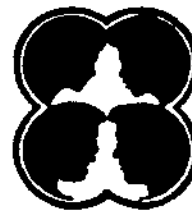


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As we write this, plans are all set for our grand opening, May 4, with Quentin Crisp in attendance. Invitations and a fund-raising letter have gone out. The Board and our faithful volunteers are getting set for the big day, hoping for nice sunny weather and a good turnout.

We have had some very encouraging mail from several old friends and acquaintances around the country:

Barbara Gittings, Philadelphia, PA, coordinator of the Gay Task Force of the American Library Association, "Thanks for the good news about Quatrefoil."

Allan Young, Orange, MA, author and gay activist, "I'm writing to congratulate you on your efforts and to wish you good luck."

Ed Blevins, Wise, VA, long-time friend of Dick and David and a former Twin City resident, "Some of the most uplifting news that I've heard in a long time. I'm so proud of you and for you! Congratulations on an effort that will benefit us all."

Bob Manners, Glendale, CA, proprietor of Books Bohemian and former Minnesota resident, "Congratulations that your fine collection/Quatrefoil Library has found a new home."

Tom Wilson Weinberg, Boston, MA, gay songwriter and performer, "Congratulations. I think it exciting and I wish I were still in your neighborhood --I'd be a regular visitor ... I think what you are doing is wonderful."

Quatrefoil Library has already established a branch at Pride Institute in Eden Prairie. Elaine Noble, president of Pride, asked us to furnish library service for their clients and staff. We have about 100 books at Pride now and we will be furnishing more as we receive duplicates.

Donors of \$100 or more will receive a free copy of "Boy Meets Boy," which was recorded by the Out and About Theater cast in 1979.

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Some wonderful progress has been made since we moved into our quarters in December:

We had approximately 1700 books when we moved and now have over 2000 on the shelves. Donors include: Shelley Anderson, Biermaier's BH Books, Tim Bonham, Dignity TC, Harvey Hertz, Dick Hewetson, Neal Holtan, Scott Korb, Bob Norton (Los Angeles), Joe Norton (Albany, N.Y.), Walter Phillips (NYC), Dick Rehse, Dwight Robinson, and Mary Sheehan.

We have increased our floor space from 288 square feet to 720 square feet.

We are beginning to make some headway in sorting and storing our periodicals and archival materials, thanks to the good work of Jean-Nickolas Tretter.

We have acquired a copying machine, a microfiche reader, an electric typewriter and some shelving.

We have 61 paid-up members as of this date and nineteen volunteers are generously helping in the running of the library.

However, we do have some urgent needs:

More lesbian books and periodicals, more shelving (costing about \$50 per unit), file cabinets, magazine and newspaper racks for current periodicals, and last, but not least, MONEY for operating expenses and the purchase of additional books and periodicals.

Also, thanks to Jean-Nickolas Tretter, we have made arrangements to have joint membership in Quatrefoil Library and the International Gay Archives in Los Angeles. As soon as final details are worked out, we will be mailing out a letter to our present members and will have information for new members as they sign up.

In future issues of *The Gay Bookworm*, we hope to have information about new books and older books you may have missed and more news of the library's progress

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