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Quatrefoil at the Hennepin History Museum

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The library has been invited by the Hennepin History Museum to develop a display on the history of Quatrefoil and to write an article for their magazine, *Hennepin History*. As we celebrate our 30th anniversary, we will be able to share our story with a wider audience through these venues of the Historical Society of Hennepin County.

The exhibit runs from July 14 to August 28 at the Museum which is located at 2303 Third Avenue South in Minneapolis. A reception will be held on the opening day of the exhibit, July 14, from 5:00 - 8:00 pm at the museum. Later that month, an informal discussion of the history of the library and its role in the lives of Twin Cities LGBT community members will be at the museum on Sunday afternoon, July 31, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Members of the ad hoc exhibit committee are long-time volunteers James Bacigalupo, Robert Frame, and Kathy Robbins. If you would like to help them set up the exhibit in early July, please contact Quatrefoil at info@qlibrary.org. Your help would be much appreciated. For more information on the Museum, see its web site at: <http://www.hennepinhistory.org>

Quatrefoil Library Milestones From the Past 30 years.

By Scott Breyfogle

It is impossible to capture every moment from the past 30 years, however these significant events shaped the course and direction of the library. If a milestone was missed, it was not intentional.

1. **September 11, 1983** – The idea of opening a gay lending

library is discussed by founders Dick Hewetson and David Irwin. Dan Hanson and Keith Grennier, two long-time supporters and volunteers, were part of that discussion.

2. **1983** – The library is officially Incorporated.

3. **1983** – Quatrefoil receives its 501-C non-profit status.

4. **1985** - Dr. Matthew Stark, the Executive Director of the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union

(MCLU) offers to rent space to Quatrefoil Library.

5. **February 4, 1986** – The doors of Quatrefoil Library officially open to the public on 1021 W. Broadway in Minneapolis.

6. **Sunday May 4, 1986** - The Grand Opening of the library is held.

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7. **Saturday, June 6, 1987**— Quatrefoil moves to St. Paul and into the Richards Gordon Building.

8. **1988** – David Irwin is one of the Grand Marshals at Pride. Quatrefoil supporters march in the Pride celebration for the first time.

9. **October 1, 1989** -The first major volunteer recognition event is held in the form of an open house at the Library.

10. **1990** – The first book group is established at the library.

11. **1991** - The first issue of *Quatrefolio*, the library newsletter, is published.

12. **1992** – First book sale at Pride.

13. **November 15, 1991** - The retirement party to honor both Dick and David. James Barr, the author of "*Quatrefoil*," the book the library is named after, is the special guest.

14. **April 7, 1996** - The Library celebrates its 10th Anniversary.

15. **1997** - Lavender Magazine recognizes Quatrefoil Library as the "Best Unknown Queer Place in Town".

16. **1998** -The library participates in May Day Celebration for the first time.

17. **1999** – The library receives its first corporate matching gift donation from the St. Paul Companies.

18. **2001** - Triangle Braille Services donates the initial eight Braille books to the library.

19. **December 11, 2002** -The first Quatrefoil Cabaret is held.

20. **November, 2002** - The Library launches its own website.

21. **2003** - A Children's Corner with a small collection of 20 books for children is established.

22. **May 20, 2006** - The library celebrates its 20th Anniversary

23. **January 13, 2009** – David Irwin, co-founder of Quatrefoil Library, passes away.

24. **June 2011** - Quatrefoil receives the Pride Award

25. **October 23, 2011** – The library celebrates its 25th Anniversary

26. **February 25, 2012** - Leslie Jordan, 2006 Emmy Award Winner Actor, speaks and signs copies of his book at the library.

27. **September 29, 2013** – The doors close for good at the Richard Gordons Building in St. Paul.

28. **November 1, 2013** – The library opens in its new home at Spirit on Lake in south Minneapolis.

29. **May 2014** – The new and improved Quatrefoil Library website launches.

30. **June 26, 2015** – The Supreme Court rules in favor of Marriage Equality and the Quatrefoil Library has its best book sale ever at the Twin Cities Pride Festival.

Thirty years ago the Quatrefoil Library literally sprang forward from the closet of Dick and David's home. In the years since, the library has grown into the one of

the largest GLBT lending libraries in the world. As the world changed, so did the library. We must never forget where we came from while forging ahead in anticipation of the next 30 years.

There will would not be a Quatrefoil Library without co-founders Dick Hewetson and David Irwin. The library remains open after 30 years due to the dedication and support of countless volunteers and donors. To each of you, past, present and future, we are grateful.



(Pictured: Dick Hewetson and David Irwin founders of the Quatrefoil Library)

To learn more about the first 25 years of the Quatrefoil Library, read Adam Keim's detailed "History of the Quatrefoil Library," which is available to check out or online at : <https://www.qlibrary.org/about-the-library/history>

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Be a Superstar!

By Howard Maki

Become a superstar by being a Volunteer at the Library. Have you ever had some extra time on your hands and wanted to share yourself and your ideas with others? Do you enjoy helping other people? If so, there is a great opportunity to volunteer at the library one or two days per month, even for just a few hours. The position we need the most is our desk volunteers. These are our front line folks, the person patrons see when they first come into the library. Volunteers are crucial, as they help us keep library hours seven days per week. There are also many other opportunities available including helping with book sales and special events, serving on various committees or even becoming a board member. Stop in to fill out a volunteer application or go to our website and fill one out online: www.Qlibrary.org. After you fill out the application, someone will be in contact with you about opportunities available. Volunteering can be a very rewarding experience.



On the Road with Quatrefoil Library

By Nanette Stearns

This summer and fall, Quatrefoil Library will be exhibiting at regional Pride events (as well as Twin Cities Pride). One of our goals in our 30th anniversary year is to reach out to more local LGBT organizations and let other communities know about the excellent resources we have.

If you know people in these areas, be sure to tell them to stop by and see the Quatrefoil booth. And if you're out and about this summer and fall, we'd love to see you!

Watch for more information on our attendance at these regional Pride celebrations:

Rochester Pride (tentative)

July 16 & 17
Cobbs Hill Park
Rochester, MN

Duluth Superior Pride (tentative)

September 3, 11am-7pm
Bayfront Park
Duluth, MN

South Central Minnesota Pride (tentative)

September 10, noon-5pm
Riverfront Park
Mankato, MN

St. Cloud Pride (tentative)

September 17, 11am-4pm
Lake George/Eastman Park
St. Cloud, MN

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How Donated Books Help the Library

By Brian Dahlvig

For those of you who have come to a book sale at the library or at Loring Park during Pride, you know that selling books is an extremely important part of Quatrefoil's fund raising. But did you know that your donation also helps grow our collection?

As of June 1, we catalogued 228 books in 2016. Of those, 133 were new to our collection. That means that your donations replaced 95 books that were battered and worn, allowing our collection to be just that much better. We do have an acquisitions budget, but it's pretty minimal. Of the

133 new books added to our shelves this year, probably 120 of them are from donors like you.

When Quatrefoil opened in 1986 we had 2,400 books. Today we have more than 15,000 books. We literally could not fit them in the space we originally had. The huge majority of these books are from you, our donors and members. (And I haven't even mentioned the DVDs, music CDs, audio CDs, and periodicals).

Spring cleaning evidently means getting rid of books,

because after a slow period, we've been bombarded with them recently. A quick count shows 70+ new books waiting to be catalogued. (Plus several boxes of possible replacements to go through.) But, as long as they're GLBTQ related, we love our donations! It's like having your birthday all year round with new boxes to open and explore.

So thank you. And keep those LGBTQ books coming our way!

Thinking About Your Legacy?

By Mark Lofstrom

Whether you are writing your first will or trust or updating an existing one, you can include a gift to Quatrefoil Library. Your gift to Quatrefoil Library is a way you can create a lasting legacy benefitting the Twin Cities GLBT community.

You don't have to be a millionaire to make a difference in the world. Bequests (gifts through a will or trust) are for everyone and anyone. They are both sensible and simple. A bequest allows you to benefit the library after you are gone.

You can use your will or trust to

give a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or a specific item, such as real estate, a boat, artwork, the family silver, GLBT books, copyrights or royalty income, savings bonds or other personal property. It's easy. Here is sample language: "I give, devise, and bequeath to Quatrefoil Library, Inc, a Minnesota non-profit corporation, the sum of xx dollars (\$xx) (or xx%, or name specific asset) from my estate (or from the remainder and residue of my estate), including from all property both real and personal and wherever located, for _____ Fund (or its general purposes)."

If you have already named Quatrefoil in your will trust, please let us know. First, we want to say thank you. We also want to include you in the Library's Founders Society.

For more information about making a gift through your will or trust or to let us know that you have included Quatrefoil Library in your will or trust or remembered the Library in another way through your estate plan please contact the Library by phoning 612.729.2543 or send an email to info@qlibrary.org

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Programming at the Quatrefoil Library

By Howard Maki

Programming at the library is something we are working hard on to expand. Our space in south Minneapolis is available for book clubs, readings, lectures, panel discussions and other LGBT interest groups. If you have an idea for an event that you think may be a fit for the library, please contact our Programming Chair, Howard Maki, at 612-275-1946 or email him at hmaki23@gmail.com Your ideas and comments are welcomed!

Upcoming Quatrefoil Library Events

- ◆ An exhibition about Quatrefoil will be on view at the Literary Commons at Open Book, 1011 Washington Av. S., Mpls, June 24 to Oct. 16. The exhibition “In and Out: 30 Years at the Quatrefoil Library” opens July 14 and runs through Aug. 28 at Hennepin History Museum, 2303 3rd Av. S., Mpls.
- ◆ The library has used-book sales at its location on Saturday, September. 10, 2016 and Saturday, December 3 2016. Both book sales will be at the Quatrefoil Library, located at 1220 E. Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN
- ◆ All are invited to a free anniversary party on Thursday, Oct. 13, 6-9 p.m., at Open Book (1011 South. Washington Avenue, Minneapolis) that will feature drinks, appetizers, presentations, guest speakers, dessert and coffee.

Visit the Quatrefoil Library website to learn more about these events and others.

The Most Popular Books Checked-Out So Far in 2016

High Desert by Katherine V. Forrest
Point of Betrayal : An Ari Adams Mystery by Ann Roberts
Highsmith : A Romance of the 1950s by Marijane Meaker
Death in Venice, California by Vinto McCabe
Hancock Park : A Kate Delafield Mystery by Katherine V. Forrest
The Talented Mr. Ripley by Patricia Highsmith
A Little life : A Novel by Hanya Yanagihara
Girls to the Front : the True Story of the Riot Grrrl Revolution by Sara Marcus
Growing Up Gay : A Literary Anthology Edited by Bennett L. Singer
The Gay Revolution : the Story of the Struggle by Lillian Faderman

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Top 10 Ways You Can Support the Quatrefoil Library

- 1-Become a member**— Purchase your membership today!
- 2-Visit** the library and check-out books and DVD's
- 3-Become** a desk volunteer
- 4-Join**—a book group
- 5-Donate** GLBT books, DVDs or periodicals
- 6-Make a financial donation** - Your donation helps provide funds for the operational aspects of the library.
- 7-Purchase books** from our ongoing book sale on Amzon:
<http://www.amazon.com/shops/metprobooks>
- 8-Attend** events at the library
- 9-Become** a Board Member
- 10-Buy** GLBT books at our sales, which are held several times each year

To become a member or to support the library, visit the Quatrefoil Library website at: <https://www.qlibrary.org/support>

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