

MOSES GREELEY PARKER LIBRARY

1972 1973
TOWN REPORT

Librarian's Report to the Board of Trustees

The following statistics provide a quantitative summary of services offered by the library in 1972.

Hours open, main library	6 days	50 Hours (State requirement)
Branch	1 day	4 Hours 54 Hours weekly
Total Books in Library		39,047
Periodicals annyally		76
Recordings and cassetts		382
Circulation of Books		45,942
Periodicals		4,149
Recordings		705 50,796
Employees	Librarian	
	2 adults Full time	
	3 adults Part time	
	4 aids Part time	
	1 Custodian Part time	

As the statistics show, the circulation increased dramatically in 1972 despite the fact that Collinsville Branch was reduced from 8 hours to 4 hours eliminating the school children as borrowers.

The many hours of staff time spent in reference and research services do not appear in the statistics. This service os for students and others doing projects or writing reportsor papers.

Full advantage has been taken of the Regional Interlibrary Loan system whereby books and films are provided upon request. Another service which is popular with patrons is reserving of books upon request.

With the increase in circulation and services the number of employees proved inadequate. Because of the segregated wages budget the staff could not be expanded. The librarian is therefore especial-ly/^{grateful} to the staff for extending itself as it has done.

Space is the most pressing need of the library. The shelves are full altho the complete collection was weeded during 1972. The periodical room is to be reorganised in 1973 to provide more space. This is a temporary solution to the problem and expensive as well.

What is really needed is an addition to the building.

The physical condition of the building is excellent. In 1972 the door in the rear of the building was replaced and storm windows were installed in the office. The oil burner was replaced and steel shelving was added to the periodical room.

In the fall landscaping was begun, including replacing of the old plantings and care given to the shrubs and evergreen. These were a gift to the town as a memorial of Miss Edna Cutter. The gardening will continue in the spring since altho it is expensive it is essential to the overall appearance of the building.

Hopefully, in 1973 the town will provide funds to develop a hot topped parking space for patrons. A very hazardous parking situation currently exists, especially in winter when the snow is piled on the road and sidewalk.

The private library of Mrs. Mabel Colburn was bequeath to the Public Library. Many valuable volumes were among her collection. These have been catalogues and added to the standing collection.

The librarian has found the Board of Trustees most cooperative during 1972. Its enthusiastic interest is most stimulating and helpful. The librarian and her staff look forward to a productive new year.

Respectfully ,

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