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1986 Annual Report

L.E. PHILLIPS
MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Director's Note

Early in 1986, a five year architectural plan for renovation of the library was prepared and approved. The plan will meet increased space needs without expanding the present size of the building.

During 1986, the first year of the plan, the public elevator was modified to allow handicapped patrons and persons with small children free access between the first and second floors. Elevator access from the basement is available for those persons by means of a TV monitor and buzzer system. Shelving, lighting and furniture were added to the Audiovisual area.

The plan calls for the Technical Services Unit to move from the area behind the Children's Room to the basement level in 1987. This will allow for expansion of the Children's Room in 1988 into the area vacated by Technical Services. Children's Room expansion will relieve present congestion and allow for growth of the children's materials collection.

The year 1986 brought budget cuts to the library, as federal work study funds were significantly reduced. In response to these cuts, the library identified activities which could be discontinued with minor disruption in services to the public. The filmstrip collection, duplication of audiocassettes, and lamination were eliminated.

During the latter part of the year, the library began operating the Area Information and Referral Service (AIRS), a microcomputer-based data bank of local information, which was created in part with funding from a federal grant. Publicity was prepared to inform the public of the availability of this service.



Leah Haefner, First Prize Winner, ages 3-5
Children's Book Week Contest

A preorganizational meeting of people interested in starting a Friends of the Library group was held during the year and committees were formed. A very successful general membership meeting was held in January of 1987. The enthusiasm and energy of this group promise to provide much needed support for the library's program of services.

This year's Annual Report focuses on children's services, an area of special emphasis in the library's Long Range Plan.

Mark Morse

Library Director

A Library Within A Library

No one ever outgrows the Children's Room at L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library. Although the main focus of the department's services is on children from preschool age through junior high, one would be surprised at all the teenagers and adults who use the room for their own information and pleasure. The truth is, that the Children's Room has something to offer everyone, from those fresh off the umbilical cord to those who were born before this century began.

The Children's Room is a micro-library in itself -- a library within a library. Many of the features found throughout the library are also available in the Children's Room. These include reference services, audiovisual features, reader's advisory functions, tours, materials selection, and programming.

How else does the Children's Room take its place within the library? First of all, there are five staff members who are busy presenting storytimes, reading reviews, making book lists, visiting schools, leading tours, producing fliers, writing news releases, setting up displays, planning summer programs, attending and presenting workshops, learning new stories, agonizing over fingerplays, ordering materials, reading new books, and, most important -- talking to the public, listening to their suggestions, giving them ideas, working with individuals and groups from the community.

There are also seven pages and work-study students in the Children's Room shelving books, showing movies, emptying bookdrops, pulling carts, straightening shelves, locating lost puzzle pieces and much more.

And, of course, there is the public -- the patron -- in the Children's Room. They come to check out a good book for pleasure reading, to work on school assignments, to play chess with friends, to watch a video at the Media Desk, to play with puppets, to take home an art print, to listen to a record, to check out a toy, to read or be read to.

In 1986, the public also used the Children's Room to attend one of several programs offered. Nearly 9,000 children attended programs such as Family Storytime, the Summer Library Program "Star Spangled Summer", film programs, jugglers, magicians, ghost stories, theatre trips, storytellers, Camp Fire presentations, children's plays, musical concerts, and presentations about other countries. And, of course, there was the ever popular, traditional Preschool Storytime which attracted between 120 and 180 three-to-five year olds a week. This year the storytime baton was passed from 24 year veteran Emma Peterson to the Storytimers storytelling team.

Across the nation, libraries who had curtailed and, in some cases, closed down children's services are finding renewed public interest in promoting those services. And, in Eau Claire, increasing circulation figures, increasing attendance at programs and use of the library's facilities demonstrate this community's commitment to the library's role in our children's growth.



Emily Fering, First Prize Winner, ages 9-12
Children's Book Week Contest



Kevin Neff, First Prize Winner, ages 6-8
Children's Book Week Contest

Library Collection

At the end of 1986, the library collection included:

Books	194,585
Browsing Books	19,200
Phonograph Records.....	7,628
Cassettes.....	3,936
Compact Discs	432
Videocassettes.....	708
16mm Films	255
8mm Films.....	203
Framed Art Prints	179
Juvenile Art Prints	101
Periodical Titles.....	451

1986 Cash Gifts & Grants

Anonymous Donor	Douglas & Karen Knight
Chippewa Wildlife Society	L. E. Phillips Family Foundation, Inc
Cray Research, Inc	L. E. Phillips Memorial Public Library Staff
Eau Claire Jaycees	Mental Health Association
Fraternal Order of Eagles	Northern States Power
Gramacs for Her, Inc.	Barbara Rice
Harry Harder	WI Cablevision, Inc
Hobbs Foundation	WI Library Association
Indianhead Federated Library System Staff	

Library Board of Trustees

Bette Wahl, President	Robert Fraser, Secretary
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Annual Statistics and Output Measures

Total Circulation.....	699,247
Circulation Per Capita	8.4
Total Registered Borrowers	26,996
Registration as % of Population Served	32%
Turnover Rate (Number of Times Each Item Circulated)	3.1
Reference Questions Answered.....	34,342
Volunteer Hours Contributed	1,870

Financial Report (Pre-Audit)

For the Year Ended December 31, 1986

BEGINNING BALANCE JANUARY 1, 1986		\$42,388
RECEIPTS:		
City of Eau Claire	\$1,247,038	
County of Eau Claire	174,606	
Indianhead Federated Library System	171,043	
Fines & Fees	56,208	
Grants & Gifts	33,493	
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>130,017</u>	
		1,812,405
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Salaries & Benefits	\$815,859	
Contractual Service	329,288	
Materials & Supplies	275,182	
Debt Service	264,952	
Capital Expenditure	22,837	
Miscellaneous	<u>2,818</u>	
		(\$1,710,936)
BALANCE		\$143,857
Reserve for Appropriation to 1987 Budget		(73,904)
Reserve for Transfer to Gift Fund		<u>(584)</u>
ENDING BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1986		\$69,369



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