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OPEN HOUSE

The Quatrefoil Library Board will host an open house at the library on Sunday, October 1, 5-7pm, to recognize the contributions of all the volunteers at the library, particularly Dick Hewetson, who recently retired as Volunteer Coordinator.

All library members and their guests are welcome to the Open House. Come to meet other library members and say thanks to Dick and all the volunteers who keep Quatrefoil in operation.

BOUDYKKE COMING TO QUATREFOIL

"Remember Goddesses Within", an exhibit of oil on paper, will open at the library on Sunday, September 17. Boudykke's works have been included in such publications as Common Lives/Lesbian Lives, and she is currently co-writing a book called Fat Dykes Like To Do It Too. The exhibit will open with an open house at the library on Sunday, September 17 from 5-7pm.

NKOLI TO VISIT QUATREFOIL

Tseko Simon Nkoli, Black South African openly-Gay anti-apartheid activist, will be at Quatrefoil Library on Saturday, September 2, 2-4:30 pm. He will speak about his experiences and a short video will be shown. The event is a fundraiser to help battle AIDS in Africa.

NOTE: The library will be closed on September 2 and 4 because of the Labor Day holiday, but arrangements have been made for the use of the hallway in front of the library for this event.

SECOND WOMEN'S OPEN HOUSE

Our first open house for women only was such a tremendous success that we decided more of a good thing was in order. Mark your calendars: Sunday, October 22, 1-4pm. All women are welcome to attend.

Over 70 interesting, diverse women attended the first open house. This is a great opportunity to socialize with current and new members. As in the past, volunteers will introduce women to the library's extensive collection of Lesbian and Gay books, magazines, newspapers, records, and tapes. The setting is informal, and will offer refreshments and a chance to view the current art exhibit at the library, "Remember Goddesses Within" by Boudykke.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR QUATREFOIL BOARD MEMBERS

Elections for new Board members will take place this November. The terms of four Board members expire this year. In addition, the Board seeks to expand its present number by from one to six additional members.

The Board is currently involved with a number of exciting projects including the development of a long-range plan, the formation of active committees, writing grant proposals to secure funding, continually examining (and, where necessary) revising library policies and operational procedures, and more. With the library continuing to expand in membership, holding, and space, it's a good time to be involved in an endeavor vital to the Lesbian and Gay community.

If you are interested in serving on the Board, please send a letter of interest to Edward Swanson, Board President, at the library's address. If you would like to nominate someone else, or would like more information, call Vicki Dunevitz at 481-0510 evenings or weekends. All letters of interest should be postmarked by September 30.

SEMI-ANNUAL BOOK SALE OCTOBER 21

Quatrefoil's fall book sale will be held on Saturday, October 21 from 10-3. This is a terrific way to increase your personal library, stock up on holiday gifts, and renew acquaintances. You're sure to run into someone you haven't seen in awhile. If you have materials to donate for the sale, bring them to the library during regular library hours, or call and we will try to arrange to have them picked up.

QUATREFOIL JOINS CO-OPERATING FUND DRIVE

As noted in the last newsletter, Quatrefoil is now a member of the Cooperating Fund Drive. To belong to the Drive, organizations must be developed and run by the communities they serve, offer effective programs, and work for long-term social change.

The Cooperating Fund Drive, which is an umbrella fundraising organization for non-profits, has been in existence for 11 years. Currently 39 organizations such as WAMM and the Red School House belong to CFD. Contributions to CFD are made through payroll deductions at participating work sites. Library members are encouraged to see if they have access to CFD through their companies.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

There will be an orientation session for volunteers at the library on Saturday, September 23, 10:30-11:45 for those who did not attend the August session. This is particularly for new people, but current volunteers are welcome and encouraged to come. Please RSVP the library and leave a message for Cathy.

ALL VOLUNTEERS: The volunteer manual has been revised and updated. Be sure to check it out the next time you're in the library.

T-SHIRTS STILL AVAILABLE

Those wonderful T-shirts you saw at the Pride rally are still available. We have some in each of the sizes, (S-XL), and the cost is only \$10. Show your support for the library and your good taste, all at the same time.

HAVE IDEAS TO SHARE?

Do you stay awake night worrying how Quatrefoil can increase its membership? Is there something about the library you would like to see changed? Here's your chance. The first Public Relations/Membership Committee meeting will be at 4pm on Sunday, September 17 at the library. Input is welcome about how the library can reach out to additional people in the community, what groups we could be networking with, and what advertising and public relations work the library could be doing. Whether or not you want to become a committee member, please bring your ideas to the first meeting.

MATURE GAYS AND LESBIANS

The group continues to meet the last Sunday of the month. The next meetings will be September 24, October 29, and November 26 from 2-4. Mark these dates on your calendars.

100 PEOPLE LOST

Did you know that every month we send newsletters to members in California, New York, Wisconsin, New Mexico, Massachusetts, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Germany? Maybe because they are so far away, they have been particularly conscientious of renewing their memberships and keeping in touch. But we're missing 100 local people who, between January and July of this year, have forgotten to renew their memberships. If you know any of these people, encourage them to rejoin. It will be of benefit to them and to the library, which relies on membership fees for a large part of its budget.

STATISTICS FOR JUNE 1989

Library open 21 days
Director in 22 days - 114 hours
31 Volunteers - 131 hours
Men in - 239
Women In - 107
Total In - ~~256~~ 346
Telephone Calls - 40
Items Checked Out - 192
New Members - 19

STATISTICS FOR JULY 1989

Library open 22 days
Director in 21 days - 141 hours
35 Volunteers - 108 hours
Men in - 275
Women In - 88
Total In - 363
Telephone Calls - 63
Items Checked Out - 29
New Members - 22

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SPECIAL PROJECTS COMPLETED IN AUGUST

A number of special projects were completed in August: the Volunteer Manual was revised, there are a number of new signs for the library, the print-out of all of Quatrefoil's fiction and non-fiction titles has been updated, and, of course, this newsletter was put together and mailed. A special thanks from Cathy Hoffman (interim Volunteer Coordinator) and Dolly Ruark (Bookworm Editor) for all the time and energy contributed by our volunteers.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

One item I forgot to mention in the last issue of the *Bookworm* was the acquisition of *The Ladder*. Thanks to Charles Botts of the Houston, TX, MCC Library, we now have the reprint edition of that magazine. This reprint edition consists of eight volumes and an index volume and was published from October, 1956 to September 1972. It is a truly historic work and had as editors such famous women as Phyllis Lyon, Del Martin, Barbara Gittings, and Barbara Grier (using the pseudonym of Gene Damon). When this reprint edition was published by Arno Press in 1975 it, like the *Mattachine Review* which we have in the Library, sold for \$300.

Thanks to Bill Walker of the San Francisco Bay Area Gay/Lesbian Historical Society, we almost have a complete set of *In Touch*. He sent us Volume I, No. 1, and two others we were missing. We still need No. 66, 69, 71 (April, July, and September, 1982) and No. 109 (December, 1985). When we have those four, our files of this magazine will be complete.

Things continue to go well for the Library. More and more people are using our resources and memberships are increasing. However, as Dolly has indicated elsewhere in the newsletter, we have lost 100 people between January and June of this year. If you have procrastinating about renewal, desist immediately and send it in. With the increase of \$256 in rent July 1, we need every penny we can raise.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Special Events Committee needs creative volunteers to plan events. Contact Mary Jane at 487-3407 or 228-3270. Anyone interested in hosting an at-home fundraising party, please also contact MJ at the numbers above.

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. October 15, 1989. We are interested in your comments, book reviews, and articles.

ON-GOING WISH LIST FOR QUATREFOIL

For the Periodicals Section:

-We have #8 (1971), Vol 1 #4&5 (1971), and Vol 2 #3 (1972) of Gay Vue, published in Mpls. in 1971-72. We are looking for all other issues.

~~Journal of~~

- Journal of Homosexuality: Vol 6, #1-3

For the Office and clipping files:

-six or eight letter-size, 4-drawer file cabinets

For the Patrons:

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

For the PIPE DREAMS:

-A micro-reader/printer - approximately \$1800

-Another Macintosh computer - approximately \$1800

-TV/VCR - approximately \$500

EDITOR'S NOTE

A photo album has been purchased and we have our first contributions to the pictorial history of the library. This will be an on-going project, so feel free to send in photos at any time.

COME SEE US

Quatrefoil Library is located at 1619 Dayton Av, St Paul. That's one block northwest of Snelling and Selby. We're convenient to #4, #16 and #21 bus lines. The library is open Monday-Thursday evenings 7-9:30, and 12-4pm Saturdays. Our phone number is 641-0969. The library is wheelchair accessible via the elevator at the southwest entrance of the building.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2 & 4 -- Library closed due to the Labor Day holiday

September 17 -- Library Board meeting, 2-4pm

September 17 - October 21 -- Art Exhibit by Boudykke - reception 5-7pm, on Sunday 9/17

October 15 -- Library Board meeting, 2-4pm

October 16 -- Deadline for next Bookworm

November 5 - December 15 -- Art Exhibit by Jonathan Hanft - opening Sunday November 5, 2-4pm

January 14 -- opening of exhibit of works by Christine Cottom