2009 Retrospective

As the year comes to an end the Quatrefolio would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some of the key events that shaped the library this past year. Sadly, 2009 marked the passing of two men whose vision and hard work shaped the future of the library.

David Irwin, one of the two co-founders of the Quatrefoil Library passed away in early January 2009. David and his former partner Dick Hewitson opened the library on February 4, 1986, to house their significant collection of books. A celebration of David's life took place on Saturday, May 16 and the event launched the David Irwin Fund.

Dan Hanson passed away in mid-September. Dan and his long-time partner, Keith Gennier's, involvement with the Quatrefoil Library started before the library had opened its doors. From the inception of the library and up to his passing, Dan Hanson held many vital roles that helped shape the Library's future. Dan Hanson's memorial took place on Sunday, November 15. The Quatrefoil Library is grateful to be the recipient of memorial funds, which will be used to continue the mission of the library.

Because of the significant contributions of the pioneering work of David Irwin and Dan Hanson, the Quatrefoil Library remains one of the most unique lending libraries of its kind. With over 12,000 books and other media and with a membership of over 400, both men leave behind a legacy that is stronger than ever.

The 2009 Annual Pride Book Sale at the Quatrefoil booth in Loring Park was one of best ever. The library would like to thank everyone who stopped by and purchased books.

In July, the library hosted its first Writer's Annual Workshop, helping to develop and encourage the writing of GLBT youth.

In September the Quatrefoil Library celebrated the publication of two new books highlighting the historical significance of GLBT organizations in the Minneapolis and St. Paul community. History of Quatrefoil Library (The First 20 Years) by Adam Keim and History of Minnesota Gay and Lesbian Legal Assistance (MnGALLA) by Dan Hanson and Richard Osborne are both available at the Quatrefoil Library.

The Library also hosted events for Black History Month and Women's History month.

Finally, the library thanks everyone who participated in MN Gives; the one day event held on Tuesday, November 17. Your contributions helped raise more than $4,000, the largest amount the library has ever raised in a single day.

The Library looks forward to 2010 and to all the exciting opportunities the coming year will bring.
Give Today to the Annual Campaign

There is still a chance to give to the Quatrefoil Library’s Annual Gift Campaign. The library is successful because of people like you. Friends and members provide both financial support and volunteer their time to help make the Quatrefoil Library one of the best GLBT libraries in the country.

Your gift to the library is an important part of our continued success. We rely on your contributions to ensure the library remains a safe, positive gathering place, and valuable repository of GLBT history and culture.

Giving is easy and your contribution goes a long way.
- $25 provides one book that is then loaned to dozens.
- $50 provides for a documentary film on queer issues, unavailable at Blockbuster or Netflix.
- $100 will digitally preserve Twin Cities’ gay history and memory for future scholars and readers.
- $250 pays for a writing workshop for GLBT youth.
- $500 provides the community with a GLBT electronic database that provides access to hundreds of historical magazines and reference books.

The Quatrefoil Library does not have paid staff positions and does not receive any government or public dollars to support the library, so whatever amount you give will contribute to helping the library will keep the doors and allow resources to be available to the GLBT community.

Remember, you can also make a gift in honor or memory of a friend or a family member.

You can donate by mailing your contribution to:
The Quatrefoil Library
1619 Dayton Ave., Ste. 105
St. Paul, MN 54104

Or, save a tree and make your donation online using the library’s PayPal account.
www.quatrefoillibrary.org/support/donate.php

The Quatrefoil Library thanks each of you for your continued support.

Movies Galore!
Are you ready for winter? Did you know that the Quatrefoil Library has extensive GLBT movie collection that you won’t find at your local library, Blockbuster or even on Netflix.

The Quatrefoil Library collection includes your favorite GLBT movies:
- Academy Award Winners
- Comedies
- Documentaries
- Musicals
- Popular TV series
- And much more...

As the winter months get colder, stop in and select a movie or three, and don’t forget the popcorn!
Do You Have What It Takes?

The Quatrefoil Library is continually looking for volunteers. While the library welcomes all volunteers, if you have specialized skill the library would like to hear from you.

Just a few of the skills we are looking for:*
- Copy or Public Relations Writers
- Fundraisers
- Grant Writers
- Legal Experts
- Logo & Web Designers

If you would like to volunteer, we would like to hear from you. Please contact the Quatrefoil Library.

*Please note; the Quatrefoil Library does not pay anyone volunteering their specialized skills.

New Board Members Elected

The Quatrefoil Library elected four board members in December for the upcoming year. New members will join the board in January and two existing board members kept their seats on the board.

New Members:

- **James Bacigalupo** has been a member and a volunteer at the Quatrefoil for a year and a half, and has worked the Pride booth the past two years. James is an avid science fiction and comics/manga fan who recently set up a table for Quatrefoil and represented the library at the Gaylaxicon event.
- **Larry D Watson** has also volunteered at Quatrefoil and at the Tretter Collection at the U of M. Gay literature and GLBT related films have long been an interest. Larry has a strong interest in broader advertisement of the Quatrefoil collections and involving more young persons in our membership and activities.

Returning Board Members:

- **Karen Hogan** will return for a third term on the Quatrefoil Board of Directors and has been involved with the library for 15 years. Karen has enjoyed serving as Board president. Karen has a strong passion in the education and community outreach mission of Quatrefoil. As a MLIS student at St. Catherine's University, she has recruited dozens of fellow librarians-in-training develop their skills, taking what they've learned in the classroom and applying it in a "real" library setting.
- **Art Stoebel**'s primary goal is to help Quatrefoil Library become a preferred GLBTA destination; a destination housing an engine for education. Art envisions an increased visibility for the library and believe it is vital to maintain a highly safe space for all. Art has served on the board and as meeting recorder, desk-volunteer and on various committees.

The Quatrefoil Library would like to welcome both James and Larry and also congratulate Karen and Art on their re-elections to board.
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Karen Hogan, President
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Pete Wilson

Editors: Scott Breyfogle,
Renee Leckscheid, Jennifer Schultz

Free Wi-Fi at the Quatrefoil Library!
Our free Wi-Fi service allows you to access the internet in our safe, secure location while you use the many GLBT resources available from the Quatrefoil Library.

So, on your next visit to the library—bring your laptop, find a comfortable place to sit, and enjoy all that the Quatrefoil Library has to offer you.