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### Quatrefoil Library Adopts New Mission Statement

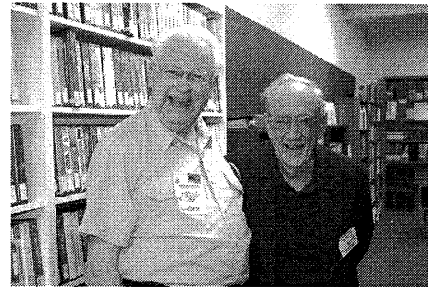
At the June 9, 2011 Quatrefoil Library Board of Directors meeting the board adopted a new mission. The new mission reads, *"Quatrefoil Library fosters GLBT community, culture and camaraderie through literature and media in a welcoming place. By collecting and lending queer creative output we nurture and cultivate the value of the whole community. We continually strive to integrate our historical presence into new areas as communication and technologies evolve."*

### Quatrefoil Library Approves Shorter Name

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## Quatrefoil Library 25 Years of Serving the GLBT Community

2011 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary since David Irwin and Dick Heweston founded the Quatrefoil Library. As one of the few GLBT lending libraries around, the library has made a name for itself not only locally but globally.



The Quatrefoil Library was a dream-come-true for David Irwin, a gay bookworm. In the mid- 1970s, both he and Dick Heweston started collecting thematically gay books. In 1977, they moved into a large condominium, combining collections in a linen closet. But as David continued to buy ever more books, the collection soon outgrew the "closet." When the two parted in 1984, their more than 1500 volumes remained united.

David and Dick's long- time dream of starting a lending library was realized late in 1985 when the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union invited the Quatrefoil Library to be a tenant. The library went public on February 4, 1986.

During the first year, the collection and use of the library grew so quickly that it happily was forced to move to a larger home at the renovated Richards Gordon School. The library re-opened on June 6, 1987 with more than 4,000 volumes and over 300 periodicals. In 1992, David Irwin retired from the Executive Director position which he had held since the Library doors opened.

Today, 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 people, David Irwin and Dick Heweston's legacy is stronger than ever.

To learn more about the history the Quatrefoil Library, click to read Adam G. Keim's book on-line, [History of the Quatrefoil Library](#).

### Alexis Logsdon Wins Award

the Quatrefoil Library have been used in association with the library; however none of these earlier names were ever officially sanctioned by the Quatrefoil Board of Directors. At the May 2011 board meeting, "Q Library" was officially approved as the shortened name for the organization.

### Quatrefoil Library Honored

On Thursday, June 2, 2011 the Quatrefoil Library was honored by Lavender Magazine with a PRIDE (People, Rallying, Individuality, Diversity, Equality) Award. This award is given to people or organizations that, in the past year, have proclaimed they are proud of who they are and what they do.

The award was presented at the June 2nd Summer of Pride Kick Off Party hosted by Lavender. Scott Breyfogle, the current President of the Board Directors, accepted the award on behalf of the entire organization. At the ceremony Breyfogle said, "This award is a testament to David Irwin and Dick Hewetson, the founding fathers of the Quatrefoil Library. While David is no longer with us, his spirit embodies the heart of this organization. Both David and Dick created a library whose mission is to provide a welcoming place to foster the GLBT community, culture, and relationships through literature and media. This mission is alive and well because of the legacy of David Irwin and Dick Hewetson." In addition to the

Alexis Logsdon, an intern at the Quatrefoil Library, recently won an award at the Midwest Archives Conference annual meeting for her poster, which featured treasures she uncovered while working on the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grant.



The Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund receives 19.75 percent of the sales tax revenue resulting from the Legacy amendment to support arts, arts education and arts access, and to preserve Minnesota's history and cultural heritage. Based on current sales tax revenue, Minnesotans will invest more than \$1.2 billion in arts and cultural heritage fund projects and programs over the 25 year life of the tax.

In 2009, the Legislature appropriated approximately \$93 million from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund for projects beginning during the next two fiscal years (July 1, 2009 - July 1, 2011).

The grant, which was awarded by the Minnesota Historical Society, allowed the Quatrefoil Library to preserve rare materials related to LGBT history and culture. The project included moving fragile, rare newspapers and periodicals from harmful, acidic folders and boxes to archival-quality storage containers and allowed for the installation of filtered lighting to protect un-boxed materials. The project began in October 2010 and was completed April 1, 2011.

The Quatrefoil Library is grateful for the long hours Alexis put into this project and the effort put into ensuring these rare treasures are available to patrons for years to come. A special thanks also goes to Kathy Robbins who championed and oversaw the work completed by Alexis. Alexis's poster will be on display in the Quatrefoil Library after Pride.

### An Eye on the Future: Quatrefoil Library's 25th Anniversary Endowment Campaign

Written by Mark Loftstrom

By December 31, 2013, Quatrefoil hopes to have raised \$300,000 for its 25th Anniversary Endowment Campaign. Growth and earnings from the endowment will help the nation's only circulating library of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) materials not affiliated with a public institution meet long-term space-related needs, increase cultural and educational programs, find new ways to use technology, and further build its collections.



The fulfillment of a dream by co-founders Dick Hewetson and the late David Irwin, whose collection of materials soon outgrew the linen closet in which they first housed it, Quatrefoil has thousands of books and DVDs with GLBT-specific content. David and Dick's collection "went public" February 1986; 25 years later, GLBT experience has changed, yet the need for knowledge of GLBT history and culture endures.

award, the Quatrefoil was also featured in an in-depth article that may be found in the current Pride edition of the magazine.

The Quatrefoil Library would like to thank Lavender once again for this award.

### **Book Clubs at the Library**

The North Country Gaylaxian Book Club meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Q Library.

If you would like to hold your GLBT book club or other small literary event at the Quatrefoil please email the library at [qlibrary.org](mailto:qlibrary.org), attention Publicity.

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There are many ways to support the campaign while making a gift to everyone in the GLBT communities, including (1) through an outright donation, (2) by making a pledge payable up to three years after the campaign's end, (3) through a gift of publicly-traded stock, (4) by making Quatrefoil Library the beneficiary of your will, an insurance policy, or retirement plan. Go to [www.qlibrary.org](http://www.qlibrary.org) to make a secure donation or contact the library at 651-641-0969.

### **Quatrefoil Library Donates Books!**

In February 19, 2011 the Quatrefoil Library donated close to 3,000 books to the GLCC, an emerging GLBT library in Pittsburgh, PA.

In the fall of the 2010, the Quatrefoil Library Board of Directors realized the library's collection capacity had reached its maximum. In order to provide additional space for new books and other media, the library decided to donate a large selection of their second copies of books. Instead of selling or throwing out the books, many of which are hard to find, the board voted to donate the books to another GLBT lending library.

Karen Hogan, a long-time volunteer and current Secretary on the board, along with Kathy Robins, the head Librarian for the Quatrefoil Library, began searching for a suitable home to donate the books to. The GLCC of Pittsburgh Library was selected to be the recipient of the donated collection from the Quatrefoil Library. The GLCC, currently houses over 5,000 books, DVDs, and other media.

The Quatrefoil Library sees this donation as an expansion of its mission. This donation will benefit the GLBT community in Pittsburgh so they have further access, understanding and appreciation of its rich and diverse history.

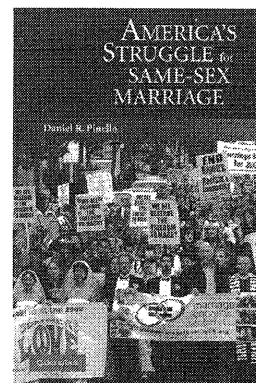
### **Quatrefoil Library 2010 Facts**

1. Number of items checked out to members...6,256
2. Patron visits to the library... 2,729
3. Number of phone inquiries answered... 220
4. Number of articles downloaded from electronic database... 70
5. Total number of items in collection...23,457
6. Total number of items added to collection in 2010 ...2,112
7. Number of paid memberships to the library...360
8. Social networking fans, followers, friends...Facebook, Myspace, Twitter... 2,500
9. Community Service Projects by college students...5  
Volunteer hours donated to the library... 4,960

## Resources on Marriage Equality

Written by Heather Tompkins

Marriage equality is a hot issue in the U.S. - especially in Minnesota. And unless you've been living under a rock, I bet you've been hearing a thing or two about the passage of the Minnesota State Legislature's bill, [SF 1308](#), which is a "Constitutional amendment to recognize marriage solely between one man and one woman." The amendment will be voted on in the 2012 election. To get a better understanding of same-sex marriage in Minnesota and its legislative history be sure to check out the following from the [Minnesota Legislative Reference Library](#):



If you're interested in learning more about marriage equality beyond the current Minnesota context, don't forget that QLibrary has a number of books you can check out on the issue. For instance, try searching the [QLib catalog](#) for "marriage equality" as "all words". Or skip searching and just take a look at the [list of books and DVDs on same-sex marriage that QLib members have already put together for you](#).

There you have it - a thought-provoking, summer reading list!

If you prefer articles on the subject, check out some of the latest write-ups in popular magazines such as Newsweek and Time or scholarly articles from journals such as Social Science Quarterly, Journal of Homosexuality, Political Research Quarterly, Social Theory and Practice, and Columbia Law Review in the database [Academic Search Premier](#). Also, see what has been written on same-sex marriage in [the Advocate](#).

There is so much information available to us on marriage equality. The challenge may be in knowing where to start. Perhaps this list of resources can be a good starting point!

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