

NEWSLETTER

February 1993

Building Project Supplement Enclosed

I ♥ MY LIBRARY BECAUSE:

When shopping around for a new car, the library's Consumer Center was my first stop. My automobile choice was an informed one.

I'm a Grade A student thanks to the Young Adult Homework Center, the terrific librarians, and my hard work.

I wanted to be informed when I questioned my physician about a medical ailment, so I researched the Health Information Index on computer at the reference desk.

The library's computers helped me finish my master's thesis — cutting down on wasted paper, wasted time, and bottles of white-out.

With the help of how-to books and videos, I built my own deck. What a savings!

That's where I planned for my retirement thanks to the materials in the Prime Time Center.

After consulting the resources in the Career Center, I updated my resume, sent it out on the library's fax machine, got an interview — and landed the job I wanted.

My five-year-old's birthday party was a hit thanks to the party-planning books, the cassettes that lent us background music, and the video that captured the attention of all twenty tots.

It's where I go to keep up on my investments. I'm bullish on *Value Line* for my stocks and *Wiesenberger* for my mutual funds.

For our dog's obedience needs we found books and videos, and now Dutch has manners that even Emily Post would find impressive.



**I'LL BE
LOVING YOU
ALWAYS,
IRVING BERLIN**
Sunday, February 21
2:00 p.m.

Dayle Friedman and accompanist Ann Galvin will present a musical tribute to the king of American songwriters, Irving Berlin. Please join us and reminisce as Ms.

Friedman performs many of those patriotic and romantic tunes that America still loves today. Her many selections will include "Cheek to Cheek," "God Bless America," "Heatwave," "Puttin' on the Ritz," "This is the Army, Mr. Jones," and "What'll I Do."

Tickets, which go on sale Feb. 6, are \$1.00 for adults, 50¢ for students, senior citizens, and disabled persons.

ARTHRITIS SELF-AWARENESS PROGRAM
Mondays, February 22, March 1 & 8, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Learn how to manage your arthritis, pain control, relaxation, exercise, diet, and more. This course has been proven to reduce pain and depression for people suffering with arthritis. Please call The Arthritis Foundation, at 427-8272, to register.



RELOCATING TO FLORIDA
Wednesday, February 17, 7:30 p.m.

Sid Gubell, president of the New York-Florida Real Estate Connection, will discuss the Sunshine State's cost of living, prices of housing, senior citizen lifestyles, and quality of schools. All are welcome.

Sunday Family Special

**CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH
with STORYTELLER ATIBA WILSON**

Sunday, February 28, 2:00 p.m.

Author and musician Atiba Wilson engages children of all ages using traditional music and instruments to tell original African stories. All are welcome.

SWEETHEART WREATH CRAFT

Thursday, February 11, 7:30 p.m.

Surprise someone you love this Valentine's Day with a wreath created by you. A sample wreath of workshop leader Barbara Thompson is on display at the library. Pick up a materials list at registration, which is limited, starting Feb. 2.

Planning A Wedding?

Before you walk down the aisle, pick up a copy of our *Wedding Collection* bibliography and walk down our aisles. The library's books and non-print material can help you with plans and decisions that will lead to your perfect wedding day!



HOW TO WRITE & SELL NON-FICTION

Wednesday, February 10, 7:30 p.m.

Writer and editor Liza Burby will offer tips on getting your non-fiction published. From conception of an idea to final publication, she will guide you through the steps of manuscript preparation, writing the query letter, and marketing your work. All are welcome.

LANDSCAPING WITH BONSAI

Tuesday, February 16, 7:30 p.m.

Noted bonsai artist Giacomo Mule will introduce the ancient art of bonsai or potted trees, an art form that can be traced back to the Egyptians. He will discuss the horticultural principles as well as the artistic and aesthetic values of bonsai. Mr. Mule will show part of his collection of Japanese and American bonsais, and demonstrate how to start and maintain a bonsai of your own.



Monday, February 22 & Wednesday, February 24
7:00-10:00 p.m. Fee: \$40

This course qualifies motorists for a 10% reduction on collision and liability premiums for three years, and a reduction of four points on their driving record. Applications for this six-hour course may be picked up at either library beginning Feb. 1.

BOOK-A-TRIP

to
the United Nations
Friday, February 26, 1993

Departure: 8:00 a.m. from the Middleville School Parking Lot.

Cost: \$48.00 per person (checks only; payable to Day Dream Tours; non-refundable)

Itinerary: Guided tour of the United Nations. Full-course international buffet at the Delegate's Dining Room. Admission to the Frick Collection.

Return: 6:00 p.m.

Register in person at the Northport Library beginning Feb. 5

Northport-East Northport Public Library cardholders will be given preference.



IT'S TAX TIME AGAIN!
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
February 6 - April 10



VITA volunteers will be at both library buildings to answer your questions and help fill out tax forms. V.I.T.A. is sponsored by the Hofstra University Tax Society in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service.

Tax-Aide Program for Seniors
 AARP counselors, trained by the IRS, will be available at the East Northport branch on Friday mornings from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., beginning February 5 and continuing through April 9. If possible, please bring with you last year's completed tax forms.

55/ALIVE MATURE DRIVER PROGRAM

Mondays, February 1 & 8, 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
 (half-hour break; please bring your lunch, beverages will be provided)

AARP's two-part course is open to anyone 50 years of age or older. Register Jan. 19 at the Northport Library. This course offers the same insurance and point reduction as the Defensive Driving Course. There is an \$8 fee payable at registration.

MEDICARE/MEDICAID ASSISTANCE

(EN) Thurs., February 4, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
(EN) Friday, February 5, 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon
(N) Thurs., February 18, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
(N) Fri., February 26, 9:00-12:00 noon

Call 261-6930 to make an appointment in Northport, or 261-2313 to make an appointment in East Northport with AARP-trained representatives Tom Henry and Stu Goldblatt.



NOVEL IDEAS

Friday, February 12, 1:00 p.m.
Monday, February 22, 7:30 p.m.

Paradise News by David Lodge will be discussed at this month's meeting. If you would like to join this group, please call Dodie Gillman, Reference Librarian, at 261-6930.

BOOK & SANDWICH (W)RAP

(EN) Thursday, February 4, 1:00 p.m.

This month we visit "Munro Country" with a look at four short stories by Alice Munro: "Hold Me Fast, Don't Let Me Pass," "Carried Away," "Friend of My Youth," and "Menese-teung." For information about the monthly short story meetings contact Nancy Kruse, Reference Librarian, 261-6930.



SNOWING!

You can find out if the Library is closed for inclement weather by setting your audio dial to WALK at 1370 AM/97.5 FM.

Northport-East Northport Public Library
Calendar of Events
February 1993

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Applications available for Defensive Driving on 2/22 & 2/24 *Preschool Storytime (N) 10 am & 3:30 pm *Toddler Time (EN) 10 am & 11 am *55/ Alive Mature Driver Program (N) 10 am	2 Registration begins for Sweetheart Wreath Workshop on 2/11 *Preschool Storytime (EN) 10 am & 11 am *Toddler Time (N) 10 am & 11 am *Story Parade (N) 4 pm	3 *Toddler Time (EN) 10 am & 11 am Free Blood Pressure & Weight Check (N) 1-3 pm; (EN) 3:15-5 pm *Toddler Time (N) 1:30 pm *Bookmates (N) 4 pm Great Books (N) 8 pm	4 Medicare/Medicaid Assistance (EN) 1 - 4 pm by appt. *Preschool Storytime (N) 10 am & 3:30 pm *Mother/Infant Discussion Group (N) 10 am *Book & Sandwich (W)rap (EN) 1 pm *Story Parade (EN) 4 pm	5 Ticket sales begin for Book-A-Trip to the United Nations on 2/26 AARP Tax-Aide (EN) 9 am-1 pm Medicare/Medicaid Assistance (EN) 9 am - 12 noon pm by appt. *Preschool Storytime (EN) 10 am & 11 am *Parent/Child Workshop (N) 10 am *Grand Memories (N) by appt.	6 Tickets available for Irving Berlin Tribute on 2/21 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (N & EN) 9 am - 12 Noon *Parent/Child Workshop (N) 10 am *Grand Memories (N) by appt. *Career Program (N) by appt.
7 *Grand Memories (N) by appt.	8 Registration begins for Toddler Time Winter Session II *Preschool Storytime (N) 10 am & 3:30 pm *55/ Alive Mature Driver Program (N) 10 am	9 Registration begins for Spring Story Parade Registration begins for Come See the Dinosaurs Workshop on 2/16 *Preschool Storytime (EN) 10 am & 11 am *Story Parade (N) 4 pm	10 Registration begins for Tiny Chefs & Chefettes Workshop on 2/17 & 2/18 *Bookmates (N) 4 pm How to Write & Sell Non-Fiction (N) 7:30 pm	11 Registration begins for Colonial Life Workshop on 2/18 Registration begins for YA S.A.T. Preparation Program *Preschool Storytime (N) 10 am & 3:30 pm *Mother/Infant Discussion Group (N) 10 am *Story Parade (EN) 4 pm *Sweetheart Wreath Workshop (N) 7:30 pm	12 Tickets available for the Not So Grimm presentation of the Velveteen Rabbit on 2/19 AARP Tax-Aide (EN) 9 am-1 pm *Preschool Storytime (EN) 10 am & 11 am *Parent/Child Workshop (N) 10 am *Novel Ideas (N) 1 pm (YA) Book Reviewers Group (N) 4 pm	13 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (N & EN) 9 am - 12 noon *Parent/Child Workshop (N) 10 am
14	15 Presidents Day - Library Closed	16 *Come See the Dinosaurs (N) 2:30 pm Landscaping with Bonsai (N) 7:30 pm	17 *Tiny Chefs (EN) 11 am *Chefettes (EN) 12:30 pm Relocating to Florida (N) 7:30 pm Great Books (N) 8 pm	18 *Tiny Chefs (N) 11 am *Chefettes (N) 12:30 pm Medicare/Medicaid Assistance (N) 1-4 pm by appt. *Colonial Life Workshop (N) 3:30 pm	19 AARP Tax-Aide (EN) 9 am-1 pm *Not So Grimm Fairy Tale Presentation of The Velveteen Rabbit (N) 3:30 pm	20 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (N & EN) 9 am - 12 noon Saturday Afternoon Movie: Souder (EN) 2:30 pm 105 min.
21 I'll Be Loving You Always, Irving Berlin (N) 2 pm	22 Registration begins for Preschool Storytime Winter Session II *Toddler Time (EN) 10 am & 11 am *Arthritis Self-Awareness Program (N) 1 pm *Defensive Driving (N) 7 pm *Novel Ideas (N) 7:30 pm	23 *Toddler Time (N) 10 am & 11 am *Story Parade (N) 4 pm *Making of the Modern Mind (N) 7:30 pm	24 Registration begins for March session of Bookmates *Toddler Time (EN) 10 am & 11 am *Toddler Time (N) 1:30 pm *Defensive Driving (N) 7 pm	25 *Mother/Infant Discussion Group (N) 10 am *Story Parade (EN) 4 pm Library Board of Trustees Meeting (N)	26 *Book-A-Trip to the United Nations departs 8 am Medicare/Medicaid Assistance (N) 9 am - 12 noon pm by appt. AARP Tax-Aide (EN) 9 am-1 pm *Parent/Child Workshop (N) 10 am	27 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (N & EN) 9 am - 12 noon *Parent/Child Workshop (N) 10 am
28 Sunday Family Special: Atiba Wilson, Storyteller (N) 2 pm	<p>It's February ... Love a Librarian!</p>					<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Exhibits</i></p> <p>Northport Adult — Oils and pencil sketchings of Robert Perinuzzio Case — "Nature's Beauty — A Peek into the World of Minerals" exhibit by Suffolk Gem & Mineral Club</p> <p>East Northport Adult — Five-year photography retrospective of Michael Lettera Floral Decorations: (Northport) Sheila Goeller of the Northport Community Garden Club with materials donated by Flower Basket. (East Northport) Alma Monitto of the Larkfield Community Garden Club</p>

Note: Italic type indicates Children's Programs.
 N = Northport Library
 EN = East Northport Library

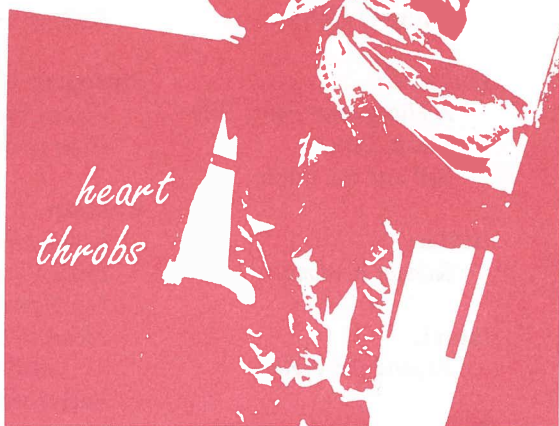
Enrollment in our programs is limited, with preference given to district residents.

*Pre-registration or tickets required for this program. Occupancy of our meeting room is limited.

Foreign Films On Video

Romantic,
exotic,
passionate,
suspenseful,
dramatic,
intriguing,
classic,
compelling,
exquisite,
heartwarming

... foreign films appeal.



Meet the *Baker's Wife* in a classic French folio where a bread shortage occurs when the baker despairs after his wife runs off with a handsome young shepherd. Visit the *Tree of the Wooden Clogs* and experience turn-of-the-century peasant life in northern Italy. Sample *Dragon Chow* for a taste of new cuisine fun when a group of Asian political refugees opens a restaurant in West Germany. Witness a comedic battle of the sexes when a resourceful tax collector meets her match in a millionaire hotel tycoon tax evader, in the Japanese film *Taxing Woman*. Stay at the glorious Swedish mansion of *Fanny and Alexander*. Experience a milestone in Polish cinema as a young filmmaker tries to document twenty years of history minus the propaganda in *Man of Marble*. Join three provincial girls who go to a Moscow of their dreams and run into many surprises since *Moscow Does Not Believe in Tears*. Get carried away on the *Wings of Desire* where an angel falls in love with a trapeze artist and leaves the heavens to enter the mortal world.

With more than 200 foreign film video titles, encompassing 23 languages, you can have your own foreign film video feast. Here's a sampling of what could be showing in your home tonight:

Brazilian

*Dona Flor and Her
Two Husbands*
Pixote

Finnish

Ariel
*Leningrad Cowboys Go
America*

Chinese

Girl from Hunan
The Great Wall

French

Angele
Baker's Wife
Beauty and the Beast
Crime of Monsieur Lange
Diabolique
Entre Nous
Fanny
Manon of the Spring
Return of Martin Guerre
Wild Child
Au Revoir Les Enfants
(dubbed)

Czech

Closely Watched Trains
Loves of a Blonde
Shop on Main Street

Danish

Memories of a Marriage
Babette's Feast

German

Tin Drum
Dragon Chow
Singing the Blues in Red
Threepenny Opera
Wings of Desire

Hugarian

A Hungarian Fairy Tale
Midas Touch
Red and the White

Indian

Salaam Bombay!

Israeli

Beyond the Walls

Italian

Bicycle Thief
Cinema Paradiso
Night of the Shooting Stars
Open City
Padre Padrone
Seduced and Abandoned
Tree of the Wooden Clogs
Two Women
 (dubbed)

Japanese

Seven Samurai
Dodes Ka-Den
Red Beard
Taxing Woman
A Taxing Woman's Return
Funeral
Ran
Yojimbo
Tokyo Story

Nicaraguan

Alsino and the Condor

Norwegian

Pathfinder

Polish

Man of Marble
Knife in the Water

Portugese (Brazilian)

Black Orpheus
Hour of the Star

Russian

Lady with the Dog
Little Vera
My Name is Ivan
Moscow Does Not Believe in Tears
Ballad of a Soldier

Spanish

Cria!
Fable of the Beautiful Pigeon Fancier
Letters from the Park
Miracle in Rome

Swedish

Elvira Madigan
Fanny and Alexander
 (dubbed)
My Life as a Dog
Pelle the Conqueror
Smiles of a Summer Night
Wild Strawberries
Winter Light

Turkish

Journey of Hope
Yol

Yugoslavian

When Father Was Away on Business

[Videos listed above are subtitled unless otherwise noted.]


VIDEO INFORMATION

Foreign feature films on video circulate for 3 days.



A complete listing of all Northport and East Northport videos can be found in the video card catalog. This catalog is located adjacent to the video collection in each building.



This special symbol  above the call number indicates the film has been closed captioned for the hearing impaired.



As a courtesy to other borrowers, please rewind your videos. Video rewinders are located on the top of the adult video card catalogs.

Foreign films are not only enjoyable, they're great for polishing up on language skills. Foreign films are geared toward a mature audience.

— Children's Services —



THE NOT SO GRIMM FAIRYTALE THEATRE

returns with their presentation of **THE VELVETEEN RABBIT**

Friday, February 19
3:30 p.m. 50 min.

Adapted from the popular children's story, *The Velveteen Rabbit* is about the special relationship between a child and a much loved toy. Tickets for this performance will be available in both children's areas beginning Friday, February 12.

Winter Vacation Programs

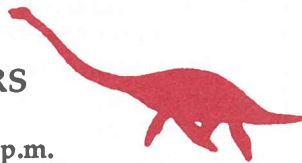
COME SEE THE DINOSAURS

Ages 3-5 years Fee: \$1.00

(N) Tuesday, February 16, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, February 9.

Songs, stories, face painting, and a dinosaur craft will have each child feeling they have truly met with dinosaurs.



TINY CHEFS & CHEFETTES

Ages 3¹/₂-5: 11:00 a.m. Fee: \$1.00

Grades K-3: 12:30 p.m. Fee: \$1.00

(EN) Wednesday, February 17

(N) Thursday, February 18

Join Linda Szeglin for more appetizing recipes and food. Registration begins Wednesday, February 10.

COLONIAL LIFE ON LONG ISLAND

(N) Thursday, February 18, 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Registration begins Thursday, February 11.

Step back in time to colonial days with Dorothy Talmadge. Dressed in authentic colonial clothing, she will entertain you with colorful colonial tales. You will taste a typical colonial treat and take home a booklet of puzzles, facts, and recipes.



SATURDAY AFTERNOON MOVIE Gr. K-6

(EN) Saturday, February 20, 2:30 p.m.

Sunder 105 min.

Registrations :



TODDLER TIME — WINTER SESSION II

(Ages 2¹/₂-3¹/₂)

Registration begins Monday, February 8.

Northport

Tuesdays, February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23
10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays, February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24
1:30 p.m.

East Northport

Mondays, February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22
10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays, February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24
10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME — WINTER SESSION II

(Ages 3¹/₂-5)

Registration begins Monday, February 22.

Northport

Mondays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.

Thursdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 10:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.

East Northport

Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Fridays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

BOOKMATES Gr. K-2

Registration begins Wednesday, February 24.

Northport

Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 4:00 p.m.

Our program of middle-school students reading to small groups of children in grades K-2 continues. If you missed the first session, this is another opportunity to register your child for this very special program.

STORY PARADE Gr. K-4

Registration begins Tuesday, February 9

Northport

Tuesdays, February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
4:00-4:45 p.m.

East Northport

Thursdays, February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1
4:00-4:45 p.m.

SUNDAY FAMILY SPECIAL

Celebrate Black History Month with storyteller Atiba Wilson. See Adult Program listing.

Attention, College Prep Students

YOUNG ADULT

S.A.T. PREPARATION PROGRAM

8-part series. Tuesday evenings, March 2, 9, 16, 23, April 13, 20, 27, and Monday, March 29

To help you prepare for the May 2nd S.A.T. examination, the library is offering this series, designed to sharpen your math and verbal skills. Our instructors, Willis Osborn (verbal) and Maryann Martinucci (math) have successfully tutored scores of students for the S.A.T. examination. Registration is limited and begins Feb. 11, at the Northport Library. Fee: \$75.00, includes text and materials.

With Heartfelt Thanks to Ray Freygang

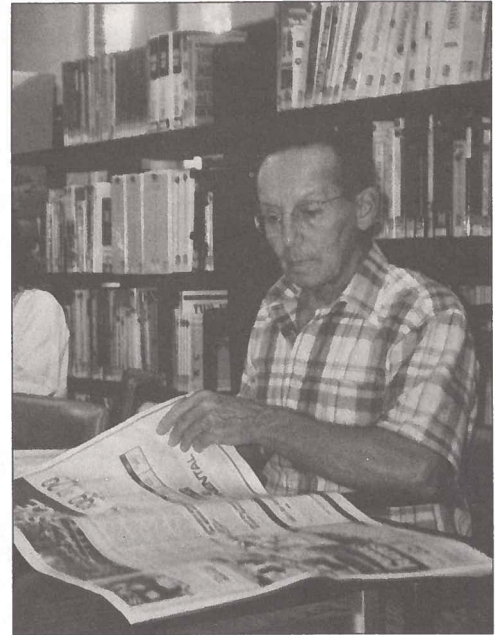
whose bequest will help build our future.

Ray Freygang chose to remember the Northport-East Northport Public Library. Through his generosity the library has received a bequest of the primary share of his estate in the amount of almost \$100,000.

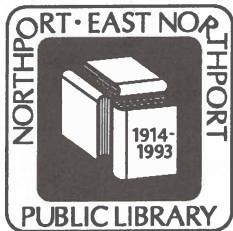
Ray was an active library user. He enjoyed spending time each day at the library perusing financial newspapers and other business references. Time was also spent sharing his wit and warm humor. While the staff grew to know him well, neither the staff nor the Board of Trustees was aware that the library was included in his will.

The gift, which is unrestricted, has been invested in a special fund for use in our future building project. Such demonstration of appreciation and support is gratifying to all of us who love the library.

For information on how to make a bequest to the library there is a pamphlet, *Your Community Library and Your Will*, available at the Circulation Desk.



Ray Freygang 1918-1991



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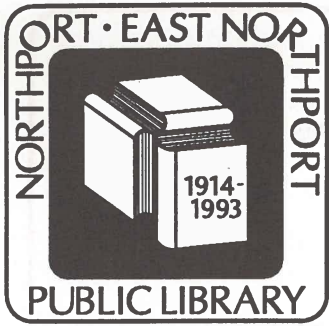
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HOURS

9 to 9 Monday thru Friday
9 to 5 Saturday
1 to 5 Sunday (Northport only)

Calendar February 1993

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NEWSLETTER

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February 1993

A Letter from Your Library Board of Trustees

Dear Neighbor:

Ben Franklin once said, "The library is the measure of a community's learning and culture." If that is true, the Northport-East Northport community is indeed special. Eighty-five percent of all community residents are library patrons — one of the highest percentages in Suffolk County. Library circulation has been growing at the rate of about 5% annually. Our activities and programs for patrons of all ages play to overflow crowds.

In spite of our successes, our patrons are also aware there are serious problems facing our library. We no longer have enough space to add a book without disposing of one. Every available space has been used for equipment. Seating, storage and counter space are woefully inadequate; electrical systems can no longer support increased demands and parking problems are common. Existing programs cannot be expanded to meet demands and new programs cannot be considered.

The Library Board of Trustees and the professional staff have been working to address these problems. We have held meetings with community members and our monthly newsletter sent to each household has kept everyone up to date on our progress. For some time we have been educating the community to the recognized benefits of a single central library over the two libraries we now operate. New and developing library technologies, such as on-line public access catalog, reference applications on CD-ROM, computer network for resource sharing, on-line acquisition and cataloging, and on-line access versus on-site access, are more efficiently and more economically accommodated in a single location with a single staff. One facility would eliminate duplication of spaces, and overlap of services, a duplication of collections and equipment, and additional staff. Furthermore, some members of the community believe that a new central library would be a unifying influence within the community.

The construction of this central library has been, of course, dependent upon the availability of an appropriate site. Our community, of 35,784 people, is spread out and heavily developed. In reality, few sites with the desirable combination of convenience, accessibility, size, topography and availability are to be found. For several years the Trustees and the professional staff have looked for an appropriate site for a central library.

The Dickinson Avenue Elementary School property was identified years ago as a potential site for a central library. A proposal for the construction of a central library on the Dickinson Avenue site was presented to the Board of Education at its September 21, 1992 meeting. This was followed by a meeting on November 12th in the library with members of the community. At both meetings representatives from the Dickinson Avenue neighborhood voiced strong reservations over what they considered the negative impact a building project would have on the corner of Catherine Street and Dickinson Avenue. What was equally as strong was their support of the library's need for expansion. Our goal to find a solution to our building problem could not ignore the core of our success, our patrons. **We have, therefore, withdrawn our request for the School Board to share the Dickinson Avenue site for a central library.**

The School Board has suggested that the library consider the now closed Middleville Junior High School on Middleville Road as a building for a central library. The Library Board and professional staff have toured the Middleville site with our architects and thoroughly analyzed its feasibility in detail.

Friends For Our Future

To volunteer to become a member of **Friends for our Future**, please complete this application and drop it off at the library. Applications must be received by April 19, 1993.

_____ Yes, I want to join **Friends for our Future** and help our library grow.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____



(letter continued)

Although the school comprises about 120,000 square feet on 34 acres, only about one-quarter of the building — the auditorium, cafeteria, library, shops and music room — are adaptable to contemporary library functions. The classroom units are connected by enclosed walkways and are unusable for library purposes. The gym is detached and equally remote.

With less than 30,000 adaptable square feet, a new addition of about 30,000 feet would be required. Renovation of the adaptable one-quarter of the existing space at Middleville would require the replacement of 40-year-old systems, the removal of asbestos and reconstruction so extensive as to cost practically as much as a new library. There are other disadvantages of the Middleville site that outweigh the few dollars which might be saved:

- The site is not well situated and could be inaccessible to many community members.
- The available parking is located at a distance from the entry necessitating a difficult climb uphill for the elderly or disabled.
- The spread-out California-style of the school presents serious problems for heating and air-conditioning.
- Utilization of the cafeteria, auditorium, shops, library and music room would virtually eliminate the future use of Middleville as a school.
- Uncertainties about future uses or sales of the remaining buildings and property constitute potential problems for the safe and efficient operation of a library on the Middleville site.
- The presence of a library on the most central spot on the 34 acres may limit the Board of Education's options in its effort to market the property.

The use of the Middleville School site for a central library is not an appropriate option.

As elected representatives we are charged with the dual mandate of listening to our patrons' views and making our best judgment about the means of providing quality library services at reasonable costs. In this regard we will continue to consider other properties and keep you informed. When our alternatives are clearly defined, we will ask you to respond to a survey designed to help us develop a specific proposal for a future referendum.

We thank you for your continued support of the library.

Sincerely,

THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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