of three Hispanic libraries in the country, will close Sept. 1.

The library's 10,000 books, magazines, records, resource materials and its librarian will become part of the Monroe County Library System's extension service and will rotate among library branches in areas with Hispanic residents, said Linda Bretz, County Library System director.

"We haven't worked out all the details yet. We're still going through this ghastly budget-cutting process," Ms. Bretz said yesterday.

The library system — which receives city, county and state money — will receive $197,000 less than anticipated for its 1981-82 fiscal year.

Alonso occupies the first floor of a converted house at 946 Clifford Ave., owned by the Ibero-American Action League.

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Spanish language library shares Clifford Avenue house.
In a budget package submitted last week to the Rochester Public Library board of trustees, Ms. Bretz recommended Alonso be closed to save $21,000 of its $40,000 annual operating budget.

The recommendation was made because the building — which is rented from Ibero for $2,600 a year — needs repairs and remodeling. In addition, circulation at the library has dropped in recent years.

"We realize what a sensitive kind of issue this is for the Hispanic community, but we are trying to improve services," Ms. Bretz said.

Although the city's largest concentration of Spanish-speaking people live in the Clifford Avenue area, pockets of Hispanics are scattered throughout the city and Monroe County, census statistics show.

By rotating Alonso's collection among branches and including materials in the traveling "bookmobiles," more Spanish-speaking residents will be served, Ms. Bretz said.

"We'll be taking the service to them instead of expecting people to come to Clifford Avenue," she added.

The board of trustees is expected to vote on the recommendations June 18, but Ibero and Alonso's director already have been notified of plans to close the library. Ms. Bretz said it's unlikely there will be a change in the recommendation before the board meeting.

Pablo Rivera, Ibero's director, has asked to meet with library officials to discuss alternatives. Ms. Bretz said Ibero may keep a portion of Alonso's collection, if it agrees to provide its own library staff. But Rivera said yesterday Ibero doesn't have the staff to keep a library open full time.

"I'd feel better about the decision if I thought everything possible had been done to make this a viable library," Rodriguez said.

He said the building needs improvements and a better security system. In recent years, it has been burglarized six times and more than $4,000 in equipment stolen.

Rodriguez said he bought locks for the doors himself after waiting three months for a request for new locks to be approved.

"Not very many places have attempted to do what we've attempted with Alonso. We regret having to let it go as a separate library unit," Ms. Bretz said.

"But we don't have a lot of choice. In order to relocate it, we'd have to pay more (for rent) and where else would we put it? There wasn't anywhere else that we'd be able to afford."
Pupils Send 35-Ft. Note of Thanks

To Arnett Branch Librarian

Thank you for letting us come. I liked the story, Valerie Rogers.

It's always nice to get a thank-you note—especially from a second-grader—and even more so if she sends along a crayon sketch of herself and if it's one of 25 such notes.

All this adds up to a 35-foot scroll of white stationery paper on which are pasted the 25 carefully penciled messages, the cut-out crayon self-portraits, and two views of the Arnett Branch, Rochester Public Library. The recipient was Mrs. Lucille Carmen, children's librarian at the branch, and the senders were Mrs. Winifred Colwill's second grade class in School 16 at 321 Post Ave.

"I liked you. Did you like me? Jeannie." On one of the children's educational trips, they were taken recently to the Arnett Branch to see how a library operates. They cooed at the stack of books and they ached when they were invited to sit and listen to one of Mrs. Carmen's stories.

The trip made such an impression on them that their teacher, on their return to their classroom, suggested they make up a thank-you note as a class project. And the children also drew pictures of themselves, so the librarian would remember which child was writing which note.

"Thank you for letting us know what you do in the morning, Betty Schmitt." The library wasn't new to some of the children, for one in particular knew it was closed during morning hours. During the trip, Mrs. Carmen was called on to tell why the branch wasn't open all day.

One little girl, a member of the class for only a week, wasn't there in time to make the trip. But she made a sketch of the library building while the others were drawing and writing, and by popular acclaim the class voted her picture should go at the top of the greeting. She is Anna-Mette Wennemark, newly arrived from Denmark.

Now the big people at the main library are trying to figure a way of displaying the note so everybody can see what the children think of their librarians and branch.

"My class liked the Arnett library. I liked it too. Your friend, David Ulrich.

ON ITS WAY—Second graders of School 16, helped by their teacher, Mrs. Winifred Colwill, prepare a 35-foot thank-you note for Mrs. Lucille Carmen, librarian, after visit to Arnett Branch of city library system.

35-Foot Letter Says 'Thank You' To Library

Something new in library exhibits was to be held up a pillar in the central hall of the Rochester Public Library this afternoon—a 35-foot thank-you note. Senders were the second-grade pupils of School 16 at 321 Post Ave. On a recent educational trip they visited the Arnett Branch where children's librarian Mrs. Lucille Carmen mixed stories with instruction on how the library operates.

Their teacher, Mrs. Winifred Colwill, noting their enthusiasm after the visit, suggested a thank-you note. Under her direction the 25 children penned notes on white stationery paper, interspersing them with self-portraits and two drawings of the Arnett Branch.

Samples: "I liked you. Did you like me? Jeannie." "Thank you for letting us come. I liked the story, Valerie Rogers."

Mrs. Carmen passed the scroll on to Marion L. Simmons, library's public relations director, who called it "ingenious" and made preparations for its display.

Tips for Gardeners

Bernard Hackness, horticulturist of the Rochester Garden Center, will discuss "Helpful hints on successful spring gardening" tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. in a second program for retired citizens at the Arnett Branch of the Rochester Public Library.

The Arnett Branch will provide refreshments. All retired persons are welcome.

Arnett Library Has No Take

No one wanted to buy the Arnett Branch Library yesterday, so the property reverted to the holders of the first mortgage.

The building was offered for auction yesterday by Trustees James B. Doyle, after owners Paul and Katherine Rolles had declared bankruptcy. Doyle declined to name the holder of the first mortgage.

No matter who owns the building, the Rochester Public Library will remain there and pay its annual rent $2,127. Albert F. Walker built the one-story brick library for $22,000 in 1923.

For Sale

The 42-year-old Arnett Branch of the Rochester Public Library is for sale.

For $76,000 you could buy the library and a grocery store and upstate apartment next door at 312 Arnett Blvd.

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520 News Ave.
Library That'll Be More Than Books

The old store-front library at 310 Arnett Boulevard which has served the neighborhood for 47 years will yield in the near future to a new building three times its size.

Plans are in the model stage for the new $500,000-to-$600,000 Arnett Branch library, which includes complete audio-visual equipment, a multi-purpose room and section for information on community groups. Library officials hope for completion in a couple of years.

An additional 12,000 square feet surrounding the old rented brick building has been acquired by the city, said Miss Virginia Miller, assistant director for the Rochester Public Library extension service. "The Arnett Branch will be much larger than older branches," she said. "It will hold a volume capacity of around 30,000."

HOUSED IN the newly-planned library will be 8-millimeter films, film strip and slides as well as print and sculpture reproductions.

"These will be on loan to individuals, but can be used by groups in the library too," Miss Miller said.

The single-story structure will also feature a multi-purpose room with a capacity for 100 people and divided areas where local community groups can distribute information about their organizations and their activities.

The new Arnett library will be built with the handicapped in mind, Miss Miller explained. "It will have off-the-street parking, access by steps and doorways and lowered phones so those in wheel chairs can reach them," she said.

A new system of filing both children's and adult volumes together will be tried for convenience' sake and carpeted, air-conditioned rooms will allow comfortable reading for the some 25,000-30,000 area residents.

Work to Start On New Arnett Library Branch

Work will begin next month on the new Arnett Branch of the Rochester Public Library at the present Arnett site, 310 Arnett Blvd. Construction of the $705,000 branch was made possible by $255,000 in additional funds authorized last week by City Council.

The city has cleared the temporary library. After books and staff have moved into the temporary facility, the present library will be torn down to make room for the new one.

Work in Library Starts in October

The city has cleared the way for work to start next month on a new $705,000 Arnett Branch of the public library.

The new facility will be built on the same site as the present one, at Arnett Boulevard and Warwick Avenue.

The first phase of the project will be to refurnish a small building nearby as a temporary Arnett branch.

WHILE BROWNING at the Arnett Branch Library I saw Jerre Mangione's "America is Also Italian" by Jerre Mangione. "Book Is Delightful"

WHILE BROWSING at the Arnett Branch Library I saw Jerre Mangione's "America is Also Italian" I have read the book and shared it with others. I am not of Italian parentage and I am not acquainted with Mr. Mangione but I thoroughly enjoyed reading this warm, charming and delightful short book. It is written with much love and tenderness and is devoid of criticism, rancor and bitterness.

There is so much turmoil and hatred in our society today and it is certainly refreshing to read a book about the struggles and deprivations of the immigrants of not too long ago that is written with warmth and gentleness and without a trace of bitterness. I am sure that all who read this book will be the richer for it.

MRS. JUNE CHAVARDI, 130 Brooklea Drive
Snow Removal Funds Hiked By $575,000

With a wary, backward glance at the Blizzard of 1966, City Council last night increased appropriations for snow removal for the rest of the year by $575,000.

The additional financing was necessary because of the $824,000 price tag on last winter's record-breaking blizzard, which bankrupted snow removal allocations for the year.

In a letter to the council, City Manager Seymour Scher said he believed the additional roadway snow removal appropriation of $500,000, coupled with a $169,000 balance, would be sufficient for the remainder of the year.

Snow removal allocations are budgeted from January to December. To provide for sidewalk plowing for the rest of the year, the council authorized appropriation of an additional $75,000.

Scher told the councilmen the extra money is "essential for continued snow removal operations" through December.

In other action, the council authorized the issuance of bonds for the purchase of land at Arnett Boulevard and Warwick Avenue for the construction of a new Arnett branch library building. Funds for the branch are included in the 1967-72 capital improvement program.

Scher told the councilmen the Rochester Public Library no longer holds a lease for its Arnett branch building and "could be evicted at any time upon 30 days' notice."

The council also approved a $556,000 bond issue to finance sidewalk and gutter construction and repair.

Scher said deterioration of curbs 60 to 80 years old has increased because of heavier traffic over the last two decades.

May to Give Review At Arnett Library

Dr. Arthur J. May, University of Rochester historian, will review "Presidential Greatness," the new book by Thomas Bailey, at the Rochester Public Library's Arnett Branch, 310 Arnett Blvd., tomorrow at 10 a.m.

This is one of a series of "Live 'n' Learners" monthly programs for persons over 55. Refreshments, provided by the Friends of the Rochester Public Library, will be served before the program.

Lamb to Propose Library Bonds

Mayor Frank T. Lamb will introduce a bond ordinance for $460,000 at tomorrow's city council meeting. The funds are to be used for construction of libraries.

Lamb said he also will introduce a measure authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with architects for the design of a replacement of the Arnett Branch Library, 310 Arnett Blvd.

Construction would be planned for next spring, he said.

Greater Rochester This Morning

Arnett Library Gets State Grant

The State Education Department has authorized a $192,216 grant for the construction of a new $290,000 Arnett Branch Library, Harold Becker, director of the Rochester Public Library, said yesterday.

The city will pay the costs not covered by the grant. The city owns the land and the facilities of the present library at 310 Arnett Blvd. Becker said the old building will be torn down to make room for the new library.

Construction bids are expected in the fall. The Library will serve more than 50,000 persons, roughly the city's 19th Ward.
The Arnett Branch of the Rochester Public Library will be closed indefinitely while its books and materials are moved from the storefront building at 310 Arnett Blvd.

The branch will reopen in a truck next door, at 308 Arnett Blvd., a spokesman for the library said.

The library will operate out of the truck, and a small building on the lot, from one to two years, the spokesman said.

The old storefront, the library home for 48 years, is being torn down to make room for a new, $705,000 library three times its size.

The branch will try to provide complete library service from its temporary quarters, the spokesman said.

Library programs will probably be scheduled in neighborhood buildings as space becomes available, he said.
New Library Has a Community Stamp

PROBABLY no public building in Rochester reflects more community impact than the opening new $700,000 Arnett Library opening soon.

Nineteenth Ward residents are rightfully proud of the one-story, 12,000-square-foot, air-conditioned structure of contemporary design, with picture windows illuminating comfortable expansive reading areas and embodying the latest in library accomplishments. They have an understandable and gratifying feeling that it’s ours.”

From the first, Arnett was planned with the recommendations of the 19th Ward Community Association, Rochester Public Library director, Harold Hacker said. There was no dictation from downtown.

THERE WILL BE opportunity, at three open houses, for public inspection of this serene and shiny haven of enlightenment and relaxation. They are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. tomorrow and Friday, 10:30 a.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. The library will be open to borrowers Tuesday, June 19.

The new library puts 30,000 books and 150 periodicals at the disposal of borrowers. But the modern library is more than a fancy shelter for books. It means serving people, individually and in groups.

For example Mrs. Campbell, in a “sneak” tour, was downright ecstatic over the community room. It can seat 100, is used apart from the reading rooms, and is only the second branch in the library system with a projection room. Starting Sept. 1, it will be open to non-borrowers Tuesday, June 19.

The non-print loan resources are enormous - 2,000 disc records, hundreds of films, tapes and slides, 40 pieces of sculpture and 150 framed prints. This catalog of assets is impressive. But Mrs. Campbell, mother and grandmother and Arnett branch head for 10 years, gives it all a refreshing touch: “The library is the only community source of information that’s not tied to politics or any special interest. Our hands are free. The library need not answer to anyone except the taxpayers themselves.”

Mrs. Stella Campbell

Open Houses at New Library

Local musical group, a poet, and a folk singer will be included in open house programs at the new Arnett Branch Library at 310 Arnett Blvd. in the 19th Ward. The programs, which are scheduled before the actual opening on Tuesday are tonight at 7, tomorrow at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Dedication ceremonies are scheduled for Sunday.

Entertainment programs will feature the Bible-Aire and the Swamp Root Singers, all 19th Ward residents. On Friday, at 7 p.m., the Funky Heavy, a soul band, will perform followed by a film titled “Blessed is the Rain” produced by the 19th Ward Youth Group.

A library grows

Years ago, the public library was thought of as a quiet repository of books for borrowing. Today the modern library is no longer quiet; it has become vibrantly alive with community-oriented functions. No one has been more alert to or more involved in this welcome trend than Stella Campbell. As head of Arnett Branch she has a heavy role in meeting community library needs. She helped plan construction of a new library last June. She witnessed the loan resources of books expanded to include records, films, tapes, slides, sculpture and pictures. She helped promote a “Live and Learn” program unique to Arnett. She was aggressive in an outreach program of taking materials to shut-ins.

Now, after 20 years in the Rochester Library system, Arnett, Mrs. Campbell has earned the rest and satisfaction of retirement. We could quote her on many facets, but we suspect she was most intrigued by the knowledge that in her words, “the library is the only community source of information not colored by politics or tied to any special interest.” There lies the gut strength of the system she served so well.
Youth workers from the 19th Ward Youth Project will begin training Arnett Library staff members next week in handling youths who librarians say vandalize and disrupt the library.

Fran White, acting project director, said library personnel have reported numerous incidences of harassment and disturbances by youths.

The program will begin Tuesday at Arnett branch, 310 Arnett Blvd., and run through July 30.

"The library staff is trained in library sciences, but not necessarily in handling unruly young people," Miss White said. "There have been increasing reports of vandalism and a variety of other problems."

William Cox, associate director of Rochester Public Library and director of branch libraries, is hopeful the program does some good.

"They've had their share of problems with youth," Cox said. "The youth group will hold eight workshops, the workshops would revolve around the basic kinds of theory and orientation that might be helpful. These would be techniques we have found useful in dealing with youth," Miss White said.

"The workshops would offer some give and take between library staff doing some role playing. We would gear that to the staff and the particular needs of the facility," she said.

The youth group, part of the 19th Ward Community Association, received a $20,000 grant from the federal Community Development Act to operate the program.

"We intend to help youth use facilities more appropriately in addition to training the library staff," Miss White said. "At first the library personnel asked us to have a youth worker stationed at the library. But we thought we could better serve them by showing them how to do the things they have asked us to do. We know that many times kids come in just to get out of the cold.

"But rather than pitching them out, we'd like to be able to channel their energies more constructively."

Before the program ends, an evaluation committee will take a look at its results. "We hope we will have been successful, so that other groups might also look to us for help," Miss White said.

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**The Arnett branch of the Public Library.**

The Rochester Public Library's Arnett branch is getting a little help from its friends. A group called the Library Lovers is being formed to lend a hand with problems at the branch, 310 Arnett Blvd.

"It's an important place," said Sharon Sear, 485 Rugby Ave., the group's organizer, "and we want people to be supportive of it instead of giving up and going home."

"The branch's major troubles, said Mrs. Sear, stem from 'it becoming, in many ways, a social and recreation center for kids who want a place to hang out. They talk and eat and hang around in large numbers, intimidating some patrons."

"Vandalism has resulted, Mrs. Sear said, as well as a dropoff in library use by neighborhood residents. "It's a problem for the librarians to police the building," one of the system's largest, she added.

The group hopes to form three committees, Mrs. Sear explained, to work with staff as volunteers, plan programs at the library and "find out how the kids' needs can be met in other ways."

This is not just a police action," she added, "as we'd like to do something positive for them and the library. The group will meet with workers from the nearby YMCA and the 19th Ward Community Association's Youth project.

The library "is all in favor of the group," says Elizabeth Lindsay, senior clerk, "and we're behind it all the way." The youths who "seem to meet here do rather tie up the library," she added, "and some adults getting together might be a good control."

The Arnett branch, among the library's busiest, is in the 19th Ward on the city's southwest, and also serves the 3rd, 11th and 20th wards.

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**Jones to Head Branch Library**

Lew Jones, formerly director of the Henrietta Public Library, has been named head of the Arnett Branch of the Rochester Public Library.

Jones came to Henrietta in September 1977 and directed much of the interior planning and design of the town's new library. Earlier he had been assistant to the director of the State University College at Stony Brook and coordinator of information services at the State University College at Oswego.

Jones resigned from Henrietta under allegations of incompetence and insubordination.

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**Arnett Library Group Meets**

A group interested in helping solve problems at the Arnett branch library, 310 Arnett Blvd., will meet there at 4 p.m. Monday The "Library Lovers" group is sponsoring a tea, and has invited library, city, county, recreation and community officials.
Rowdy Teens Turn Library Into Hangout

By TOM WILLIAMS

When is a library not a library?

When rowdy teenagers drop in after school, make noise, start fights and make it generally uncomfortable for quieter library patrons and staff, according to 19th Ward residents who use the Arnett branch of the Rochester Public Library, 310 Arnett Blvd.

Cold weather has recently caused local junior high and high school students to use the Arnett library as a "recreation center" on afternoons after school, said some local residents and library staff members. As a temporary measure to calm things down, the library has posted a staff member to guard the door, and is requiring all youth of high school age or under to show a library card or agree to sign up for a card before they can enter, Lesnak said.

Another alternative is for the youth to show that they are prepared to quietly do school work in the library.

There aren't any good indoor public recreation centers in the area and many can't go home after school until their parents come home from work, said 19th Ward resident Debbie Leary, who helped organize a citizens' group this week to work on the problem.

The result is the library is being used for something quite different from its original intent, Mrs. Leary said.

"It turns up at a different branch every year," said Stephen Lesnak, director of community services for the Rochester Public Library. "Last year, it was at the Lincoln branch (550 Clifford Ave.), but everything's fine there this year."

Lesnak said he sympathizes with the youths and their parents who think the new policies may be too restrictive.

"But when all hell breaks loose, what are you going to do?" Lesnak complained. "I've had half a dozen calls from people who won't go in there and won't send their children up there anymore. Where the (older) kids are in there raising hell, you can't give service to anybody else."

Arnett branch head Les Jones said the more restrictive policy has made the library quieter in the past two weeks. Circulation has gone up as a result and more younger children are using the library.

"The kids know they have a certain amount of anonymity with us," he says. Attempts to register teenagers using the facilities have met with community resistance, he says.

As a taxpayer-funded institution, the library is mandated to provide services for all residents. Young people are aware that they cannot be permanently excluded from the library if they can be in a privately-run organization like the Arnett YMCA.

"Our authority is pretty fuzzy," Jones says.

And Lesnak concedes: "We don't have much clout."

Jones says he hopes problems will ease when the library fills its new position, which was recently accelerated, 2 weeks ago.

Residents balked at the idea of a uniformed guard at the library several years ago, but it may have changed, says 19th Ward Community Association President Larry Miles.

"In my opinion, it's the best thing they could do," Miles says.

The library's layout has been revamped to eliminate closed sections. On December 29 and 30, the staff had 40,000 rooms and rearranged shelving to open up the rear sections and make youth more visible, Jones says.

Hours have changed to allow adult patrons time to use the library before school recesses. A "time out" from 6 to 6:30 p.m. has been added to encourage teenagers to check in at home.

The essence of the problem is the lack of drop-in or recreation centers for local teens, residents suggest.

In a letter to Jones dated January 2, the Rev. Philip Giles of the Southwest Church suggested converting the room adjoining the main library into a youth lounge.

Jones disagrees. "We're trying to set an atmosphere where kids can study. They've got to be able to do serious work here."

Jones says he hopes to pull together a coalition of community groups, including the 19th Ward Community Association, the 19th Ward Youth Project, and the Arnett YMCA, for a brainstorming session on the lack of youth services.

"The fact that these kids are acting out tells us something is wrong," he says. "I don't think the problem is any worse than it's been in previous years. I don't believe you can control the situation by kicking kids out for two or three months. That's just masking the symptoms."

Wilson meets

Parents or community members interested in working on plans to establish a triple magnet curriculum at Wilson Junior High School will meet at 7 o'clock tonight at the school, 501 Genesee Street.

They will be asked at the meeting to sign up for one of several subcommittees including administration, curriculum, public relations, and recruitment and building.
Library Branch
The Charlotte Branch of Rochester Public Library at 40 Stutson St. had a late caller last night who chose to ignore the books. According to the library caretaker, Charles Brest of 5 Hughes PI, the stranger entered sometime after 9 p.m. by smashing a rear window. He then prowled from room to room and ransacked two employees' lockers. What was taken hasn't been determined.

Prowlers Ransack
Charlotte Library
Prowlers ransacked the Charlotte Branch of the Rochester Public Library sometime after 9 p.m. Wednesday. A rear window was smashed and two employees' lockers were broken into, police said. As far as employees could determine nothing was taken.

Library Proposed
At Phone Exchange
The Charlotte telephone exchange building at Lake avenue and Britton road, now in the last week of its telephone career, may become a branch of the Rochester Public Library.

Today, the only possible obstacle seems cost. The 20-year-old building cost about $75,000 but couldn't be duplicated today for three or four times that price, according to William A. Kern, president of Rochester Telephone Co.

However, Kern said, the telephone company could offer it to the city at a modest price. The state Public Service Commission, he added, might not approve an extremely low price. "They don't like us to give our property away."

...THE BOARD of trustees of the library has voted to ask the city to consider buying the property. City Manager F. Dow Hamblin has indicated the city will be interested if the cost of buying and remodeling can be managed.

Tentative remodeling plans provided by the library are under study in the city engineer's office. The building has a steel frame and is in sound condition, Kern said.

It would replace the present Charlotte branch, which is in rented quarters at 40 Stutson St.

The telephone company will start serving the Charlotte area from its new dial exchange building on Dewey avenue at 12:01 a.m. Sunday. It has no plans for the Lake avenue building after that time.

Parking Problem
I think the following incident should be brought to the attention of the people of Rochester. Its implications are terrifying.

It was brought before the police department that the 15-minute parking area in front of the Stutson Street Public Library was being used for all-day parking by the patrons of nearby establishments. This was making it difficult for library patrons to find parking space. A couple of days later the police department put up signs barring parking entirely from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The same people are still parking for hours, unmolested, but the timid library patrons are looking in vain for nearby parking.

DORIS C. MARTIN
130 Leroy St.

Hacker Sharp-Eyed
For Library Branches
It won't be long now. A cutover to the new Northfield-University exchange by the Rochester Telephone Corp., at midnight Saturday put 85 percent of Rochester's telephones on the dial system.

There are only about 21,000 telephones left on manually operated service. The new exchange will enable the company to vacate the old Charlotte exchange at Lake avenue and Britton road. The alert Harold S. Hacker, director of the public library, immediately spotted it as a possible new home for the Charlotte branch of the library which now occupies rented quarters at 40 Stutson street.

This is a solid and well-built building and is in a good location to serve that section of the city. It could probably be bought and remodeled for library use at less cost than branch libraries recently constructed. If so, it would be a fine addition to the library system.

DORIS C. MARTIN
130 Leroy St.
City Seeks Bids For Library Unit

Bids will be received Tuesday by the City Purchasing Agent, Kenneth Pummert for the remodeling of the Rochester Telephone Corp.’s building at 3615 Lake Ave., former Charlotte Branch of the Rochester Public Library.

The City Purchasing Agent will receive bids Aug. 9 for the remodeling of the old Rochester Telephone Corp. building at 3615 Lake Ave., which will become the Charlotte branch of the Rochester Public Library.

The building was purchased from the telephone corporation last December for $40,000. Remodeling of the structure which will replace the one in Stutson Street, is expected to cost not more than $7,000.

City Converting Phone Building

Workmen have started renovating the former Rochester Telephone Corp. building at 3615 Lake Ave. for use of the new Charlotte branch of the Rochester Public Library. The city purchased it last December for $40,000.

The renovation includes installation of steel shelving, new furnishings, fluorescent lighting and a book lift between the first and second floors.

Work will be completed in mid-December and the branch ready for use about Jan. 1.

Library Shift By Jan. 1 Set In Charlotte

The Charlotte Branch Library is expected to move into the former Rochester Telephone Corp. office at Lake Avenue and Britton Road.

The building, which is to be finished in 90 days, is expected to cost not more than $7,000.

New Library Readied

Interior of the new Charlotte Branch of the Rochester Public Library is readied by Richard Bump (left) Palmira and Robert Granger, 118 West Elm St., East Rochester.

Richard Bump (left) Palmira and Robert Granger, 118 West Elm St., East Rochester, who are looking at blueprints at the library checkout desk. The library is housed in the former Rochester Telephone Building on Lake Avenue and is scheduled to be opened about March 15.

City Purchasing Agent

Stewart & Bennett of 26 N. Water St. was apparent low bidder today on a contract to convert the old Rochester Telephone Corp. building at 3615 Lake Ave. into the Charlotte branch of the Rochester Public Library.

The city purchasing agent’s office reported Stewart & Bennett bid $20,719.

There were two other bidders, J. Lloyd Lill offered a price of $22,594, and George Kircher & Son, $25,897.

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Charlotte Library Opening Set

March 15 Date For New Location

The Rochester Public Library’s new Charlotte Branch is expected to open March 15 in the former Rochester Telephone Corp. building at Lake Avenue and Britton Road.

The library reports that $19,000 in new furniture and equipment is expected to be installed in time for the opening.

The new branch will replace the present Charlotte branch at 40 Stutson St. The old quarters are rented and the library officials consider them outdated for library purposes.

Purchase of the RTC building for $41,600 was approved by the City Council Dec. 22, 1959.

Finances for the new library branch came from a bequest left by Darrell D. Sully, lawyer and banker, who died in 1931. J. Frank Traynor, president of the board of Trustees, said the $25,000 in Sully bequests is now practically depleted.

The money also has been used to build the $133,000 Sully Branch Library on Bay Street and the $162,000 Dewey Avenue Branch and to purchase the $25,000 city bookmobile, known as the Sully Mobile Branch.

Traynor said the library now has no other source of money other than the city to meet needs for construction and improvements. He said the library board would welcome gifts or bequests for memorial buildings.
New Library Unit
Ready to Open

The new Charlotte branch of the Rochester Public Library will open Wednesday in the former Rochester Telephone Corp. exchange office at Lake Avenue and Britton Road.

The old branch, in Stutson Street, closed last week. Books due at the branch during the week it is closed may be returned to any other unit of the Monroe County Library System, or kept by the borrower without fines until the new library opens.

Completion of the new branch virtually exhausts a $345,000 fund left to the city for library uses by Darrell D. Sully, a lawyer, banker and philanthropist who died in 1931. The estate was left in trust to a niece. Upon her death it went to the city. The Sully Branch library in Bay Street, the Dewey Avenue Branch and the Sully Mobile Branch (or city bookmobile) have consumed the rest of the fund.

BOOKWORMS' BEDLAM—A deluge of small fry invaded children's room in new Charlotte Branch of Rochester Public Library when it opened yesterday at 2 p.m. The new branch, housed in the former Rochester Telephone Corp. building, Lake Avenue and Britton Road, replaces library branch at 40 Stutson St.

LIBRARY DEDICATION

The new Charlotte branch of the Rochester Public Library will be dedicated tomorrow at 8 p.m. at a community open house there. The branch, at Britton Road and Lake Avenue, Charlotte, has been open since March 15.

BRANCH LIBRARY BUILDING
Public Auction

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 1961, AT 10:45 A.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, 3rd FLOOR, CITY HALL

40 Stutson Street — 2-story frame building 29' x 55' with basement; steam heat; on lot 40' x 101'; commercial zone also.

Two residential building lots: Part Lot 6, Lisete Subdivision, Polaris Street, west side, 336 feet north of Emerson Street; 50' x 113'. Lot 9, Fitzgerald Subdivision, north side St. John's Park; next east of house No. 22; 40' x 122'.

20% cash deposit required

Bureau of Real Estate
52 City Hall

Kenneth E. Bunnett, Purchasing Agent
Encouraging children to read books by showing them movies is the novel approach of the Charlotte branch library's vacation reading program this summer.

Under the program, explains Olga Edwards, children's librarian, youngsters read two books a week and report on them. Then they get to see a free movie at the library.

"There was this spook he was about this high and he was shaped something like this," begins a breathless summary of his work by 9-year-old Jimmy Nighan.

Mrs. Edwards admits she's not always strict about the reports.

"Some of the children are so shy. You have to kind of draw it out of them," she explains.

ONE SELF-CONSCIOUS 7-year-old, who can barely see across the top of the counter, has to reach up to hand over his printed report. A 5-year-old girl has books read to her by her mother.

Appropriate gestures accompany Michael Anuszkievicz' account of a book on forest rangers' problems: "It tells about this bear that got a milk can on his head. . . ."

Third-grader Regina Bennett has an even briefer description. Her book was about "a whole mess of animals."

A FEW MINUTES before the program starts, the room is empty except for one or two children. A few minutes later, Mrs. Edwards' desk is the center of a sea of young readers.

A couple of last-minute sprinters across the lawn testify to the enthusiasm of the participants.

"We had 80 here last week," reports Mrs. Edwards. This is the younger group. About 20 fifth to seventh-graders meet earlier in the day.

A colored map showing a route dotted with little flags bearing the children's names indicates their progress each week.
SUGAR DADDY—J. Frank Traynor, library board head, is center of attraction for youngsters grabbing sweets at dedication of new Charlotte branch.

Library Branch Dedicated

The dignitaries almost got lost among regular users of the new Charlotte branch of the Rochester Public Library during last night's dedication ceremonies.

While library and city officials did the honors upstairs, the checkout desk on the ground floor did a brisk business with patrons to whom the branch had become a familiar convenience in the six weeks it has been opened unofficially.

Until recently the site was the home of the old Charlotte exchange of the Rochester Telephone Corp.

That utility was singled out for special recognition for its cooperation by all three speakers. Harold S. Hacker, library director; Mayor Peter Barry and J. Frank Traynor, chairman of the library trustees, cited the telephone company for making the building available at a fraction of its market value.

The idea, Hacker said, came from Mrs. Henry Kobylarz, who suggested that the library acquire the building at Lake Avenue and Britton Road when the utility announced it was moving out.

RTC President William A. Kern, he said, accepted the idea, and city and library officials went along.

Barry paid tribute to Hacker for anticipating the practical and legal questions that had to be raised, and coming up with workable answers.

Traynor paid special tribute to the late Darrell D. Sully, whose $350,000 bequest of 1939 financed the new branch's equipment — as well as two complete new branches and the Mobile Library.

The Charlotte branch moved to its new quarters in March from the old Charlotte Village Hall at Lake Avenue and Stutsen Street. April — first full month of the operation — saw a 50 per cent increase in book checkouts, Hacker said, indicating the extra service the library gives at its new location.

Library Will Display Charlotte History Exhibit

The third in a series of Charlotte history exhibits will go on display at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Charlotte branch of the Rochester Public Library, 3615 Lake Ave.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the proposals for the ALTERATIONS to the LINCOLN BRANCH LIBRARY will be opened at 11 A.M. Eastern Daylight Saving Time on September 29. This has been postponed until Monday, October 4, 1965.

REED L. HARDING Purchasing Agent

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"Huge Harold" is a book about a rabbit that just grows and grows.

For youngsters at the Public Library's Lincoln Branch, 585 Clifford Avenue, it's an hour of sheer enjoyment as a children's librarian reads "Huge Harold" and other books to them.

This is part of the Reading Club held on Wednesdays and Thursdays to get children interested in books and to increase their reading skills.

Similar programs are held at other branch libraries.

—Peter B. Hickey

When Harold the rabbit was tiny and small
His feet started growing and that's about all.
"Oh Gracious!" his mother exclaimed in surprise.
"They're two times too big for a rabbit your size!"
"That's a sign," said his father, "he'll grow to great height."
And Father's prediction turned out to be right.
The crowd loved huge Harold and all brought him treats
Such as lettuce and celery, spinach and beets.
It was too good to be true, like a wonderful dream,
Why, they even brought Harold some carrot ice cream.
But all this success didn’t go to his head,
He remained very modest and humble instead.
For rabbits, you see, aren’t affected by fame,
No matter what happens they’re always the same.
INSIDE THE LIBRARY

As head of the Lincoln Branch of Rochester Public Library, I would like to comment on an article about Joseph Avenue in the Oct. 7 Upstate.

I am pleased Agyeman noticed the display in the library window. I wish, however, that he had come inside and discovered that we had more to offer than books on civil rights and chess. We have an attractive building that houses a heavily-used black studies collection in addition to a rather broad "basic" book collection.

We also have books in Russian, Hebrew and Yiddish which are used by many of the community's older residents. The second floor of the library houses a media center where films, records, tapes, filmstrips, etc. may be used or borrowed. We have film programs for children every afternoon and, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, films for the family.

Our children's room is busy with class visits from the neighborhood schools. There are story hours for school and pre-school youngsters. There are earphones so that children may listen to records. Our young adult librarian has had a successful film program.

We have dramatic readings of "Scenes from a Black Life" and a karate demonstration, and films from the library's collection. A panel discussion on Rochester's black and Puerto Rican communities will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Our department of foreign languages has books in Russian, Hebrew and Yiddish, and some in Spanish, German, and French.

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The Lincoln Branch also has library aids who work in the community with senior citizens and who visit day-care centers.

In the midst of the blight, the rubble and despair there are many individuals and agencies trying to help and hope. My staff and many library users wish you had brought out these points.

David Thompson
115 South Ave.
Rochester

DISAPPOINTED

I am writing in regards to the Oct. 7 article on Joseph Avenue. I was very disappointed in the article; it covered points that were not at all necessary, and left out a great many good items about the area.

I agree with the letter of David Thompson, of the Lincoln Branch Library on Joseph Avenue. The library there was passed over in the article as if it didn't matter to the public.

Another item of great importance that was left out was the Baden Street Settlement. That institution has been in the area for over 25 years. It has served all of the different ethnic groups mentioned in the article. It has a day-care center that is still in great use. Gym facilities and youth groups also. It may not be right on Joseph Avenue, but it has been a very big part of the lives of people on Joseph Avenue.

The Mt. Vernon Church was only mentioned as far as how much it has been destroyed over the past few years, but the man who helped the church and the community very much, Rev. Noel Christian, was not mentioned.

These are only a few of the reasons I thought the article was very poorly done, and should be done over or have an addition made.

E.L. Rudnick
Rochester
By RICHARD POPELY

Discipline problems have forced Rochester public library officials to cut evening hours temporarily at the Lincoln Branch, 585 Clifford Ave.

Staff members have been threatened at night recently by teen-age patrons of the branch, said public relations director Alan Kusler.

One employee was "mugged and robbed" of a small amount of money last month in the parking lot as he left the building, Kusler said.

Community Library Director Stephen Lesnak said the employee, who required 11 stitches to close wounds from the attack, is on temporary leave. Three youths were arrested and charged with the robbery.

"It scares away legitimate users who might be afraid to use the library because of things like that," Lesnak said.

"We have guards on duty all the time, but some of the kids have been very disruptive and we've had to call the police a few times," Kusler said.

The Lincoln branch will close at 5 p.m. Monday through Friday instead of 7 p.m. Saturday hours will be the same, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"This is just temporary, and business between 5 and 7 o'clock has been so slight that it affects very few people," he said. "We've had a loss of staff, and the branch director is on maternity leave." Belinda Connor, acting branch director on maternity leave, has not been replaced because library officials don't know if their current budget is final.

The Lincoln Branch should have two full-time librarians but has been using one librarian who fills in when needed at any of the 11 branches, Kusler said.

"Rather than hiring somebody we might have to fire, we decided to do the best we could until we knew what our budget will be," he said.

Money to run the 11 branches comes out of the city budget, which must be cut by $760,000 before the fiscal year ends in June. Kusler said library officials hope their allocation will not be cut, but they are waiting to see what City Council does.
The Edgerton Library branch of the Public Library will close temporarily after today while books and other materials are moved into new quarters at 185 Blois St., near Jefferson High School. Service will be resumed after the move from 1 Backus St. to the new building, formerly Al's Party House. Opening date will be announced.

Borrowed materials may be returned to any other public library, or to the branch when it reopens. The library said there will be no fines for materials overdue for the days the library is closed. Today's hours at the Edgerton branch will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To accommodate residents of the recently-closed Genesee branch library, the Sully Bookmobile has added a fifth stop to its Monday schedule. It will be in the parking lot of Sts. Peter & Paul Church, 720 Main St. W., from 9 to 12:30 p.m.

The other Monday stops are: Malby Street at School 48, 1 to 2:35 p.m.; Lyell Avenue west of Mt. Read Boulevard, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.; Otis Street west of Sunnyside Avenue, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m.; and Ridgeway Avenue east of Hamilton Street, 7:45 to 8:45 p.m.

The Genesee branch, formerly at 707 Main St. W., will be relocated. The library will open a sub-branch at School 21, 599 Colvin St., to serve children on Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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**Library Reopening**

With the heat turned on again, the Edgerton Branch of the Rochester Public Library will be opened tomorrow, according to Library Director John Adams Lowe.

Heat is furnished through a central heating plant in Jefferson Junior High. The library was closed early in the month when the acute fuel shortage developed.

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**CITY NOTICE**

By Common Council

Ordinance No. 69-586

BOND ORDINANCE, DATED DECEMBER 9, 1969

Authority of the issuance of $26,000 Serial Bonds of the City of Rochester, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York in Financial Aid to the City for the construction, alteration, or improvement of any Library Building as a replacement for the Edgerton Branch Public Library.

It is hereby determined and declared that said purpose is one of the objects for which the City of Rochester is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this ordinance are substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty days after the filing of such Bond Ordinance, such Bond Ordinance may be hereafter contested only if such obligations are authorized by this ordinance and the provisions of Sections 30.00, 50.00 and 55.00 of the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the conditions of this ordinance and of the anticipation of such bonds, whichever date is earlier.

For the purpose described in Subdivision 11(a) of Paragraph d of Paragraph 1 of Section 11 of the Local Finance Law as a replacement for the Edgerton Branch Public Library, it is hereby determined and declared that the cost of such purpose is to be financed as a part of the cost of the capital improvement in connection with which they are authorized to be done.

Section 5. Bonds issued pursuant to this ordinance shall have a maximum maturity of 15 years computed from the date of issuance or the date of the anticipation of such Bonds, or any of them, whichever date is earlier.

Section 6. Subject to the terms and conditions of this ordinance and of the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 30.00, 50.00 and 55.00 of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize such bonds and to issue and sell such bonds is hereby granted to the Mayor, and the power to prescribe the terms, form and conditions of said Serial Bonds and said Bond Anticipation Notes and the power to sell and deliver said Serial Bonds and said Bond Anticipation Notes is hereby granted to the Mayor, in such manner as he shall think fit.

John Adams Lowe, Mayor, Presiding Officer.

The Bond Ordinance No. 69-586 published herein has been adopted on the 2nd day of December, 1969, and the bonds of the obligations authorized by such Bond Ordinance may be hereafter issued only if such obligations are authorized by this ordinance and the provisions of the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the conditions of this ordinance and of the anticipation of such bonds, whichever date is earlier.

JOHN L. COCCIA,

Mayor, Presiding Officer.
Last chapter for library

By CHRIS SCHARF

The Edgerton branch library today becomes just another item on a long list of former institutions in the northwest city neighborhood.

"They're closing down the library," coffee shop owner Pat Giuliano told two customers Wednesday. "All they have to do now is close Jefferson High and this will be a ghost community. It's things like this that break up the area."

The library at 183 Bloss St., is directly across from Jefferson and next door to Giuliano's coffee shop.

The people in Pat's Coffee Shop can rattle off the landmarks that they remember were once part of the Edgerton Park neighborhood: sports arena, museum, zoo, police pistol range, fire academy, ice skating rink, bandstand.

All of them have gone over the past few decades and now so has the library. Giuliano, who's seen most of them come and go during his 52 years in Edgerton, doesn't think it'll return.

The first branch of the Rochester Public Library was just down the street at Building 9 in Exhibition Park, now Edgerton Park. And there's been an Edgerton library on Bloss Street since the 1920s. About 12 years ago, it moved from 128 Bloss St. to the present one-story building.

For immigrant Italians, who settled in Edgerton, the library was a place where they could study for their citizenship test. For 9-year-old Mike Heberle Wednesday, it was a place where he could go and read the latest football and baseball stories in The Sporting News.

And for Jerry Yazback, who started working part-time at the library in 1961 while a student at Aquinas, it was a place to come back to when he became a branch supervisor.

The library originally was going to shut down two months ago but it got a reprieve while a new site was sought. City officials haven't found a new place, though, and decided the beginning of the school year would be the best time to close the branch.

The library was cut from this year's city budget as a cost-cutting move. Officials said it's one of the least used branches, the building is too small, and its location isn't convenient for most people in the Edgerton area.

They have pledged to look for a new site in the Lyell Avenue area but Edgerton residents are skeptical.

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Heather Jean Crawford, 6, looks at book
She visited Edgerton library weekly with her aunt

D&C, photo by Juan Garcia
City planning
branch library
on Lyell Ave.

It will open next fall, cost about $300,000
By Steve O'D. & L. NOV 1 1984

The city of Rochester plans to open a branch library on Lyell Avenue next year, the city's first new branch since 1971.

City officials said the Lyell Avenue branch, scheduled to open in early fall of 1985, will be smaller and more modern than some other branches.

"We're attempting a new approach to library service," said Stephen Lesnak, an assistant director of city libraries.

The new branch, to be located on the northeast corner of Lyell and Avery Street, will cost about $300,000 and fulfill a city commitment to replace the old Edgerton branch library, which was closed four years ago.

"It's a very happy day today. There really is a dire need for a library in that area," said Rita Hillen, president of the Rochester Public Library board.

Councilman John Erb, who lives near the library site, said the new branch will be "symbolic" of city support for the Lyell Avenue area.

The library will house about 15,000 volumes, including the public library's Italian language collection.

The Lyell Avenue neighborhood has a large number of residents of Italian descent, Erb said. That collection of books and periodicals — to which the city will continue to add — had been housed at the Edgerton library.

Since the closing of the Edgerton branch, Lesnak said, the collection has been kept at the Rundel library downtown, most of it out of general circulation in storage areas.

The city has six special collections aimed at different ethnic groups that are kept in branch libraries in parts of the city where large numbers of people from those ethnic groups live, Lesnak said.

The new library will be about 3,750 square feet — somewhat smaller than some other branches.

"This will not be a traditional municipal edifice, with granite and columns and like that," City Councilman Paul Haney said.

Instead, Haney and other officials said, it will be practical and cost effective.

In past days, Haney said, each branch library was constructed to be self-contained, with the intention being that the branch would have virtually all the reading material that people could want.

Today, he said, "library systems have changed drastically." There now is an emphasis on offering a smaller number of volumes on-site.

Library couriers will bring other books to the branch in two days or, if the desired volume can be located in another branch, it can be reserved by computer or telephone for patron pickup.

The basic trapping of a library still will be there, Lesnak said.

There will be seating for about 25 people, plus a separate children's...
Lake Avenue Branch Described as Inadequate

Apparently, Mr. Rutherford Rogers, new city librarian, is not aware that the Lake Ave. Branch Library is noisy, crowded, unattractive, and poorly located. His reply (D and C Apr. 9, 1953) to Howard Rupert's suggestion that the branch be relocated indicated his lack of awareness of the need for more adequate facilities for this branch.

Perhaps the fact that the present quarters in converted stores were set up temporarily 22 years ago points up the overdue need.

This library serves an area where there are seven elementary and three high schools in a two-mile radius, and the ward population is 34,000. It is obvious that this heavily populated area needs an attractive branch library with proper lighting, adequate space for study in quiet surroundings, and in a generally convenient location with easy parking.

Mr. Rogers claims that the present location "has the advantages that it is near Kodak and in a heavily traveled street." Just why are these advantages?

However, the important thing is the planning now for a good branch library—and the determination to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Lake Ave. branch in improved quarters, and to refuse to sign another two-year lease, which Mr. Rogers says has just been done.

Twenty-four years in that "temporary" location are enough!

No Plans to Move Lake Ave. Branch, Says Librarian

The city has no present plans to move its Lake Ave. branch from the location at Lake Ave. and Owen St. Rutherford D. Rogers, Rochester Public Library director, said last night.

Asked to comment on a suggestion of Howard C. Rupert, a real estate man who lives at 15 Riverside St., that the city acquire a property at the northeast corner of Lake Ave. and Seneca Parkway for the branch, Rogers said:

"We have recently renewed our lease on the property at Lake and Owen for two years. If we ever do change the location of the branch, we would want it more nearly in the center of a residential area which it serves. It is now centered toward the northeast corner of the residential district, but it has the advantages that it is near Kodak and in a heavily traveled street."

Rupert, who suggested acquisition of the Lake-Seneca Parkway property in a letter to The Democrat and Chronicle, said it is occupied by a brick and stucco house which was erected in 1913 by William G. Stuber, a former Kodak president. Since, it has been occupied by three other owners, he said.

A study of records in the city assessor's office showed that title to the property is now held by James C. Corbett, a funeral director. Rupert mentioned that the Zoning Board, for the third time in two years, denied permission for the conversion of the residence into a funeral home. One of the applications, made in 1950, was by Ryan & McInerney, undertakers, the other two by Corbett, according to Zoning Board of Appeals records.

Rupert, in his letter, pointed out that "there is plenty of room for offstreet parking and the dwelling sets far enough back from Lake Ave. to eliminate noise." He held that the city should be able to acquire the property "at a reasonable price." It is at the center of the 10th Ward's residential real estate values, Rupert declared. He held that the Lake-Owen location is "far from desirable" because of noise, frustrated library space and paucity of parking.

Owen St. is about one-fourth of a mile north of Seneca Pkwy.
New Branch Library
D. & C. April 15, 1955
Planned in 10th Ward

Plans for construction next year of a branch library in the 10th Ward were discussed yesterday.

The project came to the attention of the City Planning Commission when the Rochester Public Library requested funds for purchase of the library site be included in the 1956 capital budget.

The commission also voted to investigate locations for a new branch, which will replace the present Lake Avenue branch.

Hacker said there is an estimated $300,000 in the Darrell D. Sully fund left to the library for capital improvements.

The fund recently financed construction of the Sully branch library in Webster Park. A one-story library was opened in December, 1953. It was the first branch library built here in more than two decades.

A central location for the new branch is sought in the center of the residential district bordered by Ridge Road East, the Genesee River, Emerson Street and the New York Central and Baltimore & Ohio railroad tracks.

"We want a central location in that population density area," Hacker said. "The Lake Avenue branch is tucked away up in the northeast quarter of that area."

The commission also voted to study the possibility of including in the 1956 capital budget an appropriation for purchase of land for a new branch library.

The site was selected by the City Planning Commission. The commission recommended to the City Council purchase of a vacant lot at the northwest corner of Dewey and Augustine streets as a library site.

The land is now owned by the adjoining Aquinas Institute. Proposed purchase price was not disclosed.

In other action the commission:

Approved widening of St. Paul Street from its junction with Memorial Bridge to Lowell Street.

Approved plans for a residential subdivision near Denice Street submitted by the Vin chess Corporation.

Approved "restrictive zoning" of Third Ward areas in the vicinity of the proposed branch library site and the request of the Joint City-County Committee.

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Library Eyes Bequest
D. & C. Jan. 14, 1956
To Pay for New Branch

With no city funds available to buy the site favored for the proposed Dewey Avenue branch library, the board of trustees of the Rochester Public Library yesterday considered breaking a precedent and buying the site with library funds.

The possibility arose when Trustee J. Frank Traynor reported on a conversation with City Manager Robert P. Aver which had convinced him that no city funds would be available for the purchase in the immediate future.

Funds are available, however, through provisions in the will of the late Darrell D. Sully of Rochester whose estate has financed the branch library at 839 Bay St. which bears his name.

Remaining funds, if the board decides to take action, could be used for the construction of the new building, which would replace the Dewey-Augustine site at Lake Avenue and Ridge road west.

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City Planners Approve
Branch Library Site
D. & C. April 15, 1955

Purchase of a lot for a new branch library at the northwest corner of Dewey Avenue and Augustine Street was recommended by City Planning Commission.

The site was selected by the board of trustees of the Rochester Public Library and, if approved by the Council, will be purchased by the city. Construction of the branch will be financed from the library's capital fund.

Harold S. Hacker, director of the city-county library, said the proposed new branch would replace the present Dewey Avenue branch near Ridge Road West.

The proposed new Dewey Avenue branch will be residential but will permit establishment of antiques and gift shops, tea rooms and similar commercial enterprises, according to Haro P. Rupper, commission chairman.

In other action, the commission:

Recommended new pavement and trolleys for Elbert Street.

Approved widening of St. Paul Street from North to Baird Streets.

Recommended purchase of a site.

The board decided to go ahead as recommended by Hacker, said no city funds for the purchase are allotted in the current budget.

Also yesterday, Dr. Wilbur E. Saunders, president of Colgate Rochester Divinity School, was re-elected chairman of the sixth consecutive term. Re-elected vice chairman was the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Grady, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary.

REGARDING the Dewey Avenue branch, Harold S. Hacker, library director, said $160,000 remains in the Sully fund, left under the will of the late Darrell Sully.

Under the city corporation's interpretation of the will, the city board of education was to control the sixth consecutive term. Re-elected vice chairman was the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Grady, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary.

The board also heard:

The permanent book collection of the Monroe County Library System to points other than those they've been borrowed from.

That the 44-year-old system of classroom book program, "grade libraries," is being discontinued. Formerly books were bought with a Board of Education grant and selected, processed and distributed by the library, then sent to the classroom teachers. Under a new setup, the Board of Education will handle the entire program. Hacker pointed out that grade libraries were the only ones in which circulation dropped.

Also yesterday, the city library service to shut-ins was operated by the Red Cross after a test in the 12th Ward.

The Rochester Divinity School Consistory's projected books program, book distribution in hospitals and distribution in nursing homes by the University Women's Club.

That a Time Inc. gift of some 500 recordings of radio newscasts and March of Time broadcasts covering 1929-44, had been accepted. Rochester is the only city loaned out the recordings.

That the library's book budget, its most notable, most unique was in these categories: Complaints on need for parking; complaints about front doors; and request for Sunday openings and lengthening of photograph record loan periods.

That the last tally during the fiscal cycle indicated in 1954, 4,200 overdue books returned.
New Library Proposal Gets In Headlines

A well-backed movement to have the city take over a 60-year-old homestead in Lake Avenue as a branch library site came to light last week but got a cold reception from Rochester's new Public Library director, Rutherford D. Rogers.

The suggestion that the Lake Ave. Library be moved from its present location at Lake Ave. and Owen St. to property on the northeast corner of Lake and Seneca Pkwy., advanced on behalf of a group of property owners by Howard C. Rupert, real estate man who lives at 15 Riverside St.

"There is plenty of room for off-street parking," states Rupert, "and the dwelling sets back enough from Lake Ave. to eliminate noise. There is plenty of land to enlarge the building if necessary."

Quotes Bostwick

"It seems to me that new library facilities are long overdue in the 10th Ward. I urge the Site the City Planning Commission, all clergy members, parent-teacher associations and 10th Ward homeowners and the Council to support such a movement before it is too late."

Rupert pointed out that the late "Clip" Bostwick had informed him on several occasions that the 10th Ward was going to have a library on three lots at Dewey and Augustine which the city had acquired by foreclosure, but (Continued on Page 2)
City Grants Itself OK
To Build Branch Library

The city yesterday gave itself permission to build a branch library at Dewey Avenue and Augustine Street.

The unique case before the Board of Appeals was presented by Harold S. Hacker, director of the Rochester Public Library, who explained that requests for special use variances were required under the new zoning law.

Need for a Library in the northwest section of the city has long been apparent, Hacker said, and his request fits in with the Bunzel Memorial Building, which will be sent to City Manager Robert T. Axt for final approval.

Representatives of six architectural firms were interviewed by members of the board. The building, to be erected at Dewey Avenue and Augustine will be a one-story structure with modern lines. Construction costs will be paid by the Darrell D. Sully fund, recently converted to a Library Development Fund.

Harold S. Hacker, library director, discussed the "crucial" need for interesting young people in library work as a career. He announced two local recruitment programs.

On April 25, 20 pages at the library will be guest at a Library Day. More than 500 members of high school library clubs will visit the Bunzel Memorial Building.

On May 7, 8 and 9, tour the building and hear a discussion of library work as a career. In other action, the board extended to 13 the number of Saturdays that the Main Library will be closed this summer.

City Pledges To City For City

The city will ask approval of zoning variances in its own behalf for the first time in its history in the case of the Rochester Public Library's proposed Dewey Avenue Branch next week.

Deputy Corporation Counsel Stephen K. Pollard, lawyer for the Zoning Board of Appeals, said the case is "the first, as far as I know," of such a nature.

The library, a city-supported institution, will ask the zoning board for approval of its plans for a branch at Dewey Avenue and Augustine street at a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, June 20, in City Hall Annex, Main Street west at Broad Street.

In its application, the library will ask for coverage and front yard requirement modifications. Approval also will be sought for off-street parking space for about 12 cars.

The building proposed for the northwest corner of Dewey and Augustine, facing Dewey, will be a residential district.

Library trustees were told March 8 that area residents approved plans for the Dewey Avenue branch.

No opposition has developed since then, among owners of adjacent properties who argued that the area is 200 feet of the area in question today, received notification of the library's plans.

The proposed branch will be a one-story structure of brick and stone facing and will cost at least $135,897.55, net proceeds of the sale of bonds in the Darrell Sully Trust Fund.

Library Bids To Be Asked

The city today will advertise for bids for construction of the new Dewey Avenue Branch of the Rochester Public Library.

Libraries, to be opened May 13, will include total construction and the purchase and installation of all the library equipment.

The branch, on the northwest corner of Augustine Street, will be the second constructed under the Darrell Sully trust fund.

The first was built in Webster Park.

The late Mr. Sully was a noted attorney, who was bequeathed $100,000 by the library system. The new library will replace the old housed in a small former dance hall at Lake Avenue and Dewey Street.

Library Bids Opened

A low bid of $92,400 was submitted today by Carmen Fantaci, 817 Seward St., for general construction work on Dewey Avenue branch of the Rochester Public Library.

The Fantaci firm was the lowest of 10 bidders on the project. The bid is more than $10,000 below preliminary estimates.

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Vandals Hit New Library, Cause $1,000 Damage

Vandals have caused some $1,000 damage to the Dewey Avenue-Augustine Street branch of the Rochester Public Library, which has been in operation since construction last July.

Carmen Fantaci, 817 Seward St., said that some 2,000 bricks have been damaged beyond usable fullness by vandals. He said that chimney flues and other masonry work have also been damaged.

"I've never seen such damage on one job in the 36 years I have been in the business," Fantaci said last night. "If it wasn't stopped immediately I am going to be forced to take legal action.

Fantaci said he and police officials have tracked down several youngsters, aged 10 to 14 years, who have admitted the damage. Parents of the youngsters promised they would keep their children away from the project.

The one-story brick structure is expected to be completed by spring. Fantaci was awarded the contract last May when his bid of $82,400 for the general construction was accepted. Preparatory estimates had placed the general construction figure at $101,000.

Library Plans Approved

Unanimous approval of the general design of the new Dewey Avenue branch library was voiced yesterday by members of the Rochester Public Library board of trustees, meeting in the Bunzel Memorial Building.

The layout plans, presented to the board by Mrs. Arthur J. Werner of the Visual Department of the Rochester Public Library, were approved.

The machine, costing approximately $7,500, would be used to inspect films returned by borrowers for film splits or other damage.

Library director Harold S. Hacker reported a 6 per cent gain in circulation for three fourths of 1957 as compared to last year.

"There was no indication yesterday that opposition to the Dewey-Augustine branch library was voiced yesterday by members of the Rochester Public Library board of trustees, meeting in the Bunzel Memorial Building."

A motion was made to increase the number of volumes circulat-

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New Dewey Ave. Branch
Of Library to Open June 1

Dewey Avenue Branch of the Rochester Library will open about June 1, according to Harold S. Hacker, library director.

Construction of the $160,000 structure began last summer. The building will replace the Lake Avenue Branch on Lake Avenue at Owen street. It is being built because facilities at the Lake Avenue Branch are inadequate and the old branch is not centrally located in the district it must serve, library officials said.

Carmen Fantaci is general contractor. The building was designed by Barrows, Parks, Morin, Hall & Brennan architects. The Lake Branch building, which the city rents, will be used for storage space after the new branch opens.

The new branch will have a meeting room for civic and cultural groups. It is being built through a bequest by the late Darrell D. Sully. The new building is being built by Carmen Fantaci. The bid came from National Contract Supply Co., of Rochester, the only local bidder. The bid was received yesterday by City Purchasing Agent Spencer K. Funnell.

New Dewey Library
Set To Open June 29

The new Dewey Avenue Branch of the Rochester Public Library, originally scheduled to open June 1, will open at 2 p.m. Monday, June 29.

Work on the library has moved slower than originally estimated by the architect, Barrows, Parks, Morin, Hall & Brennan, and the general contractor, Carmen Fantaci. Harold Hacker, library director, has reported that all construction on the new $160,000 branch should be done by next Friday.

Work still to be done includes installation of a luminous plastic ceiling in the adult reading room, laying of vinyl tile floor covering and installation of book shelves.

The week of June 22-27 will be spent moving in equipment and transferring books from the Lake Avenue Branch to the new Dewey branch.

Dedication Set To Open June 1

Dewey Avenue Branch Library, Dewey Avenue and Augustine Street, will be dedicated at 5 p.m. tomorrow. Dr. Wilbourn E. Saunders, president of the board of trustees of the Rochester Public Library, will give the key of the new branch to City Councilman August J. Muehlisen. A community open house will follow the ceremony.

Rochester Public Library — Dewey Avenue Branch. Architects — Barrows, Parks, Morin, Hall and Brennan.

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ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Dewey Avenue Branch

by Thomas O. Morin

This branch for the Rochester Public Library was given a certificate of merit for outstanding design by the jury of the New York State Association of Architects at the 1958 annual convention held in the Powers Hotel last October.

Located in the northwest section of the City at the corner of Dewey Avenue and Augustine Street, it is planned to replace the Lake Avenue Branch.

The building was designed by Barrrows, Parks, Morin, Hall & Brennan, Architects, with Rolston & Woens, Inc., Mechanical Engineers, and William S. Lattin, Site Planner as professional consultants.

This is the second new branch library to be constructed from funds provided by the estate of Darrell D. Sully, whose district the branch is located.

In the two months since it opened from old quarters in August from its predecessor, the Dewey Avenue Branch has chalked up 86 per cent more loans in July and August from its previous record.

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KEY TO KNOWLEDGE—Dr. Wilbur E. Saunders, chairman of the board of trustees of Rochester Public Library, left, gives key to new Dewey branch to Councilman August Muehleisen as Harold Hacker, library director, watches.

New Branch Library Dedicated

A new 20,000-book branch library, already one of the city's busiest, was dedicated last night in Dewey Avenue next to Aquinas Institute.

In a brief talk, Director Harold S. Hacker of the Rochester Public Library thanked residents who signed waivers to enable the city to grant a permit in the residential zone. Signatures were solicited by school PTA.

Dr. Wilbur E. Saunders, board of trustees president, symbolically presented the branch's real key to Councilman August Muehleisen in whose district the branch is located.

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at the Dewey Avenue Branch Library, a young man, 21, was found dead of a gunshot wound.

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**Library Branch Sets Open House**

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**Library Books Cleanup**

Library officials approved the plans and agreed to provide the paint and supplies if the association provided the labor.

Members of the maplewood neighborhood association, the area youth ministry of the Dewey avenue presbyterian church and the library staff are working on the 13-year-old library's first interior painting since its opening in 1959.

Plans for the renovation began a few weeks ago, and the library will be open for the first time in years.

The painting was in two shifts, the first crew working from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the second from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The library will be open for the first time in years.

The library is located at 304 S. Main St.

Please turn to page 2.
Missing metal letters at library's Dewey Avenue branch are believed to have been ripped off by youthful vandals.

Neighbors Strike Back

Maplewood Area Meeting
To Air Youth Troubles

BY READ KINGSBURY

Roused by youthful demonstrations of contempt for persons and property, residents of a 26,000-population neighborhood of the city will go to a meeting tonight to see what can be done.

This neighborhood is the old 10th Ward area, now called the Maplewood area since ward lines have changed. The meeting is at Dewey Avenue Presbyterian Church, at Seneca Parkway, at 8 p.m.

Reports from residents that show a rising resentment about vandalism, intimidation, verbal assault and violence will be aired before a crowd that will include numerous city officials.

The purpose is to show the full scope of the problem and to see how it can be tackled, explains Rev. Albert L. Jeandheur, minister of the Dewey Avenue Church and the first and only chairman of the 2-year-old Maplewood Association, sponsor of the meeting.

The association represents residents in an area that runs between Driving Park Avenue and Ridge Road, from Mt. Read Boulevard to the Genesee River, more or less.

It expects the 500-capacity of the church will be filled and is prepared to accommodate an overflow crowd in other rooms of the church.

City Manager Seymour Scher, Police Chief William Lombard, several city councilmen and youth agency representatives have said they'll attend the meeting.

Rev. Jeandheur will lay the groundwork for the discussion with a report on conditions drawn from dozens of complaints received by the association.

He has received many letters from residents. Many other residents filled out and returned a complaint form printed in the 10th Ward Courier, a weekly newspaper, on behalf of the association.

VANDALISM at public buildings is said to be a constant headache—windows are broken at schools and churches (BB holes have been shot in Dewey Avenue Church stained glass windows several times), letters were ripped off the front of the Rochester Public Library branch at Dewey Avenue, big windows in stores are shattered.

Homeowners report windows broken, bottles broken on their steps, gutter pipes torn down, flower pots shattered.

More Policemen
On Foot Urged

Councillor Robert F. Wood called today for "an immediate effort" to increase the number of foot patrolmen walking neighborhood beats with two-way transistor radios.

The Republican councillor made the proposal in a letter to City Manager Seymour Scher.

"These patrolmen would be an effective deterrent to vandalism and the molestations which occur on the streets at night," Wood said. "They also would be a helpful complement to the patrol cars."

Residents say they dislike walking the streets in the evenings because youths who gather at street corners say profane and obscene things to them as they pass.

Some report beatings by youths.

"We have seen young hooligans walk up the street 6 or 8 abreast, cans of beer in their hands, and completely stop traffic," said one letter writer. "Should anyone honk at them they shout all sorts of gutter talk, and this it 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning."

"We have a pretty fair edge of what a rough situation we are up against. Now what we need is to formulate a plan of action," Rev. Jeandheur said.
The Rochester Public Library's hottest book survived a fire the other day.

In last week's fire at Maplewood Manor South, one of the last residents evacuated from the Lake Avenue proprietary home was Charles Lovelius, who lived on the second floor. After spending some time at a hospital, where he was observed for possible smoke inhalation, he went to Sento's Restaurant at Driving Park and Dewey.

From there he phoned Jerry Yazback, branch head of the Maplewood Community Library. Lovelius told Yazback that in his room at Maplewood Manor were six books he had borrowed from the branch library, including The Brethren.

"He's a regular patron of the library," Yazback said, "and he wanted to make sure the books got back all right, especially since he knew The Brethren is in great demand. A lot of people have reserved it."

Yazback picked up Lovelius at the restaurant, and together they returned to Maplewood Manor as the building was being boarded up. The books were still in Lovelius' room, undamaged.

"It was thoughtful of him to be concerned about his local library," Yazback said. The Brethren, the book about the inside workings of the Supreme Court, is currently the most popular book circulating in the library system, a spokesman said.

The audience's skin, like the subject matter, was crawling yesterday at the Maplewood Community Library.

More than 500 people viewed the library's "Live Snakes" program, where the Columbus Day gathering came to see the 12 live reptiles handled by Marianne Smith, an amateur herpetologist and snake collector. Smith held and displayed snakes ranging in size from the baby King snake to the giant, 13-foot Burmese Python.

"It was really a successful program," said Mary Lyke, the branch's adult services librarian. The free presentation, one of about a half-dozen per year offered by the branch at 1111 Dewey Ave., is part of the Monroe County Library System's Visiting Artist Program. The library system has a list of programs, such as book talks, musical programs, jugglers and clowns, and the branches schedule the programs they want, usually on non-school days, Lyke said.
Branch Library Kept Open
As OPA Pledges More Oil

Monroe Branch Library will remain open.
That became apparent last night as OPA moved into the picture and assured the city that an application for supplemental oil rations would be accepted and "receive prompt attention." The information was contained in a formal letter Joseph D. Paterson, district OPA manager, handed to W. Rowland Whitley, city purchasing agent, after a conference in Paterson's office where Whitley was summoned. OPA sources said the city had not filed a supplemental application prior to the announcement that the branch would be closed due to lack of oil.

John Adams Lowe, city librarian, attended the information with deep pleasure last night.
"That is fine," he said. "If we have the oil, we will keep open."
Lowe said he will confer with city officials and library trustees this morning. Closing the branch, scheduled for Saturday, was the last step after complete consideration had been given the situation, he said. Closing would force some 10,000 borrowers to use the main library, downtown, further concentrating books, he pointed out, as well as forcing a number of school children, who utilized the building after school until their working parents reach home, to go elsewhere.

Whitley, who will confer with City Manager Louis B. Cartwright this morning on the latest development, said the city's oil supply for the branch had been cut about 25 per cent under last year's total, and the unusually cold winter virtually exhausted the allowed supply. Lowe said remaining oil would be adequate only to keep the pipes from freezing. The oil system could not be converted to coal, he added.

Paterson's letter said the Oil Rationing Board of the Office of Price Administration will determine the request for issuance of supplemental ration of fuel oil for use of the Monroe Branch. It will receive prompt attention."

Reading Champ at Monroe

The Public Library's Monroe Branch had a party for summer readers yesterday.
And if there was a champion among the youngsters who attended, it must have been fourth-grader Karen Bowman (above) of 61 Will-mer St., who read five books since school closed.

Every child who read six books received a certificate.

Reading In The Rink

It's story telling time for these youngsters of Xerox Square's new garden. Reading to youngsters of the First Universalist Church Head Start group is Patricia Hope of the Monroe Branch Library. Patricia is one of four pages who read stories and play games daily with children in various spots in the branch area. Ted Baenziinger, Head Start teacher, is on far right. Xerox officials say the garden, which includes artificial grass, will be free in the winter.
On The Go

Monroe Library Offers 'Free Trip'

Rochester Public Library is offering "a free trip to Israel." Anyone is welcome. The trip is a vicarious one, planned from library travel books and delivered in slides and talk by Gilbert Fix of Monroe Branch Library at 8 p.m. Thursday.

The "Cage," prison drama performed by ex-convicts which played at Monroe Community College last, will be repeated at Nazareth Arts Center Wednesday night, Feb. 17.

Libraries to Be 'Pied Pipers' For Youngsters

The "Pied Piper" program of stories and games for three-to-eight-year-olds will be conducted again this summer in the neighborhood playgrounds by two branches of the Rochester Public Library.

Monroe Branch will offer the program Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. and South Avenue Branch Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m., weather permitting. Schedule is:

Mondays: Cobb's Hill Recreation Center, July 10, 17, 24, 31, Aug. 7, 14; Wednesdays, School 28 playground, July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 9, 6;

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Mondays: Cobb's Hill Recreation Center, July 10, 17, 24, 31, Aug. 7, 14; Wednesdays, School 28 playground, July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 9, 6;

Wednesdays, School 24 playground, 800 Moigs St., June 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Thursdays, School 15 playground, St. Hickory St., June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.

Fridays: School 28 playground, 94 Field St., July 14, 21, 28, Aug. 4, 11, 18.
Lest We Be Driven from Libraries

In the way that crime is measured, discouraging someone from visiting a library to read or borrow a book probably doesn't rate as a very serious offense. Yet denying people access to books is just about as bad as banning or burning them, and that's pretty bad.

That's the effect rowdiness is having on the Portland Avenue branch of the Rochester Public Library. According to library director Harold S. Hacker, continuing discipline and harassment problems caused by a group of youths in that area have driven adult patrons away and forced a number of emergency closings.

We don't mean to magnify the problem. Only this branch has been significantly affected, and not at all times. And there are other reasons why book borrowing is down in the libraries generally.

But even if one person is stopped from using a library for fear of harassment, that's a serious matter in our judgment, and in the judgment of the library director. Books are the source of wisdom, counsel, spiritual guidance, information and entertainment, and we cut people off from them at our peril.

The library is well aware of the importance of finding a solution, and has already had to resort to the police, arrests, parent warnings, rap sessions and so on. Part of the difficulty, it feels, is a lack of recreation facilities in the area.

There may be a prime opportunity here for a lively neighborhood group to work with the library staff and with the youngsters and with the parents in an effort to put an end to the trouble once and for all. Books are too precious to be denied to a single borrower.
The Portland Avenue Branch Library today. In background is librarian, Mrs. Samuel Margano.

Library closing Portland branch

After 30 years of operation, the Portland Avenue branch of the Rochester Public Library is closing.

The library's board of trustees voted Thursday to close the branch Dec. 30, after a survey showed that many borrowers lived within a mile of another branch, and that an experimental "rolling library" in the area was working.

Circulation at the branch at 371 Portland Ave., has dropped 60 per cent since 1965, said William H. Cox Jr., assistant director for community services.

"We feel we can provide better library service to people in that area," Cox said.

The Portland branch is one of four in the northeast part of the city, and is the smallest of the 14 libraries in the city's public library system.

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When It's Story Time at Library

Text by John Street

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**New Lighting Set for Library Branch**

The Hudson Branch Library at Hudson Avenue and Norton Street will get a new modern lighting system. Conlang Electric Corp. of 140 Curtis St. was lowest among four bidders to replace the incandescent bulbs with fluorescent tubes and to do any necessary rewiring. City officials said the present lighting system is more than 30 years old.

Cost will be "in the neighborhood of $5,000." Bids for the job will be opened Wednesday.

The HUDSON BRANCH is one of seven city libraries which is participating in the summer reading program sponsored by the Pioneer Library System. Others are Arnett, Brighton, Charlotte, Geneseo, Portland and South.

**Pulaski Mass Set Sunday**

The memory of Brig. Gen. Casimir Pulaski will be honored Sunday by members of the Rochester Public Library, including Robert W. Zielinski, past Monroe County American Legion commander, who will be the chief speaker.

**Reading Club for Children**

It's "Aloha to Hawaii" in the children's room at Hudson Branch of the Rochester Public Library these days as youngsters participate in a vacation reading club. Already about 100 children have enrolled.

Mrs. William Connelly, branch librarian, has arranged a sandy beach under a palm tree where the boys and girls walk in their stocking feet. Each child is represented by a pineapple, and as he reads books during the summer, he plants his pineapple on a different island on a map of the Hawaiian Islands.

The books are listed on his personal reading record, too, so at the end of the summer he will have a list of what he has read and a signed certificate to show that he participated in the reading club.

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Old buildings have special charm. Some also harbor secrets. Consider, for instance, the strange case of General Pulaski's box.

On the wall behind the circulation desk in Rochester's Hudson Branch Library hangs a 16-square-foot bronze memorial plaque to Count Casimir Pulaski, hero of the U.S. Revolutionary War. It has hung there 45 years, ever since the library was built.

Few people know its history or understand the meaning it held for the Polish community of the 1930s. Today not even the public library knows what happened to the sealed strongbox Pulaski's Plaque was supposed to safeguard.

March 1931: The Rochester Public Library Board of Trustees, inspired by Director William Yust's dream of taking books to the people in every corner of the city, announces plans to build the city's 14th library branch — on the corner of Hudson Avenue and Norton Street. Ground is broken March 16.

Scarcely two weeks later a petition signed by 100 representatives of more than

This neighborhood, looking north on Hudson Avenue, is part of Rochester's original Polish Town. St. Stanislaus Church and school is at the far end of the street.
Polish community has disappeared

Photos by Jim Laragy

40 organizations and churches on the city’s northeast side arrives at City Hall. The citizens request permission to name the new library after Polish-American patriot and founder of the U.S. cavalry, General Count Casimir Pulaski.

Since 1890, when a group of 30 immigrant families put up a small wooden church on Hudson Avenue near Norton Street, that intersection has been the heart of Rochester’s “Polish Town.”

In 1890 Norton Street marked the northern line of the city; Hudson Avenue north of St. Jacob Street was nothing but a dirt-packed road. The area, only about two miles from downtown, was a place of fields and farmland where wild ducks were hunted along a little creek (now submerged and diverted into the northeast sewage system). Residents’ water came from six wells scattered through the area. As Polish immigrants began making their homes around the parish, the fields and farmlands and dirt-packed road changed into a neighborhood.

By the 1930’s the community was criss-crossed with streets named Kosciuszko, Sobieski, Pulaski, Warsaw, St. Casimir and St. Stanislaus. It was dotted with businesses and clubs whose proprietors lived in the neighborhood, belonged to one of the four Polish churches and made transactions with their customers in English and Polish. It was a self-sufficient neighborhood with schools, churches, butcher shops, bakeries, dress shops and grocery stores.

About all Polish Town lacked was a public library. The Poles had started three of their own, but they were small collections, mostly of Polish-language titles, and depended on personal contributions. With 13 branch public libraries already built around Rochester by 1931, Hudson Avenue was one of the last corners of the city to be served.

The Polish-American Citizens’ Central Committee (Centrala) had called the meeting to draft the petition asking the library honor Pulaski. Centrala, founded in 1924, represented all the groups within the Polish community. It sponsored concerts and appearances by Polish artists, raised money

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Although Rochester's city officials would not name the library at the corner of Hudson and Norton after Casimir Pulaski, they approved a memorial to the Revolutionary War hero. The plaque fit the city requirements that nothing permanent be carved in the building and that the project cost the city nothing.

for scholarships and charitable causes, built playgrounds and a park for the neighborhood (Pulaski Park, of course) and each October organized celebrations for Pulaski Day.

Centrala waited four months for a reply to its request, until July 1931, when Charles Wiltsie, president of the library board, and City Councilman William Durnan called a meeting of the petition's sponsors at Polish Falcon Hall.

It was, well, a nice idea, they told the Poles, but really not in keeping with library policy. Libraries were always named for street locations, not in honor of famous people.

Centrala had already raised $500 to help pay for a bust of General Pulaski for the building. After consideration, the Library Board said that would be all right. The Poles could place a memorial to Pulaski inside the library with two guidelines. They could carve nothing permanent on the building and the project was to cost the city nothing. In a gesture of good will, Wiltsie personally donated $50 to the Pulaski Plaque fund.

Alphonse A. Kolb is a master sculptor and engraver, 84 years old and still living in the city for which he created scores of monuments, memorials, plaques and medallions. Around Rochester and Monroe County — on buildings, along roadways, by the river — are dozens of landmarks he designed: a plaque on the University of Rochester campus inscribed with a song memorializing the Genesee, the bronze sculpture of a discus thrower above the entrance to Rochester Turners' Hall, a memorial depiction of charging fire horses in honor of the city's last horse-drawn engine. The German immigrant's work was also commissioned nationally by Yale University, various colleges in California and American numismatic societies.

In 1932 Alphonse Kolb was a young man just establishing his career when the Polish-American Citizens' Central Committee asked him to submit sketches for a memorial to Casimir Pulaski. One of his designs won the approval of the Poles, the Library Board, and City Historian John Foreman, who was called on to write the plaque's inscription.

Although he doesn't remember how much he was paid or how long he worked on it, Alphonse Kolb today will explain in detail the complex process of creating the Pulaski Plaque: how he carved the wording in wood, sculpted Pulaski's portrait in metal and cast it in plaster. After the entire work was cast in bronze at a foundry, he applied delicate finishing touches by hand and rubbed and burnished it to a permanent shine. Kolb will also...
“What was put in the box?”

tell you how proud he is of the Pulaski Plaque; he used to stop into the library often, just to have a look at it.

January 1933: The Hudson Library opened to the public quietly and without ceremony.

October 11, 1933 — Pulaski Day: With a ceremony they've planned for months, the Polish community presents to the City of Rochester their memorial to General Pulaski.

Dressed in bright costumes representing the regions of Poland and escorted by the veterans of Pulaski Post #782, the Poles paraded proudly along Warsaw, St. Casimir, Pulaski and Kosciuszko streets, past homes specially decorated with flowers and banners.

In front of St. Stanislaus Church a crowd of people — "thousands," said local newspaper reports — heard a Polish government vice-consul and state and local officials talk about Pulaski and patriotism.

Poles, spectators, dignitaries and all then assembled at the library, where the plaque had been hung. A bronze strongbox, filled with documents of the local community and mementos from Poland, had been sealed into the wall behind it. Little publicity was given to the box or its contents, what with the flurry of speeches, applause and hand-shaking as Stanley K. Kowalski of Centrala presented the plaque to Mayor Adams Lowe, the library director.

The celebration continued through the evening with a dinner at Falcon Hall and a special radio program of polonaises, polkas and mazurkas broadcast by WHGC.

As a finishing touch, at City Hall the Polish flag was flown beneath the Stars and Stripes all day.

The celebration had its impact. For years afterward, in passing and in the press, people in Rochester referred to the library at the corner of Hudson and Norton as the Pulaski Public Library.

For 45 years Pulaski's Plaque has hung in the Hudson Library, honoring the general and, according to the evidence, safeguarding the bronze cache. What did the Poles put into the box sealed into the library wall? Did they intend that someday it would be re-opened?

No one knows. In fact, no one knows where the box is hidden, or if it's even inside the wall.

Although library files contain scattered references to a cache receptacle, the library has no official records of the box, its contents, or its exact location.

(A 1937 note says the receptacle was re-opened at least once to insert new materials and was accessible "from the workroom side" of the wall on which the plaque hangs. The reference states that Mr. Steinmann, then assistant library director, knew the spot to look.)

A book tracing the history of the local Polish community, financed by Centrala in 1935, says a list of the book's sponsors is preserved in a cache with other historical documents in the back of General Pulaski Plaque, but Centrala today has no account of a strongbox or its contents.

Alphonse Kolb still has a letter Centrala sent him in 1933 requesting his assistance in securing the cache into the wall, but he now is not certain that he ever did it.

And although they can't say for sure what was put into the box, older residents of Polish Town are not surprised to hear it mentioned. They say they remember something about a box behind Pulaski's Plaque.

Because the evidence says Pulaski's Box exists, the Public Library and members of the Polish community have tried to locate it, document its contents and salvage that lost bit of the past.

Following descriptions from library files, library custodians and later, volunteers from the community, spent several days sounding the wall and excavating behind the plaque, looking for the box or some sign it was once there. With drills and hammers and a metal detector, they broke into the wall behind, around, above, and below the plaque.

They uncovered plaster, bricks, bits of old paper and straw. No trace of a strongbox; no trace of its contents.

Where is the box? What was put into the wall at all? Nobody seems to know.

And it doesn't look like General Pulaski is going to tell.

KATHY URBANIC is a Rochester freelance writer.
Polish community recovers buried treasure

A wall at General Pulaski Community Library has yielded a 50-year-old secret, and with it a part of the city’s history treasured by Polish-Americans. They will celebrate the discovery, appropriately, just before Pulaski Day.

It was on Pulaski Day, Oct. 11, 1933, that the Polish-American Citizens’ Central Committee (Centrala) gave the city a plaque for the new Hudson Branch Library on Hudson Avenue at Norton Street in the heart of the Polish neighborhood.

Centrala had asked to have the library named for Casimir Pulaski, the Polish general who distinguished himself in the American Revolution, but the group’s request was denied. It wasn’t until two years ago that the library was renamed as the result of another petition from the neighborhood. THE POLISH community had a great deal of ethnic pride in 1933, as it does today, and the unveiling of the plaque honoring Pulaski was quite an occasion.

After a parade from Falcon Hall, thousands gathered outside St. Stanislaus Church to hear speeches about Pulaski and patriotism. Then the crowd went to the library for a ceremony dedicating the 500-pound bronze plaque by sculptor Alphonse A. Kolb.

“The library proved entirely inadequate to shelter all who desired to witness the ceremony,” a local newspaper reported, “and thousands waited long outside and filed through the library long after the ceremonies just to get a glimpse of the plaque.”

The plaque was the Polish immigrants’ “way of welcoming the library to the neighborhood and in a sense claiming it as their own, even though their petition to name the building after Pulaski had been turned down,” says Kathy Urbanic, a communications assistant with the City School District who has researched Rochester’s Polish-American community extensively.

ALMOST OVERLOOKED in the excitement over the plaque was a wooden box that Centrala planned to place in a bronze container to be sealed in the wall behind the plaque. The box was forgotten until one night in 1977 when Urbanic’s brother, Tom, said, “Did you know there’s a box hidden in the library wall behind Pulaski’s plaque?” He had been leafing through a History of the Polish People in Rochester, written in 1933 by Norman Lyon.

Urbanic’s remark inspired his sister to go through records at the library and City Hall. She also interviewed Kolb and families in the Polish neighborhood.

Scattered references indicated there had been a strongbox behind the 16-square-foot plaque at one time, but its location wasn’t recorded. According to library records, the wall was opened in 1933 and 1937 so that new material could be placed in the box.

“Each time the wall was broken at the particular spot not identified in the records,” Urbanic said, “and then carefully reclosed to leave no clue.”

In 1978 an effort was made to find the box, but library custodians breaking into the wall from behind the plaque uncovered only plaster, bricks, bits of brown paper and straw. AGAIN THE box was forgotten until a few weeks ago. Frank Anders, a graphic artist who grew up in the Polish neighborhood, was working on a catalog for Eirtech Instruments Inc. on East Ridge Road and saw a pipe and cable locator of the type that utilities use to find underground cables.

“I thought that was just what we needed,” says Anders, a friend of Urbanic. “Finding a bronze box behind a bronze plaque is like looking for a white kitten in a snowstorm.”

With the support of Jeff Rice, head of the branch library, Eirtech’s Bill Krutenat offered to look for the box.

“It was a community relations thing,” Krutenat says. “We have the talent and instruments. They had the problem. We thought we could help them, and we did.”

After measuring, scanning and probing the wall with three kinds of locator devices, Krutenat thought he had found a metal object, about 10 inches by 8 inches, deep in the wall behind the center of the plaque. Library staffs Dick Schampier, Bill Simon, George Botticelli and Jack Dubols chipped, drilled and chiseled into the wall.

At the exact spot that Krutenat had pinpointed was the bronze box that Kolb had welded to the back of the plaque before it was installed. One side of the box creaked open on a hinge, revealing a wooden box with its lid nailed shut.

Inside were Lyon’s history of the Polish neighborhood, a document in Polish describing the community’s Pulaski Day celebrations from 1929 to 1937, programs from the celebrations in 1929, 1935 and 1937, a Pulaski Day button from 1936, a $1 city bus pass for the week of Oct. 11, 1935, and a letter in English explaining why the box was placed there and listing its contents.

At the end of the letter was this note: “We the committee beg that, in any event should this tablet and documents be removed at any future time, such will be replaced in a most appropriate place deserving this great honor.”

One of the six persons who signed the letter was John Stencilik, whose daughter-in-law, Stephanie Stencilik, was there when the box was opened.

Finding the box has “caused an emotional stir” in the neighborhood, Urbanic says. “It’s been quite a happening for the community.”

A Pulaski Day ceremony at 1 p.m. tomorrow at the library will include a talk about the general and the story of how the box was found. The contents will be displayed at a reception afterward.

After recording the contents of the box and its location, the library plans to release the wall. New items may be added to the box to update the history of the Polish community here.

PETER B. TAUB

Head librarian Jeff Rice places contents of 50-year-old box in a display case.
$5.4 Million Sought

Library Cries: "We Need More Room"

The city has funded a study for the feasibility of enlarging the Main Branch and a report is due in February from Waaup, Northrup & Eisel, architectural firm, Holmgren said. The library board recommended joint city-county financing of the enlargement. The county recently assumed the library maintenance and operational costs. The Main Branch enlargement was the largest single item in a $9.9 million six-year capital budget request approved by the city yesterday. Last year's request, which contained almost the same items, was $8.6 million. The increase of $1.1 million is due to rising construction costs, Holmgren said. New items in this year's requests include $50,000 for short-range repairs on the Main Branch, and $500,000 to replace Arnett Branch, 310 Arnett Ave., at $484,000 over the cost estimate, 201 Arnett Ave., at $484,000 for Edgerton Branch.

The Edgerton Branch had inadequate quarters at 201 Arnett Ave., a library spokesman said, but has moved temporarily to 201 Bloss St. The Backus Street site is being demolished. The Bloss Street site being rented is adequate, he said, giving library priority in the replacement schedule. Other branches budgeted for replacement, all near or over half a million dollars each, were Geneseo, recently closed at 767 Main St. W., which has been funded, and 585 Clifford Ave., South Avenue, 715 South Ave., Hudson, 515 Hudson Ave., and Portland.

Two branches of the Rochester Public Library will close temporarily for carpet installation, but a bookmobile at each will provide basic services during the period. The South Avenue branch, 715 South Ave., will be closed from Tuesday through Sept. 27. Bookmobile hours at the branch will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 6 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The Hudson branch, 1151 Hudson Ave., will be closed from Sept. 28 through Oct. 31. The bookmobile hours will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, 2 to 9 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 6 p.m. Friday.

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Burned Library
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To Be Replaced; All Books Lost

The burned South Avenue branch of the Rochester Public Library will be replaced, Library Director Linda M. Bretz said today. The building at 715 South Ave. is about 50 years old and has been scheduled for replacement in five years, she said.

"We'll just have to shift (projects) around and do it a little sooner," Mrs. Bretz said. "Our intent is to go back in there with a new building." Library staff and insurance adjusters said today that the entire 30,000-book collection in the South Avenue branch is lost due to extensive smoke damage, Mrs. Bretz said.

"They felt there's no way to salvage anything there. The effort would be too great, so it's just a total loss." Library officials originally thought that part of the adult book section could be saved. The branch's 12,000 children's books were clearly destroyed in the fire. A Brighton woman, Elizabeth Eaton of 2125 East Ave., offered in a call to The Times-Union today to work on a donation project for the library. She said she had several dozen children's books in good condition that could start such a donation drive.

Mrs. Bretz said the library system would gladly accept books as gifts, but would reserve the right to place them in the appropriate library program. "We also would use whatever budget money to build a new collection," she said. "And we have about 40,000 discards from other branches which are still in good shape, so we can tap into that collection."


Council Weighs Lease
For Branch Library

The City Council will consider signing a two-year lease on a building at 685 South Avenue to replace the South Avenue branch library, which burned last May. The new library site is close to the former library branch, which was at 715 South Ave.

The building, which the city would lease from James F. Delibert, would cost the city $700 a month. The city also has the option of renewing the lease for two more years at $800 per month.

The library system has been serving the area with a bookmobile since the fire last May. The proposed lease was approved last month by the Library Board of Trustees.

South Avenue branch

Library seeking temporary quarters

The Rochester Public Library staff plans to "meet with neighborhood groups and city officials to discuss plans for a temporary library branch in the South Avenue area. Library Director Linda M. Bretz said her staff also wants to talk about plans for a permanent site in the area.

The old South Avenue branch had its contents were ruined by a fire May 23. Fire officials said it apparently was a case of arson. Library officials estimate they lost about 30,000 books.

Mrs. Bretz said the library is looking for "city-owned quarters" for its temporary location but will consider renting a site if no city-owned facilities are available.

She said a new building had been planned for 1982 as part of a capital improvement program, but the building will be needed much sooner.

Arson Investigator John Chiavetta said the fire still is under investigation.

Fire investigators believe the fire was started to cover up a burglary.

South Ave. Library Opening
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The South Avenue Branch of the Rochester Public Library — which replaces one that was destroyed by fire last year — will open for daily service at 11 a.m. tomorrow. Hours for the new building at 685 South Ave. are Mondays and Thursdays from 2 to 6 p.m., and Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The library will begin Saturday service September 8, with hours from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There have been Bookmobile stops twice a week in the area since the fire destroyed the building at 715 South Ave. in May 1978.
South Avenue library was an oasis

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As the much-quoted Chinese proverb declares: "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness."

Our candle for 50 years in Southeast residential Rochester—our branch library—has been snuffed out in a consuming blaze which left not just darkness but a void.

Our library was unassuming, unpretentious. Nevertheless, it was sound in intellectual foundations, nurturing in spiritual function, and it was warm, pleasant, helpful and accepting in atmosphere.

Almost more than any other feature, that branch library made our area culturally cohesive. It was an oasis or a bank of rich heritage and wholesome recreation, and a beacon of hope for ambition and resolve.

Our branch library should be rebuilt. It should be refurbished, and most of all, the challenge to our values represented by its destruction should make us aware of its unique and abiding contribution to the texture and the quality of our lives.

ALICE ROGERS, 171 Mt. Vernon Ave.

A world of adventure at South Ave. library

RECENTLY we witnessed the end of an era. And the majority never even batted an eyelash.

South Avenue branch of the Rochester Public Library was destroyed by fire. In my opinion it will not be restored. More likely the demolition crew will soon move in, smash it down and black top over the surface and we will have another parking lot.

But I would like to protest for all the millions of young minds that pushed open the library doors and entered a realm of adventure and knowledge at the South Avenue branch.

YOUR FIRST library card! What an experience to enter those hushed, hallowed book-lined walls. And it had a strange clean aroma, as if knowledge oozed from every book.

Every little child knew about the secret door in the children's section. And to be able to hear stories read was such a thrill and privilege.

Has this generation become so calloused and unconcerned that the passing of a library means nothing?

I, for one, could not stand by and let this happen without at least expressing my feelings about the loss of our library.

GLORIA BLAKLEY LEWIS, 305 Caroline St.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Rochester Public Library director Linda M. Bretz has said the library will be replaced.

Without culture, we become barbarians

WHAT was I to say? The South Avenue Branch of the Rochester Public Library had been gutted by fire and I was meeting with Miss Susan Rosenkoetter, head librarian of the branch.

Would I mention that we were losing a service that was an integral part of the neighborhood? Could we reminisce of the personal services her staff extended to patrons young and old?

Perhaps we might recall the times my friends and I needed information and played "Stump the Librarian." She never failed to come up with the answer from materials within her own branch.

May we could thank Miss Rosenkoetter for allowing us patrons to have a "book swap" shelf? How about mentioning that a good number of elementary school teachers considered the children's book collection at the South Avenue Library to be the finest of any branch within the Monroe County Library System?

What about mentioning the well-rounded book and record collection? Should I mention that the fire could possible destroy what she and her staff had built with hard work and integrity?

I met with Miss Rosenkoetter and didn't mention any of the above items. I was well aware of the fact that she already possessed this knowledge.

However, my eyes fell upon the title of an open book by James Herriot. The title was, "All Things Wise and Wonderful.

Those were the words for which I searched. The South Avenue Branch Library is all things wise and wonderful. For this reason, this branch must and will rebuild in the same area and continue to serve the community with its arts and culture. For without the arts we become barbarians.

A. BERNARD CAPONE, 34 Stover Road

Library Negotiates for Use Of South-Gregory Building

City and Rochester Public Library officials hope to wrap up within a week negotiations for using the Rochester One Stop building at South Avenue and Gregory Street as a temporary site for the burned out South Avenue Branch Library.

The library board yesterday approved signing a two-year contract with One Stop owner James Delibert, provided an "acceptable" rent figure is agreed upon by the negotiators. Board members did not indicate what amount would be acceptable. The city Real Estate Department is representing the city in the negotiations. Rochester One Stop has been a phonograph record distributor.

The first floor of the two-story building at 685 South Ave. is vacant. The second floor is used for storage. The building is about a block from the South Avenue branch, where the fire last May ruined 30,000 books.

If that site is selected, a citizens committee will be named to find a permanent home for the library in two or three years, library officials said.

The board also updated its five-year capital improvement plan yesterday. Linda Bretz, library director, referred to the plan as a "wish list." The board can't certain the money needed to carry out the plan will be available.

Based on preliminary recommendations from Barnard & Maybeck, a local engineering consulting firm, the board approved $1.8 million in capital improvements at the Central Library in Rundel Memorial Building to bring it up to city code standards.

Mrs. Bretz said the electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning systems must be replaced. She said no major renovations have occurred since the building opened in 1936.
THEIR COMMON INTEREST: A NEW LIBRARY BUILDING—Examining plans for new branch library, to be built at Bay and Iroquois Sts., are, from left: William A. Clark, consulting engineer; E. H. Walker, of the city engineer's office; Herbert H. Boback, architect, and Anthony C. LeCesse, contractor. Library will replace branch in Goodman St.

New Branch Library Building Due by Oct. 1

The city rents the buildings which house the Lake Ave., Portland, Attent and Geneee branches. It owns the other seven branch buildings—Monroe, Brighton, Charlotte, Ediston, Hudson, Lincoln and South Ave.

Yesterday it was nothing more than a few piles of freshly-moved dirt, an old elm tree stump, and a series of trenches filled with muddy water.

"Tomorrow"—or rather, by Oct. 1—on this site at Bay and Iroquois Sts. will be a new 90-by-90 foot public library building, the most recent addition to Rochester's culture.

C. LeCesse of the LeCesse Corporation, which has the $90,000 contract for building the structure, said, "Weather permitting, we'll begin to pour the concrete footings within the next day or two, and then will begin the brick work." The site has been virtually cleared.

Delivery of steel necessary for the building might occasion some delay, but LeCesse said that "right now the situation looks good." The building will be of brick and stone exterior. Herbert H. Boback is the architect.

It will be known as the Darrell D. Scully branch, and will replace the Goodman St. branch, at 511 Goodman N.

The Goodman St. building, one of five branch libraries for which the city rents quarters, must be vacated by the end of September, according to Rotherford D. Rogers, Rochester Public Library director, because the building owners, a labor union, wish to occupy it.

$90,977 Is Lowest Bid

On New Branch Library

Herbert H. Boback, architect

Nine local firms today submitted bids on a contract to construct a new public library branch in Webster Park at Bay and Iroquois Sts.

Low bidder was the LeCesse Corporation, 1515 Lyell Ave., with a bid of $90,977.

Second lowest was Fred B. Yaeger, 1096 Joseph Ave., with an estimate of $94,254, followed by:

Preliminary excavation for the new Darrell D. Sully Branch of the Rochester Public Library in Webster Park is underway. Completion date for the 90-by-90 foot building is Oct. 1.

Mr. Sully, donor of the money which made this new building possible, was a prominent local attorney and financier who was president of the Genesee Valley Trust Company from 1914 to 1932. He was born here Mar. 7, 1845 and died here in 1931 at the age of 86. He studied law in Scotland, New York City and Canada, where he received his degree from the University of Toronto.

Mr. Sully was a founder of the Genesee Valley Club and served on the Board of Education for many years. He left the bulk of his estate, $200,000, to a niece, Mrs. Anna E. F. Boyd. Upon her death the trust reverted to the city for library purposes.

The Board of Trustees of the Rochester Public Library recently voted to name the Webster Park branch in memory of Mr. Sully.

Books for the building will come from the present Goodman Branch, which has been sold and must be vacated by the end of September.
UPWARD—This will be the children's book room in the new branch Public Library at Bay and Iroquois Streets when it is finished Nov. 1. Joseph Pierleon of 1293 Jay St. is finishing up preliminary work around rear entrance, at left, while William Day Jr. of 64 Cedarwood Ter. is laying soft copper tube to be used for radiant heating.

**Work Advances Rapidly At New Branch Library**

Contractors plan to have the new Rochester Public Library branch at Bay and Iroquois Streets "all enclosed and ready for interior plastering next week," it was disclosed yesterday.

Anthony LeCesse, treasurer of LeCesse Corp., general contractor of the job, said installation of radiant heating pipes in the floor will be finished this week. The pipes are a half-inch soft copper tubing that will be imbedded in concrete two inches under the floor level.

Other radiant heating pipes will be installed in the ceiling of the one-story brick building. LeCesse said that 20 per cent of the heat will come from the floor pipes and 80 per cent from the ceiling.

The building is scheduled to be completed by Nov. 1 and if there are no more unexpected delays, the completion date will be met. LeCesse said the firm anticipated no more delays. Work was held up a month waiting for delivery of structural steel.

Next month, LeCesse said, landscaping will be done and the parking lot behind the building completed. LeCesse estimated the building was 60 per cent completed yesterday.

It is mainly built of cement blocks with a light pink colored brick facing. The flat roof is poured concrete supported by steel columns and beams. Workmen yesterday were completing the brick work around the main entrance facing on Bay Street.
BOOKS ON THE MOVE—Transfer of operations from Branch Library at 511-Goodman St. N. to the new Darrell D. Sully Branch Library, 939 Bay St., was underway today. Here Virginia P. Miller, supervisor of branch libraries, checks off list of volumes being taken off old library shelves by Francis C. Carey (center) and Arthur Smith of maintenance staff. Some 13,500 books will be moved to the new building.

**New Darrell Sully Library Branch Opened**

A Rochester Public Library branch was in business today. The Darrell D. Sully branch, at Iroquois and Bay streets, was dedicated yesterday afternoon, with the Rev. Without Eddy Saunders, D.D., the principal speaker.

Dr. Saunders, president of Colgate Rochester Divinity School, recently was reelected president of the board of trustees of the Rochester Public Library.

Citing libraries as one of the city's most essential assets, he said in part:

"Appropriately, we dedicate this building to Darrell D. Sully, whose gift of many years ago makes possible the housing of a book collection.

"Quite as appropriately, we dedicate that which is between the covers of the books—history, philosophy, poetry, love of peace and adventure—to the men, women and children of this area, to whom these treasures are made available without expense, except the wise investment of leisure time."

The late Mr. Sully was an attorney, banker and philanthropist. The $115,000 library branch was financed from funds he left the Rochester Public Library. The Goodman Street branch replaces the Goodman Branch which operated in a rented building at a cost of $90,000, will replace an old branch in rented quarters at 511 Goodman St. N. Construction of the new building was begun last March by the LeCesse Corp., general contractors. The branch will be dedicated yesterday afternoon, Dec. 13, by the city library's board of trustees, will highlight dedication ceremonies today of the new Goodman Street North Public Library.

Rogers said delays in construction of the Goodman Street branch have cropped up, but he expressed belief it will be possible to proceed with the dedication on the date planned. The ceremony will begin at 3 p.m.

An address by the Rev. Wilbour Saunders, president of the Rochester Public Library, will make his first public appearance here at 3 p.m. The new branch will be the first to be named after an individual. All other branches take their names from the streets where they are located.

**New Librarian to Appear At Dedication of Branch**

Harold S. Hacker, new director of the Rochester Public Library, will make his first public appearance here on Dec. 15 when the new Goodman Street North Public Library branch at Ray and Iroquois Streets is dedicated.

Hacker, director of the Grosvenor Library in Buffalo, will not take over his Rochester duties until Jan. 1, but has been invited to the dedication ceremonies and is expected to attend.

Also present will be Rutherford D. Rogers, present director of the Rochester Public Library.

At the dedication yesterday afternoon, Dec. 13, when the new Goodman Street North Public Library branch was dedicated, Miss Floyd Newell, chairman of the building committee, presiding. Dr. Wilbour Saunders, president of the city library's board of directors, will make the dedication speech.

The new branch, constructed at a cost of $20,000, will replace an old branch in rented quarters at 511 Goodman St. N. Construction of the new concrete block building was begun last March by the LeCesse Corp., general contractors. The branch will be named in honor of the late Darrell D. Sully, library benefactor. It will be staffed by Miss Hilda Anthony, as branch librarian; Miss Clara Neal, assistant librarian; and Miss Mary Cashman, children's librarian.

High school pupils will serve part-time as pages.

Funds for the branch were given by Mr. Sully who died in 1951. His will stipulated that a $200,000 trust be set up to establish and maintain a free public library. The Goodman Street branch will be the first to be named after an individual. All other branches take their names from the streets where they are located.

**Dedication Rites Stated Today For Branch Library**

An address by the Rev. Wilbour Saunders, D.D., president of the Rochester Public Library's board of trustees, will highlight dedication ceremonies today of the new Darrell D. Sully Branch Library.

The new branch at 939 Bay St. will open tomorrow. Dr. Saunders will speak at 3 p.m. The new building replaces the Goodman Branch which operated in a rented building for 56 years.

Harold S. Hacker, who will take over the directorship of the Rochester Public and the Monroe County Libraries, will make his first public appearance here at the dedication ceremony.
BIBLIOPHILES—Principals of branch library dedication gather under portrait of Darrell D. Sully whose bequest financed structure. From left, Harold Hacker, R. D. Rogers, Mrs. Floyd Newell, Dr. W. E. Saunders.

250 Attend Branch Library Opening

First fire in the fireplace of the new Darrell D. Sully Branch of the Rochester Public Library, at Bay and Iroquois streets, will be lighted by Director Rutherford D. Rogers this afternoon at a Christmas tea given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers by the staff association of the library.

Pouring at the tea will be Miss Virginia P. Miller, Miss Marian E. Mosher, Miss Emily Rowe, Miss Julia L. Sauer, Miss Marion L. Simmons, Mrs. J. Vernon Steinmann and Miss Helen W. Wilson. The festivities were planned by a committee headed by Mrs. Thelma C. Jefferies and Miss L. Christine Sullivan.

Mr. Rogers, who has been director of both the Rochester Public Library and the Monroe County Library System, will leave Rochester at the end of the year to take up new duties as chief of personnel at the New York Public Library.

Three "generations" of library leadership and some 250 neighbors crowded between blond oak reading tables and book shelves to witness yesterday's dedication of the Darrell D. Sully branch of the Rochester Public Library.

The doors of the gleaming building at Bay and Iroquois Streets were opened to the public shortly before the afternoon ceremony. Only three hours earlier, Rutherford D. Rogers, director of the library system, was one of several executives who helped scrub the floor prior to the opening.

When the Rev. Wilbour Eddy Saunders, D.D., began his dedication address, however, serenity had replaced the bustle of the last minute preparations. The speaker—president of the library trustees and head of Colgate Rochester Divinity School—cited a city's library as one of its most essential assets.

"The adequacy of its library," he said, "is as important to any community as the purity of its water supply and as essential as its fire and police protection."

The new branch, he said, becomes one of the pillars of vitality in the city's northeast section which it serves. It provides the pool of knowledge essential to the informed citizen, he said.

"The wise parent moving into this neighborhood will not only ask whether the transportation facilities are adequate," he explained, "and the shopping center convenient; but also whether the stimuli for cultural achievement are present or absent. The library is our reservoir of information, the pipeline for the flow of the accumulated knowledge of the past and the vehicle for the interpretation of the present."

"Appropriately, we dedicate the building to Darrell D. Sully whose gift of many years ago makes possible the housing of a book collection. Quite as appropriately we dedicate that which is between the covers of the books—history, philosophy, poetry, tales of love and adventure—to the men, women and children of this area ... to whom these treasures are made available without expense, except the wise investment of leisure time."

In Dr. Saunders' audience were Rogers, Dr. John A. Lowe, who preceded him as library director, and Harold S. Hacker, who will succeed him Jan. 1. Of the three, Rogers was the only one to participate in the program. He defined the purpose of a library as serving "education, recreation, aesthetic appreciation, information and research."

It was Rogers' final public appearance before his departure for a major library post in New York City.

Mrs. Floyd B. Newell, chairman of the building committee for the new branch, presided over the informal ceremony. Vice Mayor Norman A. Kreckman, city councilman, who resides in the 18th Ward in which the library is located, expressed the appreciation of the neighborhood and the city as a whole.

The $115,000 structure was financed from funds left to the library by the late Darrell Denman Sully, Rochester lawyer, banker and philanthropist who died in 1931. The building replaces the rented quarters of the Goodman Street Branch. It is headed by Miss Hilda Atterberg, branch librarian.
STORE OF KNOWLEDGE—Street reflects lights of the Darrell D. Sully Branch Library, the newest in the city.

Lights ’N Enlightenment

Evenings Busy at Sully Branch Library

Six evenings a week, the lights in a one-story brick building at Bay and Iroquois streets burn until shortly after closing time at nine.

Traffic through the gleaming glass doors is brisk and the building generally enjoys a good business every day. But unlike other nearby business places, its wares are free to all who enter.

The building is the Darrell D. Sully Branch of the Rochester Public Library, newest of the city’s widespread branch libraries.

The new branch, which replaced the rented quarters of the Goodman street library, was dedicated shortly before Christmas last year. First branch to bear a person’s name, it was dedicated in memory of the late benefactor of the city library system.

...THE LIBRARY, which is in the charge of Miss Hilda D. Atterberg, contains a total of more than 15,000 volumes.

Photos by Times-Union Photographer Curt Barnes.

ALL DATED UP—Kathy Whalen, Sully Branch page, checks out books for Margaret Smith (center), 11, of 144 Kiniry Dr., and Jean Woerner, 10, of 124 Kiniry Dr.
A founders' day program will be presented by the PTA of Audubon Unit 33 School at 8 p.m. tomorrow at Sully Branch Library, 939 Bay St.

Norman Moore, director of the audio-visual department of the Public Library, will show a film entitled "Impressionable Years," which will be followed by a discussion.

CATS 'N CAPTIVATION—Point of interest in book of cats draws attention of Jeanne Lutus, 8, of 8 Fernwood Pk., Sandra Robertson, 10, of 33 Fernwood Pk., and John Lutus, 6, of 8 Fernwood Pk., at Sully Branch.

THE BIG BOOK—Patrick Mahoney, 9, of 66 Meredith St., refers to the dictionary for some word definitions.

TAKE IT HOME?—That would appear to be on the mind of Lou Ellen Wetzel of 652 Laurelton Rd. as she peruses a book in one of the stacks of Sully Branch Library.
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ROCHESTER DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE
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Cashing of Securities
Proposed to Finance Branch Library Job

Request for liquidation of the Sully Fund bonds into cash for financing construction of the proposed Dewey Avenue branch library was made yesterday by the Board of Trustees of the Rochester Public Library.

The action was taken at the meeting in the Rundell Memorial Building.

The Sully Fund, donated to the city by Darrell D. Sully for purposes of library development, now has a balance of more than $100,000 in bonds and other securities.

J. Vernon Steinmann, assistant director of the Rochester Public Library, said a provision in the city charter prevents the city comptroller from selling municipally-owned bonds at more than 1 per cent below purchase price. Bonds in the Sully Fund, he said, have now depreciated about 6 per cent below their face value.

J. Frank Traynor moved that no commitments be made with architects or other business firms for construction of the library building until the securities in the Sully Fund can be reduced to cash.

The motion, adopted unanimously by the trustees, will be reported to City Comptroller Emmett V. Norton.

The City of Rochester has taken a 60-day option for $7,500 from Aquinas Institute to purchase land and for the library building. City officials have been assured by Traynor, on behalf of the trustees, that they will not be asked to delay any cost of the construction if they agreed to purchase the site.

Burglar Writer, Not a Reader

The Rochester Public Library branch at 525 Bay St. was burglarized last night and an $80 portable typewriter was stolen, police reported.

Two offices were ransacked. The custodian, Edward Barry, reported a rear door was forced. The breakin occurred between 9:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m.
The rocking chair was presented Saturday as thanks for allowing the group to use the library grounds for its annual neighborhood festival last fall.

"This is the first time we made a profit so we could buy the library a gift," said Pat Shihloff of the Homestead Heights Neighbor Association.

Collect $775

An envelope addressed simply to "Public Librarian 14609" arrived at the right place. It was opened by Louise Riggio, a librarian at Sully Branch on Bay Street. Inside was a request for information from a Chicago credit agency... Incidentally, the library asks the Credit Bureau to collect money owed on long-overdue items of significant value. Failure to pay can affect one's credit rating and ability to borrow from a bank. Money that is.

Part-time Library Set

Rochester Public Library Director Harold Hacker said lack of space forced the library to close the School 27 subbranch several years ago. The staff time then was transferred to Danforth Recreation Center.

The library will staff the subbranch for a half hour each week and provide 1,500 to 3,000 books, depending on space and collection status.

Typewriter Stolen

Burglars visited the Rochester Public Library Branch at 939 Bay St., but they weren't interested in reading. They seemed to have a penchant for writing, however. A typewriter valued at $80 was stolen. A rear window was broken to gain entry.
Meeting Set on Branch Library
T I M E S U N I O N APR 20 1965

A public information meeting on the proposed new Genesee Branch Library will be held at 8 p.m. tomorrow in the Rundel Memorial Building auditorium.

Harold Hacker, library director, will outline reasons for the new building and the branch library's relocation from 707 Main St. W. He also will discuss criteria for branch library sites.

The southeastern corner of Bronson Avenue and Olean Street has been suggested as a site for the new Genesee Branch which will serve the area bounded by Jefferson Avenue, the Genesee River, New York Central Railroad tracks and Brooks Avenue.

... RESIDENTS of the area will be polled on the desirability of the suggested site and of having a Citizens Advisory Committee to work with the Library to plan services, facilities and materials for the new branch.

There also will be a general discussion of services desired in the proposed new branch.

Tacker said this is the first time residents have been asked to help with initial planning for a library branch. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Suggestions resulting from this meeting and subsequenent planning may be applied to the Pioneer Library System's project for the library non-user, according to project director Clement Hapeman.

Library Branch Needs Aired
T I M E S U N I O N AUG 1 1965

Rochester Public Library director Harold S. Hacker, asked to explain in detail the library's planning for the new Genesee branch which will be built in the Third Ward, today said that the library's concern is to get the thinking and the suggestions of a community that does not normally make wide use of library services.

The library, he said, has had a lot of experience in serving middle-class communities, but the problems of a branch such as the Genesee branch offers are different.

... THE TRADITIONAL library program, he said, wouldn't necessarily meet the needs of a community of different economic and educational levels.

"We want to talk with people and get their views. There may need to be a greater emphasis on audio-visual, over printed material. There may be a need to use space differently, such as providing small areas for tutorial work and person-to-person w o r k.

There may be a need for more facilities for film viewing. If this is so, then we will of course need a different physical facility."

The library, he added, could be quite wrong in its thinking and this was one reason it wanted to talk with people and find out what emphasis, for example, should be put on children's collections, youth and adult services and so on.

One public information meeting has been held at the 10th consecutive time that the city replace the Brighton branch at 25 Winton Road N. City Manager Paul Brown has so far made no recommendation to City Council on the request.

Purse Snatched At Library
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After smashing a window, a thief reached in and grabbed a purse from the rear staff room of the Rochester Public Library Branch at 707 Main St. W. about 7:30 last night.

The victim, Virginia Colby, 18, of 243 Lincoln Ave., a part-time worker at the library, lost about $5.50, the police said the purse, minus the money, was found in nearby Troup Street.

Hearing glass break, Mrs. Richard Stieg, the librarian, entered the staff room in time to see a white youth sprinting away down the alley. The purse had been on top of a cabinet by the window.
Edgerton, Genesee Libraries to Move

By ANNE STEARN

Rochester Public Library’s Board of Trustees voted yesterday to move the Edgerton Park and Genesee branch libraries to “temporary” locations in December. Future new buildings are planned for both branches.

Meanwhile City Council last night authorized the city manager to hire architects to design a new building for the Arnett Branch library, to be built at a different location to be selected.

The library board is negotiating with the owners of the former Al’s Party House, 183 Blossom Street neighborhood, for a lease on that building.

The board has included a new facility for the branch in the city’s Capital Improvement Program, with projected construction by 1980 at an estimated cost of $425,000.

The present building, formerly a correctional institution, was converted to library use in 1912 and is the city’s oldest branch library.

Genesee Branch, now at 707 Main St. W., is vacating its present rented quarters Dec. 1. The board is seeking a location as close as possible to the planned construction of a new branch it hopes to have built in 1970 in the Bronson Avenue-Olean Street neighborhood.

The branch has been in the Main Street West area since 1917 and is described as “badly deteriorated.” In addition, the population center has shifted since 1917 so that now the section is primarily industrial. As a result the facility has the lowest circulation of any branch.

To serve the Main Street West area the board voted to provide bookmobile service at SS. Peter and Paul’s Roman Catholic Church, at 798 Main St. W., across the street from the present branch. The bookmobile will be intended both for children and adults.

The board also will ask the City Insurance Committee to review with the library the possibility of obtaining coverage under the Model Insurance Policy for Libraries developed by the American Library Association and American Insurance Association.

Board member Edwin S. Holmgren said last night the insurance is marketed by various companies in the United States, but he believes only Hartford Insurance Co. writes the policy.

By MARY ANNE PIKRONE

Imagine a library where the floors, ceilings and walls are carpeted; where you don’t enter under the stare of the woman at the circulation desk; where you can either borrow films and a projector, or watch a film of your choice at your own booth.

The new Genesee Branch Library at Bronson Avenue and Olean Street in the Third Ward will be this and more. Groundbreaking will be in a few weeks, and it is scheduled to open late next year—six years after planning first began.

It will be a library for people who have been “turned off by libraries,” says Genesee’s new director James R. Wright, 28, an Alabama State College graduate.

Wright was recruited from an inner city library in Gary, Ind. He and two assistants are working on plans for the new branch in temporary headquarters at Kennedy Towers, 666 Plymouth Ave. S.

“This will be a place where people get what they want, and not what librarians think they ought to have,” he says.

Although it will have the largest collection of black literature of any Rochester Public Library branch, books will take up just half its space.

The other half will be devoted to 35 and 16 mm films, tape recordings, records, framed prints and sculpture, all of which will be loaned to patrons.

It will include 22 carrels, or desk-type booths, 12 of which will be wired so the user can see a film of his choice or listen to his favorite recording.

Bulletin boards will display job listings and community programs, and an information desk will be manned by volunteers from community organizations who will help make the library an information center.

A multi-purpose room will be used for films, discussion groups and community meet-
New Library
To Feature
Film Plaza

The new Genesee Branch of the Rochester Public Library will feature an outdoor plaza and garden area where films can be shown nightly during the summer.

The idea would be to attract passersby who normally wouldn't step into a library, architect James H. Johnson explained today.

Johnson was to present a preliminary sketch of the building to the RPL Board of Trustees this afternoon. The new branch, formerly at 707 Main St. W., should be built in the Bronson Avenue-Olean Street neighborhood next year.

Plans have to be approved by the trustees and then presented to Third Ward community leaders for their approval.

The library will be a one-story curved structure of glass and concrete covering 11,600 square feet. Both the roof and walls will be rounded, and inside both floors and ceilings will be carpeted, the latter for sound control.

Johnson, architect of the Liberty Pole, has used a "landscape planning" technique inside.

This means that all wall partitions inside will be movable, to suit changing needs of the library, and none will extend all the way to the ceiling.

About half the library space will be devoted to individual use, and the rest to books.

A large browsing room, children's library and a multi-purpose room which is actually a small auditorium, are included. The auditorium can be used for neighborhood activities when the library is closed.

According to the RPL capital budget program of 1968-74, the library will cost $423,050, with about 1/3 paid by federal government and 2/3 paid by city.

More Branch Libraries?

As an employee of the main branch of the Rochester Public Library, I have seen much lacking as far as space and multi-media equipment that patrons should have.

What I am saying is that I firmly oppose the construction of the Genesee Branch Library at this time. That branch, when built, will have more equipment and will be more up to date than any of the other branches including the Main.

What I am proposing is that there be a halt to the construction of new branches proposed, Genesee serving as an example. The need is for a new, efficient Main Library building, located in the downtown area with free ample parking.

The Edgerton Branch is renting a building, and I see no reason why Genesee Branch and any other branch that needs to can't do the same for a several year period.

237 Magee Ave.

EDITORS NOTE: Harold Hacker, director of the Rochester Public Library, comments as follows:

"It is true that the Main Library is lacking in space for some purposes. A study is underway to determine the best solution to that problem."
Curved wall of new Genesee Branch of Rochester Public Library (above) shows unique design of library system's latest addition. Branch is being erected at Bronson Avenue and Olean Street. Cost is $533,536.

Random sculpted pattern (shown in picture at right) comes from styrofoam-lined forms into which concrete was poured. Thousands of styrofoam sheets were "burned" with hot pickaxes and tubes by artist-brothers Russell and James D. Secrest to create pattern. According to library officials, this is the first time styrofoam forms have been used in area construction to form sculpture on concrete. Genesee Branch is expected to be open by end of January. Architect is James A. Johnson, who designed the Liberty Pole.
Modernistic library at Bronson Avenue and Olean Street is due to open in spring.

New Genesee Library: Far from Traditional

By MARILYN BAILEY

The $500,000 Genesee Branch of the Rochester Public Library being built at Bronson Avenue and Olean Street will be quite a jump from the old storefront library at 707 Main St. W.

But the jump isn’t being made with the speed most people associate with jumping. The building already is four months behind schedule. And James R. Wright, library director, said it won’t be completed until March at the earliest.

He said the delay was caused by the construction strike earlier this year.

Wright has been head of the branch for two years. That time has been spent planning the new building, because the old branch—in a rented building—closed two years ago.

The new building was proposed by Harold S. Hacker, director of the 15-branch library system. In 1963, funding was approved in March 1964. The site was decided on in the spring of 1965.

The building has been taken for everything except a library, Wright said. “That’s one of the purposes. We don’t want it to be the traditional library that will automatically turn people off.”

Wright said it will be audio-visual oriented and will be “a media center within a public library situation.”

The library, which is located in a predominately black community, will have the largest collection of black literature of any Rochester Public Library branch.

But books will take up only about half its space. The other half will be devoted to 16mm and 8mm films, tape recordings, records, framed prints and sculptures.

The library was to be included with the Brighton Branch, in a $12 million “community improvement” project.

Hacker said the years of delay were caused by a dispute between planners of the Third Ward Urban Renewal Project and FIGHT officials. “FIGHT wanted a voice in which buildings would be demolished,” Hacker said. “We agreed with them, but, we had to wait until everything was settled—until the buildings were cleared and the people relocated before we could start building.”

Finally, the building is near completion. The city is paying about 65 per cent of the cost and the Library Service Construction Act, a federal agency, is paying the rest.

The structure of the building has been taken for everything except a library, Wright said. “That’s one of the purposes. We don’t want it to be the stereotyped cold institution. We want it to be a part of the community, so the people will feel that it is theirs.”

The library, which is located in a predominately black community, will have the largest collection of black literature of any Rochester Public Library branch.

But books will take up only about half its space.

Wright said it will be audio-visual oriented and will be “a media center within a public library situation.”

The other half will be devoted to 8mm and 16mm films, tape recordings, records, framed prints and sculptures.
Library's in Tune with Third Ward

By MARILYN BAILEY

The new Genesee Community Library will be right in tune with its Third Ward community, starting with a jazz festival at its opening in early June.

James R. Wright, the library's director, said he plans to contact local night clubs to "borrow" jazz artists for the event.

The $500,000 library, being completed at Bronson Avenue and Olean Street, replaces the old storefront library at 707 Main St. W.

Wright said the library is the only one in Rochester that has deleted the word "branch" and added "community." "Our library will be different because the programming will be different," he explained. "We hope to be more community oriented."

Some of the programs planned for the library, which will serve a predominantly black community, include a gospel festival, black studies groups and a fashion show.

A community desk will be set up at which area organizations will be able to distribute information and help residents with problems. Social services and Social Security workers will also have access to the facility.

The library's auditorium also will be available for community use.

The opening of the library, which is several months behind schedule, has been delayed by "routine construction problems," Wright said. "Some people think the library's administrators are dragging their feet, but we're doing everything we can to speed up the opening," he said.

The new building is complete except for bookshelves, books and furniture, but some windows will have to be replaced because of vandalism. "We're trying to get a guard," Wright said because some of the kids break windows and climb inside. I understand that some of the kids must have had a party last week, because there were several beer cans lying around. "But you know, it's kind of funny. As many times as they have broken in, they haven't done any real harm. Evidently they feel a little proud of their library."

While awaiting completion of the library, the community has been served by bookmobiles and other libraries. The closest library to the new one is about 14 blocks away, on Anne Street Boulevard.

Dramatic, sculptured sweep of the architecture of new Genesee Community Library at Bronson and Olean streets is visible in the two exterior views, above and below. The building, designed by James Johnson of Liberty Pole fame, is just an innovative on the inside both in furnishings and concept. It is scheduled to open to public in July.
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Is a LIBRARY?

By MARY ANNE PIKRONE

When they said they'd carpet the ceilings of the new Genesee Community Library, everyone thought it would look just like the floor up there.

But architect James Johnson of Liberty Pole fame had other ideas.

The designer of the Rochester Public Library's newest branch decided to hang big bright swatches of carpeting vertically from the ceiling.

When you walk in, the effect is somewhat like entering a medieval hall, with green, red, yellow, orange and blue banners hanging down from above. A red carpet (on the floor) and rough concrete walls complete the effect.

The library is scheduled to open early next month and will be dedicated at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, July 11.

Located at Bronson and Olean streets, it is the most attractive of all the system's buildings.

Its outside walls are made of concrete which was poured in specially sculpted molds. The walls curve in and out, the roof slopes, windows stick out like bubbles.

Inside, all lending materials are in one huge room and everything is movable — bookshelves, desks, study carrels. Poles will extend from the ceiling to provide electricity where it's needed.

A multi-purpose room off to the side will hold more than 100 persons, is available for reservation by community groups, and can be used after library hours. Instead of having a built-in stage, Johnson has sloped the floor up several feet at one end of the room.

Genesee will have the largest audio-visual department of any branch library, with cassettes, tapes, film strips, records and 16mm and 8mm films for loan.

Half of its two dozen study carrels will be "wet" — that is equipped with plug-ins for audio-visual equipment. Each carrel enclosure even has its own built in square foot movie screen.

Situated in a predominantly black community, Genesee will also have the largest black literature collection in the library system.

At least every day we get people who knock on the windows, saying, 'Look, can we come in?' he says.

The library's summer hours will be 2 to 9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 2 to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday; and closed Saturday. All branch library hours have been curtailed because of cuts in the city budget.

Genesee Community Library cost about $500,000, with $148,000 of that coming from the federal government through the Library Services and Construction Act.

James R. Wright is Genesee's head librarian.

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New Library Branch To Open

The Genesee Community Library, a new modern neighborhood branch of the Rochester Public Library at Bronson Avenue and Olean Street, will be open to the public at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

The library replaces the old Genesee Branch located at 707 Main St. W. from March, 1917, until December, 1968. Genesee Community Library is located in the Third Ward Urban Renewal area.

Summer hours will be 2-9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; 2-6 p.m. Thursday and Friday; closed Saturday and Sunday. It will be open Saturdays beginning Sept. 11.

Library Job Bidded

A bid of $7,744 by Di-Clemente & Volk, Inc., was the apparent low bid for millwork and interior finishes at the Genesee Branch Library at Bronson Avenue and Olean streets. Bids were opened yesterday at the County Purchasing Offices.

Two youngsters from the nearby Montgomery Neighborhood Center get a sneak preview of the new Genesee Community Library, most modern in the city. They're Robert Upshaw, 4, of 254 Bronson Ave., and Carol Washington, 3, of 203 Bronson Ave.
A Hard(cover) Run Turns Soft

The Soul Mobile, a small Chevrolet van owned by the Rochester Public Library, performs routine duties on weekdays.

But every Saturday it's loaded with about 300 paperback books and cruises the predominantly black 3rd Ward.

Earle Williams, a 21-year-old library aide at the new Phillis Wheatley Community Library, 13 Bronson Ave., drives the Soul Mobile through the neighborhood, stopping wherever youngsters are gathered.

The paperbacks, he explains, are for the kids, don’t necessarily have to be returned to the library, although that would be appreciated.

“Don’t be short on mysteries,” Williams said. “But we’ve got everything up through works of philosophy.”

Many of the 50 or so books he distributes each Saturday, he explained, are returned either to him or to another unit of the library, but he didn’t know what the return percentage was.

The important thing, he said, is that, through contact with the Soul Mobile, 3rd Ward youngsters are encouraged to read during the summer and to visit the community branch.

Williams said the Soul Mobile started operating in early July and will keep rolling until winter sets in. Paperback books are identified with recreational reading, a library spokesman said, but hardcover books — in the minds of the youngsters — are associated with school and reading “chores.”

The cost of the program is minimal, the spokesman said, because Williams normally works Saturdays and the van already was owned by the library.

The expense of gasoline and of books that may not be returned will be compensated for, he said, by greater use of libraries by 3rd Ward youngsters.

New Library May Get New Name

The George Community Library, the new $900,000 structure at Bronson Avenue and Olean Street, is officially part of Rochester and its Third Ward community, after yesterday’s dedication ceremonies.

However, a few weeks it may not be known by that name.

Dr. Joseph Yudelson, president of the Rochester Public Library board of trustees, said yesterday he will meet with some community residents to decide on an official name. A date has not been set.

Library’s Wooden ‘Windows’

Vandals have broken 23 thermopane windows worth about $5,000 at the new Phillis Wheatley Community Library of the Rochester Public Library.

It opened in July at Bronson Avenue and Olean Street.

The breakage was reported by RPL Director Harold S. Hacker at yesterday’s library board of trustees meeting. He says most breakage occurred before the building was opened.

Seven of the windows will be replaced with glass at $213 a piece. But the remaining 16 are temporarily replaced with extra strength 1/4 inch plywood at $160 a window, a library spokesman said.

Plywood is being used instead of glass because the “ammunition” rocks — still fills an abandoned railroad bed next to the library.

Communications breakdown:

Library administrators at a recent Syracuse University-sponsored weekend conference on communications included Alan Kusler, public relations director of the Rochester Public Library, and James Wright, director of the Phillis Wheatley Community Library at Bronson and Olean streets.

Persons attending the session at the Sheraton Canandaigua Inn were asked to share rooms, so Kusler and Wright doubled up. When they checked in, an envelope with the key to their two-bed room was waiting for the two men plus “Phillis Wheatley.” Neither the hotel nor the conference sponsor had any objections; evidently, to that kind of arrangement.
Wheatley Library

First Birthday

The Phillis Wheatley Library at Bronson Avenue and Olean Street celebrated its first birthday yesterday with business as usual.

Tiny feet prance across the auditorium stage in a nursery school graduation while older youngsters sit not far away watching their weekly favorite — the Flip Wilson Show. Other youths are being tutored in their school work as some community people preview a film on sickle cell anemia.

The library, in the predominantly black 3rd Ward, is really a community center, its director James R. Wright said yesterday.

"We haven't reached our goal of being a total part of the community, but we've come closer to it than most. We can't accomplish that goal in a year, it's a time thing," Wright said.

"The community must be educated to the library as being an information center not just a building for books. This is a people place aimed at meeting the needs of the people in the community," he said.

"There are loads of community meetings in the auditorium here," Wright said. "That's one of our biggest assets. As a matter of fact SPAN (City School District's School Parent Adviser to the Neighborhood program) met here today, all day."

Kitchen facilities at the library has been the scene for "some good soul food cooking," he said.

Soul Mobile Brings Kids

In City More than Books

The Soul Mobile, a Chevrolet van that distributes paperback books to inner-city residents each Saturday, brings the younger crowd a double treat.

It shows them that all books aren't formidable hardcover books, while also telling them of dancing and storytelling at a nearby library branch later that week.

The Soul Mobile has been cruising Jefferson and Plymouth avenues in the predominantly black 3rd Ward since the first of June, said James R. Wright; director of the Phillis Wheatley Community Library at 13 Bronson Ave.

For about three hours every Saturday afternoon, it stops wherever youngsters are gathered and lets them go through the 300 paperbacks stocked in the van.

Most of the books are geared to older teenagers and adults, Wright says, but information about library activities is geared to the 6- to 13-year-olds.

From 9:30 a.m. to noon each Wednesday, about 75 to 100 youngsters visit the library to see films that appeal to their age group; try new dances; learn skills in arts and crafts; and listen to stories told by a library staff member, Wright said.

Children can still register for the Wednesday program, he said.

"Hopefully," he added, "the Soul Mobile will continue operating through November." The Wednesday sessions will end when school starts.

Last year, the Soul Mobile operation died in late September with the resignation of its driver. Since the program is funded by a yearly grant — running from November to November — Wright felt it would be unfair to hire another person for just two months.

This year, he said, he expects no dilemma over whether another yearly grant will be forthcoming— as happened last year.

BOOK PARTY: The Phillis Wheatley Community Library, 13 Bronson Ave., will hold an open house from 3 through 5 p.m. tomorrow. William Johnson, the new director of the Rochester Urban League, will attend.

SANTA'S COMING: The Wheatley branch of the Rochester Public Library at 13 Bronson Ave. is sponsoring a Christmas program for neighborhood children today and tomorrow. Both days from 10 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m., children will be able to talk with Santa, sing carols, see a Christmas film and receive gifts.
Library gets grant to study noted blacks

The Phyllis Wheatley Branch of the Rochester Public Library was among several recipients recently awarded grants by the First Community Interfaith Institute.

The Catherine Smith Award for $100 was given for the library's research on noted blacks from Rochester.

Albert Thomas, 20, of Geneva and a junior at the Rochester Institute of Technology, received a $100 scholarship contributed by the Afro-American Club. Portia Searles, 21, of 11 Bond St., was awarded a $100 Martha Jordan Scholarship and an additional $50 scholarship. She is a junior at Central University, Pella, Iowa.

The late Martha Jordan was the founder of the Interfaith Institute.

Talk on Black Family Histories

A workshop on methods of researching black family history is scheduled tomorrow at the Phyllis Wheatley Community Library.

Dr. Leadrow Johnson, pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, and Dr. John Walker of Baden Street Drug Center will speak at 9:45 a.m.

An 11:00 a.m. discussion on Rochester's black history will be led by historians Dr. Blake McKelvey and Dr. Joseph Barnes, Walden Johnson of Action for a Better Community and Dr. Felix Okoye, chairman of the black studies program at State University of New York College at Brockport.

Library Windows to Be Restored

Broken windows and graffiti-covered, plywood panels have marred the appearance of the Phyllis Wheatley Community Library for more than a year.

But the modern-looking library, at 13 Bronson Ave., will be getting window replacements soon, James H. Wright, library director, says.

The one-story building in the city's Third Ward has been plagued with vandalism since it was built in 1971.

Wright said some of the windows in the building were broken even before the library opened. The vandalism continued until last year, he said.

Wright said he believed the source of the problem was the readily available stones laid for the bed of Ford Street, which the library fronts. Once the street repaving was completed last year, the problem diminished, Wright said.

William H. Cox Jr., director for community services for the Rochester Public Library, said about $5,000 has been spent replacing the windows as they were broken.

"There came a point where we decided it would be much too expensive to continue that," Cox said.

Cox said Wheatley is the only library in the city that has had repeated window breakage.

James McCuller, director of Action for a Better Community (ABC), said he "finds the library's plans an unsatisfactory response."

ABC was one of the neighborhood organizations which helped in the plans for the library before it was built in 1971.

McCuller said he wants glass or a glass substitute in all the windows so passersby can look into the well-designed interior.

"I don't think there's a lack of cooperation from the (library) staff," McCuller said. "I believe they would like to have their windows back. They're somewhat embittered by the fact that kids (breaking the windows) came back repeatedly."

Librarians to Tutor Inner-City Youngsters

The city librarians interested in helping inner-city youngsters improve reading skills have set up free tutoring programs at Phyllis Wheatley Library and at Lincoln Library.

The after-school sessions got under way last Monday, at Wheatley Library, 13 Bronson Ave. and Lincoln Library, 585 Clifford Ave.

The experimental programs, on Mondays and Wednesdays, will last six weeks.

"There are so many children who need an extra push," said Wheatley children's department librarian, Audrey Frazier, program cofounder.

"Sometimes, they can't get it at home. Parents come home from work tired and really don't feel up to helping children with homework."

"But we can help with math; spelling and other subjects," he said.

Besides Thompson and Mrs. Frazier, tutors will include teachers from the City School District, some members of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority who are college educated women, community group workers, a college student and others.
The trustees also restored their desire for $63,000 in repairs to the Rundell Memorial Library, and the South Avenue Branch for $17,225 in the 1955 budget. Hacker notes a "remarkable" increase of 9 per cent in library circulation of the year July and August as a result of the new building. The three summer months generally are poor as far as library circulation is concerned.

In addition, the trustees voted to request Mayor Samuel B. Collins to proclaim the period of Oct. 10-16 as Book Week in the city in connection with a Rochester Book Fair at the Library.

New Brighton Branch Asked
By Library

City officials yesterday received a $150,000 reminder that the more than 50-year-old red brick building which houses the Brighton Branch of the Rochester Public Library is in need of replacement.

The Library Board of Trustees provided the reminder when it met to consider 1955 budget requests and recommended construction of a new Brighton Branch. The proposed $150,000 building would replace the present structure, originally a school house, in Winton road north, between University Avenue extension and East avenue.

Actually, it was indicated, the building to be in the sum in its capital expenditure budget next year.

MORE IMMEDIATE financial needs were included in the board's approval of an ad budget request for $27,732 from the city to include the sum in its capital expenditure budget next year.

He Had Bird
Of a Problem

That guy with the butterfly net seen lurking around the Brighton branch of the Rochester Public Library wasn't trying to snatch the last copy of "Inside Africa," the current best-seller. He was after pigeons.

It all began when two city workmen replaced a broken window in the library's blind attic. As they left, one remarked that there were 50 pigeons inside the four-foot-square opening. The library officials reiterated the desire for $68,000 in revenue from book fines and other library sources.

The request was made, it was indicated, the board's approval of budget requests this year. Expected library revenue anticipated is $786,662 budgeted for the current year.

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Brighton, Rochester Urged
To Be Freed of Pigeons in Attic

If city pigeon-chasers are successful tomorrow, patrons of the new Brighton branch of Rochester Public Library no longer will be disturbed by fluttering feathers among the bookshelves.

Library officials asked City Purchasing Agent Fred W. Ereh some time ago to do something about pigeons which flew into an unused attic in the 70-year-old library building at 25 Winton Rd. N. The pigeons nestled down through cracks in the floor, the library officials said. What's more, the parents of pigeons soon were joined by baby pigeons.

Ereh referred the complaint to Harry W. Bareham, superintendent of city building maintenance. Bareham found that the pigeons were flying into the attic through a hole in the window.

The pigeons were flying to the city to include the sum in its capital expenditure budget next year.

To be freed of pigeons today.
**City Council to Sell Library Branch, Use Funds for New Building**

The city has decided to sell the Brighton branch of the Rochester Public Library and use the funds to build a new branch.

When this is done will depend on the selection of a new site and the success of a private campaign in the 18th and 21st Ward areas to raise funds for the new branch.

The decision was made as a result of a meeting of City Manager Henry Dutcher, incoming City Manager Porter Homer and Arthur Emmighausen, who has headed a campaign for a new library branch.

City action will depend on the selection of a site for the new branch and the success of a private campaign in the 18th and 21st Ward areas to raise funds for the new branch.

City Manager Henry R. Dutcher Jr. and Porter W. Homer, who will succeed Dutcher this month, discussed

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**Winton-Atlantic Site Sought for Library**

City Council will get “one of the biggest petitions you ever saw” at its meeting next Tuesday, spokesmen for the Library Improvement Committee for the 18th and 21st Wards claim.

The petition will urge the Council to build a library on city-owned land at the northeast corner of Winton Road and Atlantic Avenue.

Wegman Food Markets Inc. wants to build a supermarket on the land. This proposal is tied up in court and the Council is waiting for a decision.

A hundred workers are out collecting signatures, said the chairman, Arthur Emmighausen of 54 Kansas Road.

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Mrs. Howe, are Mrs. Catherine

Kelly, 61 Dartmouth Road; Mrs.

Madeline McKenna, 1107 At-

lantic Ave.; Mr. and Mrs. D.

Bernard Hennessey, 63 Mayfield

St. and Mrs. Benjamin Phel-

wood, 66 Middlesex Road; Mr.

and Mrs. Fred Badger, 44

Mayfield St.; E. Bruce Youngs,

871 Winton Road N.; Mr. and

Mrs. Howard J. Senechal, 56 May-

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Road - East Avenue area.

THE CITY has owned the

Atlantic-Winton site a long

time. In March 1960 it agreed
to take $50,200 for it from

Wegman Properties Inc. A

variance for a supermarket

was granted but 18 neighbors
went to court and won last

December. The Wegman firm has a

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent, City of Rochester, N. Y., 31 City Hall, until 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, February 7, 1962, in the following:

Purchasing of the South Avenue Branch-Exchange, for the Rochester Public Library.

A deposit of $50.00 is required for each set of plans and specifications.

All bids must be signed by the owner of the property in which the work is to be done, and his name and address and the conditions under which the work is to be done must be accompanied by a check or certified bank draft or letter of credit in an amount as specified in the requisition to secure the execution of the contract if awarded.

All bids must be upon and in con-

formity with the bidding plans and specifications which will be furnished by the undersigned after Jan. 24.

REED H. HARDING,

Purchasing Agent.
41 cents. The 1964-65 allotment, per capita expenditure for Rochester, was 51 cents. The state per capita average remains below the New York average of 60.3 cents.

The larger budgetary increases allow almost $10,000 for maintenance and repair. Of the 13 buildings, the main library and 12 branches, Hacker noted, only three postdate 1936 and repair and maintenance are becoming increasingly expensive.

A $6,000 request is made to begin replacement of the IBM cards required for the book circulation control system instituted in 1958. Replacement of one-fifth of the circulation system for the next five years was suggested.

Allotment for books, $147,000 is up $7,000 from last year. Hacker noted that even with the increase RPL remains below the New York State per capita average expenditure for books, periodicals and bindings, which in 1962 was 51 cents.

With the granting of the 1964-65 allotment, per capita expenditure for Rochester would amount to 50.1 cents.

Brighton Branch Library Funds Asked Again

By BETSY BUES

The Rochester Public Library is asking for the 11th consecutive year that the city appropriate funds to replace the Brighton branch.

The 80-year-old building at Winton Road North and University Avenue has been occupied by the library for 41 years.

The present head of the branch, Lucile Messinger, has said that on windy days the entire building is like a sieve. Cold air comes from the unused room on the second floor, from the entrance to the basement, from the front door, and from all the windows so that it is impossible to keep warm when one is any distance from the register.

THE TRUSTEES, in the annual budget meeting yesterday, asked $200,000 in a capital budget request for a new Brighton branch and a like sum to replace the Genesee branch, RPL's oldest branch, which has been occupied since 1918.

They suggested a site at the northwest corner of Winton Road North and Atlantic Avenue for a new Brighton branch. It is land owned by the city.

Suggested site for a new Genesee branch is in the vicinity of the Montgomery Neighborhood Center. The present branch is at 707 W. Main St. Cost of the site is not included in the $200,000 request.

IN DISCUSSING the proposed Genesee branch, Harold S. Hacker, library director, said the section of the city involved is the largest one without a centrally situated branch library.

He also noted that the area has a large portion of the population, many people who have recently moved from the south where there is inadequate library service.

Circulation at the present branch has dropped from 10,288 in 1933 to 90,770 in 1963, an average of 10,609 every 10 years.

Hacker noted that circulation in Charlotte, Dewey and Eastbury branches, the city's three newest branches, jumped between 44.9 and 60.3 per cent the first year they were in new buildings.

The trustees also asked for a capital funds appropriation of $1,000 for a space-study of the Rundel Memorial Building to indicate the best plan for expansion.

The expansion study was originally sought last April by the trustees, but City Manager Porter W. Homer did not approve it until last week.

AN OPERATING budget request of $1,511,250, up $55,-

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Branch Library Fund Asked

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That 'Dump' Deserves the Name

After 12 years of futile plugging for a new Brighton branch library, the patience of Rochester Library officials is understandably wearing thin.

Last year, Msgr. Joseph Grady, a trustee, commented on the 11th annual request for the branch: "Perseverance is the hope for Christian virtue." This year, Library Director Harold S. Hacker said bluntly: "This is a recommendation to replace that dump on Winton Road."

Such table-thumping frankness is refreshing and warranted, That 'Dump' deserves the name.

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THE BRIGHTON BRANCH LIBRARY

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FIGHT PLANNED ON LIBRARY DELINQUENTS

The trustees of the Rochester Public Library yesterday approved a study into the legal methods of punishing 'hard core delinquents.'

They are the few book borrowers who have accumulated from 10 to 20 books and have no intention of returning them.

Director Harold S. Hacker said the delinquents had ignored telephone calls and letters from the city corporation counsel, informing them they were violating the law.

Hacker said he doesn't want to repeat the East Orange, N.J. method of rooting out delinquents after midnight with city police.

But he and the trustees are anxious to prevent serious abuse of the library privileges.

leaks. Cold air pours through the windows in winter. Off-street parking is limited. The layout is inefficient.

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The city already owns a branch site at Winton Road and Atlantic Avenue which would better serve city residents in that area and provide room for parking without further land purchase.

Now City Council needs to appropriate $200,000 for construction.

The library board also asked a new Genesee branch and an expansion study for the Rundel Building. But the new Brighton branch has top priority.
BRIGHTON BRANCH

Rickety Building Doomed?

EX-SCHOOLHOUSE, library building has flooded basement, patched floors, and capricious heating system.

ROOM FOR ONE is all there is in the work room at Brighton Branch Library, called a "dump" by city library director Harold Hacker, who asked for $200,000 to replace the 80-year-old structure.

PAST PATCHING, this second-floor ceiling is so bad room had to be sealed off and is no longer heated.

OVERFLOW OF MATERIALS in library's dark basement is viewed with dismay by assistant librarian Israel Schrieber. Crumbling walls rain dust and plaster on shelves. Last year seven rats were caught in building.

Library

To Build
UNION WAR 12 1964
This Year

Construction of new Genesee and Brighton branch libraries will begin this year, the city said today.

The new libraries are included in a $12 million "community improvements" bond program proposed to City Council by City Manager Porter W. Homer.

The $325,000 "cultural improvements" phase also includes a space study of the Rundel Memorial Building and a preliminary study plan for expansion of the Rochester Museum to include a "Space Hall of Science."

The Brighton branch, now housed in an 80-year-old former schoolhouse at 25 Winton Road N., will be replaced on a city-owned site at Winton Road and Atlantic Avenue. Until this year the site was under option to Wegman Food Markets, Inc.

Homer recommends eventual sale of the present Brighton branch site to help offset the cost of the new construction.

The proposal calls for construction in the area of Tremont Street and Keelox Place to replace the Genesee branch which now occupies rented space at 707 Main St. W.

In the Rochester Public Library's capital budget request last month, $200,000 was asked for the replacement of each branch.

The library also asked for $1,000 for a space study of the Rundel building which is inadequate for the amount of business handled.

Homer includes this request, although no specific amounts for each project have been given.

The design for an addition to the Rochester Museum is "not a radical change," according to George R. Williams, president of the Rochester Museum Association. He said the 1959 design expansion plan has been "basically updated" to include more emphasis on space study.

The addition, according to museum director W. Stephen Thomas, "will serve the purposes that the science center was originally planned for."

The museum addition will be placed on land owned by the museum next to the present structure on East Avenue.
Winton Road Library Plans Await City Directive

Rochester Public Library Director Harold S. Hacker is awaiting a directive from City Manager Porter W. Homer on whether the city or the library will engage architects to design the new Genesee and Brighton branch buildings, he told trustees yesterday.

A total of $475,000 from the issuance of bonds was approved by City Council April 14 for the construction of two branches and the purchase of a site for the Genesee branch on Tremont Street.

Hacker announced plans for a new program to reduce the number of long overdue books. It included notices and a revised corporation counsel’s letter advising of possible legal action.

Opposes Changing Library Name

By Mrs. Edwin C. Smith

A proposal has been made to establish the proposed new Rochester Brighton branch library as the city’s memorial to the late President John F. Kennedy.

I cannot conceive of anyone who knows the real history of the present branch wanting to change its name.

The original building on Winton road was a schoolhouse. It was a landmark of the early days. It has been used mostly by Brighton people throughout these many years.

147 Beverly St.

Winton Road Library Approved by Trustees

Preliminary plans for the Winton Road branch library were approved yesterday by the Rochester Public Library Board. Total cost will be $266,667, with one-fourth coming from a federal construction grant.

The building will cover about 9,000 square feet and will have a corner entrance at Winton Road and Atlantic Avenue. Parking space for 23 cars will be provided off Atlantic Avenue.

It will be the first library in the Rochester system to have individual study tables, noted RPL Director Harold Hacker. Other features include a special area for recordings, space for browsing and reading, a multi-purpose room and a children’s room.

Trustees learned that the Edgerton branch library site may be acquired by the City School District for construction of an addition to Jefferson High School. Hacker reported the building, which has been used since 1912, was old and dilapidated. A new building would be a welcome replacement, he said.

In other business, trustees:

- Asked that the RPL’s legal status be determined to see if it can take part in statewide library assistance if approved by the legislature.
- Approved the second of two library user surveys. Part of the research study of the State Education Department, it will be distributed to each user at the library doors by volunteers of the friends of the RPL.
- Learned that a volunteer has been recruited to administer the Danforth House, which has been converted.

Winton Road Library To Be Biggest

Democratic organization at Island Valley Country Club About 500 persons attended.

The new library, he said, will have room for 30,000 volumes and a seating capacity of 9. A multi-purpose room, seating 20, will be equipped with a television set, coffee-maker and built-in screen.

Plans also call for an informal seating area for browsers, a reference and study area and a “quiet” area.

Hacker said the one-story building, fronting on Winton Road North, will have 9,000 to 10,000 square feet of space, with a walk-in, street-level entrance. He hopes to have the building air-conditioned.

Mayor Frank T. Lamb said he was sure the cornerstone would be laid by the end of the year, but Hacker doubted this was possible.

Final plans and specifications won’t be ready for six months, he said, with construction expected to start in February or March. The architects are Epping & Whitney.

City Council appropriated $220,000 for the project last year. In addition, the library Board of Trustees has applied for $73,000 in federal funds.

Plans Completed For New Library

The new Winton Road Branch Library moved a step closer to construction yesterday when preliminary plans were completed and presented to city officials.

Next, architects will complete final drawings and specifications. These will be used to advertise for bids by the first of next year, said Harold Hacker, director of the Rochester Public Library. Construction is expected to begin in the spring, he said.

Estimated cost is $266,667. The City Council approved a $390,000 bond last year, and the rest will be financed by a federal grant under the Library Services and Construction Act.

The new library will be at Winton Road North and Atlantic Avenue. It replaces the old Brighton Branch which has been in a former school at Winton Road North and University Avenue since 1923. The building was built as a Brighton school in 1884.

The new branch will have space for 30,000 volumes and
Library officials yesterday unveiled plans for the $266,667 Winton Road branch library, scheduled for construction next spring.

Harold S. Hacker, director of the Rochester Public Library, briefed city officials on the preliminary drawings for the project.

The library's board of trustees approved the plan last December. City Council voted a $200,000 bond issue to finance it, the remaining funds to come from the federal government's Library Services and Construction Act.

The new branch replaces the Brighton branch, which is to be abandoned. Designed to house 30,000 volumes, the branch will have a small meeting room and a "quiet" leisure reading room.

It will be constructed at Winton Road North and Atlantic Avenue. There are 12 branches, plus a mobile branch, in the city's library system.

The Rochester Public Library will ask City Council to appropriate funds to cover increased construction costs of the Winton Road Branch Library. A $200,000 bond issue was approved by the Council in 1964.

Library officials had estimated the 30,000 volume facility would cost about $250,000 to build. But when bids were opened Jan. 21, they discovered the lowest apparent bid was $257,682.

The Zoning Board of Appeals was asked today to modify setback and parking requirements for a Winton Road branch of the city Public Library.

Architect Theodore Epping and Library Director Harold Hacker said the proposed setback would be 12 feet from Winton Road North instead of the required 20 feet. There would be parking for 21 cars, about half the requirement.

The branch will go on the northwest corner of Winton Road North and Atlantic Avenue, and replace the existing Brighton branch at Winton Road North and University Avenue.

YESTERDAY the City Planning Commission approved the site plan after suggesting a setback change from 3 feet, 8 inches to 12 feet. Some $266,667 has been earmarked in local and federal funds for construction and equipment. Bids are due to be opened Jan. 27, and occupancy is scheduled Oct. 1.

THE ONE-STORY library will have 11,000 square feet of space and serve 10,000 city and 5,000 suburban residents.

Hacker said the parking lot had been set to the north of the building so as not to use the ground over an "old, poorly constructed" overflow sewer. He said that 21 parking spaces would be adequate and would give the branch more parking than, for example the Dewey Avenue and Charlotte branches which have 17 and 18 spaces respectively.

He pointed out the building could be expanded by 3,000 square feet at the rear. This is important, since the Winton Road branch is a good location for a possible regional library, he said.

THE 12-FOOT setback would put the library in line with the setbacks of other businesses nearby. The policy is to place branches close to the sidewalk to attract public notice, Hacker said.

There would be a cutback in the curb to allow cars to pull up in front of the branch and not interfere with Winton Road traffic.

There was no opposition to the application.

City Council last night ran headlong into the rising cost of living—and buying—when they found themselves forced to add $128,000 to a four-year-old $200,000 bond ordinance for construction of the Winton Road branch library.

City Manager Seymour Scher, in a message explaining the added appropriation, cited "increased labor and materials cost and the inclusion of a curb cutback on Winton Road."

Scher said the new money will be reimbursed by the state from federal library funds, with costs to the city of $42,214.
A cornerstone laying ceremony of the Rochester Public Library's new Winton Road Branch will take place Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. at the northwest corner of Winton Road North and Atlantic Avenue.

Mayor Frank Lamb, City Manager Seymour Scher, RPL Director Harold Hacker and Library Board President Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Grady will officiate. A time capsule will be placed in the building's foundation behind the cornerstone.

The building, which should be completed early next year, will replace the old Brighton Branch Library on North Winton between East and University Avenues. Funds for the new branch were provided in March, 1964.

Library Branch Sale Sought

Ordnances calling for the sale at public auction of the Brighton Branch Library on Winton Road will be introduced at tonight's City Council meeting by Councilman William J. Malley.

The building will be abandoned when the new Winton Branch opens at Winton Road and Atlantic Avenue within a month.

A minimum price of $20,000 has been proposed for the Brighton Branch building. The successful bidder will be required to remove or raze the building.

Malley will introduce another measure calling for the sale at public auction of 7.68 acres off Newcastle Road, with a minimum price of $35,000. The would-be developer will be required to obtain approval of plans from the City Planning Commission and Engineering Bureau.

At an auction in June, 1963, the city received a bid of $35,000 (the minimum price then) from West Meadows Development Corp., for the Newcastle Road parcel, but the developer couldn't win council approval. A second auction last January brought no bids. The minimum price was still $35,000.

Winton Library Tops in Hex Signs

By MARY ANNE PIKRONE

If a library can have a hex on it, the Winton Road Branch should qualify.

A year ago September Rochester Public Library Director Harold Hacker reported that the plans for the building at Winton Road and Atlantic Avenue were a month ahead of schedule.

And that's about the last good news that's come to Winton Road.

Plans were approved and the library was supposed to cost about $266,000 — until they started digging for a 21-space parking lot. They uncovered an old Thomas Street overflow storm sewer running through the rear of the property. Not only was the sewer ancient, but it was poorly constructed, said then City Engineer Arvid Karkkainen, who would not allow paving over it.

So the old sewer was filled in and the parking lot was switched from the west to the north side of the building.

Then in January, construction bids turned out to be about $30,000 more than had been expected, and the RPL had to ask City Council for more money. Otherwise, officials were planning on eliminating the skylight, changing the stone in front and installing tile instead of carpeting.

The extra money was approved and construction started.
Plagued Library Branch
Sets May 1 for Opening

The Winton Road branch of the Rochester Public Library may open May 1, Director Harold Hacker reported to the board of trustees yesterday - but he knocked on wood as he said it.

"We expect the furniture to be delivered during the first month in April," Hacker said, "but we will believe it when we see it." If the furniture doesn't arrive until May it will be far for the course for the library, which has had a black cloud hanging over it since construction began.

Designed to be the largest branch library in the system, the Winton Road branch will replace the Brighton branch. It will house 30,000 volumes in its building at Winton Road North and Atlantic Avenue.

Just after construction began workmen discovered an ancient sewer crumbling underneath the surface of land intended for the parking lot. After consultation with the City Engineers, the parking lot was moved to another side of the building and the sewer was filled in.

Then bids turned out to be $30,000 higher than expected. The City Council approved a raise and additional federal funds were obtained.

The next disaster was caused by a car which drove into a brick planter and stone front of the building. Library officials just groaned.

Yesterday, Hacker announced that once again the timetable for the branch would be revised. The new problem: sweating walls.

"We have been told by our architect that sweating walls made early painting impossible," Hacker said. "This is not unusual, according to the architect," he added hopefully.

Shelving which was all ready for delivery in mid-February, had to be stopped when the walls could not be painted. Hacker said that meant the whole order had to be made over. Now the library hopes it will come next month.

At present the library is thankful for only one thing - that the opening wasn't scheduled for April Fool's Day. That would have been too inappropriate. - ANNE STEARNS

City Changes
Land Sale Rule
To Speed Use

By PETER B. TAUB

The city is using a new procedure in seeking to sell the Brighton Branch Library site at Winton Road North and University Avenue.

The building, which will be abandoned when the new Winton Branch opens, will be sold at public auction, with the minimum price $20,000. The auction date has not been set.

The procedure for selling the building was devised by Corporation Counsel Robert A. Feldman and unanimously approved by City Council last night. Feldman said the new method will be used in sales of land where the city wants new construction.

The new procedure does away with the reversion clause, under which the successful bidder didn't receive his deed until he had started construction. This meant the buyer often had trouble obtaining financing for his project.

UNDER THE new system, the top bidder will get the deed as soon as City Council approves the price. Then, within 60 days, the buyer must submit his plans to the Bureau of Planning for approval by the City Planning Commission (which must act within 60 days) and to the Bureau of Engineering for a cost estimate.

Within 30 days of getting a cost estimate, the buyer must obtain a performance bond in that amount guaranteeing construction. If the buyer doesn't win Planning Commission approval and obtain the bond within six months of receiving the deed, the city can rebuy the land from him at the price he paid.

The successful bidder must remove or demolish the Brighton Branch building within 90 days of approval of the sale. The Winton Branch, at Winton Road and Atlantic Avenue, is expected to open within a month.

Winton Library Opens Monday

The new Winton Road Branch Library at Atlantic Avenue will be dedicated with an open house at 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 7.

The new branch, however, is expected to open for business next Monday. The Brighton branch on Winton Road North, which the new one replaces, is closed this week to permit moving of books.

Those that fall due may be returned to any other branch of the Rochester Public Library system or any library in the five-county Pioneer Library system.

Harold S. Hacker, library director, also said the library will seek approval of a $10,000 federal grant for hiring of a library trainee for $5,616 a year and a senior library clerk for $4,932.

Hacker said the new employees would be used in the library's informational services division to make a thorough review of the periodical collection.

The library's new contract with the Rochester Credit Bureau has had a beneficial effect on delinquent borrowers. Hacker said. During March and April, the director said, he mailed out letters to 44 long overdue borrowers notifying them that if they had not returned all books and paid all fines due within two weeks, their cases would be turned over to the credit bureau.

He said 64 books have been returned by these borrowers and $78.75 has been paid in fines or for replacement of lost books. It has been necessary to turn only 14 cases over to the credit bureau.
SINCE THE Brighton Branch of the library on Winton Road has become a decadent building, I am amazed that it should be put up for sale. Has anyone bothered to check the deed for the land on which it stands? Or has it been conveniently mislaid or lost?

As a member of one of the oldest families in what used to be Brighton and a former pupil in the old school itself, I was always led to believe that that property was given to the use of educational purposes only by one of the pioneer families (Blossom) of Brighton. If and when it was ever to be used for any other purpose, the land was to revert to the family.

I wonder why our Landmark Society, or some other interested group could not be prevailed upon to look into the possibilities for acquiring this property.

I am the grand-daughter of John T. Caley of Caley and Nash that was located on the corner of East Avenue and Winton Road for almost 100 years.

ROBERTA LACHIUSA, 32 Kimbark Road.
Evola Frye of 89 Mayfield Street tries to salvage corn and melons in her backyard garden.

Library Gets Books Back
A Bit Late

A couple of library books, which had been checked out for some time, were returned the other day. They were "Sandy" a woman's novel by Alice Hegan Rice, and "When a Man's a Man," an adventure novel by Harold Bell Wright.

As nearly as library officials can figure the copies had been missing for about 40 years. They were discovered by a woman while cleaning her attic. A neighbor returned them to the Winton Branch, 611 Winton Road N., for her because the woman was too embarrassed to bring them in herself.

The books had been rebound in the early 1920s and library officials weren't certain what would be done with them. There was no fine.

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Businesses, neighbors clash

The complaints from both neighbors and businesspeople show the tensions in one of the city's changing commercial areas.

The library is at Atlantic Avenue and North Winton Road, southeast of Frye's backyard. The library parking lot abuts the back of some Mayfield Street properties. The area around the parking lot is littered with hundreds of beer cans and bottles. Frye said she sometimes finds beer bottles floating in her pool.

The group of older teen-agers that gathers around the library gate is the only thing neighbors complain about.

The popular Winton Grill is on the corner of Mayfield and North Winton Road, and the Wintonaire across the street, with some books she was late in returning.

"I'm a bit overdue," she told librarian Steve Lesnak. "I mean, my books are overdue."

The woman may have been too. Lesnak reports she was in a very advanced stage of pregnancy.
Library Opens School Branch

Residents of Ridgeway Avenue neighborhood are happy over the new sub-branch library in School No. 40. This sub-branch of the Rochester Public Library which was opened only recently will continue to be open Tuesday afternoons from 2:30 to 5 p.m. It is organized for the use of school children from the fourth through the seventh grades and for adults and young people of the neighborhood.

A room on the second floor of the school has been provided for the library by the principal, Miss Arnott. This room is conveniently reached by entering the door nearest Ridgeway Avenue, and adults using the library are requested to enter by that door.

The nucleus of a carefully selected collection of books for children has been assembled and more books will be added from time to time. The books for adult readers are of a recreational nature and will be changed frequently. Some of the titles to be found in the adult collection are:
- Bridge, "Enchanter's Nightshade;"
- Curie, "Madame Curie;"
- Earhart, "Last Flights;"
- Peattie, "On Gilbert Head;"
- Peattie, "Tomorrow Is Ours;"

There are also mystery, western and love stories by well known authors.

Library Hours

Nine branch libraries are open on Saturdays through the schedule from 2 to 9 p.m., despite staff shortages, it was emphasized by Harold S. Hacker, librarian director.

The nine branches are Arnett, Brighton, Charlotte, Geneseo, Lake, Monroe, Montrose, and Sully. The South Avenue Branch, near Gregory Street, is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Only the Edgerton Branch at Edgerton Park and the Brighton and Clifford avenues, are closed all day Saturdays during the personal emergency, Hacker explained. He added that the main library will stay closed Saturdays through Oct. 5. Thereafter it will be open Saturdays, as on other weekdays, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Public Library Branches Again Open Saturdays

All Rochester Public Library branches are now open Saturdays from 9 a.m., according to Mrs. P. Miller, supervisor of branches. Saturday hours were curtailed for several months at the Edgerton, Port- land and South avenue branches, because of a staff shortage.

Persons interested in library work as a career have been trained at the staff library and are working in some libraries to ease the shortage of help, it was announced.

Library extension courses will be offered at Rundell Memorial Building by Geneseo State University Teachers College, starting Feb. 5. They will provide opportunity for library trainees and others to take graduate work leading to a master of science degree and library certification.

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Branch Libraries Reopen—Saturday Small Fry File In

Although it was a school holiday, Rochester school children yesterday flocked to browse in the city's 12 branch libraries, open on a Saturday afternoon for the first time since September. There they found books for winter reading and the chance of the branch libraries' return to normal schedules in the persons of seven subjects of the British crown.

Underserved for the last three years with a skeleton staff of 60 professionally trained librarians of the Rochester Public Library system has made the branch librarian John A. Lowe, have been in correspondence with English librarians since last July in an attempt to recruit additions to the staff.

As the result of advertising in British professional journals, seven trained English and Scotch librarians, from such places as Leyton, Kesington, Edinburgh and Paisley, Scotland, are here to help out Rochester libraries on one-year internships in September because of a shortage of personnel. Lowe said several trained librarians have been added to the staff, including some from England.

The new librarians most of them backed by 10 years of experience in their native lands, are described by Lowe as "most enthusiastic and welcome workers."

Because of them the Rochester Public Library system has returned to normalcy and youngsters once again can thumb through their favorite books on wintry Saturdays from 2 to 9 p.m.

Library Asks New Branch In W. Area

A new branch library for the northwest area has been asked by the Rochester Public Library. The City Planning Commission yesterday agreed to consider cost of building land for the library in the next 10-year capital improvement budget, to be submitted to City Council this fall.

Library Director Harold C. Hacker told commissioners that a survey determined need for a new library to replace a branch housed in rented quarters at Lake avenue and Owen street. Construction of the branch would be paid for with money from the library's $200,000 Darrell Sully fund.

A specific site is being sought for the library, which would be in the general area bounded by Ridge road east, the Geneseo river, Emerson street and the New York Central and Baltimore & Ohio railroad tracks.

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Throughout the country, book circulation and demands for library services have jumped. Circulation at all branches in July rose about 15,000 over 1958. Membership in the Monroe County Library System has aided the growth. The boom naturally is gratifying to librarians and readers but it poses headaches, too. Obsolescence of buildings and shifting centers of populations mean problems in the city.

"If a child hasn't a chance to begin the reading habit, he's lost as a library user," Hacker said.

Need for space means constant planning. Brighton Library, whose 9,000 volumes loaned led out-of-city branch circulation in 1958, has outgrown its quarters in the Town Hall.

East Irondequoit Branch, fourth largest outside the city in use, is lodged in a BRIGHT AND PEPPY — With its luminous ceiling and informal furnishing, this new Dewey Avenue branch illustrates the face-lifting of the city library system.

Reading Boom Gratifying, But . . .
Libraries Have to Scramble to Keep Ahead of Space Problems

BY PETER STUTZ

CLIMBING a long flight of stairs to a library has discouraged many prospective patrons, particularly the elderly and handicapped.

But that roadblock to reading pleasure will vanish with the relocation of the Ogden Farmer's (town) Library, the county's last "walk-up" library.

Now on a second floor above the Spencerport Fire Hall, the library can be reached only by mounting stairs. But soon it will have quarters almost at ground level in the Ogden Town Hall being built in West Avenue, Spencerport.

In the city, Dewey Avenue Branch illustrates another phase of library revitalizing in Monroe County. To avoid the "institutional look," the branch opened June 29 has informal furnishings, a luminous ceiling, upholstered chairs and a modern exterior. It's the first branch in the city with two entrances.

Circulation in July, the first full month of operation, was 18,058. This compares with 8,621 for July a year ago at the old Lake Avenue Branch which the Dewey Library replaced.

The archaic Charlotte Branch (which Harold Hacker, library director, termed "the worst building we have") is a target for replacement. Hacker said the city is investigating the possibility of buying the old Charlotte Exchange of Rochester Telephone Corp, to convert into a library. The exchange is at Lake Avenue and Britton Road.

In the towns, space and parking are major difficulties. Hacker pointed out that city children usually can walk to the nearest branches but suburban youngsters must be transported. That means parking space.

A circulation report issued by Webster Library two months ago was moved from the village to the Town Hall.

A circulation report issued by Webster to the Monroe County Library System listed gains of nearly 1,600 each in June and July over the corresponding months a year ago.

About 180 new borrowers registered in July.

Creating new libraries is another goal. Citizens committees, aided by Hacker and his associates, are trying to set up town libraries for Gates and Chili. A Greece Public Library, the first in the town, will open Sept. 14 in Olympia High School in Maiden Lane.

ROADBLOCK TO READING — Ogden Farmer's Library, county's last "walk-up" branch, is heading for new quarters. Harold Gearing sets off on last visit.

From Jerry Yazback, young-adult librarian at Dewey Avenue Branch: A teen-aged girl deposited a letter in the book drop saying she had borrowed a paperback entitled "Pheebo" three months ago and had lost it. She enclosed 75 cents to replace the book, and, as a "peace offering," she gave the library a new paperback copy of John Steinbeck's "The Winter of Our Discontent."
New Arnett Branch Eyed

Edgerton, Genesee

BY ANNE STEARNS

Rochester Public Library's Board of Trustees voted yesterday to move the Edgerton Park and Genesee branch libraries to "temporary" locations in December. Future new buildings are planned for both branches.

Meanwhile City Council last night authorized the city manager to hire architects to design a new building for the Arnett Branch library, to be built at a different location to be selected.

The library board is negotiating with the owners of the former All's Party House, 182 Bloss St., for a site on that building as a new location for the Edgerton Park library, now in a building soon to be demolished.

The board has included a new facility for the branch in the city's Capital Improvement Program, with projected construction by 1970-71 at an estimated cost of $26,250.

The present building, formerly a convivial establishment, was converted to library use in 1912 and is the city's oldest branch library.

Genesee Branch, now at 707 Main St. W., is vacating its present rented quarters Dec. 1. The board is seeking a location as close as possible to the planned construction of a new branch it hopes to have built in 1970 in the Bronson Avenue-Clean Street neighborhood.

The branch has been in the Main Street West area since 1917 and is described as "badly deteriorated." In addition, the population center has shifted since 1917 so that now the section is primarily industrial.

As a result the facility has the lowest circulation of any branch.

To serve the Main Street West area the board voted to provide bookmobile service at S.S. Peter and Paul's Roman Catholic Church, at 740 Main St. W., across the street from the present branch. The bookmobile will be intended both for children and adults.

The board also will ask the City Insurance Committee to review with the library the possibility of obtaining coverage under the Model Insurance Policy for Libraries developed by the American Library Association and American Insurance Association.

The Arnett Branch is primarily industrial. As a result it is the city's oldest branch and is the area which is the center for children from the community; it also serves as a center for the community's youth activities.

The insurance committee also will be asked to review the various companies in the United States, but he believes only Hartford Insurance Co. writes the policy.

In New York State. The insurance committee also will be requested to review the amount of insurance now carried on various facilities.

Library to Move

Board members Edwin S. Holmgren said last night the insurance is marketed by various companies in the United States, but he believes only Hartford Insurance Co. writes the policy.

Children's Book Week, to be held the week of Monday, Jan. 15. It also approved $25,000 in the city's capital budget to start work on re-lighting the Rundell Memorial Building, but took no action on a request for $170,000 for building a new Brighton branch.

Friday was picked because the center has its largest attendance that day which is highlighted by a dance.

Hacker told the board that the library would study reading habits at the center and would try to supply what its patrons wanted to read.

A sub-branch is a library service outlet that is open from one-half to a day a week in areas not served by regular branches. At one time there were sub-branches in nine schools and two stores. All but those in three schools have been replaced by bookmobiles.

The library director also informed the board that the City Council must make a request for re-lighting the South Avenue Branch.

Libraries to Move

For Branches

Several branches of the Rochester Public Library system have chosen this week, National Children's Book Week, to begin programs of preschool and school age story hours.

Here is the story hour schedule at the branches:

Monroe branch—regular, Mondays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.; preschool, Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.; regular, Thursdays at 10 a.m.; story hour, Thursdays at 10 a.m.

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Usual Hours

Branches of the Rochester Public Library will resume regular hours because the system has hired two employees through the Federal Emergency Employment Act.

Hours are:

- Dewey, Edgerton, Charlotte, Hudson, Wheatley, South, Sally, Monroe and Water:
  - Monday through Friday, 2 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Portland: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 2 to 9 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Lincoln: Monday and Wednesday to Friday, 2 to 9 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Lincoln's second floor media center will also reopen these hours: Monday and Wednesday, 2 to 5 p.m., 6 to 9 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 2 to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Arnett, where a bookmobile is providing most services until the new building is constructed: Monday, Tuesday and Friday, bookmobile, 2 to 9 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon, storage building open for browsing; 2 to 6 p.m., bookmobile; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., bookmobile.

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All four will be closed Saturday until further notice.

All other branches, including the Main Library, will be closed Saturdays for a 13-week period beginning June 10 through September 2. This follows the pattern of previous summers.

2 libraries to close during repairs

Two branches of the Rochester Public Library will close temporarily for carpet installation. The South Avenue branch, 715 South Ave., will be closed from next Tuesday through Tuesday Sept. 27. The Hudson branch, 1151 Hudson Ave., will be closed from Wednesday, Sept. 28 through Saturday, Sept. 31.

A bookmobile will provide both branches with basic library services. Bookmobile hours for the South Avenue branch will be 2 to 9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 6 p.m. Friday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The Hudson branch bookmobile will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, from 2 to 6 p.m. Thursday, and 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 6 p.m. Friday.