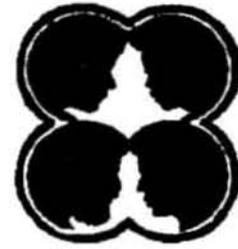


The Quatrefolio



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FOUNDERS HONORED

More than 100 people gathered on November 15 to thank Dick and David for the time, energy and love they have given in creating Quatrefoil and helping it grow. In his remarks, Dick said he feels like a parent, watching a sometimes obedient, sometimes rebellious child go out into the world on its own. Many of those who will be responsible for the continued growth of the library were present, receiving a charge to carry on the mission of the library: to serve the community and to educate society at large.

Those present also had the good fortune to hear about "the good/bad old days" from Quatrefoil author James Barr, who came from Oklahoma particularly to celebrate the occasion. Special thanks to the organizing committee, those who assisted the evening of the dinner, Lyle Taylor for the music and Mary Jean, who was the second-best-dressed fairy in attendance. Gifts were presented to David and Dick on behalf of the members, and a portrait of the two - which will hang in the library - was unveiled. Those who missed Dick in his new purple robe and David in his lavender cummerbund and new letter-jacket are invited to browse through the library photo album during their next visit.

QUATREFOIL AND THE LOFT COSPONSOR

The library is cosponsoring two events with The Loft. An Evening with Essex Hemphill will be presented at The Loft at 8pm Friday, January 31, 1992. Tickets are \$4 for Quatrefoil and Loft members, \$5 for others, and can be purchased at the door only. A reception will follow. Hemphill is a poet, performance artist, and publisher of Be Bop Books. He is the recipient of Fellowships in Literature for the National Endowment of the Arts and the D.C. Commission for the Arts. His work is featured in two critically-acclaimed black gay films: Looking for Langston and Tongues Untied.

The library will host a Lesbian poetry writing class with local poet Morgan Grayce Willow, also cosponsored by The Loft. Time will be divided between discussion of readings and response to student work. The class will meet at Quatrefoil, Mondays, January 27 through March 15, 7-9pm. The fee is \$104 for library members, \$119 for non-members. Space is limited to 16, with one full scholarship available. Contact the library for further details.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Bring a friend (maybe one who has not yet joined Quatrefoil) to an open house on Sunday, December 29, 1-5pm. Refreshments, door prizes, and conversation will be part of the celebration of a successful year for the library.

AMNESTY ON OVERDUE MATERIALS

Have you been avoiding the library because you suspect the fine on your overdue books exceeds the balance on your mortgage? Fear no more! Quatrefoil declares an amnesty on all overdue materials. Drop them off at the library between now and the end of January 1992 and walk away with one less debt. We urge you to take advantage of this amnesty so that these materials can be put back into circulation for the use of other members.

If you recently received a letter or postcard from the library reminding you of overdue materials and believe it is an error or you are unable to locate them, please call the library and leave a message for Jim Schaub.

SPACED OUT?

Anyone interested in science fiction and fantasy is invited to the next meeting of the Gaylaxians, Monday, December 16, at 7pm in room 107. Please contact Penny (623-3990) or Rudy (690-4485) if you have any questions.

BOARD NEWS

December marks the end of terms of office for Mary Jean Mulherin and Peggy Miller. Both women have served on the Board for more than two years. Thanks go to both women for their generous service to the library. Both will continue to serve as volunteers in other areas at the library.

The Board approved a motion to classify library holdings using the Library of Congress classification system. That process will begin with new acquisitions and gradually will include all library holdings.

MORE FRUITS OF OUR LABOR

The Acquisitions Committee is proud to announce the arrival of new books by women. We are emphasizing research and theoretical works, writings by women of color and high-quality new titles, particularly fiction. We are also expanding the selection of children's and young adults' books. The titles listed here are a sampling of what has recently been purchased. They are, or soon will be, on the shelves for checkout.

For students, intellectuals, seekers and avant garde types:

Lesbian Philosophies and Cultures: Articles and studies of Lesbian culture in a variety of contexts.

Picture Theory: Nicole Broussard's experimental literary exploration of questions of identity and representation.

Myths and Mysteries of Same Sex Love: An exploration of theories of homosexuality in psychology and mythology.

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Speaking Freely: Julia Penelope's polemic on gender oppression in the English language.

New multi-cultural titles:

Chicana Lesbians: The Girls Our Mothers Warned Us About: A collection of various writings.

Bridges of Power: Women's Multi-Cultural Alliances: Accounts of successful alliances for social change.

Movement in Black: poetry by Pat Parker.

An Intimate Wilderness: Lesbian Writers on Sexuality: Fiction, essays and poetry by writers such as Audre Lorde, Cherrie Moraga, Audre Lorde, Andrienne Rich and Judy Grahn.

Practical (?) and Fun:

Are You Two Together? Essays and information on Gay/Lesbian European travel.

To Know: Resources on the how, why, when and where of women's spirituality.

Susie Sexpert's Sex World: Collection of Susie Bright's columns and reviews.

Stonewall Riots: Cartoons by Andrea Natalie.

New Fiction:

The Book of Promethea: Translation of a French novel, "Love between Two Women in its Totality."

Food and Spirits: Short stories by Beth Brant.

The Gilda Stories: Novel by a black woman spanning time from 1850-2050.

Revolution of Little Girls: Hilarious and original.

I Left My Heart: Mystery set in you-know-where.

Out of Time: Highly recommended ghost story of Lesbian lovers past and present.

Books for kids:

Understanding Sexual Identity: Basic information for teens in a question and answer format.

Happy Endings are All Alike: Teen Lesbian romance novel.

How Would You Feel if Your Dad was Gay? Fiction about children of gay parents for children grades 3-5.

Gloria Goes to Gay Pride: Picture book about the daughter of a Lesbian Couple.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY:

Beginning this month, we will be featuring in depth reviews of recent library acquisitions. Thanks to the Acquisitions Committee for their contributions.

Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers: A History of Lesbian Life in Twentieth Century America, by Lillian Faderman. Using a wide variety of sources such as personal journals, interviews, unpublished manuscripts, popular magazine articles and traditional sociological research, Faderman documents the establishment of Lesbian subcultures, the relationship of class to the nature of the subculture, the importance of all-female environments upon the development of Lesbianism, the impact of feminism and Gay literature and the gradual destigmatization of the concept of Lesbianism. Although Faderman's reconstruction of Lesbian life in the earliest decades of the century primarily utilizes white middle-class women from the east coast, beginning with the 1920's, she makes a conscious effort to include a wide diversity of women from all socio-economic classes, ages, ethnic groups and geographical backgrounds.

Coming Out: An Act of Love, by Rob Eichberg. Eichberg is the well-known founder of "The Advocate Experience," a weekend workshop and retreat designed for gay men and women who wish to become more comfortable telling about who they are, how they feel about themselves and their sexuality and how they feel about coming out to family, friends and co-workers. Using actual letters from the participants in these workshops, Eichberg recreates the process of coming out, beginning with the private issue of self-understanding, sharing your unique experiences with a few carefully-selected people and finally integrating your sexuality with those with whom you professionally, familiarly and intellectually share your daily life.

The Zuni Man-Woman, by Will Roscoe. Roscoe is an historian and cross-cultural researcher on homosexuality and alternative gender roles who unfolds the rich tradition of the *berdache*, a tribal member who engages in cross-gender work yet remains an integral, productive and valued member of the tribe. Although this rich tradition has been documented in over 130 North American tribes, Roscoe focuses his attention on the Zunis to unfold the *berdache* tradition as well as to describe the conflicts created by the impact of Western religious, cultural and sexual mores. At a time when America is being challenged to integrate an increasingly wider array of people with varying cultural, social and sexual traditions and experiences into its current institutions, The Zuni Man-Woman has much to offer.

GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING

Having a hard time finding the right holiday gift for that someone special? Give her/him a Quatrefoil membership. Donate a periodical subscription, a book, or video in his or her name (Contact Marti at the library for titles on the library "wish list"). Or how about a Quatrefoil mug? Every time she/he has a cup of herb tea, your thoughtfulness will be remembered.

BOOK SALE

The fall book sale raised \$850 for the library, including sales from the nearly 1000 duplicate Gay/Lesbian titles. Thanks to everyone who participated: those who helped set up, sell, and take down, and those who purchased books.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 24, 25 -- library closed
December 29 -- open house, 1-5pm
December 31, January 1 -- library closed
January 17 -- deadline for next Quatrefolio

COME SEE US

Quatrefolio Library is located at 1619 Dayton Av, St Paul. That's one block northwest of Snelling and Selby. We're convenient to #4, #16, #94B and #21 bus lines. The library is open Monday-Thursday evenings 7-9:30, 12-4pm Saturdays, and 1-5pm Sundays. 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 all materials promptly.

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

Renew your membership promptly.

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