

Leaves

from the Mynderse Library



Mynderse Library Takes On New Look

September 1968

As this first issue of the library newsletter goes to press, the basement remodeling is complete except for last-minute touches, and has already been used for several functions. The children's film program last spring and the annual meeting of the Library Associates in June were held there, and the Garden Club will hold its monthly meetings in the basement beginning this fall.

An Open House is planned for Friday, October 11, from 7 - 9, to which the public is cordially invited.

The new look of the basement represents many, many hours of careful planning and hard work by a number of individuals and groups. The Building Committee in charge of remodeling was spearheaded by trustees Edward Chase and George Bantuvanis, and also included Board members Walter Sly and Henry Koch. Much of the work was done on a volunteer basis by George Bantuvanis and by the Jaycees under Richard Shipley. Masonry was done by Mickey Schaertl, electrical work by Howard Warner, plumbing by Joe Carissimi, painting by Harry Vaughn, carpentry by the E.B. Vollmar Company, floor tiling by Fred Houtenbrink, the ceiling by Earl Miller of Penn Yann, and wood machining by Burchard Watkins. The lighting was engineered by Sylvania, who furnished all lights at a discount.

And several members of Boy Scout Troop 80, under the direction of Seward L. Irland, earned their Citizenship and the Community badge in the library by each volunteering at least ten hours cleaning up the basement and sorting and moving magazines.

Mr. Vaughn is now repairing the main floor windows and making new screens for them and has painted the outside trim. And aluminum screens and a dehumidifier have been ordered for the basement, making the library a cool refuge from summer heat waves in the years to come.

The Welfare League has given money for curtains in the basement and in Mrs. Bishop's office, and a group of volunteers under the direction of Mrs. Mary Ann Tuck, is making the curtains using material from Beryl's Fabrics.





Watch for the new look around the grounds also, as the old shrubbery around the building will be dug up and new shrubs and evergreens planted.

With alterations nearly complete and cooler weather in sight, the next project is refinishing the basement furniture. Anyone interested in helping should contact Mrs. Bishop.

And local organizations wishing to use the basement for their meetings are urged to contact Mrs. Bishop to discuss scheduling.

Meet Your Trustees

The officers of the Library Board are President, George Bantuvanis; Vice President, Edward Chase; Secretary, Warren Jones; Treasurer, Walter Sly; and Associate Treasurer, Dr. Robert Howland. Other trustees are Henry Koch, James McComb, and Raymond Winthrop. Seneca County representative to the Finger Lakes Library System in Ithaca is Donald Cramer.

Meet Your Staff and Volunteers

Mrs. Ethel Bishop has been librarian for ten years, and is well known in the community for her dedication and her work with the children who use the library. Brownie and Cub Scout troops and remedial reading classes are scheduled for library tours regularly and all are given her special attention. Her staff included Mrs. Bessie Eastman who has worked two afternoons a week for five years, Miss Helen Hughes who has worked for eight years, Mrs. Mary Alice Dickson who has worked for thirteen years, and Mrs. Irma Yeo who has worked four nights a week for over a year.

Regular volunteers who give one day per week include Mrs. Marjorie Johnson, Mrs. Helen McCarthy, Mrs. Esther Folts and Mrs. Dorothy Ewens. Newspaper publicity and the newsletter, which will be mailed regularly to all members of the Library Associates, is written by Mrs. Ann Cramer.

With the added space and services of the library since remodeling, new volunteers in any capacity are especially welcome now.

New Gifts

With the opening of Eisenhower College, the library plans more emphasis on adult books and reading materials needed by college students. New periodicals in this category recently given include "Art in America", "Science", and "Science Newsletter" donated by Mrs. Joan Sichel; "Holiday" and "Natural History Magazine" donated by Arthur Liberman; and "Fortune",





"Forbes", "The New Yorker", "Scientific American", "Architectural Forum" and "Architectural Record" donated by Donald Cramer. The Life - Time series of books on states has been given by George Bantuvanis in memory of David Giovannini. Other gifts to be used in the basement include fifty records apiece from RCA and the Columbia Record Company. The new movie screen, already used at this year's meeting of the Library Associates, was donated by the Sylvania Employees Association under the leadership of Harold Barend.

New Services From the FLLS

Member libraries of the Finger Lakes Library System such as the Mynderse Library can receive "Talking Book" machines and records for the use of the visually and physically handicapped. Two of these machines are now in use in Seneca Falls and may be requested through Mrs. Bishop. The System also plans to make available microfilm readers for periodicals and will continue to send rotating collections of both adult and children's books as well as films for the annual children's film program sponsored by the Welfare League. A special service of the Finger Lakes Library System is the striking and original art work for the newsletter, which was drawn free of charge by Mrs. Jane F. Pearsall, Systems artist.

A Year of Progress

Membership in the Library Associates is now over 750, and a major portion of the library's income now comes from the United Fund. The circulation increased this year by 1200 books to a total of 22,334, evenly divided between adult and children's books. The library has a total of 13,460 volumes. A special grant from the System placed on permanent loan 528 adult and 277 children's books in 1967, and more are continually coming in on the most popular subjects. Rotating collections from the System placed 230 books and 152 records on the shelves.

But these figures show only the bare bones of the Mynderse Library. From the transformation of the basement and the greater use of System services to Junior Great Books discussions in the library, from the growing custom of giving Memorial Books to the planned periodical room, the Mynderse Library has greatly increased its services and broadened its base of community support in the past few years. The library needs and deserves your continued support, as "a library is not a luxury, but one of the necessities of life". (H. W. Beecher).



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