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Stein opens Canton library fund

BY DONNA LOMAS
 When it looks as if no one else will do the job, do it yourself. That's how you get things done, says Canton Supervisor Harold Stein.

He proved it last week by opening a bank account with his own \$10 for Canton's potential library fund.

"I just want to get it started," he said. "If we want a library, let's get on with it, that's all."

The new Canton township administration hall, slated for opening in May next year, has potential library capacity. So no further building expenditures would be involved for the library, said Stein.

Canton currently shares library services with the Dunning Hough library with the township and city residents of Plymouth. That cost of sharing has peaked this year at \$50,750, from \$10,327 in 1973.

A Canton library feasibility study reports that a library in Canton could be developed by gradually phasing-out Canton library monies to Plymouth, in such a way to "minimize the economic disruption and potential alteration in service levels" to Plymouth. By 1981, Canton would be supporting Dunning Hough Library with \$28,150.

The first year operating the Canton library...

\$76,666, with a population of 30,000 people and a book stock of 22,500.

Having a resident library would increase costs do for Canton residents, the report shows, yet it is comparable to other communities that have their own libraries, says Canton Deputy Treasurer Mike Gorman.

Canton hopes that public participation in a "Friends of

Libraries" program will help, as well as potential grant support, a possible tax levy of one-half mill to cover operational expenditures and the continuing reduction of participating on the Dunning Hough library.

"It's up to the people in Canton to decide now if they want it," said Stein. "We should get this thing rolling."

Canton Library Fund Begins

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Fund for library is getting fatter

Money in the fund to establish a Canton Township library wouldn't exactly make a millionaire blink.

Grand total in the account at the Wayne Bank is now up to \$145—a substantial increase over the \$10 account first opened by Supervisor Harold Stein last month but far short of the minimum \$263,000 needed to start a local library.

Although township officials have asked for donations to the account, only one club and three private citizens have contributed money so far.

The United Democratic Club of Canton fattened the account with its \$100

donation Tuesday night. Other contributions have come from Stein, Canton resident Sue Mundo and deputy treasurer Mike Gorman, who lives in Westland.

STEIN FIRST asked for donations to the library fund last summer as an alternative to a library millage. But no one had donated anything until last month, when Stein marched over to the bank with his own \$10 contribution.

Although township officials do not expect donations to reach \$263,000, they say a "hefty" library fund could offset the amount of township funds needed to establish the facility. Start-up costs not covered by donations would have to be financed by the general fund. The level of donations needed has not been set.

According to a feasibility study conducted by the accounting firm of Seidman & Seidman, Canton could operate its own library on the third floor of the new administration building for less than the township now contributes to the Dunning-Hough Library in Plymouth.

Canton could operate its own library for \$100,000 a year, according to the accountant's report. An additional \$53,000 would be needed to purchase a minimum supply of books and shelving materials. Township officials would have to spend another \$10,000 over the first five years of the library's operation to increase the supply of books and materials to a level deemed acceptable by the Wayne County Federated Library System.

Stein dips into his pocket to start local library fund

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BY DARLENE STINSON

You can't start a library on \$10. Despite a three-month appeal by Township Supervisor Harold Stein for private donations to establish a public library, \$10 is all that has been collected.

Until last week—when Stein decided to trek to the Wayne Bank to see how much largesse had been deposited—there wasn't even a library account. Not one penny had been contributed.

"I just thought, 'Hell, I'll open an account myself,'" Stein said. "I just thought I had to get something going. I've been talking about starting a library ever since I started this job."

BUT TALK, won't pay the start-up

costs of a new library. The accounting firm of Seidman & Seidman concluded last July that the township could operate its own library for only slightly more than its share of running the Dunning-Hough Library in Plymouth.

But to get the library going, the township will have to spend at least \$100,000 to buy a minimum supply of books and shelves.

Another \$60,000 would be needed to pay the first-year salaries of a director, librarian, aides and co-op students. That compares with the \$55,000 the township will pay the Dunning-Hough Library next year if a Canton library is not established.

Stein says the additional \$5,000 cannot be afforded without a millage increase.

As an alternative, he proposed formation of a "friends of the library" program last July. The only response came from Dr. James Gillig, who agreed to join a library committee as the Rotary Club's representative.

STEIN BELIEVES the lack of support for his fund raising idea does not mean residents are uninterested in the library proposal.

"I just think the people of Canton Township are fed up with the political goings-on," he said. "They don't want to get involved in things because they think politics are involved. But politics have nothing to do with this."

Persons wishing to donate to the library fund or join the library committee should call Stein's office at 285-0000.



Limber up for library

With this Wednesday's benefit basketball game against the WDRQ disc jockeys coming up, Canton Jaycees have beefed up their prac-

tices. Tickets are \$1 and may be obtained at the door, 7:30 p.m. in Central Middle School. (Staff photo by Gary Caskey)

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Canton library's time has come

The fledgling Canton library fund is underway. Supervisor Harold Stein opened a library fund account last month with \$10 of his own money, "just to get this thing on the road," as he put it.

The money has been trickling in slowly but surely - there is now \$400 in the fund.

But anyone would know that it takes a lot more to open and maintain a library.

The fund has a long way to go, but with every dollar put in the account, a bit of insurance for Canton and its residents goes with it.

Canton will be assured that its community identity will grow with that fund, and the library will be a place to keep records of past history and present events.

It's hard to quarrel with the benefits a library can provide to a community and its residents.

By contributing to the Canton library fund, you can help this once-rural community come to grips with its identity in an urban age.

Library Fund grows with community support

Get tax credit for library gift

A fundraising brochure for the Canton Library fund is making the rounds in the township area.

Under state law, contributors are allowed a credit against their state income tax equal to 50 per cent of their gift to a public library. A couple filing a joint return can be allowed a maximum credit of \$500.

For example, as Supervisor Harold

Stein points out, if a couple with a joint income of \$20,000 donated \$300 to the library, they could deduct \$150 from their state income tax and \$54 from their federal income tax.

Credits for corporations are also allowed. Corporations can deduct up to 50 per cent of the contribution from its tax, providing it does not exceed 10 per cent of the tax liability or \$5,000,

whichever is less.

Stein has approached Canton's ice clubs this year, asking them to help his fundraising campaign. The Canton Jaycees planned a basketball game last Dec. 15 against a local rag station which was cancelled by the deejaays at the last minute. But the Jaycees will reschedule the library benefit sometime in January or February.

"Many people have already expressed interest in donating to the fund," Stein said, "hopefully, this tax break will generate even more interest."

Stein will be meeting with a group of citizens who belong to the Canton Library Committee to discuss putting a library millage on the ballot.

Stein considers a library one of his major goals in 1978.

Library fund at \$1,000

Almost \$1,000 has been donated to the Canton library fund by Cantonites to help offset the start-up costs of the library, according to Canton Township Supervisor Harold Stein.

Canton currently pays about \$50,000 to participate in the Plymouth library program at Dunning Hough. The cost to

operate new library in Canton the first year would be around \$76,666, including a continued contribution to the Dunning Hough library.

Initial start-up cost of the Canton library is estimated at \$163,000. To buy a recommended stock of 330,000 books alone will cost the township \$150,000.

For Library Fund

Canton Rotary, Roman Forum team up in benefit

By JIM BRADLEY
ANP Staff Writer

township library.

The Roman Forum Restaurant at 41601 Ford Road has offered to host an all-day fund-raiser on Dec. 4, with all proceeds going to the Canton Library Fund.

The Canton Rotary Club has gained an important ally in its efforts to raise funds to build a

Co-sponsoring the event with the Roman Forum will be the Rotary Club, which recently donated \$500 to help build the Canton Library, to be located on the third floor of the new township administration building at 1150 Canton Center Road.

"Mario Bossio and Gregory Gatto, owners of the Roman Forum, asked what they could do for our community," said John Swartz, immediate past president of the Rotary Club. "We suggested the library project, and they agreed it was a very worthwhile project. As a result, Rotary will co-sponsor the continuous dinner that will last from 12 noon to late evening."

All profits above cost will go to the Canton Library Fund, which currently has \$12,000. On Aug. 8, Canton voters rejected, by a 2-to-1 margin, a millage proposal to build the Canton Library.

On Dec. 4, the Roman Forum, helped by Rotary member volunteers, will serve spaghetti and chicken dinners with salad, non-alcoholic beverage and bread basket. Cost will be \$3.75 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

Alcoholic drinks will be available at the usual price.

"Actually, it was the idea of our cooks to serve a dinner of game that they shot with their bow and

arrows," said Bossio, who is prime mover of the fund raiser. He said that his cooks, Frank Bossio, Anthony Gatto and Chester Rusko, hunt often with "Robin Hood's equipment."

"However, when it wasn't possible to serve a fund-raising dinner of game, we decided to go with what we could," Bossio added.

Also helping Swartz and Bossio in the joint benefit dinner are Bill Tesen, vice-president of Rotary, and Mary Dingley of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets may be purchased in advance for the Dec. 4 dinner at the Chamber office, 5773 Canton Center

Road, Ford-Haggerty Road branch of Wayne Bank and at the Roman Forum, which is located on Ford Road just west of I-275.

"We're hoping other restaurants and business places in Canton will join in with fund-raising projects to help build the much-needed Canton Library," Swartz said.

Swartz said he believed Canton residents pay approximately \$50,000 per year for use of the Plymouth Library.

"That could go a long way toward paying for our own library," he said.

Mary Dingley may be called at the Chamber office at 433-4040 for more information about the dinner.



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For the library

Honoring its commitment to the Canton Library Fund, Publisher, David J. Willett of Associated Newspapers, publisher of the Canton Eagle, presents a check to Supervisor Harold Stein. The Eagle, an early supporter of the library for Canton concept, offered to provide 20-percent of the profits from the publication of the Canton Eagle, over a six-month period, to the

Library Fund. In presenting the check to Stein, Willett said that he hoped Canton residents would be the beneficiaries of the Library Fund, initiated by Stein in 1977. "It is only fitting," said Willett, "that this fund be identified with the man who had the vision to conceive it. I am pleased that there is currently some discussion about naming the Fund after Supervisor Harold Stein."

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Canton Eagle honors commitment

Library

goal well worth pursuing

Library goal gets closer

It's encouraging to see the fund slated for a Canton Township library building grow steadily larger. Each of the groups which helped raise money deserves a truckload of praise.

The Roman Forum Restaurant, with the help of Rotary, managed to come up with a nice, fat \$2,000 check to further the goal of a Canton library. The money came from a day-long fundraising dinner.

Canton's Palace restaurant also contributed \$75, and another \$25 was donated by an individual.

Everyone involved in the effort deserves the community's thanks. That includes all those people who patronized these various fundraising efforts.

We believe a library for Canton residents is a goal well worth pursuing. Although voters chose not to support a millage specifically devoted to a library, we hope they will continue to dig into their pockets and contribute what they can.

For those who have already donated time and money, thanks again.

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Rotarians contribute to library

More than \$2,000 was donated to the Canton Township Library Fund last Tuesday night by the Canton Rotary Club. The club co-sponsored the Roman Forum and Palace Fine Food restaurant nights where part of the diners' revenue went to the library fund. Public Relations Chairman for the Rotary William Tesen said, "We hope this effort will help the community become aware of the

support needed to make the Canton Library one of the best investments a Canton resident can make into the future." Accepting the checks was Canton Supervisor Noel Culbert (pictured in the middle of the group of Rotarians.) From left to right: Jack Street, owner of the Palace Restaurant, Bill Brown, Stan Bucher, Bart Berg, Bill Tesen, and handing one of the checks to Culbert is Jack Schwartz.

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Editorial opinions

Canton's Library Fund needs citizen support

In spite of the fact that Canton residents rejected a millage increase that would have been earmarked for the development of a community library, the drive to raise funds for that purpose has picked up new steam of late.

Some observers have expressed their opinion that the library millage loss last November was simply a manifestation of the 'property tax revolt'. That contention appears to have some merit.

Informal samplings of public opinion on the subject of the library by the Eagle have disclosed little general opposition to the concept of a library, but admittedly there are some groups in the community who have taken a stand in opposition primarily on the basis of an anticipated increased property tax millage to fund the facility.

The Canton Library Fund, started by former Supervisor Harold Stein, has attracted many community organizations to its support, including the Eagle.

It is easy to understand the rush of support since supporting the library is equivalent to supporting motherhood and apple pie.

It is not a political issue, rather it is an opportunity for local groups to involve their membership in a worthwhile cause without fear of political complications down-stream.

But at the bottom line remains the question: Do Canton residents really want a community library, and are they willing to support that project with their taxes?

In reality, unless some unexpected wind-fall should occur, it is extremely unlikely that any fund, not supported by the community's tax base, could ever generate the required money to ensure the creation of such a facility.

While we at the Eagle feel that few things provide the return on investment that the library could, the ultimate decision on that project must be made by the citizens of the community who will ultimately have to pay for it.

We would urge the residents of Canton to study the merits of a plan to develop a community library.

We would hope that such a study would convince them that the library for Canton was indeed a worthwhile project. One that would help establish the community's identity from outside and inside.

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are they willing to support library with their
taxes?*

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NEWS RELEASE

SEPTEMBER 5th, 1978

SUPERVISOR HAROLD STEIN AND CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES THE CANTON ROTARY CLUB WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT YOU THIS CHECK FOR FOR THE CANTON LABRARY FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00. THIS MONEY WAS ALOCATED AFTER THE LIBRARY ISSUE WAS DEFEATED AT THE LAST ELECTION, WHICH IS AN INDICATION OF OUR CONCERN FOR THE CANTON LIBRARY. THE LIBRARY SHOULD BE THE MAIN GOAL OF EVERY ORGANIZATION, CIVIC GROUP, /HOME OWNERS, THE SCHOOLS AND ALL BRANCHES OF OUR GOVERNMENT. THE ROTARY CLUB WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN ANYWAY IT CAN TO GET THE LIBRARY ESTABLISHED--WE HOPE AND PRAY THAT IT CAN BE DONE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

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Library receives funds

CANTON ROTARY PRESENTED a \$2,000 check to the Canton Library Fund at the Board of Trustees meeting last Wednesday night. The fund also received \$75 from the Palace Restaurant and \$25 from Perry Rich-

wine, a local attorney. Standing (from left to right) are: Jack Street, Gregg Gatto, Bill Brown, Noel Culbert Canton Supervisor, Stan Bucher, Bart Berg, John Schwartz, and Bill Tesson. (Crier photo by Phyllis Redfern)

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Wayne-Westland schools to

If you have children attending Wayne-Westland schools, you might want to circle March 5 on your calendar.

That's the date of a millage election in which the Wayne-Westland School Board will ask voters to approve a tax

Job skills to be topic

Are you looking for a job, want to increase your chances of finding a job you'd really like, or want to minimize the chances of losing out on the job you really wanted?

Then you might be interested in a four-week job skills workshop beginning Feb. 6.

Beginning Feb. 6 and running four consecutive weeks, 7-9 p.m. on Tuesdays in Plymouth Canton High, the job skills workshop will help persons assess job values, write a convincing resume, complete a successful job interview after proper filing of an application, and assist persons in seeking—and keeping—the right job.

For more information on the workshop and other enrichment programs offered through the school district, visit the community education office in Room 129, Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road, or call 459-1180.

increase of three mills for two years—the first such request in 12 years. The board unanimously approved the election date Monday, with board members Gerard McGrath and Robert Reichard absent.

"We have to bite the bullet," said Supt. Timothy Dyer in his request for the millage election.

Dyer has said that failure to approve the millage request will force "drastic" reductions in art, music and elementa-

ry physical education programs. It also will force restrictions in athletics, shorten school days by one hour and cause cancellation of summer school programs, he added.

The additional three mills would raise about \$2 million, which Dyer believes is enough to restore cuts made in this year's budget and to prevent further reductions.

The increase would mean an additional \$3 for each \$1,000 of assessed

Library fund to get benefit dinner boost

The Cyprus Garden restaurant will host a dinner to benefit the Canton Library fund at 7 p.m. Feb. 4.

The fundraiser will cost \$25 per couple with tickets available in advance. Cyprus Gardens is donating all profits from the dinner to the fund, just as two other local restaurants did in December.

The library fund, now more than \$4,000 is to help achieve a library for Canton. Township residents now use the Plymouth library.

According to Larry McEwen, a member of the library fund committee, township board members, U.S. Representative William Ford, State Rep. Thomas Brown and State Sen. William Faust are expected to attend.

A discussion on the proposed library will follow the dinner.

Tickets are available from Norma Waara, who can be reached at township hall.

Library Fundraising dinner





WHERE ARE THE BOOKS? The third floor of Canton's Township Hall was designed to house a library, but voters denied a millage to fund it in August. Efforts to get a library haven't been halted; in fact, the opposite is the case. Stan

Bucher, left, chairman of the Canton Library Committee, and Larry McEwen, vice chairman, are eyeing another millage effort. (Crier photo by Bill Bresler.)

Committee gathers steam for Canton library

BY CHAS CHILD

Canton has everything most communities have with one exception—a library.

The township's Library Committee, however is gathering steam to change that.

"A library is an essential part of a solid community," said Stan Bucher, chairman of the committee. "The children need a library now."

Through benefit dinners and numerous small donations, the committee has raised about \$6,000. This sum attests to the interest and generosity of many persons in Canton, but is a small fraction of the money necessary to fund a library.

Bucher said that a recent study done by the township's accounting firm revealed that about \$870,000 is needed over four years to create a library with 80,000 books.

According to a librarian from the Wayne County library system, one book per resident is a good rule of thumb, so the 80,000 figure could well be pared down. The township's population is estimated at 35,000 now.

How will the money be raised? "We're looking at another millage," said Bucher. "We couldn't possibly raise all the funds through dinners.

The benefit dinners, like the one held last Sunday at the Cyprus Restaurant which raised about \$600, are mostly for public relations, said Bucher. "We want to keep the need for a library before the public.

In the August, 1978 primary election, Canton voters turned down a one-mill levy for a Canton library. This didn't discourage the committee much, however. "If the (Plymouth-Canton) schools don't have a millage on its June ballot, I would strongly favor trying again at that time," said Bucher.

Although finances remain the library's main roadblock, one problem is already solved: a building. The unused third floor of Township Hall was designed for a library.

And the Board of Trustees showed its commitment to a library on the third floor by placing a 35th District court-

room in the basement of Township Hall rather than the third floor as proposed by Trustee Bob Greenstein.

Now, Canton residents must use libraries in Plymouth and Wayne-Westland. In fact, about \$60,000 was paid in 1978 from the Canton general fund to Plymouth's Dunning Hough library so Cantonites can use it. This represents about 38 per cent of the library's income, said Bucher.

"If we had our own library, this figure would go along way

to its yearly operating costs," he said. Also, with a Canton library, payments to Dunning Hough would be phased out gradually to lessen the shock, he added.

"Dunning-Hough has reached its capacity. It was meant to serve a population of about 40,000, and now its serving twice that," he said.

For the next months, the committee will be gearing up for a possible millage campaign. "We'll probably hold back on the benefit

dinners and concentrate on flyers and educational material," said Bucher. "We don't want to hide the fact that we'll need a millage."

The other members of the committee are: Larry McEwen, vice chairman; Mike Gorman, treasurer; Norma Waara, secretary; Geraldine Barlage, publicity; and Norma West, Dr. James Gilling, John Schwartz, Barb McEwen, Jane Pertschell, Mary Dingsidey, Chris Culbert and Doug Ritter.

Where are the books?

Open house scheduled

The Canton Library Campaign committee will sponsor an open house and used book drive 1-5 p.m. Sunday, April 1 on the third floor of the township administration building on Canton Center near Proctor.

The books will be distributed to local clubs and organizations, and some may be used to line the shelves of the proposed Canton Township Library.

In a special election May 9, voters will be asked to approve one mill (\$1 per \$1,000 assessed property valuation) to finance the proposed library.

Refreshments will be served at the open house.

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New Canton Township library

An open house to inform residents of the plans for a new township library, and to collect old books to donate to homes for the aged, disabled veterans and other organizations, kicks off National Library Week (April 1 - 7), Sunday from 1 - 5 p.m. on the third floor of the Canton Township Hall. Free refreshments.

DN 3/29/79

May library election eyed by Twp. board

Canton Township voters may face the library millage proposition in a special May election if the newly formed Library Committee has its way.

But, because Canton elected officials aren't sure whether the Library Committee's way is the right way to establish a library, the issue has been tabled for further study.

"I'm not so sure we should be slapping the voters in the face, and we'd be doing that by putting this

issue on the ballot so soon after voters overwhelmingly defeated the issue in the last election," warned Trustee Robert Greenstein.

Committee spokesperson, Al McEwen said voters in the last election did not have knowledge about how much money Canton was funneling each year into the Dunning-Hough Library system in the city of Plymouth.

He said residents weren't aware, as he was not, that Canton's usage of

the library is now at 40-percent and growing.

"I don't think people knew they were paying \$60,000 each year without actually having anything to show for it," said McEwen.

Clerk John Flodin said if Canton were to hold a special election in May it would cost taxpayers about \$7,000 to \$10,000 to finance the election.

It was debated whether the library millage was "enough of an issue" to call a special election.

"I'm not against the library. In fact I have kids who can read, amazing in this day and age, who would love to use the library," Greenstein said.

But he suggested the library issue be placed on a regular election ballot, or as a supplement issue on a special election ballot with another issue receiving top billing.

Suggestions from the audience were that the farmland preservation issue be placed on the May election ballot with the library millage. But that received groans of disapproval from board members who argued "it's too early."

Board members in recent weeks approved the concept of holding a special election for the farmland preservation issue for May 30, 1981.

In the last election the farmland issue, asking voters to approve up to 4 mills for the preservation costs of saving nearly 5,000 acres of Canton's western half, failed by about 500 votes.

The 4 mill question was narrowly defeated and the library millage ballot question asking voters to approve spending 1 mill was overwhelmingly defeated by a near 2-1 ratio.

"I think that's some indicator that it wasn't just the cost," said Greenstein. Voters for some reason or other didn't want it. So what do you tell the voters after they turn it down in May and you tell them it cost them \$10,000 to say 'no' again?"

Board members tabled the issue until their next regular board meeting on Tuesday March 13. During the interim the Library Committee will meet and discuss whether it is feasible to educate the voters by May on the merits of Canton starting its own library.

Tentatively, the third floor of the newly built administration building has been earmarked for the library.

Will Canton get library?

CRICK MARCH 7, 1979
BY CHAS CHILD

Canton voters may get a second chance to approve a one-mill levy to fund a library for the township.

Larry McEwen, vice chairman of the Canton Library Committee, asked the Board of Trustees last night to set a special election on May 15 to fund a library.

The board, however, tabled a decision on the matter until its May 13 meeting so it could further study the proposal.

"I'm for the library," said Trustee Robert Greenstein. "But the issue was just defeated by the voters (in the fall). We were just put on notice, and we don't have the moral right to slap the voters in the face by bringing it back before them," McEwen replied that the voters

weren't familiar with the issue when they defeated it.

"We pay out of the general fund \$56,000 to the City of Plymouth's Dunning-Hough Library," McEwen said. "And by 1982, Canton will be paying an estimated \$116,000 - enough to pay for our own library."

Supervisor Noel Culbert added that "We're paying one-quarter of a mill now," referring to the \$56,000.

"We plan a strong education campaign if the election is approved," said Stan Bucher, chairman of the library committee. "The members of the committee will be available to speak at service groups, organizations, etc., and we will be passing out literature."

Next Tuesday's meeting starts at 7 p.m. at Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd.

THE CANTON OBSERVER

May 9 date set

Board okays library vote

Geraldine Barlage thinks Canton Township's decision to hold a May 9th special Library Millage election, is the first step toward building "community pride."

The township board, last Tuesday night, approved the special millage by a 3-2 vote with Trustees Robert Greenstein and Lynn Goldsmith dissenting. Greenstein argued it was too soon after the August primary election when voters then, defeated the library millage proposal.

Mrs. Goldsmith argued that special elections are historically not good indicators of total community "attitude."

But Mrs. Barlage, spokesperson for the library millage education committee, said the voters' attitude is more positive now compared to last fall when little "to nil information" was given on the "high" cost of Canton contracting out book usage from the Plymouth Dunning-Hough Library.

"There (at Dunning-Hough Library) we pay nearly \$60,000 a year, and get nothing...no books, no nothing in return," Mrs. Barlage of Proctor Road said. "This time around the millage is going to pass, because this time we have a professional campaign to educate the voters."

The township will be asking voters whether they desire to spend up to one mill annually for the first three years of the library's creation.

Mrs. Barlage said people were not aware last fall that there is not a need to construct a building to house the books, since the third floor of the newly-constructed administration building has been designated the library site.

The group has already established a "Calendar of Events" complete to election day.

Highlighting the committee's events calendar is continual distribution of fliers, "positive voting cards" currently being passed around asking the voter to commit himself to supporting the library millage proposal.

Committee member Doug Ritter is currently organizing a radio campaign, and the group will be appearing at more than 35 clubs, homeowners associations. And nearly every school in the Plymouth-Canton school district will be visited.

"After all this is a project for the kids," Mrs. Barlage said. "And as one committee member calls it...it's our Sacred Cow."

Scheduled for April 29 is an Art Auction organized by Chris Culbert, to raise money to offset the costs of promotional activities.

The Art Auction will be held on the third floor of the administration building where all library related

activities preceding the election will be held as a part of the promotional campaign, said Mrs. Culbert, supervisor Noel Culbert's wife.

"We're really working on this with a passion," said both Mrs. Barlage and Mrs. Culbert.

From our readers

Library election insults voters

Editor:

The Canton Observer of March 15 carried an article entitled "Library millage tries again May 16" which I protest as a voter and deem as an insult to all of the voters who voted this issue down in August 1978.

The voters do not want and do not need another opportunity to express their feelings toward the proposed establishment of a Canton Township library. They expressed themselves quite clearly by an almost 2-to-1 margin. If you trustees didn't understand the outcome, then ask Trustees Lynne Goldsmith and Robert Greenstein and they'll explain it to you. You can vote again on this issue and maybe, just maybe, you can come up with what the people voted for in the first place.

I don't know how much pressure was exerted to

sway the board's vote to hold a vote. You trustees must remember that you voted you into office to carry out the people. Instead, you totally ignore the people. You are displaying an outrageous and extravagant by proposing the use of taxpayers' money.

By the same method of reasoning, place the five trustees' names on the ballot but lost on the ballot and give opportunity to express their best trustees who were elected. But an election that will cost the taxpayers \$10,000. The next general election

Obscene 3/22/79

Open House

National Library Week - Book Donation

April 1, 1979

Name	Address	Phone
W.D. Gilbert	1706 Vondricks St., Canton	397-1057
Frances Cochran	15468 Maple Valley, Penna	461-1584
Debra Gilbert	8326 Brookside, Canton	453-0121
Elis Curbin	1706 Vondricks St. Canton	397-1057
Tony McEwen	7532 Admiralty Dr. Canton	457682
Donna E. West	713 Ridge canton	495-0744
Michelle Weaver	4720 MacKen Canton	455-8371
Barbara McEwen	1532 Admiralty Canton	459-7682
John Weaver	47270 mabel Canton	455-8371
Tom Stewart	43123 Farnia Canton	911-2088
Calvin Smith	47236 Ford Canton	453-5585
Steve Deas	5934 Sandhurst #102 canton	455-0462
Roma Weaver	47270 Macken Canton 48137	455-8371
Alma West	717 Ridge Rd Canton 4087	440-0539
Sam Person	42477 Sully Rd Canton	981-1858
Jackie & Ruby Payne	42229 Deygute Dr. Canton 48187	481-87 459-0530
Paula Propp	1694 Woodbury Ct Canton 48187	481-87 459-1561
Mary S. Feltz	4283 Farnsworth Dr. Canton	181-2089
John A. Kunk	35700 Columbia Westland 48125	326-5255
James R. Bonch	2022 CHAMBER MI 48188	397-1280
John N. Wynn	312 Monowick Ct. Canton 48188	397-3011
W. David Powell	4400 Oakdale Trail, Plymouth 48177	453-3753

Fund Raising
Art Auction

Name
Address
April 28, 1979
Phone

Library OK'd for ballot

Canton voters will go to the polls May 9 to decide the fate of a one-mill request to fund a library for the township.

The Board of Trustees voted 5-2 last Tuesday to permit the special election and the Wayne County Election Commission set the Wednesday, May 9 date.

Originally, the board requested a May 16 election, but that would be within 30 days of the June 11 Plymouth-Canton school election. State law prohibits two elections within 30 days.

"We're going to work hard to publicize the need for a library in Canton," said Stan Bucher, chairman of the Canton Library Committee. He added that any club, group, or organization that would like to hear a presentation about the proposed library can call him at 981-1275.

Bucher said that revenues from a full one mill (about \$300,000) are expected to be needed to start the library. These initial costs include books, shelves, furniture, etc. From the first year, however, the cost will decrease to about \$150,000 per year by 1982 to operate the library, he said.

The two trustees who voted against the election proposal were Robert Greenstein and Lynne Goldsmith.

"Since the voters overwhelmingly defeated the library millage in the fall, I don't think we should jam it down their throats so soon," said Greenstein. "We should wait until another regularly scheduled election. But I support the library and I'll vote 'yes.'"

The special election is expected to cost about \$10,000, he said. The state law governing the library special assessment district prohibits it from being on a school board ballot, Bucher said.

If approved, the library would be housed in the third floor of Township Hall.



THE COMMUNITY CRIER: March 21, 1979

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER
FOR
THE SPECIAL LIBRARY ELECTION
TO BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 1979**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

Notice is hereby given that in conformity with the Michigan Election Law, I the undersigned Township Clerk will upon any day, except Sunday and a legal holiday, the day of any regular or special election or primary election receive for registration that name of any legal voter in said Township not already registered, who may apply to me personally or authorized deputy for such registration.

The last day for registration by personal application is thirty (30) days before election. For the above election, the date will be Monday, April 9, 1979.

Notice is hereby given that I will be at the Clerk's office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, on the last day to register for the special election **MONDAY, APRIL 9, 1979** from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of reviewing that registration and registering such of the qualified electors in said Township as shall properly apply therefore.

JOHN W. FLODIN, CLERK
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

PUBLISH: March 22, 1979
March 29, 1979

*Canton voters go to the polls
May 9, 1979*

editorial opinion

Yes to Canton library — no to special election

Canton Observer 3/29/79
A special election will be held May 9, asking voters whether up to one mill (\$1 per \$1,000 assessed evaluation) of their property taxes should be levied for a Canton library.

The election will cost \$7,000-\$10,000, with taxpayers picking up the tab. That's a lot of money to spend on an issue that went down almost 2-to-1 during the August 1978 primary.

Members of the Canton library committee have defended the cost by telling the Canton Board of Trustees (which approved the election) that the issue needed to be the sole item on a ballot in order to get a positive response.

Maybe. When the proposal was on last August's ballot, it was just one of myriad issues. Many people didn't even vote on it.

A new development in the Wayne-Westland School District may mean the library proposal won't stand alone in the election. One voting precinct in Canton is part of that school district. If the

W-W school board decides to hold its own millage election May 9, as contemplated, there will be two millage issues in the single voting precinct.

In a close contest, as the library millage is likely to be, the result in that one precinct could mean the difference between passage and failure.

Library committee members don't seem to be perturbed by this recent development, in spite of all their earlier arguments that the millage should be the only item on the ballot.

If the school election is approved, Wayne-Westland will absorb some of the cost of the election, which is some consolation. It doesn't explain why the library millage will be suddenly sharing an election.

Frankly, voters are already beginning to ask the same question. There have been signs of disgruntlement on the part of those who object to seeing an issue come around again so soon after they gave an emphatic "no" to it.

We have not seen any great change in sentiment toward the library concept since the last election. People just aren't suffering enough from the lack of a local library.

They may acknowledge the legitimate point that Canton already paid almost \$60,000 last year for the use of the Plymouth library, and will pay much more in the present year.

They may realize constant inflation won't make the library any cheaper if they just sit on the issue.

They may even attend the informative library commission presentations scheduled during the next month and publicly support a local library.

But once they get in the privacy of that voting booth, voters might just pull the same "no" lever they pulled last time.

Some would-be supporters may not show up to vote. At last week's special election to ask for a one-mill increase for Schoolcraft College, a mere 8 percent (7,821 out of 100,000) of registered voters

bothered to come to the polls.

The proposal lost badly, in spite of survey results last year showing citizens had a favorable impression of the college's academic and cultural programs.

Obviously, a special election is not necessarily the solution for success. It's hard to make a stand against a Canton library election, because it might be confused with making a stand against a Canton library.

And being against a Canton library is a little like being against apple pie, motherhood and the American Way.

We don't want the issue to go down again because of poor timing and voter resentment. We don't want to see the library committee spend most of the \$6,000 it has collected from various fund-raising efforts on promotion for an idea whose time has not come.

The election would have waited for a more auspicious time, but the library won't get off the ground for a long time if this election fails.

Poor planning or not, the library issue should get a "yes" vote because Canton is going to need a library. We may not like this election, but it shouldn't be allowed to obscure the real purpose — a library for Canton.



Bountiful open house

Canton library committee chairman Stan Bucher (right) and vice chairman Larry McEwen look over some of the books that were contributed at last Sunday's open

house. The committee is sponsoring a number of events during the next month to promote the passage of a one mill tax proposal that would fund a Canton library. The spe-

cial election will be May 9. Prior to the election, the committee will be speaking to various civic groups.

Thursday, April 5, 1979

Canton Observer

Canton trustees quash library vote

BY CHAS CHILD

A proposal by Canton Trustee Robert Greenstein to push the date of May 9 library millage election into mid-summer was rejected by the Board of Trustees last Tuesday.

The idea was dropped when Stan

Bucher, chairman of the library committee, said his group had already printed a lot of flyers with the May 9 date on them, as well as geared up the campaign for that day.

Greenstein said that the library vote should be postponed to permit township voters the chance to abolish the township's merit commission and ordinance.

His proposal went like this: Since the final unorganized employe group, the clerks, had recently unionized, the township's Merit Commission and ordinance was no longer necessary, he said.

Therefore, the merit ordinance, which was passed by the voters in 1978, should be put back on the ballot to repeal it, he said. It would make sense to put this on the same ballot as the upcoming library one-mill levy, he added. But since election law requires 45 days to add a proposal to a ballot, the date of the election would have to be postponed.

And because the law also states that elections must be 30 days apart, the special election would have to be delayed at least a month after the June 11 Plymouth-Canton school district election.

Not only was the library committee against Greenstein's proposal, but so was Larry Bowerman, chairman of the merit commission.

"Just because all the major employe groups are not unionized doesn't mean

there isn't a need for the merit commission," he said. "Union contracts don't cover who is hired. The whole idea of the merit commission was to take politics out of hiring."

Greenstein said that under a new fair-hiring ordinance that would replace the merit commission and ordinance, a personnel director could still carry out all the duties of the present merit commission.

"But this personnel director would be under the administration, not a merit commission, making political hirings still possible," said Bowerman.

"Most communities have all union employes, but still have civil service or a merit commission," Bowerman said. "Besides, there are still Canton's department heads and police sergeants that aren't unionized."

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Canton Observer

Thursday, April 5, 1979

Michigan

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Bid to change library election frowned upon

An effort to push back the date of Canton's May 9 library election in order to place another issue on the ballot was squashed by stiff opposition from the township's library committee Tuesday night.

Trustee Robert Greenstein added the proposal to the agenda of Tuesday's township board meeting in hopes that a proposition to eliminate Canton's merit commission could be added to the special election ballot.

The May 9 ballot will ask voters to approve one mill (\$1 per \$1,000 assessed property valuation) for the establishment of a library on the third floor of the township's administration building.

The special election is expected to cost \$7,000 to \$10,000. Greenstein had hoped to put more than one proposal on the ballot. The election date would have to be postponed in order to meet the 45-day legal requirement for adding proposals to a ballot.

Greenstein maintains that the merit commission which formulates procedures for the hiring, firing, discipline and promotion of township employees is no longer necessary in the wake of two elections in which police department and clerical employees voted to unionize.

All township employees except department heads are now represented by unions, Greenstein said. Since the township board recently authorized the hiring of a full-time personnel director, Greenstein maintains that the merit commission is no longer necessary.

But the trustee voluntarily dropped his proposal Tuesday night in the wake of stiff opposition from the library committee.

Stan Bucher told the township board that the library committee has already printed thousands of flyers that advertise the election date as May 9.

"This would all be for nil if the election date was changed," Bucher said.

Greenstein's proposal was dropped before township board members had a chance to discuss the matter.

After the meeting, Trustee Lynne Goldsmith indicated that she would have voted against a ballot proposition for the abolition of the merit commission if Greenstein had pursued the issue.

"We absolutely need a merit commission to keep politics out of hiring and firing," she said.

The merit commission was established by voters last year before police department and clerical employees opted for union representation.

THE CANTON EAGLE



Thursday, April 26, 1979
Vol. 34, No. 32

Canton Township's Official Newspaper

Serving the people for 34 years

The Eagle asks:

Will you support a library?

By CARRIE YOUNG
ANP Staff Writer

It could be called a recreation center for the mind. A place for convenience, a sound investment and its right on time, according to Canton Township residents interviewed by the Canton Eagle.

Better known as the library-to-be for Canton, it appears residents are favorable to being taxed up to one mill for the first three years of the proposed library's existence.

Of the 30 residents interviewed at Harvard Square and Meijers Thrifty Acres shopping plazas, 80 percent favored a library for Canton.

Those 24 persons favoring the library cited convenience, growth of the community, a need for identity, high and mounting costs to participate in outside library facilities, and the needs of school-age children as reasons for their support.

Another 17 percent were undecided at the time of the interview, though those persons said they were going to research the issue before voting on May 9.

The lone resident interviewed who opposed the millage question said it was "premature."

While members of the library committee, (formed to encourage a "yes" vote) were concerned that persons may be favorable to the millage question but not to the special election itself, residents interviewed didn't express much opposition.

Even the single resident, Leanne Sloan, who was against the special election because of its cost said she would still vote in favor of the library issue.

"I am definitely in favor of a library and I'll vote for it because it's needed. But I'm against the special election. It shouldn't have been called," said Mrs. Sloan.

Township clerk John Flodin estimated a special election to cost about \$7,000 to \$12,000 depending on various factors involved.

Most of those interviewed, currently utilize the Plymouth Dunning-Hough library. And though they said they enjoy the facility, they would much prefer the convenience of a Canton library.

Canton officials have tentatively selected the third floor of the new administration building as a

temporary library facility. The intent is to save on the cost of building a facility.

Canton's percentage paid into the Plymouth library is steadily growing with about \$60,000 anticipated for next year.

Norene Ferrari said she didn't mind her tax dollars being used for a library, because books are a good investment.

Sharon Pinion, however, wished her taxes didn't have to be raised to support such a venture, but was favorable to the library just the same.

Some residents looked upon a library in their own communities as something of a family affair.

Robert Chandler said he and his wife and children would all make use of the library. "Because I think we're overloading the Plymouth library and it's time we had one of our own."

Mothers enjoy libraries too. Jan Magar, a mother of two young children, said she will use the library for her art studies while at the same time providing good, healthy entertainment for her children.

"I think it'll be great, and it's so close too," said Mrs. Magar.

For some, the library is a matter of necessity rather than luxury.

"We've needed it badly for a long time," said Gloria Anthony. She said with children's school projects and other homework demands requiring extensive study and research, it is sometimes difficult to cart the students to outside community facilities.

"I voted last time in favor of it, and I hope it passes this time for the kid's sake," said Mrs. Anthony.

Others like Janet Roderick with middle school age children who



JAN MAGAR



ROBERT CHANDLER



GLORIA ANTHONY

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TOM ANDERSON



GLORIA HART

MINUTES OF THE
CANTON LIBRARY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 1979

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Stan Bucher at 7:45 P.M.

PRESENT: Stan Bucher, John Schwartz, Jim Gillig, Norma West, Geraldine Barlage, Mary Feltz,
Larry McEwen, Doug Ritter and Norma Waara.

The minutes of the April 11, 1979 meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

TREASURERS REPORT - As of this meeting, there was \$2389.40 in the treasury. The cost of printing 10,000 fliers and 200 posters came to a total of \$348.40. The balance we now have is \$2041.00.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - A discussion of confirmation of speakers was held.

CHECKING PRECINCTS - We completed checking precincts 3, 5, 6, 9, 11 and 16 for their voting record. We decided we will add precincts #15 & 8 to be checked also on who voted at least 75% of the time. Our fliers will be passed out with the newsletter to the homeowners association in the Sunflower Subdivision (Pct. #8), and Larry McEwen and Doug Ritter will follow up by going to the people and talking to them individually. This Subdivision seems to have a negative view about having a Library, and we feel this will be good PR for the Committee.

ELECTION DAY HELP - Committee members gave Larry McEwen a schedule of availability on election day. Larry McEwen and Doug Ritter will get together to set up a schedule and will bring it back to the Committee at the next meeting.

ART AUCTION - There are now \$164.00 in ticket sales per Geraldine Barlage. A discussion was continued on the food and refreshments to be served that evening.

DONATION - John Schwartz told the Committee the Chamber of Commerce will be donating \$250.00 to the Library Fund, to buy a projector. This presentation will be done on May 1, 1979 at the Township Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

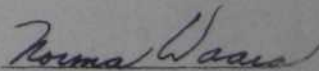
FLIERS - Stan Bucher will check the price of an electric stapler and staples for sealing the fliers, after they have been addressed.

POSTERS - Committee members will go through the whole Township, putting up posters at all the businesses and organizations, promoting the election.

BOOKMARKS - Larry McEwen will order an addition of 2,000 bookmarks. These will be handed out to the voters on election day.

The remainder of our meeting was used by all Committee members addressing the fliers.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.



NORMA WAARA - SECRETARY

CANTON LIBRARY COMMITTEE
CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH 6TH- APRIL 16, 1979

CONSISTS OF:

1. LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETINGS
2. FUND RAISERS (ART AUCTION & DANCE)
3. BULLENTIN BOARD
4. NEWS RELEASES
5. RADIC CAMPAIGN ← Apr 17 - May 15
6. APPEARENCES AT CANTON CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS
7. APPEARENCES AT SCHOOLS & BOARD OF EDUCATION & PRINCIPALS MEETINGS
8. MAILING OF 1,500 FLIERS
9. APPEARENCES AT COMMUNITY EVENTS WHERE FLIERS CAN BE DISTRIBUTED
10. A Sign up sheet has been placed in the Plymouth Public Library

(IF EVERY COMMITTEE PERSON CAN GET 100 POSITIVE VOTES WE CAN
GIVE CANTON IT'S LIBRARY FOR CHRISTMAS)

7-11-1979

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MINUTES OF THE

CANTON LIBRARY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 1979

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Stan Bucher at 7:45 P.M.

PRESENT: Stan Bucher, Larry McEwen, Geraldine Barlage, Jim Gillig, Mary Feltz, Norma West
Doug Ritter, Barbara McKaig, Barbara McEwen and Norma Waara.

The minutes from the April 4, 1979 meeting were approved.

The agenda for the meeting was accepted. It was unanimously decided we would keep our meetings open to old and new business items only, with no motions made.

ART AUCTION & REFRESHMENTS - \$108.00 has been collected in ticket sales, per Geraldine Barlage. It was decided to have light snacks, instead of meat platters as this would be too expensive. Committee members will donate odds and ends (cups, plates, candles, tablecloths, napkins, etc.)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS-A discussion was made confirming speakers for schools and organizations.

BOOKMARKS - Larry McEwen received the bookmarks back from the printer with the corrections.

PUBLICITY REPORT - Geraldine Barlage is receiving Mr. Doug Weiser as a consultant for news releases for the newspapers.

DISCUSS CHANGING THE FLIER - Geraldine Barlage contacted Mr. Doug Weiser, with our original flier, and Mr. Weiser redesigned a new one, as he said we didn't have enough information.

It was unanimously approved to accept the redesigned flier with one correction. The Committee unanimously agreed to have the saying on the front cover to read: "Can We Open A New Chapter In Canton". We will print 9,000 of these new fliers, with the first original cancelled. Two hundred (200) posters will be printed identical to the front of the flier.

RADIO INFORMATION - Doug Ritter presented a copy of all the ads that were put on the radio stations so far. He will be contacting WSDS to advertize the Art Auction.

MAILING OF FLIERS - Barbara McEwen checked with the Canton Water Department, regarding the purchasing of addressed labels and found it would be expensive for us to buy. It was agreed we would all hand-write the names and addresses on the fliers to be mailed.

TREASURERS REPORT - A budget meeting was held during the week and it was agreed to mail the fliers to the following: Names from the positive voter cards, the Dunning Hough Library petition, Clubs and Organizations who endorsed the Library. We will also be going through precincts #3, 5, 6, 9, 11, & 16, and find the names of voters who voted at least 75% of the time. This will comprise a mailing of approximately 7,000 fliers. The Churches in Canton and Plymouth will be asked if they will put a reminder in their bulletin for the parishioners who live in Canton to vote May 9, 1979.

PURCHASING OF ENVELOPES - We will not use envelopes to mail the fliers, as we have room on the flier to do the addressing, and envelopes would be another added expense. Geraldine Barlage received a bulk mailing permit, the number being "203". Of the 9,000 fliers, we will have printed, 6,000 will say "Bulk Rate" for the mailing and the remaining 3,000 will be used for handouts for speakers at meetings, plus the weekend they are handed out to the residents at the high traffic areas.

ORGANIZATIONAL LOGISTICS - Larry McEwen contacted a couple of residents to help on the Election and received negative results. We Committee members decided we would all help on Election Day. We will be telephoning voters, going to the polls handing out bookmarks to the voters, be challengers near the end of Election, serve coffee to the workers, etc.

Stan Bucher called the meeting for adjournment at 10:20 P.M.


NORMA WAARA - SECRETARY

Ballinor School PTO 7-70

What Will Your Vote Mean?

On May 15, Canton residents will be asked to approve a millage proposal for the establishment and operation of a full-service community library.

If approved, the Township will be authorized each year to collect a millage of up to but not to exceed 1 mill for the operation of the library. The exact amount collected each year will be determined by your elected library commission which will prepare an annual budget. When the budget is approved by the Board of ~~Supervisors~~, that is the amount which will be collected. *Township* State law specifically forbids the use of funds collected for the library for any other purpose. If the library requires 1/2 mill in a particular year, that is the amount which would be collected. The remaining 1/2 mill allowed by the millage proposal could not and would not be collected for that year. If the entire 1 mill is collected, the average Canton homeowner would pay about \$25 or slightly less than .07¢ per day.

What If We Don't Approve a Library?

Canton residents may continue to use the facilities in neighboring communities which are members of the Wayne-Oakland Library Federation. At this time, most Canton residents use the Plymouth library. In fact, in 1978, Canton residents accounted for 38.9% of the use of the Dunning-Hough Library in Plymouth. For this privilege, we paid approximately \$56,000. It is projected that such usage fees will reach about \$116,000 by 1982 if we fail to have a library of our own. The facilities at Dunning-Hough are now being used at their capacity. Since they

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The Charter Township of Canton
Library Campaign Committee

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Vice-Chairman A.L. McEwen
Secretary N. Wasra

RESOLUTION

Whereas Canton Township continues in it's effort to be amongst the best of Communities, and

Whereas the library is one of the key elements of the best Communities, serving as a center for learning resources, culture, relaxation and enjoyment for people of all ages and interests, and

Whereas the library users of Canton presently travel to the Dunning Hough Library of Plymouth, generating 38.9% usage there in 1978, the highest rate of the three municipalities using that facility and that Canton residents are also using the City of Wayne Public Libraries in increasing numbers, and

Whereas Canton Township revenues paid to Dunning Hough Library of Plymouth amounted to \$ 56,000.00 for Canton's usage, double that paid just two years ago and projected to double again two years from now, and

Whereas Canton should retain maximum revenues to be expended inside the Canton community in the best interest of the improvement and well being of the Canton community,

Therefore, be it resolved that I/we _____ hereby support the Canton Library Campaign and endorse the Canton Library Millage (1 Mill) to be balloted May 9, 1979; for the introduction and maintainence of a library in the Canton community, suitable to the wishes and requirements of the people of the Canton community.

- 1) You, as a group or as an individual, could adopt this resolution or one of the same intent.
- 2) You, as a group or as an individual, could simply endorse the Library question of May 9 verbally and be equally effective in assisting the campaign.
- 3) You could refrain from endorsing. Obviously, this is your option and we are equally appreciative of the opportunity to meet and discuss this issue with you.

Ultimately, the Library for Canton needs your support at the ballot May 9, 1979. Thank You.

The Canton Library Campaign Committee

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ART AUCTION : SUBMITTED BY CHRIS & GERALDINE

I. REFRESHMENTS:

Punch, Coffee, Tea
Tea Sandwiches \$10.00 per hundred need approx 500
Cheeze and cracker platters from Kroger \$ 14.95 serves 30 need 12 trays
Steve from Cyprus Gardens has offered a deal on meet and cheeze
platters also would do trays of Bakallara
Possible 12 lbs of butter cookies from Bakery would suffice
at \$ 2.39 per pound

Punch bowls needed 2
Cups (hot and cold) 500 needed \$ 1.00 per hundred
Small plates, napkins & spoons 300 at the cost of \$ 12.00
Large table cloth
Dolly, Candles etc \$ 4.00
Candy dishes with mints \$ 4.00
2 Coolers to keep punch cold
2 large Party Perc (tea & coffee)
tea, coffee, cream sugar serving forks \$ 10.00

II. SET-UP FRIDAY APRIL 27, 1978

300 Chairs
Podium
Micro phone (discuss with Larry)

Norma

III. PUBLICITY:

April 2nd News-releases to 5 Newspapers, Canton Churches,
Clubs & Organizations requesting that theyrun every week
if possible should include 495-0761 phone number
Mail News-releases to the radio stations
Posters In all Canton stores & municipal offices & Plymouth
stores and news papers & utilities all area banks.
Mail to Classis Studio Customers from other art auctions in area
Mail Reminder post cards April 21, keep track of to who tickets
are sold and submit weekly money and names.

IV. TICKET SALES:

1. Send to prior committee supporters free tickets 2 each
i.e. National Bank gets 15 for donating the dictionary
Committee members should look at list and add names if any.
2. 14 Committee persons 50 tickets each
3. Ask Poster Persons to take 20 each they may have 1 free.
4. Speakers sell tickets where appropriate
5. Ask Bill Joyner and his people to sell 20 tickets each.
6. Sell tickets and Postive voter cards & distribute art
auction fliers and Ballot fliers at Kroger, Super Bowl
Meijers and K-Mart on Thursday, Friday and Saturday one week each.

V. Art Auction PRIZES 2 Oils donated by Classic Studio
(you must be there to win) 3 plants from J. Schwartz \$ 7.00 ea approx.

VI. April 28 - 4:00 pm

- 14 persons for set-up of art and refreshments
- 1 speaker to discuss library issue - Stan
- 4 persons for ticket sales & registration at 6:30
- 4 persons for refreshments 6:30
- 4 persons at library table positive voter cards
- 8 Boy Scouts to help display items during the auction

VOTE **YES** MAY 9... TO ESTABLISH
A PUBLIC LIBRARY IN CANTON



**CAN WE
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A
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CHAPTER
IN CANTON?**



ON MAY 9, CANTON RESIDENTS WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE A MILLAGE PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A FULL-SERVICE COMMUNITY LIBRARY.

Proposal:

To provide for a one mill tax to establish a free public library for residents of the charter Township of Canton.

YES, We Can!

**CAN WE
ALL
BENEFIT?**

YES, We Can!

Students of all ages, preschool through graduate school, use libraries extensively for reading, research, study centers, and audio-visual presentations.

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Braille, large print publications, and recorded material are available to meet special needs.

**CAN WE
BE SURE
OUR LIBRARY
WILL BE USED?**

YES, We Can!

**CANTON RESIDENTS ARE HEAVY
USERS OF LIBRARIES.**

Canton is the largest participant at the Plymouth Library, accounting for 38.9% in 1978.

A library in Canton would result in convenient, increased library usage.

**CAN WE
SUPPORT IT?**

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After two or three years, the start up expense will be paid. Annual operation cost estimates indicate a reduction in the expense to the average household to approximately \$15 per year or less than a nickel a day.

In 1978 Canton paid Plymouth Library \$56,000.00. By 1982 these costs are expected to reach \$116,000.00 equal to 4/10 of a mill. A Canton Library would result in the phase out of payments to the Plymouth Library.

**CAN WE
CONTROL OUR
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YES, We Can!

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Paid for by The Canton Library Campaign Committee, Treasurer, J. Gillig, 8074 Willow Creek, Canton Michigan 48187 455-3435

ART AUCTION FOR CANTON LIBRARY

Friday, April 28, the Canton Library Campaign Committee will sponsor an art auction at the Canton Township Hall, third floor, 1150 Canton Center Rd. Refreshment preview starts at 7 p.m. and the auction begins at 8 p.m.

Fund Raising Art Auction

April 28, 1979

Name _____

DON'T FORGET!

- YOU CAN FIND A TREASURE
- YOU CAN ENJOY A MAGNIFICENT SELECTION OF UNIQUE ART AND WALL DECOR
- YOU CAN HELP YOUR COMMUNITY

AT THE
CANTON LIBRARY CAMPAIGN

ART AUCTION

Canton Township Hall 1150 Canton Center Rd.

SATURDAY APRIL 28, 1979

Refreshments & Preview 7:00 p.m.

Auction Begins 8:00 p.m.

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THE COMMUNITY CRIER, May 2, 1979



Auction boosts library

GOING, GOING, GONE. The Canton Library Committees raised about \$1,200 Saturday night at an art auction to benefit the campaign to pass the May 9 millage request. About 245 persons attended the affair at the third floor of Canton Township Hall, the proposed site of the library. At right is a goat sold at the event. (Crier photo by Steve Settles.)

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Thursday, May 3, 1974

Library tax merits 'yes' from voters

Wednesday, May 9, is the day voters will decide whether to approve a one mill property tax increase for the establishment of a Canton Township library.

It is a special election. With the exception of a precinct in the Wayne-Westland School District, the library question will be the only one voters have to answer. In the W-W sector, a school millage proposal will also be decided.

Canton needs a library. The Dunning-Hough library, which most Canton residents presently utilize, lacks the facilities to cope with the influx of population to the south of Plymouth. Almost \$70,000 went to support the Plymouth library from Canton residents' taxes last year. That money might as well go toward a local library.

But, if the Canton library millage passes and a library is begun on the third floor of Township Hall as planned, don't expect to see a sudden cultural renaissance here.

We suspect many people in the northern part of Canton will still find it just as convenient to go to the library in Plymouth.

We don't expect to see people who aren't already library users to show up en masse to take out books from a Canton facility.

Library lovers are seldom gaunted by having to go a little out of the way to visit one.

Actually, visiting different libraries throughout the area is part of the fun.

Certainly the library fans will vote yes on a library millage and will visit a Canton library. But they won't stop going to other libraries if Canton doesn't get one.

People who don't go a little out of their way to get to a library now will not necessarily drive the few miles to a local facility.

As we said in a previous editorial, a special election costing anywhere from \$7,000 to \$12,000 is a steep price to pay to decide an issue that voters soundly defeated at the polls less than a year ago.

Those same voters will probably defeat the question this time around as well.

If the proposal fails, the Canton Library Committee will be back before you know it, trying once again to get a local library.

We have only this suggestion. Forget promoting a local library. Promote a love for books and a thirst for the magic they contain. Promote reading and book addiction.

A good merchandiser knows that you have to create a demand for a product in order to sell it.

In this case, the product is reading matter, not a library. You get everyone hooked on books, and the rest follow.

Library millage voted on May 9

Canton Observer

The future of a proposed Canton Township library rests on the decision of voters in a special election this Wednesday, May 9.

The ballot question asks whether a maximum one-mill (\$1 per \$1,000 state equalized valuation) tax should be levied to institute a local library.

If the proposal passes, a six-person board would be set up to run the library. Members of the library board would be appointed by the Township Board of Trustees until the next general election in 1980. The board seats will be filled by elected members after 1980.

The Township paid almost \$60,000 last year to the Dunning Hough Library in Plymouth because of its use by Canton residents.

Members of the Canton Library Committee have estimated the library will cost \$252,000 the first year if it is set up on the third floor of Township Hall as planned.

The administration building, completed last fall, was designed with a third floor library in mind.

But a similar library millage proposal on the August primary ballot last summer was defeated by voters by an almost 2-1 margin. The amount of millage levied in the first year is expected to decrease as the library gets set up, to the point that only three-fifths mill would be required by the third year.

All Township polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Monday, May 7, 1979

April 26, 1979

John Schwartz
8157 Lilley Road
Canton, MI 48107

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

The Canton Historical Society
voted unanimously to endorse the Library
Fund of Canton.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lillian Hauk
Secretary, C.H.S.

April 26, 1979

Library

(Continued from Page A-1)

have research demands and Joan Mocus favored the library.

The one strong opinioned dissenter, resident Tom Anderson, said a library was not needed.

"We can use the one in Plymouth. We need a whole bunch more things in Canton besides a library," Anderson said. "Like we need to improve our Department of

Public Works after all that flooding we had, things could be better."

Anderson also said recreation facilities could be improved and expanded with more parks needed throughout the community.

June Farthing, however, summed up most residents library thoughts.

When asked why she favored the library she quickly smiled, "I believe in libraries... that's why."



JANET RODERICK



JOANMOCON

community opinions

Vote 'yes' Wednesday on Canton library tax

With a "yes" vote in next Wednesday's special election, Cantonites can not only build their own library, but eventually save some money, too.

Residents will be asked to approve a one-mill levy to fund a library and set up an independent board to oversee it.

We believe a library is not a frill, rather, a necessity in today's society — especially in a community with so many young people.

With its own library, the township could stop paying rent to other municipalities (\$56,000 last year to Plymouth's Dunning-Hough Library), and start building equity in its own facility.

We would hope, by the way, that the Board of Trustees would help out the library by transferring the funds that have been going to Dunning-Hough to the new library budget, if approved by the voters.

Vote "yes" May 9.

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For additional information
CALL 981-2224

Canton votes Wednesday on library tax

BY CHAS CHILD

A single issue will face Canton voters at the polls next Wednesday, May 9: a one-mill maximum levy to support a township library.

If approved, the millage will fund everything necessary to create a full-service library on the third floor of Township Hall.

"The main reason to vote 'yes' is that the township will eventually be paying more to outside libraries than ours would cost us," said Stan Bucher, chairman of the Canton Library Committee, which is campaigning for the library.

In 1978, Canton's general fund paid \$56,000 to the Dunning-Hough Library in Plymouth to support use by township residents. "In addition, use by Cantonites equaled 18.9 per cent of Wayne-Westland's library. They could have charged us for that but didn't because of our current campaign," said Bucher.

The first-year budget prepared by the library committee totals \$252,000, he said. "This equals about one mill and we project that we'll need the full mill for the first two years. But in the third year, we'll probably need about three-fifths of a mill."

State law prohibits levying any more than each year's projected budget calls for.

Aside from the financial advantages of Canton starting its own library, Bucher said, "The kids need it. And not only kids. I believe we'll have programs for people like senior citizens, too."

To cap off the campaign, the library committee will be mailing out 8,000 pieces of mail to township residents this week, said Bucher. "We haven't tried to run a quiet campaign. We've tried to talk to everybody, not just the 'yes' voters. I hope we have a large turnout."

A majority of "yes" votes on the question will also create a six-man board to operate the library. Votes won't elect candidates to fill the positions until the regular election of 1980, however. They will be filled on an interim basis by the township Board of Trustees.

In last year's August primary, voters turned down decisively an identical request for a library.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at all township precincts.



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May 2, 1979

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YES, We Can!

Everyone, private citizen and business alike, stands to benefit from the cultural enrichment provided by a full service library.

At a time when education in general and reading in particular is becoming increasingly important, **can we afford a library of our own?**

YES, We Can!

Paid for by The Canton Library
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Library supporters celebrate victory

The word "Can" in the slogan with-passion was quickly crossed off and replaced with a "Did" when members of the Canton Township Library Campaign Committee

learned last Wednesday that voters approved the millage for a library by 107 votes. Joining spokesperson John Schwartz in back row with arms raised in the air are

members of the committee attending the victory party held immediately after the election results were tabulated.

Voters give approval

Dec. opening for library set

By CAROL YOUNG
ANT Staff Writer

It's official.

Last Wednesday, Canton Township voters, in sparse numbers, turned out to approve a millage to pay for the start-up and operational costs of a community library.

The Canton Eagle had reported the unofficial tallies computed shortly after the 8 p.m. closing time in its Thursday publication showing the millage passage.

Official tallies learned after preliminary show that 128 voters went to the polls, with 113 casting a "yes" vote to the "no" voters.

With a total 23,877 registered voters in the township the two-out was about 5 percent of the total potential voters.

Persons on the Library Campaign Committee met Wednesday to celebrate their victory, and speculated that the low voter turnout was the result of the sudden weather change.

"Had it not been for the unexpected high temperatures I think more people would have come to the polls," said Al McEwen, committee chairman.

McEwen said, "It was the first spring of warm weather. And it was hotter than usually expected for this time of year. It really throws things off, but what really counts is the fact that it passed, we won and now the people of Canton will have their library."

But for the unforeseeable weather,

heal vote, the Library Committee conducted a well-calculated and organized campaign to educate Canton residents to the needs of establishing its own library system.

When the committee, which formed about 17 weeks prior to the election date, decided to visit groups, and clubs to try and encourage a "yes" vote, they did so keeping two things in mind.

"One, we know which of us would be most well received, and which one of us would alienate groups. Like Chamber of Commerce members from within the committee tried to visit business groups, and homeowners' association," said John Swartz, another committee member.

The other factor studied by the group was which groups they would concentrate their attention, limited time and energy on, and which clubs they would bypass. Some areas were determined as long-range lost votes.

McEwen said, for instance, the committee ignored the professional opinions of pollsters, and local statisticians when told that they should spend an inordinate amount of time trying to persuade voters in the much-populated Sunflower Subdivision in Canton's northwestern quadrant.

"We know they usually, if not always, have turned out in large numbers for millage elections," said McEwen.

But we also know that historically they have voted against millages. I hate to say this but it is

usually the older businessmen in that section that are clear no-millage," McEwen said. "We know we'd be wasting our time trying to convince people to vote yes."

In that precinct about 81 voters said "no" to the millage, with 45 casting a yes vote.

In precinct 5, predominantly comprised of condominium owners with a high density of school age children, the committee said it concentrated a great deal of time educating the voters.

The voting count shows the condominium residents from the south eastern quadrant of Canton, 70 yes votes to 11 no votes.

Some citizens in the southern section of Canton rejected the millage while the northern section voters predominantly from Royal Holden Mobile Home park were overwhelmingly favorable to the millage.

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After millage OK,

BY CHAS CHILD

Canton Township will have a library in about seven months, thanks to the passage of a library millage last Wednesday.

The annual maximum request was approved 113 to 115. Turnout for the special election was very light when it passed.

"I'm very pleased," said Stan Becker, chairman of the Library Committee. "Considering the advertising and opinion beforehand, I'm disappointed in the turnout. But it's elected with the results."

Under state law, the township Board of Trustees must now appoint a six-member board to operate the library. Trustees will prepare the library's first budget, hire a librarian and other possible employees, acquire the purchase of books, and perform other tasks, said Becker.

Library

To some, the stark difference in voting patterns of the entire township may seem baffling, said McEwen. But to the campaign committee it was easily explainable.

He said, "Four members from Royal Holden are more inclined to vote in favor of millage, even though their votes stand to be raised just as much as anyone else's, indirectly through the park municipality, of course."

"But these voters are more immediately oriented, and aware of what's going on. They realized what was needed to give Canton an identity," said McEwen.

Members in the northern section's precinct 6 opted to be in favor of the mill question, with 11 votes against. While voters in the southern section's precinct 2 flatly rejected the ballot issue with 60 votes cast against, 30 in favor.

On election day, committee members planned more than 400 persons to remain there to vote. About 100 persons failed but previously stated a voter card pending to vote favorably to the ballot issue.

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After millage OK, Canton library to open Jan. 1

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Under state law, the township Board of Trustees must now appoint a six-member board to operate the library. This board will prepare the library's first budget, hire a librarian and other possible employees, organize its purchase of books, and perform other tasks, said Bucher.

Helping this board will be administrators from the Wayne-Oakland Federated Library System, of which the new Canton library will be a member.

"We should have no trouble filling the board," said Bucher. In fact, a list of eight candidates have already been submitted to Supervisor Noel Culbert. On the list are: Barb McEwen, John Schwartz, Doug Ritter, Jim Gillig, Stan Bucher, Norma Waara, Norma West, and Mary Felts.

"We should open around Jan. 1, 1980," said Bucher. The shelves will contain only around 5,000 books, he added. By the end of 1980, though, the library should expand to about 20,000 volumes, and the eventual goal is 55,000 books, he said.

By comparison, Plymouth's Dunning-Hough Library contains around 45,000, he said. One justification for

Canton starting its own library was to save the payments to Dunning-Hough (\$56,000 in 1978) from Canton's general fund for its use by Canton residents.

How much will the library cost? In the first two years, Bucher estimates that the full one mill will be needed to meet the high start up costs. After these initial years, the library will require less than a mill, he said. One mill is expected to yield around \$340,000 next year, he said.

The library committee has already started planning for special projects at the library, including programs for children and senior citizens, said Bucher. Also, a Friends of the Library committee is being formed to organize such projects, he added.

The third floor of Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd. has been set aside for the library, he said.

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Seniors in the northern section of the precinct 4 voted 70 in favor of the one mill question with 31 votes against. While seniors in the southern section's precinct 2 flatly rejected the ballot issue with 58 votes cast against it in favor.

On election day committee members phoned more than 500 persons to remind them to vote. About 100 persons called had previously signed a voter card pledging to vote favorably to the ballot issue.

Committee members expect, if all goes accordingly, the library will open its doors before Christmas, but no later than early next year.

"We're shooting for Christmas. Now that will be a wonderful way to celebrate it, won't it?" said Geraldine Barlage, committee member.

The library is scheduled to be on the third floor of the new township administration building.

Members of the committee did not deny that the margin of victory was slim with the millage squeaking by with 107 deciding votes.

They did note however, that they had "terrific odds to overcome" to win.

Last fall the same issue was placed before the voters and rejected by a near 3-1 margin.

"Last time 1,900 people said no, to 1,100 who said yes. We had to turn the tables," said committee member Doug Ritter.

"We see it as first coming 200 votes from behind. We started with a negative 200. So you add the 107 vote margin of victory, and we won by 307 votes."

Canton Library
Canton Library Board

June 1979

Doug Ritter President

John Schwartz Vice President

James Gillig Treasurer

Mary Feltz Secretary

Norma West

Kay Baldrice

Canton librarian named

Deborah O'Connor has been appointed head librarian of the library scheduled to open during 1980 in the third floor of the Canton Township administration building.

The appointment was announced last Wednesday by Doug Ritter, chairman of the Canton Public Library Board of Trustees.

Ms. O'Connor holds a master's degree in library science from Wayne State University. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Beta Phi Mu, a library honor society.

She has served as a librarian at Cambell - Ewald Co., and as a children's librarian and library director at the Dunning-Hough Library in Plymouth.

Ms. O'Connor is presently acting director of the Wayne County Regional Library for the blind and physically handicapped.

The library board has also announced the resignation of Stan Bucher, who had been chairman of the board. Ritter was elected chairman in his place.

The vacancy left by Bucher's absence was filled by Kay Baldrice.

The library board comprises Ritter; John Schwartz, III, vice-chairman; Mary Feltz, secretary; James Gillig, treasurer; Norma West, trustee, and Ms. Baldrice as the newest trustee.

Canton voters approved a request for one mill to fund a local library during a special election held last May 9.

C.O. 7/30/79

Canton library board taps O'Connor as librarian

C.C. 8/1/79

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

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 degree 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 kids, Ritter said.

The Canton library is scheduled to open on the third floor of Township Hall in February of March of 1980, said Ritter. "We still need to buy books, furniture, 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 oversee the library's operation.

In a side note, Stan Bucher, former chair-



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 Baldrice was named by the board to fill the vacancy.

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

August 29 & 30, 1979

**CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN**

The Canton Public Library is seeking a qualified candidate to establish children's services and collection for Canton's new library.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Graduation from an ALA accredited college or university with a Master's degree in Library Science, or a Bachelor's degree in Library Science resulting from a five-year course of study; some experience preferred.

SALARY:

\$15,500 - \$17,500, commensurate with experience.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

Directly responsible to Head Librarian for all aspects of children's work. Duties include establishment of the children's collection, development of programming and assistance in recommending library equipment for children's services. Some young adult and outreach work may be required.

SUBMIT RESUME TO:

Deborah O'Connor
Head Librarian
Canton Public Library
1150 S. Canton Center Rd.
Canton, MI 48188

CLOSING DATE:

September 14, 1979

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Buying books

BARE WALLS IN CANTON'S LIBRARY will be lined with books next year thanks to the help of organizations like the Pilgrim Garden Club. Deborah O'Connor, head librarian accepts a \$200 check from Pat Robinson, right, Chairperson of Community Projects for the garden club. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

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Canton librarian named

Deborah O'Connor has been appointed head librarian of the library scheduled to open during 1980 in the third floor of the Canton Township administration building.

The appointment was announced last Wednesday by Doug Ritter, chairman of the Canton Public Library Board of Trustees.

Ms. O'Connor holds a master's degree in library science from Wayne State University. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Beta Phi Mu, a library honor society.

She has served as a librarian at Cambell - Ewald Co., and as a children's librarian and library director at the Dunning-Hough Library in Plymouth.

Ms. O'Connor is presently acting director of the Wayne County Regional Library for the blind and physically handicapped.

The library board has also announced the resignation of Stan Bucher, who had been chairman of the board. Ritter was elected chairman in his place.

The vacancy left by Bucher's absence was filled by Kay Baldrice.

The library board comprises Ritter, John Schwartz, III, vice-chairman, Mary Feltz, secretary, James Gillig, treasurer, Norma West, trustee, and Ms. Baldrice as the newest trustee.

Canton voters approved a request for one mill to fund a local library during a special election held last May 9.

Aging, Inc., will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Plymouth Cultural Center. It will be a general meeting for discussion and committee work on ongoing projects. Interested residents are welcome to attend and offer opinions, raise questions, and/or volunteer services.

CANTON LIBRARY BOARD

Nov. 13 — The regular meeting of the Canton Library Board, regularly scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month, will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 13, for this month only.

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To set up Canton library

Volunteers, panel become 'bookworms'

By KAY DeBORD

It started as an immense, vacant space — the third floor of the new Canton Township Hall on Canton Center Road — but, after the May Millage vote, it was designated as site of the Canton Public Library.

A head librarian was hired and a provisional library board was named to get the operation underway and the machinery to provide library service to the residents of Canton was set in motion.

The new librarian, Deborah F. O'Connor, and the members of the board, Douglas Ritter, chairman; John Schwartz II, vice-chairman; Dr. James Gillig, treasurer; Mary Feltz, secretary; Norma West and Kay Baldrice, lost no time in getting busy, meeting weekly and sometimes more often, to attend to the myriad details that come with setting up a new operation.

A budget had to be set up, policy set for operation and staffing to meet the needs of the Canton community, and with these priorities set, then it was time to do the actual setting up of the facility. This included the selecting of books for the library, choosing the furniture and equipment needed, all within the confines of the first budget.

Library design associates were called on to develop the layout, working closely with Mrs. O'Connor and the board, and also to recommend equipment necessary to a new operation. The library also became a member of the Wayne-Oakland Library Federation (WOLF) which provided expertise when necessary.

A volunteer group, "Friends of the Canton Library," was also developed and has provided hours of essential services to the "infant" library, with Norma West as liaison with the board. The behind-the-scenes work of the volunteers is important in getting things set up in a orderly way, according to Mrs. O'Connor.

A study of the community and its needs show that in contrast to neighboring libraries, Canton has a majority of young people to be served and considered in setting up the operation.

According to the studies, there is a "definite shift to younger population, demonstrated by the rapidly increasing enrollment in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools," which serves a majority of the schoolage population.

In view of the growth the township, approximately 36 miles square, the library has been located in the center of the area and will be accessible only by car.



Future library

The vast expanses of the third floor of the new Canton Township Hall are slowly, but surely being converted to a library facility to serve the residents of Canton and its environs. Much behind-the-scenes activity is underway in preparation for a spring opening to the public, with the book collection, furniture and other equipment on order, according to Deborah O'Connor, head librarian.

According to Mrs. O'Connor, the library is seeking ways to serve the public and takes note in laying out the library floor plan, that there are few places for Canton residents to meet — so there will be meeting space allocated.

Plans also call for an adult book and reading area that encourages

leisure reading and relaxation. Nearby, will be the area planned to appeal to young adults for study and reading. And, of course, a special area will be set up for children and included in an area for story programs.

When the library opens in the spring, plans call for two additional

professional librarians, plus 3 clerks and several high school pages. The clerks will handle the checking in and out of books, enabling the librarians to be available to assist in looking up materials for patrons and contribute to the library's service policy.

The opening figure for the book collection is an estimated 20,000 volumes, with new books on order and donated volumes processed for use. Many duplicate volumes have been donated to the Canton Library by fellow member libraries in WOLF.

Mrs. O'Connor pointed out that the millage, passed in May, will be available in December and will grow in value along with the community. It is hoped that after the two full

years of operation, the millage will not have to be assessed in full, she added.

At the present time, residents of Canton are using the Dunning-Hoogh Library in Plymouth, and the Wayne-Westland Library with the township paying for library usage to these facilities.

Next year, the members of the provisional Canton library board, presently serving by appointment, will have the option of running for the elected post on the board.

In the meantime, along with the head librarian, Mrs. O'Connor, the members are dedicating many hours to ensure that Canton residents will get the full service for which they will be paying through their taxes.

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Suburban Living

with Kay DeBord



November 8, 1979

No new books

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Library's debut delayed until millage arrives

A cash flow problem has pushed back the opening date of Canton Township's new library from January to May.

Head librarian Deborah O'Connor said the original opening-date target of January was based on expectations that library personnel would be receiving millage money approved by voters last spring.

The Canton tax department began collecting the millage money only a few weeks ago, however, as part of the annual December tax collection.

Mrs. O'Connor said the township's library board has been unable to order books, shelves or other furnishings without the money in hand.

"We were naive in thinking we'd have the money right away," Mrs. O'Connor said of the one mill approved for establishment of the library last May. "We just didn't realize all that was involved."

THE THIRD FLOOR of the township's administration building, where the new library will be located, is mostly vacant now.

But Mrs. O'Connor — the library's only staff member at the present time — says she's been kept busy "doing all the little bookkeeping things that are required to start any operation."

Although cash flow problems have prevented the ordering of most books, Mrs. O'Connor says approximately 5,000 books have been donated by other libraries and private organizations. Some have been ordered from the Wayne-Oakland Library Federation on a credit basis.

Mrs. O'Connor expects to open the library next spring with 20,000 books. She said the books will represent every fictional and non-fictional category.

The library hopes to eventually expand the collection to 55,000 books.

According to Mrs. O'Connor, 30 volunteers have been working in the library three or four hours a week to help label books and fill out catalogue cards.

The township board Tuesday night tabled a proposed lease agreement for the library for referral to attorneys. Under the proposed lease the library board would pay 25 percent of all utility and maintenance costs for the four-floor administration building.

State law says that municipalities cannot subsidize the library. The township board fears the free rent may be subsidy in kind.

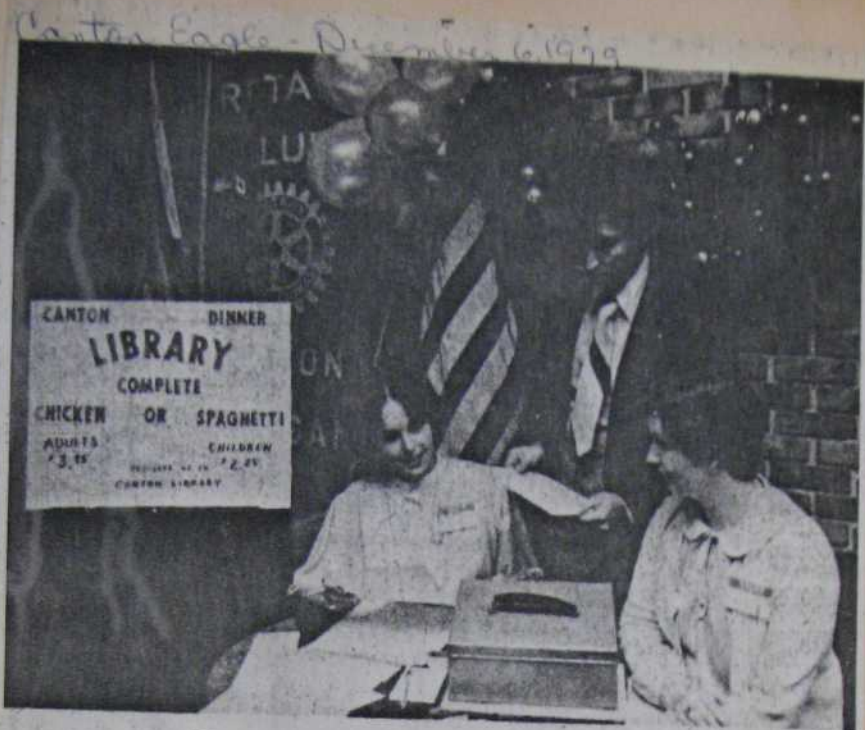
Mrs. O'Connor is asking anyone interested in performing volunteer work for the library to call her at township hall, 397-1000.

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Rotary raises money for library

A BENEFIT DINNER sponsored by the Rotary Club of Canton raised \$1,200 for the Canton Public Library. The dinner was held Dec. 3 at the Roman Forum Restaurant in Canton. Rotary Club members volunteered 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 open in late spring. A similar dinner sponsored by the Canton Rotary in 1978 resulted in a cash donation to the library which has aided in the building's construction. Above, Douglas Ritter, library board chairman and Deborah O'Conner, head librarian, accept the check from Greg Gallo of the Roman Forum, and William Tesen, Rotary President. Library Board members in back row are Mary Felts, secretary; James Gilling, treasurer; Norma West; Kay Baldrica; and John Schwartz, vice-chairman.

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- CANTON LIBRARY DINNER - COMPLETE CHICKEN or SPAGHETTI DINNER

DATE Monday, December 3, 1979 TIME 11:30 A.M. to 10:30 P.M.

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ROMAN FORUM RESTAURANT
41601 Ford Road Canton, Michigan

Adults - \$3.75

All Proceeds for special Canton Library Projects & Equipment

Rotary Club

December 6, 1979



**Rotary Club
plugs library**

The more they ate, the more money meant for the library fund, established by community residents nearly two years ago to bring an "identity" to Canton Township. Tim Ellis, 17, (pictured at left) showed Dick Madest, vice-president of the Canton Rotary Club that eating can not only be fun, but can be useful as well, in building a better Canton. Jim Majarian, secretary of the Rotary, witnessed and approved, noting that the proceeds for the Rotary sponsored dinner would be used to fatten the library fund.

Linda Nicholson enjoyed the festivities as did Dr. Richard Stec of Canton's Dental Clinic, located at Ford and Sheldon, at the Monday Library Fund Benefit dinner held at the Roman Forum Restaurant on Ford Road.

Friends of Canton Public Library

November 27, 1979

- Susan Boyter
- Pat Rhinehart
- Sue Widdow
- Jean Howcroft
- Gloria Stone
- Mrs. Skell
- Edna Buda
- Jim Pankratz
- Shirley Buschman
- Delora Smith
- Sheryl Bol
- Patricia Dinehart
- Suzanne H. Roberts
- Patricia Laff
- Opus Culbert

alterations fund

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FRIENDS OF LIBRARY
Sept. 8 - Friends of Canton Public Library will hold its annual meeting and election of officers beginning 7:30 p.m. in the library on the third floor of Canton Township Hall, 1120 S. Canton Center Road. New members are welcome and may vote if they pay the \$5 annual dues. For membership information, call 981-2224 or 981-0000.

We have

Meetings

Library group meets tonight
Friends of the Canton Library will meet today at 7:30 p.m. in the library on the third floor of township hall. Due to a typographical error, the server inaccurately reported that the meeting would begin at 5:30 p.m. All residents interested in joining the newly formed group are urged to attend.

Aug. 13, 1980
FRIENDS OF THE CANTON LIBRARY
A group of Friends of the Canton Public Library is now forming, and anyone wishing to become a member is welcome to attend a meeting on Aug. 19 at 7:30 p.m. on the third floor of Canton Township Hall. For more information, call Carol Dugan at 981-1236 or the Canton library at 981-0999.
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Canton Library

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