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LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Quatrefoil will have a booth at the Gay Pride festival on Saturday and Sunday, June 23 & 24. If you are interested in helping either day, contact Bill Lyons, Volunteer Co-ordinator. People are also needed to march with the library banner during the parade. Pride buttons are now available at the library for \$2.

SAL-E-BRATION

Day-long rains did not stop people from attending the May 19 book sale. Eighty-nine people visited the library between 9:30 and 5. Sales totaled close to \$700. Thanks to Greg Rosen and George Holdgrafer for organizing the sale, all the volunteers who helped. and all those who walked out with at least one boxful. A special thanks to Amazon Bookstore, which contributed their former lending library. It provided us with the largest selection of women's materials ever.

RESIST GRANT AWARDED TO LIBRARY

RESIST, a funding organization which gives grants and loans to groups working for peace and social justice, has awarded \$600 to Quatrefoil for outreach to people of color in the sexual minority community. The grant includes money for advertising, collection development, and acquisition of materials. More information about the project will be in future issues of the Bookworm. For more information about RESIST, call or write: RESIST, 1 Summer St, Sommerville, MA 02143, telephone 617-623-5110.

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COOPERATING FUND DRIVE SUCCESSFUL

Cooperating Fund Drive's 1989 payroll deduction campaign raised more than \$500,000, which will be distributed to its 39 member organizations and designated Gift of Choice recipients during 1990.

Quatrefoil Library will receive \$11,500 as its portion of that total. That sum reflects a base allocation, gifts of eash, and payroll deductions. More than 50 people, both members and non-members, gave to the library through their workplace campaigns.

Cathy Hoffman and Dick Hewetson were Quatrefoil representatives to the CFD Campaign in 1989, and Cathy serves as the library's representative on the CFD board. Work on the campaign and board are required of member organizations of CFD. More library members are needed to work with CFD in the coming months, as that board targets new workplaces which will offer employees the option of giving to CFD. Interested members are urged to contact Cathy Hoffman through the library.

STATISTICS

	January	February	March	Aprii
Days Open	21	13	22	21
Men in	265	178	185	204
Women in	99	96	96	69
Total	364	274	281	273
Phone calls	75	67	79	41
Items Checked Out	319	396	391	393
Director in	15	19	24	23
Director's hours	83	118	106	118
Volunteers	50	61	67	62
Volunteer hours	177	235	220	173
New Members	21	18	13	19

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BOARD NEWS

At its May meeting, the board focused on committee reports. Some of the library's seven committees have been working committees for over a year and some met for the first time in 1990. Reports were heard for the first time from the Acquisitions and Development Committees; other committees also reported on their work.

The Acquisitions Committee's proposed policy on videos (see below) was passed, and the Public Relations/Membership's advertising plans were approved. Future board topics will include Acquisitions policy, collection development, and space needs for the library.

VIDEO POLICY ADOPTED

The Quatrefoil Board adopted the following policy concerning video tapes at the May 15 board meeting:

"The library will maintain a collection of VHS videocassettes.

"The library's acquisition and circulation of videocassettes will adhere to the copyright laws of the United States. Each videocassette must be a legally acquired copy, either with the original package and label, or with a letter on file from the copyright holder granting the library the right to circulate the program.

"Unless public performance rights have been granted, videocassettes will circulate to library members for home use only. The library will post notices to inform borrowers of restrictions on the use of videocassettes.

"In accordance with the library's adoption of the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights, the library will select videos that reflect the library's mission and the needs of its users. Videos will not be excluded from the collection because of controversial subject matter or because they may offend some viewers. No circulation restrictions, labeling, or special shelving will be used to prevent users' free access to videocassettes.

"The scope, audience, and purpose of the video collection will be addressed in the library's overall collection policy.

"The library does not provide equipment for in-library viewing of videocassettes."

If you have any questions about making a donation, or about what is legal or acceptable, contact Peg or Greg at the library.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 10 -- opening of art show - M. Ann Milbradt - 2-5pm June 12 -- Development Committee - 7-8:30pm June 12 -- Acquisitions Committee - 7pm June 19 -- Quatrefoil Board meeting - 7-9pm July 17 -- Quatrefoil Board meeting - 7-9pm August 11 -- deadline for next newsletter

WE WANT YOUR DRAWERS:

Okay, not the ones you're *wearing*. Quatrefoil needs lateral files to better store the news clippings, pamphlets, and other materials now housed in clumsy cardboard files. Unfortunately, laterals are expensive and funds for them are not in our current budget. So, if you have or know of files that are available for donation, contact Greg at the library.

ACQUISITIONS COMMITTEE

The library has grown to such a size that it would be advantageous to our patrons to have Subject Bibliographies set up. If you are interested in helping catalogue our holdings by subject, contact Greg at the library.

The committee is also looking for input from members on future acquisitions. Contact Peg Miller at 827-0013.

COME SEE US

Quatrefoil Library is located at 1619 Dayton Av, St Paul. That's one block northwest of Snelling and Selby. We're convenient to #4, #16, #93B and #21 bus lines. The library is open Monday-Thursday evenings 7-9:30, and 12-4pm Saturdays. Our phone number is 641-0969. The library is wheelchair accessible via the elevator at the southwest entrance of the building.

HELP US SERVE YOU BETTER:

Please return books promptly. We try to keep abreast of the overdue books, but it is sometimes hard to keep up with everything. It takes time and postage to remind people of their overdue books.

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If you move, please advise us as soon as possible so we are not sending mail to the wrong address or telephoning you at a number which is no longer yours. THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT!

Renew your membership promptly. We are depending on the steady renewal funds to keep the library going.

Deadline for next Bookworm: August 11

FROM THE EDITOR

Responses to the suggestion of a name change for this newsletter have been somewhat slower than expected. To incourage member participation, a box will be available at the library table during Gay Pride in which you can place your suggestions.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Two wonderful acquisitions have recently been received at the Library. The women's collection has been almost doubled with books which were formerly in the lending library of Amazon Book Store. One of the highlights of this was two copies of *The Lavender Herring*, a collection of essays from *The Ladder*, compiled by one of its former editors. Barbara Grier.

The second collection came from the estate of an older man. In it were many older books, including several of Edward Carpenter, a number of books published in the 50's and 60's, photographs of Tony Sansone from the 30's, a complete run of *The Circle* from 1946 to 1967, when it ceased publication. This magazine started out as a German-language gay periodical in 1932, later became bilingual, adding French as the second language. and in 1952 added an English section.

These acquisitions are putting quite a burden on us to catalog them and make them available to our members. We are having space problems, too. It is a volunteer's headache trying to put books on shelves that are already too full.

We continue to network with other gay and lesbian libraries. We recently had a letter from Jack van der Wel of the Dokumentatiecentrum Homostudies at the University of Amsterdam, asking to exchange information. We also heard from the Aids Library in Philadelphia.

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