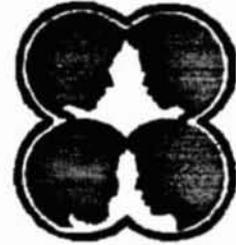


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LITERATURE CONSULTANT NEEDED

Quatrefoil is looking for a literature consultant to assess existing books and periodicals by and about people of color who are members of sexual minorities. The project involves research, coordination with library Board and staff, and compilation of a comprehensive list. The position requires knowledge of sexual minorities literature, particularly pertaining to people of color; communication skills; and organizational abilities. It will be an estimated 40 hours work, with a reimbursement of \$400. Send a cover letter and resume by September 15 to Hannah Dunevitz, Quatrefoil Library, 1619 Dayton Ave, St Paul, MN 55104. For further information, call 641-0969.

OPEN HOUSE

Join us in celebrating our new look. All members and friends are invited to our fall open house on Sunday, September 30, from 2-5pm. We have expanded our stack shelving, added more efficient periodical storage, and created more reading area to make your visits even more enjoyable. Refreshments will be served and all library services will be available.

FALL BOOK SALE

The fall book sale will be held on Saturday, October 20, 10am to 3pm. Books and magazines on a wide range of subjects will be sold at bargain prices, including duplicates from our Lesbian/Gay holdings. Other items also on sale include an electronic thermal print typewriter and two typing tables. If you have books to contribute, or would like to help with the sale, call 641-0969.

RENOVATION PROGRESSING

With perseverance and dedicated help from volunteers, the library renovation is nearing completion. Thanks to all who have donated time, furnishings, and money to the project. We need three comfortable occasional chairs for the reading area. If you have one or more chairs in good condition, contact Greg at the library. Because of space limitations, he will come to you to look at what you have.

BOOK GROUP PREMIERES

The library is sponsoring its first book discussion group this fall. Quatrefoil, by James Barr, is on the first reading list, along with other Gay and Lesbian novels of the 1950s. Group participants will also read the works of other well known Lesbian and Gay authors, such as Jane Rule and James Baldwin, listed below. All the books have been released in paperback.

The group will have five meetings at two week intervals. Discussion will be informal and based on interests of the participants. A facilitator will be on hand to help with organization. Space in the "back to the '50s" group is limited. Register by calling or writing the library. There will be a small fee at registration. We hope to make these groups an on-going program of the library. If you have suggestions or would like to facilitate future groups, leave a message at the library for Marti Lybeck.

Titles: Ballad of a Sad Cafe by Carson McCullers; Giovanni's Room by James Baldwin; The Price of Salt by Claire Morgan; Quatrefoil by James Barr; This is Not for You by Jane Rule.

When: Sundays October 7 & 21, November 4 & 18, December 2, 3-5pm.

Where: Quatrefoil Library

VIDEO POLICY

An explanatory paragraph was inadvertently left out of the video policy in the last Bookworm. What that long policy boils down to is that all tapes that are copies of originals or that were taped from television have been removed from the shelves pending permission to circulate them from the copyright holder. This means the library files are presently a fraction of

what they had been. We encourage members to contribute to the library originals of movies that would be of interest.

PAYROLL DEDUCTION CAMPAIGN BENEFITS LIBRARY

Quatrefoil Library is one of 41 member organizations of the Cooperating Fund Drive, a payroll deduction campaign benefitting metropolitan social change organizations. During the next three months, 130,000 employees will have the option of giving to the library or any other registered Minnesota non-profit organization. Some of the workplaces involved include the University of Minnesota, all government agencies, Cray Research, and Ecolab.

In 1990, the library will receive up to \$11,000 from the previous year's campaign. That amount includes a base campaign allocation and the payroll deductions from 65 Quatrefoil members and friends. Your contributions will make the 1991 campaign even more successful. If your employer does not participate, encourage her or him to call CFD at 647-0440 to set up a payroll campaign.

BARBARA SMITH TO BE HONORED

Barbara Smith, author and founder of Kitchen Table Press, will be the guest at a reception at Quatrefoil on Thursday, November 8, 7-9pm. Watch local community newspapers for details. Barbara will be in the Twin Cities as part of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force's Third Annual "Creating Change:" conference, November 9-12. This is the first time the conference, which brings together activists from around the country, will be held in the Midwest. Call GLCAC at 822-0127 for further information.

Our collection of materials by and about people of color in the sexual minority community is small; and, like much of our collection, dependent on donations. If you have books of interest in this field, your donations would be appreciated.

Outreach to people of color, funded in part by a grant from RESIST (see previous newsletter), has been designated as a library priority by the Board. Watch the newsletter for further information about the outreach effort.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Board members have been active during the summer months with a number of projects. The renovation of library space, under the supervision of Greg Rosen, is almost complete. Board members hosted a booth at both days of the 1990 Gay Pride Festival. T-shirts were sold and money was raised for the renovation. Plans are underway for the 1991 budget process and the second annual dinner (which will also mark the library's fifth anniversary) in February.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD

Anyone interested in serving on the library's Board of Directors should send a letter of interest to the library, c/o Nominations Committee, by September 18.

OLDER GAYS AND LESBIANS MOVE

The older Gay and Lesbian group has moved to a larger space, the senior high rise at 1515 Park Av S. If you are interested in joining, contact Ann Vitaala at GLCAC, 822-0127.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 21 -- Board Meeting, 7-9pm -- Rm 201, Richards Gordon building
September 1&3 -- library closed for Labor Day weekend
September 18 -- Board meeting, 7-9pm -- Rm 201
September 30 -- open house, 2-5pm
October 16 -- Board meeting, 7-9pm -- Rm 201
October 19 -- deadline for next Bookworm
October 20 -- fall book sale
November 9-12 -- National Gay/Lesbian Task Force Conference: Creating Change (library sponsored events to be announced)
November 20 -- Board meeting, 7-9pm -- Rm 201

The Gay Bookworm is published bi-monthly at 1619 Dayton Av., St. Paul MN 55104 for the members and friends of Quatrefoil Library: David D. Irwin, Exec. Dir.; Dolly Ruark, Editor

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, #93B 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.

HELP US SERVE YOU BETTER:

Please return books promptly.

Notify the library as soon as possible concerning a change of address and/or phone number.

Renew your membership promptly.

Deadline for next Bookworm: October 1990

FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks to Greg Rosen for the many hours he spent cleaning out the back room and rearranging shelves. The new arrangement also reinforces what we already knew - that more shelf space is needed for our circulating books.

Also thanks to those who walked with the Quatrefoil banner and staffed the table at Gay Pride. A number of people who stopped by commented on the article about the library that appeared in that morning's Pioneer Press.

Congratulations to Cathy Hoffman, who has been named to the Gift of Choice Advisory Committee of the Cooperating Fund Drive.

A new name has been chosen for the newsletter. It will be unveiled with the first issue of 1991. The person who suggested the new name will receive a Quatrefoil t-shirt as a thank you. Thanks to all those who gave suggestions, including a number of people who stopped by the table during G/L Pride.

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