

City Library Added Children's Room In 1980

The opening of a new children's room in July was a great stride in progress for the Ogdensburg Public Library. Karen Lauber was hired as a children's librarian to plan programs of special interest to young children.

She also provides library outreach programs for Headstart, Beaver Creek School, Mother Goose Nursery, and the public elementary schools.

Among the most popular programs at the library have been making corn-husk dolls and churning butter.

During the Year of the Child there has been much emphasis on expanding children's services at the Ogdensburg Public Library.

Another important improvement to the building was the installation of a smoke and fire detection system. An unplanned test showed that the fire department was already on its way in less time than it takes to reach the fire department by telephone to report a fire.

There is no record as to when the original water pipes were installed in the library. The old leaky pipes are being replaced with new copper tubing. The new water system will withstand the increased city water pressure and will provide excellent service for many years to come. Bids for a new heating system will be advertised soon. These are all steps being taken to provide greater comfort and convenience for library patrons.

Increased Circulation
Circulation reports show a large increase in the use of the library. Total circulation for 1979 was 96,888 items. This was an increase of 6,061 items over 1978. There were large increases in all materials except talking books for the blind.

A breakdown shows that 81,044 books, 11,375 magazines, 2,235 films, 1,791 tapes and records, and 4,515 other materials were circulated during the year. A bulletin "Business Information from your Public Library" was mailed out to 200 local businesses every other month. This bulletin summarizes pertinent business news for the small business

man and reviews books of special interest available at the library. If you are not receiving this bulletin and would like to, please notify the library.

Several special grants amounting to \$50,000 were received during the year for special purposes. Among those was a gift of \$10,000 from Dr. and Mrs. Richard L. Frank in memory of Hon. Julius and Mrs. Frank to furnish the new children's room. For the second year the Bertha Koempel Foundation, Inc. gave a grant of \$1,000 for the purchase of children's books. The Rotary and Lions Clubs also gave gifts for the children's room.

Other grants provided for the purchase of 32 framed art reproductions, the establishment of a Job Information

Center, special programs such as the Auburn Children's Theatre Act wagon, harpsichordist Elaine Camparone, poet Homer Mitchell, magician Paul Boatman, and solar energy specialist Dr. John Pope.

Groups Meet
The library auditorium was used for meetings by many groups including the Ogdensburg Ham Radio Club, the Photography Club, the Model Airplane Club and Literacy Volunteers. The Ogdensburg Ministerial Association sponsored a series of Bible studies at the Library.

The Ogdensburg Model Railroaders continued to work on the Worden Phillips Model Railroad, a project sponsored by the Ogdensburg Kiwanis

Library Addition Gives Wadhams A New Look

Construction on the new addition to the Wadhams Hall Seminary library is fast nearing completion.

Work which began last spring by the Riverside Construction Company of Ogdensburg, general contractor, is in the finishing stages. The new addition will house most of the library's current holdings.

The original library, built 15 years ago, was designed for 50,000 volumes. The collection has grown to over 80,000 and a projection of 100,000 volumes maximum is anticipated. Library growth reflects both a development in the academic program of the college and the increasing use of the seminary by students preparing for the Roman Catholic Priesthood.

Total costs for the new addition are projected at \$300,000. A highly successful fund-raising campaign has netted \$250,000 toward meeting that price. The balance of the costs to the

seminary will be met through donations from friends of the college.

Wadhams Hall library is a member of the North Country Reference and Research Resources Council. This enables students at neighboring colleges to have access to the seminary collection. In addition, Wadhams Hall maintains a union catalogue with Mater Dei College of Ogdensburg.

The collection includes books in the areas of philosophy, theology, history, literature and the social sciences.

The seminary, located in Ogdensburg since 1924, now serves a wide geographic area. Students attend from all over New York State, New England and New Jersey. The present enrollment is 62. Capacity at the 55-year-old institution is 115.

The enrollment projection for the coming year is not final but current inquiries and applications point to a moderate increase in the number of students.

Club. Harold Guile, who had been directing the electronics for the model railroad, was involved in an accident early in April and has not been able to return to the project. Bob Boyer took over the electronics.

Although the project suffered setbacks, it is progressing again. Anyone interested in participating is welcome to join the group on Monday evenings at 8:30 p.m. The model railroad has a capability of running six trains at the same time.

New metal stacks, file cabinets, and storage cabinets have been installed in the vault for materials in the Ogdensburg Archives. This extremely valuable collection of local materials attracts much use from local people as well as from those outside our local area. Material in this collection brought one researcher from Norway to Ogdensburg, this summer. Five authors acknowledged the use of the Ogdensburg Public Library in works that were published during the year.

Each year there is an increase in the number of serious researchers coming here from great distances to avail themselves of the Ogdensburg archives. Before the researchers leave Ogdensburg, most want to purchase gifts or mementoes to take home with them.

Historic Spot
The Ogdensburg Library Park District passed its first and second hearings in Albany toward being placed on the Federal Register, and it is anticipated that the final step, placing it on the Register, will occur early in 1980.

Applications have already been made for about \$60,000 in special state grants for 1980. The first of these grants, totaling about \$10,000 has been approved, but it will be funded only after access for the handicapped is guaranteed. The city engineer has been studying this problem and estimates that access for the handicapped will cost in the neighborhood of \$45,000 to install. Each year for five years an application was made for a grant for access for the handicapped. Each year the application has been rejected. An

alternative could be a community fund drive. The Library Board would welcome a solution to this problem so that the handicapped could enjoy full library services. Since sizeable amounts of state grants can be denied until access is installed, it could prove very costly to postpone this project.

At the year's end the microfilming of the "Ogdensburg Journal" was completed through 1954. A grant has been applied for to help complete this project during 1980. Only 18 years of the

"Journal" still need to be microfilmed. At the present time information is exploding at the rate of 70 billion new bits of information each year. To cope with this information explosion the Library Board anticipates a library where things are happening to provide the kind of adventure in learning that will influence young people to be self-starters, to be stimulated to investigate further on their own. The Ogdensburg Public Library is doing much to improve the quality of life in the community.



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Hotel Doing Well

BROCKVILLE, Ont.—Business was very good at the Hotel Manitonna during 1979, according to its owner and operator Mel Murdock.

Murdock purchased the facility which is located at 5 King St. East in June of 1979 and was quite pleased with business during the last six months of the year.

Murdock sees 1980 as another good year with possible changes in the establishment's lounge areas.


The Hotel Manitonna offers dining, entertainment and sleeping facilities for all its customers.

At the Hotel Manitonna, there are two lounge areas which are opened six days a week and 80 sleeping rooms.


In addition, the Hotel Manitonna now provides services to five civic organizations in the Brockville area.



NEW LIBRARY ADDITION — The year 1979 brought a new library addition to Wadhams Hall Seminary. Here Rev. Richard Sturtz, Wadhams Hall librarian and Msgr. Peter R. Riani, college president, examine the construction of the new addition. The \$300,000 project is being constructed by the Riverside Construction Company of Ogdensburg.



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