Looking to the Future: A New Home for the Library

On December 11, 2012 the Quatrefoil Library announced that the library would be moving in the fall of 2013. More than a year of discussions, negotiations and planning took place before this announcement could occur.

In 2010, the library renewed its lease with the Richards Gordon Office Building. Even as the library signed its lease the board knew the library had outgrown its current location. The board reached out to Richard Gordon for additional space for expansion but there wasn’t any available. In 2011, PRG (Powderhorn Residents Group) requested a meeting with the Quatrefoil board to discuss a new building called Spirit on Lake which would provide affordable housing to senior GLBT citizens and would be located at 13th and Lake Street in Minneapolis. PRG wanted the library to be a tenant on the main level of the new building. Throughout 2011 the board discussed the location and the ramifications of leaving their current location where they had been for more than 20 years. The board appointed Mitch Marks, a current board member, to lead the discussions between the library and PRG.

In the spring of 2012, the library’s Executive Board members, which included Scott Breifogle (President), Laura Warnest (Vice-President), Don Yager (Treasurer) and Karen Hogan (Secretary) along with Head Librarian Kathy Robbins and Mitch Marks met several times to review the formal offer PRG presented to move into Spirit on Lake. At first, the offer was rejected due to the costs associated with the new location. PRG did not want to lose the library and came back with a new offer one the Executive Team and the rest of the Board of Directors eventually approved.

Also, in the spring of 2012 the library took a survey of its membership to gauge early reaction to a potential move. The survey reinforced that its members and volunteers would welcome a new location.

By the summer the library had signed a letter of intent for the new location. The library was lucky enough to have Steve Bubul, a former President of the Quatrefoil Library Board of Directors and attorney, offer his legal services pro bono. Steve then started the task of writing the lease for the new location.

As fall came, revisions to the lease were made by both parties. Finally, in late November both groups agreed all remaining issues had been taken care of. In early December the lease was signed.

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The library now faces one of its biggest challenges moving from its home of more than 20 years to a new location. The board appointed board member John Heizer to head the committee in charge of the logistics and planning of the new location.

The library will also be doing extensive space related improvements.

The library would like to publicly thank Mitch Marks, Don Yager and Steve Bubul for the countless hours of work they put into making an agreement happen.

The library will continue to update the community about the move in the coming year.

You can make a donation to help the library with space related improvement and moving expenses by mailing a check to the address below or you can make your donation online at www.qlibrary.org

Questions or concerns related to the move can be sent to:
1619 Dayton Avenue, Suite 105
St. Paul, MN 55104-6206
Or info@qlibrary.org

Quatrefoil Updates Circulation System

By Karen Hogan

For 25 years, the blue book pocket cards and due date stamp have served us well, and we are pleased to announce their retirement. After 18 months, many volunteers have attached barcodes to every item book and DVD in the collection. (About 20,000 items) We were then able to conduct an inventory, and clean up the catalog.

Best Buy donated a laptop computer, Brain Huffman- a security cable, and Karen a barcode scanner for our new system.

Operations Committee are working out procedures, and Desk volunteers will be trained in the new year. We hope this new system help work flow and reduce errors. (I know I have a hard time reading the due date stamp on the card)

Enhancements coming to the new system for our members include:
- Email due date reminders
- Online holds and renewals
- See if item is in or checked out before visiting the library

There will be many behind the scenes benefits for the library: checkout statistics, inventory control, automatic notifications of over dues, collection management and analysis. As our collection grows, we need better ways of serving our members. All hail the humble barcode.
Great Additions to the Library in 2012

By Brian Dahlvig

2012 was quite the exciting year for us in acquisitions. We were definitely kept busy cataloging new books, especially donations:

- 18 Blu-rays
- 8 Children’s
- 214 DVDs
- 935 Books
- 69 Quarto (oversized)
- 10 reference

Some of you have probably noticed the extra book case that was added to the back of the first row of fiction. Yes, we definitely grew that much. One notable gift we received were seven boxes of M/M romance from an older straight woman. It was discovered after “Brokeback Mountain” that many straight women enjoyed gay male romance, and obviously this woman was one of them. Luckily a couple weeks later we received a box of lesbian fiction, so the collection was at least a little balanced. But if you know of any straight women who are into gay romance, tell them they have a place to go! (Remind them that for the price of three or four novels they can check out as many as they want with a year’s membership.)

We’ve also added a few books from the “furry” genre. If you’re interested in looking them over, you can search our catalog using “Furplanet,” which is the publisher. We don’t have a lot, but if we discover there is a demand, we will order more.

One last thing, many people think that our oversized books in the back are only male erotica. While there are many books like that, we have some absolutely beautiful art books. “Caravaggio” by John T Spike is amazing; if you’re a fan of classic art, you really need to check this out. If modern is more your style, we have “Larry Rivers” by Sam Hunter; for graphic design, check out “Robert Indiana” by Carl J Weinhardt; and for a bit of Dadaism, there’s “Cocteau” from the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. Unfortunately, books of this nature are not within our budget, so we are very appreciative of these donations.

Good news, we’ve caught up with our cataloging! For the first time in a long time there’s just a few books hanging around in the back room. Somehow I’m thinking more will be coming... thankfully, they always do.

Have You Purchased a Quatrefolio Library Membership?

With all the exciting things happening at the Quatrefolio Library, now is a great time to purchase or renew your membership!

- Student / Senior $35 a year 45
- Regular $40 a year 40
- Household (2 people/same address) $60 a year 60
- Supporting $105 a year 105
- Lifetime $1,000

Purchase your membership at the library today!
2012 Year in Review

As another year comes to a close the Quatrefoil Library takes a look back at some of the highlights from 2012.

- February 25 - Leslie Jordan, author and 2006 Emmy Award Winner for Outstanding Guest Actor in a Comedy Series, speaks at the Quatrefoil Library
- March 18 - Quatrefoil celebrates Women’s History Month with our annual author event which featured authors Ellen Hart, Jessie Chandler, Catherine Friend, Ellen Lansky, Catherine Lundoff, Linda Morganstein, and Lyda Morehouse
- June 24 & 25 - The library holds another successful annual book sale at the Twin Cities Pride Festival and has a car entered in the parade
- October 19 - Quatrefoil hosts an event for United For All Families Vote No fundraiser with Jay Michaelson as the guest speaker
- November 8 - The Library receives a generous donation of computers, tables and other office supplies from Minnesotans United for All Families
- November 14 - The Library raises over $1,000 in Give to the Max Day
- November 29 - The Library co-hosts an event with the Tretter Collection where favorite local authors Ellen Hart and R.D. Zimmerman share their insights on being authors
- December 1 - The library holds another successful book sale
- December 11 - Quatrefoil Library announces that they will move from St. Paul to Minneapolis in the fall of 2013

(Leslie Jordan)
Quatrefolio

Quatrefoil Library Board of Directors

The library is pleased to announce James J. Lewis, Alexis Logsdon, Grace M. Mills, Arvid Nelsen, Rachel Pennig, and Greg Rogers have all been elected to a three year term on the Quatrefoil Library Board of Directors. The new board members will be joining the board which is currently made up of James Bacigalupo, Scott Breyfogle, Brian Dahlvig, John Heizer, Brian Huffman, Anne Johnson, Mitch Marks, Heather Tompkins, and Don Yager.

Karen Hogan is stepping down after serving three back to back terms, which is the longest consecutive time the bylaws allow a person to be on the board. L.S. Warnes is vacating after first joining the board in 2002 and rejoined the board in 2010 after moving back to Minnesota. The library would like to thank both Karen and L.S. for their dedication and service to the library. Both plan to remain active members of the organization.
2012 Annual Campaign

There is still time to be a part of the Quatrefoil Library's 2012 Annual Campaign!

Financial gifts to the Quatrefoil Library are essential to the library and they are completely tax deductible!

Support the Quatrefoil Library by making a contribution of $25, $50, $100, $500 or more. You can mail a check to:

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Or you can visit www.qlibrary.org/support/donate.php to make an online donation right now.

For more than 25 years, donors and volunteers have allowed the Quatrefoil Library to be one of the preeminent GLBT libraries in the world! The Library runs on volunteers, from the Board members to the desk workers and does not have a single paid staff position. Your financial gift allows their work to continue.

When you make a donation of $150 or more, you will receive a complimentary one year individual membership to the Quatrefoil Library.

Thank you for contributing to the Quatrefoil Library 2012 Annual Campaign.

Quatrefoil Library Board Members

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L.S. Warnest, Vice President
Don Yager, Treasurer
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