Looking Ahead to 2011

2011 will be a promising year for the Quatrefoil with the library celebrating its 25th Anniversary! As part of this celebration look for the following:

- Monthly lists celebrating the best books, music and DVD available from the library
- Our annual book sales – now held four times a year
- An entrance in annual Twin Cities Pride parade
- The roll-out of endowment campaign called “An Eye On The Future”
- October Celebration – In October a party will be held to celebrate the 25th Anniversary. More details about this event will available in the coming months
- And other events – be sure to check out the library’s website for updates

The Quatrefoil Library invites everyone to be part of our celebration!

In Memory of Edward Swanson

Former Quatrefoil Board President, Executive Director, and chief cataloger Edward Swanson died on December 10, 2010, after a brief illness. Edward became involved with the Library soon after it opened in 1986. At that time, he was a cataloger at the Minnesota Historical Society, and he brought his significant experience in that field to organize Quatrefoil’s books using the Library of Congress classification system. Edward also served as Executive Director from 1991-1997, and was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Library. He was a Life Member of Quatrefoil, along with his partner, Carsten Slostad.

Quatrefoil Awarded Grant

Quatrefoil received a Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grant that will be used to improve the environmental and physical storage conditions for materials in our periodical collection most vulnerable to deterioration. Many of these items are available in few, if
any, libraries elsewhere in Minnesota. The grant award is for $6,264 and will be used to purchase supplies and to hire an intern.

The project will be managed by Alexis Logsdon, a library school student, and involves moving periodicals from their current storage containers into archival-quality, acid-free file folders and boxes. Grant funds will also be used to purchase ceiling light filters that will reduce exposure of our books and periodicals to harmful UV light. The project is expected to be completed by April 2011.

**Gay Architects**

by David Rasche and Kathy Robbins

Although there are many well-known gay authors, actors, and artists, probably few of us could name a gay architect. This article will introduce you to three, and suggest additional sources of information available in Quatrefoil's collection.

**Philip Johnson (1906-2005)**

Perhaps the best known gay architect, Philip Johnson was an author, critic, professor, and practicing architect. The Glass House in New Canaan, Connecticut, was designed by Johnson as his own residence in 1949, and was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1997. He was associated with the Museum of Modern Art in New York City for decades, and designed many homes and office buildings, including the IDS Tower in Minneapolis and the Seagram Building in New York City.


**Lionel H. Pries (1887-1968)**

Both an architect and artist, Pries was a well-respected professor of architecture at the University of Washington in Seattle from 1928-1958. He lost his job at the University after being arrested in California in a vice sting at a Los Angeles park. His legacy continued on through the work of his many students and their influence on modernist architecture and design, especially in the Pacific Northwest.


James (Jim) Charlton (1917-1998)

Better known for his relationship with the gay author Christopher Isherwood than for his architectural career, Jim Charlton trained with Frank Lloyd Wright at Taliesien in Wisconsin, and Taliesen West in Arizona. He met Isherwood in 1948, and was the basis for the character Bob Wood in Isherwood's The World in an Evening. Charlton later wrote an autobiographical novel titled St. Mick using the pseudonym Jack Challenge (Fiction C437 .S8 1981).


David Rasche, Quatrefoil Desk Volunteer and retired architect

Kathy Robbins, Head Librarian, Quatrefoil Library

Quatrefoil Library Rolls Out Library World!

Quatrefoil has completed the first phase of our migration to a new library catalog. It is updated daily, has book cover art, and linked subject fields. The goal is to the integration completed by the end of 2011. The previous library catalog system Athena is no longer available and the cards used for checking out books will be phased out in the coming year.

Future improvements include: circulation information and placing holds and reserving copies of books, and overdue notification and billing.

As part of the implementation of Library World, the Quatrefoil Library will also be able to track and manage items that have been checked out and are overdue. This means the Library will be enforcing late fees on items not returned on time.

You can search Quatrefoil Library's new catalog of books, DVDs, and periodicals by clicking on the "Main Catalog Search" link located on the right side of every page of the Quatrefoil Library website www.qlibrary.org, or click here.
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