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February 7, 1980

Mr. R. Purdy 45345 Ford Road Canton, Mi. 48187

Dear Mr. Purdy:

I am pleased to send you the enclosed flag which has been flown over the United States Capitol in honor of the Canton Public Library. I hope you will enjoy having and flying this flag.

If ever I can be of assistance to you again, please let me know.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours

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#### Canton library board taps O'Connor as librarian

Deborah O'Connor, former librarian at Plymouth's Dunning-Hough Library, has been selected Head Librarian of Canton's new thrary.

The appointment was announced last Wednesday night by the Canton Public Library Board.

"She's an accomplished professional," said Doug Ritter, chairman of the library board. "We're very happy with our choice." O'Connor, 28, holds a master dogree from Wayne State University in library science and is now acting director of the Wayne County Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

She also served as children's librarian and director of Dunning-Hough Library, which serves the Plymouth-Canton Community. She's very familiar with the reading habits of Canton tids. Ritter said.

The Canton library in scheduled to open on the third floor of I chemship Hall in February or March of 1980, said Ritter. "We still need to buy books, furmiture, shelving, and hire more staff," he said. "But the most important decision was choosing Deborah."

The library was funded by a one-mill maximum levy approved by voters in the spring. The election also set up the library board which is authorized to overnee the library's opperation.

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DEBORAH O'CONNOR

man of the library board, resigned because he's moving out of town in a job switch. Ritter replaced him as chairman, and Kay Baldrica was named by the board to fill the

yacancy.

Bucher was previously chairman of the library millage committee which campaigned to pass the library millage.



Annette, 5, and her father, Clarence Griggs of Canton, wait in line for their choice of either a spaghetti or chicken dinner at the Roţary's benefit.



#### Benefit for books

Bill Sherman (left), assistant treasurer for the Canton Rotary Club and Roy Schultz, treasurer, man the entrance to the Roman Forum restaurant in order to sell tickets to a benefit dinner held Monday for the soon-to-be-completed Canton Library. (Staff photos by Gary Caskey)



Roman Forum waitress Chris Platukas brings in a platter of spaghetti and chicken for the hungry patrons of the benefit dinner.

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#### Rotary dinner benefit raises \$1,200 for fund

A recent benefit dinner sponsored by the Rotary Club of Canton has raised \$1,200 for the Canton Public Library. The dinner was held on Dec. 3 at the Boman Forum Restaurant on Ford Road in Canton.

Rotary Club members volun-teered their time publicizing the dinner, selling tickets, clearing tables, and washing dishes while the Roman Forum staff prepared the

dinners and waited on customers.

The proceeds from the dinner will be used to purchase audio visual equipment, including projectors and filmstrips, for the library which will be open in late spring.

A similar dinner sponsored by the Rotary in 1978 resulted in a cash donation to the library which has aided in costs in establishing the reading facility.

reading facility.





#### Library gets \$1,200

A recent benefit dinner at the Roman Forum has netted the new Casion Library B. 200 toward establishing the reading facility. Sponsored by the Canton Rotary Club, with volunteer beilp from the Roman Forum staff, the fund raises was a big success, seconding to everyone involved. Shown here are Rotary President William Tesen (from

left), Greg Gatto of Roman Forum presenting the \$1,200 check to Deborah O'Cooner, head (lbrarian, and Douglas Ritter, library board chairman, Library board members in back row are Mary Feltz (from left), secretary, James Gillg, treasurer, Norma West, Kay Baldrica and John Schwartz, vice-president.

#### Books get home

The Canton library has found a he

The township's Library Board signed a lease Friday offered by the Board of Trustees to reat the third floor of Township Hall.

"This was our biggest hurdie," said Library Board Chairman Doug Ritter. "Now we can proceed with buying shelves, tables,

supplies and other things."
Ritter said the library will probably open in the summer. "In about one mouth, we should have a solid idea of when it will open."

The library was originally expected to open Jan. 1 of this year when township voters approved last summer a one-mill maximum levy to fund it.

The delays in settling on a lease, among other things, had put back the opening date, said Ritter.

#### Libraries: A source of help

School libraries and public libraries are excellent sources of information for student job-hunters.

"We have a lot on resumes," said Sally DeGraff, a children's librarian at the Canton Public Library. The library also has books and other materials on interviewing and job hunt-

Among the items that are available are

 Betsy Bauer, "Getting Work Experience: The Student's Directory of Professional Internship Programs.

• "The Summer Employment Directory of the United States." • Jan W. Greenberg, "The Teen-

ager's Guide to the Best Summer Opportunities."

· Allan B. Goldenthal, "The

· Sarah L. Riehm, "The Teenage Entrepreneur's Guide: 50 Money-Making Business Ideas."

· Lawrence Graham, "Jobs in the Real World: The Student Job-Search Handbook."

. "What You Need To Know About Getting a Job and Filling Out

· Jacob Israel Biegeleisen, "Job Resumes: How To Write Them, How To Present Them.'

• Tom Washington, "Resume Power: Selling Yourself on Paper."

· "Resumes That Get Jobs: How

To Write Your Best Resume."

• Deborah Perlmutter Bloch, 'How To Have a Winning Job Interview.

· Caryl Rae Krannich, "Interview for Success.'



CANTON GOODS ELLOWS all pitched in to help load up boxes of gifts and food for needy milies in the area lest Saturday morning. Here Jerry Bodeamiller checks over his list to make are it's right. Tom Carmen is in the background. The Canton Goodfellows collected \$2,780

#### Cantonites may go to library at Twp. hall

BY PHYLLIS REDFERN

If all goes well, Canton residents may have a library on the third floor of the Township Hall after all.

Negotiations between Canton library officials and Canton board of trustees are progressing well, according to Canton Treasurer Jim Donahue, who met with library officials last Wednesday.

"I don't see that there is any problem. I think we have a good agreement," said Donahue in reference to the library leasing the third floor of Township Hall.

Questions about the library leaving the third floor of Canton Township Hall arose last week when library officials announced they were looking for alternative locations to house the library.

After 18 weeks of making arrangements to open the library, officials were disappointed in the lack of progress being made in signing a lease with the township

The library board advertised for space to lease in ads last week.

"Our main objective is to deliver services to the people," said Doug Bitter, chairman of the library board. Following Wednesday's meeting, Bitter said, "I think things should progress from here, however, we'te still keeping our eyes peeled for options."

According to Canton Supervisor Not Go bert, the library board was presented six a lease "at least a month ago." He said a wa a standard lease, with the library payor 5 per cent of the building utilities, house lighting, and Honey Well (an energy of

Culbert said he was disappointed when he learned the library board was considerag locating elsewhere. "If they than a's last doing up a lease with us, wait until they pout in the big world," he said.

Donahoe said the mechanical denile of the lease were iruned out last Wolten day. He said some of the things damed include: maintenance of the poting in snow removal; damage to their poss who is responsible for security; and that the board he kept advised of the library's hous.

The term of the proposed lesse is he for years, and is reopened yearly for my tiations on sharing of costs, said Donales

Attorneys for the library board, and the township hoard are scheduled to bear terms of the lease today, and a will go bin the township board Tuesday, Jan 1 is

approval.

There no doubts about it passing Donahue.



3rd Floor of Township Hall. Puture home of the Canton Public Library.

February, 1980



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#### Library announces winners in contest

The Canton Public Library has selected the winners of the fifth annual
Illustrator's Contest.

The contest was open to students
in the seventh through 12th grades.

Turner for Stormbeinger', and bonVIS. Savings Bonds.

The winners are:

• Grades 9-10 — first place, Kim
Tyburski for "Pet Sematary", secod place, Jeremy Rhesult for "Lord
of the Files"; third place, Andrew
Turner for "Stormbeinger", and bonorable mention, Craig Eichner for
Stand on it."

U.S. Savings Bonds.

The winners are:

Grades 11-12 — first place,

Grades 11-8 — first place, Christ Vevette Riegal for "Step en a Varty for The Hobbit", second Crack", second place, John Gotties place, Nathan Ketcham for "Cycle for "Christine", third place, Dawn of the Werewolf", third place, Neil Campbell for "A Clown Like Me."

Dixon for "Huckleberry Finn."







Equipment, furniture and supplies began to arrive.





Girl Scouts from Troop 411 help unpack books

## Canton gets ready to open 1st library

By HARRY ORSCHELN Press Staff Writer

CANTON TWP — The first public library in the township is ordering books by the hundreds and plans to open this summer, according to Deborah

The library, on the third floor of Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center, already has about 11,000 books, mostly from purchase orders by Deborah O'Connor, head librarian, from the Wayne-Oakland Library Federation, a group of about 60 libraries.

The library is expected to contain 50,000 books.

"We'll set the date for the opening as soon as we can get snelving, card catalogues, more books and other equipment," O'Connor said.

The effort to establish the library has been growing in the township since voters approved a 1-mill levy for the library in May 1979. The tax is expected

to generate a first-year budget of about \$250,000.

The library board formed in 1979 to establish a library ran into a snag in late December when the township board failed to approve a lease to allow the library to use the third floor. Hostilities arose between the

Hostilities arose between the two boards and the library group ran ads in newspaper classified sections for space to house the library elsewhere in the township.

Altorneys were called in, however, and a lease was approved by both boards in late February. The lease assigns the third floor to the library, with the library board paying one-fourth of the building utilities and \$400-per-month.

O'Connor estimated that the library's share for the utilities will be about \$25,000.

"But we always contended we wanted to pay our fair (See LIBRARY, Page (A)

#### Library

(Continued from Page 3A) share," O'Connor said.

Besides O'Connor. Clara
Bohrer of Canton has been
hired as the children's
librarian. She will start March
17. The library also will have a
full-time adult reference
librarian, three part-time
clerks and four high school
students who will work part
time.

O'Connor said volunteers have been working steadily in preparing the books for shelving, but more are needed and anyone interested in helping should call 397-0999.

#### Library needs help

A "swamped" library staff is calling for help.

for help.
Volunteers are needed at the Canton library, which opened four weeks ago on the third floor of Township Hall.

Head librarian Deborah O'Connor said the library needs persons of high school age or older to help out in fourbour time blocks once a week

hour time blocks, once a week.

Tasks would include stamping and tagging books and placing them in alphabetical order, said Ms. O'Connor.

PEOPLE have been flocking to the library since it opened Oct. 20. Books have been circulating at a record pace and mothers have been signing up their

children for reading programs.

Ms. O'Connor estimated that 17,250 books had been checked out as of Friday. The total collection is about 20,000-25,000 volumes, she added.

"We're spending all our time waiting on people and don't have time to put books on the shelves," explained Ms. O'Connor. "We're so swamped, we're really failing behind.

"It's vitamin time around here," she added, with a laugh. "We're hoping it will calm down."

Brisk business forced Ms. O'Connor to move up the hiring of a part-time clerk to augment the staff. That hiring had been scheduled to take place in January, she said.

And a reception held Nov. 9 to highlight the opening of the library drew about 300 persons, said Ms.

"We're just flabbergasted and delighted," added Douglas Ritter, chairman of the Canton Library Commis-

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#### A very busy person

Deborah O'Conner sits in a nearly-vacant room on the third floor of the Canton Township Hall that is in the process of becoming the community's new library. But don't let appearances fool you. There are a million and

one things that the head librarian has to attend to before the reading facility will be ready to officially open sometime in mid-summer. (See story on Page 1).

## Canton Library is gearing up for summer opening

Now that Canton Township oflicias and the Canton Library Board have finally signed a lease, work is progressing speedily on the new book facility on the third floor of Township Hall.

And Head Librarian Deborah O'Connor couldn't be happier — or busier

She is working against the clock to take care of the million and one things that need to be finished before the library officially opens up probably sometime in June.

Ms O'Conner is ordering books, consulting with an architect and interior design consultant for proper use of available space and also hiring the library's permanent star Clara Bohrer, children's librarian. has been hired and starts her new job next Monday morning

"Things are going at quite a frantic pace with everything to do, but it's a good feeling." Ms O'Conner said. "We're ordering books and materials and establishing policy covering employees, use of meeting room, regulations on the borrowing of books and keeping our own books."

The Towiship Board and Library Board have been negotiating a lease since Aug et 1979. On Feb. 5, the Trustee Bo. assed a proposed lease and it w. a approved by the Library Board a week later.

However, due to slow progress on settling the contract, and pressing needs, the Library Board investigated alternative locations for the library clsewhere in Canton but calld not find adequate space.

The signing of the lease paves the

way for the library to move ahead with a multitude of things in preparation for opening in summer. Delivery and installation of shelving and other library equipment will permit the library staff and volunteers to shelve the books that have been received all ready.

"A group of dedicated volunteers from the community has been working diligently to prepare each book for its place in the Canton Public Library." Ms. O'Conner said. "Many put in five volunteer hours a week and some even volunteer as many as 15 hours a week."

A bookmobile service to nursing homes and the senior citizens at the Recreation Center in Canton will start April 16, she said.

"Volunteers are still needed and anyone interested in helping out at the library may call 397-0999 for information," Ms. O'Conner said.

(See picture on Page 1)











The Library's first shipment of books.

March, 1980





Clara Nalli Bohrer (left), a children's librarian who began working for Canton this week, helps head librarian Deborah O'Connor sort books in preparation for the library opening. (Staff photo by Gary Caskey.)

#### Supplies kink library opening

The new Canion Township library will kink off limited services to senior citizens next mooth despite another sethack in the hopes of library board members to open the facility soon.

A bookmobile program — the first service of the new library — will start April 16 for seniors who require largeprist books, according to head librarian Deborah O'Connor. The books will be loaded on carts and delivered to the Caston Recreation Hall on Michigan Avenue and the Dion Nursing Home. But other township residents may have to wait until next August to borrow books from their local library.

Ms. O'Connor said hopes to open the facility this spring have been crushed by an expected delay in the delivery of shelving and other equipment.

SUPPORTERS OF THE LIBRARY originally planned on a January opening date during last spring's campaign for voter approval of a one-mill tax (\$1 per \$1.000 assessed property valuation).

The target opening date was pushed back to June when library board members realized that they would not receive revenue from the millage until the December tax collection period.

Ms. O'Connor said a delay in approving the library's lease for the third floor of the township administration building has pushed back the target opening date even further.

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Library board members expected to sign the lease agreement last fall, according to board treasurer James Gillig. But the document, which requires the library board to pay \$400 a month in rent and 25 per cent of township hall utility costs, was not signed until last month because of disagreements between the township and library board over some provisions of the contract.

Ms. O'Connor said this is the busiest time of year for library suppliers, who are now filling orders for schools.

Ms. O'Connor, whose salary has been set at \$22,000 a year, began working for the Canton library last August. She joined was this week by a new employee — children's librarian Clara Bohrer, who will earn \$17,000 a year.

ACCORDING TO GILLIG, the bbrary board spent approximately \$33,000 by the end of February.

About \$12,000 of that amount went to Ma. O'Connor in salaries. Since August, also has ordered and catalogued books, developed policies for the library and formulated a library program.

Other expenditures went for book purchases, rental of office equipment, attorney fees and rent.

Gillig said the library board has bor-

rowed \$155,000 in tax anticipation notes from the Municipal Finance Commission for 1980 to supplement the \$339,000 that it has received from the library's one-mill tax.

He said the borrowed money is needed, "because the costs of opening a library are enormous." Costs for the purchase of books and equipment alone are estimated at \$255,000.

Gillig expects to borrow tax anticipation notes through 1981. The notes, which carry an 8 percent interest rate, must be paid back within a year.

The library board has invested the 1980 notes in certificates of deposit, which earn 13 per cent interest.

Gillig said the library board thought the new facility would open this spring when Ms. O'Connor started last August

"To be candid, we were lucky that she started when she did," Gillig said, "None of us was familiar with libraries. The first few months on the library board was obviously a learning experience for us.

"It would have been absolutely is possible to operate without her."

According to Gillig, Ms. Bohrer will assume responsibility for development of a children's library program. She also plans to establish a story hour at area playgrounds this summer and ansist with the summer conding club at the Dunning Hough Library in Plymouth.

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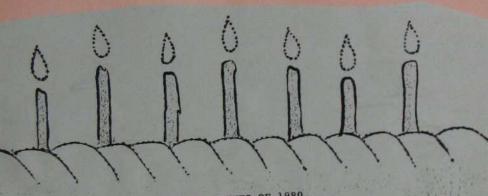
Busy days for the Receiving Department.



#### Booking a new opening

Canton Public Library, located on the third floor of the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, sure looks a lot different than it did just a few days ago. Things are still not completely in shape for Monday's opening at 10 a.m., but excitement is rising for the library's doors to be thrown open and give Canton residents an opportunity to use their own reading facility. Helping to add the final touches are children's

librarian Clara Bohrer (from left), Rebecca Havenstein, adult services libearian, Douglas Ritter, chairman of the Canton Library Board, and Head Librarian Deborah O'Connor. Although the Canton Library opens at 10 a.m. Monday, formal dedication ceremonies and Open House will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 9 to officially christen the new library. - Photo by ANP Chief Photographer Lothar Konietzko.



#### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OF 1980

Mount Saint Helens erupted

Aleksei Kosygin resigned as Soviet premier

Carter and Reagan met in televised debate

Compact discs and the Sony Walkman were introduced to the public

Voyager I took close-up pictures of Saturn

Bric Heiden won 5 gold medals in the Winter Olympics

The Philadelphia Phillies defeated the Kansas City Royals in the World Series

Rubik's Cube was a sales sensation

Ordinary People was voted best movie of the year

The Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Los Angeles Rams 31-19 in Super Bowl XIV

AND

The Canton Public Library opened its doors! (October 20, 1980)











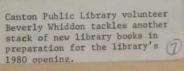
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Canton Public Library — In the Making



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Progress continues in the preparation for opening of the first-ever public library in Canton, Michigan. A one millevy was approved by Canton residents in May 1979 and the first tax funds were turned over to the Canton Public Library Board in January 1980. Deborah O'Connor, Head Librarian, and the sixmember Library Board have gone ahead with plans for an opening later in 1980.

Books have been ordered; equipment and shelving have been selected and the beginnings of a library staff are on board making plans and preparing for the library's opening.

Community volunteers visit the library regularly to assist in sorting, stamping and processing the books as they arrive. Everyone awaits anxiously the day when shelving arrives and books are no longer stored in boxes.



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#### Vital volunteers

There are a million and one jobs to do in getting Canton's Public Library ready for opening in the fall. Some people volunteer as many as 15 hours a week to get the facility ready to open on the third floor of the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Head Librarian Debbie O'Connor is the first to express gratitude for those numbers of willing workers who donate their time to the library. Two such volunteers are shown here as Pat Rhinehart works diligently to keep the important files up to date. In the other photo, blond-haired Suranne Roberts makes the best of cramped conditions as the library workers strive to have the new Canton Library open as soon as possible. It is expected to open around the first of September.





#### Library's shaping up

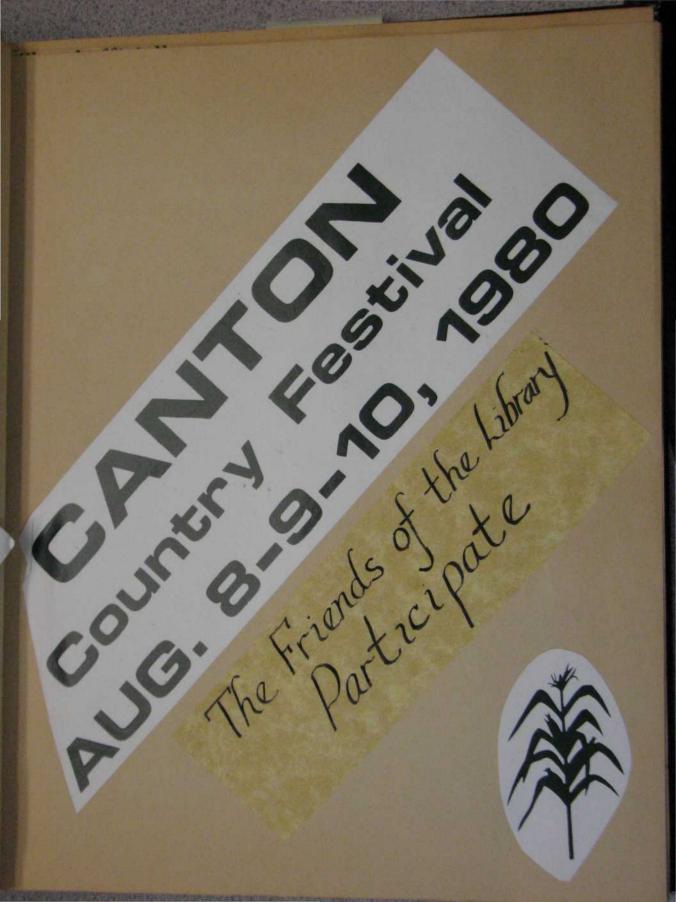
The preparation of Canton Township's new library housed at the Township Hall complex has received assistance from the Canton Newcomers Club. The club members are involved in all phoses of the book processing as

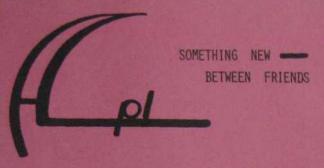
the volumes arrive. Working the alphabetical file card directory here is member Carol Dugan. The group also helped to purchase a new microfilm machine for Canton's first library. (Staff photo by Gary Caskey) Countries To

#### DISPLAYS

- Library
- Historical Society
- First-Aid Station

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FRIENDS OF THE CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

We're a new organization dedicated to encouraging public participation in the development of library services and facilities.

We call ourselves the Friends of the Canton Public Library and need your support in developing the Hibrary as an important community resource.

The Friends of the Canton Public Library are looking for people concerned with helping our library provide access to information and ideas which will improve our quality of learning.

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Your support will be Something New - Between Friends

For membership information call 981-2224 or 981-0008

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- stimulate public support
- fundraising
- encourage use of the library
- enjoy the fellowship of other library friends
- keep up-to-date on new programs and activities
- finally, you'll be part of a dynamic group exchanging valuable solutions

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#### Closed officially

#### Library starts up for kids

e new Canten Public Library will pen officially until Oct. 20. ut we're extending an invitation to school group of any age to come said children's librarian Clara

school and elementary classes coming to the library last month sposes of story hour. Ms. Bohrer

uses puppets and flannel characters on a flannel board to pump life into the stories she tells. Sometimes, everyone

stories she tells. Sometimes, every sessings songs.

I shy away from just reading the stories, she says.

Teachers who would like to bring their students to the library on the third floor of Canton Township Hall are

asked to call Ms. Bohrer at 397-0999.
On Oct. 13, parents may register 3to 5-year-olds for a preschool story
hour. The 40-minute sessions will be
held twice a day for six consecutive
Wednesdays, beginning Oct. 22. Ses



lids may come into new Canton Townlibrary before (Staff photo by



Cauron Public Library 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton Michigan 48188 (313) 397 1000

The Canton Public Library has scheduled its first Preschool Story Time "Mother Goose on the Loose". The story hours will be held for six consecutive Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, October 22. Registration begins on Monday, October 13, at 10:00 a.m. Parents may register their 3, 4 or 5 year old children in the library (located on the third floor of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road) or via the telephone 197-0999. The Canton Public Library will officially power for services The Canton Public Library will officially open for service on October 20, 1980.

For further information contact Clara Bohrer, 397-0999.

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#### Officials hope Cantonites borrow books here

By DARLENE STINSON

In 1979, Canton Township paid \$46,000 to the Dunning-Hough Library

James Gillig, treasurer of the Canton Library Board, expects the contribu-

hoping that fewer residents will travel community. to Plymouth to borrow a book.

He hopes the contribution, which is nothing by 1983.

Current statistics show that 40 percent of the patrons who use Dunning-Hough live in Canton, Another 40 per-

cent live in Plymouth Township, while only 20 percent reside in the city of Plymouth - the municipality where Dunning-Hough is located.

According to Gillig, Canton's contribution to Dunning-Hough represents 40 tion will rise to \$54,000 by the end of percent of the library's operating budget Municipalities typically contribute With the opening of Canton's own to a library's operation if 10 percent of public library next Monday, Gillig is the facility's customers reside in that

Gillig said a recent attorney generbased on user statistics, will drop to al's opinion appears to legally exempt communities from the obligation to contribute.

> "But as far as we're concerned, we will continue to compensate them,"

said Gillig, "It's a very strong moral that Canton's use of Dunning-Hough backs (as a result of the Canton li-

THE NEW CANTON Public Library will officially open to the public next Monday with a "starter" collection of 20,000 books.

Library officials hope to lure Canton residents from Dunning-Hough to the new, 11,000 square-foot facility on the outh and Plymouth Township are third floor of the Canton administration building

Pat Thomas, head librarian at Dunnnew facility despite the financial impact on the Plymouth library.

will taper below 10 percent by 1983. She estimates that Plymouth Township will pay 66 percent of the library's operating cost and Plymouth 33 percent when Canton drops out of the financial

Ms. Thomas said officials in Plymaware of the finacial consequences of the Canton library start-up.

"All the communities have been ing-Hough, said staffers there will en- aware for at least the last five years courage Canton residents to use the that Canton would eventually establish its own library," said Ms. Thomas "As a result, we put a lid on library opera-She agrees with Gillig's projection tions. We're not anticipating any cut-

brary.)

one of the highest usage rates in the Wayne-Oakland Federated Library System. But the staff is one of the

SHE CITED "pressure" on the Dunning-Hough Library as a result of the population boom in Canton. The township's population has grown from communities will use the Canton facili-11,000 to 48,000 in the last decade.

book collection of 4,000 to 5,000 books. nancial support. she cited as an example. But at times,

shelves

The early reading selection (for Ms. Thomas said Dunning-Hough has children) is sometimes even worse. In that area, it's mainly Canton pressure. There aren't that many young families in Plymouth and Plymouth Township."

> Deborah O'Connor, head librarian of the new Canton library, said the collection there includes a wide selection of children's books.

Gillig expects residents from other ty. But he doubts that non-resident unage ever will total 10 percent - the The library owns a children's picture figure at which communities kick in fi-

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#### Officials hope residents will sample new library

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Canton residents are paying one mill (\$1 per \$1,000 assessed property valuation) in support of the library. Voters approved a levy of up to one mill in May 1979.

Gillig suspects that the rate will be cut below one mill in 1984 - as long as the Tisch Amendment is

"Obviously, the first two or three years we'll need the hill millage," said Gillig in reference to the library's start-up costs.

THE LIBRARY BOARD aiready has spent about \$300,000 for equipment, books and the remodeling of Township Hall's third floor.

Gillig said that amount covers almost all the capital expenditures needed by the new library. He plans to allocate about \$25.0 3 to 330,000 in the library's 1981 budget for the purchase of additional audio-visual equipment.

The library heard also hopes to expand the book collection to 55,000 during the next few years.

This year, the library board borrowed about \$155,000 in tax anticipation notes to supplement the \$322,000 raised by one mill. The loan, which curries an 8 percent interest rate, must be repaid in one

Gillig anticipates burrowing another \$121,000 next year and investing money not immediately needed in high-interest-bearing time certificates.

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A construction worker sets up tables and shelves in the new Canton Public Library in preparation for the Oct. 20 opening. (Staff

#### Days tick off 'til library opens

The countdown has begun. Only, even days remain before the new Canton Public Library opens.

Everyone involved — library staff, library board members and columbers — is busy preparing for the opening.

The new library — on the third floor of Township hall at Canton Center and Proctor — officially spens at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 20.

opens at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 20.

"I don't know if any of as will get any sleep," said head librarian De-

borah O'Connor of the work yet to be done.

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"I don't want to think about the
rest of the things we have to do. For
one thing, we've got to get the place
cleaned up." she said of boxes scattered on the library floor.

LATE LAST WEEK, carpenters were nailing wood panels on the pale yellow shelves, which already are partially filled with books.

Volunteers were stuffing metal

theft-protection devices into the books' bindings, while staffers reviewed paperwork and accounts.

Newly arrived desks and tables were piled up in the middle of the spacious room along with bright orange and yellow chairs.

In a back room filled with books and unpacked boxes, Mike and Mark Brown were pasting cards on the inside covers of books. The Plymouth Salem High School students live across the street from Township Hall and decided to stop in and help out.

"This is our first day. But we'll probably come in every day to help," said Mike, a junior.

Ms. O'Connor, who has been working toward the library's opening since August 1979, said 75 volunteers have belped prepare the new library. Ten volunteers have worked steadily.

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## Week remains to library start

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Several township organizations have contributed \$2,500 to buy audio-visual equipment. The Canton Rotary Club hought draperies for a community room, where movies and stides will be shown.

THE NEW LIBRARY covers the entire 11,000- square-foot third floor.

Part of that space is allotted to the community room and a lounge and kitchen for library employees.

But the bulk of space is for the library itself.

The fictional section and reading area for adults is at the north end of the library, along with study corrals.

"We see ourselves as a place where parents who go to school can come for a quiet place to study," said Ms. O'Connor.

At the south end of the library is the children's section. Children's li-

brarian Clara Bohrer will tell stories and show films in a nook off the side of the main traffic area.

The library will open with 20,000 books and plans to increase its collection.

"It's a wide-range collection, but that not deep," she said of the books now on hand. Volumns include a fairly large reference, fictional and children's collection. Patrons also may order books from other librar-

"People in suburbia like their liction," said Ms. O'Connor, who previously worked at the Dunning-Hough Library in Plymouth.

SHE EXPECTS a large group of parents in the library today for registration of a story hour for children.

Library hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday



#### Booking a new opening

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## New Canton Library opens doors Monday

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CANTON LIBRARY

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HALL \* SOUTH OF CHERRY HILL

THE CANTON BOAID approved a variance to the township's sign ordinance for the operard Canton Library subject to the approval of the ordinance department before the record by executed. Certainly, the signs serve a temporary purpose of promising the sign of the new facility, but the same need holds true for new humanouse or the comment of during unusual times. The newly-elected board should consider rectaining the overly sign ordinance to allow for some latitude seithout jeopardiateg the newthetic intent of signs. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

# October 20th 1980

#### Library looks for Oct. 20 opening

The long-awaited opening of Canton Township's new library has been set for

"I'm certain about that date — un-less some real hitches come along," said head librarian Deborah O'Connor.

"We've had some people call and say they thought the library was already open. But I think people understand all that goes into (establishing a library)." The target opening date of Oct. 20 is

the latest in a string of dates set by the library board

The new facility will be located on the third floor on the township's administration building at Canton Center Road and Proctor.

Voters approved a one-mill tax for the library in May 1979.

LAST SPRING, library officials were hopeful the facility would be open sometime in August. Those plans hitged on whether the library's shelves would arrive in time.

Shelving supply companies pushed back Canton's order, however, because of competing requests from a number of school districts and universities. Ms. O'Connor now expects to receive

the shelves during the week of Sept. 21. The library board's timetable calls for the installation of furniture during the week of Oct. 5 and the installation of a

sucurity system the week of Oct. 12.

Ms. O'Connor expects a stock of 20,000 books for the library's opening. More books will be purchased during the next few years.

the next few years.

Although most of the current book stock has been cataloged, Ms. O'Connor said library employees still need help from volunteers. Interested persons should call Ms. O'Connor at 397-0999.

Supporters of the library originally planned to open the facility last January. The target opening date was pushed back to June when library board members realized they would not receive millage revenue until the not receive millage revenue until the December tax collection period. Further difficulties pushed back the

opening date to August and now to Oct.

Further difficulties, such as a delay in negotiating a library lease, pushed back the opening date to August Ac-cording to Ms. O'Connor, it now "looks pretty certain" that the library will swing open its doors on Oct. 20.

#### Canton Library to open Monday at 10 a.m.

the public beginning Monday, Oct. 20 at 10 a.m. Cantonites voted to establish a library system by approving a special millage in May, 1979.

The library staff will begin offering services to all residents of Canton. The library has a growing selection of adults' and children's books, magazies, and other special materials. Staff members are also ready to begin sponsoring a wide variety of children's and adulta' programs.

A rapidly growing collection is forecast by the library, it is expected that the collection will double or triple its size within the first year of operation. Moreover, the Canton Public Library is a member of the Wayne Oakland Library Federation; therefore, residents have full interlibrary loan capabilities. The library staff is able to obtain interloan materials from other libraries for Canton library users at no cost.

The library staff has taken special care in purchasing books to develop a collection which meets the needs of Canton residents. An extensive adult reference collection and a wide-ranged children's collection are special features of the Canton Public Library. A comprehensive microfilm and microfiche magazine collection will be on hand for research.

A microfiche reader/printer is available for users who wish to make copies from the film. A photocopy machine is available for users at a charge of 10 cents per copy. As a special service, up to five free photocopies of reference materials will be provided

The Canton Public Library will be open to to patrons who are in need of material which does not circulate.

The library's hours are Monday through

Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is of Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center closed Sunday.

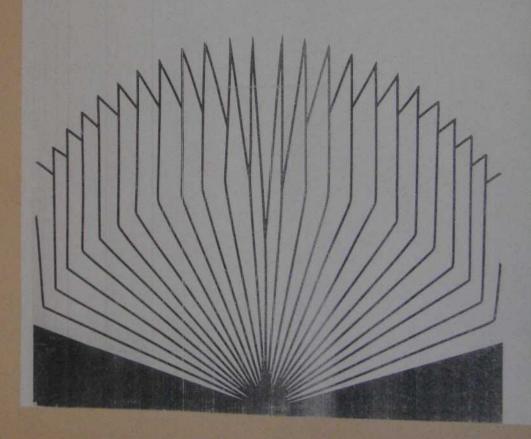
The library is located in the third floor



THE CANTON LIBRARY, although not quite finished, as shown by the boxes of books yet to be placed on the shelves, will hold its official opening Monday, Oct. 20. The library, in the planning stages for months now, is located on the third floor of Canton Township Hall. (Crier photo by Dan Bodene)

## We're Open!

The Canton Public Library 1150 S. Canton Center Road Dedication: Sunday, November 9 1:00-5:00 pm Library Hours: Mon. -Thurs. 10am-9pm Fri. & Sat. 9am-5pm





Fartitims employees Garaldine Burlage (left) and Bev Whiddon assist customers. Employees have been putting in long hours getting the

#### Library opens!

#### Bookworms burrow into volumes

Kelly Darin, 3, is selecting "A Wog-Iren's display of Halloween books in-

approved a levy of up to one mill in May 1979

enipped in with a projector and draper-

Supporting common of the library

"People were waiting in line to get in (an hour before opening)," said Clara Week (Nov. 16-23), events will it lude Bohrer, the children's librarian.

"Three hundred people called in for the preschool story hour," added Ms. will be able to check out children's Bohrer, a Canton resident. We had tays, puppers and cassette book collecopenings for 120.

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During Children's National Book suppet shows, magic tricks and story exclods. Beginning in January, people will be able to check out children's

"WE want to be approachable," add-

City Belleville and Wayne-Westland

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Ready to pass through the library's security system are Julie -Phil Jose with Jennie, 4, and P.J., 2. The children are taking ortion



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Gary
Caskey



John Storm, 12, is out of school because of a broken leg. He's catching up on his studies as the library.



Checking out a stack of books is Carol Slicesch of Canton, Assisting her is head librarian Deborah O'Connor.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS AND ZONING

Canton Township Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, Michigan 48188

#### CERTIFICATE OF USE AND COMPLIANCE

Issued To Canton Township Library

Date October 17, 1980

Owner Charter Township of Canton Year 1980

District

Zone

THUS IS TO CERTIFY that building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road

has been duly inspected and is suitable and acceptable as of the date herein mentioned for occupancy as

This certificate is issued in accordance with the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance and Building Department regulations.

It is specifically understood that this certificate becomes null and void when secured through fraud or by reason of latent violations not ascertainable at the time of inspection or when changes in sonstruction, indispla

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#### Welcome

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#### Want a book? Try Canton's new library

You're paying for the new Canton Public Library. ... So use it.

If you haven't beard already, the new book-borcowing facility opened Oct 20 on the third floor of Township Hall at Centon Center and Proctor. Library personnel are gearing up for a grand opening. Nov. o from a to 5 p.m.

Many residents already have streamed through the new facility to look it over or to borrow a book.

They undoubtedly were pleased with what they now with east farniture and a bright orange and sellow decor, the facility probably is one of the most attractive suburban libraries in the area.

In marter collection of 20,000 books offers a self-counted selection of reference and childresiding material. Empty spaces on the shelves are expected to fill out during the next few years. IF YOU'VE BEEN USING other libraries in the area, you may ask, "So what?" The library you may have been using is probably more established than the brand new Canton branch.

The new library deserves your support for several good reasons.

Obviously, there's financial rationale

Voters approved a one-mill tax (\$1 per \$1,000 assessed property valuation) for the library in May 1979. The tax was levied for the first time last December.

But part of the funds will be used to support the Dunning Hough Library in Plymouth if Canton residents continue to use that facility.

An agreement between libraries requires municipalities to pay for the operation of a non-local branch if that community's usage exceeds 10 per cent of the total.

Last year, 40 percent of the people who used Dunning-Hough tived in Canton. As a result, Canton paid 40 percent — or approximately \$46,000 — of Dunning-Hough's operating costs

Canten officials hope their contribution to Dunning-Hough will drop to zero by 1983. They hope to use the full tax paid by Canton residents for operation and improvements at the new library.

Dunning-Hough officials express similiar hopes. They cite "pressure" on the Plymouth facility as a result of the population boom in Canton and high township usage rate.

THE NEW FACILITY also furthers Canton's quest for its own community identity.

Residents and officials have complained a great deal in recent years about the absence of community identity in Conton. Additional services, such as those offered by the library, can belp pull Cantonites together.

Residents and service organizations have volunteered many hours to shelve and catalog books an perform a dozen other assurted tasks.

Their efforts benefit more than the avid readers.

The library features carrells where older and younger pupils can go for a quiet place to study. It offers several programs for children and teses such as a facial demonstration and pupper show scheduled for later this month.

It's our bet that you'll like the new library. Why not drop in and find out?





#### Canton Public Library

November 28, 1980

To be released in your paper on:

Shurday December 7, 1970

The Canton Public Library will present a variety of Christmas programs for children of all ages.

On Wednesday, December 10 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., there will be a Christmas Film Festival for ages 6 and up. The films will include the Nutcracker, the Mole and the Christmas Tree, and Very Merry Cricket. No registration is required for this program.

A holiday puppet show featuring the Puppet Twins will be held on Saturday, December 13 from 1:00 to 1:45 pm. Children must be ages 5 and up to attend the program. Registration begins on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 10:00 am.

For preschoolers, there will be a Christmas Storyhour on Wednesday, December 17 at 10:30 am or Thursday, December 18 at 10:30 am featuring stories, films, songs, fingerplays, and there may even be a visit from Santa himself. Children must be between the ages of 3 to 5 years old and not attending kindergarten. Registration begins Monday, December 8 at 10:00 am.

Thank you very much,

Clare & Bokney

Clara N. Bohrer Children's Services Librarian

#### Library schedules ceremony

known as the "puppet twina" -will stage a Puppet Show Play-house for kids 5 and up. The per-

forms will begin at 5 p.m.
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Children 3 to 5 are invited to the library in their pajamas for a bedtime story bour at 7 pm. Timenday, New 20.

On Saturday, New 22, magician Serve Wennai will perform a magic show for kids 5 and up. The show begins at 23 pm.

Registration for all book week programs begins at 10 am, Monday Nov. 16. Parents are arged to register their children in persone For (urther information, call children's librarian Clara Bober at 267-4692.



Kids from Gallimore School have created a (left) thanks the children for their contribution unshine collage" for the walls of the new Canton (Staff photo by Gary Casker) Public Library, Children's librarian Clara Robrer

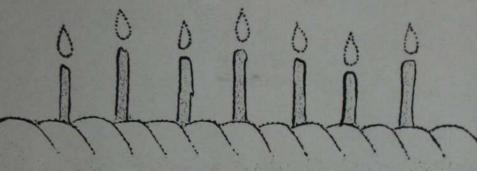
## Rebecca Havenstein

Children's Librarian

Deborah O'Connor

Head Librarian

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#### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OF 1980

Mount Saint Helens erupted

Aleksei Kosygin resigned as Soviet premier

Carter and Reagan met in televised debate

Compact discs and the Sony Walkman were introduced to the public

Voyager I took close-up pictures of Saturn

Eric Heiden won 5 gold medals in the Winter Olympics

The Philadelphia Phillies defeated the Kansas City Royals in the World Series

Rubik's Cube was a sales sensation

Ordinary People was voted best movie of the year.

The Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Los Angeles Rams 31-19 in Super Bowl XIV

AND

The Canton Public Library opened its doors! (October 20, 1980)



PRESENTING 8300 to the library from the Canton Rotary Club is John Schwartz, right. At left is Head Librarian Deborah O'Connor, with Dong Ritter of the library board, (Crier photo

## Young readers welcome

"Books Alive!" is the theme of the 1980 National Children's Book Week. In celebration, the Canton Public Library will be having a variety of children's

programs that will guarantee to keep things alive and jumping at the library.

On Tuesday, Nov. 18, there will be a "Puppet Show Playhouse" for ages five and up beginning at 7 p.m. The puppet show will be performed by Janet and Linda Herman, better known as the "Puppet Twins."

On Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 4 p.m. there will be "A Pocketfull of Stories" featuring stories, songs, and poetry from well-known children's books. This storyhour is recommended for ages six to nine.

Thursday, Nov. 20 will be preschool night at the library. Children, ages three to five, are invited to attend the "Bedtime Storyhour" in their pajamas at 7 p.m. On Saturday, Nov. 22 at 2:30 p.m. there will be "Book Magic," a magic show

featuring magician Steve Weikal for ages five and up.

Registration for all the Book Week programs begins an Monday, Nov. 10 at 10 a.m. either in person or by phone. It is suggested, however, that registration be done in person. For any further information concerning the library programs, contact Children's Services Librarian, Clara Bohrer, at 397-0999.



THE LIBRARY STAFF, from left: Lo Ann Smith, cleek; Rebecca Havenstein, adult services; Clara Bisheer, children's services; Deharah O'Comour, houd threaton. (Celer photo by Robert

# Beauty session coming

On Thursday Nov. 13 at 7 p.m., the Young Adult Services Division of the Can-ton Public Library will be hosting "A Beauti'd New You." This evening season of makeup and nail care tips will feature Linda McCarry, beauty countrient for Jafra and Krt Flora a manicurist at Natura! You.

Girls 12 and up is a settend (mothers are the sections). Segistration is required and will height on Thursday, Nov. 6 at 10 a.m. For more information, you may excuse Rebecco Havematein at the Caman Paulio Library, 217 (1992).

Photographs of the Dedication and Open House ceremonies of the Canton Public Library.







Morma West, James Gillig, John Schearts, Mary Felts, Kay Baldrica, Douglas Mittar

Dedication and Open House

CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
November 9, 1980
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

presented by

Canton Public Library Board Canton Public Library Staff and Friends of the Canton Public Library The Canton Public Library Board. Staff and Friends request the honor of your presence at the Open House and Dedication of the Canton Public Library November 9, 1980 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Dedication at 2 p.m.

## Bustling

New officers of a new group — Friends of the Canton Public Library — are busy preparing plans for a Nov. 9 open house in the library. From left are Dave Whiddon, president. Donica Keogh, vice president; and Carol Dugan, secretary. The three are inviting the public to attend their next meeting at 7:30 p.m., Monday in the library. The new facility is scheduled to open Get. 20. (Staff photo by Gary Caskey)



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# Canton Public Library was years in planning

After years of planning, the Canton Public Library has finally opened its doors.

Located on the entire third floor of Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center Rd.,

the library has a full range of books, magazines, and programs All Canton residents may use the library. In fact, other libraries charge Cana's government when Cantonies use other libraries. So use of the Canton

library serically saves money.

The library beeps the following losses: Monday through Thursday, 10 a m to

Official dedication of the library will be held Sunday, Nov. 9, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The public is welcome to tour the facilities, meet the staff and members of the Canton Library Board. At 2 p.m. the library will be dedicated by the chair-

man of the library board. Besides the book collection, which the library staff plans to double by 1982, the library has magazines, business services, microfilm, newspapers, puppers, puppers, puppers, and bestsellers. In 1981, education toys, film-strips camettea, and records will be added.

If the Canton library doesn't have the look you want, it will be ordered from another Ehrary in the Wayne-Oakland Library Federation, Canton library users have access to 60 other libraries in the federation, as well as the books in the state Blerary, several university libraries, and the Detroit Public Library.

A number of children's programs are also regularly scheduled at the library. These include a preschool storyhour, school-age story hours, movies, and more

The library is funded by a one-mill tax levy, approved by Canton voters last year. It is also supported by gifts, state aid to libraries, fines, and interest income.

A six-member library board directs overall policy of the library. The original board was appointed by the Canton Board of Trustees, but a new board was elected by voters in yesterday's election. The independent board has following members: Mary S. Feltz, Douglas J. Ritter, John D. Schwartz III, Katherine A. Balurica, James Gillig, and Norma Jean West.

In addition, the Friends of the Canton Public Library, aids the library's operation. The Friends' activities will include fund-raising events, increasing public awareness of the library and volunteer assistance

For further information on the Friends, contact Lynn, at 981-0008.

The library's phone number is 397-0999.



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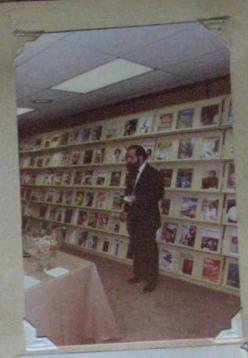












Dan Baldrica



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LIBRARY DEDICATION & OPEN HOUSE

November 9, 1980



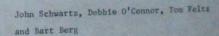
Dick deBear (in tan suit), Interior Designer, with Board Member, Doug Ritter



Leo Dinnan, Director of WOLF with Debbie O'Connor



Former colleagues of Deborah O'Connor.







Dr. Gillig

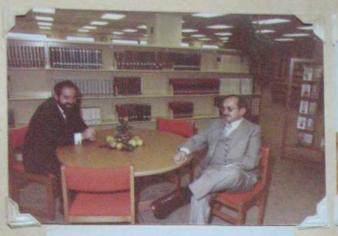


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FRIENDS RECRUITING





Dan Baldrica and Tom Feltz





James Kostera, Kay Baldrica and Doug Ritter





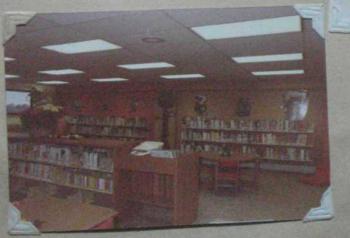
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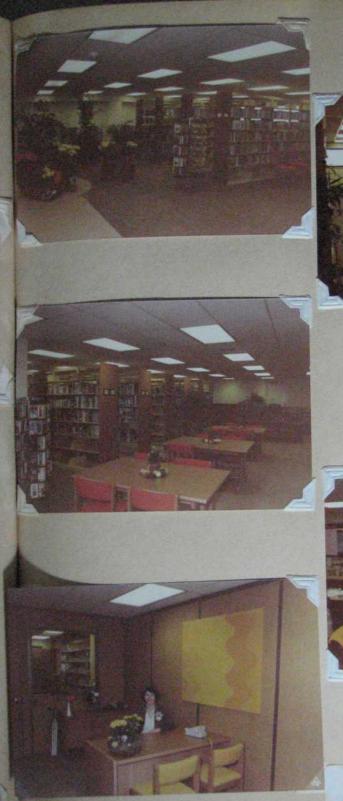


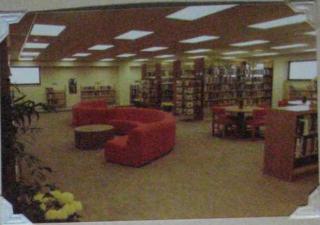
CHILDREN'S AREA

Nov. 9, 1980











LIBRARY WORK ROOM

Library Director, Deborah O'Connor in her office.



#### Canton Public Library

1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, Michigan 48188

#### WATCH US GROW!

We are your library and we want to let you know about our services at the Canton Public Library. Whether you have been a regular library user elsewhere or not, you may be surprised at the wide range of services and materials in store for you.

#### WHERE IS THE LIBRARY?

The library is located in the Canton Township Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill. The library is on the third floor of the building and may be reached by elevator or stairs. There is plenty of free parking to the west of the building.

#### WHEN WILL THE LIBRARY OPEN?

The library will officially open its doors on Monday, October 20 at 10:00 a.m. Thereafter, the library's hours will be

Monday - Thursday 10:00 - 9:00 Friday & Saturday 9:00 - 5:00 Sunday closed

#### WHO MAY USE THE LIBRARY?

Any resident of Canton may use the library. In fact, Canton residents are urged to use this library in order to reduce payments currently being made to other community's libraries for Canton residents' use.

Early publications of the Canton Public Library.

October - December, 1980

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS OCTOBER - DECEMBER

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN'S NATIONAL BOOK WEEK

Tuesday, November 18 7-8pm Janet and Linda Herman, better known as the "Puppet Twins" will be on hand to bring to life favorite children's books through a series of puppet plays. Recommended for ages 5 and up. Registration begins Monday, November 1

Wednesday, November 19 4-4:45pm A school-age storyhour featuring stories, poetry, and songs from well-known children's books. Recommended for ages 6 to 9. Registration begins Monday, November 10.

"COODNIGHT OWL"

Thursday, November 20 7-7:30pm

A bedtime storyhour for 3 to 5 year olds featuring stories, fingerplays, songs and puppers. Children are invited to come in their pajamas with their favorite stuffed animal. Registration begins Monday, November 10.

Saturday, November 22 2:30-3:30pm BOOK MAGIC Magician, Steve Weikal will be on hand to demonstrate amazing feats of magic for "children" of all ages. Registration begins Monday, November 10.

WITCHES, WITCHES, WITCHES Wednesday, October 22 4-5pm
Halloween films guaranteed to create chills up and down your spine! Films include Winter of the Witch, Teeny Tiny and the Witch Woman, and The Witch Who Was Afraid of Witches. Recommended for ages 6 to 11. No registration

Thursday, October 30 4-5pm TRICKS OR TREATS A Halloween costume party for ages 6 and up featuring scarey stories, films, fun activities and special treats, as well as some tricks. Participant are asked to wear their Halloween costumes. Registration begins Monday,

CHRISTMAS FILM FESTIVAL Wednesday, December 10 4-5pm Special Christmas films featuring The Nutcracker and Very Merry Cricket. Recommended for ages 6 and up. No registration required.

A holiday puppet shown featuring the "Puppet Twins" to get everyone into the holiday spirit. Recommended for ages 5 and up. Registration begins Wednesday, December 3.

CHRISTMAS FANTASY FOR PRESCHOOLERS or Thursday, December 17 10:30-11:15am or Thursday, December 18 10:30-11:15am Stories, films and fingerplays are just some of the surprises in storie for those preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, who attend our Christmas storyhour. Why, there may even a visit from Santa Claus himself! Registration begins Monday,

December 8.



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"Books Alive!" is the theme of the 1980 National Children's Book Week. In celebration, the Canton Public Library will be having a variety of children's programs that will guarantee to keep things alive and jumping at the library.

On Tuesday, November 18, there will be a Puppet Show Playhouse for ages 5 and up beginning at 7pm. The puppet show will be performed by Janet and Linda Herman, better known as the "Puppet Twins."

On Wednesday, November 19 at 4pm there will be A Pocketful of Stories featuring stories, songs, and poetry from well-known children's books. This storyhour is recommended for ages 6 to 9.

Thursday, November 20 will be preschool night at the library. Children, ages 3 to 5, are invited to attend the  $\underline{\text{BedtIme Storyhour}}$  in their pajamas at 7pm.

On Saturday, November 22 at 2:30 pm there will be Book Magic, a magic show featuring magician Steve Weikal for ages 5 and up.

Registration for all the Book Week programs begins on Monday, Nev. 10 at 10:00 am. either in person or by phone. It is suggested, however, that registration be done in person. For any further information concerning the library programs, contact Children's Services Librarian, Clara Bohrer, at 397-0999.

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Head Librarian: Deborah G'Connor



## Overdue

## Proposed law takes aim at lazy library patrons

By ARLENE FUNKE

Somehow, you never got around to returning those repair manuals to the

The due date came and went. After a time, you began receiving phone calls and written notices from the library.

It became embarrassing. You were ashamed to show your face at the li-brary. And the book became a perma-nent part of your household.

Does that sound familiar

Canton Township officials are pre-paring to adopt an ordinance that could carry maximum penalties of \$500 fine or 90 days in jail (or both) for stealing

or failing to return a library book.

The intent of the proposed ordinance isn't to set harsh penalties, say offi-

"The whole purpose is to get the book back," said Chief Ordinance Officer Bruce Phillips.

Phillips said the penalties would be "standard" under state misdemeanor

"It's up to the discretion of the judge," he added.

THE PROPOSED ordinance was patterned after a similar one in Garden City, said Phillips. It was introduced at a recent township board meeting, and a formal vote by the board probably will come within a month.

Canton's library — which opened in October — is still too new to have a serious problem with non-returned books, said head librarian Deborah O'Connor. She wants to make sure it re-

"THESE AREN'T so much theft as much as people who fail to return (books) in spite of notices from us," said Ms. O'Connor.

If people ignore our notices and telephone calls, we will turn them over to the ordinance department.

Turning a case over to the ordinance department would be a last resurt, said

The librarian would prefer getting the book back. A second choice would be to charge the customer either the replacement cost or the overdue fine, whichever is less.

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"We just want our books back," she said. "It's sad when you've purchased a book once and it's no longer in print. We want to protect our collection."

Ms. O'Connor said other problems are created by "repeated offenders" who go from library to library. These persons check out, but fail to return, books.

PAT THOMAS, head librarian for the Plymouth library, concurs with Ms.
O'Connor's assessment of the problem.
For example, losses at the Plymouth
library amounted to 1,700 books in

They checked them out legitimately, but they didn't bring them back, said Ms. Thomas. "They ranged from 95-cent paperbacks to \$30 art books. If you average \$10 a book, it comes to a hefty sum in books."

Unreturned books are a headache which libraries have "faced forever,"

"I guess it's reached the point where the price of the book and the staff time (are) so much. It becomes worthwhile

(are) so much. It becomes worthwhile (to get tough).

"More and more libraries are doing it," she added. "This is public money."

Both the Canton and Plymouth libraries hope to cut their losses from unreturned books by becoming part of an areawide, computerized library identification system next year.

As explained by Ms. Thomas, both borrowers and books are assigned an identification number. Books will be checked out on the basis of a number. Ms. Thomas said the new system will eliminate "forgeries," in which persons falsify their names and addresses when the checking out books.

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"We will punch out a code and can
determine if there are any overdue
books at this or other libraries," added

The whole data bank will be available to us," she added. "It will streamline the whole system."

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# Library slates new story hour for 2-year-olds

When should you start reading to

Children's librarian Clara Bohrer says as early as possible. Starting next month, she will host a story hour for 2-year-olds and their par-

Although the Canton Public Isibrary sponsors reading programs for pre-schoolers, the sessions have been limited to 3- to 5-year-olds in the past. Parents sit on the sidelines while Ms. Bohrer conducts those

The program for 2-year-olds will be different. Participation by Mom, Dad, a grandmother or babysitter is

"This is probably the first time (these) children will be in a group together. It's not only a way for the child to be amused, but a learning experience for the parent," she said.

half-hour sessions, Ms. Bohrer will read stories to children and their parents. Finger puppets and felt boards will be used to illustrate the story line. During the last 10 minutes, parents will be asked to individually read stories to their kids from a selection of books for 2-year-

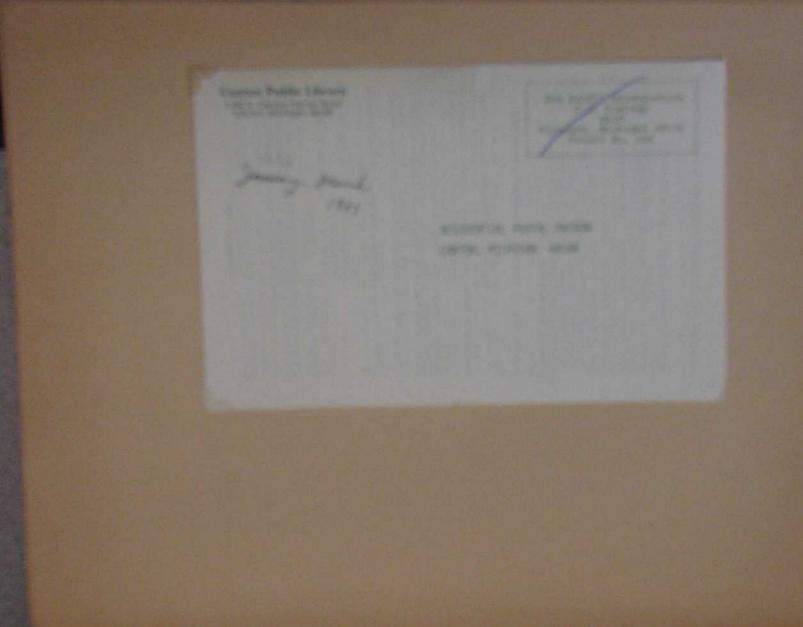
begins at 10 a.m. March 2 in the li-brary on the third floor of Township

The series of reading sessions will be held on four consecutive Mondays, begining March 9. One series will be held at 10:30 a.m. The other is scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

Ms. Bohrer plans to hold more reading sessions for 2-year-olds throughout the year. She believes the program is the first of its kind in the Canton-Plymouth area.

## **Budding** bookworm

Laura Kogut, 2, and her mom, Barbara, get a head start on a new reading program for 2-year-olds at the Canton library. For information about the program, turn to page 4A. (Staff photo by Gary Caskey)





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## Used book sale to help library

Friends of the Canton Public Li-brary will sponsor a used book sale April 10, 11 and 12 at Kings Row Shopping Center at Lilley and War-

Proceeds from the sale are ear-marked for the library, which opened last October on the third floor of Township Hall. Sale items include hardcover

books, paperbacks, children's books, comics, puzzles, records, games and

comics, parales, records, game, and toys.

The sale starts at 10 a.m. Friday and Saturday in a vacant Kings Row store. The sale will be held from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Persons who wish to donate books for the sale may drop them off at the library or at the Kings Row store during sale hours.

# Library plans week of special activities

A variety of activities are planned for the Canton Public Library during the week of April 5 in celebration of National Library Week.

The celebration will be the first for the library, which opened last October on the third floor of Township Hall on Canton Center at Proctor. Canton Center at Proctor

Specific programs are planned for the week including

• An open house from 7.30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, April 9. Members of the Labrary Board will greet library users and answer questions about the facility and its policies. Refreshments will be served, and all family members are welcome to attend. welcome to attend.

· Poppeteer Jane Zevalkink will • Puppeteer Jane Zevalkink will perform two puppet shows for kids. At 1:30 p.m., a preschool performance will be held for 4- and 5-year-olds who are able to sit attentively for a 35-minute period. A performance for children in kindergarten and up will be held at 4:30

· Films for children 6 and older will be shown at 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 6 Pilms include "Soup for Presi-dent," "The Three Robbers" and "Nate the Great Goes Undercover."

The programs require no registra-tion. Space is limited, however, and persons will be scated on a first-come. first-serve basis

In conjuction with National Library Week, the McDonald's restaurant on Michigan Avenue will donate 25 cents to the library for each Big Mac pur-chased between April 5 and April 11 Coupons, available at the library, must accompany each order to qualify the li-trary for the donation. brary for the donation.

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take place at Kings Row shopping center at Lilley and Warren. The Friends
of the Canton Public Library is looking
for books, comics, puzzles, games, records and toys. Rems should be brought
to the library, 1150 S. Canton Center
Road, All proceeds of the sale will benefit the library.

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## New book collection arrives

LOOKING OVER a new collection of books for gifted children at the Canton Public Library are Cheryl Johnson (left), Coordinator of Gifted and Talented Education for Plymouth-Canton Schools, and Clara Bohrer, Canton Library Children's Librarian. Funds provided by the Canton Newcomer's Club and Plymouth Canton Association for the Academically Talented established the collection and will allow the library to keep it up to date. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

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## Canton library plans birthday celebration

On Oct. 20 the Canton Public Library will existence in first hitthiay. In binner of the orientation, the Friends of the Caston Library will spouse a birthday party and membership tea from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the bibary.

Coffee, tes and a birthday cake provided as a gift of Create-a-Cake in Guaton will be served and tours of the library will be offered.

The Friends have been very successful during their organizational year. A pre-Christmas book sale held last winter was a popular Friends activity. The used book sale during National Library Week in April was so successful that the Friends were able to donate several costly and useful articles to the library.

Among these gifts are a community information and referral file, a free standing globe and an extensive set of reference books on World War II.

The Friends plan to repeat this sale in April and are soliciting used books for the sale. Persons are encouraged to bring used books to the library.

Future plans call for assisting the library in a volunteer capacity, fundraising and coordinating a project to assist handicapped library users.

Persons interested in becoming members of Friends of the Library are invited to attend the birthday party and membership tea.

According to Canton Librarian

Defeash O'Comor, there are many reasons to celebrate the Bhrary's history, notably the way the Camion community has taken the library to its heart. The overwhelming popularity of the library is shown by the large circulation of materials and the overwhelming response to the library-aponsored programs.

Over 240,000 items have been borrowed from the library in its first year, she said.

"This makes the Canton library the sixth most popular library in the 60member Wayne-Oakland Library Federation." she added.

More than 800 children participated in the summer reading program sponsored by the library and throughout the year 100 preschoolers have been involved in story time sessions at any one time.

When the library first opened its doors in October of 1980 it was stocked with approximately 20,000 books. In October of 1981 the total book collection exceeds 47,000 volumes and is still growing. The library subscribes to over 200 magazines, including adult, juvenile and professional tides.

Many magazines are available on microfilm, including Standard and Poors, Value Line, National Business Employment Weekly, Dun and Bradstreet and Congressional Quarterly's government service.

The children's collection features cassettes, records, book-cassette combinations, filmstrip-cassette combinations, puppets and comic books in addition to its extensive book collection.

operators and the three serbide telephone and in person reference services, outreach programs to sensor cuttorns and extensive in-library programs.

An active Children's Department staff spunsors a whole garnet of library programs geared to children. These programs include the popular storytimes held for the two-year-olds and older preschoolers. Events are beld annually during Children's Book Week in November, including activities for preschoolers and older children. Magic shows, puppet shows, storytelling programs, drama shows, craft workshops and film programs are just a few of the activities.

A summer reading club for school-aged children attracts bundreds of readers. Free Reading is Fundemental (RIF) book distributions accompany library-organised activities throughout the year. Children's librarians visit schools and other community groups promoting reading and the use of libraries.

Clara Bohrer, head librarian of the children's department, has recently been elected chairman-elect of the Michigan Library Association's Children's Services Caucus.

The adult department offers programs of interest to adults such as recent seminars on wills and trusts, resume writing and employment interviewing techniques, in addition, a wide range of current bestsellers are available at the library.

Young adult programs sponsored by the department tackede habysitting workshops leading to Red Cross certification.

The library's membership in the Wayne-Oakland Library Federation entitles inbrary users to request materials through interlibrary leans. If the Canton library does not own a particular book, the staff can request it from another library. If the Canton library has the book, but it has already been borrowed by another patron, a reserve will be placed on the book and it will be held when it is returned.

The library is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The Canton Library is located on the third Boor of the Township Administration Building at 1150 Canton Center Road.



## Canton Library adds mural to book nook

A NEW MURAL has been added to the Canton Public Library's childrens book nook. Painted by artist Sandy Gillig (right), the work depicts several popular childrens book

characters. Head librarian Deb O'Connor (left) says there may be a contest some time in the future, for kids to identify the characters. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd) Photographs of the CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S first birthday party. October 20, 1981









The Library's first birthday cake: The cake was donated by: CREATE a CAKE of Canton 1701 Board



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Globe purchased by the FRIENDS for the Library.

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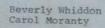
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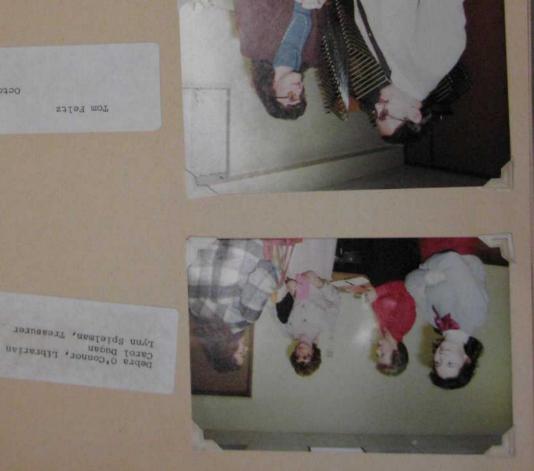
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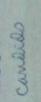






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More pictures ...
Library's "First Birthday Party,"



Candid shots of patrons using the library on a typical day.

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## CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY CHILDREN'S SERVICES

"Any Time, Any Place, Any Book" Children's Book Week November 16 - 21, 1981



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"NERLIN THE MAGICIAN" Newmber 23 10-90-12-00 a.m.

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A special drawing of Book Week prizes will immediately follow the presentation.

\*\*LIBRARIAN OF THE HOUR\*\* November 26 - 21 Time arranged 
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8 and up). Regardation togets Rowenber 9 by phone or us person. Times will be arranged on an activideal basis.

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