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2011 Year in Review

For 25 years the Quatrefoil has been making an impact on the GLBT Community locally and worldwide! 2011 was an incredible year for the library:

1. Early spring - work was completed the 2010 Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant from the state of Minnesota to preserve our extensive collection of unique magazines and newspapers.
2. March - the Q donated 3,000 books to an emerging GLBT library in Pittsburgh PA.

25th Anniversary Party!

On Sunday, October 16, 2011 the Q Library held it's official party to celebrate 25 years of the serving the GLBT community at Open Book in Minneapolis.

Bradley Traynor, columnist at Lavender Magazine and host of the Weekend Dish on MyTalk 107.1 was the emcee for the event. Several members of the Q community were honored for making a difference in contributing to the success of library.

Karen Hogan and Kathy Robbins paid tribute David Irwin and Dick Hewetson, the founders of the library. Robbins talked about David Irwin, who passed away in 2009. Hogan introduced Hewetson, who then spoke.

Tributes were also made to the late Dan Hanson and Dale Johnson by Bill Larson and Jerney Wardein. Laura Warnest presented the Dale Johnson Development award to Paul Flegee and James Bacigalupo presented the 2012 Volunteer of the Year to Karen Hogan.



Matt Stark, a long-time supporter of the library and Senator Scott Dibble also spoke.

The party also served as the official launch of An Eye on the Future, the library's new endowment campaign with a speech by Mitch Marks and Mark Loftstrom.

Scott Breyfogle, President of the Board of Directors recognized several other people, including the current and past board members and then thanked Head Librarian Kathy Robbins for

3. March - the Q was the focus of a news story on Kare11 for donating books to a Pittsburgh GLBT library.
4. April - the Q developed and sent out a Marriage Equality Book List
5. May- a feature story ran about the Q on KFAI.
6. May - Alexis Logsdon won an award at the Midwest Archives Conference for her work at the Q as part of the 2010 Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant from the state of Minnesota.
7. June - the president and secretary of the board were guests on KFAI radio show, *Fresh Fruit* to talk about the Q.
8. June - the library was honored with a 2011 Pride Award from Lavender Magazine
9. June – featured in Lavender Magazine for winning a 2011 Pride Award.
10. June - the Q had one of best book sales at PRIDE.
11. July - started implementation of the next phase of Library World
12. October - Lavender Magazine publishes an article about the library's 25th anniversary.
13. October, board president and another board member were guests on local cable access

everything she has done for the library.

Guests also had the chance to visit and catch-up and talk about the library.

Ovation from One Voice provided the musical part of the celebration by signing three songs.

The Quatrefoil Library would like to thank everyone for attending the event.

Endowment Campaign Goes Public

by Mark Lofstrom

At the October 16, 2011 event celebrating Quatrefoil Library's 25th anniversary, the library's "Eye on the Future" endowment campaign was publicly kicked off. At the event, donors who wish to remain anonymous, issued at \$2,000 challenge for the endowment.



- The challenge at the anniversary celebration was met and narrowly exceeded, moving the endowment campaign toward its \$100,000 milestone.
- By the end of the campaign—December 31, 2013, Quatrefoil hopes to have raised \$300,000 for its endowment campaign. This amount will afford Quatrefoil about 20% of its current annual operating budget, which helps meet the all-volunteer organization's expenses, the largest of which are space-related needs such as rent.
- Founders David Irwin's and Dick Hewetson's collection of GLBT books "went public" February 1986. Now, more than 25 years later, GLBT experience and political priorities have changed, yet the need for knowledge of GLBT history and culture and a keen appreciation of GLBT media expressions endure.
- Quatrefoil Library is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. This simply means that donations are deductible to the extent permitted by law; year-end gifts may ease next year's tax burden for those who choose to itemize deductions.

show, *BiCities* to promote the library. [You can view the video here.](#)

14. October - 16th - official party to celebrate the 25th anniversary.
15. October - the Q officially moved Eye on the Future!, the library's new endowment campaign from its quiet phase to the public phase.
16. November - the Q received an anonymous donation of over \$2,400 for advertising in Lavender Magazine for the 2012 year.
17. December - John Heizer, Chelse Nutting and Monica LaVold are newly elected 2012 board members. Mitch Marks is also reelected to the board.

FREE COMICS!

The Quatrefoil Library is cataloging it's comic singles to make available to our patrons and to promote this we will be giving away a free Queer comic on May 5th 2012 Free Comic Book Day.

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Scott Breyfogle
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What the Endowment Will Make Possible

Growth and earnings from the endowment will help one of the nation's only circulating library of GLBT materials not affiliated with a public institution realize **funds for space-related needs and protect the culture and literature of the GLBT communities** found in its circulating and archival collections. This will include **expansion of the Library's GLBT programming and learning activities and maintain a safe space for Library patrons of all ages.**

Quatrefoil's Mission

Quatrefoil Library's mission is "to foster GLBT communities, culture, and camaraderie though literature and media in a welcoming place." Quatrefoil Library, also known as QLibrary, is dedicated to preserving GLBT culture and making available for circulation to its members GLBT literature, DVDs, and other products generated for private consumption. As appropriate and as funds allow, the library seeks to utilize and make available changing information technologies used by the GLBT communities.

Ways to Contribute

There are many ways to support the library's "Eye on the Future" endowment campaign while making a gift to everyone in the GLBT communities. These include:

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,
5. through a retained life estate in a residence, vacation home, or farm, or
6. through a life-income gift whose remainder will benefit the library when the last income beneficiary passes away.

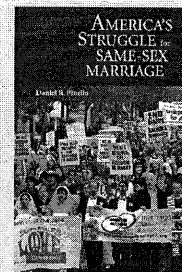
Go to www.qlibrary.org to make a secure donation, or contact the library at (651) 641-0969 to make a donation, if you have questions about gift ideas or a particular asset, to share your comments, or to express concerns.

A Year of Great Book & DVD Lists

Jennifer Schultz
 Laura Warnest

As part of the celebrating 25 years of serving the GLBT community, the Quatrefoil Library produced several thematic book/DVD lists. Both Karen Hogan, Secretary of the Board and Kathy Robbins, Head Librarian, put these lists of resources together.

One of the most important lists produced was on the topic of same-sex marriage. As Minnesotans fight against a proposed constitutional amendment to permanently ban marriage equality for same-sex couples, the Quatrefoil Library has put together a list of books and DVDs on same-sex marriage.



All these titles are available be checked out at Quatrefoil Library. You can pick-up a copy of the list in the library or you can [click here and download here.](#)

Finally, the Quatrefoil Library Board of Directors has put together a list of their favorite books/DVDs, all which are available at the library.

- James Bacigalupo – Board Member - Blue by Kiriko Nananan.
- Scott Breyfogle – President of the Board – Just Kids by Patti Smith – a touching memoir about the complex relationship with Robert Mapplethorpe.
- Brian Dalvig – Board Member - Geography Club by Brent Hartinger. Two of the most emotionally realistic protagonists I've seen in Young Adult literature
- Karen Hogan – Board Secretary - Daring to Find Our Names: the Search for Lesbian Library History by James Vinson Carmichael Jr. - I'm sure many for many of us growing up pre-internet and queer visibility, we looked for images & stories of GLBT lives at the library. It was a place of refuges and a place where we could dream about the future.
- Mitch Marks – Vice President of the Board - The Best Little Boy in the World which was originally released under the author John Reed, but that was the pen name for Andrew Tobias. Tobias was also author of a number of financial books and since 1999; he has been the treasurer of the Democratic Party.
- Laura Warnest – Board Member - The Incredibly True Adventure of Two Girls in Love (DVD). It is full of cheese and bad acting, but it is also a classic and a must-see for any card carrying queer lady or lady lover.
- Don Yagaer – Board Treasurer - Joseph and the Old Man by Christopher Davis

A Few Words from the Head Quatrefoil Cataloger

By Brian Dalvig

I'm not actually the "head" anything at Quatrefoil; I just think the title is sort of amusing and ironic. Like everything at the Library, cataloging is definitely a team activity, and while I guess I could say I'm head cataloger of books since I'm the main person who does it, I get help from my friends Joan Samuelsen, Assistant Extraordinaire, and Arvid Nelsen, archivist at the U of M (including the GLBT Tretter Collection). Meanwhile, Barb Hutchins takes care of periodicals and Hank Herrmann and Phil Cooper take care of DVDs.

About the only good thing about being an unemployed Technical Writer/Library Paraprofessional is that I can go over to Q Library on a weekly basis and work on the new books we receive. Good thing, too, because as of the middle of November, we cataloged 1,950 items in 2010. That's a lot of stuff. But the best part is not the number, but that the majority of those items were donated by you, our members. While we have an acquisitions budget, there is simply no way we could get nearly as many items as we do because of you. And remember, not only is your donation a tax write-off for you, but we check all books that come through to see if the copy from you is in better shape than what we have on the shelf. If it is, we trade it out to ensure we have the highest quality materials for our members. With DVDs and CDs, we keep an extra backup copy in case the current circulating copies become scratched, worn, or lost. If we currently don't need something, it becomes part of our book sales, which greatly help by bringing in money to keep the library doors open.

My favorite part of going through new materials is seeing the sheer diversity. If it's been a while since you've come in and just looked at the titles we have on the shelves, I would strongly encourage you to do so. I've discovered a number of really great books by people I had never heard about or just didn't realize would be part of a GLBT collection. Ever hear of Saki? (The author, not the drink.) He only wrote from 1899 to 1916, but after I read three very short stories, I was hooked and am making my way through his complete works. On the DVD front, we recently got in "Call her Savage" (1932) with the "It" girl Clara Bow. The reason it's a part of our collection is because of a three-minute scene in a gay bar, but it is something that would not be seen for decades once the Hayes Office enforced the new code in 1934.

While I started to write this column to let you know what

was going on with new materials, I need to end this with a big "Thank You!" for giving me a chance to play a small (and very fun) part in a unique organization that provides an opportunity for all of us to learn more about who we are and where we came from. For questions or comments, feel free to contact me at bdahlvig@gmail.com

Book Review: Missed Her by Ivan E. Coyote

By Laura S. Warnest

I purchased Missed Her from True Colors Bookstore this summer. My intent was to read it over the summer. Unfortunately, time got away from me. I was fortunate enough to find some spare time for reading during this past Thanksgiving weekend break. I finally finished the book. Missed Her is a collection of short stories written about Ivan's life. In this book, Ivan delves into family histories, good old boys' clubs, small town dynamics, butch identity, femme appreciation, and long lost loves (among other topics).



I thoroughly enjoyed reading Missed Her. As someone who grew up in a pretty small town and spent a lot of time visiting family "up north," in an even smaller town, I could relate to much of what Ivan wrote about. Not only that, but Ivan touches on the queer experience and gender identity so simply that it was easy to relate to these stories, and even see myself and my experience in a number of them. My only complaint is that some of the stories were a bit too short for my liking. I wanted more. More details, more insights, more anecdotes.

Fortunately, some of the stories were just the right length. The story of Ivan's grandmother's loss, rediscovery, and eventual permanent loss of her first love was especially heart-touching for me. I would highly recommend this book to any queer, genderqueer, or transgender person who has dealt with their own struggles of being visibly queer, grown up in the frozen north, and/or who has any interest in gender identity and butch-femme.

I will donate the book to the library this weekend, so check the shelves, curl up with a nice warm beverage of your choosing, and sit down for a handful of good, short reads.

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