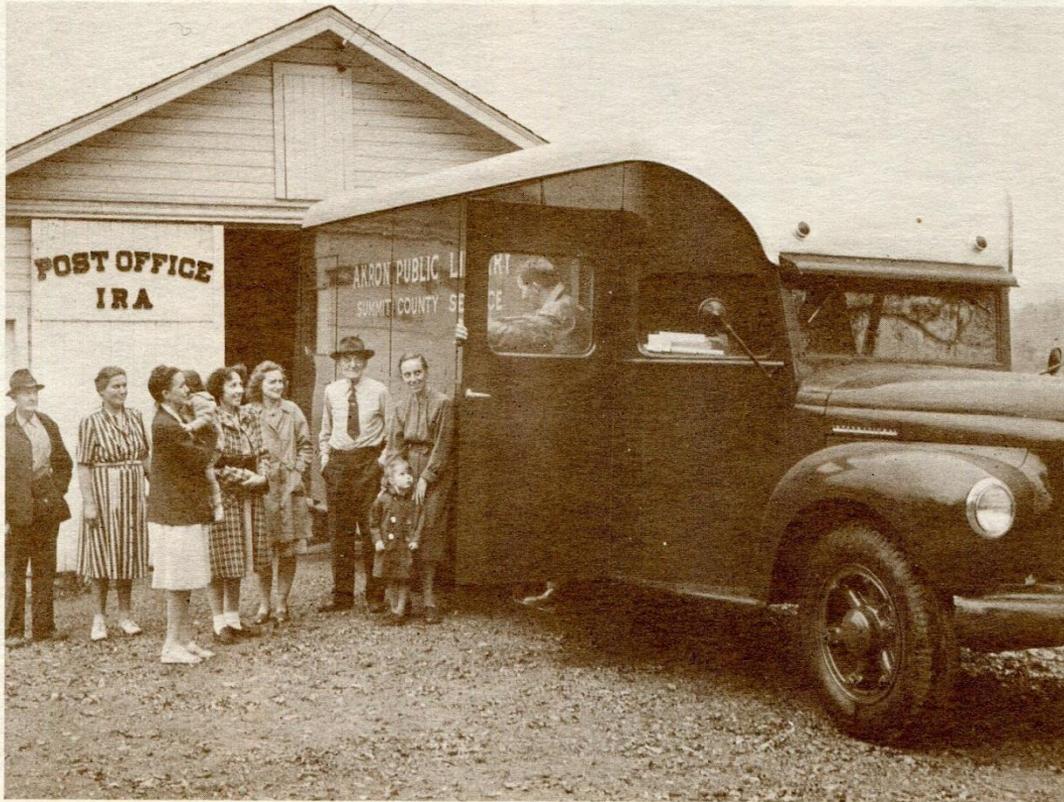


HOW IT ALL BEGAN...



1962 – BVS met to discuss library

- Had Bookmobile service as of 1946, but could not serve all Bath residents.



Akron Public Library extended its service to county areas in 1946 by purchase of its first bookmobile. One stop was the Ira Post Office near Bath, Ohio.

Met with Akron Public Library

- Akron Public Library lacked sufficient funds to build new branch in Bath.
- Population in Bath only at 4,600 residents in 1960
- 179 Members of Bath Volunteers For Service met and decided that they would start All Volunteer Library!

*The
Bath Community Library*



1964 – Plans come together!

- BVS moves forward with project.
- Staff consisted entirely of volunteers!
- Akron Public Library agrees to watch project, evaluate after 1 year.

MARCH 1964

PROJECT FOR BATH

Volunteers Working To Establish Library

By KYRA KING

THERE'S NEVER A dull moment for Bath Volunteers for Service. This energetic group has undertaken the establishment of a library in Bath as its latest project.



It's a pilot project scheduled for at least a year. After that time, the response to the library will be evaluated by the Akron Public Library and the future of a library for Bath then decided.

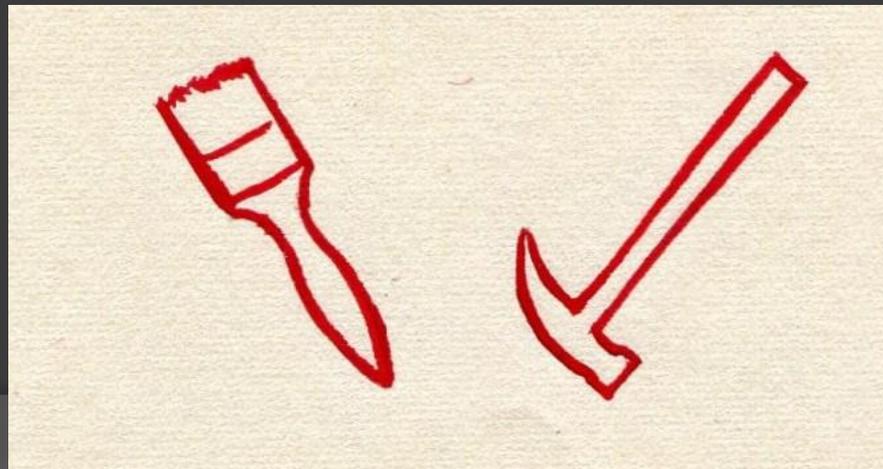
The library will be the topic of discussion when the group meets at 9:30 Friday morning in the home of Mrs. John Schlemmer, library chairman.

MRS. SCHLEMMER

The volunteers have rented a house at 3876 Ira rd. for the library with June 1 as its opening date.

Creating a Library – No Easy Task!

- Rented house at 3876 Ira Rd – needed work!
- BVS Members “put in innumerable back-breaking hours of cleaning, hammering, plastering & painting. Others sewed cheerful curtains. . .and with the help of husbands, put up bookshelves and light fixtures.”



The Community Pitched In Too!

- Bath Rotary Club: Members painted and donated paint
- Bath Garden Club: Exterior plantings
- People from the community donated books
- Everybody's efforts made the new community library shine!

Nobody had library training!

- Bath Volunteers learned all about library procedures before library opened.
- Some catalogued donated books well into the night in weeks before opening!

Staffing of the library then, as now, consisted of two shifts of two Volunteers each, four days a week, and of one shift of two Volunteers on Sundays. Pictured below is Mrs. Richard Pilcher, one of the Volunteers offering her assistance at the main desk.



Catalog 2,500 Books

NOTHING is too menial or too intellectual for the girls to tackle. They have scrubbed the floors, cleared out trash, and have already catalogued 2,500 books donated for the shelves.

"We have a lot more books that have been donated to us," said Gene Sutter, "which still remain to be catalogued."

Every book has been donated. None has been purchased so far, so the next item on the growing



MRS. SPIEGEL, MRS. EISENTROUT

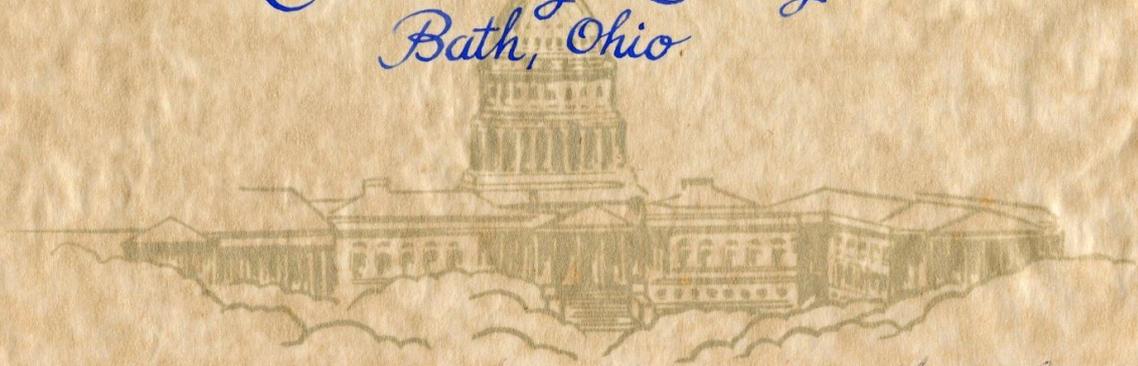
agenda is to buy the list of books recommended for student reading furnished them by the Bath public schools.

Flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol was donated as well!



This is to certify that the flag presented with this certificate
was flown over the Capitol of the United States
especially for presentation to

*Community Library
Bath, Ohio*



DATE FLOWN *May 4, 1964*

William H. Ayres

WILLIAM H. AYRES, Member of Congress

By June 1964, it was finally ready!

Bath Volunteers

FIRST WEEK OF JUNE
1964

Open House Planned Sunday For Library

BATH VOLUNTEERS for Service will meet at 9:30 a. m. Friday at the Fire Department.

Mrs. R. E. Hagan, horse show chairman will present awards for the outstanding ticket sellers of admissions for the July 11-12 Bath Horse Show at Hissongs' Farm. The show is co-sponsored by the service group and Bath Volunteer Fire Department.

Final plans will also be

made for the 2 to 4 p. m. Sunday open house at the library, sponsored by the service group as a pilot project. The library is housed in a renovated home—painted by members of Bath Rotary Club and planted by Bath Garden Forum — at 3876 Ira rd. Mrs. John Schlemmer is library chairman.

The library will be a project for at least one year. After that time, the re-

sponse to the library will be evaluated by Akron Public Library and the future of a library for Bath then decided.



Opened June 8, 1964.







MODEL OF A BARN captured the attention of Mrs. Paul [Name obscured] and daughter Sandra, 3 (left) and Mrs. Marvin Barb [Name obscured] and son Scott, 18 months, during a meeting of Bath Volunteers in the Bath Library. The Volunteers have been rotating as librarians since they opened the library in June.



A BREATH OF SPRING blew into Portage Country Club when members of Bath Volunteers modeled hats from Betty Schlitt of Wagoner-Marsh during a guest luncheon. Taking a coffee break before parading down the runway was Mrs. Robert Paustian, her face framed in a straw sailor banded with large fabric blossoms.

First year funded mainly through Annual BVS Rummage Sale

- Sold Library Cards for 25 cents apiece – only revenue until overdue fines began coming in!
- No money from Akron Public Library
- No tax revenue
- BVS was on its own for fund raising. . .

OCTOBER 29, 1964



TOOTING HER OWN HORN about the rummage sale to benefit the Bath Library was Mrs. William Singer while Mrs. F. S. Nolte (left) and Mrs. Ralph McCauley listened. They're members of Bath Volunteers for Serv-

ice which a year ago formed a committee to start a library. The library opened in a two-story home in Bath on June 8. Proceeds from the rummage sale will be used to purchase books on school reading lists.

Side note – after previous picture shown in Akron Beacon Journal, this was sent to Mrs. Singer:

Mrs. Singer,

10/30/64

We saw your picture in Thurs. Paper. It was very nice except you had your clarinet upside down. We all had a good laugh, but it sure drew our attention to your sale. So all isn't lost.

P.S. Best of Luck
on your sale!

Ross Music
20 So. Howard St.
Akron

About Town



Sale To Give Bath Library A Big Lift

By **BETTY JAYCOX**
Beacon Journal Women's Editor

I HAD LUNCH yesterday with four girls from the Bath Volunteers For Service who were all fired up about their forthcoming rummage sale Nov. 6 in Eastview Junior High.



ANN HOFF

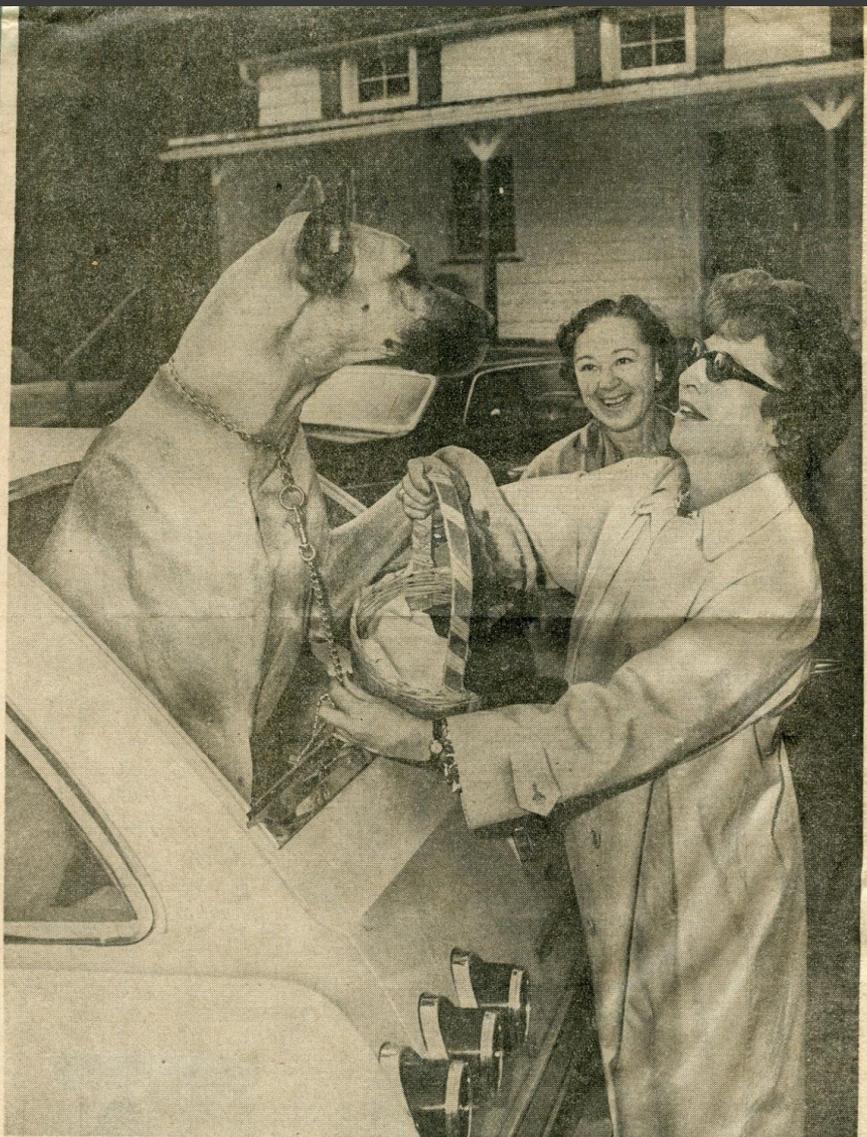
The sale provides the money for operating Bath Library, project of the club. Since there was no library at all in Bath, the volunteers decided to provide one until Akron Public Library could expand its services to include the community. As a result the girls man the library, provide the building it's housed in and supply the books.

The four included Mrs. Garfield L. Hoff Jr., a vivacious blond by the name of Ann; Mrs. H. William Remington, a redhead with a streak of white like a plume whose given name is Thelma; Mrs. John D. May, who wore a derby type hat and is called Marilyn, and Mrs. Grenfall J. Beachler, Arlene.

We got along particularly well together, because we all confessed we had a horror of dainty, lady-type luncheons, preferring harvest-hand type, so the five of us ordered rare roast beef with lots of beef au jus gravy.

IN THE COURSE of our getting off the subject of Bath Library, Ann Hoff told about her supper-bridge club of four couples called the "Donohow Club."

"The name is not only appropriate," said Ann, "because we really don't know how, but it's made up of letters from our names. The Keith Nesbitts,



"**GREAT DANE**" in the morning — it looks like Mandy Lee's about to snatch that basket away from Mrs. Rex Rhinesmith, while Mrs. G. L. Hoff Jr. watches in amusement. Mandy Lee dominated the scene when Bath Volun-

teers for Service gathered to finalize plans for their rummage sale beginning at 10 a. m. Saturday, Nov. 6, in Eastview Junior High. The Volunteers will use the sale money to continue operation of Bath Library.

Various Projects Net \$200 For A Library

BATH Volunteers for Service members will discuss individual projects when they meet at 9:30 a. m. Friday in the home of Mrs. Fred Underman, 4290 Appian Way, Bath.

Each member must raise a minimum of \$5 for the Bath Library by April 15. Projects have included knit-

ting, baking birthday cakes and baby sitting.

More than \$200 has been turned in so far.

The library project will be entered in the Beacon Journal Community Awards contest that will close Aug. 31.

To raise funds, Mrs. R. C. Allen gave a luncheon, Mrs.

Riley Anthony had a coffee and white elephant sale (on March 4, today) and Mrs. Blair Maynard and Mrs. Mel Sutter, a bridge luncheon.



CORNELL Women's Club will meet for dessert and business at 1 p. m. Saturday at the home of Mrs. George Bayly, 704 Albion av.



MRS. MAY, MRS. REMINGTON, MRS. BEACHLER

the Charles Walkers, the Dayton Doerllers and the Hoffs make up the group. To get 'Donohow' we took the 'Do' from Doerller, the 'N' from Nesbitt, the 'Ho' from Hoff and the 'W' from Walker."

The Donohows not only go on trips together with the money in the kitty, but they have dabbled in high finance which turned out to be pretty low. They bought an oil well which turned out to be dry, and more recently some lots in the Bahamas, which none of them have ever seen. "We're just hoping they aren't under water at high tide," said Ann.

But—to get back to the rummage sale. It starts at 10 a. m. Nov. 6 and the gals will stay on their counters until everything's sold.

Build Book Fund

SELLING USED ARTICLES can be educational. At least that's the case for Bath Volunteers for Service who hold their annual rummage sale Saturday, beginning at 10 a. m. in Eastview Junior High School, Revere and Spring Valley rds.

Proceeds will help to fill the new

Bath Public Library with more books. The library, begun two years ago by the volunteers, recently became a branch of Akron Public Library. A new building is being planned for a site behind Summit Mall.

Mrs. Riley E. Anthony is chairman of the rummage sale and Mrs. Leonard Brown, co-chairman.



MRS. BLAIR MAYNARD

...loaded down with rummage sale treasure



MEMBERS of Bath Volunteers For Service pose with articles which will be sold to benefit the group's project, the Bath Library. In the usual order are Mrs. H. William Remington, president (seated); Mrs. Burt Greenwald, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Robert Paustian, vice president; and Mrs. Gene Salem, historian. An additional aid to the project is "Library Day" at The Country Girl store on Ghent Square, next Tuesday. Ten per cent of the amount of every sale made that day will go to the library project.

Reg McCreary Photo



Rummage

Will Be

Tuesday, October 13, 1964

More Books

By **BETTY JAYCOX**
Beacon Journal Women's Editor

"IF YOU CAN'T GET something the community needs through regular channels, do it yourself."

That might well be the motto for Bath Volunteers for Service, dedicated to fulfilling the many needs in their growing suburban community.



MRS. SUTTER

Seven years ago a library committee was formed under the leadership of Mrs. John Schlemmer. The group was dedicated to providing a library for Bath since the school library was inadequate and not set up to serve all of the community's residents.

Furthermore, Akron Public Library—involvement in a building program for other suburban communities—did not have the money to open a branch in Bath, and also felt that a need for such a facility had not been sufficiently demonstrated by the people of Bath.

That's when the Bath Volunteers stepped in to lend a hand to the library committee. Mrs. Mel Sutter, president, is spear-heading the group.

They lent more than one hand, swelling the original library committee of 75 to 210, all eager to show the need for a branch library in Bath.

The library became a community project through the interest aroused. A two-story house was rented on Ira rd. across the street from Bath Post Office. Bath Rotary Club did all the painting of the house interior, and Bath Garden Club did all the planting of the exterior.



MRS. SCHLEMMER

On June 8th the library opened for business with 85 girls, all volunteers and without a trained librarian among them, as rotating staff.

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While Bath Volunteers Raised Funds, they also kept an event log.

Sun. Dec. 13--Mr. Maas of Eastview came. Wanted to make contribution of money or science books... Bought milk for cat... (The cat had come with the building and was tolerated as a mousekiller.-Ed)

Jan. 6--one family (mother and 2). Took out 1 card and 3 books. Molly McKisson and daughter for reference we did not have. It is too damn cold in here, Contributed 1 can Puss & Boots for a very hungry cat. (Thelma R.)

Jan. 7--Sold one card to my daughter. Two adults came for reference material....Let's start a fund to have cat spayed.

6-9--Mound of ice on top step makes these steps very slippery and dangerous. A child did slip and fall but did not seem to have been injured...

6-9--Snow and cold. No customers. Closed at 8 p.m.
Vera and I catalogued books on desk. Need new
typewriter ribbon....(R. Fogarty)

Jan. 19, 6-9--Tried to call Esther Marshall about
Law Books...Folded and stamped flyers...Had cold
feet all evening. Temp. 65°. Will wear boots next
time. Closed at 8 p.m. (M.A. Eisentrout)

Jan. 21, 3-6--3 people were in, 2 took out books.
No salt to melt ice, no food for cat.

6-9-- Brought food for cat. Collected 36¢ fine.
No business so closed at 8:30.

Sun. Feb. 7--Brisk business. What's happened to
the dull Sundays? (E. Viall, N. Hissong)

Tue. Feb. 9--Quite busy. Sold 4 cards. Wish I
knew where to look for Science Fair material. Is
this cat pregnant? I've had 2 people ask me.
There's no change any place. (Shirley Bills)

Sun., Feb. 14--Busy, busy, busy! Mamas and
daughters and fathers and sons, too, until I lost
track. Even had a line-up a couple of times...
Thank goodness Arlene Beachler dropped in and
helped during the rush! (Cathryn Siddall)

March 10, 3-6--Five books were returned overdue
(.08 in fines). We catalogued 9 books and put
them in proper places. Another book was brought
back on time. No sign of cat. Tidied desk and
sink. We're wondering whether we should have
put flag out today since snow is steadily falling
and the post office does not have theirs out...

April 19, 3-6--Ten books out, all to one boy. No fines. Cat is looking for food. It did eat a bird. (C. Wade)

April 7, 3-6--1 card, 25¢. 23 books out, lots returned. You can tell it was a nice day. John was plugged so my husband fixed it. (G.Hansen)

6-9--John overflowed. We mopped. Lots of calls for material on the colonies. Supply is exhausted. Thanks for coffee. Sold 1 card. (T. Remington, Marilyn May)

May 15, 1966--Beautiful day, the Ernshaw boy stepped through the septic tank cover out back. Such excitement...

May 16, 1966--Bridge players report that toilet now flushes, perhaps as the result of above.)

June 1, 6-9--Books in, 13. Books out, 23. Have been busy most of the time. Also 2 kittens fell down stairs....(Helen Pearch)

June 2, 3-6--Worked alone. 2 customers besides my children. 9 books out, 6 in, 42¢ fines. (Sally Hurst)

June 3, 6-9--Called husband who came with carton and rags for cat and kittens. No one else came. (Betty Werntz)

1st Year a Huge Success

- In June 1965, after a year of service, the library had circulated a total of 2,500 books. This was a huge achievement, but was dwarfed by the circulation figures of the Akron branch libraries.
- Only 3 months later the Bath Library reported a successful summer by circulating 1,375 books.
- Applied for and received tax funding

FEBRUARY 12, 1965

Behind The Front Page

Bath Bids For Library Cash

By ROBERT H. GILES

The new Bath Volunteers Library has filed a request with County Auditor C. L. Bower to share in the distribution of intangible taxes.

The Bath Volunteers For Service, which established the library last year, believes it is in the same category as independent public libraries in Cuyahoga Falls and Peninsula, and should be eligible for tax revenue.

In Ohio, libraries get first call on taxes on intangibles (such items as income producing investments).

A ruling by the Attorney General may be required in this case, however.

All the independent public library systems in Summit County were formed before 1947, when Ohio law was changed.

New libraries, according to one interpretation, now may only become branches of the central city library—Akron Public Library in this instance—or may be es-

tablished as a county district library to serve the whole county. Summit County has no such library.

Since 1947, libraries at Richfield and Northfield have become branches of the Akron Public Library.

THE BATH Volunteers For Service has asked for \$5,000 to \$6,000 in intangible tax revenue next year to operate the library, now located in a two-story house on Ira rd. across from the Bath Post Office.

The library was opened last June, capping an effort of seven years by the Bath Volunteers.

The Akron Public Library had declined to open a branch in Bath. It was committed to a building program in other suburban communities, along with its plans for a new main library in downtown Akron, and wasn't able to finance a branch in Bath.

Akron Public Library Assessed Progress

- As promised, the Akron Public Library assessed the progress, and was pleased.
- By 1966, a deal was in place to integrate Bath Library as a branch of Akron Public Library
- Bath Library provided books, quarters and staff on Sundays.
- APL provided staff and services.
- Plans immediately began to build new branch.

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Friday, April 15, 1966

OK Pact With Bath Library



London girl's skirt must be really short—she's wearing a coat.

Akron Public Library Thursday entered into an agreement with the Bath Volunteers Library for joint operation of the Ira rd. branch the Bath group established two years ago.

The agreement is the first step toward construction of a permanent branch to serve Bath and Copley twps. and Fairlawn Village.

Akron's board approved Librarian R. Russell Munn's request to seek a \$300,000 appropriation for the new branch in the 1967 budget. Munn said no site has been chosen for the building, which would contain at least 9,000 square feet.

THE TEMPORARY operating agreement of the Bath branch calls for staffing and book processing by the Akron Library at an estimated cost of \$11,000 a year. Bath will provide at least \$8,000 a year for maintenance and new books.

Munn said the Bath organization has agreed to dissolve when the new branch is in operation.

No Commercials

OTTAWA (P) — The Royal Canadian Mounted Police this week demonstrated first units for a telephoto network it hopes to extend to every major police office in the country. It will carry mug shots, copies of rubber checks, police documents and fingerprints.

BANJO? Sell it through a
Want Ad. 253-1111.

Location Chosen For Bath Library

BATH—Is a library “legally” a public building?

That’s the question Bath Twp. Trustees are going to check after getting a rezoning request from the Akron Public Library for a future branch serving Bath, Copley and Fairlawn.

R. Russell Munn, Akron librarian, asked to have lots at the northwest corner of Smith and Hickory rds., owned by Emma M. Lins, A. M. and L. M. Trockle, rezoned to permit construction of a library building.

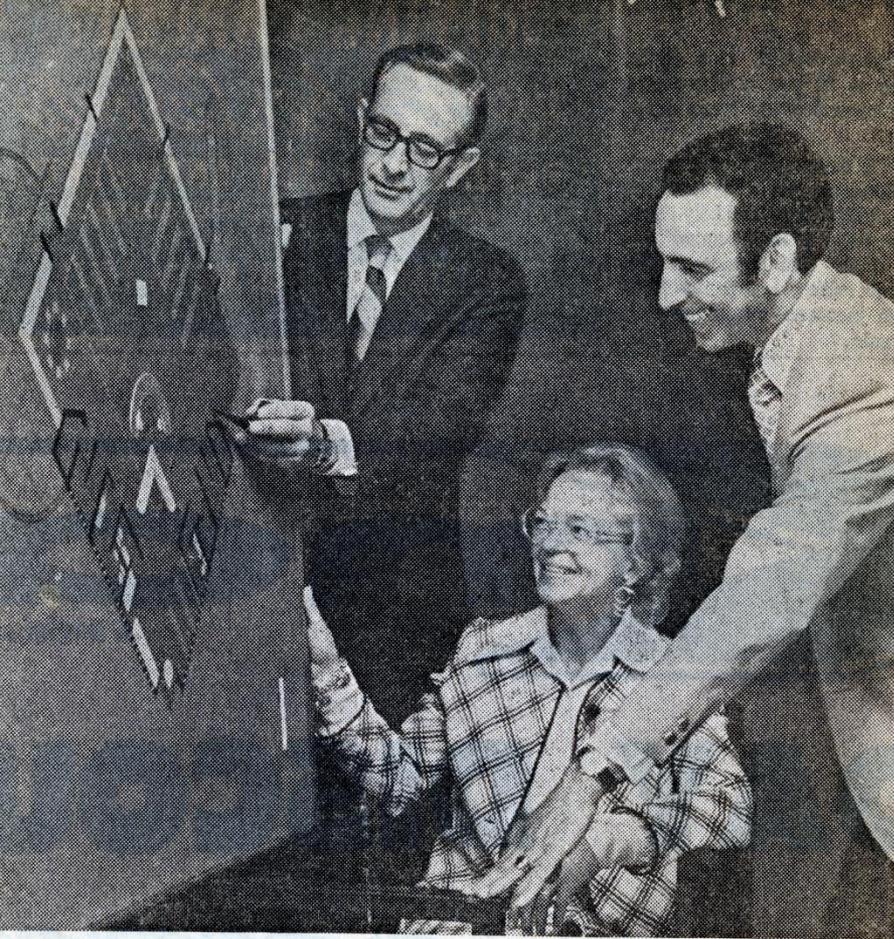
Trustees Tuesday night noted that the township zoning resolution allows “public buildings” on the lots and will check the Summit County Prosecutor’s Office to be certain rezoning is not needed.

The library has purchased two lots contingent upon permission for construction. The present Bath Library, on Ira rd., started by the Bath Volunteers for Service, is supervised by Akron Library.

'Round About Us

ates Inc. presented the preliminary study to City Council Tuesday night.

The tract includes 9.8 acres in the downtown business district for conservation and rehabilitation and the remainder is a clearance area where 57 per cent of the buildings are considered substandard. The area is generally south and southeast of Lake Anna and City Hall between Sixth st. and Wooster rd. N.



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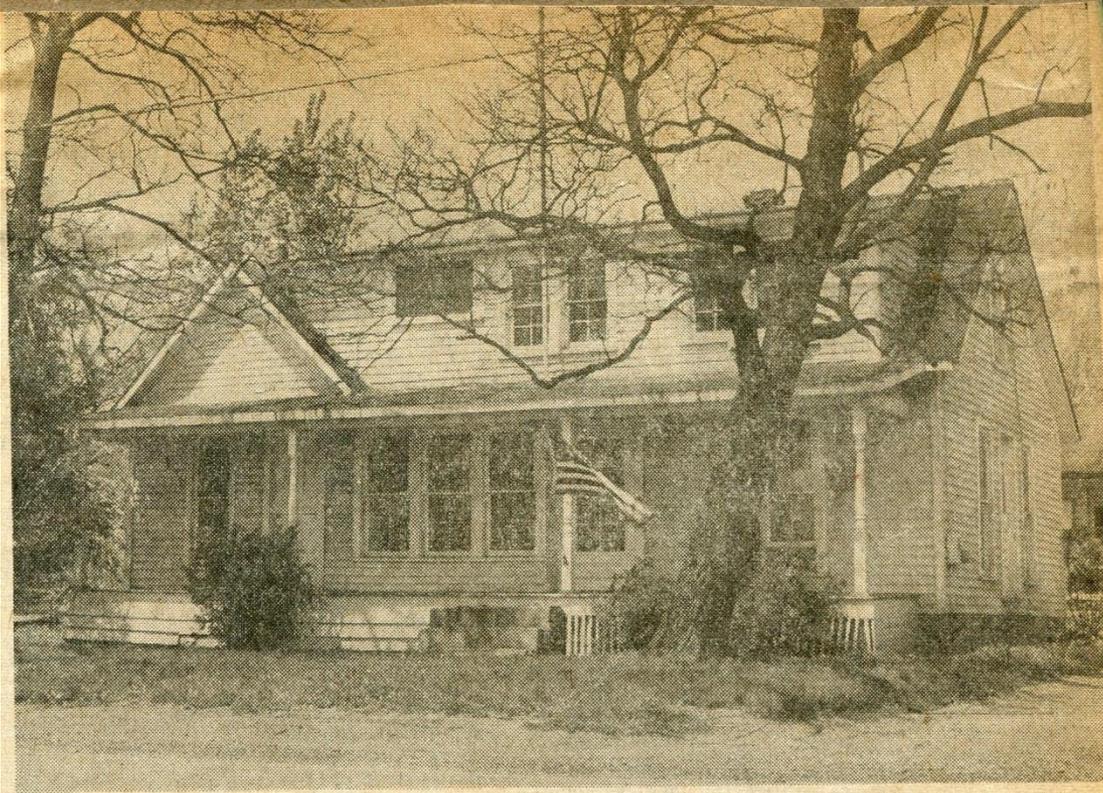
DREAM OVER PLANS FOR NEW BRANCH LIBRARY IN BATH
... John Rebenack, Mrs. Richard Slusser, James Montalto

All About A Library

TALK ABOUT a new branch library excited members of Bath Volunteers for Service meeting for lunch and a style show at Norton Brown by. John H. Reben-

ack, head of Akron Public Library, and James J. Montalto, architect for the future Bath McDowell Library, forecasted ideas. A highlight was a style show by Alan Richard’s of Ghent. Bath

Volunteers have donated equipment and time to the library located in Bath Elementary School since 1963. Mrs. Richard Slusser is head of the club’s library board.



BATH LIBRARY'S HOME IS HOUSE AT 2124 IRA RD.

Two-Year-Old Bath Library Looks To Very Rosy Future

By **WILMA KOLLERT**
Beacon Journal Correspondent

BATH—The Bath Library, young, healthy and nearly 2 years old, is starting a new phase of its life.

The project of the Bath Volunteers for Service has become a branch of the Akron Public Library. The service group still provides money and volunteers.

Eventually the library will become a part of the new one being proposed for an area near Summit Mall that would serve Fairlawn, Bath and Cop-

home for the Summer from Miami University, is serving as library aide in charge. The elementary education major is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fogarty, 3741 Ira rd. Her father is a Bath Twp. Trustee.

A second anniversary open house will be held from 2 to 5 p. m. Sunday, June 12, at the library at 2124 Ira rd.

across from Bath Post Office.

When the quarters opened, Bath Volunteers of Service had acquired 3,500 books for the shelves. That was only four months after the group began working for a library, hunting a location and accepting book donations from residents.

The Volunteers for Service, a 10-year-old group, has a membership of 217. In the two years of the library project, each member has given 20 hours.

Fifteen members are on the



RUSSELL MUNN, Akron's chief librarian, was the "heart of hearts" at a picnic the board of Bath Volunteers for Service held at the Yellow Creek home of Mrs. Robert Hemphill. In recognition of all the help he gave them when they

launched the Bath Community Library (now a branch of the Akron library), Mrs. William Marshall, president of the Volunteers' library board, pinned him with a heart-shaped "distinguished service award."

Size and Circulation Quickly Outgrew House on Ira Rd.

- Actually had to stop adding items to collection by 1967.
- Support beam downstairs split.
- Books were even kept in bathtub as there was no other room!

Book Barn!

- Volunteers took a risk: spent \$1000 repairing and renovating barn in back, removing rummage, rats and wasp nests!
- Risk paid off tremendously!
- Book Barn opened in 1967 for children Pre-K through 5th Grade with materials and story hours.

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Children Only

BATH — The sign on the outside of the little red building behind Bath Branch of Akron Public Library reads "The Book Barn."

It could also say "No Adults Allowed."

The two-room structure, renovated by Bath Volunteers for Service, is exclusively for pre-school through fifth grade children.

They allow librarian Dorothy K. Sykes and story tellers Kathy Fogarty and Mrs. B. E. Wenum to come in.

Miss Fogarty tells "Twilight Tales" in story, film and music each Tuesday at 7

p. m. A six-week series has been on bears and different topics will be used in later story programs.

Pre-school story hour is held from 10:30 to 11:30 a. m. Thursdays with Mrs. Wenum devoting her time to the children and Mrs. Sykes, Bath librarian, leading mothers' discussions.

The library's regular hours are 2 to 8 p. m. Monday through Thursday; 2 to 5 p. m. Friday and Saturday.

The new library "barn" has children's books placed on easy-to-reach shelves. Furnishings are for the wee ones, too.

The small structure started its life as a dwelling, was used as a radio repair shop and then as storage space for the Bath rummage sale.

Volunteers for Service, who sparked the organization of the community library, removed rummage, as well as mice and wasps, and refinished the interior.

Red, black and yellow spatters on the floors were done in the Vermont manner — with a pine branch.



KATHY FOGARTY

BATH LIBRARY HAS YOUNGSTERS' HAVEN



By 1969, New Branch Was Not Yet Ready. . .

- Needed to find a temporary location until branch opened.
- Ira Road House no longer could bear weight of books and patron traffic.
- A plan was drawn for and agreed upon in which Bath Library would move into Bath School until new Bath Branch built.

Library Plan Needs School OK

Cutting the umbilical cord which ties Akron Public Library to the Akron Board of Education apparently will involve more than a snip of the scissors.

This became apparent Monday when School Board member Sam Salem asked if the board could have a copy of the Library's resolution to change from a City to a County basis.

Akron Board of Education now appoints members of the Library board and is the taxing agent for the bond issue voted to construct the Main Library building.

THE LIBRARY has received approval from the State Library Board to become a county institution. The change now must be approved by the School Board.

In a letter to Board mem-

requested written information and we have not been given made the request, sir, you can be assured. We have requested written information and we have not been given it.

"Under questioning, the matter is a wee bit more complex than one would imagine," he added. "We at least want to delineate concerns we have as a staff before Mr. Rebenack comes to speak with members of the Board."

HE SAID he wants to know where the books would go, how the library could expand, "go countywide," on the same budget without "minimizing" someone in the move. He added that the School Board would lose its appointive power, "but we



Conrad Ott

have to keep that bookkeeping chore." He was referring to retirement of the bonds.

Rebenack said today, "I would be willing to talk to the School Board anytime."

He added that the Board could have a copy of the resolution at any time, but once it has it, it must act on it with-

in 30 days, and he was trying to clear up any questions the Board might have first.

"WE AREN'T playing coy. We want to inform everybody involved and we are meeting with Mr. Dominic Saturday. We hope that meeting will lead to a meeting with the Board."

D. Eugene Dominic is deputy superintendent of schools.

Rebenack said the change involves two important points:

The district which is now informally a part of the Akron Public Library would become a formal legal entity.

Three of the seven library board members would be appointed by Summit County Common Pleas judges and four by the County Commis-

See **LIBRARY**, Page D-3

The Plan:

- Finally in late June 1969, a three way agreement between the Bath Library, Bath School and Akron Public Library, was reached, which was unprecedented in Northeast Ohio.
- Bath Library would rent the room and conduct its usual public service. The library would serve school children by providing weekly class visits in the morning when the library was closed to the public.
- Forty-eight tons of books were carefully packed and moved to Bath School
- The combination library opened on July 1, 1969 and proved to be an overwhelming success.
- Circulation jumped all the way up to 51,500 from a collection of 8,000 materials by the end of 1970.

Will Move 48 Tons Of Books

BATH — Bath Library will be on the move next week.

Forty-eight tons of books will go from 3687 Ira rd. to the new library of Bath Elementary School, 1246 N. Cleveland-Massillon rd.



The public library will reopen July 1 in the school and **Miss Domanski** remain there until its proposed building is constructed on Smith rd.

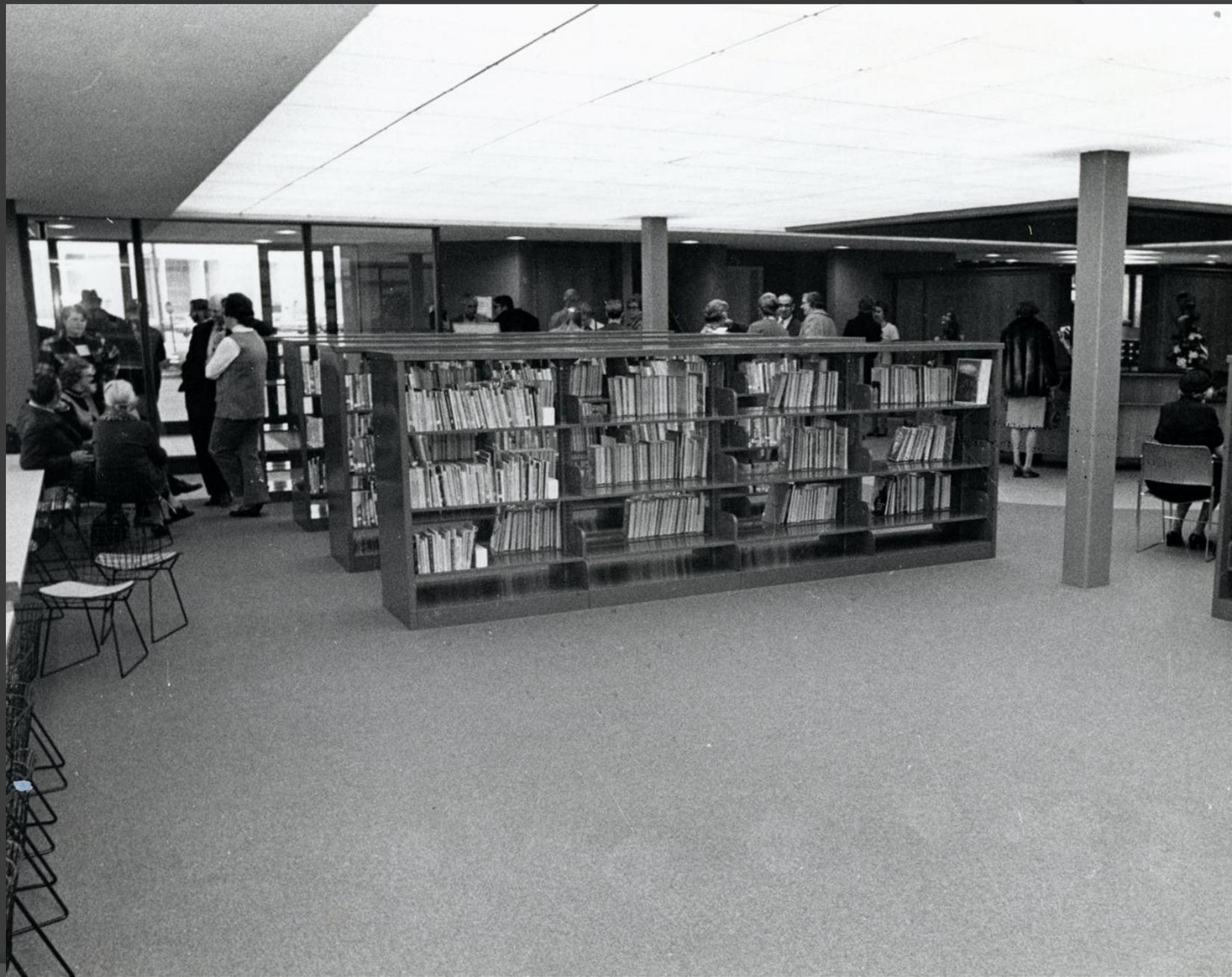
MARIE DOMANSKI, Bath librarian for two years, announced the library will be closed after Saturday hours.

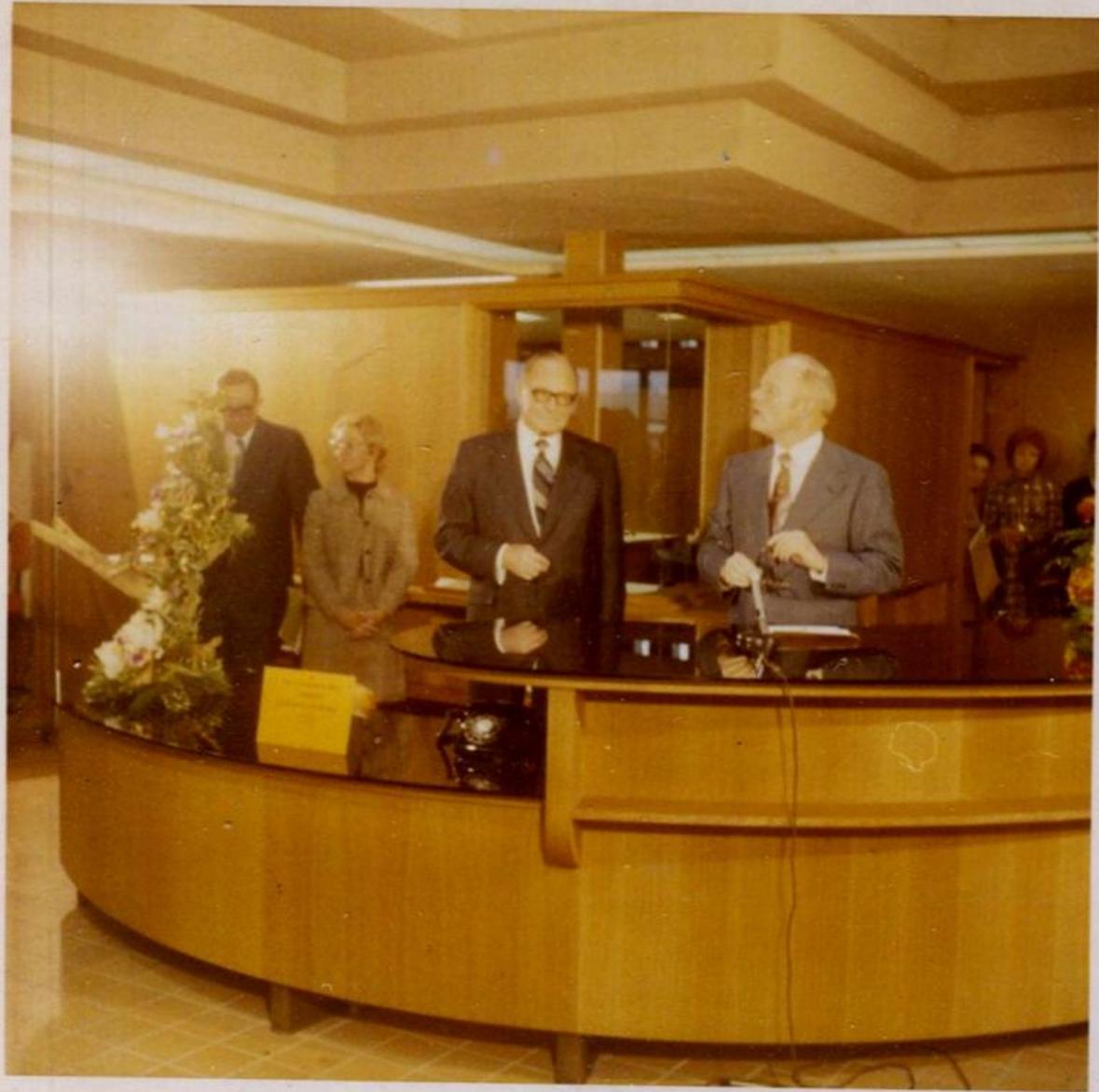
The library will reopen July 1 with its Summer hours: 1 to 8 p. m. Monday through Thursday, closed on Friday and 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Saturday.

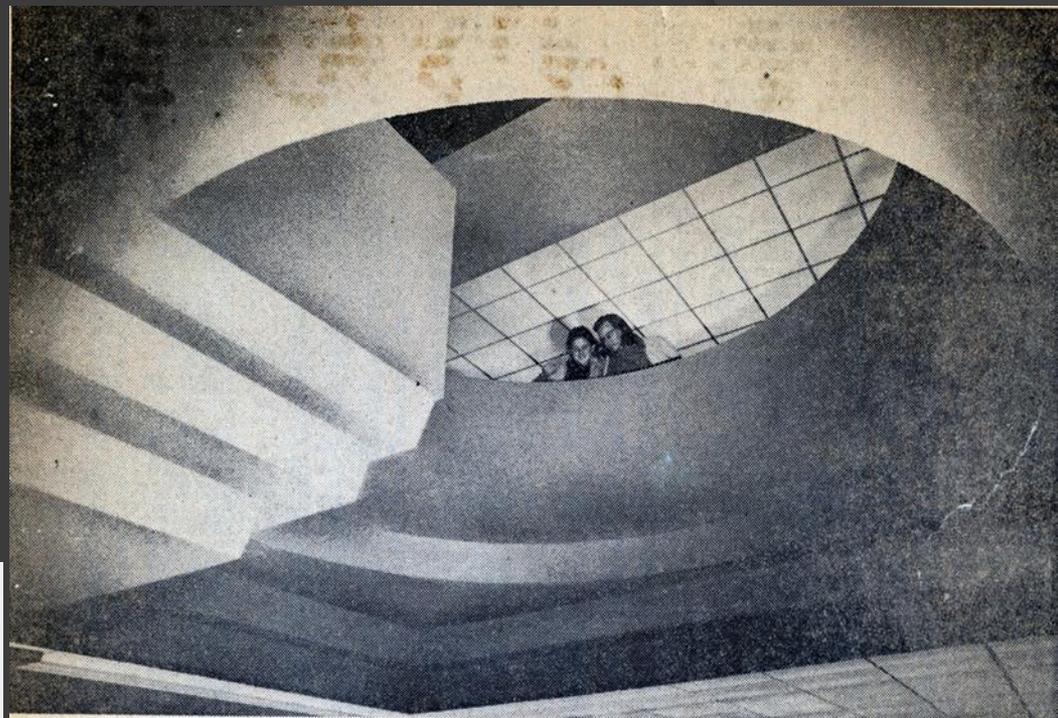
McDowell Branch Library

- Completed December 1971
- Located across street from Summit Mall
- Named after long-time board member C. Blake McDowell
- Had 2 floors, and won architectural award in 1972
- Remained in service until 2003 when torn down
- Current Fairlawn-Bath Branch Library built in its place









Beacon Journal photo by Paul Tople

A Book Look



C. Blake McDowell Sr.

It was quite a view for these Sunday visitors at the opening of the new McDowell Branch Library at Smith and Hickory rds., Bath Twp. Laura, 12, and her mother, Mrs. James Olds Jr of 2860 Vesper dr., Bath Twp., take a look from the second floor of Akron's first two-story branch that is stocked with 30,000 books and serves Fairlawn, Bath and Copley

Built at a cost of \$411,400, the branch has 9,400 square feet. The first floor is the children's area; second floor, the adults. The branch is named for C. Blake McDowell Sr., Akron lawyer and secretary and general counsel of Knight Newspapers Inc. He has been a member of the library board since 1932 and was recently appointed to his eighth term.

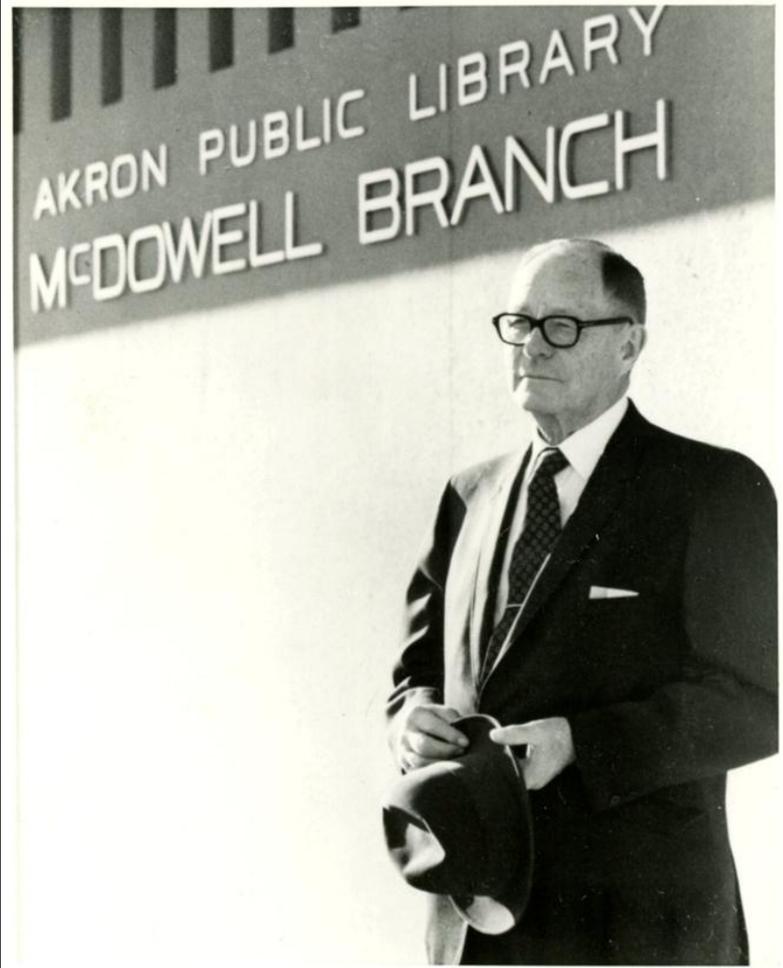
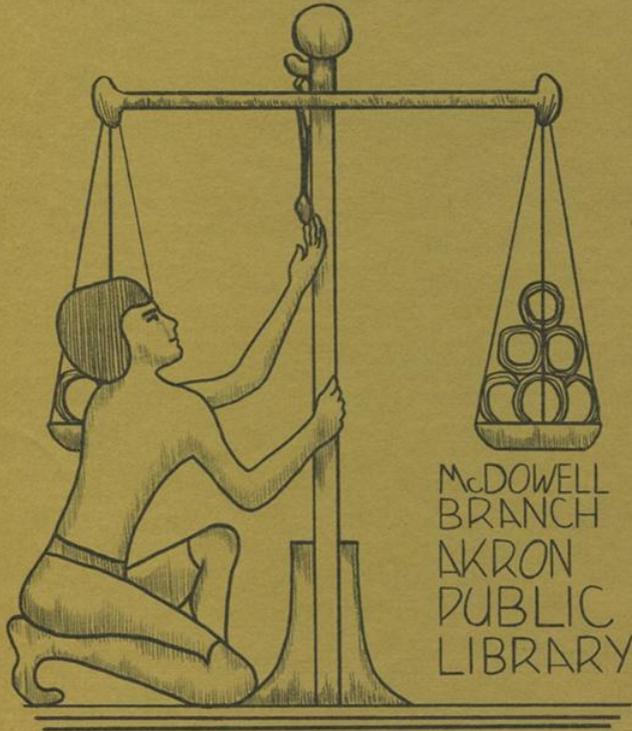


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By Dr. Louis Ross

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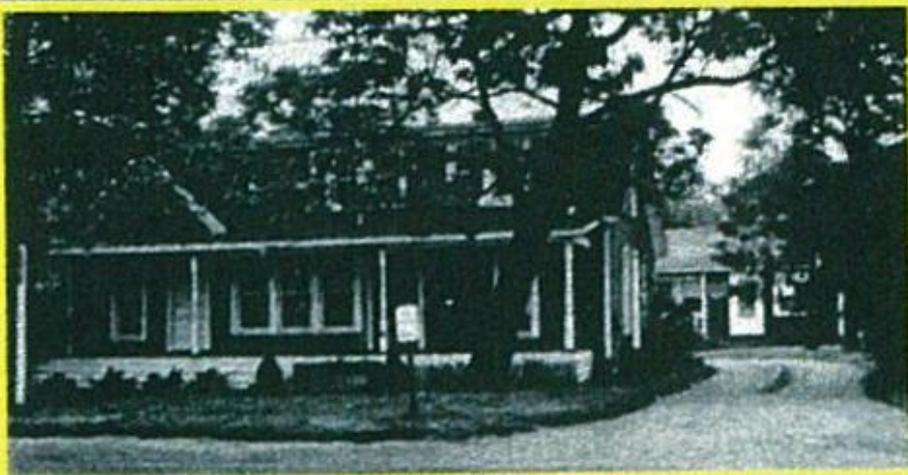
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