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INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOLUNTEER LIBRARIANS

The key to the library may be picked up at the Union Hotel and returned to the same place. It is for the back door.

Prepare date stamps on pencils; one should be set for today's date and one for two weeks later. It helps the next librarian if you change the dates before closing.

CHECKING BOOKS IN: Stamp today's date on user's library card; once for each book returned. Book card must then be replaced in book. These cards (white for our books and green for Springfield books) will be found alphabetized by author in the card box under due date. NEVER return a book to the shelf if you cannot find the book card. Put it aside with a note of explanation. Also check book card for possible reservations or instructions to librarian. To renew a book, stamp user's card as for return, find book card immediately and follow checking out procedure. Books may not be renewed by phone.

OVERDUE FINES: Charge 2¢ per book for each day after due date that library has been open. (Note extra days open during summer.) If payment is not made immediately write amount due on user's card in ink. When fine is paid cross out amount and mark with your initials.

RENTAL BOOKS: Follow checking out procedure using today's date stamp. When books are returned charge same as overdue but 5¢ per day. Check reserve list and call next person using money in coffee can. Place book at side of desk with that person's name in it; if no one is waiting for it place book back on rental shelf.

CHECKING BOOKS OUT: Stamp due date (two weeks hence, except for rentals) once for each book on library user's card, once on date due slip in each book and once on each book card, a total of three places to stamp. Write user's card number on each book card next to date due. Place book cards at front of card box; alphabetize by author if you have time. Children are allowed 3 books, adults 5.

APPLICATIONS: Yellow application cards are for children from 1st grade up and white are for adults, age 15 and up. When card is filled out copy name and address and expiration date (3 years from 1st of current month) in register book on desk, assign number and type out a library card. Designate children's cards with a "J". However, the "J" does not have to be copied each time books are taken out. If user's card is lost a 25¢ charge is made for a new one. In case anyone outside the library district desires a card the charge is \$2.50 each. There is a map of the district on the wall in back room.

BOOK DEPOSIT BOX: Check book box outside door. Key to padlock is at desk. Books should have user's card in them; check them in same as above and file library card in appropriate box at desk until called for. Mark fines same as above. If card has not been left with books make a note of titles returned and date.

RESERVES: Acquaint yourself with names of books being held at desk so you can inform patrons if they forget to ask.

Don't hesitate to call if unforeseen problems arise: M. Lischett, Ls 7-0477, M. Burlingham, Ls 7-0505 or W. Bobalke, Ls 7-4519.

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To Discuss

Plans for

New Library

Herald May 4, 1958

Plans for a future Wheeling library will be discussed by members of the library board at the home of Owen Reese, 56 W. Manchester, June 6 at 8:30 p.m.

Mrs. Robert Lusk, Mrs. Janet Morris, and Mrs. Gordon Wells have been invited to talk about the Prospect Heights library. Mrs. Lusk and Mrs. Morris, as members of the Prospect Heights Women's club, were instrumental in organizing the Prospect Heights library. Mrs. Wells is the present librarian.

THE WHEELING library board is happy to announce, that the Wheeling Junior Woman's club has voted to support the library as a permanent project. The Wheeling Junior chamber of commerce has also promised assistance.

A general meeting and a book drive for all interested residents will be held in the future. A tentative budget was drawn by the board last week.

Members of the library board are: Mrs. George Bobalko, Mr. Ray Burlingham, Larry Duk, William McGill, Jack Norris, Owen Reese, and William Tripp.

Independent House To House "Book

And Buck" Drive June 11, 1958

Wheeling's Public Library will be officially launched on Saturday, June 28, with a house to house "Book and a Buck" drive in the Wheeling area. New and used books collected in the drive will be used to stock the library, which will be opened in September. "Bucks" will be used to purchase supplies and books.

All types of books are needed for the library—children's books, fiction, non-fiction, textbooks, and reference books. Residents in the Wheeling area are urged to look around the house and donate any books that can be spared for the enjoyment of their friends and neighbors.

Wheeling Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will distribute circulars on Thursday, June 26, to homes in the Wheeling area explaining the "Book and a Buck" drive.

The Library Board met last Friday evening in the home of Owen Reese, 56 Manchester, Wheeling. Mrs. Robert Lusk and Mrs. Gordon Wells of Prospect Heights explained the formation and operation of the Prospect Heights Library, organized in 1955. Mrs. Lusk helped to organize the library and Mrs. Wells is the present librarian.

In addition to books collected in the "Book and a Buck" drive the Wheeling Library will obtain some 2500 books from the State of Illinois to stock the library.

Herald June 18, 1958

New Library to Collect Books, Bucks Saturday

The first big step towards stocking and operating the Wheeling library will be taken Saturday, June 28, with the "Book and a Buck" drive.

Between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. volunteers from the Wheeling Junior Woman's club and Wheeling Junior chamber of commerce will cover Wheeling and the surrounding area with sound equipment and trailers.

BESIDES HOUSE to house pick-up, residents may drop off books at either the Wheeling shopping center or Dunhurst Park 'N Shop, where "Book and a Buck" representatives will be posted with station wagons.

Any new or used books in good condition, except paper backs, will be accepted. Fiction, non-fiction, mystery, children's, reference books, all are needed.

Bucks collected will be used to purchase supplies and books, and help provide operating expenses.

The Wheeling library will be open to all residents in Wheeling Consolidated school district 21, except that included in other library districts, such as Prospect Heights.

BOOKS COLLECTED will be stored in the Wheeling school until a library site is selected. Books will be processed by volunteers during the summer, and will be ready for the library opening in September.

Books will be catalogued according to the American Library



VILLAGE PRESIDENT A. R. McIntyre (second from left) has officially proclaimed Saturday, June 28, at "Book and a Buck Day" in Wheeling. Earl Olsen Jr. (at right), president of the Wheeling Jaycees, makes the first donation on behalf of the Junior chamber — an autographed copy of Bruce Catton's "This Hallowed Ground" and a check for \$200 — to Jack Norris (left), chairman of the Library committee. William Tripp of the Library committee looks on.

association system, which is approved by the state. In addition to those collected in the drive, some 2500 books can be obtained from the state to stock the library.

Books must also be stamped, scanned for missing pages, and the bindings shellacked before

they can be used.

Members of the committee who have organized the library and the "Book and a Buck" drive include Jack Norris, chairman; Mrs. George Bobalko, Larry Duke, John J. Hinz, the Rev. William McGill, Owen Reese and William Tripp.

Herald July 16, 1958.

Local Librarian Meets with Club

Mrs. Gordon Wells, librarian for Prospect Heights library, met with members of the Junior Women's club Monday evening at Wheeling school.

Mrs. Wells instructed members in the methods of cataloging books collected in the recent "Book and a Buck" drive in Wheeling. In addition Mrs. Wells offered library supplies and a great deal of advice, for which the Junior Women's club and the Wheeling library committee are very grateful.

Library committee members hope to settle this week location of the library so that books can be ordered from the state and

catalogued in time for the September opening.

ANYONE WHO WOULD like to help the Junior Women's club catalog books for the library may come to the Wheeling school, room 3, Tuesday or Thursday evenings between 7:30 and 10 p.m., or by calling Mrs. Ray Burlingham at LE 7-0505.

Library representatives will be stationed at both Wheeling shopping centers Saturday, July 26, to receive books and bucks between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Arrangements for book pickups can be made by calling Mrs. Burlingham. (W)

Wheeling Herald July 2, 1958

'Book and Buck' Drive Successful

Many people in the Wheeling area pitched in to make the Wheeling library "Book and a Buck" drive held Saturday a big success. Over 2000 books were collected and over \$250 in the house to house campaign.

The library treasury now boasts a total of \$450, including the \$250 donated by Wheeling Jaycees.

Special thanks goes to all volunteers who participated in the drive. Members of the Wheeling Junior Woman's club and the Jaycees made up nine teams which covered part of Wheeling and Buffalo Grove. Meadowbrook Property Owner's association block captains covered Meadowbrook.

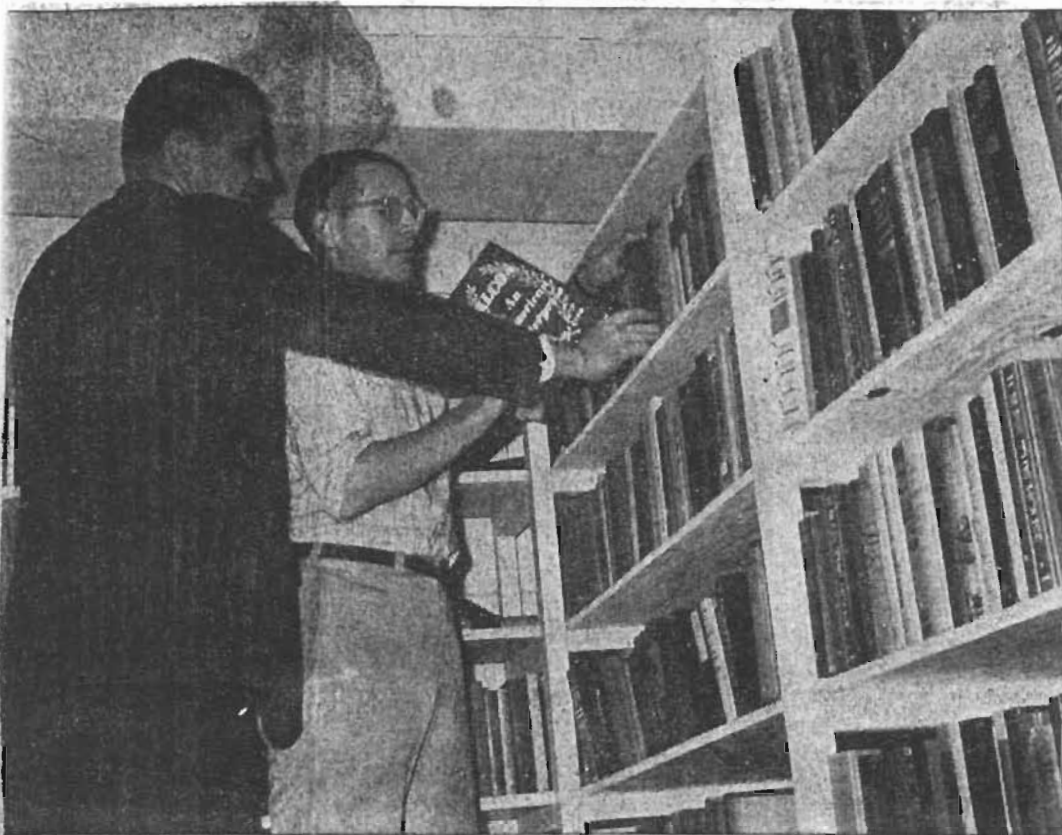
THANKS ALSO goes to Wheeling boy scouts and cub scouts who passed out literature Thursday explaining the drive.

Books collected are presently stored in Wheeling school. Members of the library committee will meet sometime this week to decide on a definite location for the library.

Anyone who'd like to donate additional books or bucks, or who was missed in the drive June 30 may drop them off Saturday, July 5, at either of the Wheeling shopping centers between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., where a representative of the library will be posted with a station wagon.

If more convenient, books may be dropped off at 139 Laurel ct., home of Mrs. Ray Burlingham, or

by phoning her at LE 7-0505 to make arrangements to have books picked up. (W)



VOLUNTEER library workers Owen Reese and Bill Tripp stuff books onto shelves as the library prepares for Oct. 4 opening. The new

library is housed in a one-story building in the northwest corner of the Union hotel parking lot.

Rush Completion of New Library, Opens October 4

Wheeling Herald September 11, 1958

The new Wheeling library, scheduled for an Oct. 4 opening, is being rushed to completion amid a flurry of flying paint and carpentry, and book cataloging and book stacking.

"BECAUSE OF the splendid efforts of all concerned with the project, and the great progress and community spirit," State Librarian deLafayette Reid said recently, "Wheeling library will receive assistance with some 3,000 state-supplied books."

Speaking to William H. Tripp, a volunteer worker, Reid explained

that the original allotment of 2,500 books had been raised to the new figure, "in recognition of remarkable achievements."

Both Tripp and Owen Reese, another zealot in the drive for the library's success, were found Monday night burning the midnight incandescence in the cause of the project. Between stacking books and shifting supplies, the pair pointed out the success of fund-raising and book-raising drives.

"HALF OF OUR budget will be raised from individual contributors, and the other half from industry," they said. Industry has been especially helpful, Reese said; they've contributed many books and much toward the \$9,215 annual budget.

The library will have more than 5,500 books on its shelves on opening day. Approximately 2,500 of these were collected in the June "Book and a Buck" drive. The state's 3,000 will soon be added. More than 50 women volunteers,

under the direction of the Junior Women's club, have catalogued some 1,600 adult fiction books, and are preparing about 1,000 technical and children's books.

Members of the Women's circle of the Good Shepherd Lutheran church have volunteered to sew curtains for the library's 15 windows.

OTHERS DESERVING praise, according to volunteers, are: George Palm and Frank Maramonti, owners of the Union hotel, members of the Prospect Heights library committee, the Rev. William O. McGill, John Hinz, Wedgewood Hancock, Larry Duke, Muriel Lischett, Sherlee Strom, Mary Burlingham, and many others.

One of the primary objectives, said members of the fix-up team, is to keep the library from factional control or influence. To this end, workers have sought support from as many groups as possible, they said.

State Approves Wheeling Library

Wheeling Herald September 25, 1958



WHEELING LIBRARY WORKERS were last week assisted in their efforts at cataloging and classifying the several thousand books now on hand. Help came from Miss Alma Lundeen, institutional consultant for the Illinois state

library, who also helped set up a numbered decimal system for ready reference. Pictured here are (l. to r.) Mrs. Ray Burlington, Miss Lundeen, and Mrs. Wallace Lischett.

Wheeling Library committee members were told last week by Miss Alma Lundeen, consultant from the Illinois state library in Springfield, that the Wheeling library was organized in a "very businesslike manner" and was in accordance with state library requirements.

The library, located at 122 S. Milwaukee avenue, is scheduled to open on Saturday, October 4.

MISS LUNDEEN arrived Monday, Sept. 15, to advise the library committee and to inspect work

done this summer in cataloging books. Miss Lundeen, a librarian for many years, has been with the state library for the past 16 years.

Committee members and volunteers worked through Thursday night with Miss Lundeen's assistance classifying and cataloging non-fiction and technical books. All but about 200 books were classified and many cataloged during Miss Lundeen's stay.

Two thousand books were received from the Illinois state library and members unpacked some of these books, also. The committee found a wide selection of children's books, and some adult reference books. Another 1,000 books will be loaned from the state as soon as the committee determines what books will be

most useful in the Wheeling library.

THE LOAN OF BOOKS from the state library, and the services of the library consultant are a service paid for by real estate taxes—which Wheeling residents have paid for years, but are just now using.

Male members of the committee spent the week finishing the bookcases, painting on the inside, and painting and repairing the outside of the building. A new front door was installed on Wednesday, and additional wiring and dry-tapes on Saturday and Sunday.

Members of the library committee are putting the solicitation campaign in full swing this week, to raise sufficient funds to support the library.

Independent EDITORIAL September 24, 1958

In this jet speed age not many of us find time to curl up in the "big chair" and relax with a good book. Now as soon as dinner is over and the dishes are in the dishwasher we plunk ourselves in front of the television set and there we stay for the remainder of the evening.

Not that TV isn't good entertainment, but too many of us have forgotten the enjoyment that can be found in good books. Books offer the companionship of the world's greatest men . . . we can be beside Napoleon in his many battles, sit with King Arthur at his round table, join Lindberg on his flight across the Atlantic ocean. Woven into the characterizations are a wide array of emotions that we can share . . . we can feel the quiet acceptance of the noble Socrates as he took the cup of hemlock and the sorrow and shame of those around him at the time of his death, or taste the bittersweet of "Anna Karenina's" last meeting with her son.

There is no discrimination in the type of books we may choose. A poor farmer may read the best of philosophy; while a seemingly straight-laced old dowager may pick out the latest "who dunit" in paper-back novels. No matter how acceptable or unacceptable a book may seem to someone else the choice is up to us individually.

Much can be said for the importance of books in politics. It was first felt in the sixteenth century with the coming of the Reformation to western Christendom. Governmental and ecclesiastical clamps were placed on printers and publishers at that time and periodically since then the impact of reading matter on politics was felt. Probably the one outstanding in most of our memories was the burning of the books by the Hitler government.

For those of us to whom travel is usually a trip to grandma's farm or a weekend at Lake Besfishinaworl books must replace that dreamed of tour of Europe or holiday in Hawaii. I doubt that there is any country on earth that has not been written about by some enthusiastic author. But there is a deeper meaning here, too; for by learning of peoples and cultures in far away places we can cultivate a better understanding of their outlook and motivation.

With the start of a new library in Wheeling we will have easy access to a wide variety of good books. We have no excuses now for replacing the flicker of a television screen with some interesting pages at least one night a week.

October 20th, 1958

Dear Friends in the Wheeling Jr. Woman's Club,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your wonderful assistance and help in contributing to the worth while endeavor of a library for Wheeling.

Without your help and the help of other like minded individuals, this long thought dream would not have become a reality. For many years we had talked "library" in Wheeling, but somehow the spark was never kindled until last year. I can assure you that the school children are very happy about this, and their teachers, if I may say this, more so. The teaching of reading, or rather the leading of children to reading, is a prime phase of our school - - but once they learn to read and seek out new adventures in reading, they must have books. Now they have a new source of reading material which will grow each year and be of great benefit to them.

May I thank you again in behalf of my staff and the community, but most of all, as a spokesman for the boys and girls of this growing area, whom you have helped through your efforts in providing them with the world of adventure found only in books.

Most sincerely,



Jack W. Norris
Supt. of Schools

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Wheeling Public Library
122 South Milwaukee
Wheeling, Illinois
November 29, 1958

Wheeling Junior Women's Club
c/o Mrs. G. L. Duke
107 Meadowbrook
Wheeling, Illinois

Dear Members of the Junior Women's Club:

In behalf of the Wheeling Library Committee, I would like to thank you for your donation of the Sears List of Subject Headings, and the subscription to the Guide to Current Books to the Wheeling Public Library.

The committee gratefully acknowledges all your help in establishing and running the library. Your generosity and support are appreciated by the committee and the community.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Burlingham
Secretary
Wheeling Library Committee

LIBRARY OPENS



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Wheeling Library Opens

Saturday, October 4th

Independent October 1, 1958

The Wheeling Public Library will open officially on Saturday, October 4th, 1958 with an open house from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the library building at 122 South Milwaukee Ave., in the Union Hotel parking lot. Everyone in the library district is invited to stop in to see the library facilities, fill out an application for a library card, and enjoy coffee and cake provided by the Wheeling Junior Women's Club.

Books will be available to check out on the following Saturday [October 11] between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. when library cards will be ready for those who apply at the open house. The library, a volunteer project from the beginning, will be staffed by volunteers. Anyone who would like to help in the library is asked to call Mrs. Ray Burlingham at LE 7-0505.

The library district includes territory bounded on the west by Arlington Heights Road, on the north by County Line Road, on the east by the township line [located between Sanders Road, Northbrook and Portwine Road], and on the south by Hintz Road from Arlington Heights Road to Wolf, and by Palatine Road between Wolf and the township line.

A selection of 6000 books will be ready for interested readers to check out on October 11th. Approximately 3000 books were donated by residents in the "Book and a Buck" drive on June 28th, and 3000 books have been loaned to the library by the Illinois State library in Springfield. All books have been catalogued and classified by volunteers.

Miss Alma Lundeen, consultant for the Illinois State Library in Springfield, inspected the library several

weeks ago, and congratulated the committee on the "very businesslike manner" in which the library had been organized. Miss Lundeen spent four days in Wheeling, instructing members of the Junior Women's Club and volunteers in methods of classifying non-fiction books, and books received on loan from the state.

The library, a volunteer project from the beginning, is under the sponsorship of the Wheeling Junior Women's Club and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Volunteers from almost every organization in Wheeling have assisted with work on the books, library drives, and in preparing the library building.

The library will be supported and run by volunteer help until next August.

The sign and coach lamp on the outside of the library were donated by Mr. Ernst Hagerstrom, of Hagerstrom Metalcraft Studio. Drapes in the library were made by members of the Women's Circle of the Good Shepard Lutheran Church.

The library committee would like to thank everyone who has worked so faithfully to make the library a reality. Members of the library committee are Jack Norris, Superintendent of the Wheeling Schools, chairman; Mrs. George Bobalko, past president, Junior Women's Club; Mrs. Ray Burlingham; Larry Duke, Junior Chamber of Commerce; John J. Hinz, past president, Holy Name Society of St. Joseph the Worker Church; Mrs. Wallace Lischett, Junior Women's Club; Rev. William McGill, Wheeling Community Presbyterian Church; Owen Reese; Mrs. Robert Strom, Junior Women's Club; and William Tripp.

Issue 265

Cards for

New Library

Herald Oct 23, 1958

Wheeling residents enthusiastically received the Wheeling public library last week, the Library committee reports. A total of 265 library cards were issued and 309 books checked out. The library, located at 122 S. Milwaukee ave., is open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings, 7 to 9 p. m., Wednesday afternoon, 3 to 5 p. m., and Saturday, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

VOLUNTEERS, most of them from the Junior Women's club, who staffed the library last week were Mrs. Wilma Bobalko, Peg Buchau, Mary Burlingham, Audrae Duke, Barbara Farr, Marilyn Hayden, Muriel Lischett, Fran Martin, Sherle Strom, Rae Swanson, Betty Tripp and Ruth Wieder.

Four members of the senior girl scout troop gave valuable assistance to the library staff Saturday. Girls who spent the day working in the library were Beth Balling, Melanie Bodie, Sharon Davis and Judy Enchelberg.

Open House

Draws 100

To Library

Herald Oct 4, 1958

Approximately 100 guests attended the open house at the Wheeling library Saturday between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Visitors applied for library cards, and coffee, cake and cookies were served by members of the Junior Women's club board. Flowers for the opening were donated by Dreiske Florists.

Library cards will be ready Saturday, Oct. 11, when books may be checked out. The library will be open every Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday afternoon, 3 to 5 p.m., and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings 7 to 9 p.m.

Volunteers will staff the library and continue doing clerical work until funds are available to hire a regular librarian. Anyone who would like to help will be welcomed, the library committee said.

A tile floor will be installed in the library this week, and volunteers will ready library cards and books for checking out on October 11.

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Library District's Petition in Court

Herald Jan 29, 1959

A petition to establish the Wheeling public library district, to embrace the villages of Wheeling and Buffalo Grove, and also adjoining unincorporated areas, has been filed in County court.

It seeks a special election to let voters in the northern section of Wheeling township decide the library question. County Judge Otto Kerner Monday scheduled a hearing for February 25 on the petition.

Boundaries proposed for the library district are Lake-Cook county line on the north, Hintz road on the south, Arlington Heights (State) road on the west, and the Wheeling-Northfield township border on the east.

On the southeast, the district would also include the Pal-Waukee airport area. At this end, the district would include the area bounded by Hintz road, Palatine road on the south, Wolf road on the west, and the Wheeling-Northfield township border on the east.

THE WHEELING library district would adjoin the Prospect Heights public library district, established in 1957.

The Wheeling area petition, filed Monday by Attorney Craig O. Larson, of Itasca, contained 140 signatures. These were gathered by eight persons with Wheeling addresses.

They are William H. Tripp, 389 S. Nancy; Muriel Lischett, 199 N. Milwaukee; Owen Reese III, 56 Manchester dr.; Wilma Bobalko, 706 N. Wayne; Godfrey L. Duke, 107 Meadowbrook lane; Mary Burlingham, 139 Laurel, and Sherle Strom, 52 E. Jeffery.

Library districts may set up machinery for a relatively small tax.

Wheeling Library District

Herald March 5, 1959

Election Set for March 28

Voters in Wheeling, Buffalo Grove, and adjoining unincorporated areas in Wheeling township will ballot Saturday, Mar. 28 on whether to establish their own public library district. The special election was

called in an order signed by Judge Ross E. Millet, sitting in County court. The district would be known as the Wheeling public library district.

It would include all of township sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13, also that part of Section 5 east of Arlington Heights (State) rd.

Thus, the proposed boundaries of the district are Lake-Cook county line on the north, Hintz rd. on the south, the Wheeling-Northfield township border on the east, and Arlington Heights rd. on the west between Dundee rd. and the county line. Between Dundee and Hintz rds. the west border is three states blvd., if extended.

ON THE southeast side, the district also would include the Pal-Waukee airport area. This is the area bounded by Hintz rd., Palatine rd. on the south, Wolf rd. on the west, and the Wheeling-Northfield township border on the east.

For the election, the court divided the total area into three precincts, one each for Wheeling, Buffalo Grove, and the unincorporated sections. The polling places will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. They include:

Pct. 1: Fire department headquarters, 332 E. Dundee, Wheeling, for all voters in Wheeling village.

Pct. 2: Home of Robert Brower (Circle M Day camp) at 98 W. Hintz, for the unincorporated area.

Pct. 3: Office of Buffalo Grove Home Builders, Inc., on Buffalo Grove road, for all voters within the village of Buffalo Grove.

JUDGES OF election appointed by the court include:

Pct. 1: Mrs. James Wieder, Mrs. Neil E. Martin, and Mrs. William Farr.

Pct. 2: Mrs. Kenneth J. Bjertnes, Mrs. Robert E. Johnson, and Mrs. Robert E. Meyer.

Pct. 3: Mrs. William Fox, Mrs. Geroma Mallette, and Mrs. Joseph Davero.

The library district would adjoin the Prospect Heights Public Library district, established in 1957, and would be empowered to levy a small tax.

William Tripp, executive secretary for the volunteer committee handling library affairs, said the present library is supported by private donations. The library has 5,000 to 6,000 volumes on its shelves, he said.

Land in the area bounded by Arlington Heights rd., if extended, Dundee rd., Hintz rd., and the extension of Three States blvd. was excluded from the proposed library district by court order. The action upheld objections from property owners there.

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Feb. 19

The Inquiring Reporter



THE QUESTION: Would you vote yes to establish a taxing library district?

WHERE ASKED: Mark Walgreen Drug store, Wheeling Shopping center.

LEN SWANSON, teacher at Wheeling school, 296 Walnut st.

Teachers have found a lack of well-rounded reading in many children's homes. Our school library is getting better, however there's nothing like a public library for a kid to browse around in.



We need it. I don't like taxes any more than the next person, but what are you going to do?

FRANCIS G. MELLON, retail store manager, 1823 Park pl., Buffalo, Highlands.



Yes. If people have books to read, they'll stay away from the one-eyed monster. If kids read the right kind of books, they'll do less of the wrong kind of things.

There's so much to get out of a good book. When we were kids, it seems books were more appreciated. Children are growing up nowadays and forgetting how to read.

MRS. PAT HANCOCK, housewife, 386 S. Leslie.

I'm for the library. I think it's very important for the children and may do a lot of us adults a great deal of good. We have two boys, 2 and 4, who would not get much use out of a library right now, but we would.



Yes, my husband and I would support a library district, even though it would raise taxes a few dollars a year.

MRS. EARL OGRON, dental assistant, 388 S. Melvin.

I really haven't given it much thought, the taxes part, I mean. But from what I know of libraries, I'd be all for it. Children should have reference books available after school hours.



My husband and I would get a lot of use from a library.

The library might also think about having a rental department to get and pay for more recent adult books. This would pay for a lot of the overhead, and help ease taxes.

Independent EDITORIAL March 26, 1959

With so many important issues coming before the voter it becomes difficult to know which one deserves more thought than the other. Our only solution is to bring them before you as they come up and not try to confuse you with the many elections forthcoming.

The first decision that the voters in the Wheeling area will have to decide upon is the question of the Public Library. This Saturday, March 28th we are being called to the polls.

DO YOU WANT A LIBRARY?

Most things that are worthwhile are going to cost us something, but in this case the cost is very low. The tax to support a library is probably one of the cheapest things that we could pay for our children's educational reading. When you were in school and had research work to do, you went to the library. Our kids deserve the same privilege.

Often us adults are required to do some research work and a library becomes a valuable asset. If you want this writer's opinion, you need a library as much as you need a service station for your automobile. One place you get fuel to move and the other fuel to progress. VOTE YES...

Library Referendum Nears; Cost Low, Says Committee

Herald March 12, 1959

The proposal to establish a legal Public Library district in Wheeling and parts of Wheeling township will be decided by a special referendum on Saturday, Mar. 28, between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Passage of the referendum will establish the minimum library tax, according to state statute, of 6 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation—or about \$2.50 for a home with \$5,000 assessed valuation. (Most homes in Dunhurst, Meadowbrook, and Buffalo Grove are taxed on an assessed valuation ranging between \$5,000 and \$5,500, less 20 per cent of the total).

THE LIBRARY TAX is one of the few taxes which is used entirely within the district. The amount of the tax in most cases is hardly the price of one good book—and less expensive than a non-resident library card at an out-of-town library. On the minimum tax basis, the library will have approximately \$7,000 a year to cover maintenance, expenses, books, and the pay of a part-time librarian.

The Wheeling Public Library committee was organized approximately a year ago, by a group of interested citizens under the sponsorship of the Wheeling Junior Women's club and the Wheeling Junior chamber of commerce.

A "BOOK AND A BUCK" drive was held on June 28, 1958, to col-

lect books and funds to start the library. Books were donated by residents in and around Wheeling, and collected by volunteers from the Wheeling Jaycees, Junior Women, and other organizations.

Books were catalogued during the summer by volunteers, mostly from the Junior Women's club, in Wheeling school. The library building, located in the Union hotel parking lot, was leased from Mr. George Palm and Mr. Frank Maramonti, owners of the hotel. The building was redecorated and shelves built by volunteers from the Jaycees and other organizations.

The Wheeling Public library was officially opened October 4, 1958, with approximately 6,000 books. Some 2,500 of the books were loaned to the library by the Illinois State library in Springfield.

SINCE ITS opening, the library has issued 528 library cards, and 3,650 books have been circulated. The library has been staffed by volunteers, and has been open to the public all day on Saturday; Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings; and Wednesday afternoons. Classes from Wheeling school have used the library during school hours by special arrangement.

Funds to support the library have been donated by local businessmen, citizens, and organiza-

tions in Wheeling. In addition, much of the material used in and around the library building was donated.

"JUDGING BY the reception the library has received in its first five months, it is a needed and appreciated function in Wheeling. With the establishment of a legal library district and sufficient funds to operate, many more benefits and services can be offered to residents of the district at the Wheeling Public library," Mrs. Mary Burlingham, a member of the committee, said this week.

Is Library Worth \$2.50 per Year?

Herald March 19, 1959.

By MARY BURLINGHAM
Library Committee

The public library district referendum will be held Saturday, Mar. 28, in Wheeling and the surrounding area. The question facing voters is not primarily whether Wheeling needs or wants a library, but whether homeowners are willing to pay \$2.50 a year (average for most homes in the area) for the support of the library.

Almost everyone will agree that a public library is a worthwhile addition to the town. For the price of \$2.50, one can hardly buy one book, or a carton of cigarettes and a couple of candy bars. The \$2.50 for the library will give residents of the Library district access to approximately 6,000 books—including children's books for all ages, and current best sellers.

WITH A SET BUDGET, the

services of the Wheeling Public library can be improved and enlarged—a trained librarian hired part-time, and the library can be open more afternoons.

Anyone with any doubts of the library's worth might drop in at the library in the Union hotel parking lot on the way to vote Saturday. On a nice Saturday, approximately 200 books are checked out of the library. Mothers bring several children, and are willing to stand holding a baby while older children choose books—sometimes for half an hour or more. These mothers must feel that the library is worth it—or they wouldn't come back week after week—sometimes twice in a week.

Younger readers may use haphazard and maddening methods of choosing books—only red ones, or books with small type (the primary grade intellectuals) or horse books, or books about people and dogs, as one small reader put it.

They are nonetheless enjoying the library, and choosing and reading books.

THERE ARE many adults who regularly come into the library two or three times a week—to return four or five books and check out an equal number again. One young girl is in several times a week, checking out books for her mother who is unable to get out, but who enjoys reading.

The Library committee hopes that all registered voters will remember to vote on Saturday. Anyone who needs a ride and a baby sitter in order to vote may get one free by calling LE 7-4457 on Saturday, or before.

Voters in Wheeling proper will vote in the Wheeling fire station; those in the unincorporated territory at Brower's Circle M Day camp on Hintz rd.; and those in the incorporated area of Buffalo Grove in the Buffalo Grove Home-builders' office. (W)

Independent
Sound Off Column
March 26, 1959



We'll print anyone's opinion on any subject, but no anonymous letters will be published. Letters do not necessarily constitute the opinion of the Newspaper.

Mr. Bill Tripp
389 South Nancy Lane
Wheeling, Illinois
Re: The Wheeling Library District

Dear Bill:

Each of us has occasional personal opportunities to say "In this I believe!"

As a school board member of Wheeling Consolidated School District 21, I relish this opportunity to heartily endorse the good spirit, common-sense and enlightened community interest which are seeking unselfishly to establish a Wheeling Library District.

Books are so inextricably identified with education that no man could separate the two. No education is not a pill to be swallowed on graduation day - it comes, in time, only from books - through study, reflection and awakened literary curiosity.

It's kind of interesting that no law in our land forces an individual to acquire a personal library or grabs us by the ears commanding us to read. It seems equally fair that no one should have the right to deny the pleasure books bring to others.

What one does with his own life, his own mind, is certainly a personal prerogative. But to impose a mantle of personal prejudice over an area of educational opportunity for others is an awesome responsibility.

Let's face it. A community without a library is as pointless as a hole without a doughnut around it. More specifically - such a community just would not measure up to standards established by any average citizen. And most of us like to be, at least, average.

Critics of a Wheeling Library District have pointed a finger at the tax burden it would impose - a few dollars a year. Actually - the urge to earmark a portion of our taxes for the future enjoyment of literally thousands of minds is to, in a little way, vote for the human race. Not enough of our tax dollars have so noble a purpose.

To espouse educational standards in our school district but be a barrier to the formation of a library district is to be a part of the human riddle - rather than its solution.

Our world is split by the competitive influence of two dominant ways of life - American freedom based on the knowledgeable actions of thinking individuals and Russian suppression of individual rights for the purported good of the state.

Knowledge, education and books are the track shoes we need to win this ideology race.

Cordially,

A. L. Brown
School Board Member
Wheeling Consolidated
District No. 21

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• WHEELING

A new public library was opened in Wheeling in September. Painting, building of bookshelves, and moving of books was done by volunteers. Volunteers, from the Junior Woman's Club, also cataloged and readied for use 5,500 books that stock the library.

Illinois Libraries M
December, 1958

A Letter to the Editor
written by the President
of the School Board to
offset effects of oppo-
sition of 2 fellow board
members

TO SET UP DISTRICT ^{Chicago Daily News March 26 1959} Wheeling-Buffalo Grove Library Vote Saturday

Voters in the Wheeling-Buffalo Grove area Saturday will go to the polls to vote on the creation of a public library district.

Polling places are the Wheeling fire station, Dundee and Milwaukee, for residents of Wheeling, and Frank's Home Builders office in Buffalo Grove for voters there.

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RURAL VOTERS in the area will vote at Circle M Day Camp, Hintz rd. near Wolf rd. Polling places will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Cost of the library per homeowner would average \$2.50 a year, according to William H. Tripp of the Wheeling Public Library Committee.

Wheeling has a volunteer library at 122 S. Milwaukee which is staffed by the Junior Women's Club of Wheeling. It has about 6,000 books and has issued 550 library cards.

For You And Your Children . . .

VOTE For The Establishment of a Public Library District

Saturday, March 28

A special referendum will be held on Saturday, March 28, on the proposal to establish a legal Public Library District in Wheeling and parts of Wheeling Township.

The Wheeling Public Library was started approximately a year ago, by a group of interested citizens, under the sponsorship of the Wheeling Junior Women's Club and The Wheeling Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Books and funds for the support of the library were donated by residents of Wheeling and the township in the "Book and a Buck" drive held on Saturday, June 28, 1958. Books were collected by volunteers from the Jaycees, Junior Women's Club and many other organizations.

Books were catalogued during

the summer by volunteers, mostly from the Junior Women's Club, in the Wheeling School. The library building is located in the Union Hotel parking lot. The building was renovated and shelves built by volunteers from the Jaycees and other organizations.

The Wheeling Public Library was officially opened on October 4th, 1958, with approximately 6,000 books. Some 2500 of the books were loaned to the library by the Illinois State Library in Springfield.

Since its opening, the library has issued 528 library cards, and 3650 books have been circulated. The library has been staffed by volunteers, and has been open all day on Saturday; Monday, Wednesday and Thursday even-

ings, and Wednesday afternoons. Classes from the Wheeling school have used the library during school hours by special arrangement.

Funds to support the library have been donated by local businessmen, and organizations in Wheeling. In addition, much of the material used in and around the building was donated.

Judging by the reception the library has received, it is a necessary and appreciated function in Wheeling. With the establishment of a legal library district, and sufficient funds to operate, the Wheeling Public Library will be able to offer more services and benefits to the residents of the district.

The tax established by the referendum will be six cents per

\$100 assessed valuation — or approximately \$2.50 for a home with \$5,000 assessed valuation. [Most homes in Dunhurst and Meadowbrook are taxed on an assessed valuation ranging from \$5,000 to \$5,500, less 20 per cent of the total].

The library tax is one of the few taxes which is used entirely within the district. The amount of the tax in most cases is hardly the price of one good book. It is also less expensive than a non-resident library card in another library district. On this tax basis, the library will have approximately \$7,000 per year to cover maintenance, expenses, books, and the pay of a part-time librarian.

SAMPLE BALLOT

(Instructions to Voters: Place a cross (x) in the square opposite the words indicating the way you desire to vote).

For the establishment of a public library district.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Against the establishment of a public library district.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Ballot for the purpose of voting upon the question of organizing and establishing a public library district to be known as the Wheeling Public Library District in Cook County, Illinois, at a special election held in and for said proposed district on the 28th day of March, 1959.

Polling Places:

PRECINCT NO. 1: All territory within the boundaries of the corporate limits of the Village of Wheeling, Cook County, Illinois, shall constitute one election precinct for voters residing in such Village and the POLLING PLACE for said precinct shall be at the Fire Department Headquarters at 312 E. Dundee in the Village of Wheeling, Illinois.

PRECINCT NO. 2: All territory within the boundaries of said proposed Public Library District which lies without the corporate limits of said Village of Wheeling and said Village of Buffalo Grove shall constitute one election precinct for voters residing without such Villages and the POLLING PLACE for said precinct shall be at the home of Robert Brower (Circle M Day Camp), 98 W. Hintz, Wheeling Township, Illinois.

PRECINCT NO. 3: All territory within the boundaries of that part of the corporate limits of the Village of Buffalo Grove, Cook County, Illinois, lying within the boundaries of said proposed public library district shall constitute one election precinct for voters residing in such Village and the POLLING PLACE for said precinct shall be at the office of Buffalo Grove Home Builders, Inc., on Buffalo Grove Road in the Village of Buffalo Grove, Illinois.

sample ballots distributed door to door and in the shopping centers to inform the public of the pending referendum.

COUNTY JUDGE OF COOK COUNTY

Favorable Vote Sets New Record

Area residents voted overwhelmingly to establish the Wheeling public library district, as 527 ballots were cast—458 yes, 62 no, and seven spoiled.

Voters in precinct 1, the village of Wheeling, voted 354 yes, 43 no, with seven spoiled ballots. In precinct 2, the unincorporated area outside of Wheeling, a total of 49 yes votes and 13 no votes were cast. In precinct 3, incorporated Buffalo Grove, 55 yes votes and six no votes were cast.

Members of the Wheeling Library committee expressed gratitude to those who supported the issue, and volunteers who worked during the past month on the referendum.

"Thanks go especially to the judges of the election, who donated their services on election day," said Mary Burlingham, committee member.

JUDGES IN precinct one were Mrs. Barbara Farr, Mrs. Fran Martin, and Mrs. Ruth Wieder. Judges in precinct 2 were Mrs. Kenneth Bjertnes, Mrs. Robert Johnson, and Kenneth Wellington. In precinct three judges were William Fox, Mrs. Anne Grizzell, and Mrs. Jeroma Mallette. The committee expressed thanks to the village board, the Robert Browsers of Circle M Day camp, and Al Frank of Buffalo Grove Home Builders, who donated space for polling places for the referendum.

Some of those who volunteered their services and worked diligently in the last few weeks before the referendum are Wedge Hancock, Jack Roberts, Bill Las-Bob Steinman, Jack Layman, ley, Ruth Wieder, Ray Hernecke, Jack Youngblood, and Werner Ellman.

Craig Larson, attorney for the library district, stated that it was the largest vote in favor of a tax issue he had ever seen — slightly more than 87 per cent of the voters were in favor of the proposal.

Harold
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1959

Library District Swept to Victory

Library Trustee Election Saturday, May 23rd

The first election of Trustees for the Wheeling Public Library will be held on this Saturday, May 23, 1959, in the Village Hall 312 E. Dundee, between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Six trustees are to be elected.

Six candidates have filed petitions of candidacy for the vacancies. All six are members of the Wheeling Library Committee who have worked for more than a year in organizing and operating the Wheeling Public Library, located in the Union Hotel parking lot.

Here are brief sketches on the six candidates:

WILMA BOBALKO [Mrs. George Bobalko] 706 N. Wayne Place Wheeling. Born in Detroit, Mich. on January 17, 1932, Wilma attended schools in Michigan and was graduated from South Lake High School, St. Clair Shores, Michigan. The Bobalko's moved to Wheeling in November, 1955, from Bloomington, Ill. The mother of three children. Wilma is a past president, past philanthropy chairman, and the present education chairman of the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club; and the present chairman of the exceptional child committee of the Wheeling PTA.

MARY E. BURLINGHAM [Mrs. Ray Burlingham] 139 Laurel Court, Wheeling. A native of Illinois, Mary was born in Evanston on April 23, 1930. She is a graduate of New Trier High School, Winnetka, Ill. and the journalism school of the the University of Kentucky. The mother of two children, she has served as publicity chairman of the North Shore Alumnae of Theta Sigma Phi, and as publicity chairman of the Wheeling Library Committee for the past year. The Burlingham's moved to Wheeling in 1955 from Evanston, Ill.

GODFREY L. DUKE [Larry] 107 Meadowbrook Lane, Wheeling. Larry was born in New York City on August 6, 1931. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois, with a B. S. in architectural engineering. He is married and the father of two children. A practicing architect in Chicago, he is a registered architect in the state of Illinois and a corporate member of the American Institute of Architects. He is also a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

MURIEL E. LISCHETT [Mrs. Wallace Lischett], 199 N. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling. Muriel was born in Oak Park, Ill. on

October 1, 1922. She is a graduate of Jones Commercial High School in Chicago. Married in 1946, she is the mother of four children. Muriel is a member of the library committee of the Junior Woman's Club. The Lischetts moved to Wheeling three years ago from Oak Park.

OWEN REESE III, 56 West Manchester, Wheeling. A native of Iowa, Owen was born in Des Moines on April 25, 1927. He served in the U. S. Navy in World War II, and later attended Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. He is married and the father of four children. He is a past member of the cub scout board, and current president of the church council of St. Mark United Church in Wheeling. Owen is the territorial manager for Herman Miller Furniture Company in Chicago. The Reese's have lived in Wheeling for three years.

WILLIAM H. TRIPP, 389 S. Nancy Lane, Wheeling. A native of Wisconsin, Bill was born in Milwaukee on October 25, 1927. He was graduated from Shorewood High School, Shorewood Wis., and served two years as a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. He is a graduate in economics from Lawrence College, and did

graduate work in personnel management at the University of Wisconsin. He is married and the father of four children. He is an employment administrator for Chicago Title and Trust, and is currently a Trustee of the Meadowbrook Property Owners Assoc.

May 21, 1959
Independent

Library Changes Afternoon Hours

by MARY BURLINGHAM

Afternoon hours at the Wheeling public library, 122 S. Milwaukee, have been changed, effective this week. The library will be open from 3 to 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons. Other library hours will remain — Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Anyone who would like to volunteer two hours a month to help staff the library may sign up in the library, or by calling Mrs. Norman Lynott at LE 7-1257. Volunteers are especially needed for the afternoon hours.

CIRCULATION FOR the sum-

mer months set new records at the library. A total of 890 books were circulated in June — 694 juvenile books and 196 adult books. July circulation totalled 1,363, with 1,038 juvenile books and 325 adult books. August circulation was 1,308, with 962 juvenile books, and 346 adult books. A total of 920 library cards have been issued to borrowers.

A number of books on the best seller list are available on the library rental shelf. Among them are "The Light Infantry Ball," by Hamilton Basso; "The Status Seekers," by Vance Packard; "Exodus," by Leon Uris; and "Mine Enemy Grows Older," by Alexander King. (W

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Herald
September 17, 1959

Over 100 Attend Library Open House

Over 100 people attended the open house celebrating the first anniversary of the Wheeling Public Library on Oct. 10th. Cake and coffee were served. The floral arrangement for the table was made and given to the library by Erwin F. Dreiske, florist.

Next meeting of the Library Board of Trustees will be held at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28 in the library.

New books for adults on the shelves this week are For 2¢ Plain, by Harry Golden; The Crime of Giovanni Venture, by Howard Shaw; Warden's Wife, by Gladys Duffy and Blaise W. Lane; The Great Imposter (The Amazing Careers of Ferdinand Waldo Demara), by Robert Crichton; The Years with Ross, by James Thurber; and Dear and Glorious Physician, by Taylor Caldwell.

Younger readers will find three new books for their enjoyment -- The Three Happy Lions, by Louis Fatio; Danny Dunn and the Weather Machine, by Jay Williams; and Lucy McLockett, by Phyllis McGinley.

In order to insure efficient and competent operation of the library, the sheet of instructions to volunteer librarians was prepared and distributed to those working in this capacity.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOLUNTEER LIBRARIANS

The key to the library may be picked up at the Union Hotel and returned to the same place. It is for the back door.

Prepare date stamps on pencils; one should be set for today's date and one for two weeks later. It helps the next librarian if you change the dates before closing.

CHECKING BOOKS IN: Stamp today's date on user's library card; once for each book returned. Book card must then be replaced in book. These cards (white for our books and green for Springfield books) will be found alphabetized by author in the card box under due date. NEVER return a book to the shelf if you cannot find the book card. Put it aside with a note of explanation. Also check book card for possible reservations or instructions to librarian. To renew a book, stamp user's card as for return, find book card immediately and follow checking out procedure. Books may not be renewed by phone.

OVERDUE FINES: Charge 2¢ per book for each day after due date that library has been open. (Note extra days open during summer.) If payment is not made immediately write amount due on user's card in ink. When fine is paid cross out amount and mark with your initials.

RENTAL BOOKS: Follow checking out procedure using today's date stamp. When books are returned charge same as overdue but 5¢ per day. Check reserve list and call next person using money in coffee can. Place book at side of desk with that person's name in it; if no one is waiting for it place book back on rental shelf.

CHECKING BOOKS OUT: Stamp due date (two weeks hence, except for rentals) once for each book on library user's card, once on date due slip in each book and once on each book card, a total of three places to stamp. Write user's card number on each book card next to date due. Place book cards at front of card box; alphabetize by author if you have time. Children are allowed 3 books, adults 5.

APPLICATIONS: Yellow application cards are for children from 1st grade up and white are for adults, age 15 and up. When card is filled out copy name and address and expiration date (3 years from 1st of current month) in register book on desk, assign number and type out a library card. Designate children's cards with a "J". However, the "J" does not have to be copied each time books are taken out. If user's card is lost a 25¢ charge is made for a new one. In case anyone outside the library district desires a card the charge is \$2.50 each. There is a map of the district on the wall in back room.

BOOK DEPOSIT BOX: Check book box outside door. Key to padlock is at desk. Books should have user's card in them; check them in same as above and file library card in appropriate box at desk until called for. Mark fines same as above. If card has not been left with books make a note of titles returned and date.

RESERVES: Acquaint yourself with names in books being held at desk so you can inform patrons if they forget to ask. Don't hesitate to call if unforeseen problems arise: M. Lischett, Le 7-0477, M. Burlingham, Le 7-0505 or W. Bobalko, Le 7-4519.

Dear Sir;

As you know Wheeling can now boast of a beautiful new library, but we need everyone's support to maintain the library till we become eligible for state aid. This state aid will not become available till late next year and we don't want to lose all we have gained thus far.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would help out the library committee in raising the necessary funds to carry on this worthwhile community project.

Therefore we are enclosing a number of raffle tickets for a T.V. set which we sincerely hope you will accept as your way of showing that you are behind us 100%.

The raffle will be held the night of January 31, 1959 at the Firemen's Ball at the Amvets hall. All proceeds to be turned over to the Library Committee.

Please mail ticket stubs properly filled out and the money to:

Mr. John S. Woods, Jr.
336 S. Sunset Lane
Wheeling, Illinois

All ticket stubs, money and unused or unsold tickets must be returned on or before January 26, 1959.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this endeavor and lets hope we sell all the tickets.

Ways and Means Committee
Wheeling Library

P.S. If you should need or want more (we hope) tickets contact Mr. Woods, Lehigh 7-2907.

No. 1099

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WHEELING LIBRARY BENEFIT RAFFLE

Sponsored By
THE WHEELING LIBRARY BOARD
Prize to be given at The Vol. Firemen's Ball
SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST, 1959
Amvet Hall Wheeling

GRAND PRIZE
Nassau Zenith 17" Port. T.V.
[Copper Mist Color]

Presence Not
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Donation 25c
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Elk Grove Village Junior Woman's Club

MEMBER OF ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUBS

ELK GROVE VILLAGE, ILLINOIS

May 11, 1959

Mrs. Godfrey L. Duke, President
Wheeling Junior Woman's Club
107 Meadowbrook
Wheeling, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Duke:

As you know, our club has adopted as its civic activity the establishment of a village public library. We hope to open doors to the public late in June.

If your members have any books that haven't found their way into your library, or if you have duplicates of ones already in your library, those books would be of great value to us. We would be happy to pick up any such books if you or your members will call me at Hempstead 7-0134.

Your efforts in our behalf are most appreciated.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Robert F. Fleming)
Chairman
Library Committee

57 Ridgewood
Elk Grove Village

Members of the Wheeling Jaycees and the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club formed a Ways and Means Committee for the library. This was their first fund raising project.

Wheeling Public Library
122 South Milwaukee
Wheeling, Illinois
March 5, 1959

Wheeling Junior Women's Club
c/o Mrs. G. L. Duke
107 Meadowbrook
Wheeling, Illinois

Dear Members of the Junior Women's Club:

The Wheeling Library Committee would like to thank you for the funds raised for the benefit of the Wheeling Public Library in the recent TV raffle. We greatly appreciate all the time and effort spent by your members in making the project such a success. We particularly wish to thank Rae Swanson and Marlene Wells, who worked so diligently on the project.

Your assistance in supporting the library is appreciated by everyone concerned, and is a credit to your organization.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Burlingham
Mary E. Burlingham
Secretary
Wheeling Library Committee

The Advantages of a Public Library

I have taken my second grade class of 27 at the Wheeling Elementary School to the new public library. The results have been gratifying: the children's reading has become more diversified; parents are following through with library trips and reading help; and class members vie with each other comparing their reading.

I have found the following advantages of a public library over a school library:

- 1 - a public library may be attended any day and any hour; school library attendance is about once weekly at a set time
- 2 - three books may be borrowed each time and quick readers may borrow oftener at the public library; one book per week is the maximum rental at school
- 3 - books may be chosen leisurely with no time limit at the public library; school library time is limited because facilities must be shared by other classrooms
- 4.- parents can help select reading material; school teachers, especially in the primary grades, do not have time for the necessary, individual help in selecting books
- 5 - child gets a public library card and acquires sense of responsibility for own card and all books charged against his card; school keeps record of book loaned to pupil, loss of book - if pupil unable to pay for lost book - assumed by teacher paying out of her own pocket

A. Mijares

Observations on the Wheeling Public Library made by a second grade teacher in the Wheeling School whose class is among those using the library at regular intervals.

February 12, 1959
Herald

Library Now Has Top Best-Sellers

by MRS. RAY BURLINGHAM

A number of best selling books were purchased last week by the Wheeling Public library, and are available for circulation. They are: "The Ugly American," by William Lederer; "Walter the Improbable Hound," by Fred Ayer; "Please Don't Eat the Daisies," by Jean Kerr; and "Chicago, A Pictorial History," by Herman Kogan and Lloyd Wendt.

For mystery fans, the newest thriller by Richard and Frances

Lockridge, "Accent on Murder," is available. Reserve lists are kept on the new books, and borrowers may sign up for the books at the library, if they are not in.

ON THE 7-day shelf, two new books were purchased for the junior readers. Especially for the teenager is "A Guide to Rockets, Missiles, and Satellites," by H. Newell, and for the younger children, "The Story of Dr. Doolittle," by Hugh Lofting,

is available.

Thanks to the generosity of several Wheeling citizens, the library has a covered box outside to receive books and packages. Library patrons may leave books in the box if they wish to return them at a time when the library is not open. Many thanks to A. R. McIntyre, who donated the lumber, and to John McCarthy, of the village maintenance department, who donated his time and skill in building the box. (W)

Library Has Top Thriller On Shelves

(Wheeling public library, 122 S. Milwaukee ave., Wheeling, is open from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday).

by WILLIAM TRIPP

"Anatomy of a Murder," by J. D. Voelker, is a recent best-seller which concerns itself with a murder, and the trial of a murderer.

The author, who wrote under the pseudonym of Robert Traver, is actually a Supreme court judge for the state of Michigan.

The story itself takes place in Michigan's colorful Upper Peninsula, and it describes vividly the fascinating analysis of the defense of a man who has taken the life of another.

THROUGH A clear and consistent style, Voelker brilliantly outlines the thrust and parry of cross examination and the springing of tactical ambushes and legal traps. The unwaried reader will find a low blow awaiting him when the trial reaches its climax.

Available at Wheeling library, this novel is highly-recommended for adults who have an interest in the many aspects of crime and punishment.

November 12, 1959
Herald

Library Issues Cards

Over 1000 library cards have been issued to Wheeling area residents by the Wheeling public library, the board announced last week. The 1000th card was issued last Thursday evening, to Chris Trunda, 702 Linda ter., Wheeling.

The library is still in need of volunteers to work in the library. Anyone interested may call Mrs. Norman Lynott, LE 7-1257, or call the library, LE 7-4011. Volunteers will be needed for the remainder of the year, at least.

Although the tax referendum for the library was passed in March of this year, tax funds for the library will not be available until July of 1960.

The library board is presently preparing to issue tax anticipation warrants, but until funds from these are available, the library will continue to operate with volunteer librarians and contributions. The board expressed thanks to everyone in Wheeling who has supported the library in the first year of operation. (W)

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This is the first summer for the people of Wheeling to have a public library. The WHEELING JUNIORS were instrumental in bringing this library to their community. A town divided, physically and philosophically, was brought together in a united effort for this community improvement. Young and old, organized and unorganized, skilled and unskilled, worked together for the singular achievement.

Members of the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club corresponded with state library officials as early as Fall of 1957 in hopes of obtaining a library in the community. It was not until February of 1958 that the state felt the suburban growth in the area would warrant such facilities. It was then the steps were taken toward the realization of a literary dream.

Community organizations were contacted, state library authorities were invited to speak, labor sources were tapped, and in June, a *Book and Buck* drive met with overwhelming community response. Immediately the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club started the accessioning process. During the summer the clubwomen, along with interested parties, processed 200 books. While the books were being processed, the problem of where to house the library became imminent. A small, garage-like building in the heart of town was sited, its owner willing, and within a few months the dingy, unnoticed structure was transformed into an attractive library. Many untold hours of volunteer labor went into constructing the shelves, painting inside and out, tiling the floor, etc.

On October 10 the Wheeling Juniors hosted an open house at the library and its doors had opened to the public for the first time. Since that time club members and friends of the library act in the capacity of librarians some fifteen hours a week. Organizations and individuals have contributed financially to the library.

March 28 was a memorable day for the Wheeling Public Library, as that was the day on which the voters decided the library was to become a tax supported body. Prior to that date, house-to-house canvasses were made by members of the club, publicity was supplied by the papers of the community, organizations were contacted, speakers sent to inform the voters, and 800 telephone calls were made—all in preparation for the vote.

Although now a taxing body, the library will be operating on monetary gifts and volunteer help throughout the summer months, until the tax money is forthcoming.

A summer incentive reading program has been initiated by this club; members will be staffing the library extra hours during the summer, a "story hour" will be conducted one day a week.

During the 1958-59 club year, the Wheeling Juniors contributed a total 3,105 community service hours to the library project, in addition to many other club programs of work and service.

Illinois Clubwoman
Summer, 1959

Before Library

A sidewalk was installed last weekend in front of the library building at 122 S. Milwaukee ave. with a walk from the building to the street. Library patrons no longer need to cross the Union hotel parking lot to reach the library.

Camm Construction co. donated the forms for the sidewalk, Meyer Coal and Material company donated the concrete and Tonn Brothers, concrete contractors, donated their time and two of their employees to spread and finish the concrete. Ernie Stavros spent Thursday evening with his own equipment excavating for the sidewalk.

A number of Jaycees and other volunteers were on hand to help

with the work. Jaycees who helped were Larry Duke, Joe Harrison, Fred Hoffman, Pete McCord, Chuck Modrow, Red Smith and Jim Stavros. Among the other volunteers were Chuck Layman and Al Martin.

Sunday, Larry Duke, Owen Reese and Bill Tripp, library committee members aided by Jim Stavros, excavated along the edge of the sidewalk in preparation for planting evergreens this week.

The library committee would like to thank all those who made the sidewalk possible.

November 26, 1958
Herald

LIBRARY NEWS

The Wheeling Library was beautifully landscaped last weekend, thanks to the generosity of the owners of the Wheeling Nursery, 642 S. Milwaukee Ave. in Wheeling.

Arthur Palmgren, Elmer Palmgren and Lillie Palmgren, owners of the Wheeling Nursery and Palmgren's Nurseries in Glenview, donated a total of forty shrubs, a clump birch tree, and a variety of evergreens. The shrubs, a selection of cotoneasters, double mock orange, red dogwood, and viburnum, were planted along the sidewalk to the library building.

Five evergreens were planted across the front of the building, and a variety near the sidewalk on Milwaukee ave. A cut-leaf birch clump was planted in front of the building.

Planting of the shrubs and evergreens was done by volunteers — Larry Duke and Owen Reese from the Library Committee; Jack Roberts, Joe Harrison, and Jay Seymour, Wheeling Jaycees; and Sam DeLucca, Bill Memelgarn, Joe Keil, Al Lang, and Fred Welter of the Holy Name Society.

The Library Committee would like to thank the Palmgren's for their wonderful gift, and all those who worked planting the shrubs and evergreens.

November 13, 1958
Independent

Youth Donate \$40 To Public Library

Members of the Wheeling Youth club held a swimming and roller skating party Wednesday, Nov. 12 at the Glenview Pladium. Mr. Ray Burlingham accompanied the group.

Members voted to donate \$40 to the Wheeling library, for the purchase of a large dictionary and stand. A hayride was planned for the November 19 meeting.

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Announce More Library Donations

The Wheeling Library committee announced that several contributions were received last week. Mr. Kenneth Bjertnes donated a used electric typewriter, the Wheeling Youth club donated a large dictionary and stand and Lattof Motor Sales and the Wheeling State Bank contributed to the library operating fund.

An encyclopedia has been purchased by the committee with funds donated by the Ladies of the Lions. The books should be received soon.

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Library Announces Donations to Fund

The Wheeling library committee this week, announced operation fund donations from the following persons: Dr. Jerome E. Abrahams, Dr. Edward L. Larson, Liquid Service Stations Inc., Dr. H. G. Pitasch, and Dr. William Schreiber.

The committee also said new juvenile library cards have been received. They will be exchanged at the library when juvenile borrowers wish to check out books.

Librarians reminded borrowers of a fine for overdue library books. It is levied only for the days on which the library is open. Postal reminders of overdue books will not be sent.

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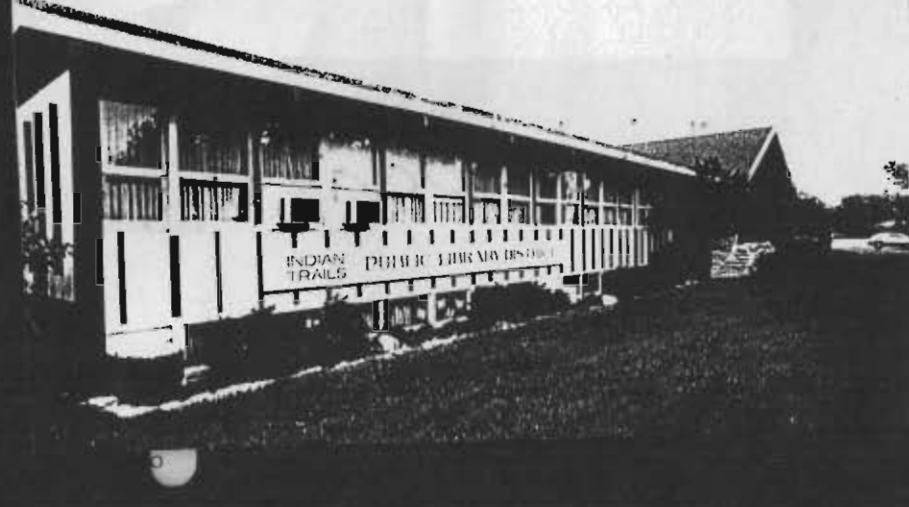
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