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QUATREFOIL CELEBRATES THIRD ANNIVERSARY

Quatrefoil Library celebrates its third anniversary in February 1989 with a number of events planned for members and interested guests. Birthday cake will be served at an **open house** at the library on Sunday, February 5, from 3 to 5 PM. All members and guests are invited to help celebrate the tremendous growth of the library during the past three years.

In addition to the open house on February 5, Quatrefoil **volunteers** will be honored at a brunch, and there will be an **open house for women only** on January 29. Details elsewhere in this newsletter.

FOR WOMEN ONLY

On Sunday, January 29, 1-4 PM, the library will be open to women only.

The informal open house offers the opportunity to introduce your friends to our collection of lesbian books, magazines, records, and tapes. This is also a good chance to introduce yourself to the other women who use the library. Volunteers will be on hand to show you what the library has to offer.

This open house is a part of the third anniversary celebration of Quatrefoil Library. Since it was founded, the membership has grown to over 500 members, including almost 200 women.

All women are welcome so bring your friends, sisters, partners, maybe even your mothers to the library on January 29.

READ A GOOD BOOK LATELY?

Have you read a book from Quatrefoil that you can't wait to tell others about? Here's your chance. Write and tell us why you liked a particular book or books and we'll print them in the Bookworm. We're not looking for a professional critique, just your impressions. We'll give you your own byline unless you request a pseudonym.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

"Why do you continue to endure this wretched, winter weather of Minnesota and work harder than you did when you were employed when you could move to a milder climate and not work so hard," someone asked me recently. I replied that I was committed to the Library, committed to see it grow and to see it continue when I am no longer here.

I ran across a little poem recently (author unknown) that expresses my feeling about my commitment to the library:

There is a destiny that makes us brothers,
None goes his way alone.
All that we send into the lives of others,
Comes back into our own.

Some of the things that make it all worthwhile are:

The wonderful volunteers and board members who give so many hours of service.

The generous response of so many good people to our plea for financial help recently.

A letter from a member who wrote and enclosed a check for \$100:
"I'd like to make this contribution in support and appreciation for the considerable role Quatrefoil plays in the process of self-awareness and self-esteem for gay men and lesbians in our community."

A Macalester student who stopped in to say thank you for help with researching a paper.

A former volunteer, since moved away, who returned to visit, saying she wished there was a library like ours where she lives now.

Two different friends who wrote recently expressing the same sentiment, "Thanks for all you have given the community."

Sure, there are some headaches: people who keep books for months on end and make no effort or response to our pleas to return them; some leaders of the community and some people we once thought our friends who ignore our existence; an occasional "bounced check," and the worry of wondering where to find more funds.

All in all, though, the good far outweighs the bad.

STATISTICS

	October	November	December	Total 1988
Days Library Open	22	21	20	219
Director days	21	26	17	257
Hours	225	156	177	2289
Volunteers worked	36	42	27	364
Hours	161	162	106	1674
Patrons in	193	209	265	2592
Women	54	64	90	774
Men	139	165	175	1818
Phone calls received	38	45	87	726
Items checked out	330	312	267	3257
New members	22	14	21	258

QUATREFOIL LIBRARY MISSION STATEMENT

Following is the Quatrefoil Library mission statement, as adopted by the Board of Directors in October, 1988:

Promoting the self-esteem, personal growth, pride and dignity of sexual minorities.

Maintaining and making available a specialized collection of materials, both circulating and non-circulating.

Networking with other libraries and archives specializing in materials relevant to sexual minorities.

Serving as a resource for public and private libraries and other community groups to combat prejudice, correct misinformation, and lessen ignorance about sexual minorities. Responding to community needs.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS:

New Fiction:

Bosch - Boys' Town
*Califia - Macho Sluts
Davis - Valley of the Shadow
*Dreher - Gray Magic - another mystery with Stoner McTavish
*Futcher - Crush
*Hanscombe - Between Friends
Hansen - Obedience - a new David Bradstetter mystery
- Keenan - Blue Heaven
*Kim - Dead Heat
Leventhal - A Herd of Elephants - short stories
Leyland - Humongous
Leyland - When I Was 18
Matthews - Little Red Rooster
Puccia - The Holy Spirit Dance Club
Rabushka - Vandeventer Nites
Reed - Longing
Stambolian - Men on Men 2 - a sequel
Winter - Aussie Hot

New Non-Fiction:

**Austen - The Myra Breckenridge Cook Book
Berzon - Permanent Partners
Blumenfeld & Raymond - Looking at Gay and Lesbian Life
Curtis - Revelations - men's coming out stories
Ferrari - Places of Interest to Men 1989
*Ferrari - Places of Interest to Women 1989
Hanscombe - Rocking the Cradle
**Hetrick, et. al. - Psychotherapy with Homosexual
*Holmes - Testimonies - women's coming out stories
** Human Rights Fd. - Demystifying Homosexuality - a curriculum guide
**Money - Love and Love Sickness
**Moses - Counseling Lesbian Women and Gay Men
Rutledge - The Gay Book of Lists
**Stein - Psychotherapy with Lesbians and Gay Men
Uhrig - The Two of Us
Willhoite - Out of All Time - condensed history
*Zipter - Diamonds are a Dyke's Best Friend - softball diamonds. that is

New Biography:

Kennedy - Ulrichs - early German advocate of homosexuality
Ellmann - Oscar Wilde - if you don't know who he is, heaven help you.

A recent acquisition to the Archives is a complete run, 17 issues of *The Mouth of the Dragon*, a men's poetry journal published between 1974 and 1980. Thanks for this gift goes to Ed Drucker of Elysian Fields Booksellers in Elmhurst, N.Y.

* Pertinent to Women ** New to Us

Thanks to Bill Walker of the San Francisco Bay Area Gay and Lesbian Historical Society, we now have copies in our archives of some of the publications of FREE (Fight Repression of Erotic Expression), a Gay Liberation group operating on the University of Minnesota campus about 1970. If anyone could add to this small collection, we would be most grateful.

HELP US SERVE YOU BETTER:

Please return books promptly. We try to keep abreast of the overdue books, but it is sometimes hard to keep up with everything. It takes time and postage to remind people of their overdue books.

If you move, please advise us as soon as possible so we are not sending mail to the wrong address or telephoning you at a number which is no longer yours.

Renew your membership promptly. We are depending on the steady renewal funds to keep the library going.

Deadline for next Bookworm. March 1, 1989. We are interested in your comments, book reviews, and articles.

ON-GOING WISH LIST FOR QUATREFOIL.....

For the Archives:

- *The Ladder*- a complete set would be great, but any issues are welcome
- Minneapolis-St. Paul Gay Pride Bulletin 1978
- *RFD*- ISSUES 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 9, 11, 23-26, 29

For the Office:

- Heavy duty stapler

For the Patrons:

- New or good-condition used audio and video tapes or records

DONATIONS

Quatrefoil Library was one of the recipients of a series of grants from Philanthrofund, a foundation formed in the Twin Cities to help the gay community recover from the AIDS crisis. The library received \$300 out of a total \$2200 disbursed. The presentation was made at the library.

NEW ART EXHIBITION JANUARY 22

An exhibit of paintings and wood reliefs by Les LaBuda, entitled *Color/Form Celebration*, will open at the Library on Sunday, January 22 with a wine and cheese reception from 2-4.

Gouaches, oils and laminated wood reliefs will be on exhibit. The forms, shapes, and 'being' that appear in the paintings come about usually spontaneously. Anything can trigger a drawing or painting. The works range in size from 9" x 9" to 4' x 4' and can best be described as abstract and surrealist forms celebrated by a joyous use of bold color.

The exhibit runs through Saturday, March 4.