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PART I
Great Neck Library:
The First 100 Years

PART II
The Great Neck Library &
Great Neck - The First 100 Years

Great Neck, New York

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These materials have been bound as a manual to be kept in the Library's Reference Room available to anyone interested in the history of the Great Neck Library.

At a meeting in December 1988, while planning Centennial events, the Board of Trustees asked that I plan an art exhibit to commemorate the Library's 100th Anniversary. After some time and thought I committed to an exhibit that would cover the history and development of the Library in the community during its first 100 years. Initial research led to the realization there was no definitive history of the Library, the materials were scattered and there were large gaps in the chronology. This necessitated in-depth research, organizing the materials and speaking with past Board members or their relatives, present and past staff members, and people in the community. The result of this research appears in Part I and together with Appendix A and B is a chronological history of the Library from 1880-1988.

In developing the exhibit there was another exhaustive search for, and the organization of, photographs and documents. Simultaneously, an original history of the Library in the Great Neck community was written and was on display with the visual material from September through December 1989. This history can be found in Part II.

To all those who contributed to the history of the Library, once again many thanks. For the many people, too numerous to mention here, who contributed information, photographs or other materials to the exhibit, specific acknowledgements can be found in Part II.

To the Board of Trustees, Library Director and Library staff, my thanks for their confidence and support. Very special thanks to Marjorie Malcolm, who typed and proofread all the material. Her intelligence and enthusiasm were greatly appreciated during a consuming but gratifying task.

Dolly Relkin
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Source:
Minutes and Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library 1888 - 1988

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EARLY HISTORY*

Early 1600  - First English & Dutch settlers to peninsula
            30 - 40 families
- Inhabited by Mattinecock Indians who spoke Algonquin
  Language (part of Delaware Indian Group)
- Indian population depleted by 1670 by smallpox epidemic,
  intermarriage and tribal wars
- Dutch from Brooklyn moved eastward
  English moved from Connecticut
- Land was used for farming and pasture for cattle;
  Barter system used - people paid in corn, rum, butter and eggs
- Politically part of Dutch Colony of New Amsterdam although
  population mainly English
  Struggle between the two for political dominance
- End of 1600's English in control
  Great Neck under jurisdiction of Duke of York for next 118 years

1681  - First community meeting
      Citizens wanted self-government

1683  - Citizens had representation in legislative body.
- N.Y. Colony divides into counties. Land destined to become
  Nassau County is included in county of Queens. Remained
  Queens County 200 years

1700  - Grist mills and farming integral part of community life

1776  - Revolutionary War. British occupation ends

1784  - Town of Hempstead formalized by State Legislature
- Town of North Hempstead officially created

1898  - City of Greater New York established. Western towns of Queens
      became part of New York City. 3 eastern towns (including Great
      Neck) still Queens County, but not part of New York City.

1899  - Nassau County established January 1

*Source: Great Neck Library Reference Department History File
LIBRARY YEARS PRIOR TO INCORPORATION

Known Members of Board of Directors:
Mrs. Wm. Onderdonk - 1st President
Louise Udall Skidmore
Mrs. M. P. Baker (Kate)

- "On a day in the year 1880, a small group of women met at the home of Mrs. William Onderdonk, on Long Island Sound, to discuss the idea of organizing a library for residents of Great Neck, who, at that time, could not have numbered more than 1,000.

"To start a library, one must first have some money; that was agreed. Louise Skidmore had a plan. That summer she had spent some time in a Vermont village with two friends. One of them owned a fine set of slides on classical and mythological subjects, and the other was a good lecturer, so they combined their assets and gave a lecture on Greek mythology to the village people. Some sixty years later, when recounting the incident, Miss Skidmore said:

'It was a most unsuitable subject for that little village, but it gave me the idea that we might give it in Great Neck. A magic lantern which operated with tanks of gas which was necessary for the pictures and we had it and the tanks sent down from New York. Imagine our horror when we discovered on the evening of the lecture that they had gone to Roslyn, a village about six miles further down the island.

'So we had to go fetch them. It was a bitterly cold night with deep snow laying on the ground. We had no automobiles in those days, of course, so I drove the cutter and I was in such a hurry to get to Roslyn I upset the cutter in a snow drift - fortunately, on the way over, not on the return journey when we had the tanks of gas!"

"The lecture was safely given and raised $30. Contributions brought the sum up to $100, and with $100 the Great Neck Library made its start in the world. Its first home was in a tiny room which had been the telegraph office, and the telegraph operator's mother took care of the Library.

"We don't know much about those early days for they kept no records then. The need for raising money was, and for forty-five years continued to be, the most pressing problem. One of our oldest residents, Emily Childs, tells of dunning passengers on the steamboat which many still used to go to New York. 'It was a good time and place to do it,' says Miss Emily sagely, 'for they could not get away from me.' "

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1 1907 Minutes, Resolution on Death of Kate Baker. Member for 24 years.
1888

- President, Mrs. Wm. Onderdonk (see 1893)
  Secretary: Louise Udall Skidmore
  Board Member: Mrs. M. P. Baker (see 1907)

- Circulation: 285 volumes (Annual Report 1891)
  Collection: Library had 102 volumes and 40 subscribers

- First purchase of books from Charles Scribner in December 1888
  (Annual Report 1939)

- First entry in the first account book is a credit item of $264.49 -
  the proceeds of a Fair held for the benefit of the Library by Mrs.
  Winslow (Annual Report 1939)

- Board members provided the books and solicited private
  donations for its continuance

- "In 1888 the ladies found themselves suddenly in a difficult
  situation. They had sponsored and nursed along a Public Library
  for all the people of Great Neck, and here was Rev. Louis
  deCormis, rector of All Saints Church, wanting to take over the
  Library on behalf of the Church. Much as they admired Mr.
  deCormis, they could not be in sympathy with such a plan. The
  Library was for all. In this emergency, Louise Skidmore, always a
  fighter, betook herself to the Mercantile Library in New York,
  where she obtained a copy of their Constitution and modified it
  to suit existing conditions in Great Neck. Through some active
  work on the part of the Directors, the Library was incorporated
  on February 19, 1889, and on July 8 the Constitution and By-Laws
  were adopted. Having made the Library safe for the village, the
  ladies salved whatever wounds they had inflicted by making Mr.
  deCormis the President of the Board." The Library Journal,
  "From Little Acorns" by Lucy Kinloch, March 15, 1941, pp. 244-
  247.
1889

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Rev. Louis DeCormis, President
  Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Louise Udall Skidmore, Secretary
  Charles C. Gignoux (5/18/1853 - 1/25/1921)
  Edward Morgan
  Harriet S. Onderdonk

- Mrs. Daniel Gordon, First Librarian

- Circulation - 189 volumes
  Collection: not reported

- February 21, 1889 Great Neck Library was incorporated

- July 1889, By-Laws Adopted

- Members of the Association were limited and approved by Board of Directors

- Financial support by members' annual subscription fee of $10, and occasional large gifts of money (Reference is made to the Winslow Fund in existence prior to 1889)
  Funds were deposited with Winslow Louis & Co.
  Total Receipts in 1889 - $433.29
  Total Expenses - 153.55
  Cash carry-over to 1890 -279.74
  Fund-raising events were scheduled as needed

- Library housed at home of Mrs. Daniel Gordon (small building with picket fence) on Middle Neck Road across from St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church

- Board had an Executive Committee and Purchasing Committee
  Executive Committee read book lists, discussed books for Library that were read by them, book gifts from individuals, and made lists for Purchasing Committee

- All discussions were about subscriptions, finances, and circulation
- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Rev. Louis DeCormis, President
  Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Louise Udall Skidmore, Secretary
  Harriet S. Onderdonk
  Edward Morgan
  Charles C. Gignoux

- Librarian: Mrs. Gordon. Mrs. Gordon paid $50/year for services and $3/month for rent

- Circulation: year end 683 volumes (see Annual Report)
  Collection: year end 649 volumes

- Library Hours: 8 - 10 a.m. & 4 - 5 p.m.
  Members could take out 1 book at a time; a second book cost 2¢ a week

- Board voted to move Library from Mrs. Gordon's home to new Post Office (not done)

- Insurance with Home Insurance Co. - $600

- By year end there were 57 paying members of the Association (plus 17 from 1889)

- Board selected books; prepared catalogs; revised By-Laws; advertised library; solicited funds (had an entertainment at Union Chapel)

- Gifts: Mrs. Henry Willetts - Harper's Monthly for 6 years and $2 for binding; Mrs. L. B. Willetts - 6 books; Mrs. H. L. Onderdonk - 8 notices of the Library; Mrs. C. E. Gignoux - $10 for expenses of catalogues; Mrs. E. Winslow - $10 for Librarian; Board of Directors - $46 for Librarian; Mrs. R. G. Mitchell - $10 for Librarian; Happy Hour Society - $17 for Librarian; Mrs. R. G. Mitchell - $40 for books
1891

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Rev. Louis DeCormis, President
  Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Louise Udall Skidmore, Secretary
  Harriet S. Onderdonk
  Edward Morgan
  Charles C. Gignoux

- Librarian: Mrs. Daniel Gordon

- Circulation: 1,300
  Collection: 850 volumes

- 71 paying subscribers to Library

- Donations: $40 from Board of Directors for Librarian's salary; $50 from R. G. Mitchell for books
- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Rev. Louis DeCormis, President
  Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Louise Udall Skidmore, Secretary
  Harriet S. Onderdonk
  Edward Morgan
  Charles C. Gignoux

- Librarian: Mrs. Daniel Gordon resigned in July; Mrs. William Robinson installed until December; Board stated "Librarian should be found who would give satisfaction and whose salary should not exceed $86 per annum"

- Total circulation was 1,462, of which 52 were history books. "Represented 10-15% greater than is considered helpful library work, but the fiction is of so high an order that it does not mean the same thing as in a larger and less select class of novels. "That even 1 volume of history a week should be taken out speaks well I think for the reading class of Great Neck"

- At year's end Library had 1,024 volumes

- 6/20/1892 Library moved from Mrs. Daniel Gordon's home to Great Neck League Building now owned by Miss Post. (Miss Post believed to be Mrs. Silas McBee - see minutes 1934) *

- Terms of 1 year lease: $86/year on condition Library open daily, Sundays and legal holidays excepted that it should be properly heated and lighted and a Librarian should be provided

- Mrs. Onderdonk bought gifts for the Library:
  - Music and Morals
  - Auld Licht

*(Note: Oral history corroboration of location of the League Building: west side of Middle Neck Road, Between Brokaw Road on the west side and Baker Hill Road on the east side of Middle Neck, near 540 Middle Neck Road, opposite Alert Fire Co. at 555 Middle Neck.)
- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Harriet S. Onderdonk, President
  Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Louise Udall Skidmore, Secretary
  Mrs. M. P. Baker (Phoebe Catherine Conger - called Kate)
  Mrs. Charles C. Gignoux (November 7, 1852 - Feb. 5, 1915)
  Mrs. Wm. H. Hoag (replaced DeCormis who resigned)

- Librarian: Mrs. Abbie Fairfield hired

- Circulation: 2,165

- "Having men on the Board....did not work out very satisfactorily. It meant having meetings at nights, and as they were always held at the somewhat isolated home of Mrs. Onderdonk, transportation became a vital factor. Those were literally the horse and buggy days and turning out at night in bad weather over muddy and snowy roads, in sleigh or carriage, was something not to be lightly undertaken. The ladies made this clear and the men gave way with good grace. Mrs. Onderdonk resumed Presidency, which she held until her death in 1904."
  (The Library Journal, "From Little Acorns" by Lucy Kinloch, March 15, 1941, pp. 244-247)

- Ideal of Board was "a Library that will rival in size and influence one of the large suburban libraries of New England. To attain this end, we must have more readers and more money."

- July. Pay Miss Post $100 for Librarian's services and rent for library

- A $10 subscription to Library would provide family membership

- Committees of 1 were appointed to complete tasks, e.g. to provided lecture for the benefit of the Library

- Proposed each Board member get 20 annual members to pledge themselves to pay $10/year for the purpose of making the Library free

- Secretary to consult a lawyer about changing Constitution

- Librarian reported by mail

- Free use of the Library granted to members of the League (men's social club) where Library was housed
- Miss Skidmore appointed to consult lawyer on possibility of making Library free

- Board discussed ways of getting permanent income, and making Library free
- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Harriet S. Onderdonk, President
  Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Louise Skidmore, Secretary
  Mrs. M. P. Baker
  Mrs. Charles C. Gignoux
  Mrs. Wm. H. Hoag

- Librarian, Mrs. Fairfield

- Circulation, 2,748
  Collection: 1,296 books

- Collection catalogued by an "expert" according to the system used in the New York Free Circulating Library and the card system of giving out the books in the same library has been adopted. Miss Theresa Hitchler from New York City accomplished the job

- From the Annual Report:
  "As we review the years work and try to estimate what has been accomplished shall we not be glad remembering that the influence of all these excellent books cannot be counted in volumes, nor in dollars and cents. The good, the enrichment, the insight are permanent and incalculable possessions now of those who have read and who can take them away."

  "And with so great measure of success in the past, may we not look forward with confidence to that happy day when the loftiest of library work shall be realized here in Great Neck and our doors be thrown wide open, our admirably chosen books be free to all, allowing every body the refreshment and uplifting that comes alone from the intimate companionship of books. Would it not then be ours to exclaim 'what have God wrought'."

  Written by Mrs. Fairfield, Librarian
  Great Neck Library
  January 4, 1895

- A year's subscription to the Library was offered to the four pupils from classes 1 and 2 in the Public School who were most truthful, obedient, respectful and industrious. This was won by William Matthews, Mary Cowley, John Larrissy and Grace McFerran.
The class of books read in Great Neck is of a very high order, and fiction is by no means much in demand as one would suppose.

- Concerned with solid reading i.e. non-fiction rather than fiction. July - "The proportion of solid reading to the circulation is greater than it is in most large libraries and this is largely due to our very superior Librarian who directs the reading in great measure of the village people."

- Board directed Librarian to remove soiled covers from books on the shelves

- Resolved to have an entertainment for the benefit of the Library and use the proceeds for a typewritten catalogue (made $11.92)

- Discussions on paid-up subscriptions
  "The influence of a good library is inestimable and those who give so largely towards its support are placing that in the hands of the people which is molding and refining them... into noble men and women" (Annual report 1894)

- Miss Josephine Hewlett, appointed acting Secretary
  Miss Grace Hewlett, appointed acting Treasurer in absence of Miss Helen S. Merritt and Mrs. Eldridge

- Gifts: Mr. Mitchell - $50
- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Miss Harriet S. Onderdonk, President
  Miss Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Miss Louise Udall Skidmore, Secretary (Mrs. Eldridge)
  Mrs. M. P. Baker
  Mrs. Charles C. Gignoux
  Mrs. Wm. H. Hoag

- Librarian: Mrs. Fairfield, left. Mrs. Sara Wortman succeeded as Librarian

- Circulation: 2,670
  Collection: 1,441

- 1st monthly periodical purchased: "Little Journeys to the Homes of Great Men", cost 40¢ a year. (1890 "Harper's Monthly" given as a gift)

- Mrs. Onderdonk prepared new catalogue. Mrs. Fairfield donated covers and paper as gift to Library
  Some Catalogues given away for publicity, some sold
  Each subscriber had his/her own catalogue (see Minute Books for lists)

- Books held by McFerran Family should be burned and other copies bought to replace them as some members of the said family were ill with Scarletina and it was considered unsafe to place the books in circulation

- Board removed 2 books from shelves as "Unwholesome"
  The Three Musketeers and Change of Air
1896

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Miss Harriet S. Onderdonk, President
  Miss Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Miss Louise Skidmore Eldridge, Secretary
  Mrs. Wm. H. Hoag
  Mrs. Emma Gignoux
  Mrs. Kate Baker

- Librarian: Mrs. Sara Wortman

- Circulation: In last quarter of year 626 books, 447 were fiction

- "Deplorable falling off in the number of books taken out...and in the solid reading"
1897

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Miss Harriet S. Onderdonk, President
  Miss Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Miss Louise Skidmore Eldridge, Secretary
  Mrs. Wm. H. Hoag
  Mrs. Emma Gignoux
  Mrs. Kate Baker

- Librarian: Mrs. Sara Wortman

- Circulation: 1st 6 months - 301 Non-Fiction, 789 Fiction

- Annual Meeting changed from January to October 21

- Insurance changed to Glen Cove Mutual Insurance Co. Lower rates than Home Insurance Co. and only $34 in treasury

- No book should be loaned by a borrower to any other person

- The Christian by Halt Caine should not be put in the Library unless it was read and approved by every member of the Board
1898

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Miss Harriet S. Onderdonk, President
  Miss Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Miss Louise Skidmore Eldridge, Secretary
  Mrs. Wm. H. Hoag
  Mrs. Emma Gignoux
  Mrs. Kate Baker

- Librarian: Mrs. Sara Wortman

- Circulation: 1 quarter of year - 383

- Annual Meeting of January omitted. Annual Meeting changed in By-Laws to October 21st (From 2nd Tuesday in January)

- Daudet's Head of the Family considered not suitable for the Library
- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Miss Harriet S. Onderdonk, President
  Miss Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Miss Louise Skidmore Eldridge, Secretary
  Mrs. Wm. H. Hoag
  Mrs. Emma Gignoux
  Mrs. Kate Baker

- Librarian:  Mrs. Sara Wortman

- Circulation:  not reported

- Board withdrew *The Forest Lovers* and *The Gadfly* from the shelves
Resolved to restrict certain books considered "too realistic" for young readers

- Circular sent to new residents about the services of the library

- Mrs. Skidmore Eldridge took trips to New York to visit the Free Library to find out how to restrict certain books successfully. The Librarian stated in her report:
"While I believe most thoroughly in a nice discrimination in the choice of books, I must beg the directors to be more careful about withdrawing books from the Library. I cannot help feeling that there is a danger of becoming narrow in our policy and of limiting the aspirations of the Library. What is meat for one is another's poison, and strong meat cannot be given to babes. In all libraries there are some books that are unsuitable for some readers, and these books are restricted and kept out of sight. I think we should restrict the use of any book that a good Christian thinks may be pernicious...." (The Library Journal, "From Little Acorns" by Lucy Kinloch, March 15, 1941, pp. 244-247)
- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Miss Harriet S. Onderdonk, President
  Miss Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Miss Louise Skidmore Eldridge, Secretary
  Mrs. Wm. H. Hoag
  Mrs. Emma Gignoux
  Mrs. Kate Baker

- Librarian: Mrs. Sara Wortman

- Circulation: not reported
  Collection: 2,000 volumes

- Board resolved "not to restrict the circulation of certain books in
  the Library"

- Gifts: Mrs. Hobart Onderdonk - Bound volumes of "The
  Eclectic" and "Popular Science" monthly
- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Miss Harriet S. Onderdonk, President
  Miss Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Miss Louise Skidmore Eldridge, Secretary
  Mrs. Wm. H. Hoag
  Mrs. Emma Gignoux
  Mrs. Kate Baker

- Librarian: Mrs. Sara Wortman

- Circulation: - not reported

- Secretary to send circulars to new residents of Great Neck as was done for the last three years

- Book lists read and approved for purchase

- From the Librarian's report:
  "Aside from a growing taste in biography and travel, and one more subscriber, there is nothing encouraging in this year's record, and my first impression was that the Library was in a state of rapid decline; but on further investigation I came to the conclusion that it was in the same condition as last year, and I believe that the falling off is due to a change in residents of Great Neck. Two or three families who drew largely from the Library have moved away, which would account for the smaller number of books taken out during the year.

  "Looking at the Library from the most favorable point, it is in an unsatisfactory state if it is not growing or developing as the law of life demands. While it is growing slowly in size, about the same number of books being added each year, it is not growing in usefulness, as the gradual falling off in circulation indicates and the principal cause is not far to seek as there are two more free libraries in Great Neck. We rejoice there are more books here and everywhere, but we want our Library to hold its own, and have its own special work in the community. I believe the only way that our Library can regain its prestige and become a potent member for good is to make it free. Inspite of our disappointments, I believe the Library has grown in importance as a part of the village life, and has its place as surely as the school, or even the Church."
"After an absence of a few months, on visiting the Library, I was very much impressed with the changed attitude of the public to the Library. I saw people sitting at the tables in the reading room who had come there to read, and not to look, and the notices for Silence did not seem, as formerly, mere convention, and I found myself whispering involuntarily out of respect to real readers, as one would in a great city library." (The Library Journal, "From Little Acorns" by Lucy Kinloch, March 15, 1941, pp. 244-247)
- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Miss Harriet S. Onderdonk, President
  Miss Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer (nee Hewlett)
  Miss Louise Skidmore Eldridge, Secretary
  Mrs. Wm. H. Hoag
  Mrs. Emma Gignoux
  Mrs. Kate Baker

- Librarian: Mrs. Sara Wortman

- Circulation: - not reported

- Give away bound volumes of Littell and the Scientific American
1903

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Miss Harriet S. Onderdonk, President
  Miss Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Mrs. Louise Skidmore Eldridge, Secretary
  Mrs. Wm. H. Hoag
  Mrs. Emma Gignoux
  Mrs. Kate Baker

- Librarian: Mrs. Sara Wortman

- Circulation: - not reported

- The League Building where the Library was housed was in process of being given to All Saints Church and rented back to the League. The Library had to move after May 1st, when Mrs. McBee's funds for the Librarian's services would run out. Final outcome was Library stayed in League Building for $50/year, and Mrs. Sara Wortman, Librarian was paid 15¢/hour for services

- Treasurer empowered to increase insurance on the books to $3,000
- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Miss Harriet S. Onderdonk, President (died 12/12)
  Miss Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Mrs. Louise Skidmore Eldridge, Secretary
  Mrs. Wm. H. Hoag
  Mrs. Kate Baker
  Mrs. Emma M. Gignoux (12/28 - President to replace Mrs. Onderdonk)

- December 12, Mrs. Onderdonk died. Mrs. Gignoux appointed President

- February. Librarian, Mrs. Sara W. Wortman died (7 years service 1895-1903). Resolution "We feel the library has lost a faithful conscientious librarian and the community, a valued resident whose personal relations with all those with whom she came in contact testify to the loveliness of her character". Published in the North Hempstead Times. Miss Sallie Wortman became Librarian

- In November, 1904, Mr. Silas McBee donated League Building to All Saints Church to be run on a self-supporting basis
- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Mrs. Emma M. Gignoux, President
  Miss Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Mrs. Louise Skidmore Eldridge, Secretary
  Mrs. Wm. H. Hoag
  Mrs. Kate Baker
  Miss Elise Gignoux (B. 10/16/1881 - D. March 22, 1931)

- Librarian: Miss Sallie Wortman was paid $20/month

- Circulation: not reported

- May - Board passed a resolution, which they had discussed for ten years, to make the Library free to all, as an experiment for one year. They issued the following circular: (quoted from 1939 Annual Report)
  "The Directors of the Great Neck Library desire to increase its usefulness by making it free."

  "The Library was started in 1888, and has been supported during these years by subscriptions, by annual contributions of $10, and by occasional large gifts of money. The best books of each year have been bought, and there are now upon the shelves 2,500 well selected volumes covering all branches of Literature. The subscribers number 55 and nearly 3,000 books are taken out yearly. The cost of conducting the Library amounts to $350 a year. This includes the services of a librarian four hours daily, the rent of a room in the League Building, and the purchase of about 100 books."

  "The Directors desire to make the Library free for a year as an experiment, and this can be only accomplished by securing a sufficient number of annual contributions to make up for the loss of subscribers."

  "All contributions should be sent to the Treasurer, Miss Helen S. Merritt."

   Directors: Louise S. Eldridge, Secretary
              Kate C. Baker
              Sara E. Hoag
1906

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Mrs. Emma M. Gignoux, President
  Miss Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Mrs. Louise Skidmore Eldridge, Secretary
  Mrs. Wm. H. Hoag
  Mrs. Kate Baker
  Miss Elise Gignoux

- Librarian: Miss Wortman

- Circulation: not reported

- Began issuing vacation books, "as in other libraries."

- Miss Merritt appointed to have new shelves made for Library

- Need room for books. Library full to overflowing. "......The Library owes the people of Great Neck a reading room, a reference department, and a larger juvenile department." (The Library Journal, "From Little Acorns" by Lucy Kinloch, March 15, 1941, pp. 244-247)

- Making Library free resulted in increased circulation and increased readers, but did not improve conditions. (The Library Journal, "From Little Acorns" by Lucy Kinloch, March 15, 1941, pp. 244-247)
1907

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Mrs. Emma M. Gignoux, President
  Miss Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Mrs. Louise Skidmore Eldridge, Secretary
  Mrs. Wm. H. Hoag
  Mrs. Kate Baker (died April 1907; seat vacant)
  Miss Elise Gignoux

- Librarian: Miss Wortman

- Circulation reached 5,000

- Photograph of 1st President, Mrs. Onderdonk placed in Library by Mrs. Eldridge

- League Building sold by All Saints Church in 1907 to William Gould Brokaw for $12,000. Building turned into a dwelling house. Great Neck League ceased to exist. (Source: Verbal, Marie Hecht, Historian, All Saints Church, 1989.)

- 11/27/07 (Deed)
  Mr. Roswell Eldridge and Louise U. Eldridge give a new library which he had located on Arrandale Avenue near the High School

- Building opened July 12, 1907. English style, half timber, consisted of one large room, 28x40, half of which was devoted to a reading room; and a large open fireplace, and furnished with "everything needful" including magazines and daily papers. Library open daily, every afternoon and evening, except Sundays, holidays, and one evening in the month when the Librarian is absent.

- Membership 252

- Amended Constitution and By-Laws

- August sent circulars to all residents of Great Neck, and neighboring villages not provided with libraries, to assure income for increased expenses - result not satisfactory. Ways and means is still unsolved. Did receive generous donations.

- Cost of maintaining Library $1,000/year which included Librarian's salary $40/month, janitor's salary, light, heat, magazines abd books. (The Library Journal, "From Little Acorns" by Lucy Kinloch, March 15, 1941 pp. 244-247)
"...the Library has emerged from cocoon stage of its existence and grown wings, but it is still too feeble to fly and it needs our combined efforts to make it fulfill its mission". (Annual Report)

Resolution on death of Mrs. Kate Conger Baker
"Whereas in the midst of a life full of beneficent activities God has called home one of his faithful servants Mrs. Kate Conger Baker. Resolved that we the directors of the Great Neck Library wish to record our sense of the loss sustained by this Association in the death of Mrs. K.C. Baker who has been a director of the Great Neck Library 24 years. Mrs. Baker has always shown a keen interest in educational work and she has endeavored to make the Library a factor in the higher education of this village. We shall miss her earnest cooperation in all that pertains to the welfare of the Library. Its growth and influence for good were always dear to her heart and one of her last kind acts was to direct her daughter to purchase and present a set of books to the Library. The directors of the Library wish to express their sympathy with the family of Mrs. Baker in their inseparable loss of the spirit whose patience and cheerfulness through a long and painful illness shall be a memorial to her."

- Gifts: - Art and book gifts included: fine edition of Burton Holmes lectures, a number of French books; large number of books and magazines (Mrs. Jones); books from Mrs. Hall. Florentine Andirons (Roswell Eldridge). Two old prints of the work of T and the Roman given by Mrs. Gignoux, President.
- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Mrs. Emma M. Gignoux, President
  Miss Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Mrs. Louise Eldridge, Secretary
  Mrs. Sara E. Hoag
  Miss Elise Gignoux
  Mrs. Grace L. Merritt* Vicario - elected for 6 years (vacancy of
  Mrs. Baker)
  *June 8, 1918 Signature Board Minutes

- Librarian: Miss Wortman

- Circulation: solid reading the same as last year - 8%
- Collection: of the volumes 269 added, 103 were donated

- Remarkable increase in membership "especially in the number
  of children whose constant patronage has brought up the
  circulation of juvenile books in 4 years from 116 to 1,864 is an
  unmistakable sign of the vitality of the Library, and a promise of
  its future strength."

- Magazines put in circulation

- Book committee to secure lists of reference books on scientific
  subjects

- Library open on Sunday afternoons for 3 hours, plus 2 hours
  every morning, plus afternoons and evening hours

- Secretary's report published in the local paper
- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Mrs. Emma M. Gignoux, President
  Miss Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Mrs. Louise Eldridge, Secretary
  Mrs. Sara E. Hoag
  Miss Elise Gignoux
  Mrs. G. Vicario

- Librarian: Miss Wortman

- Circulation: Almost 10,000

- Increased insurance to $3,500

- Village doctors to notify Librarian when contagious diseases in village to prevent spread of disease through circulation of books

- Increase in transient population

- Growing foreign population that ought to be supplied with books in their own language

- Larger reference department needed to meet educational needs

- Discussed librarian's salary and vacation

- Added lights in stack room and on porch, bought new cabinet

- "If the Library is to keep pace with modern thought and be a stimulus to the intellectual life of Great Neck and adjacent villages, it must have the faithful support of all." (Annual Report)
1910

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Mrs. Emma M. Gignoux, President
  Miss Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Mrs. Louise Skidmore Eldridge, Secretary
  Mrs. Sara E. Hoag
  Miss Elise Gignoux
  Mrs. G. Vicario

- Librarian: Miss Wortman

- Circulation: More than 10,000

- Hired an Assistant Librarian and Custodial help

- Purchased Latin, French, German dictionaries

- Bought books of all kinds so the flagging interest of the public has been revived

- "Uneventful days and gradual growth insure strength and permanence." (Annual Report)

- "If it were not for the generous gifts of a few faithful friends of the Library, we could not maintain it, but I think that further effort should be made to make people feel that the maintenance and growth of the Library ought not to be the word of one person, or several but of the united efforts of every man, woman and child in the community.....I want to thank the children of Great Neck for the help and encouragement they have given the Library. They are indeed the backbone of the Library." (Annual report)

- Gifts: 62 books; Mr. Roswell Eldridge - large globe; several gifts of money; Miss Merritt - large clock; stained glass for south window; stained glass coats of arms from Oxford, New Castle placed in east window Mr. Roswell Eldridge - set of fire irons to match florentine andirons and large oak wood box; Mrs. Carl Myer, Mrs. Udall, Miss Oakley - Quarterly Bulletins
1911

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Mrs. Emma M. Gignoux, President
  Miss Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Mrs. Louise Skidmore Eldridge, Secretary
  Mrs. Sara E. Hoag
  Miss Elise Gignoux
  Mrs. G. Vicario

- Librarian: Miss Wortman

- Circulation: Fallen off last 2 years

- Collection - 800 books added in the last 5 years

- List of new books printed in local newspaper

- Opened library service to non-residents of Great Neck
  if guests of a resident for $1

- Paid $1.50/day for cleaning services of Mrs. Betty Hegeman
1912

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Mrs. Emma M. Gignoux, President
  Miss Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Mrs. Louise Skidmore Eldridge, Secretary
  Mrs. Sara E. Hoag
  Miss Elise Gignoux - reelected 12 years
  Mrs. G. Vicario

- Librarian: Miss Wortman

- Circulation: not reported

- Gift: $1,500 from Roswell Eldridge
1913

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Mrs. Emma M. Gignoux, President
  Miss Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Mrs. Louise Skidmore Eldridge, Secretary
  Mrs. Sara E. Hoag
  Miss Elise Gignoux
  Mrs. G. Vicario

- Librarian: Miss Wortman

- Circulation: not reported

- Another appeal for contributions necessary

- Give away old magazines with exception of Etude, Craftsman and Atlantic

- Purchase books of instruction in needlework
1914

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Mrs. Emma M. Gignoux, President
  Miss Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Mrs. Louise Skidmore Eldridge, Secretary
  Mrs. Sara E. Hoag
  Miss Elise Gignoux
  Mrs. G. Vicario

- Librarian: Miss Wortman

- Circulation: not reported

- Mrs. Vicario and Miss Gignoux appointed as committee to buy 2 doormats
1915

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Mrs. Emma M. Gignoux, President (died 2/4)
  Mrs. Silas McBee filled vacancy until October 1915
  Miss Lucile Alger elected to fill vacancy of Mrs. McBee until 1919
  Miss Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Mrs. Louise Skidmore Eldridge, Secretary (In October elected President)
  Mrs. Sara E. Hoag
  Miss Elise Gignoux
  Mrs. Grace Vicario, Secretary (elected October when Louise Eldridge became President)

- Librarian: Miss Wortman

- Circulation: not reported

- "Whereas, in the midst of a busy life God called home one of his faithful servants, Mrs. C. C. Gignoux on February 4, 1915, leaving a place vacant in the community and the Great Neck Library which can never be filled. We, the directors of the Library who have been associated with Mrs. Gignoux wish to record our appreciation of her work and influence in the Library. Mrs. Gignoux succeeded Mrs. Onderdonk in 1904 as President of the Great Neck Library and since then she has been unanimously reelected every year. Our relations with her were of such an intimate nature that it is difficult to express our feelings because it is like speaking of the loss of a member of one's own family. For each one of us here death is a personal sorrow, but our duty to the community requires some acknowledgement of the value of such a life in the larger sense"
1916

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge President
  Miss Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Grace Vicario, Secretary
  Mrs. Sara E. Hoag
  Miss Elise Gignoux
  Lucille Alger

- Librarian: Miss Wortman

- Circulation: not reported

- "English Country Life" and "The Geographical" magazines purchased

- "increase of salaries discussed, owing to war". Librarian to receive $60 / month
1917

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President
  Miss Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Grace Vicario, Secretary
  Mrs. Sara E. Hoag
  Miss Elise Gignoux
  Lucille Alger

- Librarian: Miss Wortman - salary $60-65/month

- Circulation: not reported
1918

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President
  Miss Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Grace Vicario, Secretary
  Mrs. Sara E. Hoag (died June)
  Miss Elise Gignoux
  Lucille Alger (check spelling of Lucille/Lucile - see 1915)

- Librarian: Miss Wortman

- Circulation: not reported

- Epidemic of Influenza - postponed Annual Meeting from October to November 26th

- Book of Knowledge added to book list

- "Whereas by the death of Mrs. William H. Hoag on June 2nd, the Great Neck Library loses one of its earliest Directors. We the present Directors wish to record our sense of loss, and appreciation of her services in the Library. Over twenty years ago, Mrs. Hoag was elected one of six Directors of the recently begun Library, and she served in that capacity until her death. Her conscientious interest in the welfare of the Library, her faithful desire for its good, her unfailing cooperation in all she thought would further its growth and usefulness make her loss a very real one for her fellow Directors, a loss it will be difficult to replace. Also the Directors of the Library have always had a warm personal regard for Mrs. Hoag they feel deeply her death, and in memory of her place among them, and of their sense of sorrow at the vacancy her death has caused, be it further Resolved:
  To spread upon the minutes of the Library the foregoing Resolution, and to send a copy of the same to the family of Mrs. Hoag"
1919

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President
  Miss Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Grace Vicario, Secretary
  Miss Elise Gignoux
  Lucille Alger, re-elected
  Mrs. W. E. Lewis (filled vacancy of Sara Hoag)

- Librarian: Miss Wortman

- Circulation: not reported
1920

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President
  Miss Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Grace Vicario, Secretary
  Miss Elise Gignoux
  Lucille Alger
  Mrs. W. E. Lewis (Frances)

- Librarian, Miss Wortman resigned February 1920
  New Librarian: Mrs. Craver

- Circulation: not reported

- Drive for membership

- Uniting with public school in Americanizing foreigners

- Constitution changed. Membership in Association reduced from $10 to $1

- Library registered with New York State Board of Regents
  (certificate in Library Director's office, dated 1921)

- Mrs. Eldridge said: "For several years the Directors have felt that the Library was not up to its full measure of usefulness. Started in the days when the humanities counted, when books were so easy to get and attracted of themselves, the Library has continued along very much the lines first established. But the world has changed, and the Directors have realized that the Library should keep pace with world conditions. During the war, however, it was felt advisable to defer changes that necessitated thought, work and money." (The Library Journal, "From Little Acorns" by Lucy Kinloch, March 15, 1941, pp. 244-247)
1921

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President
  Miss Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer
  Grace Vicario, Secretary (resigned 2/11)
  Nellie White, Secretary (filled vacancy of Vicario)
  Miss Elise Gignoux
  Lucille Alger
  Mrs. W. E. Lewis, re-elected

- Librarian: Mrs. Craver

- Circulation: not reported

- Great Neck School Board of Education approved adding $1500 to
  its budget for the use of the Library

- Have an appraiser from the Insurance Company appraise books

- Fiscal year changed from September 30 to June 30
1922

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President
  Miss Helen S. Merritt, Treasurer (resigned 7/20)
  Miss Elise Gignoux, Treasurer (to replace Merritt)
  Nellie White, Secretary
  Lucille Alger
  Mrs. W. E. Lewis

- Librarian, Mrs. Craver, resigned

- Circulation: not reported

- state giving only $44 instead of $100, as appropriation of the state has been cut

- received $319.10 - the proceeds of the plays given by the Dramatic Committee of the Woman's Club
1923

- Board of Directors and Officers:  
  Louise Eldridge, President  
  Miss Elise Gignoux, Treasurer  
  Nellie White, Secretary  
  Lucille Alger  
  Mrs. W. E. Lewis  
  - Vacant seat of Miss Merritt

- Librarian: ? only name mentioned was Miss Israel whose salary was brought up to $150 /mo

- January "The Branch" opened in Fardels' Flower Shop at 40 Middle Neck Road. ("The Branch started its career in the Black Bird Shop" .... from The Library Journal, "From Little Acorns" by Lucy Kinloch, March 15, 1951, pp. 244-247)

- Signs erected on Arrandale & Middle Neck Road, and at Fardels showing location of Libraries

- Constitution and By-Laws changed the Annual Meeting to 3rd Wednesday in January
1924

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President
  Miss Elise Gignoux, Treasurer
  Nellie White, Secretary
  Lucille Alger (resigned) Mrs. John C. Baker filled vacancy to January 1926
  Mrs. W. E. Lewis
- Vacant seat of Miss Merritt

- Librarian: Mrs. Mary S. Root

- Circulation: not reported

- 2 wings added to Arrandale Building, gift of Mrs. Eldridge
  Workroom and Office, and Children's Room
1925

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President
  Miss Elise Gignoux, Treasurer
  Nellie White, Secretary
  Mrs. John C. Baker
  Mrs. Frederick Dewey (filled vacant seat of Miss Merritt who resigned in 1922)
  Mrs. W. E. Lewis

- Librarian: Miss L. Valeta King
  Assistant Librarian Miss Anne Hedges (photo 5/2/25)

- Circulation: not reported

- Applied to School Board for a room in Kensington School Building for a branch. Branch established. A sign erected at closest entrance

- Children's Room opened at Arrandale

- Board had a Publicity Committee in addition to Books, Finance, Personnel
1926

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President
  Miss Elise Gignoux, Treasurer
  Nellie White, Secretary
  Mrs. John C. Baker (Elizabeth Mellick - re-elected 6 years)
  Mrs. Frederick Dewey
  Mrs. W. E. Lewis

- Board Committees - added House Committee

- Librarian: Miss King

- Circulation: not reported

- Library closed on holidays:

- Kensington School room continued
  October - approved renting a store on Elm Street next to Dodge Bros. for $75/month for "Branch" Library (Dodge Bros. was located at 78 Middle Neck Road, *Great Neck News*, 1925)
1927

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President
  Mrs. W. E. Lewis, Vice President (new office established)
  Miss Elise Gignoux, Treasurer
  Nellie White, Secretary - reelected 6 years
  Mrs. Frederick Dewey
  Mrs. John C. Baker

- Librarian, Miss King (resigned 12/14/27)

- Committees:
  Finance, House Committee, Book Committee, Publicity and Personnel

- Circulation: 43,148 volumes

- February - Roswell Eldridge died. Letter of appreciation

- Library rented out desk space in Library on Elm Street for 4 months at $25/month to a Mr. Fischer

- Branch lease renewed
1928

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President
  Mrs. W. E. Lewis, Vice President - re-elected 6 years
  Miss Elise Gignoux, Treasurer
  Nellie White, Secretary
  Mrs. Frederick Dewey
  Mrs. John C. Baker

- Monthly meetings of Board instead of quarterly. Changed By-Laws

- Librarian, Mrs. J. M. Wagener; Assistant, Miss Frances Travers

- Circulation: 50,864

- February - Branch Library registered with New York State Station Branch to be run as a Children's Library, and getting special books for adults

- Non-residents charged $3/year beginning January 1929
1929

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President
  Mrs. W. E. Lewis, Vice President
  Miss Elise Gignoux, Treasurer - re-elected 6 years
  Nellie White, Secretary
  Mrs. Frederick Dewey
  Mrs. John C. Baker

- Mrs. Wagener Librarian

- Circulation: 56,128 (see 1930)

- Collection: 13,500 books. Budget $25,000. Insurance increased to $5,500

- The little house on the corner of 3rd Street and Station Plaza offered for the branch. To be investigated

- Part of the Eastern Construction Co. office on Middle Neck Road secured for Branch Library. Elm Street store to be given up

- Exclude boys under 16 in evening unless accompanied by parent, older brother or sister. Resolution passed

- Library became tax supported
- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President - re-elected 6 years
  Mrs. W. E. Lewis, Vice President
  Miss Elise Gignoux, Treasurer
  Nellie White, Secretary
  Mrs. Frederick Dewey
  Mrs. John C. Baker

- Librarian: Mrs. J. M. Wagener

- Circulation: 61,272 (population - 13,610) Annual Meeting of 1/21/31 says 74,797 an increase of 18,669 over previous year.

- Stacks at Arrandale built

- Board of Education will lease for a nominal sum plot of land back of the Library (Arrandale) and adjacent to Arrandale School site for Library purposes

- Hired Price Waterhouse to audit books
1931

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President
  Mrs. W. E. Lewis, Vice President (died 7/24/31) Frances Oviatt Lewis
  Miss Elise Gignoux, Treasurer
  Nellie White, Secretary
  Mrs. John C. Baker
  Mrs. Frederick Dewey - re-elected 6 years
  Mr. Edward Streeter (filled vacancy of Mrs. Lewis)

- Librarian: Mrs. J. M. Wagener

- Circulation: 82,957
  Budget: $35,000

- New building on Arrandale opened 2/1/31, enlargement gift of Mrs. Eldridge (1924 additions proved inadequate)

- Re-hired Price Waterhouse to audit books; 1st public liability insurance

- Discussed moving Branch to larger quarters. Librarian proposed taking small store next to Branch and taking the wall down

- Library closed 6 weeks due to Infantile Paralysis Epidemic

- Gifts: European Photos -Louise Eldridge; Progress of Nations, 24 volumes - Mr. & Mrs. W. M. Barstow in memory of son Frederick Duclos Barstow; fresh flowers in Library - Louise Eldridge
1932

- Board of Directors and Officers: (Enlarged Board to 8, 4 year term)
  Louise Eldridge, President
  Edward Streeter, Vice President
  Miss Elise Gignoux, Treasurer (died 3/22/32)**
  Nellie White, Secretary
  Mrs. John C. Baker (Elizabeth) - re-elected 4 years
  Mrs. Frederick Dewey
  Mr. Wm. A. Eldridge, Treasurer (on Gignoux's death)
  Mr. B. E. Atterbury
  Mrs. Albert Grauer (filled vacancy of Elise Gignoux)

** Treasurer since July 1922. Served on Board October 21, 1905 to March 22, 1932

Terms of Office to Expire:
  Miss White and Mr. Atterbury - 1933
  Mrs. Dewey and Mr. Streeter - 1934
  Mr. Eldridge and Mrs. A. Grauer - 1935
  Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Baker - 1936

- Librarian: Mrs. J. M. Wagener

- Circulation: 116,678 (reported in the Annual Report of 1938 as 126,488)
  Budget: $30,000

- Station Branch - 3 year lease at 118 Middle Neck Road at $100/month with 2 months concession. Lease runs to May 1934

- "It is with profound sorrow that we record the death of our Treasurer, Elise Messenger Gignoux, a member of the Board of Directors from October 21, 1905, to the day of her death on March 22, 1932, and Treasurer of the Board of Directors from July 1922. Few people have won the respect and admiration of the whole community as did Elise Messenger Gignoux. She has left a record which ought to be put in the archives of Great Neck as an incentive and inspiration for future generations. She has a rare mind, preeminently intellectual, but its brilliance tempered by kindness and consideration for others. Her attainments were the natural outcome of an aristocracy of mind and soul. Her school and college years were fruitful, and produced a remarkable education. She had an unusual knowledge of Latin and Greek, she spoke French and German fluently, read Italian and Spanish, and knew something of Russian. She put her education to practical use, serving on the Board of Education in
Great Neck Schools. She knew and loved books, but also had a 
keen business sense, and was able to manage a large estate 
profitably. She took a vital interest in public affairs, establishing 
a District Nursing Association of which she was Secretary. As 
Treasurer of the Great Neck Library, her wisdom and 
understanding in all that pertained to the development of the 
Library is incalculable. She gave herself so freely and unselfishly 
that we who are left to carry on the work of both Library and 
Health League scarcely know where to turn for advice. We shall 
remember her as we remember those who gave their lives for 
their country."

- Gifts: Mr. Cowl loaned 5 paintings to hang in Library. Mrs. 
Cowle gave collection of music to start Music Department in 
Library. Fresh flowers in Library (Eldridge)
1933

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President
  Mrs. Elizabeth Baker, Vice President
  Wm. Eldridge, Treasurer - re-elected 2 years
  Nellie White, Secretary - re-elected 4 years
  Mr. Boudinot E. Atterbury - re-elected 1 year
  Mrs. Frederick Dewey (resigned 2/1/33. Vacancy filled by
  Mrs. Keays)
  Mrs. Albert Grauer
  Mr. Edward Streeter
  Mrs. Keays (filled vacancy of Mrs. F. Dewey) 2/9/33

- Librarian: Mrs. J. M. Wagener
  Staff: Miss McKay, Miss Wickens, Miss Darlington, Miss Dahlgren

- Circulation: 173,602 (as reported in the annual report 1938)

- January - lease for 118 Middle Neck Road ready to be signed "but
  Mr. Eldridge had just received word that the Magic Circle Book
  Shop would not lease the store where the Branch (Station)
  Library is located, after willing to lease it."

- Look into theft insurance. Currently insured for fire

- Cancelled lease with Edlew Corp.

- March - signed lease with Pius Benca and wife for 118 Middle
  Neck Road for 3 years, from 3/1/33. Rent $100/month, with 4
  months concession. (Branch)

- November 22, Edward Streeter resigned from Board. Harrison
  Craver succeeded in January 1934

- Gifts: April - Mrs. Roessler - 2 marble busts; Bookplate gift -
  Messenger Collection (in memory of Miss Gignoux)
- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President
  Harrison Craver, Vice President (filled seat of Streeter)
  Wm. Eldridge, Treasurer
  Nellie V. D. White, Secretary
  Mrs. Albert Grauer
  Mrs. Frederick Keays
  Mrs. Elizabeth Baker
  Mr. Geo D. Olds Jr. - elected 4 years (succeeded Atterbury)

- Mrs. Baker resigned. Mrs. Keays resigned

- Mr. Geo D. Olds resigned from Board

- Changed Board meetings to 4 times/year on Third Wednesday

- Librarian: Mrs. J. M. Wagener

- Circulation: 137,713
  Budget: $25,000

- Stacks A to E (Arrandale) enclosed with wire to lock them - $132

- Bookplates catalogued

- Cowl collection of music received and bound

- October - Children's books were being taken to Lakeville School, a member of PTA acting as Librarian. (Continued until May 1938)

- Gifts: January - Beautiful Della Robbia given to Library by Mrs. Houston
  December - 3 display cases at cost of $100 from legacy of estate of Mrs. Louise Post McBee (balance in acc't as of Dec. 1935 $438.99); children's books - Mrs. Geo. Meyer
1935

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President
  Harrison Craver, Vice President
  Mr. Wm. Eldridge, Treasurer - reelected 4 years
  Nellie White, Secretary
  Mrs. Albert Grauer - re-elected 4 years
  Mr. Hunter Delatour (appointed to replace Mrs. Baker)
  Mrs. Howard Clark Jr. (replaced Mrs. Keays)
  Vacant seat (resignation of Geo. Olds, Jr.)

- Board meetings 3rd Tuesday of month, 4 times/year

- Librarian: Mrs. J. M. Wagener

- Circulation: 136,465

- Gifts: April - 100 Wildflower paintings by Mrs. Mary L. Tarleton to be put on a revolving stand. Gift of Mrs. Switzer and Committee from Great Neck Garden Club
1936

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President - re-elected 4 years
  Harrison Craver, Vice President
  Mr. Wm. Eldridge, Treasurer
  Mrs. Albert Grauer - Assistant Treasurer
  Nellie White, Secretary
  Mrs. Howard Clark Jr. (to fill Keays seat) - elected 1 year
  Mr. Hunter Delatour ( elected 4 years - replaced Baker in 1935)
  Mrs. Waldo Grose (appointed until January 1937)

- Librarian: Mrs. J. M. Wagener

- Circulation: 131,758 (as noted in annual report of 1938)

- Lease for Branch expired 2/1/36. Renew for 3 years
1937

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President
  Harrison Craver, Vice President
  Mrs. Hattie S. Grauer, Treasurer
  Mrs. Howard Clark Jr., Secretary
  Mrs. Waldo Grose, Assistant Secy-Treasurer (daughter of Frances Lewis)
  Nellie White
  Hunter Delatour
  Wm. Eldridge (resigned)
  Mr. Wheelock Bigelow (appointed to fill Mr. Eldridge's vacancy)

- Librarian: Mrs. J. M. Wagener - 7 Librarians on staff

- Circulation: 138,159 (as noted in annual report of 1938)

- Annual Report in newspapers

- October - Lakeville Branch of the Library was not started because the PTA had dissolved

- No longer served Manhasset residents
1938

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President
  Harrison Craver, Vice President - reelected 4 years
  Mrs. Howard Clark Jr., Secretary
  Mrs. Hattie S. Grauer, Treasurer
  Mr. Wheelock Bigelow (appointed to fill Wm. Eldridge's seat)
  Mrs. Waldo Grose, Assistant Secy-Treasurer - elected 4 years
  Nellie White (resigned 10/1938)
  Mr. Hunter Delatour
  Mrs. John Baker (appointed to fill seat of Miss White)

- Librarian: Mrs. J. M. Wagener (Librarian from 1928 to August 1938 - resigned)
  New Librarian, Lucy Kinloch (as of 9/30/1938)
  Staff: Miss Eliz. Spencer - Asst. Librarian
  Margaret Briggs - Asst. Librarian

- September - Ordered 1st Kirkus Review - $25/year

- Books at Lakeville School (there since 1934) withdrawn as school now has a library of its own and a librarian

- Gifts: A statue from Mr. Hugo Branca; $ from Mrs. Barstow; mimeo machine - Temple Beth-El; Mrs Eldridge - 3 desk lamps, 2 standard lamps, lampshade, office curtains, bulletin board; magazines and books from 20 patrons
1939*

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President
  Harrison Craver, Vice President
  Mrs. Hattie S. Grauer, Treasurer - reelected 4 years
  Mrs. E. P. Clark, Secretary
  Mr. Wheelock Bigelow - elected 4 years
  Mrs. John Baker (vacancy of White) - elected 2 years
  Mrs. Waldo Grose
  Hunter Delatour

- Librarian: Lucy Kinloch

- Circulation: 161,365

- Population - 17,500

- By-Laws amended

- Members of the Association limited to 250 persons

- Branch Lease to be renewed at no more than $1,200/year

- Joined Nassau County Library Association

- March - window of the Station Branch to be lettered

- Magic Circle Book Shop to provide book marks printed with Library's hours, etc.

- Ruling that villages in Manhasset and New Hyde Park who pay taxes in School District #7 may use the Library

- Annual fee of $5 for non-residents

- Bicycle rack and fence added to Arrandale

- Photos of Main Library taken by Takagi to be made into postcards and sold

- New rental books: for temporarily popular fiction and non-fiction
  2¢/day - fiction; 3¢/day non-fiction; 5¢/day - reserves
- Gifts: Technical books - Mr. Francis Turner, 19 Ascot Ridge and money from Mrs. Barstow and Mrs. Ballantine; Mrs. Eldridge - curtains, window seat coverings, wire mesh fencing at side and rear, display case, bicycle rack, fireplace wood, flowers and plants; 32 contributors of books and magazines

*Annual Reports 1939 - 1951 in Director’s Office*
- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President - reelected 4 years
  Harrison Craver, Vice President
  Mrs. Hattie S. Grauer, Treasurer
  Mrs. E. P. Clark, Secretary
  Hunter Delatour - reelected 4 years
  Mrs. Waldo Grose
  Mrs. John Baker
  Mr. Wheelock Bigelow

- Librarian: Miss Lucy Kinloch; Miss Fitzgerald - Branch Librarian
  Staff of 12

- Circulation: 159,062
- Population: 20,000 (Annual Report)

- Amended By-Laws

- Switched from coal to oil at Arrandale

- New construction and repairs at Arrandale:
  "Termites, connection to Sewer system; stacks moved; insulation; florescent lighting; new workroom; staff room; lavatory, kitchen cellar refurnished; oil burners replaced coal; woodshed for fireplace; staircases removed and new wider ones installed; shelves and lighting; reupholstery of chairs; new fire screen; protective railings on mezzanine"

- In the tragic and momentous year just passed, the position of the public library in America has assumed a new significance. It has become a symbol standing for our highest beliefs, uniting in one body the truest demonstration of democracy, with the learning of the ages, through which our civilization has come to be, and by which alone it can further develop.

  To the public library, supported by all the people, come all the people, without fear of favor, to where books are preserved and knowledge disseminated. This is the ultimate good, and this we must preserve for all the people for all time.

  The destructive forces unleashed in the world today by those who believe democracy a decadent form of government, offer in its place those things most irreconcilable and repugnant to democratic thought. They deny free action and free thought, they negate the wisdom of the ages, and they close the avenues of learning to anything except the indoctrination of their new culture.
Civilization as we have known it is dying in Europe. Whether weed or flower will grow from the ruins depends on the still free democracies' ability to preserve and improve what we now have. (annual report, 1940)

"The shadows of war have fallen even on this small community, and conditions are very different from a year ago. Young men have enlisted or been called up, the Churches all have Red Cross days; the women are busy knitting, organizing war relief charities, bundles for Britain and other activities designed to mitigate suffering. There is less time for reading and many libraries report a drop in circulation. In this library 1940 figures show a slight downward trend for the first time since 1936.

The graph and charts on the following pages show the growth of the Library in the last ten years." (annual report, 1940)

- By next Sept. (1941) new school building will be completed. The transfer of 7th and 8th graders from Arrandale to the high school caused the loss of some of the library's most active patrons. Arrandale students had regular library periods scheduled. Class visits were discontinued because of the distance.

- Hosted Nassau Library System in December, Dr. Will Durant, Guest Speaker.

- Librarian elected as 2nd Vice President of Nassau Library System

- Exhibit commemorating 500th anniversary of invention of printing, from American Institute of Graphic Art with 50 British Books of 1938 selected for excellence in typography, illustration and binding. Mrs. Fraser Muir Moffat of NYC speaker on history of printing.

- Exhibits and displays listed in annual report.

- Young Adult Alcove and new librarian for young adults. Department has new vitality.

- Reference - a "steady and gratifying increase" not unusual to find every chair taken, even in the most remote corners

- Gifts: French Institute - 21 French books; Mrs. Eldridge - improvements to library as well as shelving and lighting, new chair and reupholstering for couch for office, recovering armchairs in reference, new fire screen and wood for fireplaces, study table; Mrs. Wm Barstow and Mrs E. P. Alker donated money; 37 members donated books; Mrs. John Baker - 2 Della Robbia Plaques for the children's room.
1941

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President
  Harrison Craver, Vice President
  E. P. Clark, Secretary - reelected 4 years
  Mrs. Hattie Grauer, Treasurer
  Hunter Delatour
  Mrs. Waldo Grose
  Mrs. John P. Baker - re-elected 4 years
  Mr. Wheelock Bigelow

- Librarian: Miss Lucy Kinloch; Staff 9
  Miss Fitzgerald, Librarian at Station Branch resigned. Replaced by Miss Louise Herbert

- Circulation: 159,019 (population - 20,000)
  Budget: $31,000

- Authorized a representative from Atlantic Mutual Insurance Co. to evaluate holdings

- A record collection began circulating from voluntary donations

- Investigated sale of lots for Station Branch; meantime, renew lease to February 1, 1942 @ $100/month

- May 20 - resolved to purchase lot from Gilchrist Realty for $12,000 on S.E. side of Park Place

- Petition from 188 resident in Lakeville section requested a branch. Tried to have a sub-station in Lakeville School. Instead, rented store on Northern Boulevard for 3 months @ $30/month with option to renew for 9 months @ $35/month at 257th Street (257-12 Northern Blvd)

- Leased out vacant lot for parking space @ $30/month for 6 months to Mr. Vogel (on 5th Street, 80' frontage x 140' deep)

- Plans drawn for new branch by Githens and Keally for $250

- Civil Service ruling fought

- Resolved to move Station to new store built on Grace Avenue (#5A Grace Avenue) next to Bohack's for 2 year period @ $1,200/year. Landlord Bob Rose. Rental $1,200/year, starting January 1, 1942, because landlord Benca of 118 Middle Neck Road raised rent from $1,200 to $1,500/year

- Gifts - Sculpture "Labor" by Max Kalish; 3 boxes books Miss Emily Woolley
- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President
  Harrison Craver, Vice President - reelected 4 years
  E. P. Clark, Secretary
  Hattie Grauer, Treasurer
  Mrs. Waldo Grose, Asst. Secy-Treasurer - reelected 4 years
  Hunter Delatour
  Mrs. John P. Baker
  Mr. Wheelock Bigelow (resigned 12/42)
  Mr. Ruel Tucker (appointed December '42 to January '43, vacancy of Bigelow)

- Librarian: Miss Lucy Kinloch; Staff - 11; Budget - $33,950

- Circulation: 162,162 down 20,208 at Main (due to gasoline shortage) and up at the branches

- Population 20,000 (Annual Report)

- Due to rationing of gasoline, staff and public could not use personal cars

- Library purchased book truck - 1939 Ford 1/2 ton truck @ $450
  Installed revolving bookcase, and rented garage space $5/month to house the truck

- May - Library on Wheels as result of gasoline shortage (Annual Report)

- Dim-out curtains put on windows and skylights painted so no light could get through. Basement was a bomb shelter (Main)

- Station Branch opened at 5A Grace Avenue
- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President
  Hunter Delatour, Vice President
  Mrs. H. Clark, Jr., Secretary (resigned 9/43)
  Mr. Thomas Craven (appointed to fill vacancy of Mrs. Clark)
  Mrs. H. Grauer, Treasurer - re-elected 4 years
  Mrs. Waldo Grose, Asst. Secy. Treasurer (became Secretary)
  Mr. Ruel Tucker - elected 4 years
  Mr. Harrison Craver
  Mrs. John P. Baker

- Librarian: Miss Lucy Kinloch; Staff - 9; Budget - $35,350

- Circulation: 136,120

- Population: 25,000 (Annual Report)

- Library active in Victory Book Drive - delivered to Great Neck Service Mens Club; giving advice on gardening and rationing

- Discussion on regrettable amount of stealing of valuable books from Library

- Heating system converted from oil to coal

- Joined Union Catalog of Nassau County Library Association (all non-fiction in County)

- Voted to rent adjoining store to Station Branch and take down wall between stores - pay not more than $2,400 for both stores. Lease was for 5 years with Mr. Bob Rose. Additional shelving and furniture purchased

- Owing to fuel limitation and dim-out, Library closed 18 hours/week less than prior year

- Scarcity of paper make it difficult to obtain books
1944

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President - reelected 4 years
  Hunter Delatour, Vice President - reelected 4 years
  Mrs. Albert L. Grauer, Treasurer (Hattie S.)
  Mrs. Waldo Grose, Secretary (Ethel O.)
  Mrs. John Baker
  Mr. Thomas Craven
  Mr. Harrison W. Craver
  Mr. Ruel E. Tucker

- Librarian: Lucy Kinloch
  Large turn-over in staff. War Labor Board Stabilization Policy
  for salaries not high enough. Library positions reclassified

- Circulation: 135,186

- Population: 25,000 (Annual Report)

- Circulation increased. Library hours extended

- Discussed building plans for Station

- Gifts: Set of Universal Jewish Encyclopedia from Temple
  Beth-El; New Edition of Catholic Encyclopedia, St. Aloysius Church.
  Gifts from Geo. Whittle:
  - Copy of Hewlett Map showing 2nd & 3rd division
    of land Madnan's Neck
  - Notebook - descendants of Henry Allen
  - Notebook - more about the Allens and stories of Great Neck
  - Notebook - notes taken by Mr. Whittle from Town
    Records at Jamaica. 8 volumes Town Records
1945

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President
  Hunter Delatour, Vice President
  Mrs. Albert L. Grauer, Treasurer
  Mrs. Waldo Grose, Secretary
  Mrs. John Baker - reelected 4 years (resigned 11/27/45)
  Mr. Thomas Craven - reelected 4 years
  Mr. Harrison W. Craver - (resigned for ill health; died in 1951)
  Mr. Ruel E. Tucker
  Mrs. Hugh McNair (filled seat of Harrison Craver)
  Mr. Wm. Huckel (appointed to seat of Mrs. Baker)

- Revised By-Laws

- Librarian: Miss Lucy Kinloch
  Harrison Craver elected Honorary Director of the Library

- Circulation: 134,288

- Population: 25,000 (Annual Report)

- Music collection started circulating

- Shelf lists to be kept for discarded books

- Discussed building plans for Station

- Surveyed land at Schenck and Middle Neck Road, offered by
  Mrs. Hallie Davis as a site for Branch (on Barstow Road, bounded by
  Tel. Co. & M. Neck)

- Negotiated sale of property on 5th Street owned by Library

- Gifts - Collection of Historical material on Long Island and Great
  Neck from Mrs. John Baker as nucleus of future Long Island Room;
  Portfolio of engravings from Mr. Streeter; Friends of Max Kalish raised
  money to purchase his statues as a gift to Library;
  Miss Emily Wooley's historical papers
1946

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President
  Hunter Delatour, Vice President
  Mrs. Albert L. Grauer, Treasurer
  Mrs. Waldo Grose, Secretary - reelected 4 years
  Mr. William Huckel, Assistant Treasurer (filled vacancy of Mrs. Baker) until 1949
  Mr. Thomas Craven
  Mrs. Hugh MacNair - re-elected 4 years (seat of Mr. Craver)
  Mr. Ruel Tucker

- Librarian: Miss Lucy Kinloch; Staff - 21 fulltime, 3 part-time;
  Budget - $56,260
  Lakeville Librarian, Helen Verschoor, resigned 5/46. Barbara Tisdale replaced Verschoor in October

- Circulation: 131,917

- Population: 25,000 (Annual Report)

- Land purchased at the Station bordered by So. Easterly side of Barstow Road and Easterly side of Middle Neck Road and Schenck in Village of Great Neck Plaza; price $24,288.71

- May 28th, approved inclusion in N.Y.S. Employees Retirement System

- Inventory and appraisal of holdings

- Stopped Library on Wheels for summer

- November, revised salary schedule for staff

- December 11 - Party at Great Neck High School to welcome the United Nations to Great Neck

- Gifts: Indentures, one dated in reign of Queen Anne, and other articles on history of Great Neck, to be housed in a fire-proof room to house L. I. collection gift of Miss Hewlett (Grace); U. S. Geodetic Survey Maps from Mr. Arthur Forbes
1947

- Board of Directors and Officers:
  Louise Eldridge, President (died March 14)
  Hunter Delatour, Vice President until March, then President
  Mr. Ruel Tucker, Vice President (from March on) reelected 4 years
  Mrs. Albert L. Grauer, Treasurer - reelected 4 years
  Mrs. Waldo Grose, Secretary (resigned September)
  Mr. William Huckel, Assistant Treasurer
  Mrs. Hugh MacNair, Secretary (from September on)
  Mr. Earl Collins (filled vacancy of Eldridge)
  Mr. Thomas Craven
  Mrs. Muriel T. Eden

- Librarian: Miss Lucy Kinloch; Staff - 23; Budget - $62,760
  Marie Daly became acting Branch Librarian July; Priscilla Van Note, General Assistant

- Circulation: 135,601

- Population: 28,000 (Annual Report)

- Lakeville lease renewed for 18 months @ $1,200/year

- $2,000 paid toward mortgage of Main Building to Great Neck Improvement Co.

- New time schedule established for employees

- Vaccination advised (Smallpox) for the staff

- Appreciation of Great Neck Schools for work done by Library in Summer Program

- United Nations visited Miss Kinloch to help plan a library which would be a substation. Board appointed a committee

- Decision to close Library 12 noon Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve

- Year end bonus voted for staff
- "WHEREAS, in the death of Mrs. Roswell Eldridge, March 14, 1947 the Great Neck Library suffered the irreparable loss of one of the founders, and since, 1914, its continuous President. WHEREAS, during the long period of sixty seven years, Mrs. Eldridge made the Library the particular object of her devotion, contributing, with her husband, the first building and grounds and a yearly sum for maintenance, adding two wings in 1912, and making possible, in 1930, at the expenditure of more than $100,000, the enlargements, reconstructions, and internal improvements which lifted the Library into one of the most attractive institutions of its kind in the State. WHEREAS, in 1940, Mrs. Eldridge again came forward with unprecedented generosity, providing at a large cost for an extensive series of alterations to insure proper functioning of the Library, adding new workrooms, comfortable quarters and a modern kitchen for the staff, florescent lighting for the Young People's Corner, and taking care, outside, of the landscaping and gardening. WHEREAS, in all these years of her remarkable interest and innumerable benefactions, Mrs. Eldridge, besides bestowing upon the Library her best energies and financial resources, and guarding the institution unremittingly so that it should never be in want and that it might be operated on the highest level of efficiency, was never too busy to bear in mind the personal needs and well-being of the members of staff. WHEREAS, in her official capacity, Mrs. Eldridge attended the meetings of the Library unfailingly, and to the end, presided over them with the wisdom and minute consideration of one to whom the Library was a source of genuine affection and constantly increasing interest. And WHEREAS, one of her last official actions was to negotiate successfully for the purchase of a plot of ground for the eventual erections of a new Library building commensurate with the needs of a rapidly growing community.

It is RESOLVED that the Board of Directors hereby express their appreciation of Mrs. Eldridge's lifelong record of devotion, achievement and generosity. It is further RESOLVED that the Board express their sympathy with the family of their beloved President."

- Gifts: Rare documents from Miss Grace Hewlett (turned over to Mr. Whitman Bennett who specializes in rare papers.)
1948

- Board of Directors and Officers:  Expires January
  Mr. Hunter Delatour, Pres. - reelect. 4 years  1952
  Mr. Ruel Tucker, Vice President  1951
  Mrs. Hugh MacNair, Secretary  1950
  Mrs. Albert Grauer, Treasurer,  1951
  Mr. William Huckel, Asst. Treasurer  1949
  Mr. Thomas Craven (resigned 9/48)  1949
  Mr. Earl T. Collins - elected 4 years  1952
  (filled Eldridge's seat)
  Mrs. M. T. Eden  1950
  Mr. Carl H. Milam (11/48 filled Craven's seat)  1949
  (Director of the United Nations Library)

- Librarian: Miss Lucy Kinloch; Helen Lyon Verschoor 1st
  Assistant; Budget $72,160

- Circulation: 147,564

- Population: 30,000 (Annual Report)

- Working hours of 37 hour week impaired service to public; new
  work week - 38 hours

- No book, periodicals or membership gifts will be accepted
  anonymously; Board reserves right to pass on all gifts of books
  and periodicals

- Budget Committee; Building and Grounds Committee; Salary
  Committee; Committee for 60th Anniversary of Library (1949)

- Storm windows installed; roof repairs; drapes replaced; heating
  system repaired; flourescent lighting on mezzanine

- Mortgage on Station property $15,600. Paid $2,000 3/48

- Reviewed discards

- Discuss with Bob Rose, landlord, renewal of Station lease for 5
  years at $400/month and try to arrange 3 year lease. 5 year lease
  arranged

- Lease at Lakeville expires 12/48. Landlord (VanGuard Holding Corp.)
  increasing rent to $100/month. Gave recap of rents from 1947 to
  present. Lease renewed at $125/month for 2 years
- Station open all library hours except Tuesday & Thursday mornings

- Application made for State registration of Lakeville Branch

- Gifts: Max Kalish Art Fund deeded to the Library 3 pieces:
  1) Marble Torso
  2) Marble Head of Laborer
  3) Bronze Puddler
- Board of Directors and Officers: Expires January
  Hunter Delatour, President 1952
  Mr. Ruel Tucker, Vice President 1951
  Mrs. Hugh MacNair, Secretary 1950
  Mrs. Albert Grauer, Treasurer 1951
  Mr. William Huckel, Asst. Trea - reelect. 4 years 1953
  Mr. Earl T. Collins 1952
  Mrs. M. T. Eden 1950
  Mr. Carl H. Milam re-elected 4 years 1953

- Librarian: Miss Lucy Kinloch; Budget $86,481

- Circulation: 173,228

- Population: 30,000 (Annual Report)

- Large increases in circulation. Survey of New Hyde Park area
  where new houses are nearing completion

- New Board Committee: to Study Probable Trends of
  Development in the Community

- Approved new salaries

- Building repairs and furniture replacement at Main and Branches

- New catalogue system a success

- At Atlantic City conference a Public Library Inquiry Committee was
  looking to raise the level of the profession of librarians

- Proposed purchasing new book truck in 1950

- Great Neck Schools did population study with needs for expansion. of
  great interest to Library, "Since our work is likewise affected by the
  growth and population trends in School District." Schools
  recommended building 2 new Elementary Schools and 1 Junior High
  School in addition to newly opened New Hyde Park and Baker Hill
  Schools

- Adult Education classes in Citizenship held at Library

- Gifts: Lions Club gave ceiling projector and book films for immobilized
  persons; Mr. Greenberg gave book films
1950

- Board of Directors and Officers: Expires January
  Hunter Delatour, President 1952
  Mr. Ruel Tucker, Vice President 1951
  Mrs. Hugh MacNair, Secretary - reelected 4 years 1954
  Mrs. Albert Grauer, Treasurer 1951
  Mr. William Huckel, Asst. Treasurer 1953
  Mr. Earl T. Collins 1952
  Mrs. Muriel T. Eden - re-elected 4 years 1954
  Mr. Carl H. Milam (resigned 6/50) 1953
  Mr. Stillman M. Hobbs (fill seat of Mr. Milam)

  Board Committees: Budget; Books; Building & Grounds;
  Salaries; Committee for New Library; Probable Trends of
  Development in Community

- Librarian: Lucy Kinloch; Staff - 20

- Circulation: 181,969 (Population - 32,000)
  Budget - $86,481

- Awaiting instructions on N. Y. State Disability deductions on
  salaries

- Approved rental of a double store for Lakeville $225/month for 3 years
  March - moved to double store, "two doors up the street", owing
  to tremendous Terrace Circle development to house 650 families.
  Hours expanded from 19 hours/week to 51. Barbara Tisdale became
  full-time Branch Librarian. Started cataloguing collection at Lakeville

- January - requested permission of Board of Education to use a room in
  Parkville School 1 day a week, after school hours for Book Truck
  service, on an experimental basis. Dr. Miller gave permission

- Entered lease with Edgar C. Storms for the use of sufficient land for
  him to locate his present building on the land owned by the Library on
  South Middle Neck Road and South Barstow Road. $1,800/year, 7/1/50
  - 6/30/51

- March - after school story hour initiated at Kensington School in
  a school room. 216 children present at 1st session
April - determination that since Library administers tax funds, donations and contributions to organizations and charities cannot be made

Developed a plan for mapping population density to aid in determining proper sites for libraries and book truck stops

Purchased bound file of 1st year of publication of Great Neck News March 1925 - 1926


Public telephone installed at Main Building

N. Y. S. Law passd allowing State Aid to libraries

Gifts: from Rabbi Mordecai Waxman (Temple Israel) - a history of Jewish Literature written by Waxman's father
1951

- Board of Directors and Officers: Expires January
  Hunter Delatour, President 1952
  Mr. Ruel Tucker, Vice President - reelected 1955
  Mrs. Hugh MacNair, Secretary 1954
  Mrs. Albert Grauer, Treasurer - reelected 1955
  Mr. William Huckel, Asst. Treasurer 1953
  Mr. Earl T. Collins 1952
  Mrs. Muriel T. Eden 1954
  Mr. Stillman M. Hobbs 1953

  Board Committees: Books; Budget; Building & Grounds; Salaries

- Librarian: Lucy Kinloch (died 9/18/51; on staff 1938-1951). Mrs. Oloanne D. Palen, Librarian; staff - 17 (Librarians & Clerical; Part-time & Janitor - 8); Budget - $92,271; population - 33,000

- Circulation - 193,990

- All expenditures or contracts over $100 made after 3 competitive bids received from contractors qualified to do the work in a workman-like manner. Negotiated contracts cannot be made without majority consent of Board (by phone if necessary) except in emergency conditions concerning safety and health of public or staff; or when competitive bidding impractical or not in best interests of Library. Plans and specs should be prepared by a qualified technical adviser (architect or engineer) so bidding is on identical requirements. A permanent record to be preserved for a minimum of five years of all contracts over $100

- Board voted 10% increase for staff, not to exceed $30

- P. R. folder printed "The Presentation to Taxpayers of Costs of Library Services". Brought in 94 members of Association

- Old book truck sold for $150

- Garage for bookmobile built behind Arrandale building

- Gifts: Books from Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Horton in memory of Mrs. Catherine E. Irving; $9 for books in memory of Mr. Harry G. Matthews from Miss Ungerleider of the Leaders Corps. of Great Neck
1952

- Board of Directors and Officers: Expires January
  Mr. Ruel Tucker, President 1955
  Mr. William Huckel, Vice President 1953
  Mrs. Hugh MacNair, Secretary 1954
  Mrs. Albert Grauer, Treasurer 1955
  Mr. Stillman Hobbs, Asst. Treasurer 1953
  Mrs. Muriel T. Eden 1954
  Mr. Earl T. Collins - reelected 4 years 1956
  Mr. Hunter Delatour - reelected 4 years 1956

  Board Committees: Books; Budget; Building & Grounds; Salaries

- Librarian: Mr. Gilmore Carroll Arrested, 1/5/52. Started 3/1/52
  Marie Daly, First Assistant 7/1/52

- Circulation - 229,807; Budget - $103,900; Bookmobile Visits - 230;
  Volumes - 77,000

- Staff manual being revised; Reference collection being brought up
to date and gaps filled; Library routines and procedures studied to
improve service; formletters and cards revised to improve public
relations; bookplate with donors name to be put on all gift books;
duplicate books sent to branches; staff meetings to be held weekly;
Mrs. Eldridge's books catalogued.

- Board voted to close Library on Columbus Day, Election Day, Armistice
  Day and Lincoln's Birthday

- Schedule adopted for annual vacation pay and leave

- Increased insurance 4/25/52

- Began ordering new books before publication
  Patrons allowed 2 new 7-day fiction titles on each card

- **Lakeville**: 11/52 - signed lease for 5 years with Great Neck Terrace, Inc.,
  Samuel Gutterman, President, on building at 475 Great Neck Road, @
  $350/month, with option to renew for 5 years, for Lakeville Branch.
  Notified Mr. Heller we will vacate on termination of present lease

- **Parkville**: Board Committee appointed to study problems of a branch
  library in Parkville district. Invited Parkville PTA to send 3-5
  representatives from Parkville area to meet
1953

- Board of Directors and Officers:  Expires January  
  Mr. Ruel Tucker, President  1955  
  Mr. William Huckel, Vice President  1957  
  - re-elected  4 yrs  
  Mrs. Hugh MacNair, Secretary  1954  
  Mrs. Albert Grauer, Treasurer  1955  
  Mr. Stillman Hobbs, Asst. Treasurer  - 4 years  1957  
  Mrs. Muriel T. Eden  1954  
  Mr. Earl P. Collins  1956  
  Mr. Hunter Delatour  1956

- Librarian:  Mr. Gilmore Carroll Aarestad

- Circulation - 277,536; Budget - $125,400; Volumes - 88,000

- Bookmobile service: visit New Hyde Park Monday & Wednesday afternoons; 3rd stop to be arranged. With opening of new branch at Parkville determine if bookmobile should be continued. Decided to sell book truck in 1/54

- Parkville Committee:  Mrs. Hy Needleman, Mrs. Henry Meyer, Mr. Andrew Mendez and Mrs. James Manor (Parkville School Librarian). School census shows 919 families with 1,024 children under 18, and probable total population of about 3,500. New lease signed in September, for 3 years, effective 11/1 @ $200/month (2052 Lakeville Road). Collection should be 8,500 books in new branch.

- Station: Discussed available stores for removal of Branch from Grace Avenue. The rents are very high, needs further investigation. Negotiated lease with Sol Atlas for $500/month Moved to 40 B Great Neck Road in Shopping Center.

- Lakeville: Circulation so high, they need second staff member. Bakery next door moved. Wall will be changed to give us space where oven was. Opening planned 10/27 Lakeville moved to new quarters 2/23/53 - 475 Great Neck Road

- NCLA written that we are not favorable to supporting the County Library plan

- Gifts: Nassau Library System will present six pictures on 4/23 to us in memory of Lucy Kinloch; $50 from Futterman Fund for purchase of records
1954

- Board of Directors and Officers: Expires January
  Mr. Ruel Tucker, President 1955
  Mr. William Huckel, Vice President 1957
  (died Aug/Sept)
  Mrs. Hugh MacNair, Secretary 1958
  - re-elected 4 years
  Mrs. Albert Grauer, Treasurer 1955
  Mr. Stillman Hobbs, Asst. Treasurer - 4 years 1957
  Mrs. Muriel T. Eden - re-elected 4 years 1958
  Mr. Earl P. Collins 1956
  Mr. Hunter Delatour 1956
  Mr. John Grose (appt. to vacancy of Huckel 12/54)

- Librarian: Mr. Gilmore Carroll Aarestad

- Circulation - 344,917
  Budget: $188,775.18
  Collection: 104,600 volumes

- Visible index for periodicals installed

- Employed professional gardening service

- Main Library repainted $1,245. New equipment purchased

- Parkville: Applied to N. Y. S. Board of Regents for registration. Officially opened Branch at 2052 Lakeville Road in shopping center store (corner of Union Turnpike)


- Lakeville: New equipment purchased; shelving & furniture

- Exhibits at branches: only with approval of Board

- Library property on Barstow Road still being contemplated for use by Library as a large building. But it may be better to have more branches. A new building would not replace our present branches because of excellent locations and parking spaces

- Gifts: Family of Elizabeth Mellick Baker (former Board member) gave Library her very fine collection of books on gardens, gardening, and embroidery, and a rare copy of Gerarde Herball
- Board of Directors and Officers: Expires January
  Mr. Ruel Tucker, President 1959
  - re-elected 4 years
  Mr. Stillman Hobbs, Vice President 1957
  Mrs. Hugh MacNair, Secretary 1958
  Mrs. Albert Grauer, Treasurer 1959
  - re-elected 4 years
  Mr. Stillman Hobbs, Asst. Treasurer
  Mrs. Muriel T. Eden 1958
  Mr. Earl P. Collins (resigned 3/1/55) 1956
  Mr. Hunter Delatour 1956
  Mr. John L. Grose 1957
  - elected to fill vacancy of Mr. Huckel
  Mr. Robert E. Cummings 1956
  (appointed to seat of Collins 4/55)

- Librarian: Mr. Gilmore Carroll Aarestad; Staff - 17 professionals,
  13 non-professionals (8 part-time)

- Circulation - 392,000; Budget - $229,080; Volumes - over 115,000

- Parkville: Received State Certification. Eligible for State Aid

- Station: New charging units, shelving; furniture & Equipment

- Lakeville: New charging units, shelving

- Mr. Aarestad appointed liaison with Great Neck branch of American
  Association for the United Nations.

- Rotary Club allowed to use peg board space for their Golden
  Anniversary

- Board voted new policy that volunteer workers cannot be used
  in the libraries

- Certification of deposit with Franklin National Bank in amount
  of $35,000 due on September 19, 1955 at 1-3/4% interest

- Arrandale: New boilers; new curtains; pigeon-proofing and mending
  roof; parking and driveway repairs; warped floor boards repaired

- Bookmobile sold to Hewlett-Woodmere for $4,000 in June
- Dissatisfied patrons must express themselves in writing to the Director who will then present letter to the Board. Underlying our overall planning is the basic thought that the Library is primarily an educational institution.

- Gifts: $100 from Futterman Fund for records
- Board of Directors and Officers: Expires January
  Mr. Ruel Tucker, President 1959
  Mr. Stillman Hobbs, Vice President 1957
  Mrs. Hugh MacNair, Secretary 1958
  Mrs. Albert Grauer, Treasurer 1959
  Mr. Stillman Hobbs, Asst. Treasurer 1958
  Mrs. Muriel T. Eden 1958
  Mr. Hunter Delatour - re-elected 4 years 1960
  Mr. John L. Grose 1957
    (mother- Mrs. Ethel Grose, Grandmother - Mrs Frances Lewis)
  Mr. Robert E. Cummings - elected 4 years 1960

- Head Librarian: Mr. Gilmore Carroll Aarestad; Staff - 25 professionals (2 part-time), 9 non-professionals (6 part-time)

- Circulation - 436,009; Budget - $252,147; Collection - 127,900

- 52 educational displays in windows of branches and lobby of Main Library

- 87 stories carried in local papers about library's work

- Over 15,000 readers reserved old and new books

- Distributed 15 printed subject book lists as an aid in book selection

- Plastic covers put on new books and rebinding of old

- Reference added 75 specialized books and several hundred career pamphlets

- Main Library (Arrandale) painted, grounds planted, fencing installed

- Lakeville Branch received new charging desk

- New salary schedule approved by Board

- Parkville: Lease expires in November. Motion to renew for 3 years at rental of $2,700/year with option to renew for 3 more years

- Policy established for posters, displays in windows, etc.

- Personnel rating reports prepared for all employees

- Gifts: Books: kept 624 (represents 1/4 of what was donated)
1957

- **Board of Directors and Officers:**

  - Mr. Ruel Tucker, President
  - Mr. Stillman Hobbs, Vice President - re-elected
  - Mrs. Hugh MacNair, Secretary
  - Mrs. Albert Grauer, Treasurer
  - Mr. Stillman Hobbs, Asst. Treasurer
  - Mrs. Muriel T. Eden (resigned 7/2)
  - Mr. Hunter Delatour
  - Mr. John L. Grose - re-elected 4 years
  - Mr. Robert E. Cummings - elected 4 years

  **Expires January**

  - 1959
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  - 1961
  - 1960

- Head Librarian: Mr. Gilmore Carroll Aarestad; Staff - 17 professionals (2 part-time), 18 non-professionals (5 part-time), 3 Maintenance (3 part-time)

- Circulation - 471,886 (includes 23,000 records), 23,071 registered borrowers; Budget - $264,334; Collection - 135,852

- 1957 a record breaking year. Possible with constant help, deep interest, and splendid cooperation of Board

- No apparent need for another branch

- Micro-film reader, N. Y. Times Index, N. Y. Times on Micro film just added

- Lakeville: Lease renewed with Greenmore Realty Co. for five years at an increase of 10%, with option to renew for additional five years at 5% increase

- Great Neck Garden and Nursery Supply Co. did work on the lawn

- Library cards, stamped "Trustees Card" given to all Board members and their families

- Average cost of purchasing 12,762 new books was $2.78

- Interest on a certificate of deposit was 3%

- Belgian block was placed between hemlock hedge and sidewalk in front of Arrandale Library
- Each adult and YA registrant who takes a card for the first time receives a packet containing leaflets and booklists to acquaint him with facilities and services

- Discussion of need to enlarge Library Association membership as a safeguard against possible future disapproval of budget

- Social Security for staff adopted. 10/1/57 starting date

- Joseph Covino joined staff 7/1 - Grade 1 position

- Had over 200 requests for the "A. B. C. of the Card Catalog", including the N. Y. Public Library, the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and San Quentin Prison Library

- Staff manual has once again been re-edited and revised

- Article by Mr. Aarestad on "Personnal Relations in Library" published in the November issue of the Wilson Bulletin
1958

- Board of Directors and Officers: Expires January
  Mr. Ruel Tucker, President 1959
  Mr. Stillman Hobbs, Vice President 1961
  Mrs. Hugh MacNair, Secretary 1958
  re-elected 4 years (resigned 9/58) 1962
  Mrs. Albert Grauer, Treasurer 1959
  Mr. Stillman Hobbs, Asst. Treasurer 1960
  Mr. Robert Cummings 1960
  Mr. Hunter Delatour 1960
  Mr. John L. Grose, Secretary 12/15/58 1961
  Mrs. Richard W. Meyer (resigned 9/58) 1962
  Mrs. Paul M. Hirschland (appointed 10/15) - Ellen

- Head Librarian: Mr. Gilmore Carroll Aarestad; Staff -

- Circulation - 514,029; Budget - $289,549; Collection - 148,091

- 30,000 items reserved

- 32,262 phonograph records circulated

- $100 contributed to Nassau County Library Association Union Catalog which has been done for many years

- Staff held a square dance in the Children's Room

- Motion to authorize Mr. Jones to discuss with Station Branch management a 5 year option at $600/month, commencing in 1963. Owner offered lease starting in 1963 at $660/month, plus increase in taxes. Board agreed not to extend lease beyond 1963, and not to add further space at Station

- Library budget received 119 more affirmative votes than School Budget

- More non-fiction than fiction being read

- Charge for reserves raised from 3¢ to 5¢

- Outstanding reference work of Covino, reclassify position to Grade III. Reference has taken on major aspect.
1959

- Board of Directors and Officers: Expires January
  Mr. Ruel Tucker, President - reelected 4 years 1963
  Mr. Stillman Hobbs, Vice Pres. (resigned 6/59) 1961
  Mrs. Albert Grauer, Treasurer 1963
  - re-elected 4 years
  Mr. John L. Grose, Secretary 1961
  Mr. Stillman Hobbs, Assistant Treasurer 1960
  Mr. Hunter Delatour 1960
  Mr. Robert Cummings, Asst. Treasurer (6/59) 1960
  Mrs. Paul Hirschland (elected fill seat McNair) 1962
  Mrs. George Meyer, Jr. (elected fill seat Meyer 6/59)
  - Assistant Treasurer 6/59
  Mr. Thomas C. Houts (appointed to fill seat Hobbs - November)

- Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer bonded

- Head Librarian: Mr. Gilmore Carroll Aarestad

- Circulation -456,198 books; other material 51,065; Collection -
  157,564; Budget $302,433.58

- Barney Rooney, Custodian after 21 years (since April 1937) retired

- Second microfilm reader purchased

- Treasurer, Mrs. Grauer paid $25/month for rent of space and
  equipment at her home

- Participating in Nassau County Library Association tabled until 1961

- Great Neck League of Women Voters given use of Community Room
  to launch booklet "This is Great Neck"

- Staff X-rayed for tuberculosis as precaution

- Budget passed with 3,140 voted (margin 0 of 105) and School Budget
  voted down in a taxpayer's revolt
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- Parkville: Rooms 9 and 10 and intervening space in Parkville school annex at 10 Campbell Street, rented for 3 year term, commencing 9/1/59, with option to renew 9/1/62 for additional 3 years, for $250/month including light, heat, water and custodial service. Terms of contract detailed in minutes 6/23/59
New space would handle several thousand more books
Circulation soared

- Property owned by Library in Thomaston on Middle Neck Road rented by realtor Edgar Storms, advised he was vacating on 11/1/59. Space rented to Mrs. Florence Bromley, realtor, at $1,800/year

- Sign at Main Library to be over the door

- Adopted Remington Rand Payroll System 1/1/59

- Library designated as remainderman under one of the trusts under the Will of Mrs. Roswell Eldridge, with other remaindermen. Hanover Bank sent a letter which was discussed
1960

- Board of Directors and Officers: Expires January
  Mr. Ruel Tucker, President 1963
  Mrs. Paul Hirschland, Vice President 1962
  Mrs. Albert Grauer, Treasurer 1963
  Mrs. Geo. C. Meyer, Jr., Assistant Treasurer 1962
  Mr. Robert Cummings, Asst. Treas. - 4 years 1964
  Mr. John L. Grose, Secretary 1961
  Mr. Hunter Delatour- re-elected 4 years 1964
  Mr. Thomas C. Houts (elected to replace Hobbs) 1961

- Head Librarian: Mr. Gilmore Carroll Aarestad
  Staff - 35 (17 professional, 5 part-time; 13 non-professional)

- Circulation - 492,512; Collection - 140,049 books. Total 162,734;
  Budget $317,491.48

- Station Branch:
  Landlord of premises asked we pay "common use" charge for
  maintaining parking space, etc. Other tenants were refusing and
  the Library did also

- Mrs. Grauer's salary as Treasurer increased to $2,400/year

- Reviewed brochure entitled "What Everyone Should Know
  About the Great Neck Library" 5,000 copies printed. Local papers
  gave good coverage

- Review of insurance by Mr. McVeigh of Johnson & Higgins, 63
  Wall Street, N.Y.

- Safety Deposit Box transferred from Long Island Trust Co. to the
  Franklin National Bank (Great Neck Branch)

- Final cash statement from the date of final account of
  proceedings, together with a check for principal and income, in
  amount of $372.19, was received from Surviving Trustees Under
  Will of Louise U. Eldridge

- Important to retain Library's separate status from the School
  Board for Budget purposes

- No advantage to Great Neck Library to join Nassau County
  Library System unless the county reference department be set up
  in a way that it would benefit our borrowers
- Requested improved parking on Arrandale Avenue from Village of Great Neck

- Staff member Mrs. Van Note left, replaced by Norman Gartside

- Lighting in Reference Room replaced

- Fence at rear of parking lot raised by about six feet at School's expense. Balls from play area were breaking car windows

- Restrictions on the sale of the Middle Neck Road property, leased by Florence Bromley, will terminate early in 1961. Extended her lease on month-to-month basis, with new clause to move within a specified number of days (S. E. corner of Middle Neck Road and Barstow Road & Schenck)
1961

- Board of Directors and Officers: Expires January
  Mr. Ruel Tucker, President 1963
  Mrs. Paul M. Hirschland, Vice President 1962
  (resigned 12/18)
  Mrs. Albert Grauer, Treasurer 1963
  Mrs. George C. Meyer, Jr., Assistant Treasurer 1962
  Mr. Robert Cummings, Asst. Treas. 1964
  Mr. John L. Grose, Secretary 1965
  Mr. Thomas C. Houts 1965
  Mr. Hunter L. Delatour 1965

- Head Librarian: Mr. Gilmore Carroll Aarestad

- Circulation: 483,440 (State Report)  
  Collection: 176,053

  Margin
  GNL GNPS
  Budget: $328,360.35 (vote: 2,927 Yes, 1,309 No) 1,608 880

- Discussion of future plans regarding property (acquired early 1946 with restrictions of sale until 1961) owned by Library at corner of Middle Neck, Barstow Road, and Schenck Avenue (presently leased by Florence Bromley). Clear and clean up lot


- Discussion of Library remaining open on Sundays and holidays  
  Not feasible at this time because of staffing problem

- Building repairs and meetings:  
  steps to children's room repaired  
  replacement of ceiling tiles in reference room  
  storm damage to gutters and shrubbery  
  no progress with Village of Great Neck re: street lighting
- Greatly increased use of reference materials; discussion of a future building expansion program. "Future emphasis...will be primarily on Reference Library facilities."
- Non-resident fees raised from $10 to $15

- Procedure for each month one Director visit three branches

- Schedule, check-list and related material given each Director

- Station: Rent now $550/month. Needed space 5,600 sq. ft
  Conditions at Station, for which Landlord is responsible, have not been corrected

- Fire Insurance limits increased: Main - $95,000; Station - $30,000; Parkville & Lakeville - $20,000 each

- Gifts: 39 records - Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Wexler
  Soncino Talmud: Great Neck Jewish Community Council
1962

- Board of Directors and Officers: Expires January
  - Mr. Ruel Tucker, President 1963
  - Mr. Robert Cummings, Vice President 1964
  - Mrs. Albert Grauer, Treasurer 1963
  - Mrs. George C. Meyer, Jr., Assistant Treasurer 1966
  - Mr. Thomas C. Houts, Asst. Treas. 1965
  - Mr. John L. Grose, Secretary 1965
  - Mrs. A. G. Spicer (vacancy of Mrs. Hirschland) 1966
  - Mr. Hunter L. Delatour 1966

- Mr. Gilmore Carroll Aarestad, Library Director

  - Staff:

- Circulation: 508,637 plus 30,000 microfilms used
  Collection: 184,711 (163,240 books)
  Budget: $340,321.72 Yes - 2,327; No - 1,398 (Schools: Yes - 1,977; No - 1,802)

- Books in demand were limited to 14 days

- Citizens Committee for Community Planning stated apartment houses and commercial use of land was not what was planned 15 or 20 years ago. What plans for the Library? Board stated branches must be where use can be by greatest number of people. Circulation at Station has decreased in 2 years, perhaps due to parking congestion. "There will have to be a Central Library somewhere in the community." In 3-5 years Main could be expanded to the front and side, and lower area enlarged; would be answer to building needs for 25-30 years.

  Comments and suggestions of Library staff are due about 6/1

- September: Letter from John L. Miller, Superintendent of Schools, stating necessity of having a contract for library services (raising and forwarding tax appropriations)

- Old documents in Great Neck Library made available on a loan basis to the Curator of the County Historical Library. Includes deeds and record books. We would retain Great Neck material

- Station Branch; structural defects of concern. Went on record with Village of Great Neck Plaza and notified Insurance Co. in case of accidents. Lease expires 10/63. Rent is $550/month
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- Lakeville: Exercised option to renew lease for 5 years. $400/month with another 5-year option to renew effective 12/67, for 1st 3 years $425, last 2 years $435/month

- Gifts: $ Jewish Community Council for books; $9 from DAR; Great Neck Council of Girl Scouts - 65 books and pamphlets on scouting
1963

- Board of Directors and Officers: Expires January
  Mr. Ruel Tucker, President - 4 years 1967
  Mr. Robert Cummings, Vice President 1964
  (resigned 9/63)
  Mrs. Albert Grauer, Treasurer - 4 years 1967
  Mrs. George C. Meyer, Jr., Assistant Treasurer 1966
  Mr. Thomas C. Houts, Asst. Treasurer 1965
  Mr. John L. Grose, Secretary & Vice President 1965
  Mrs. A. G. Spicer 1966
  Mr. Hunter L. Delatour 1964
  Mr. Gilbert Tilles (vacancy of Cummings) 1964

- Mr. Gilmore Carroll Aarestad, Library Director

- Circulation: Increased over 17,000 over last year
  Collection: 193,769 (176,103 books)
  Budget: $3373,625

- Library Board and School Board met with Village of Great Neck re parking situation

- Main: Purchased of Docustat reproducing machine to provide patrons reproducing service at 25¢ per page

- Vandalism at Main: 3 leaded windows broken; bookshelves moved; books piled outside the window

- Repairs and maintenance an increasing problem for Director with regard to his time. Consideration to be given to Professional Librarian on staff handling these matters. Joseph Covino appointed to assume additional responsibility

- Property: Library holds a mortgage of $115,500, on which mortgage interest of 6% payable quarterly was received in 1962 from the sale of real estate at Barstow and Middle Neck Roads

- Invited by League of Women Voters to attend series of meetings of the Regional Planning Committee

- Board requested an insurance survey from Johnson & Higgins

- Discussion of Library's art collection including paintings and statuary, and care thereof. It is hoped to display these works
- Decision not to join Nassau Library Association

- Discontinued rental books as of 1/1/64. All books are circulated free

- Physical expansion - need for additional space for books and other materials; satisfactory work quarters and office space for staff; additional space for members of the public using facilities for study purposes

- Discussion of membership drive and raising of funds by individual donations

- Expansion: Free Library Association cannot legally raise money by a bond issue. The whole amount could be included in the budget or an amount sufficient to meet the amortization of any mortgage assumed

- Discussion of building new wing at Main; great pressures on Reference Department; need for air conditioning. 2 architects prepared plans (Gilbert Blum and Joel H. Cooper)

- Station: Lease renewal in April. $700/month, plus $260 for maintenance of parking field. New wash room to be installed on 1st floor

- Gifts: D. A. R $9; Mrs. Jeanne Esserman $25; Mr. Carl Badish and friends $90.30 - all for specific services
1964

- Board of Directors and Officers: Expires January
  Mr. John L. Grose, President 1965
  Mr. Thomas E. Houts, Vice Pres. & Treasurer 1965
  Mrs. Albert Grauer, Treasurer & Secretary 1967
  Mrs. George C. Meyer, Jr., Assistant Treasurer 1966
  Mrs. E. Grant Spicer 1966
  (resigned as of 7/1/64 or earlier when successor is found)
  Mr. Ruel E. Tucker 1967
  (resigned 12/64; withdrawn 1/65)
  Mr. Hunter L. Delatour* - relected 4 years 1968
  (resigned 7/64)
  Mr. Gilbert Tilles - elected 4 years 1968
  Mr. Chas. Maier (vacancy of Delatour) 1968
  Mrs. Jo November (vacancy of Spicer) 1966

*made Honorary Member of the Board (member over 25 years) as long as he is a resident of Great Neck

- Mr. Gilmore Carroll Aarestad, Library Director

- Circulation: 522,000
  Collection: 215,000 (190,000 books)
  Budget: $399,979

- Amend By-Laws to provide for Honorary Member of Board

- Properties: Mortgagor of property sold by Library unable to proceed with construction. Approved mortgagor paying $40,000 on $115,000 maturing 3/1/64, with a 2 year extension for balance of $75,000 (Great Neck Plaza property)

- Meaningless to make comparisons with other communities since ours makes more use of its Library than similar communities. Extensive use of reference service and facilities

- Discussion of expansion plans at Main. Consider new location with parking for 100 cars

- Parking problem at Main still not resolved. Questions raised with regard to future use of Arrandale School by Board of Education

- Main Library expansion: Constant comments from the public we need a new building. A letter sent to all Village Mayors to attend meeting on the subject. Discussion of Citizen's Committee
- Fire insurance increased to $150,000 with Johnson & Higgins

- Add second custodian to staff

- Savings Bank giving 4½% interest on accounts. Have 13 bank accounts

- Mr. Aarestad authorized to request Helen Banaciski, Secretary to the Director, to take minutes which would be signed by the Board Secretary

- New overdue charges to go into effect 7/1/64, from 2¢ to 5¢ (adult material)

- Library Public Relations Council awarded Great Neck Library. 1st prize in annual booklist contest

- Reviewed library budgets 1953-1965: most tax increases modest except for 1954 when Parkville Branch opened

- Lakeville Branch: Library Director authorized to redecorate branch, including new lighting, not to exceed $500

- Parkville: extended hours of service

- Gifts: $1,000 from Steppingstone Realty Co.; $5,100 and $965.50 from the Eldridge Estate
1965

- Board of Directors and Officers: Expires January
  Mr. John L. Grose, President - re-elected 4 years 1969
  Mr. Gilbert Tilles, Vice President 1968
  Mr. Thomas E. Houts, Treas. - re-elected 4 yrs. 1969
  Mrs. Josephine November, Secretary 1966
  Mrs. George C. Meyer, Jr., Asst. Treasurer 1966
  (resigned 9/65)
  Mrs. J. L. Sinn (vacancy of Tucker) 1967
  Mr. Philip Paulson (vacancy of Meyer) 1966
  Mrs. Rita Schiffmacher, Asst. Treasurer 1967
  (Mrs. Grauer's seat)
  Mr. Ruel Tucker (made Honorary Member) 1967
  (resigned 9/65)
  Mr. Charles A. Maier 1968

- Library Director: Mr. Gilmore Carroll Aarestad

- Circulation: 526,000
  Collection: 233,500
  Budget: $425,467 - tax rate 25¢/per $100 assessed valuation
  Vote - 4,182 Yes; 1,381 No

- Employment of a Bookkeeper, result of Hattie Grauer's death

- Discussion of joining Nassau Library System. Could be benefit to
  Great Neck Library of obtaining 25% of cost of expansion, with
  maximum of $200,000 from NYS if members of the County
  System. 5/1/65 joined NLS, by Board resolution

- Board meetings open to public

- Advisory Committee of Association member formed to help
  guide the Board in search for new library location.
  League of Women Voters did survey on expansion program.
  Lists of various sites in Great Neck throughout year. New
  releases sent to newspapers

- By-Laws amended

- Provisional Application for State Aid filed

- Dues in Library Association to remain at $1

- Memorandum for teachers and students on school assignments
BOARD RESOLUTION ON DEATH OF HATTIE GRAUER:

- "RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Great Neck Library Association records with deep sorrow the death on December 30, 1964 of Mrs. Hattie S. Grauer who faithfully and devotedly served the Great Neck Library, and thereby the community of Great Neck, as a Director for a period of over thirty-two years, having been elected a Director on December 21, 1932, and as its Treasurer for almost twenty-seven years, having been elected Treasurer in January 1937 and having served as an Assistant Treasurer prior thereto. Her wisdom and wise counsel will be sorely missed at meetings of the Board of Directors and her complete devotion to and interest in all matters relating to the Library and her responsibilities as Treasurer of the Library will be most difficult of replacement. The members of the Board and the Staff all treasure their years of association with Mrs. Grauer and as a result thereof are able to better serve the Library and continue her devotion to and interest in its affairs."

- Gifts: $144.68 from Eldridge Estate
1966

- Board of Directors and Officers: Expires January
  Mr. John L. Grose, President 1969
  Mr. Gilbert Tilles, Vice President 1968
  Mr. Thomas E. Houts, Treasurer 1969
  Mr. Charles A. Maier, Asst. Treasurer 1968
  Mrs. Rita Schiffmacher, Asst. Treasurer 1967
  Mrs. Josephine November, Secretary - 4 yrs 1970
  Mr. Philip Paulson - 4 years 1970
  Mrs. John L. Sinn 1967

- Mr. Gilmore Carroll Aarestad, Library Director

- Circulation: 517,000
  Collection:
  Budget: $475,538

- Reviewed requirements of the Nassau County Fire Marshall with regard to the Main Library

- Extended discussions re: expansion of Main building to plots of the Arrandale School property versus acquiring new site
  Mr. Ellis Schiffmacher (Schiffmacher, Rochford & Cullen) appointed as counsel for the purchase of a site. 1st choice: Lakeville Rd. property owned by Mr. Huntington; 2nd choice: Margouleff property. 234 Lakeville Road purchased - $121,500 4/1/66, 3 acres.

- New Building Program:
  - Francis St. John Associates hired as consultants $35/hour, $250/day
  - Tax increase on $1 million expansion estimated at 6¢ per $100
  - Estimated size 36,000 - 40,000 sq. ft
  - Board toured Levittown, Plainview, Hewlett-Woodmere, Rockville Centre, East Meadow and Valley Stream
  - Lake Success Trustees opposed to 234 Lakeville Road because of traffic problems
  - Great Neck Sewer District offered 2 1/2 acres, Bayview Avenue & Grist Mill Lane (formerly owned by Mrs. Roswell Eldridge founder & benefactor of the Library) $152,000 land
  - Board approved an Advisory Committee on Public Relations. Mr. Murray Bloom, advisor
- Building Expansion Program (Bayview Avenue):
  - Plans for handicapped turned over to architects
  - Topographical Survey received from Mr. Charles Ward, P.E. for Bayview Site
    After architects review net usable area, reduced to 2 acres
  - Additional 40x300 ft. purchased from Sewer District for $12,000
  - Applied for Federal Grant for expansion $350,000
  - Authorized sale of 234 Lakeville Road
  - Mr. & Mrs. Martin Waldman appointed public relations consultants effective 1/1/66, annual fee $1,000

- Differences between School District Library, Special District Library, and Free Association Library explained by Mr. Robert Meade, Council for Town of North Hempstead and Mr. Ellis Schiffmacher

- Board nominating Committee appointed Mrs. Wm. Huckel and Mr. Herbert Greenberg to serve as association members on Nominating Committee

- Past Board member Ruel E. Tucker died. Honorary Board member, Past President 11 years, Vice President 5 years, Director 22 years

- Mr. Bertram Daiker engaged as Attorney for Library (Office in Port Washington)

- Fire retardation program initiated at Main Library (Arrandale)

- By-Laws amended: - Established Nominating Committee (5 members: 3 Board, 2 Association)

- Amendments to Constitution

- Board elected to come under provisions of Chapter 339 of Laws of 1960 "An Act to Amend the Retirement and Social Security Law, in relation to authorizing the provisions of added pensions-providing-for-increased take-home-pay and death benefits for officers and employees of participating employers in N.Y.S. Employees Retirement System", effective January 1967. Participation - 5%

- Gift: Receipt of $2,892.73 from Mrs. Eldridge's Trust Account for Norma E. Millar, deceased
- Board of Directors and Officers: Expires January
  Mr. Charles Maier, President 1968
  Mr. Gilbert Tilles, Vice President 1968
  Mrs. William November, Secretary 1970
  Mr. Thomas C. Houts, Treasurer 1969
  Mr. Philip Paulson, Assistant Treasurer 1970
  Mrs. Myron Coe (Corinne), Asst. Treas. 4 yrs 1971
  (Schiffmacher)
  Mr. Stephen Joseph 1971
  (Sinn)
  Mr. John L. Grose 1969

- Nominating Committee: Mrs. Doris Friedman, Mrs. Muriel Kane,
  Mr. Houts, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Bernard Cohen

- Mr. Gilmore Carroll Aarestad, Library Director

- Circulation: 522,510
- Collection: 300,000
- Budget: $573,553 (largest increase of $97,530) 30¢/$100
  Association membership: 582

BOARD COMMITTEES
- Committee on Constitutional Amendments: Mr. Paulson, Mrs.
  November, Mr. Donald Marks, Mr. Bauman, Mr. Goldstein, Mrs.
  Doris Friedman, Mrs. Lesser, Mr. Bernard Cohen, Mr. Florman

- Adult Advisory Committee and Art Council: Mr. Grose,
  Chairman, Mr. Joseph, Mrs. November, Mr. Aarestad

BOARD POLICIES
- Effective 1/1/68 no ANNUAL DUES from Association members

- Procedure & Rules for Open Meetings - Agenda headed by
  statement "Anyone wishing to be heard on any subject on the
  agenda is requested to make known his desire at the beginning
  of the meeting"

- Gift policy: "We subscribe to a policy of not soliciting funds or
  gifts for general library purposes. However, we are pleased to accept
  unsolicited gifts which meet with the approval of the Board"
- Gift plaques: No individual plaques, with the exception of bookplates and plaques on works of art, be placed in and about the library with the exception of a general overall plaque of acknowledgement, in a central location, to be decided

- Board responsible for choice and purchase of all donated equipment. All book donations subject to approval of Library Director. Art donations, advice of experts should be sought

- Building Expansion Program:
  - Include plans for future busing program, and facilities for handicapped
  - Attorney Daiker submitted letter confirming right of Association Library to erect building, etc. through public funds, with no personal liability against Board members
  - Original Deed for Arrandale Library states if not Library or reading room, property to revert back to Roswell Estate
  - Preliminary size of building 39,900 sq. ft. Main level to have Main Service Area; Children and Adult Services; All Public Services
  - Lower Level - Administration offices, Technical Services, General Purpose Room (200 seats), Office Space for Saddle Rock Village plus approximately 9,000 sq. ft. unexcavated area
  - 16 people (5/9/67) appointed to Building Advisory Committee. Charge to Committee 6/6/67
  - Test borings on Bayview Avenue property done by Ace Test Borings, Inc. All sand and gravel, requires no pilings
  - Parking lot accommodates 113 cars - 2 levels
  - Took title of property September 19, 1967
  - Color rendering of new library prepared by Gibbons & Heidtman
  - Village of Saddle Rock requested 1600 sq. ft. for office space
  - Preliminary costs from Gibbons (architects) - building $1,175,000 plus land $152,000 - total $1,327,000. Should add contingency factor
1967 p3

- 234 Lakeville Road property for sale. Sale of Lakeville Road property required Board Resolution ordered by Supreme Court passed 7/10/67. Property sold to Homes by Bayview for $126,000

ARRANDALE LIBRARY
- Direct Access through NLS, participation as of 5/1/67
- Discussion of comprehensive report, i.e., NEWSLETTER, be mailed to all in Great Neck with invitation to become Association members
- Discussed need for open Board meetings to be included in Newsletter
- Petition for Referendum from Mr. Boyle that Library become School-District Library. Started lawsuit against Library leasing space to Village of Saddle Rock
- Purchase of New York Times on microfilm
- LARGE TYPE BOOKS added to collection
- TALKING BOOKS available through NLS, with ceiling projector
- NLS: Meeting of directors from Roslyn, Port Washington, Great Neck to elect one person to represent this district on NLS Board
- 93 page history of Great Neck Library from 1880 to 1969 compiled by Mrs. Lorraine Katz, student of Graduate School of L. I. University as her Master's Thesis

BRANCHES
- LAKEVILLE BRANCH: Lease expires in December. Board wishes branch to be in air-conditioned space
- PARKVILLE: Lease signed for continued use of space at $3,000/year
- Gifts: Ruth Nash Memorial Fund - member of Great Neck Symphony Society approximately $3,500 toward Community Room Recording equipment; Great Neck Lions Club - $5,000 toward All Purpose Room
1968

- Board of Directors and Officers: Expires January
  Mr. Charles Maier, President 1972
  Mr. Gilbert Tilles, Vice President 1972
  Mrs. Josephine November, Secretary 1970
  Mr. Thomas C. Houts, Treasurer 1969
  Mr. Philip Paulson, Assistant Treasurer 1970
  Mrs. Corinne Coe, Asst. Treasurer 1971
  Mr. Stephen Joseph 1971
  Mr. John L. Grose (resigned 12/31/68) 1969

- Nominating Committee: Dr. Alfred Udow, Mr. Marvin Florman, Mr. Donald Marks

- Mr. Gilmore Carroll Aarestad, Library Director
  NEW POSITION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (no one named)

- Circulation: 502,015
- Collection: Not available
- Budget: $610,028 - tax rate 32¢/$100

BOARD POLICY
- New GIFT POLICY adopted

- Board meetings held 4th Tuesday of every month, plus special ones

- Board members visit branches. One Board member per month assigned

BUS TRANSPORTATION: Letter from League of Women Voters 1/23/68

- Bus Committee: 1) determine if required  2) how to satisfy
  3) how to implement requirements.
  5 Libraries on Island use buses. Library appointed Advisory Committee: Mrs. November, Mrs. Coe, Mr. Joseph

BAYVIEW AVENUE BUILDING: Village of Saddle Rock constructing a Village Hall. Delete space from new building, using all for Library purposes

- Renew contract with Public Relations consultants for 1 year upon expiration of contract in April. Waldmans declined renewing contract
- Mrs. Frances Tenenbaum hired $4,000/year, 4/1/68

- Mortgage funded by Franklin National Bank, National Bank of N. A., Chase Manhattan, Manufacturers Trust, and L. I. Trust at 7% - $101,880 (cost of mortgage building loan and interest; and interest & amortization on permanent mortgage loan)

- Contract between Library and Village of Saddle Rock for tract of land south of present property. - Minutes 4/9/68 & 7/23/68

- Village of Saddle Rock - Library conveyed 25'x175', exchanged for a strip of land 25'x175' at south edge of new site

- Testing fill on new site: approved contract with Haller Testing Laboratories. Authorized changes in footing construction, due to sub-soil surface conditions at $7,000

- Foot and bicycle path along side Bayview Avenue bridge recommended to Town of North Hempstead Board. another letter stating inadequacy of bridge, requesting timetable for widening. Completion estimated 1970. Saddle Rock and Kings Point opposed to 4-lane bridge

- Bayview Avenue Bridge: Mr. Schaefer, attorney for Saddle Rock, informed association plans to widen bridge was in the making. Due to recent tragedy where local youngster killed on bridge. Traffic will be one way south, 5-foot walkway will be added, lights installed. During construction, bridge will be closed.

- Dr. John Miller requested meeting with Board, with reference to future disposition of Arrandale Building

- Bayview Avenue site definitely in Town of North Hempstead

- Citizens Water Supply installed a main for a hydrant $5,052

- All foundation work completed; drainage, storm & sanitary sewerage, retaining walls, underground plumbing & wiring

- Bid accepted for construction from Gregor, Schaefer & Sons Library attorney authorized to deliver a letter of intent 5/29/68) Contract signing scheduled for 6/27/68
- Hearing in Albany at N. Y. State Education Department on 6/11/68 on complaint by Mr. Richard Boyle

- Construction loan with Franklin National Bank, up to $1,200,000 at 7%, maturing on 12/31/69 (6/25/68)
  To convert to mortgage loan over 25 years, payable monthly $8,483

- Clerk of Works: Employed Mr. Herbert Meyn @ $224/week beginning 8/12

INSURANCE: Stanley Butwin reviewed his insurance proposals, first submitted in March 1966, with premium savings of 20-25% with increased coverage. Board will consider when new building is open (still using Johnson & Higgins)

EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
Increased contributions to 8%, effective 1/1/69

Manhasset Library joined NLS. Thomas Lapham spoke about services of NLS

ARRANDALE LIBRARY
- Vacation Loan policy - 4 weeks or more - effective 6/10/68

- Books in least demand placed in garage for storage. May be called out for the next day

- Reference Department exceptionally busy- adults returning to school, college students etc. Best in County

BRANCHES
- September: Air conditioning of branches: Station & Lakeville work to be done by Wells Fuel, not exceeding $7,200 for both. Lakeville needs 7 1/2 ton unit. Additional cost of $770

- PARKVILLE: informed Great Neck Schools wish to renew lease of rooms 9 & 10 with adjoining lavatories, at $3,000/year

- STATION: Lease expires October. renewed with Mr. Orenstein $9,350/year plus tax escalation, $250 parking maintenance, 5 year lease
1968 p4

- GIFTS: $70 from Great Neck Choral Society, in memory of Miss Emily Howard to purchase music scores; 25 records from Mr. Schonfeld (reviews records for Variety); 200 albums presented by R.C.A.; $3,000 from Sheldon Nash for basic tape collection in memory of wife Ruth Nash; 406 records from Mr. Irving Younger, Kensington; $3,500 from Ruth Nash Memorial Fund of Great Neck Symphony Society for 6 listening carrels
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  Mr. Gilbert Tilles, Vice President 1972
  Mrs. Josephine November, Secretary 1970
  Mr. Thomas C. Houts, Treasurer 1973
  (re-elected 4 years)
  Mr. Philip Paulson, Assistant Treasurer 1970
  Mrs. Corinne Coe, Asst. Treasurer 1971
  Mr. George Lehr - elected 4 years 1972
  Mr. Stephen Joseph 1971

- Nominating Committee: Mr. Murray T. Bloom, Mr. Arthur Reisfeld, Dr. Rex E. Lidov, plus George Lehr, Josephine November

- Library Director: Mr. Gilmore C. Aarestad, Director Emeritus to 12/31, retired 8/69
  New Director: Mr. Joseph Covino
  3 staff appointments: Mr. Robert Freeman, Assistant Director;
  Ruth Berlind, Head - Reference; Mary Dehn, Head Cataloguer

- Circulation: 492,600
- Collection: 256,000 books; 329 periodicals, N. Y. T. microfilm to 1851
- Budget: $699,822 - 37¢/$100 (6,900 Yeas - 3251 No)

BOARD: - John L. Grose, former Board Director for 15 years,
  Secretary 8 years and President 2 years, appointed an Honorary
  Director as long as a resident of Great Neck

- CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE: Drafting new by-laws

- POLICY ON USE OF COMMUNITY ROOM: 12/8/68 Draft
  reviewed in detail

FINANCES
- Charge Account opened at A & S for best sellers

- Board provided funds for professional attendance at meetings,
  conferences, not to exceed $500

- Purchasing books from NLS. Payroll done by NLS computers
  ($250 to join)

- Auditors, Price Waterhouse, rendered opinion that single entry
  bookkeeping adequately met needs of Library
- BUDGET PUBLICITY: Newsletter "Library Talk"; Post-card mailing; Budget bookmarks; Posters in libraries

- SALE OF ARRANDALE: Property to be appraised by Mr. Borzell, Great Neck Real Estate Board. Many expressed interest: Temple Isaiah; Mr. Houck, Policy Boy's Club; Village of Great Neck; Carousel Program; Mr. A. Katz, Ad Hoc Committee; Autumn Housing (Mr. Howard Kimmel); Mobile Educational Museum of Ancient American Life; Community Theatre of Great Neck; Great Neck Board of Education

- ARRANDALE SALE: Building appraised at $75,000 (including land). To pursue negotiations with Eldridge Estate to release present deed restrictions

BUILDING PROGRAM (BAYVIEW AVENUE)
- Board approved change orders. Letter 1/2/68 from Gibbons & Heidtman

- Sidewalk - 20' easement to Town of North Hempstead. Discussions on laying sidewalk from Beach Road to Old Mill Road. Library requested extending north to Arrandale Avenue

- Bids went out for furniture and equipment on new building. Adopted recommendations of architects for award of contract

- Contract with LILCO signed

- Mud wave in the pond Library's responsibility. Was done for $700

- Bartlett Tree Service hired to remove dead trees (12) on property

- Additional fill to even the grade on property
- Sleeves put under parking lot for the future installation of sprinklers

- Carpet bid accepted from Kennedy Floor Co. - $4,906

- Added bulletin boards at Children's Room and Circulation desk - $300

- Director changed location of his office

- Alarms & Communications Co. to install system
- Pond is unsightly and mud flats appearing. Covino to write Nassau County Department of Public Works requesting them to dredge

- BUILDING PLAQUE: (Committee on Graphics) Mr. Covino, Mr. Tilles, Mrs. Frances Tenenbaum, Mr. Lehr
Board Resolution plaque should contain names of present Board members (alphabetically); Mr. Covino, Library Director; Mr. Aarestad, Library Director Emeritus; and the Architect. Mr Arnold Roston chosen to do the work ($2,500 as gift to community)

BUS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: 3 Board members, Coe, November & Joseph
Advisory Committee: Mrs. O. P. Mead, Mrs. Joseph Losten, Mr. Paul Bauman, Mrs. Benjamin Jenkins, Mrs. Olive Cohn, Mrs. Garrett Smith, Mr. Grady Corley, Mr. Charles Dite, Mrs. Esther Singer plus three resource people: Mrs. Jean Gramlich, Joseph Covino and Mr. Jay Waxenberg.
Board adopted 4-day schedule, experimental. Met with Great Neck Federation of Civic Associations and the Russell Gardens Civic Association to answer questions re service to south end of district

LIBRARY OPERATIONS
- Children's Department will be open evenings; YA and Reader's Advisor will be set up

- Reference Department added New York Legislative Index

- Library housing files of Student Aid Fund

PARKVILLE BRANCH: Renewed lease for rooms 9 & 10 with adjoining lavatories - annual fee $3,000

STATION BRANCH: Mr. Paulson examined tax escalation clause of lease

GIFTS: An album for Gifts purchased from Nickkels, a bookbinder on East Shore Road. Authorized up to $75 for purchase; Sobelson Fund - Carousel Projector in memory of his wife; Ruth Marks Memorial Fund - books and slides to be purchased on archaeology; Ann Stern Collection - books on embroidery and needlework; Dr. Kafer, financed reading aids for handicapped, i.e. bookbutler and electric page turners; 190 records from Mr. Younger
1970

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    (resigned 10/27 - moved)
  Mr. Gilbert Tilles, Vice President 1972
  Mrs. Corinne Coe, Secretary 1971
  Mr. Thomas C. Houts, Treasurer 1973
    (resigned, moved)
  Mr. Stephen Joseph 1971
  Asst. Treasurer, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer
  Mrs. Olive Cohn, Assistant Treasurer 1974
    elected 4 years
  Mr. Philip Paulson, Assistant Treasurer 1974
    re-elected 4 years
  Mr. George Lehr (Oct. elected Pres. till January) 1973
  Mr. Cyrus Rudman (4/15 - appointed - Houts Seat
    6/15 elected Treasurer) 1973

- Nominating Committee: Dr. Harold Blank, Mrs. Benjamin Jenkins
  (Olga), Mrs. Eugene Kaplan (Sarane)
  Board: Olive Cohn and George Lehr

- Library Director: Mr. Joseph Covino

- Circulation: 534,000
  Collection: 263,000 volumes, 540 newspapers and periodicals
  Budget: $799,781

- PORT WASHINGTON LIBRARY dedicated Sunday, 9/13/70

- BUS TRANSPORTATION free bus started. Increased from 4 to 5
days/week plus 9 weeks in summer. Bus carried average of
380/passengers per week

- CONSTITUTION: Revised. Now called BY-LAWS

- INSURANCE: Put out for bid with 5 local agents, plus Johnson
  & Higgins and Stanley Butwin. Awarded to National Preferred
  Risks, $4,001. Outside Consultant hired, $500 fee.
  Comprehensive liability increased 3-5 million, effective 6/10/70

- BRANCH VISITS resumed. Each Board member to have
  monthly assignment. Purpose to establish relationship between
  Board and staff
- STATION BRANCH: Public may use staff toilet. No room to install additional. 3 robberies. Hung ceiling installed. North Shore Mart suit is settled, may get refund

- LAKEVILLE: New landlord Plymouth Realty

- STAFF: Doris Lundin hired, full-time Children's Assistant 4/1 Mr. Buckley, Reference Assistant 6/1 Mrs. A. Taylor (Bookkeeper) to work 2 days and Saturday for Treasurers

N. Y. S. RETIREMENT - Health insurance rates increased 21% for State plan and 17% for GHI

DISABILITY COVERAGE - extended to professional staff

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - Notice from NYS we must provide to employees

- ARRANDALE PROPERTY: 4/28/70 approved sale to Great Neck Community House, Inc. - $15,000 cash payable in 4 years - $15,000/year 6% interest. Boarded up building May, 1970 to prevent vandalism. Great Neck Village held up sale. Community House made appeal for article 78 with Board of Appeals for a variance. Library continued insurance while vacant

- POND: Many expressed concern over future of pond. Board indicated desire to cooperate with community in this. Will inform Peter Flack's Ecology Group. Commissioner Simins stated Library was responsible for condition of Udall Mill Pond. Responded stating we cleaned up our mud wave caused by driving of pilings which then caused backwash. In October more silt caused by bridge construction - sent letter to Nassau Public Works

- PROGRAMS:
  - Saturday movies started 10/3
  - Story Hours for children
  - Committees: Initiated with meeting of Association members interested in working for the Library. Board members act as liaison
  Art Committee - Chairman, Morton Shapiro (Mrs. C. Coe)
  Film Committee - Chairman, Mr. Klein (Cyrus Rudman)
Music Committee - Chairman, Mr. B. Prince (Mrs. Cohn, Geo Lehr)
Poetry & Book Committee - Organization meetings to follow (Mr. Paulson)
Homebound - members to be contacted by mail. Will be service committee (Mr. Covino)
Youth Advisory Committee on Programming - Covino will oversee formation

- Co-sponsored with Great Neck Schools - 4 session workshop on Contemporary Women & Work

- Nassau County Office of Volunteer Services set up desk in Library staffed by volunteers. Mrs. Fleer notified could do a pilot program to be reviewed

- COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Counselor engaged - Mrs. Renee Schutzer, 10/1/70

- BOARD: - Salary Committee - Mr. Rudman, Mr. Lehr, Mrs. Coe
  - Safety Deposit Box - second key to be kept in Library
  - FREEDOM TO READ Policy adopted

- NLS: - Contracted to provide them with 3,000 sq. ft. space in basement for "last copy" storage center, on or after 2/1/71

- BAYVIEW AVENUE BUILDING:
  - 2/3/70 Temporary Certificate of Occupancy. 5/1/70 Substantial C.O.
  - Plaque: Arnold Rosten's design for 4 bronze plaques agreed to: A page from the Gutenberg Bible; the Declaration of Independence (first flyer); a page from Shakespeare's First Folio; and the front page of the N. Y. Times Man Walks on Moon

- Mortgage: 2/18/70 Closing with Franklin National Bank. Franklin distributes to the other banks. Final amount $1,200,000 25 years at 7% interest. Ends 1995


- Clerk of Works: Mr. Meyn ended employment June 1st
- PARKING: After new bridge on Bayview, look into parking on Bayview Avenue. Look into acquiring additional land now for parking. Contract Sewer District. Mr. Worthington of Sewer District said not available now

- Police Booth erected at parking lot 8/70

- BUILDING MTCE:
  - Duct work - additional work in boiler room per LILCO instructions, $2,040.50
  - Trees sprayed by Bartlett Tree Co. - $648
  - Air Conditioning - not properly sealed and balanced out
  - Sprinkler System - contract to Aqua Mist Irrigation $6,200
  - Paving near Garage - discussion of Belgian blocks vs. concrete durability

- OPERATIONS:
  - New Reserve System - all done centrally
  - Charging System - Purchased 2 Reigscope-Rapidex charges as interim step to computers
  - Sunday opening of Library from 1-5, open 20 Sundays in school year
  - Music Room established on lower level 9/1/70
  - Smoking Area near balcony established
  - Adult Cards issued at 7th grade level
  - Electric typewriter for public use. 25¢ for 30 minutes. Olympia machine, cost $319.50, plus $30/year service charge
  - Community Room - permitted food and coffee urn for refreshments
  - Auto purchase: Travel-all Station Wagon (Intl. Harvester) $3,800, 8 cylinder, 2 side doors plus electric tail gate and snow tires
  - Book drop installed, as well as branches
1971

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  Mr. Gilbert Tilles, Vice Pres (resigned 3/71) 1972
  Mrs. Corinne Coe, Secy - re-elected 4 years 1975
  Mr. Cyrus Rudman, Treas elected 2 yrs (Houts) 1973
  Mr. Philip Paulson, Vice President 3/71 1974
  Mr. Hyman Needleman- elected 4 years (Joseph) 1975
  Mrs. Hector Gayle - elected 1 year (Maier) 1972
  Mrs. Olive Cohn (resigned 6/71) 1974
  Mr. Matthew Flood (appointed 11/71 1972
  (vacancy Tilles)

- Nominating Committee: Mr. Matthew Flood (resigned October), Dr. Daniel Blatman, Mr. Joseph Borzell
  Board: Mr. Cyrus Rudman, Mr. Philip Paulson

- Library Director: Mr. Joseph Covino
  Assistant Director - Robert Freeman

- Circulation: 572,387
  Collection: 282,923 books; 575 magazines & newspapers
  Budget: $891,621 - 45¢/$100 (5,888 Yes - 3,860 No) - 50% of Nassau library budgets defeated

- POND: Library sponsored petitions requesting Kings Point & Nassau County's Department of Parks & Recreation to prevent environmental destruction of 8 acre tract for multiple-home development

- BUILDING MTCE:
  - Ventilation System: discussion on hiring outside consultant to correct problems
  - Alarms: Alarms & Communication Inc. contracted to install burglar alarm system on 27 windows and doors in Community Room & Lower Level - $675, plus maintenance charge $35
  - Director's office relocated in place of smoking lounge (at head of stairway)
  - Snow Removal: Checkmate Roofing $650 for 1971-72 season

- PROGRAM COMMITTEES operating
  - Art Committee: Mort Shapiro, Chairman.
    Art Gift policy adopted 2/23
  - Music: Benjamin Prince, Chairman. Search for a piano or funds donated

  - Art Advisory Board: Mrs. Betty Deckoff Holiday, John Hopkins, Lloyd Miller, Charles Seide, Ted Tesler, Albert Van Loen (Professionals to advise on art gifts, etc.)
- Films: Mr. Jerry Klein, Chairman
- Homebound: Mr. Joseph Borzell, Chairman
- Spanish Speaking: Mrs. Omeltchenko, Chairperson - Book and magazine collection at Station Branch
- Policy: Working Procedures for Committees adopted

BY-LAW REVISIONS

NYS LIBRARY TRUSTEES FNDTN: Mr. Chester Ostrander spoke to Board and recommended they join. They have 650 members. Board will consider.

BOARD: - Committee on Salaries - Rudman, Paulson, Gayle
- Policies: Publicity & News Releases, adopted 6/22/71; Financial-Expenditures in excess of $500 require Board approval

NYS COUNCIL ON ARTS: Meeting in September to organize Great Neck Arts Council

NASSAU LIBRARY SYSTEM: TXW machine installed for inter-library loan

ATTORNEY: Schiffmacher - Started volunteer work for library 25 years ago (1946). Ruling there was no conflict of interest when Mrs. Schiffmacher became Board member, but he ceased volunteer services at that time. Other counsel hired for 2-3 years. When library building program started, returned as counsel on a fee basis

STAFF: RETIREMENT
- Board elected to provide benefits of Sections 41-J, 60-B, 75-C of Retirement and Social Security Law to be effective after 4/1/71
- Elected to permit accumulation of allowable sick leave credit up to a limit of 165 days. May be applied only as an additional service credit on retirement. No more than 12 days in a calendar year is allowed for unused sick leave credit

BRANCHES:
- Story hours added to branches; 3 advisory committees established to help set guidelines
- Lakeville: Mrs. Yellin presented petitions to enlarge and update branch. Improve Children's area and possibly use basement. PTA President Millicent Charles and Robert Sancoucie of Great Neck Terrace Association address Board. Branch lease expires end of 1972 with option to renew 2 1/2 years
- Station: Lease expires 1973 with 5-year option to renew
ARRANDALE BUILDING:
- 8/3/71 Minutes give status of sale to Great Neck Community House
- 8/24/71 Minutes - Board established advisory Committee to study setting up a Youth Library there. Attorney has two deeds on property, which may complicate sale: 1 from the Eldridges; with restriction on use as reading room; second, Library purchased plot 100'x76' from Board of Education in rear of building

COMMUNITY ROOM APPLICATIONS:
- Jewish Defense League turned down 8/3/71

PROGRAMS:
- Art Committee Exhibits:
  March - West African Art & Sculpture
  May - The Cuttermill Group
  June - 1st Outdoor Art Festival - with awards
  September - Prison Art: "Correction on Canvas"
  October - Josep Grau Garriga Tapestry, Gouache and Mixed Media
  November - Graphics by prominent Contemporary Artists (collection of Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Dorsky) - Picasso, Chadwick, Moore, deKooning, Hunt, Greco
  December - Prominent Israeli Artists

GIFTS: Shirley Kafer Memorial Fund - materials & equipment for homebound.
  Ruth L. Marks Memorial Fund - archaeological books & art slides.
  Ida V. Wantman Memorial Fund - extra copies of best sellers & heavily reserved books at Parkville Branch.
  Ruth Nash Memorial Fund and Great Neck Symphony - records, cassettes, musical equipment and seed money for a library piano.
  Jane Haberman Memorial Fund - Grist Mill Pond Garden & Trees.
  Florence W. Meyer Memory - from Martin L. Smirnow-DDS, Ann Stern, Great Neck Visiting Nurses - gift of books
  Memory of Rita Sutter from L. S. B'nai B'rith Women - sculptured benches on outdoor terraces.
  Sculpture (which faces Pond) - "The Wise Bird" by Dolly Perutz, donated by Mr. & Mrs. Tino Perutz.
  Wheelchair donated by Great Neck Lions' Club
1972

- Board of Directors and Officers: 
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  Mr. Philip Paulson, Vice President 
  Mrs. Corinne Coe, Secretary 
  Mr. Cyrus Rudman, Treasurer 
  Mr. Mathew Flood (replaces Tilles) 
  (elected 4 years) 
  Mr. Hyman Needleman 
  Mrs. Hector Gayle - re-elected 4 years 
  Dr. Daniel Blatman (vacancy of Cohn) 
  (elected 2 years) 

  Expires January 
  1973 
  1974 
  1975 
  1973 
  1975 
  1975 
  1974

- Nominating Committee: Lucille Okoshkin, Irma Sherman, Claire Speciner

- Library Director: Mr. Joseph Covino

- Circulation: 502,208 (State Report) 
  Collection: 294,367 
  Budget: $1,141,989 - 56.9¢/$100

BOARD COMMITTEE - SALARIES - Rudman, Needleman, Dr. Blatman

BOARD POLICIES - Petitions in Library, adopted 10/72

POND:
- 3/72 Board Resolution to encourage preservation and enhancement of natural condition of Mill Pond and its adjacent lands and acquisition at Main and branches. By 5/72 petitions discontinued when Village of Kings Point gave approval to purchase land. Waiting for Nassau County approval 8/15

ARRANDALE PROPERTY:
- Board's intent to divest by 5/15/72. Park Board plans public hearing on purchase of building

LEVELS:
- Approved Spector (architect) proposal of 2/28/72 - plan construction of 4,500 sq. ft. of unfinished space for Levels and Music Room. Levels to have 3,600 sq. ft. Rema Construction Corp. awarded contract - $99,000
ARCHITECT:
- Michael Harris Spector hired as consultant to work on renovations at Main building and branches, on hourly basis $35/hour

BRANCHES:
Lakeville (475 Great Neck Road) - Renovations requested by community and director to include lighting, carpet, acoustical ceiling. Will be done if lease is renewed
Station (40B Great Neck Road) - Renovation planned to include ceiling, flooring, electricity, painting, formica - not to exceed $13,000. Work completed. Branch reopened 10/72 - 300 attended celebration

Parkville (10 Campbell Street, New Hyde Park) - air conditioning requested

BUS TRANSPORTATION: Joint summer programs with Schools & Park District started

NYS LIBRARY TRUSTEES FNDTN: Great Neck Library joined 5/72. Dues $150/year

PARKING LOT: Letter from Village of Saddle Rock wanting details on proposed expansion. Plans prepared, met with officials of Saddle Rock

STAFF: Library trainee position established 10/72

OPERATIONS:
- Book detection system by CheckPoint Assoc. installed - est. cost $20,055
- 3,000 gallon Oil Tank installed outside Children's Room on Bayview Avenue - $1,950

PROGRAM COMMITTEES:
- Film Committee - disbanded end of spring season
- Music Committee - 1st Sunday afternoon concert. New piano in Community Room 11/72
- Poetry Committee - established with Harriet Zinnes, Consultant with fee
- Art Committee Exhibits:
  February - 1st Contemporary Black Artists
  March - National League of American Pen Women
  April - Art Faculty Show of Nassau County Colleges
  June - 2nd Outdoor Art Festival
September - Fine Arts Faculty of The Adult Program (Great Neck Public Schools)
October - L. I. Craftsmen's Guild
December - Yugoslav Art

GREAT NECK ARTS COUNCIL - November, 1972 incorporated Great Neck Library one of organizational members. In process of establishing Board of Directors

GIFTS: Israeli Painting, "The Kibbutz" by Y. Sheinfeld donated by Tehila Waldinger
1973

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  Mr. Matthew Flood (died 8/29) 1976
  Mr. Hyman Needleman 1975
  Mrs. Hector Gayle (Kathleen) 1976
  Daniel Blatman, D.D.S. 1974

- Nominating Committee: Mrs. Millicent Charles, Ms. Lucille Okoshken and Ms. Irma Sherman
  Board: Cyrus Rudman, George Lehr

- Library Director: Mr. Joseph Covino

- Circulation: 577,500
  Collection: 300,000; 600 periodicals
  Budget: $1,298,438 - 64¢/$100

BOARD:
- Committees: Salaries - Rudman, Lehr & Needleman
- Policies: Book Selection Policy and form and procedure for complaints
- Censorship: Controversy 1/73 - over Miller paintings in Art Advisory Bd. Exhibit.

N. Y. STATE TRUSTEES - Legislators proposing libraries should charge for services. Board opposed and stressed lobbying against

N. Y. STATE LEGISLATION - Adopted Resolution 2/73 sent to State Assemblymen to increase per capita appropriation for county and central library systems

NON-PARTISAN CITIZENS NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Board rejected invitation to Board members to participate in selection of School Board members (Board members participated since 19? )

FINANCES - Hold expenses down - Kings Point Civic Association

INSURANCE - Director to secure cost estimates from Stanley Butwin by March. Butwin submitted a review of costs
BOARD-STAFF MEETINGS - Co-chairmen, Geo Lehr and Mary Dehn.
Proposed meetings for open discussion of general practices in library dealing with the public

STAFF - Monthly newsletter issued
- Staff Association approved I.D. badges
- Part-time staff presented requests for salaries, vacation schedule, and paid holidays. Approved May 1973
- Staff Manual revised
- Retirement - letter from N. Y. S. re Association libraries. Anyone hired after 7/1/73 not eligible for plan
- New position: Head of Adult Services Julie Klauber
- N.Y.S. mandatory retirement age 70

BUS TRANSPORTATION - Monday & Wednesday evenings to Spinney Hill for youngsters

PARKING LOT - Exploring changes to have separate entrance and exits with use of Saddle Rock property. Mayor Backner and Mr. Kirk from Saddle Rock inquired about Library using their land approximate size 120'x105' providing approximately 18 spaces. Asked Library to provide all costs for Board of Saddle Rock

BAYVIEW AVENUE - MAIN BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
Final settlement with architects on construction of Main Building

OPERATIONS
- Circulation control system. Nassau Library System will do for us after reviewing costs and service
- Office space at a premium - 2 staff committees formed to consider solutions
- Energy crisis - Minutes 11/73 - agreed to cooperate with Government agencies
- Information and Referral Service established

BRANCHES:
- Lakeville: Renovations in summer months. Accoustal ceiling, new lighting, carpeting. Lease renegotiated with Mr. Weinberger
- Station: Renovated. Negotiated renewal of lease. Investigating rebate on real estate tax. When property reassessed owners received substantial refund
- Parkville: Rent increased from $3,000 to $4,000/year. New ceiling installed
1973 p3

MAIN BLDG CONSTRUCTION
- **Levels:** Under construction - 3,400 sq. ft. - to have own hours of operation, outside entrance, activities and supervisory personnel. For purpose of small theater productions, dance and musical performances and film shows for youth
- **Music Room** to be moved to lower level

PROGRAMS:
- **Homebound, Handicapped and Poorly Sighted** - Talking Books (records for Blind), Magazines and Books in Braille; Large Print Books, "Ednalites" and "Optiscopes" to magnify print and photos. Home delivery available with book holding device for bedridden
- **Music** - Benjamin Prince, Chairperson. Planned 5 or 6 programs/year
- **Films**- Delia Gottlieb, staff person in charge of program. Secured most films free
- **Art** - Dolly Relkin, Chairperson. Replaced Morton Shapiro.
- **Censorship controversy over Miller paintings** - Dec. - Jan.
  
  **Art Exhibits:**
  January/February - 2nd Contemporary Black Artists
  March - Aspects of Realism: Graphics by 19th & 20th Century American Masters (such as George Bellow, Thomas Benton, Mary Cassatt, Tully Filmus, William Gropper, Childe Hassam, Winslow Homer, Edward Hopper, Y. Kuniyoshi, Reginald March, Raphael Soyer, etc.)
  April - China Flying Seminar: Four Cameras in China
  May - Israeli Art
  June - 3rd Outdoor Art Festival
  September- Photos of Cartier-Bresson's France
  October - Professional Artists of Great Neck (Max Kalish, Leon Gregori, Tully Filmus, Wm. Gropper, etc.) - 65 artists
  December- Great Neck Library Art Advisory Board

- Spanish Committee: Helped select books; 500 tickets sold to Spanish Play (Blood Wedding) underwritten by Schools, Library, Park District

ARRANDALE BUILDING: Sale to Great Neck Park District Sept. 20, 1973. Board resolution 1/9/73. Contracts sent to Eldridge Estate Attorney Mr. Delatour
GIFTS: Painting, "Ice Cream Vendor" by Robert Carter - gift of Shirley L. Kafer Fund (Children’s Room); $2,000 from Sheldon Nash for Music Room; painting, "Shore Road" by Max Weber donated by Mrs. Max Weber.
1974

- Board of Directors and Officers: Expires January
  Mr. George Lehr, President 1977
  Mr. Philip Paulson, Vice President re-elec. 4 yrs 1978
  Mrs. Corinne Coe, Secretary 1975
  Mr. Cyrus Rudman, Treasurer 1977
  Mr. Hyman Needleman 1975
  Mrs. Hector Gayle 1976
  Mr. Morton Shapiro (Flood's seat) elect. 2 yrs 1976
  Mr. Harold Blank (Blatman's seat) elect. 4 yrs 1978

- Nominating Committee: Mrs. Millicent Charles, Olive Cohn, R. Gersten, S. Wurman
  Board: Corinne Coe, Cyrus Rudman

- Library Director: Mr. Joseph Covino

- Circulation: 575,958
- Collection: 315,905 (State Report)
- Budget: $1,342,434 - 68¢/$100

BOARD:
- Policies - Petitions on Library Grounds 6/74 as a result of CLIP (Citizens Lobby for Impeachment of President) setting up table on Library Grounds
- Censorship Minutes 1/74 - Review of recent rulings & Library positions. "Office Books" policy - permits 18 years and over to have access by asking at Circulation Desk

FINANCIAL:
- IRS conducted "routine" audit
- Trustees Liability - no individual liability. Awaiting new legal decision
- Appraisal Affiliates Inc. 11/14/74 - appraised building, cost $1,400
- Hold expenses down - Kings Point Civic Association. Member of community proposed closing branches to save $

NLS:
- Former trustee Stephen Joseph resigns from NLS Board effective 1/75. Reps chosen by individual library boards. John L. Miller appointed to serve remainder of Joseph's term 2 years (75-77)
- Processing of books raised from 30¢ to 40¢

CABLE TV:
- Director attended meeting which has potential for libraries in future
TRUSTEES OF WESTCHESTER, SUFFOLK & NASSAU
Meeting in Levels

NASSAU COUNTY REFERENCE LIBRARY:
- Board approved position of Director who sent statement to N. Y. Times and County Officials

POND:
- 7/’74 Former Trustee Mrs. Jo November urged Board to do something about poor condition of Pond. Board sent letter to Commissioner of Public Works re dredging and future steps to prevent silt runoff pond dredged.

BUS TRANSPORTATION:
- Sub-Committee formed & with Covino sent letter to Village Officials asking for Mayor's cooperation in securing federal funds for public bus transportation. Schools and Park District requested to consider joint transportation network.

PROGRAM COMMITTEES:
Art - Dolly Relkin, Chairperson.
Exhibits:
  February - 3rd Contemporary Black Artists
  April - Ancient Egyptian Writing, from the Metropolitan Museum of Art Collection
  May - Ancient & Modern Tapestries, Wall Hangings, Pottery & Ceramic Art
  June - 4th Outdoor Art Festival
  September - Famous Illustrators of America
  October - Artistic Innocents: Naives & Primitives
  December - Peru, Old & New - Photos, Rubbings, Artifacts (from collection of Petroffs & Atties)

- Music - enlarge committee & programs to include young musicians, classical artists, music for story hours
- Head of Adult Services to coordinate work of committees
- Art Advisory Board reviewed arts gifts to Library - felt 15 pieces worth keeping

OPERATIONS:
- 1/’73 - Book selection policies reviewed. Director orders 95% of books. New policy adopted 2/’73
- Yellow Telephone Book to be distributed to new residents with library packet
- Changes in circulation policies 2/74
- Surplus books be made available to private schools, jails etc.
- Purchase of cash register
- Sale of discarded books approved
- Shifted collection of non-fiction, moved 780's to Music Room lower level

**BUILDING CONSTRUCTION & MTCE**
- New Multipurpose Room, lower level, for small committees & public
- New Music Room, lower level
- Heating & ventilation modification to improve ventilation & conserve energy
- Repair of front steps
- September - mesh walls in Storage Room for maintenance, supplies and art storage
- Exterior lighting
- Reema Construction dropped, failed to meet contract requirements. Bert/Stone complete Levels

**STAFF:**
- Most libraries do not have wage scales for employees
- Staff Association submitted requests to Board Committee - Gayle, Paulson, Rudman
- Board approved salary schedules for Levels

**GREAT NECK ARTS COUNCIL:**
- Joseph Covino, elected President. Dolly Relkin, Director. Started issuing quarterly calendars of all programs in Great Neck sponsored by Cultural organizations
1975

- Board of Directors and Officers: Expires January
  Mr. Philip Paulson, President 1978
  Mr. George Lehr, Vice President 1977
  Mrs. Corinne Coe, Secretary re-elected 4 yrs 1979
  Mr. Cyrus Rudman, Treasurer 1977
  Mr. Herbert Granoff, Asst. Treasurer 1979
  (replaced Needleman) - 4 years
  Mrs. Hector Gayle (Kathleen), Asst. Treas. 1976
  Mr. Morton Shapiro 1976
  Dr. Harold Blank (resigned 12/75) 1978

- Nominating Committee: Ronda Gersten, Judy Berk, Robert
  McIntyre
  Board: Corinne Coe, Cyrus Rudman

- Library Director: Mr. Joseph Covino

- Collection: 315,000; 625 magazines & newspapers
- Circulation: 558,510 (State Report)
  Turnstile - over 1,000/day, not including Levels or Community Room
  Library over-utilized
- Budget: $1,473,012

BOARD POLICY:
- Long standing policy not to name rooms after notables
- Board should not be involved in fund raising
- Library cannot undertake museum and opera trips. Schools & Park District may do
- 11/18 - Public notices be published in local paper for Annual
  Association Meeting and Annual Budget Hearing
- Contracts between 501 and $25,000, Board shall fix aggregate
  amount of progress payments Treasurer may make without further authorization
- Expenditures up to $500 from Building Reserve Fund may be
  made by Director without prior Board approval

FINANCES:
- Will try to be more efficient, more economical, and more responsible to public
- Branches will not be closed as long as Budget passes
- Audit result - retroactive to January 1974, Library's books on cash basis and outside auditors be authorized to make necessary adjustments to prepare its annual financial statements on an accrual basis (7/75)
- Insurance: Building & Equipment appraised. Butwin (insurance agent) recommends every 3 years

NASSAU COUNTY REFERENCE LIBRARY - Several library boards have changed mind and now oppose creation

NASSAU/SUFFOLK LIBRARY ASSNS. - Ad Hoc Committee formed to organize Trustees' Association. First meeting 2/5/75

PUBLIC RELATIONS CONSULTANT - Due to financial pressures, Board had to curtail employment of Mrs. Renee Schutzer

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS - Updating "This is Great Neck" - requested Library help with costs. Board decided to support League, amount to be determined

NASSAU LIBRARY SYSTEM - Budget crisis - $299,010 cut by the County. Many services discontinued

MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION
- Increased outside lighting in parking lot
- Landscaping contract to Joseph Dytrych
- Added sidewalk and plaza entrance to Levels
- Completed landscaping west side of building
- Quiet Reading Room added
- Enclosed columns in Levels

LEVELS
- Youngsters raising funds for use of Levels, e.g. solicited advertisements for theater programs from local merchants
- Vacation closing - 2 weeks in January, 2 weeks in June

BRANCHES
- Advisory Committees for Lakeville & Station reactivated to discuss circulation and cutting costs
- Station - Added vestibule
- Lakeville - Drop in usage

OPERATIONS
- Direct access to all residents
- Closed Library Wednesday morning from 9-10 for Staff meetings
- New Vocational Occupational Info Center; Community Information Service
- Established centralized local history collection
- New Smoking Law - states we must provide separate facility for smoking; smoking room next to balcony. Signs posted
PARKING LOT
- Printed form placed on illegally parked cars in lot
- Review of acquiring land from Saddle Rock to expand lot

BUS TRANSPORTATION
- Great Neck villages and towns of North Hempstead volunteered to pay major cost of 2nd bus for balance of summer. They will pay $1,800, Park District and Library $225 each
- September, usage dropping off except for Spinney Hill run on Monday and Wednesday is at capacity

USE OF COMMUNITY ROOM
- Students for Intl Meditation - after complaint, Board questioned use of room as non-resident organization. They reorganized local chapter and reapplied

- Town of North Hempstead agreed to participate in supporting Arts Council for Town of North Hempstead (did not happen)

STAFF
- Meeting with Department Heads to determine goals, priorities and use of personnel
- If vacancies occur will not be filled unless no alternative
- Staff manual revised
- Board salary committee - Rudman, Lehr

PROGRAMS
- F. Scott Fitzgerald Exhibit & Lecture series, 3 weeks June, featuring Professor Bruccoli, John Kuehl, Chas Walcutt, Alan Margolies, Ruth Prigozy
- Population changing. More over 50 - Senior Citizens Committee established
- Working with Park District, Adult Education and North Shore Community Arts Center to explore joint programming
- Children's programs expanded: Saturday films, Puppet, Magic & Snake Shows

- Art Committee: Dolly Relkin, Chairman. 30 volunteer members

  Exhibits:
  - February - 4th Contemporary Black Artists
  - March - Oriental Brush Painting
  - May - Harry Lieberman, American Primitive (98 yrs. old)
  - June - 5th Outdoor Art Festival
  - July - Gertrude Stein & Her Friends (Photo Exhibit)
  - September - Hospital Is for Livingby the North Shore Hospital Photos from Public Relations Office
  - October - L. I. Craftsmen Guild - they cancelled on October 6 for Exhibit scheduled for October 19. Too late for substitute
  - November - Lithuanian Art with contemporary graphic artists. Included lecture by V.K. Jonynas, award-winning artist of Lithuania
  - December - Art & Objects from Churches and Temples in Great Neck

- Music Committee - Ben Price, Chairman. Have had 3 performances. New program "Young People's Musical Showcase". Morton Gould performance was jam packed

- Spanish Committee - Omeltchenko, Chairman. Annual Christmas Party, Columbus Day Movie

- New: Proposed Literature Workshop to work under auspices of Director, not a volunteer committee

- Gifts: Outdoor Sculpture "The Turtle" and "The Porpoise" donated in memory of Lillian Goldfischer by friends in Great Neck
- Board of Directors and Officers: Expires January
  Mr. Cyrus Rudman, President 1977
  Mr. Philip A. Paulson, Vice President 1978
  Mr. George Lehr, Secretary 1977
  Mrs. Corinne Coe, Treasurer 1979
  Mrs. Dolly Relkin, Asst. Treasurer 1980
  (elected 4 years - Gayle's seat)
  Mr. Herbert Granoff, Asst. Treasurer 1979
  Mr. Morton Shapiro re-elected 4 years 1980
  Mr. Herbert Waxman (Blank's seat) 1978
  (resigned 12/31/76)

- Nominating Committee: Judy Berk, Robert McIntyre, Joyce Reiss
  Board: Dolly Relkin, Geo Lehr

- Library Director: Mr. Joseph Covino

- Circulation: 650,342
  Collection: "Book collections not matched anywhere in a community of this size, both qualitatively & quantitavely. Our collection of reading materials gets unbelievable usage. Our Reference Department is heavily utilized"
  Budget: $1,557,535 - 75.6¢/$100

BOARD POLICIES
- 4/76 -Not to duplicate programming at Library with those of schools and Park District
- 7/76 - Picketing restricted to sidewalk on Bayview Avenue
- Investment Policy Adopted
- Checks of $75,000 or more require 2 authorized signatures

BOARD COMMITTEES
- Long Range Planning established 2/76 - Board as a whole - to consider parking, larger building, branches, etc.
- Nominating Committee for Board Officers: Relkin, Coe, Rudman, Lehr

ASSOCIATION NOMINATING COMMITTEE
- 11/76 recommended Board assess itself. Change By-Laws on absenteeism that if Board member misses 3 consecutive meetings, seat is vacant. Guidelines established for selection of Trustees and Nominating Committee with 2 Board members. On selection of the candidates, Nominating Committee to take into account the quality of candidate, library interest, age and geographic location.
NASSAU LIBRARY SYSTEM: Cut back on services, laid-off staff, budget remains the same
- Great Neck stated position on reimbursement for direct access and interloan

NASSAU COUNTY REFERENCE LIBRARY: NCRL Committee promised materials would be made available to public

N. Y. STATE EDUCATION DEPT: Task Force established for Nassau & Suffolk to plan future regional library need. Covino appointed to serve on Committee

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS: Library mailed Voters Guide as a public service - $291

OPERATIONS
- Library card granted to non-residents who own property in Great Neck
- Budget format reorganized to match State Reports
- Board & Staff attended demonstrations on Automated Circulation Control Systems and visited Greenwich Library who installed CLSI

COMMUNITY ROOM
- 6/15 Community protests and threats against North Shore Jewish Currents organization having speaker Rabbi Balfour Brickner - "Alternate Routes to Peace in Middle East" Police called to be on property night of meeting. Policy statement "regardless of beliefs and affiliations" and "all views be heard"

STAFF
- Library filed Federal reports on employee-sponsored annuity plan
- Association requested we rehire full-time or part-time retired after age 70 mandatory retirement. Did not do

LEVELS
- 1/76 "Jesus Christ Superstar" caused censorship controversy. Rabbi Davidson invited to talk to Levels people participating in show. Matter settled with a preface note giving opinion of both sides and statement from Levels
- "No Smoking" ban to remain
- Stage lighting added - $5,900
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PROGRAMS
- 1/76 Senior Citizen Committee established (Paulson liaison)
- Library Issued Community Organization Directory, after meeting with Coordinating Council of Great Neck Agencies
- U. S. Bicentennial Program 5/23 - Levels Drama & Dance Group; Story theater Workshop Jr. High School students
- October 5 - 21 - Ring Lardner Exhibit, featuring Professor Bruccoli, Kahn, Richard Layman, Ring Lardner Jr., James T. Farrell
- Film program started at Parkville
- Art Committee: Mort Haber, Chairperson, 1/2 year; Teresse Rozinsky, 1/2 year; Dolly Relkin (liaison)
  Exhibits:
  January - Antique Needlework
  February - 5th Contemporary Black Artists
  April - L. I. Art Teachers Association
  May - Americana: The Bicentennial Show
  (included art, artifacts, furniture, glassware)
  June - 6th Outdoor Art Festival - 1st Book Sale
  Summer - Old Movie Posters with Film Committee
  October - Russian Artists, recently arrived in U.S.
  December - Batiks
- Music Committee: Rita Relson, Chairperson. Good attendance Eugene Drucker, Double 5 Wind Ensemble, James Barbagallo, L.I. Woodwind Quartet, Manhasset Bay Opera Assn., Young- Ja-Ahn, St. Pauls A.M.E. Zion Church Choir
- Spanish Committee: Maria Omelchenko, Chairperson; planning another play. Did number of films in Spanish, Christmas Party
- Poetry Committee: Harriet Zinnes. Attendance excellent. 7 readings; Board approved sale of books at readings
- Dramatic Readings: Written Word: Scene & Heard with Shirley Romaine

BRANCHES
- Station: 6/76 Attorney notified us of tax refund from landlord - $600 for past 5 years
- Lakeville: Started film program

BUILDING MAINTENANCE
- Elevator repair - valve replacement
- Ventilation and sound-proofing
- Retaining wall near stairway to lower level repaired
- Boiler leak. Repair $1,400 for new section. $1,547 reimbursed by insurance
- Disabled access improved
- Belgian block near garage recommended by Architect
INSURANCE: Increased valuations on books almost double insurance costs - Butwin placed insurance temporarily with I.N.A. until quotes come

GIFTS TO RETIRED BOARD MEMBERS: Grant a permanent trustee library card with privilege of no fines. Custom of gift book to retiring Board members continued

GIFTS: 6/15 - Floral painting by Edith Bersten donated in her memory by husband Murray Bersten
Board of Trustees and Officers: Expires January 1980
Dolly Relkin, President
Morton A. Shapiro, Vice President
Herbert Granoff, Secretary
George M. Lehr, Treasurer - reelected 4 yrs.
Corinne Coe, Assistant Treasurer
Cyrus Rudman, Asst. Treas. - reelected 4 yrs
Philip Paulson
Marcia Gewanter (Waxman seat) elected 1 year

Nominating Committee: Joyce Reiss, Arnold Prensky, Mira Silverstein (unable to continue serving 9/77), William Pincus
Board: Cyrus Rudman (replaced by Herbert Granoff) and Corinne Coe

Library Director: Mr. Joseph Covino

Circulation: 664,945
Collection: 470,060 (State Report)
Budget: $1,714,530 - 82.3¢/$100 (Vote: 2,743 - Yes - 1,429 No)

Board Committees:
Investment - Geo Lehr, Corinne Coe, Herbert Granoff, Cyrus Rudman, Dolly Relkin
Salary - Relkin, Lehr, Rudman, Shapiro
Art Programs - Relkin, Shapiro, Coe, Covino
Written Policies - Shapiro, Gewanter, Relkin
Insurance - Lehr, Tudman, Granoff, Covino, Relkin
Transportation - Coe, Granoff, Relkin, Gewanter, Covino
Cable TV - Relkin, Shapiro, Covino
Area VII - Relkin, Lehr, Coe, Rudman, Granoff
Nominating Committee for Board Offices - Relkin, Shapiro, Granoff

Advisory Committee on Nominations for Board and Nominating Committee:
11/77 - Set of guidelines for selecting members of Board and Nominating Committee established. On file for future committees to use

BOARD POLICIES:
1/7/77 - Board endorsed Open Meetings Law, Chapter 511, Laws of 1976. Even though Association Libraries not required to do so
1/25/77 - Revised By-Laws to include changing title of Board members from "Director" to "Trustees"
- 2/15/77 - Records Retention Policy following Price Waterhouse Procedures
- 8/7 - Suspension of Library Privileges (if rules and regulations broken)
- 9/20 - Application of use of mailing list approved
- 11/77 - Art Gift Policy revised and adopted

BOARD GENERAL
- Lobbying: Mrs. Coe reported on different forms of lobbying. Minutes 2/15
- Governor's Conference on Libraries N.Y. 4/27, World Trade Center; Relkin, Coe, Gewanter attended. Stressed how to give maximum service with minimum amount of money
- Obscenity Article in Newsletter of Intellectual Freedom with steps for employee's protection. Director urged Board to support staff if problem arises

BRANCHES
- Parkville - vestibule added. New Librarian Carol Miller. All residents in the area received mailing about Librarian and film programs inviting them to visit the Library
- Lakeville - Vandalism. Cost $264
- Station - Librarian Sue Metcalf retired

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS: Requested Library fund the mailing of Voters Guide. Approved

ELDRIDGE PROPERTY: Resolution to sell Eldridge Estate property as recommended by Schiffmacher in letter 4/6/77 (??)

BUILDING MAINTENANCE
- Bain Heating repaired defective section of boiler for $1,360. Third section to break down since building was constructed
- Outside stairs and retaining wall failed over the winter. Architect and Engineer said close stairway until repaired. Cost $17,800
- Repairs in parking lot, Levels entrance, acoustic walls in Director's Office
- Approved building vending machine room in rear of Music Room
- Reviewed options on new telephone system

INSURANCE: Renewal by May 1st. New evaluations made on books, card catalog, and shelf list to be sent to carrier. Board Committee will review and make recommendations. Butwin gave complete report on each policy and all coverage
CABLE TV: Covino obtained copy of proposed contract with Cable Co. and compared to that of Town of North Hempstead and found grave discrepancies. Board agreed Library’s job to disseminate information to community. Covino, Shapiro and Relkin attended VOA meeting and public hearing. Citizens Advisory Committee set up. Meetings held all year. For consumer protection consultant to be hired for $3,000. Library’s share $1,000, other 9 Villages divide rest.

COPYRIGHT LEGISLATION: Lehr, Coe, Paulson attended meeting. Responsibility for violation is on the user not the Library. Only "Fair use" allowed. Signs posted at copy machines.

NASSAU LIBRARY SYSTEM
- Area VII (Great Neck, Roslyn, Port Washington, Manhasset, Shelter Rock) required to select nominee for election to Board of NLS. John L. Miller elected. Agenda for Trustees - Relkin called meeting - included exchange of budget information and closer contact with Area VII Board representative
- NLS then formed committee to gather statistics from Nassau Libraries to use concerning salaries. Geo. Lehr, Chairman
- Purchased building in Uniondale. Occupancy 11/77

OCEANSIDE LIBRARY: Budget defeat. In dispute with School Board who has power to ask Library to reduce budget

STAFF: Holidays - Library closed on Lincoln’s and Washington’s Birthdays and open on Sunday prior to

BOOK SALE: Staff Association will handle and receive 25% of sale

LEVELS: Smoking Ban - Board agreed to allow smoking in a specified area on experimental basis for 2 months

PROGRAMS:
- Still have conflicts with Great Neck House. They agreed to cooperate
- Plan a Memorial Concert to Richard Tucker in Fall
- Archaeology Slides from Helen Frankel Collection. Archaeology Society requested Library catalog slides. Library response was that if Society secured a graduate student to do the work, Library would cooperate
- Art Committee disbanded in June by Library. Relkin, Coe, Shapiro will continue with staff committee
Art Exhibits:
January  - Photography Exhibit (Marcia Keegan, Linda Law, Billy Miller, Jerry Seiden, Jack Sirotta, John Stracquadanio, Jim Summers, Ted Tessler, Joseph Yorizzo)
February - 6th Contemporary Black Artists
March   - L. I. Craftsmen's Guild
May     - Non-Objective Geometric Art - Vasarely, Secunda, Schmitz-Gilles
June    - 7th Outdoor Art Festival and Book Sale
October - Long Island Craftsmen Guild
December- Margit Beck

GIFTS:
- Marble sculpture "Meditation" in memory of Irma Claman, artist Aline Geist commissioned by League of Women Voters - cost $800. Dedicated June 1978
- 10/77 - Betsy & Peter Siegal Memorial - Outdoor Reading Area commissioned by Mr. Serchuck & Friends of Siegals (constructed 1980) - Architect Bill Bedford
- $275.58 from Rabbi Neil Kaunfer, former Director of Youth Center Great Neck Community House for use in Levels
- $25 No. Riding Chapter of DAR-books on American History
- $200 from Women's Guild of Great Neck Symphony for music purposes
- 2 steel outdoor sculptures by Richard Gottlieb, gift of Leon Pomerance
  - "Our Father's Magic Carpet"
  - "Untitled with Feeling"
- Outdoor steel sculpture "The Skin" and "Landscape II", gift of artist Mr. Louis Kaplan
- Lithographs - gift of Dr. Samuel Mandel
  - "Untitled" by Paul Sarkisian
  - "Can-Tankerous" by Kleeman
  - "Still Life" by Amdeo Torni
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  Morton A. Shapiro, Vice President 1980
  Herbert Granoff, Secretary 1979
  George M. Lehr, Treasurer 1981
  Corinne Coe, Assistant Treasurer 1979
  Cyrus Rudman, Asst. Treasurer 1981
  Elaine Bernstein (seat of Paulson) elected 4 yrs. 1982
  Marcia Gewanter (Waxman seat) elected 4 year 1982

- Nominating Committee: Arnold Prensky, JoAnn Farley,
  Joyce Reiss (moved - resigned), Hazel King (appointed)
  Board: Lehr, Relkin

- Library Director: Mr. Joseph Covino

- Circulation: 662,777
  Collection: 350,967 (State Report)
  Budget: $1,914,576 (At 1977 Budget Hearing, added $5,000 to cost of heat & electricity because of energy crisis)

BOARD COMMITTEES
  Investment - Geo Lehr, Corinne Coe, Cyrus Rudman,
  Dolly Relkin
  Salary & Personnel - Relkin, Lehr, Rudman, Shapiro
  Art Programs/Art Committee - Relkin, Shapiro, Coe, Covino
  Transportation - Bernstein, Coe, Gewanter, Relkin, Covino
  Community Relations/Publicity & Association
  Parkville - School Board: Relkin, Coe, Covino
  Computer - Relkin, Bernstein, Gewanter
  Representative to NLS - Relkin
  Nominating Committee for Board Offices - E. Bernstein,
  Gewanter, Lehr, Shapiro

BOARD POLICIES
- Levels - Petty Cash account of $150 established (January)
- Director's Checking Account increased from $1,000 to $2,000.
  No check over $500 (May)
- Levels - "Non-Levels Programs" in Levels (August)
- Use of Community Room form revised September
- Adult Program Policy - adopted 10/17/78
- Handicapped Parking Policy 11/78
- Pricing Policy on Lost Books 12/78
BOARD
- Meetings changed to 3rd Tuesday of month
- Discussion of expanding membership to increase base of support for budget
- Goal to slow rate of growth of budget and future budgets while maintaining a superior quality of service

FINANCE & OPERATION
- IRS after examination of records found no change in tax-exempt status
- Administrative task: cost structure analyzed to eliminate waste and duplication. Analysis of each operation and service: why do we do it? purpose it serves and priority it has?; is it efficient and how much does it cost?; can it be done better?; is the right person doing it?
- Circulation, interloan and reserves - planning new computerized Circulation System
- Branches: patterns of use, function of branch, size and scope of collection, etc. Propose reducing hours of service from 53 to 32 hours/week
- Maintenance of building: Main needs increase in $ for maintenance, repairs and replacement of worn equipment
- Main - major space problems, meeting rooms at capacity
- Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning: Reviewed by engineers to hold down energy costs
- Reference: Will develop local history collection with aid of CETA grant
- Children's Room: Expansion of programs; set up Parents' Collection of books

OPERATIONS
- Circulation Control System:
  - Reserve fund set up 1/25/78 with $35,000
  - Sheila Itner to coordinate and supervise acquisition, installation and operation of New System
  - Approved purchase of LIBS 100 from CSLI on 10/7/78
  - CLSI sales and maintenance agreement accepted 10/78
  - Data base to be purchased from Evanston, Illinois Public Library
- Non-resident cards will have 1 year expiration. Fee raised from $35 - $45
- Storage book collection in basement for duplicate copies, infrequently used books
- Local History collection started
- Temporary Resident membership in Association (i.e. Merchant Marine Academy) is permisssable according to counsel
- Instituted tours of library
- Purchased new magazine index; out-of-town newspapers
- Japanese Language collection started with help of local Japanese resident
MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS
- Energy Conservation - Flack & Kurtz made proposal. Board hired them to design plans and specs for bid, for storm windows for rear of building and 3 offices on lower level
- Front door of Library replaced
- Approved Study of Telephone System by Leroy Fitzgerald from Teledesign, Inc.
- Music Room renovation
- Low fence erected on Pond to keep geese off the grounds
- Auxillary fire exit from Levels to Music Room installed
- Handicapped parking: Approved 2 spaces at upper level. Stickers to be given by Library
- Vending machine room will be built in rear of Multipurpose Room and not in Music Room
- New room for Computer with ventilation and air conditioning
- Interior changes to Multipurpose Room, Music Room and construction of vending machine room
- Repaired piano - $350
- Board allocated $4,000 for lighting and approach to Siegal Memorial. Architect to supervise construction
- Extension sockets installed instead of track lighting in Community Room

INSURANCE: Break-in 9/78 at Main. 2 typewriters stolen. Alarm system will be expanded

BRANCHES
- Board proposed (at annual meeting) reduction of hours at Lakeville and Parkville from 53 hours to 32 hours/week, to go into effect in summer (2 days 10:30 - 5:50; 2 days 12:30 - 5:30; 1 day 1 p.m. - 9 p.m. Public meetings held 2/28 - Lakeville. Wall-to-wall people at branch. Community overwhelmingly opposed reduced hours
- 3/7 - Parkville. Standing room only at Parkville School auditorium. Community overwhelmingly opposed. Board's response was not to change hours - Memo of 3/9/78. Because of distance of Main, Branch needs substantial upgrading. Parkville Advisory Committee reactivated, Mr. Needleman, Chairman. Library needed Commitment from School Board on use of Annex. School Board planning on closing Parkville School in year or two. Library agreed branch will be included in computerised Circulation System; programs developed that are not duplications; to improve quality, not quantity of reference material; add copy machine, water cooler and bulletin board to premises
LEVELS
- "Seventeen" Magazine to publish article on Levels
- Bomb threat (April) - proceeded with performance. No problem
- Board approved outdoor theater production of "West Side Story" with no more than 1 outdoor rehearsal
- Board approved extending hours to 1 a.m. on Saturday night for "disco Nights" on experimental basis for 3 months
- Fund raising for financing special projects agreed to

PROGRAMS
- Art Committee: Exhibits
  February - 7th Contemporary Black Artists
  April - Great Neck Public Schools - Elementary Art Department
  May - Latin American Art
  June - 8th Outdoor Art Festival & Book Sale
  October - L. I. Craftsmen's Guild

NASSAU LIBRARY SYSTEM: County Aid of $300,000 cut out of 79 budget. Letter sent to John L. Miller expressing concerns over type and extent of cuts. County put back $200,000 in budget. NLS increased book processing cost from 40-45¢

ELDRIDGE ESTATE: President signed contract with estate of Louise Eldridge for sale of "Casa Blanca" property

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
- Approved mailing Voters' Guide
- League doing study on tax-supported organizations to include Library

NASSAU COUNTY CENTRAL LIBRARY FUNDING: Concerns about how money is spent; how much they receive; use by local residents. If answers not forthcoming, letter will be sent to State Education Department

L.I. TASK FORCE & GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON LIBRARIES:
L. I. Tsk Force received report from Drexel University to be submitted to State. Relkin and Granoff given position papers - Granoff to attend Governor's Conference as observer

STAFF
- CETA project began under supervision of a professional Librarian
- Medical Insurance
- Those who switch to Health Mtce. Org. (HMO) Library to pay prevailing Statewide costs, employee to pay differential
- If 2 employees in HIP switch to HMO, Library to pay differential
- All new full-time employees to join HMO will pay differential between Statewide and HMO costs
- Full-time Staff Association requested optional Payroll Savings Plan - approved if substantial number of full-time employees enroll. Less than 50% interested
Grade Classification Descriptions adopted for Staff Manual (January)
Continued revision of Staff Manual

GIFTS
- Sculpture in memory of Irma Claman - dedicated in June by League of Women Voters
- Vase - Long Island Craftsmen’s Guild
- Mrs. Babs Spritzer, resident, leaving gift of art objects to Library in her will. Relkin catalogued collection
- "Encyclopedia of Archaeological Excavation in the Holy Land" - in memory of William November - from North Shore Archaeological Society
- Outdoor chess table - gift of Mrs. Alice Stern - broken, never used
- 2 paintings donated by Dr. Samuel Mandel, stipulation not to be sold for 5 years - "Skyline" by Joan Pical and "The Bathers" by Franz Komlos.
1979

- Board of Trustees and Officers: Expires January
  Dolly Relkin, President  1980
  Morton A. Shapiro, Vice President (died 5/79)  1980
  Herbert Granoff, Secretary  1979
  George M. Lehr, Treasurer (died 6/19/79)  1981
  Elaine P. Bernstein, Secretary  1982
  Marcia Gewanter, Asst. Treasurer  1982
  (Treasurer on death of Lehr)
  Martin G. Waldman, Assistant Treasurer  1983
  (Granoff's seat) 4 years
  Margery Binder, Assistant Treasurer  1983
  (on death of Lehr - seat of Coe) 4 years
  Cyrus Rudman, Vice President  1981
  (on death of Shapiro 5/79)
  Godfrey Murrain (seat of Shapiro) appt. to Jan.
  Muriel Kane (seat of Lehr) 7/79 appt. to Jan.

- Nominating Committee: Jo Ann Farley, Hazel King, Emanuel Kline
  Board: Bernstein, (Rudman), Gewanter

- Library Director: Mr. Joseph Covino

- Circulation: 657,568
  Collection: 347,001 volumes & 732 periodicals & newspapers (see 1980 Annual Report 1/29/80 for more)
  Budget: $2,032,572 (Vote: 5,170 Yes; 1,823 No)

BOARD COMMITTEES
  Investment - Lehr, Rudman, Waldman, Relkin, Gewanter
  Parkville Branch-School Board - Relkin, Binder, Covino
  Insurance - Will reactivate if needed
  Art & Exhibits - Relkin, Shapiro, Bernstein, Gewanter, Klauber, Covino
  Transportation - Relkin, Shapiro, Bernstein, Gewanter, Klauber, Covino
  Computer - Relkin, Gewanter, Binder, Bernstein
  Written Policy Committee - Shapiro, Gewanter
  Long Range Planning - Whole Board
  Music Committee - Lehr, Bernstein

BOARD
- Sudden death of Morton Shapiro. Memorial to be established (May 1979)
- Sudden death of George Lehr June 19, 1979. Memorial service at Library on Sunday, 7/1/79
NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Proposed Board enlarge to 9 members; increase Association membership

BOARD POLICIES
- Director's Discretionary Fund not to exceed $1,500/year (proceeds from book sales and equipment) 1/30
- Non-duplication of programs in Community Room
- March - Expenditures up to $2,500 from Building reserve; Account may be made by Director without prior Board approval; Contracts approved by Board in excess of $25,000, progress payments may be made on approval of President and Treasurer without further authorization so long as Board previously approved contract; 2 authorized Board signatures on any check $15,000 or over
- September - Letter form Elmont Library on bids. Attorney advised us Association has no legal requirement to put work out for bid
- October - Library Director's Financial Responsibilities
- November - Revised Children's Program Policy

INSURANCE: Board pleased with present broker, good relationship, no problems. Director & Officers Legal Liability Policy renewed on 3 year basis, $1,000,000 - cost $3,300

FINANCE
- Auditors doing more extensive review. Converted to double-entry bookkeeping. Paid Price Waterhouse $9,000 + $750.
- Looking for another way to do payroll - unhappy with Nassau Library System
- Appraisal Affiliates appraised building, materials and collection at replacement value of $4,467,762. depreciated value $3,997,123
- Revised and streamlined monthly Treasurer's report 10/79
- L. I. Insurance Co., underwriter, failed and liquidated. Filed to recover $1,119.42 premium paid
- Many C.D. investments for highest return

ELDRIDGE ESTATE: Received 1/16 share of sale of Casa Blanca property $5,315.05

NASSAU LIBRARY SYSTEM
- Great Neck Board supported proposal on Local Incentive Aid for 1978 - memo 1/8/79
- Local Sponsor Incentive Aid 1979 - Great Neck Board voted for "A" proposal stating - "1979 and succeeding years funds distributed as approved in the prior vote on 1978 funds distribution. If approved, member libraries would receive $138,000, NLS $125,000."
- Great Neck Board voted against increase in Direct Access fee from $30 - $45
- Revised Memorandum of Agreement, increasing members from 53 to 54; Trustees to serve 2 full terms of 5 years each; must have Nassau residency; age lowered to 18 years; changed date of Annual meeting
- NLS had tours of new building
- Area VIII trustees meeting without John L. Miller

LIBRARY OPERATIONS
- Expanded Japanese collection
- Established Iranian book collection
- Drop in circulation, may be due to gasoline shortage

CIRCULATION CONTROL SYSTEM
- $99,577.41 surplus added to reserve
- Data base purchased from Evanston, Illinois $6,000 (including $2,500 for CLSI to copy)
- CETA clerks approved to start in April to do book conversion. Extended to 4/1/80
- Installation of CLSI 5/16/79. 3-day intensive training of staff. Laser scanners investigated for health and safety
- Made decisions on programming, options, and operations
- New form for membership and library cards for computer

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE
- Universal Utilities contract approved for 5-ton air conditioner and duct work in Multipurpose Room and computer room. Honeywell automatic control $2,170
- Library signed contract with contractor for Siegal Memorial. Memorial to cost $18,000 in total. Mr. Serchuck expected to pay any additional costs
- New Telephone System 3/13 - Accepted Unitel resources Corp. (ITT-TD-100 System). Board requested 4 recommendations of users of system in area. Cost $27,269.50
- Low standing telephone installed for handicapped
- Electrical problems - fire in panel box caused by leaking roof
- Smoke detection system needs updating. Hired Flack & Kurtz to go out for bid
- Ventilation in staff room improved
- LILCO will not provide gas for heating this winter. Ordered #2 fuel oil from Rite Fuel Corp. .759/gallon - double that of 1978
EXPANSION OF MAIN
- Architect Spector explored alternatives. Vertical construction not possible. Horizontal very possible except for more parking. Village of Saddle Rock no longer needs adjacent land. We can buy it for price they paid to relieve parking
- Exercised right of conveyance of property adjoining the Library for expansion of Parking Lot with Saddle Rock Village 12/19

BRANCHES
- Branch visits by Board members with a schedule - 1 Trustee for 3 branches each month
- Alarm systems installed at three branches - Digital Security Ltd.
- Parkville:
  - Carol Miller, Librarian, awarded North Lakeville Civic Association 1st Certificate for civic achievement
  - Lease extended through June 30, 1980 at rental of $15,000. Effective 7/1/79 increase in rent from $11,000
  - Copy machine installed
  - Movies discontinued - no attendance
- Station: Landlord will begin repairs for entire shopping area
- Lakeville:
  - Replaced air conditioning considering unit by Nassau Cooling & Heating
  - Several break-ins

LEVELS
- "R" rated films not to be shown
- Discussed future summer programs with Park District. 1st joint production 5/1
- Corrected lighting in Levels
- Hours changed - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 3-10 p.m.; Friday, 3-12 midnight; Saturday, 6-12 midnight
- Library had lawsuit for injury suffered at Levels program
- Proposal for pursuing solar wall near main entrance to library. Board turned proposal down on basis of not interfering with aesthetics of building

PROGRAMS
- Board denied request for use of Community Room for an arbitration for Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services
- Listing of Library services and programs in Adult Ed brochure
- Temple Israel request for Community Room on High Holy Days turned down because it would be a religious service
- Outdoor Art Festival and Book Sale held indoors because of rain
- Board members to handle introductions to Library sponsored programs if necessary
- NOVA (Network of Volunteer Assistance) - Library to coordinate information needs. Good project for Senior Citizens
- Book bags - experiment - to be sold for 25¢
- Temple Israel's Walkathon for Soviet Jewry - allowed Library to be used as a rest stop
- National Endowment for Humanities granted to Great Neck, one of 10 libraries, to deal with services for newly-established foreign groups, i.e. Japanese, Iranians, plus service to other ethnic groups in community
- Started new program - Sandy Rosencrans series of interviews with Great Neck authors
- Requests for book talks. Will be handled by staff members
- Children's programs - shift from limited enrollment to programs open to all
- For list of music, poetry, etc. - see Annual Report 1/29/80
- Art Exhibits:
  February - 8th Contemporary Black Artists
  June    - 9th Outdoor Festival
  July    - Franz Kafka Photo Exhibition (courtesy of Goethe House)
  September - Tribute to Morton Shapiro
  October - L. I. Craftsmen's Guild: Fine Arts
  December - Shirley Gorelick: Portraits 1966-1979

STAFF
- George Rosser, Head of Maintenance, retired. John Sanders promoted to Head of Maintenance
- Increased hospitalization costs from State
- Changes in disability insurance
- 10/79 - full-time staff offered day off instead of salary for working Sunday before a Monday holiday
- Salary increases approved 12/31

L.I. TASK FORCE ON LIBRARIES: State disapproved funding for L. I. Library Service Network

TASK FOR SCHOOL BUILDING UTILIZATION: Margery Binder served as Library Representative. She cannot vote without prior approval of Board

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS: Approved mailing Voters Guide 1979. Requested additional copies be distributed at Libraries

CABLE TV: Meetings all year. By September, three companies were bidding
GIFTS
- $100 from Ernest Heumann Foundation - applied to Morton Shapiro Photo Fund
- $200 from Great Neck Choral Society in memory of Herbert Parnut for purchase of records and books on choral music
- Paintings - gift of Mrs. Benjamin Perlen
  "Ship at Sea" by J. Veerman
  "Landscape" by A. Hill
  "Four English Gentlemen in Red Coats After Dinner" (unframed) by F. M. Bennett
- Sculptures - gift of Mrs. A. Dorsky
  "Shoeshine Boy" by Adolf Rosenblatt
  "2 Seated Figures" (bronze) by Radovain
  Metal "Menorah" by David Weiss
  Hanging Wall Sculpture - stainless steel by B. Nimme
  "Winged Victory" (polyester) by John Jackson
  Carved Cambodian Stone Piece
- Board of Trustees and Officers: Expires January
  Dolly Relkin, President - reelected 4 yrs 1984
  Martin Waldman, Vice President 1983
  Elayne P. Bernstein, Secretary 1982
  Margery Binder, Treasurer 1983
  Muriel Kane, Asst. Teas. (seat of Lehr) elec 1 yr. 1981
  Marcia Gewanter, Assistant Treasurer 1982
  Godfrey Murrain (seat of Shapiro) elect. 4 yrs. 1984
  Cyrus Rudman (resigned 3/80) 1981
  Emanuel Kline (seat of Rudman) 4/15 appointed to Jan.

- Nominating Committee: Jo Ann Farley, Emanuel Kline (4/15 to Board), Hazel King, Bernard Cohen (appointed June)
  Board: Murain, Kane (resigned 10/27), Bernstein (appointed 10/27)

- Library Director: Mr. Joseph Covino
- Collection: 472,285 (State Report)
- Circulation: 647,269
  Budget: $2,091,551 - 97.5¢/$100 (Vote: 4,287 Yes; 1,338 No)

BOARD COMMITTEES
Investments - Binder, Relkin, Gewanter, Kane, Covino
Music Committee - Bernstein
Art Committee - Relkin, Klauber, Covino, Eckstein
Building Committee - Relkin, Gewanter, Kane, Bernstein;
  Staff: Eileen Lavin, Millicent Charles)
Transportation - Kane, Relkin, Bernstein, Gewanter
Long Range Planning - Whole Board
Association Membership & By-Laws- Murrain, Relkin, Gewanter,
  Covino, Bernstein
Nominating Committee for Board Officers - Gewanter,
  Bernstein, Binder, Relkin
Board Policy Committee -
  Committee of Community - Relkin
Cable TV - Library Representative, Dolly Relkin

BOARD
- Open Information Law. Director's memo listed Library records
  kept by Library to be available for public access, between 9-5,
  Monday - Friday. Board also agreed Minutes of Trustees
  Meetings to be kept in accordance with Open Information Law
- Nominating Committee Recommendations and By-Law Revisions:
  Board rejected Nominating Committee recommendation to
  expand number of Board members
- Investigated legal ramifications of every library card holder being an automatic member of Association - since computerization would enlarge membership
- Nominating Committee expansion: Increased Committee of Association from 3-5, plus 2 Board members
- Instituted use of proxies for Annual Meeting
- Board members: Instead of listing attendance on Minutes, have a signed attendance sheet for non-Board members

FINANCE
- Adopted Price Waterhouse suggestion that "Building reserve Fund" be changed to "Fixed Asset Reserve Fund" Revised definitions
- decided to maintain Reserve Funds at a level of 10% of annual budget
- Staff training for double-entry bookkeeping. sent bookkeeper to school
- Design to set-up of double-entry bookkeeping by Price Waterhouse - $8,900
- Treasurer's Report in summary 9 times/year - detailed report 3 times/year
- Meetings with Price Waterhouse. 10/7/80 recommendations reviewed

OPERATIONS
- Purchased new delivery van $7,185
- Bomb threat. Building closed 11/80

COMPUTERIZED CIRCULATION SYSTEM
- Re-registered 19,500 borrowers and 8,000 Association members. Added students who register for multi-session courses in Adult Ed be eligible for 1 year student library cards
- Data entry for main completed 5/80
- Complete cost of CLSI $175,000
- Trained staff
- On-Line 10/80 instead og 8/80 because of Telephone Co. delay installing lines
- Faulty drive unit shut system down 8 days
- CLSI offered free dial up, in 2-way system, to NLS
- Circulation procedures - fines - increased maximum from $2-$5; number of periodicals and recordings charged out - 12; delinquency threshold $25
- Merchant Marine Cadets ruled as residents
- Hardware & software to be purchased at 410,000
- 2-Model 500 Terminals purchased $5,000 each
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE
- New smoke detection system, proposed by Flack & Kurtz 11/14/79, was completed by Great Neck Electric at cost $18,800
- June: Main building maintenance & refurbishing:
  Music Room - $7,000; Art Shelving $7,700; Snack Bar - authorized up to $15,000; Multipurpose Room $8,500 (stacking chairs, tables and book case)
- Compact shelving bids received from Metropolitan Business Systems, Inc. and Island Business Systems, Inc. To be determined. No action now


POND: Geese removed from Library grounds by Department of Environmental Conservation. Board opposed action by DEC

CABLE TV: 5 companies bid for contract. decided to hire Technical Cable consultant to review bids. Public Hearing 6/24

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS: Approved mailing of Voters Guide 1980 as special community service

SCHOOL BUILDINGS: Committee on School Building. Utilization wants multi-use of vacant school buildings. Suggested library be one of organizations

BRANCHES
- Station: Exercised option to renew lease for 3 years. Parking spaces for employees a problem, and water leakage on wall a problem. Under discussion with landlord
- Parkville: 3/80 - Parkville School planned to close in 24 months. Question of Library's future discussed. School will not commit to Library Board for present space. Rental at other locations are triple rent. Board confirmed desire to maintain branch. Contacted School Board
- Lakeville: 6/80 - Petition asked for water cooler. Installed
STAFF
- 10/80 - Maximum part-time salaries established
- 10/28 - Tax Sheltered Annuity: Authorized deductions to be transmitted to Art Pottheiser upon receiving letter with signatures of staff involved, authorizing deductions

PROGRAMS: (see Annual Report 1/29/81 for complete list)
- Established Morton A. Shapiro Memorial Photo Gallery on main level
- George A. Lehr Memorial Concert, 1/year
- Sunday openings for programs start 9/21/80
- Article in Great Neck Record on 100th Anniversary of Library Association
- Iranian Committee set up 5/31
- June - Film programs - complaints about non-residents attending. 10/80 Board authorized advance tickets to Great Neck residents only. Stand-by open to all. No mailing of calendars to non-residents
- Board coverage for Sunday programs
- School class visits to Library
- Art Exhibits:
  February - 9th Contemporary Black Artists
  April - North Shore in the 20's (Photos and Memorabilia collected by local history group under a grant from America the Beautiful
  May - Max Weber Exhibition
  November - L. I. Craftsmen's Guild: Fine Arts

LEVELS
- Birthday Party at Steppingstone Park 5/17
- Computer proposal adopted by Board - cost $5,402. Annual Maintenance maybe $100. 4 members of Levels will do training program for levels users and software for educational purposes

NASSAU LIBRARY SYSTEM
- Purchased CLSI
- Area VII - Representative John L. Miller resigned. Dr. Morris Gelfand elected to fill term until 1982

COMMITTEE OF COMMUNITY: Letter of outrage at acts of violence and bigotry and churchyard desecration at All Saints Church. Board letter sent in support. 1st meeting of organizations 3/26. They requested $25 dues. Library response: we are public institution - no dues, but will provide resources.
GIFFTS
- 1890 Pianola from Mrs. Holstein valued at $2,000
- In future carefully accept gifts for exterior of building
- $150 from Michael Spector for Levels
- $100 from Mr. Hoesch - memorial gift for his mother, for books at Parkville
  Outdoor Reading Area - completed construction on Betsy and Peter Siegel Memorial.
1981

- Board of Trustees and Officers: 
  Expires January 1984
  Dolly Relkin, President
  Martin Waldman, Vice President 1983
  Elayne P. Bernstein, Secretary 1982
  Margery Binder, Treasurer 1983
  Muriel Kane, Asst. Treas (seat of Lehr) elect 4 yr. 1985
  Marcia Gewanter, Assistant Treasurer 1982
  Godfrey Murrain 1984
  Emanuel Kline (seat of Rudman) elect. 4 yrs. 1985

- Nominating Committee: Bernard Cohen, Jo Ann Farley, Hazel King
  Board: Emanuel Kline, Godfrey Murrain

- Library Director: Mr. Joseph Covino

- Circulation: 647,269 (decreased 10,299)
  Collection: 340,000 volumes
  Budget: $2,196,704 (Vote: 4,067 Yes; 1,292 No)

BOARD COMMITTEES
  Investment - Binder Gewanter, Kane, Covino
  Building Committee - Kane, Bernstein, Gewanter, Relkin, Covino;
  Staff: Lavin, Charles
  Art Committee - Relkin, Covino, Eckstein, Klauber
  Music Committee - Bernstein
  Long Range Planning - Whole Board
  Steering Committee - Relkin, Kline, Kane, Waldman
  Transportation - Kane, Bernstein, Gewanter, relkin
  Personnel Salary Committee - Waldman, Relkin, Murrain, Covino, Binder
  Committee of Community - Kline, Relkin, Murrain
  Parkville - Relkin, Binder, Waldman
  NLS - Kane
  Board Officers Nominating Committee - Bernstein, Gewanter, Murrain
  Japanese Committee - Under supervision of Covino, Director
  (liaison Relkin)
  Iranian Committee - Under supervision of Covino (liaison Relkin)
  Prejudice Reduction (School Board Committee) - Relkin

POLICIES
- 2/81 - Reaffirmation of Board's position against censorship of materials
- 4/81 - Library card for Temporary Residents
- 9/81 - New seating policy for programs (residents first because of overflow at film programs)
- 9/81 - Confidentiality of Library Records
  - Review and expansion of Investment Policy

BOARD
- Contested election - Incumbent Kline reelected. (Parkville community concerned about Branch - Bernard Weiss ran for election)
- Director's Liability: Senator Levy & Assemblyman D'Amato proposed bills in Albany to exempt library boards from civil liability. Attorney to advise
- Staff member requested all material given to Board at Board meetings. Denied. This is public information on file in Director's Office
- Letter to Legislators: to Mae Newburger, Stanley Fink & John Caemmerer urging support of Amendment to Civil Rights Law S - 79K
- Board scheduled coverage of Sunday programs
- By-Law Changes at Special Meeting of Association 6/2/81. Increased Nominating Committee; instituted Proxies

STAFF
- Death of George Rosser, former Head of Maintenance
- Death of Shirley Nadell
- Payroll changes approved
- Medical insurance costs increased 37% as of July
- Library Director's contract extended for 2 years
- Barbara Tisdale given framed commendation for 35 years of loyal, dedicated service
- Full-time staff polled for new dental plan to see if they meet enrollment quota
- GHI benefit Rider for additional hospitalization approved

LEVELS
- October - Board denied request they sell advertising space in newsletter
- Discussion of fire exits and 185 capacity of room not to be exceeded according to Fire Law
- Architect reported sprinklers in Levels inadequate. Corrected

BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE
- 2/81 vending machine contract to J & A Automatic North. Snack bar opened
- 2/81 replacement of Honeywell Detectors
- Music Room changes
- Fencing for Pond
- Reserves moved to Circulation Desk
- Painted exterior of Library, October. Brush & Spray $9,200

OPERATIONS
- Change in Fines - no overdues on pamphlets. 2¢/day adult periodicals. No longer circulate in plastic bags
- Started Rotating Collection at branches

FINANCES
- New budget format adopted 2/81
- Budget for 1982 increased at Public Hearing 4/7/81 by $9,800 for Medical Insurance increase of 37% (from $56,000 to $65,800)
- Investment Committee interviewed 3 different Accounting firms. Hired Albert Coe from Coe & Mittler to do monthly accounting, yearly state reports, and annual certified audit
- Insurance: Stanley Butwin requested reviewing coverage at Board meeting. His firm reviews program, watches it carefully, and updates periodically. Board increased Umbrella liability and Extra Expense categories

COMPUTER
- Drive unit shut down for 10 days. 2nd incident January
- 1/81 CLSI representative Tony Staras answered community questions at Annual Meeting
- 9/81 - Board President and staff met with a vendor to explore COM Catalog. Requires further exploration

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS: Voters Guide not printed. Too late for printer. Will be distributed at all libraries

COMMUNITY
- Board cheered return of 52 Hostages from Iran on 1/20/81
- Made Library available as rest area for Temple Israel Walk-a-thon 5/3
- Committee on Community - to set up creative program with staff, possibly involving Levels, children's films, story hours. Have already been doing programs that were suggested

GREAT NECK SCHOOLS
- History Meeting - Schools looking for place to house school newspapers, yearbooks, mementoes, programs, pictures, etc. Not Library's job to preserve historical records. Not in a position for expansion for this purpose
- Prejudice Reduction: President attended meetings. No action by Library
N. Y. STATE SENATE SUB-COMMITTEE ON LIBRARIES
Much of testimony dealt with coping with cuts in public funding per M. Kane

BUS TRANSPORTATION
- Will continue free bus service
- September - Cost rose from $120/day to $150/day

N. Y. STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT: President and Director invited by State to attend all-day conference

NASSAU LIBRARY SYSTEM
- Vacancy on L. I. Library Service Board - Great Neck vote was tied for Kirby & Bennett
- Rockville Center Board requested Library Boards to support Region Bill
- Island Trees Censorship case began
- October - LSIA Legislation has additional funding available. Board voted $20,000 for direct access and $48,000 for dial up access equipment

CABLE TV
Port Washington area signed contract with Cox Cable. They (Rhoda Beck) proposed interlocking Port Washington, Roslyn, Great Neck, Manhasset so Library programs could be shared. Board had no objections

BRANCHES
- Parkville: to remain in School Annex until year's end. Community Committee wants Library to move into Parkville School when closed. They surveyed 80 people who want expansion of Branch programs continued at Parkville. Need for children's programs; to include cost of expansion in '82 budget. Library said no duplication of programs at a main. Main Library will continue having all cultural programs. Decision of future of branch rests with negotiations with School Board. Possibility of renting a 3rd room at the Annex. Letter and diagram of desired space sent to School Board
- Station: Still waiting for drawings and costs on outdoor sign. 9/1 Board voted on "Library". October - waiting for Great neck Village approval. December - sign installed
- Lakeville: Series of incidents at branch. Lakeville hours changed to 12-8 p.m. instead of 9 p.m. because of incidents at night
PROGRAMS

- Japanese Committee composed of 60 women
  May - Japanese/American Luncheon
  Nov. - Cultural programs, exhibited and lectures with assistance of Japanese Consulate, Nippon Club, Japan Air Lines

- Art Exhibits:
  January - 10th Contemporary Black Artists
  March - Great Neck Printmakers with lecture by Clare Romano
  May - Working Models of Leonardo daVinci
  June - 11th Outdoor Art Festival and Book Sale
  September - Japanese Art Exhibit: Woodcuts by Hiroshige; Samurai Swords; Modern Paintings

GIFTS

- Art objects belonging to Babs Spritzer passed to Library from her will (collection catalogued by Dolly Relkin)
- Round Redwood Planter, gift of Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Rosenwach
1982

- Board of Trustees and Officers: Expires January
  Dolly Relkin, President 1984
  Martin Waldman, Vice President 1983
  Elayne P. Bernstein, Secretary reelect. 4 yrs 1986
  Margery Binder, Treasurer 1983
  Muriel Kane, Asst. Treasurer 1985
  Emanuel Kline, Asst. Treas. 1985
  Marcia Gewanter relected 4 yrs 1986
  Godfrey Murrain 1984

- Nominating Committee: (5)
  Jo Ann Farley - 2 yrs
  Hazel King -2 yrs
  Bernard Cohen - 1 yr
  Sandra O'Connor - 1 yr
  Nancy Clark - 1 yr

  Board: Godfrey Murrain, Emanuel Kline

- Library Director: Mr. Joseph Covino

- Circulation: 652,954 (State Report)
- Collection: 494,500
- Budget: $2,397,961 (at Public Hearing 4/7/81) added $9,800 for
  N.Y.S. Medical insurance from $56-$65, 800

BOARD COMMITTEES
  Investment - D. Relkin, M. Kane, E. Kline, J. Covino
  Building Committee - D. Relkin, M. Kane, M. Gewanter, E. Bernstein,
  M. Binder; staff: Covino, M. Charles, E. Lavin, M. Dehn, B. Freeman
  Steering Committee - D. Relkin, E. Kline, E. Berstein, M. Gewanter,
  Covino
  Bus Transportation - D. Relkin, M. Kane, E. Bernstein, M. Gewanter,
  Covino
  Personnel - D. Relkin, M. Waldman, G. Murrain, M. Binder
  Music Committee - Elayne Bernstein
  Art - Dolly Relkin (with staff)
  Business & Industry - M. Kane, D. Relkin, M. Waldman, E. Kline
  Program Guidelines - Relkin, Kline, Murrain, Bernstein, Klauber,
  Covino
  Japanese & Iranian Committees - Covino, Relkin
  Board Officers Nominating Committee - Binder, Bernstein, Kane
  Cable TV - Relkin, Murrain, Waldman
  NLS Representative - Kane, Relkin
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Parkville Branch - Relkin, Binder, Waldman, Covino
Prejudice Reduction - Relkin

BOARD POLICIES
- Jan/Feb. - Revised Investment Policy
- Feb. - application for use of Community Room - to be renewed every 3 years
- Feb. - Open Meeting Law: 2 recent rulings established
  (1) Board may have non-public discussion meetings for information purposes only, with no attempt to persuade other members of Board or arrive at decisions
  (2) Standing Committees of Board may have non-public meetings since the committees make recommendations for action at regular public meetings when deliberations are heard in public
- April - Library Display Policy (Bulletin Board, Display Cases, etc.)
- November - Use of the Community Room revised. To be sent to each organization when they book a date

BOARD
Copies of press releases to be sent to all Board members at same time they are sent to Great Neck Record

COMMUNITY ROOM
Transcendental Meditation Society (TMS) meeting challenged, by a resident, as a religious meeting. T's application expired. If they re-apply Board will judge on basis of Policy. Debate between Mr. Rosenberg, a resident and Doug Harmelin, member of TM who stated meeting is an introductory lecture. 4 Board members attended lecture in Community Room - decision was the meeting met written policy rules and regulations

FINANCE
- Payroll Account moved to Chase Manhattan Bank where operating fund accounts are held. Chase provided secure collateral in amount of $650,000 (Left European American Bank).
  Transfer of funds to be permitted by phone from one Chase Account to the other
- Treasurer's Report - new format
- Adopted 1982 salary schedule
- Transferred payroll services to A.D.P. to prepare and issue pre-signed checks using Treasurer's authorized signature plate
CENSORSHIP: Island Tree case. ALA, NYLA and Freedom to Read Foundation filed amicus briefs with Supreme Court; all opposed to censorship
VILLAGE OF SADDLE ROCK: Requested renting office space at Library. Left to Director’s discretion

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS: Voters Guide approved for mailing. Cost $900

BUS TRANSPORTATION
- Summer bus did joint program with Park District on shared cost from 7/7-8/27
- Fall service with O'Reilly Bus Co., contract @ $125/day
- Meeting scheduled with School Board to discuss cooperative service area

POND: May - Muriel Kane reported 2 houses to be built on Beach Road. The drainage from the septic tank for 1 house will go into a ditch, which in turn will go into Udall’s Pond. Library sent a letter expressing concern of Library about ecological effect on the Pond. Architect of houses agreed to move septic tank

PARKING LOT: Hired Spector (architect) at $5,000 to do design layout and feasibility study for new entrance and exit using newly acquired property from Village of Saddle Rock. Authorized $2,500 for test borings

SCHOOLS: Superintendent of Schools, Mortimer Abramowitz, retiring. Library gave a permanent library card as a gift. William Shine appointed new Superintendent of Schools

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE
- Major maintenance program in Levels, Main, expansion of Parkville, Reference Room at Main
- Final section of fencing at Pond added
- Recarpeting Main Library. Architect wrote specs and went out for bids - 2,600 sq. yds. of blue Heather, Wunda Weve Carpet, by Fried & Sons $49,158
- Alterations to Reference Room - cost included in Parkville renovations work by Bert Stone
- Recarpeted steps to Mezzanine - Fried & Son, 8/3/82 - $2,250

OPERATIONS
- Oil contracted under State Contract - rate .9380
- Replacement of book detection system - $13,875
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COMPUTER
- January - new computer equipment on recommendation of CLSI, dated 4/6/81, and staff recommendations 1/19/82. Accepted "Option #3" plus the processor DEC PDP 11/34 at cost of $49,000

CABLE TV
- Library to have access channel #20. Policy to be written
- Purchased monitor, videotape equipment and cart to provide limited programming ($6,500 - $7,000)

STAFF
- Sue Weiland, Head of Reference, retired 4/3
- Employment contract signed with full-time staff Association for years 1982-83; 1st Dental Plan - contract with New England Mutual Life Insurance Co.
- July - employment contract with part-time staff Association for years 1982-83
- November - approved salary schedule for 1983

BRANCHES
- **Parkville:** Signed lease (March) for additional room at Annex Renovation proceeded after library's needs established; timetable for construction and community suggestions heard. Mike Spector drew plans. Bertram Stone won low bid. Total cost for Parkville and Main building Reference Room $44,500 with 10% for extra work orders. Carpeting by G. Fried $5,088.75, Wunda Weve Centurion, Class A flame spread rating. Floor patched to receive carpet, with metal or vinyl edges at threshold - 295 sq. yds. @ $17.25/yd. October 28 - Open House Party (wine and cheese) sponsored with North Lakeville Civic Association who wanted to pay all costs
- **Station:** Replaced defective condensing unit on air conditioner with Trane 7 1/2 ton 208-230 Volt, 3 phase unit. Cost $6,090. Desk tops (circulation desk) refinished with formica

LEVELS
- Conflict with schools re summer programs involving theater productions
- January - sign to read "Levels...one helped becomes the helper". Students not happy
- Fire Marshall gave violations we considered unfair. Board agreed to do everything required for safety precautions
- New Assistant Director Andrea Johnstone
1982 p5

- Fireproof mats purchased for seating and minimal structural changes to increase seating capacity lost with Fire Marshall
- Carpeting replaced by G. Fried $4,420. Spector to supervise work $300

LILRIC: January - Great Neck Library joined Loan Program enabling direct access users to use and borrow books on a reciprocal basis from public, special and university libraries who are members of the Research Loan Program

NLS
- LSIA funds - Board supported share per capita on population served on an equitable basis
- Area VII Representative Dr. Gelfand, term to expire 12/31/83. Henry Salomon, Trustee from Port Washington elected to NLS Board
- Held meeting (seminar) on micro-computers in Libraries

PROGRAMS
- Japanese
- Iranian - Held New Year Celebration
- Business & Industry Seminars - Morris Epstein, Chairman
  1. Study of Japanese Industry
  2. Small Business recession
  3. Word Processor Fair
  4. Alternate Business Opportunities

- Amnesty International (travelling exhibit) - Guidelines Committee: Murrain, Bernstein, Relkin, Kline, Klauber, Covino
- Art Exhibits:
  February - 11th Contemporary Black Artists
  June - 12th Outdoor - postponed due to construction on Saddle Rock Bridge
  August - Drawings by Elsa Goldsmith
  October - Art Teachers of Great Neck
  December - Miniatures: Dolls and Doll Houses - Joy Weber and Elena Lamb & Rose Barell

GIFTS: January - Sign for Levels as memorial to Bruce Todd, from Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Todd, parents; February - 300 Yiddish books on behalf of Yiddish Book Exchange of Amherst, Mass. from Sidney Berg; dedicated 2 outdoor redwood benches on lower level as memorial to Shirley Nadell and 1 outdoor redwood bench at front entrance donated by Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Rosenwach.
1983

- Board of Trustees and Officers: Expires January
  Dolly Relkin, President  1984
  Elayne Bernstein, Vice President  1986
  Margery Binder, Treasurer relected 4 years  1987
  Godfrey Murrain, Secretary  1984
  Muriel Kane, Assistant Treasurer  1985
  Emanuel Kline, Assistant Treasurer  1985
  Marcia Gewanter  1986
  Jack Eber (seat of Waldman) elected 4 yrs.  1987

- Nominating Committee: (5)
  Bernie Cohen - 2 yrs
  Sandra O'Connor - 2 yrs
  Nancy Clark - 1 yr
  Jo Ann Farley
  Hazel King
  Board: Elayne Bernstein, Marcia Gewanter

- Library Director: Mr. Joseph Covino

- Circulation: 694,996 (State Report) - (turnstile count 1,000/day)
- Collection: 496,275
- Budget: $2,588,027

BOARD COMMITTEES:
  Investment - M. Binder, M. Kane, E. Kline, D. Relkin, E. Bernstein, Covino
  Personnel - D. Relkin, E. Bernstein, M. Binder, G. Murraim, Covino
  Long Range Planning - Whole Board
  Steering Committee - D. Relkin, E. Kline, M. Kane, J. Eber, Covino
  NLS - Will rotate when required
  Business & Industry - E. Kline, J. Eber, D. Relkin, Covino
  Art Committee - D. Relkin, Covino
  Music - E. Bernstein, M. Kane
  Station Branch -

BOARD - Committee reports to be submitted in writing

BOARD POLICIES
- February - Use of Levels by outside groups
- Non-Library Petitions are not allowed in the Library (not written policy)
- Levels Monthly Program Policy adopted 3/21/83
- June - Video VHS Circulation Policy
- November - Library to be open every Sunday except for National holidays, with the exception of summer months

STAFF
- Sudden death of Ed Amrhein, Director of Levels (June)
- GHI Health Insurance offered new option to members. Cost minimal. Approved
- Andrea Gancarz resigned as co-Director of Levels. Joe Latini appointed Director, and Nicole Kaplan Assistant Director
- Retirees: Ruth Tillinghast, Dorothy Tullman, Barbara Tisdale

FINANCE
- Revised cash handling and reporting procedures
- March - accepted Coe and Mittler Annual Audit Year 1982
- Money Market accounts facilitate handling of funds and investments
- Insurance: Butwin reviewed insurance coverage and valuations. His office reviews continuously, is in constant touch with Director. They meet 1st of year to discuss in detail all coverage
- legal retainer approved for S. Limmer - $2,500 December 1982 - December 1, 1983

OPERATIONS
- Prepared Directory of Service and Table of Organization Chart
- Approved use of Library for Temple Israel Walk-a-Thon with charge to cover cost of opening building
- Book selection and purchases reviewed. Reduced reserve holding time, increased fines on 14-day books to speed up circulation. Board opposed adding duplicate pay collection for new books
- Noise in Library. Unruly patrons will be asked to leave
- Book shelving procedures refined
- Video VHS Collection started. Circulation to start in January '84
- 2 car spaces set aside for Nassau County Police near booth
- Problem of staff coverage on Jewish holidays. Branches will be closed, Main Library open- will alleviate staffing problem
- $15 charge for use of projectionist in Community Room applications

CABLE TV
- Lakeville Civic Association requested Library Board help them obtain access to Library Channel. Board wrote letter to Town of North Hempstead
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- Library Channel #20 on air. Cox Cable doing keyboard printing. They will provide us with equipment limited to extending library services such as book type programs, calendars, Levels and documentary films. Programming is administrative function. Policy decisions go to Board.
- Board requested Cable Commission use monies received from Cox Cable be used for joint community organization programming. Waiting for response
- Board accepted and endorsed Covino's letter of 10/10/83 to Cable Commission

NEWSLETTER
- Changed format of bi-monthly calendar in Summer issue
- Issue newsletter four times/year, instead of 6, with more info and larger size
- Eliminated flyers for programs, except Levels and foreign language programs

LEVELS
- All fire safety regulations have been met
- Ed Amrhein and Nicole Kaplan, plus 2 Levels users proposed monthly programming for Cox Cable TV. 30-minute program on Channel 22, with reuse of cassette for Library channel 20. Cox personnel to provide studio assistance, Levels staff will be involved with students; costs will be for tapes, paper, etc. Eventually, students will do entire program, with hands-on experience to teach other students. Accepted by Board 3/21/83
- June - sudden death of Ed Amrhein
- Congressional Hearing in Washington, DC; Director and students gave testimony on Levels

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE
- Proposed parking lot expansion: reviewed Soil Mechanics Drilling Report of 1/14/83 and Spector's proposal. If use of entire area will provide 30-35 spaces, includes removing trees - $90,000 - $100,000. Option: new entrance with connecting link to present lot will provide 7-10 spaces - cost $40,000. Tabled until budget priorities determined
- June - Spector authorized to render drawings and plans with cost figures and determination of major improvement or alteration for widening present entrance and exit. November - authorized Spector to proceed with bids, not to exceed $18,750
- HVAC System - thorough cleaning. Considering replacing permanent filters with disposable ones
- Repaired steps and sidewalks at Main. Nicholas Cone $2,130
- Carpeting for lower level and Music Room
BRANCHES
Lakeville:
- Lease renewed from 4/30/83
- Letter from Carl Ragusa, President, Lakeville Civic
- Association requested upgrading and modernizing branch. Will meet with Advisory Committee of branch

Station:
- Changed evening hours from Monday and Friday Night to Monday and Thursday night
- Negotiated with landlord for larger space in the new Atrium building of the shopping mall where the present branch is located
- Hired Spector to proceed with plans for new location on the lower level of the Atrium, with Board and Staff Committee to work with him
- Approved new lease for 3,378 sq. ft., with escalation clauses, with North Shore Mart. New location, lower level

GREAT NECK ARTS COUNCIL: No longer exists. Balance of $474.77 divided among member organizations

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS: Voters Guide approved for mailing

NASSAU LIBRARY SYSTEM
- LSIA - approved NLS recommendation for use of LSIA funds. Memo 1/21
- Area Trustee meeting at Shelter Rock Library
- NLS proposed doing away with 1 meeting a year of Area Trustee with Area Representative. Board opposed with letter to member libraries
- Bellmore Library letter - tabled. Letter sent to Bellmore; awaiting further study and recommendation
- Direct Access fee raised from $45 to $60

LEGISLATION: Congressman Mrazek invited Board to C. W. Post to hear about up-to-date legislation and funding for libraries

PROGRAMS
- Business & Industry Committee: Morris Epstein, Chairman, proposed teaching a course in use of Apple computers. Board denied request as duplication of school program
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- Art Exhibits:
  
  February - 12th Contemporary Black Artists
  April - Sculpture and the Art of Paper - (Apter-McKevitt, Ben Borax, M. Bresnick, S. Cohen, Ruth Levine, Marcia Reese)
  May - Photos of Roman Vishniac from Jacob Berg Foundation
  June - 13th Outdoor Art and Book Festival
  October - Three Long Island Artists: Elizabeth Lawley, Vivian Schiff, Ernest Bergwall
  November - Monotypes: Ruth Lief Group

GIFTS: $350 from Great Neck Choral Society in memory of Larry Horowitz to purchase Yiddish and Irish Folk Music; Italian books from Barbara Tisdale.
- Print entitled "Maghres V", gift of artist Ruth Eckstein
- Board of Trustees and Officers: Expires January
  Elayne Bernstein, President 1986
  Marcia Gewanter, Vice President 1986
  Emanuel Kline, Secretary 1985
  Margery Binder, Treas. (resigned effective 1/85 1987
  Muriel Kane, Asst. Treasurer (Treasurer 12/84) 1985
  Jack Eber, Assistant Treasurer 1987
  Arthur Lerner (Murrain's seat) elected 4 yrs. 1988
  Dolly Relkin reelected 4 yrs. 1988

- Nominating Committee:
  Mona Oppenheim - 2 yrs
  Dr. C. Kendrick - 2 yrs
  Bernie Cohen
  Sandra O'Connor
  Nancy Clark
  Board: Arthur Lerner, Elayne Bernstein

- Library Director: Mr. Joseph Covino

- Circulation: 739,268
- Collection: 489,938 (State Report)
- Budget: $2,808,911 (Vote 2,480 Yes - 632 No)

BOARD COMMITTEES:
  Investment - Bernstein, Binder, Eber, Kane, Covino
  Long Range Planning - (Steering Committee) - Bernstein, Kline, Eber, Relkin
  Art Committee - Relkin
  Music Committee - Kane, Lerner
  NLS Representative - Lerner
  Personnel Committee - Lerner, Relkin, Bernstein, Binder
  - Board members should visit all library facilities

BOARD: Godfrey Murrain appointed Honorary Trustee for 3 months ending 4/30/84. Extended to 6/30/84 to serve on Salary Committee

BOARD POLICIES
- January 17 - Fixed Asset Reserve Fund adopted
- Library shall be open every Sunday, except for Easter, National holidays, and Sundays during the summer months
- Levels Checking Account for funds they raise. Requires Director's signature
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- 2/21 & 11/10 - revised Circulation of Video Cassette Policy
- 10/16 - Use of Treasurer's ADP check signing plate
- Legal decision on Bayview Avenue sidewalks: They are owned by Nassau County and are responsibility of Village of Saddle Rock

FINANCE
- President authorized to sign full-time and part-time Staff Association Employment contracts after review by Salary Committee
- May - Secured 5-year unsecured loan of $135,000 from Chase Manhattan Bank, for Station Branch construction, @ 15% interest; prepayment without penalty. Promissory Note 7/11/84
- Unexpected high cost of construction of Station Branch - borrowed $40,000 from automated Reserves; $20,325 from Fixed Assets; and transferred $35,000 from Unemployment Reserve Fund. The $60,325 borrowed from Reserves to be budgeted for repayment in 5 equal installments, beginning with 1986 budget. Any surplus funds may be applied to repayment
- Disposed of uncollectable bills prior to computerized circulation system
- Letters sent to delinquent borrowers

OPERATIONS
- New: Video cassettes begin circulating with collection of 542 tapes
- Expansion of music score collection
- Publicity: Newsletter to go to all residents instead of only Association members using school mailing list
- Problems with mutilation of library materials by patrons. Director authorized to press charges if necessary
- Purchased 1 additional laser charge-out unit as back-up - $5,000
- Problems with Great Neck Record since ownership of Newspaper changed hands
- Temple Israel Walk-a-Thon given rest area at Library
- E. F. Hutton application for Community Room denied
- Great Neck Choral Society request to waive fee for Community Room denied

LEVELS
- New Director, Joe Latini, Assistant Director Nicole Kaplan
- Accoustical carpeting on walls - $2,180

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE
- Additional lighting for parking lot - $4,000
- Staff submitted report on posible expansion of main building (November)
- Exterior steps to lower level repaired in June $4,961
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- Air conditioner - Main Library
- Installation of new sign at parking lot entrance
- Replacement and upgrading of audio equipment in Community Room and Levels

STAFF
- N.Y.S. Mandatory retirement age 70 eliminated as of 1/1/85
- Board sent letter of support for proposed changes in Civil Service regulations to Nassau County Civil Commission
- 12/84 Board adopted Early Retirement Incentive Plan commencing 10/3/86 for those who are eligible as specified in Chapter 665 of Laws of 1984

BRANCHES

Station
- New lease for larger quarters at Great Neck Shopping Mall signed in January
- M. Spector hired for design of new branch. 7 bidders for construction. Low bidder Sindrome Construction - $171,875
- Mechanical/Electrical design by Sigman-Weiss Associates 3/25/84 - $9,255
- Total cost of new branch $264,525
- Compass Movers hired. Moved in 10/8
- Parking for employees: although not employer's responsibility, Library purchased space in Great Neck Plaza Garage up to $1,000/year
- Air Circulation system corrected; sheet rock in rear replaced and painted; 2nd drainage system installed for water problem

Lakeville
- Construction on sidewalk hampered access to branch for several weeks
- Lease extended for 3 years commencing 5/1/85

Parkville
- Boiler repaired

NLS
- Library legislation: Board supported 1984 legislation and sent letters to proper Commissioners in Albany with copies to May Newburger, Michael Tully, and Senator Padavan
- Approved implementation of Budget and Services Proposal (December 1984)

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
- Voters Registration tables in Library May 1-5
COMMUNITY
- Library, under leadership of Director Covino, mobilized the Great Neck District in trying to save the N56 and N57 busses running on Bayview Avenue and Station Road. Accomplished
- Village of Saddle Rock will hold traffic court in Multipurpose Room on 8/1
- Parking on bridge complaints. Signs posted. 6th Precinct will ticket cars

CABLE TV: Cablevision hooking up to unincorporated areas and want Library to guarantee 10 hours of programming a month. Library would like split of hours with schools and Park District

PROGRAMS
- Harriet Zinnes, poetry consultant moved
- Business Committee: joint program with Womanspace "Women in Business"
- Music Committee: to explore jointly sponsored programs with schools to use Saddle Rock auditorium for popular concerts
- Art Exhibits
  - February - 13th Contemporary Black Artists
  - April - Aquarelle Club - Watercolors
  - June - 14th Outdoor Art Festival
  - October - 19 Variations on Theme of Art - Hempstead Harbor Artists Association
  - December - Earth, Rain, Fire, Wind - works by Elizabeth & W. P. Jennerjahn

GIFTS:
1985

- Board of Trustees and Officers: Expires January
  Elayne Bernstein, President 1986
  Dolly Relkin, Vice President 1988
  Emanuel Kline, Secretary reelected 4 years 1989
  Muriel Kane, Treasurer reelected 4 years 1989
  Jack Eber, Assistant Treasurer 1987
  Arthur Lerner, Assistant Treasurer 1988
  Jo Ann Farley, appt. 2/85 unexp. term of Binder 1987
  Marcia Gewanter 1986

- Nominating Committee:
  Bernard Cohen - 2 yrs (1987)
  Sandra O'Connor - 2 yrs (1987)
  Sydney Wenoker - 2 yrs (1987) - (Clark's)
  Mona Oppenheim (to 1986)
  Dr. Curtis Kendrick (to 1986)

Board: Arthur Lerner, Dolly Relkin

- Library Director: Mr. Joseph Covino

- Circulation: 659,052 - over 15 items per capita; 40,000 reserves;
  380,761 turnstile count
  Collection: 358,206 volumes
  Budget: $3,123,993 - $1.41/$100

BOARD COMMITTEES:
- Investment: Bernstein, Kane, Eber, Lerner
- Long Range Planning: Whole Board
- Art: Relkin, Covino
- Personnel: Relkin, Bernstein, Lerner
- Music: Lerner
- NLS Representative: Lerner
- Board Manual: Bernstein, Relkin, Lerner
- Search for New Director: Kane, Relkin, Lerner, Bernstein
- Station Branch Anniversary Party: Bernstein, Eber, Gewanter,
  Marlene Levins, Joan Linden
- Indian Committee: Covino, Relkin
BOARD POLICIES
- January - created new Incentive Retirement Reserve Fund with part of 1984 surplus of $25,835
  October - adopted State Plan to provide benefits of Chapter 665 of Laws of 1984 commencing October 3, 1986, for all employees eligible
- January - adopted revised "Records" Policy (library documents)
- Programming: if not a duplication of other programs in community, plus consideration of staff and space availability, no objections to exploring other kinds of programs
- February - N.Y.S. Education Law legally binds us to Open Meeting Law
- February - Any writer/author who appears to speak at Library allowed to sell his/her book within guidelines established by Director
- May - reviewed all sections of new Policy Manual for the Library
- July - revised Investment Policy
- October - Fines and Lost Books Policy adopted, effective 1/1/86
- December - Video Cassette Policy adopted, effective 1/2/86

BOARD: Trustee and Treasurer Margery Binder resigned effective 1/1/85. Nominating Committee notified. Board appointed Jo Ann Farley 2/85 to next Annual Meeting

STAFF: Charles Buckley and Bonnie Domanski leaving

COMPUTER: Letter agreement with Arieh Shamash, a high school student, as a computer consultant to work under Janet Fine, starting 10/1/85

FINANCE
- Repaid $40,000 from part of 1984 surplus to Automated Reserve Fund which we borrowed in 1984 for Station Branch construction
- Repaid $20,325 to Fixed Assets Fund borrowed in 1984 for Station Branch construction from 1984 surplus
- April: Accepted Annual Audit by Coe & Hertzan dated 3/14/85
- Delays in receipt of Treasurer's Report. Changed Board meetings to 4th Tuesday of the month where possible
- Letter to Chase Manhattan Bank requesting their continued assurance of posted collateral to equal the total amount of money on deposit
- Insurance: Broker Butwin informed us our policies had been put out to bid to 12 companies - the lowest bidder was staggering $55,000 ($25,000 over budget). In October Butwin reviewed with Board the Library's coverage
- Received LSIA check of $6,400 for purchase of books
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- Insurance: Director's Liability due to expire. Checking with other insurers such as ALA. state Legislature also working on this problem. In December new quote was $12,175

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE
- Enlargement of Music Room office to store video cassette
- Restriping of parking lot - able to add several spaces
- Redoing entrance to Main Library - sidewalks
- Resealing of double window areas at Main
- Approved contract with Sindrome Construction for new corridor wall at Multipurpose Room at cost of $6,550 (December)

OPERATION
- Reference Department assembling information data bank on all village governmental functions and costs on the Peninsula. To be publicized heavily
- New system in Community Room to aid hard of hearing
- New word processing computer - approximate cost $18,000
- New copy machines
- Director did 5 year comparative circulation report for Library. Showed steady decline for Station Branch since 1982
- Hired Landscape Gardener, effective Fall 1985, Ramazotti Landscaping, Inc.
- Copy machine on lower level for staff and Board use only
- New circulation procedure to simplify borrowing cassettes, videos and compact discs (at end of year had 1300 videos)
- Noise problem being studied
- Vandalism: outdoor Redwood bench stolen although bolted down
- Computer down time 5.6%
- Record circulation in Children's Room

BRANCHES: Station Branch flooded after hurricane - October

LEVELS
- Spanish children from Terrace Apartments formed "break dancing" group with their parents driving them back and forth
- Interview of Geraldine Ferraro by Lucette Bloomgarden
- Hosted NYLA in december with a special program

NLS
- Area Trustees Meeting held in Levels to meet Joe Green, New Director, NLS (Andrew Geddes retired 1984)
- LSIA Swing money - voted to support plan to acquire and install
micro computer hardware kits for all 54 libraries in Nassau
- Started job information service on computer

PROGRAMS
- Co-operative program with Adult Ed of Great Neck Schools in "The Year of India" national program. Formed Indian Committee. Art exhibit, film festival and concert in Fall 1985 - ended 11/23/85
- Town Hall Meeting in Community Room by Congressman Scheurer
- Art Exhibits:
  January - Prints & Collages (Abe Allen, Julius Salamander, Eugene Weinger, Carol Zamchek)
  February - 14th Contemporary Black Artists
  April - Contrasts: Gallery 84 - Mixed Media
  June - 15th Outdoor Art Festival & Book Sale
  June - Paintings: Aviram, Brooks, Rabbani, Unger
  September - Festival of India: 5 Indian Artists Krishna Reddy, Natvar Bhavsar, Zarina Hashmi, Bhagwan Kapoor, Mohan Samant
  December - Art League of Nassau County: Paintings & Sculpture (juried exhibit)

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS: Approved up to $500 for distribution of Voters Guide 1985 encouraging League to find other sources of funding for additional printing costs

GIFTS: Approved proposal of Appraisal Affiliates, Inc. for disposal of the Messenger Collection of ex-libris. They were to investigate possible purchase by collectors. See 1986
- Standing globe in memory of Adele Fox donated by League of Women Voters
- Work of Art by Obican "Clown with Bird" in Children's Room
- Board of Trustees and Officers: Expires January
  Elayne Bernstein, President reelected 4 yrs 1990
  Dolly Relkin, Vice President 1988
  Emanuel Kline, Secretary 1989
  Muriel Kane, Treasurer 1989
  Jack Eber, Assistant Treasurer 1987
  Jo Ann Farley (to fill Gewanter’s seat) 4 yrs. 1990
  Arthur Lerner 1988
  Renee Zarin (Binder’s seat) elected 1 yr 1987

- Nominating Committee:
  Sidney Wenoker
  Bernard Cohen
  Sandra O’Connor
  Mona Oppenheim - 2 yrs
  Leah Foodim - 2 yrs
  Board: Arthur Lerner, Farley

- Library Director: Mr. Joseph Covino Retired 12/31/86) Joan Collett - New Director 12/1/86

- Circulation: 678,781
  Collection: 360,303 volumes
  Budget: $3,319,456 - $1.50/$100 (1,907 Yes - 433 No)

BOARD COMMITTEES:
- Investment: Bernstein, Kane, Eber, Farley
- Long Range Planning: Whole Board
- Art: Relkin, Covino
- Salary Committee: Relkin, Bernstein, Lerner
- Music: Lerner
- NLS Representative: Zarin
- Search for New Director: Bernstein, Relkin, Kane, Lerner &
  Staff: Millicent Charles and J. Hurwitz

BOARD POLICIES
- February - Effective 7/1/86 eliminate $1 fee for video cassettes
- May - D.3 of Manual - Checking Accounts to be interest bearing accounts if available
- May - Levels. Special Checking. Revised to increase limit to $1,000 to be approved by Board
- May - Revised Use of Community Room
- May - Bomb Threat Procedures adopted
- Sept. - Approved criteria for Valid Proof of Address to Qualify for a Library card 8/30/86
- Nov. - Guidelines for Music Committee adopted
- Entire Board Policy Manual adopted, A-N. Copies to all Board Members

BOARD
- All meetings to be held on 4th Tuesday of month, except for January prior to Annual Meeting
- Annual Meeting of 1/28/86 reconvened 2/5/86 because of lack of quorum
- Board to cover Sunday programs

SEARCH FOR NEW DIRECTOR
- Library Director retiring 12/31/86. Committee met and established criteria, interview procedure, timetable, interviews and questions, etc. Criteria included: education, experience, type of programming, size of library budget, specialization and community relations. 18 applications reviewed - 11 to be interviewed will receive library "packet". President will call each candidate and arrange time and date for interview. Travel cost to be paid for those outside New York Metropolitan area. One applicant withdrew, 1 was indefinite. Established 1 hour interviews for each day. Copy of questions given to applicant at start. Full references to be sought. Committee met to review interviews and make final selection or schedule 2nd interview
- July 22, 1986 Employment contract for 1 year with new Director Joan Collett (former Director of St. Louis Library, Missouri), effective 12/1/86

FINANCE
- Surplus: Allocated $85,000 from 1985 surplus of $104,705.79 to 1986 operating budget to make up the short fall in insurance account and supplement legal fee account for 1986. Balance of surplus to compact disc and video cassette fund. Total surplus to 1986 Operating Budget
- 3 members of Administrative staff (Secretary, Bookkeeper, Personnel) approved for salary increases for 1986. Not members of Staff Association
- Labor Relations Attorney: Approved contract with Richard M. Gaba dated 12/13/85 @ $150/hour
- Insurance renewed May 1986 @ $72,903
- Bus Transportation costs increased from $125 to $140/day
- Directors Liability insurance renewed for 1 year $14,875
- N.Y.S. insurance program notified of new salary minimums
- Adopted salary schedule for 1987
- Effective 7/5/86, increased rate of pay for pages, adult shelvers, and college student summer employees
- July '86 Full-time and Part-time Staff Associations ratified new 2-year employment contract for 1986-87. Memo of Agreement to
be drawn up, and after signatures of both parties new salaries to be paid retroactive 1/1/86
- Had reduced income because of lower interest rates

STAFF
- Retirement Party for Director Joseph Covino, Sunday, 12/21/86
- Profile of Johanna Hurwitz appeared in Publishers Weekly
- Difficulty hiring high school students. Only for film programs and special events will pages be on duty
- Retirees: Joseph Covino, Director 17 years
  Robert Freeman, Assistant to Director
  Sam Chisholm, Assistant Head Maintenance 14 yrs
  Norman Gartside, Librarian 28 years
  Roz Lerner, Circulation Clerk 16 years
  Leah Levitt, Part-time Children's Librarian 20 yrs
  Ed Pinnix, Assistant Head of Maintenance 16 yrs
- New positions established: 1/1/86 Positions filled with present staff members:
  Assistant to Director in Charge of:
    Levels - Joseph Latini
    Children's Services - Ellen Riboldi
    Technical Services/Branches/
    Security - Mary Dehn
    Community Relations - Muriel Turk
    Information/Reference - Leila Mattson
    Computer/
    Circulation Services - Janet Fine
    Adult Book Collection - Arlene Nevens
  Fall 1986 - added: Adult Book Collection - Arlene Nevens
  - Data Base on Lotus 1-2-3 for staff schedules
  - Empire Plan now covering Statewide & GHI for Health Insurance

NASSAU LIBRARY SYSTEM
- Board voted in favor of changes to NLS Technical Services as proposed by the Finance and Services Committee
- Area VII Trustees Meeting in March at Roslyn Library. Bernstein, Eber, Kline, Relkin, Zarin to attend
- LSIA Swing money approved @ $102,000
- NLS 1986 money allocation of $620.96 to member libraries

N.Y. LIBRARY ASSN - Director wrote position paper trying to get more State Aid for libraries

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS: President of League, Ora Meyer, requested $500 for Voters Guide. Board approved up to $450 for use of indicia
OPERATIONS

- Issued listing of Video Cassettes. Patrons will be charged $1 per list
- Computer: $34,500 to purchase rack mounting for computer drive, and high-speed printer to upgrade from 11.34 to 11.73 CPU. Software approved at $5,000
- Bomb Threats: From March on building closed or evacuated. Police and dogs checked building. Met with other Library Boards. New policy written
- Began series of reviews of various service areas in Library. Ellen Riboldi, Head of Children's Services met with Board and described service area
- Apple computer and 2 terminals purchased to expedite circulation of videos
- Replacement of Redwood bench which was stolen in 1985. Mr. & Mrs. Rosenwach donated bench free of charge
- New program for 5th and 6th graders, after proposal by Nicole Kaplan and Ellen Riboldi, beginning September 1986. Successful. Added additional session
- Now have special access to OCLC database for academic & special library collection plus on-line Interloan for those libraries
- Computer shut down 3 days for upgrading
- Met with school administrators to improve communication on school assignments
- "Behind the Stacks" discussed for new design and more frequent distribution
- PA System expanded to lower level for announcements and emergency situations
- Greatest growth in circulation and attendance: children's programs - 555, attendance - 15,143; video tapes - 5,500 patrons registered, 1,800 titles; compact discs - 300
- Computer expenses for upgrade, maintenance, furniture and supplies - $93,096; downtime 3.99%
- New library cards 4,341
- Reserves - 40,685 for year; Interloan 1,680 received, 1,105 sent out
- Reference Department 1,159 new volumes. Higher demand for business info and vocational and career guidance materials. 700 periodicals subject indexed
- Technical Services: acquired Sperry PC Printer for cataloguing
- 19,287 books catalogued. 290 were gifts. 17,740 weeded
- concerns about main card catalog. Overcrowded drawers and drawers breaking down

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

- Front steps, emergency repairs
- Landscaping: Underbrush, clearing dead trees and pruning, adjacent to Police Booth undertaken by Ramazotti, Inc. $5,040
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- Reference Department submitted proposal for reworking Reference Desk - cost approximately $20 - 25,000 range. Director to review with new Director. To be accomplished in 1987

LEVELS
- Approved purchase of Video equipment for production of video programs. Proposal dated 11/25/86; cost $12,170. Levels to pay $8,000. Board approved difference to be paid by Library
- Programs: Godspell; Happy Birthday Wanda June; The Second Best Friend; A Doll's House; The Helium in Your Heart. Going away from large scale productions to smaller works
- Technology: More awareness of computers, electronic music, video

BRANCHES
Station: Open House Party 1- 4 p.m., Saturday, April 12, 1986
- Constant problems with toilet facilities. Pump service man to look into problem
- Complaints from patrons on location being "in cellar"
- December - flooding. Attorney wrote official letter of complaint to landlord demanding action
Lakeville: Petition from Richard Ambron, 3 pages of signatures, requesting improvements to Branch. Informed him of Board's plans to do work summer of 1986. New door, floor tiles at entrance, sloping book shelves near Circulation desk. Children's area with low shelves; carpeting color coordinated with shelving; seating area; adult section, etc. to give branch spacious and attractive look. Public pleased

PROGRAMS
- Discussed a meeting (Covino & Farley) with mothers of young children at Great Neck House who complained about cost of video rentals; and lack of "babysitting" service so they could use the Library. Board not receptive to "babysitting" service
- Chinese New Year Celebration planned for February. Art Exhibit in Fall
- Music Committee: Gabe Chieco, Chairman addressed the Board and requested guidelines concerning admission of children to music programs. Studied situation and adopted guidelines in November as part of Board policy
  Art Exhibits:
  February - 15th Contemporary Black Artists
  April - Paintings & Drawings: Regina Gil, Tony Roberts, Edna May Young
  June - 16th Outdoor Art Festival & Book Sale
September - Bicycles & Dragons: 2 Views of China.
   Contemporary Photos with early expedition photos from museum of Natural History
November - Association of Flatbush Artists (members exhibit)
- Lasting Literary Works, Harriet Rieff
- World of Fiction - Sandra Rosencrans
- Adult Films
- Poetry Readings

GIFTS: December - On behalf of the Board Elayne Bernstein & Dolly Relkin presented Messenger Collection of bookplates dealing with Women to National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, DC; February - 17 Roman Vishniac Photographs, plus $1,000 for their maintenance received from Sidney Berg; gift of Redwood bench (replacement) from Mr. & Mrs. Rosenwach
- “The Franklin Mint History of the U.S. 1776-1976”, gift of Mrs. William Glueck
- Gift in memory of Harvey Wolwich donated by Robert Winston: Publication “American Whales in the Western Arctic” by John R. Bockstoce. Watercolors and drawings by William Gilkerson; and A portfolio of 12 plates numbered and signed by the Artist William Gilkerson for the above book.
1987

- Board of Trustees and Officers: Expires January
  Elayne Bernstein, President 1990
  Dolly Relkin, Vice President 1988
  Emanuel Kline, Secretary 1989
  Arthur Lerner, Treasurer 1988
  Jo Ann Farley, Assistant Treasurer 1990
  Muriel Kane, Assistant Treasurer 1989
  Jack Eber reelected 4 years 1991
  Renee Zarin elected 4 years 1991

- Nominating Committee:
  Sandra O'Connor - 2 yrs
  Sidney Wenokor - 2 yrs
  Dr. Wm. Grauer - 2 yrs (place of Cohen)
  Mona Oppenheim
  Leah Foodim

  Board: Farley, Kline

- Library Director: Joan Collett (resigned) Joseph Covino, Acting
  Director July - December

- Circulation: 664,618
  Collection: 359,497 volumes
  Budget: $3,665,342 - $1.66/$100

BOARD COMMITTEES:
  Investment: Bernstein, Lerner, Kane, Farley
  Salary Committee: Bernstein, Lerner, Relkin
  Long Range Planning: Board as a whole
  Art Committee: Relkin
  Music: Lerner
  NLS Representative: Zarin
  Search for New Director Committee: Board as a whole with 2
  staff members, Arlene Nevens and Muriel Behrens
  Library Association Membership Committee: Relkin, Lerner, Farley,
  Covino

- POLICIES
  4/28 - Cooperative Purchasing. Authorized President to sign
  letter of intent. Library not limited to purchasing supplies and
  equipment in this manner
  April - Access to Records Policy revised
  Sept - Adopted Actions on Overdue Books not returned
  Oct - New reserve Policy commencing 12/1/87
Nov - Add to Reserve Policy: 14-day books on reserve or non-reserve list may not be renewed; only 1 copy of 14-day book may be borrowed at one time
Dec - Added Introduction, Purpose and Use of Board Manual; Assistants to Director; Financial Operations

BOARD
- Board Committee met with Attorney re: Association membership tied to library card holders, 18 years or older
- By-Laws changed recommended to Association to incorporate new membership rules for adoption at Annual Meeting 1/88
- Nominating Committee suggested changes in By-Laws which, it was determined, pertain exclusively to Nominating Committee procedures. Do not require By-Law changes
- Sunday program schedule distributed for Board coverage
- Permanent library card, with no fines, granted to Joseph Covino

FINANCE
- January - 1986 surplus not to be specified until Station Branch needs are determined. October, 1987 - $75,000 to Fixed Assets, $7,047.18 to operating fund for videos. Total surplus $82,047.18
- 4/10 - Paid in full the balance of 5-year loan for Station Branch construction to Chase Manhattan Bank, loan 7/11/84; in amount of $73,218.41. Savings of $14,389.76 in interest. Paid with following funds - $28,903.41 allotted in 1987 budget plus $44,315 from Fixed Assets
- Accepted Audit of Coe and Hertzan for 1986, submitted 2/17/87
- Treasurer requested reports on Thursday prior to Board meeting to allow time for review
- September - 1986-1987 Staff Association Employment Contract signed and distributed
- October - increased hourly rates for Library Pages, Adult Shelvers, and College Student summer help
- State aid check received for $11,740.55
- Retainer Agreement with Labor Relations Attorney Richard M. Gaba, 10/14/87
- November - Director's Liability Insurance: proposal of National Union Fire Insurance Company accepted
- Health Insurance increase as of 1/1/88 $111,500 over budget. 55-60% increase
- 1987 Salary Schedule extended to 1988 pending conclusion of salary negotiations
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- 4/28 - Insurance: proposal by Director, 2 days before expiration, to change coverage to consortium with Mr. Regan of CNA. Compared costs with those of Butwin. Resolved that if Butwin could not match lower costs contract would go to CNA. Next year Board to be informed of Insurance needs 60 days before expiration. In May Stanley Butwin matched lower cost of insurance coverage

OPERATIONS
- Newsletter: Board authorized $400 for design consultant to redesign newsletter
- Newsletter: Zarin & Turk meeting to report re: 1) frequency of distribution 2) mailing capabilities and 3) format
- Newsletter: Mock-up with 2 month calendar. To be issued every 2 months, starting September/October
- Reference Department Security problem. Director requested to present written report
- Special collection. Director set up collection of Great Neck Authors
- Computer analysis of loss materials. Review of Reserve Policy - not working
- Purchased new van
- Junior Levels organizational meeting for parents - 100 parents attended. Over 300 5th & 6th graders registered
- Computer - upgrading memory by 400% - cost $3,995
- Info Trac II information System added to Reference Department

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE
- Front steps repaired with brick replacements. Fall 1987
- Concrete slabs near garage, lower level, repaired. Leveling of Belgian block. Fall 1987

BRANCHES
Station: Branch closed after flood damage 1st of year. Attorney Limmer gave patrons a report of action being taken and that branch would reopen as soon as safe to do so. Problem began 12/4/86. Landlord started correcting problem 1 month later. Because of possibility of litigation Board instructed not to make any statements about the case. Public should write to express ideas and suggestions. Community wants Branch moved to street level. Public appeared at every Board meeting until June
- Painter and carpeting to begin 3/1 - not done
- Flooding was from water main on rear wall of building. Repaired by Manhasset Lakeville Water District. Additional leak from adjoining basement
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- Mildew on walls being eliminated by architect and contractor
- Investigating air quality
- End of February additional flooding. Another consulting engineer called in
- April 7 - repairs underway. New carpeting and air quality testing
- April 28 - President & Vice President negotiating with landlord for new space on street level. President authorized to sign lease
- May - lease amended for space on street level
- Community Advisory Committee established
- Board interviewed architects for design of space. No action taken since landlord gave street level space as "temporary"
- June 16 - Temporary space is former library space (40B Great Neck Road). Moved in June 25 & 26 by National Library Relocation Services @ $4,800. Could not have been accomplished without extraordinary effort by staff Mary Dehn and John Sanders. Electrical work, telephone lines and computer lines were hooked up. Opening for public early July
- Circulation dropped 52,827 because of 6-month closing
- October - Landlord told Acting Director they will try to supply space we require, approximately 2,600-2,800 sq. ft. Until then, will remain at 40B Lakeville: New lease for 5 years, commencing 4/1/87, @ $41,000/year for 1987 and 1988; 8% increase for 1989, 1990, 1991, plus 5% of net taxes

LEVELS
- Performed Tommy, a rock opera
- Latini and representative from Levels will give presentation at Annual Conference of Children's Defense Fund in Washington, DC
- New theme song written and performed by Levels for TV Show. Dedicated to former user Chris Dryer. Costs underwritten by funds donated in his memory
- Tuesday afternoon Junior Levels to have exclusive use of facility

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
- Voters registration tables in Community Room lobby
- Edith Giffords requested Library payment for mailing Voters Guide. Board authorized use of Library indicia, not to exceed $450

STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT: Questionaire on Public Library standards to Trustees. N.Y.S. Proposal distributed later in year

NYS LEGISLATION: Bernstein attended legislative meeting at Hempstead Public Library
NLS
- Local Incentive Aid. Board voted for cash payment of $11,470.55
- Area VII Trustees Representative Henry Salomon reelected, term commencing 1/1/88
- Increased direct access fee to out of district patrons to $77/family
- Recommended LSIA expenditures. Board approved $135,100 in memo 10/5/87

STAFF
- Motion for Director to solicit proposals from appropriate consultants to evaluate staff structure, salary schedules and job descriptions; and develop plan for salary program. Board to interview consultant before making a decision. In April vote to hire Cashman Assoc. tabled
- July - Library Director Collett resigned; Joseph Covino re-hired to be Acting Director to December 1987
- Staff illnesses stretched services to limit. Staff extremely cooperative


PROGRAMS
- Art Exhibits:
  January - 16th Contemporary Black Artists
  March - 5 Artists: Dianne Balducci, Karen Kaplan, Don Resnick, Dorritt Title, Margaret Weisbach
  May - Tully Filmus: A Personal View of Gladys
  September - Artists Network of Great Neck
  November - The Last of 1987...First of 1988 by members of the Hempstead Harbor Artists Association

- Gifts: 4 Audubon Prints, gift of Murray Laurence
- Corner Planter and 2 redwood benches at front entrance in memory of Doris Gerber Geller donated by family and residents of community.
- Board of Trustees and Officers: Expires January
   Elayne Bernstein, President  1990
   Dolly Relkin, Vice President elected 4 years  1992
   Renee Zarin, Secretary  1991
   Arthur Lerner, Treasurer relected 4 years  1992
   Jack Eber, Assistant Treasurer  1991
   Jo Ann Farley, Assistant Treasurer  1990
   Muriel Kane  1989
   Emanuel Kline  1989

- Nominating Committee:
   Mona Oppenheim -2 yrs
   Leah Foodin - 2 yrs
   Sidney Wenokor
   Dr. Wm. Grauer
   Sandra O'Connor
   Board: Lerner, Farley

- Library Director: Kenneth S. Weil

- Circulation: 694,719 materials, 16 items per capita
- Collection: 459,933 (State Report)
- Budget: $3,978,342 - $1.68/$100 (Vote 1,250 Yes; 288 No)

BOARD COMMITTEES:
- Investment: Bernstein, Lerner, Farley, Eber
- Long Range Planning: Board as a whole
- Salary Committee: Bernstein, Relkin, Lerner
- Music: Lerner, Kane
- Art Committee: Relkin
- NLS: Kline
- Great Neck Village Association Liaison: Kline
- Policy Committee: Zarin, Kane, Relkin
- Steering Committee - Long Range Plans: Kane, Relkin, Lerner, Bernstein
- Centennial Committee: Bernstein, Eber, Zarin, Kline, Ken Weil

POLICIES
- February - Rules and Regulations for Use of Community Room revised
- February - Smoking eliminated in all public and working areas of Library, effective 3/14. No decision on Staff Room. Looking for separate space for Staff
- April - Replacement cost for lost library cards $1, effective 5/1/88
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- May - Video Circulation Policy - extended to 7th Grade and up for borrowing privileges
- May - Rules for Use of Community Room revised
- June - (New) Continuing Education Fund, dated 6/28/88 adopted
- June - Non-Reservable Policy adopted
- September - Resolution for Hold Harmless, Directors Liability Insurance
- Gift Policy reviewed because of Memorial Gift to Library. Board had mixed feelings about accepting gift. Director to adhere to policy manual


FINANCE
- Salaries: Board received copy of B. Meyer's report on recommended minimum salaries for entry level positions in libraries
- 1987 Surplus: $259,147.48, allocated as follows:
  - 43,147.48 - to Fixed Asset Reserves
  - 7,000 - to Continuing Education Reserve
  - 112,000 - to 1988 operating budget for health insurance
  - 10,000 - to operating budget for videos
- Insurance: March Director spoke to Butwin re: coverage expiring May 1. Renewal to be at the same cost as 1987. Total bill $49,000. Zarin requested Butwin come to Board next year for review and put insurance out to bid
- Salary survey Committee: Relkin (Board) and staff members Joe Latini, Arlene Nevens, Johnny Sanders, Marlene Levins, Evelyn Cohen and the Director Ken Weil. Committee report submitted in September
- Health Insurance: Board set minimum of 35 hour/week for employees to be eligible, effective 1/1/88
- Incentive Retirement Fund: transferred $19,605 from reserve to 1988 operating budget for 1988 payments to New York State
- Insurance: Butwin requested to increase Comprehensive Crime floater; check on availability of Federal Flood Insurance; recommend appropriate increase for Directors Liability
- President authorized as signatory on checks if Treasurers not available
- Authorized expenditures of $40,000 from Fixed Assets Reserve for:
carpeting and shelving in AV Room; painting main level; carpeting, painting, partition for smoking in Staff Lounge. Work not done in 1988
- October - Insurance: Raised Director's Liability Insurance to $3,000,000 based on Butwin recommendation
- October - Accounting: Hired new accounting firm Schultz, Gladstone, Meyer and Madonna, effective 1/1/89 at $16,000/year for years 1989 and 1990
- October - Salary Committee of Board authorized to negotiate with Staff Association for new employment contract expiring 12/31/88
- November - Insurance: Board selected Calvert Ins. Co. to cover Director's Liability at $3,000,000 limit at cost of $3,985
- Health Insurance: Salary Committee recommended and Board approved selection of "Core Plus Medical and Psychiatric Enhancements" Plan of N.Y.S. Pending results of contract negotiations with Staff Association, Library has option to change coverage with 90 days notice
- Board adopted Salary Schedule for Assistants to Director and Administrative Support Staff for 1989
- Retainer for legal counsel Schiffmacher, Cullen, Farrell and Limmer @$3,000/year effective 1/1/89

OPERATIONS
- Computer: January - needs new drive. Surge protection will be provided
  June - major problems with drive one, previously replaced
  Sept - new back-up system purchased so books can be shelved when computer down. Janet Fine preparing report on system
- Approved use of Library as rest area for Temple Israel Walk-a-Thon
- Behavior problems increasing, especially evening hours
- Snow storm 1/2 day closing; second storm full day closing
- Community Room: Protest by Jewish Defense Organization of New Jewish Agenda Program with Ernest Dube as speaker. Attorney Limmer advised action. Police officers were on scene and potential violence was diminished without incident
- Video Cassettes on open shelves
- Extended vacation loans for the winter months denied
- Direct Access: Books may be returned to any library in system
- Telefacsimile equipment delivered and installed by NLS. Operational in Spring
- All service agreements evaluated
- Newsletter: Drop name of "Behind the Stacks". Zarin urged hiring graphic designer for layout
- Data Times, on-line data base put in Library. Expect public usage by August
- Holiday closings: Main & Parkville open and Lakeville, Station closed on Rosh Hashonah 9/12 and Yom Kippur 9/21
- Proposed Staff Smoking Room: Architects plans presented to Board
- Discussed loss of videos on open shelves. 3% loss factor. Less expensive than running two circulation desks

BRANCHES
Lakeville - $750 estimated for new sign to read "Great Neck Library Lakeville Branch"
Parkville - October - lease expired. New lease for 3 years effective 11/1/88 with increases of $1,000/year. President authorized to sign contract
Station - Sign estimate $1,400 - $2,000. Specs and landlord clearance necessary. Old sign located. Installed at cost of $950 December, Great Neck Plaza gave permission to erect sign
- Patron complaints - noise level of staff conversation and lack of seating space

POND: Variance on Schleger Property on other side of pond was opposed by Mr. & Mrs. Justin Shapiro (Schleger neighbors). Shapiro came to Board and requested Director retracts signature on petition prior to Kings Point Hearing. Board wrote letter to Village Officials, stating concerns. Hearing by Village scheduled for November

LONG RANGE PLANNING
- Several Board and staff members visited libraries which recently had major expansion programs
- Board agreed to explore expansion of Main Library building, but due to other priorities, and at Director's recommendation, further discussion was postponed to 1989

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE
- Custodial staff commended on upgrading general condition of building
- Received cost estimate from Nicholas Cone for Garage overhang $580
- Parking part of lower level near garage, replacing Belgian blocks
- All-Blind Cleaning Co. to clean and repair blinds and drapes - $5,900
- Elevator needs repair
- Problem with Main Library heating system. Temporary repair to boiler completed November. Asbestos inside boiler is not a health hazard
- Long Range Steering Committee report: Board approved sum not to exceed $100,000 for alterations and repairs for Levels, AV Room, Staff Lounge and staff smoking area. Work not started in 1988

STAFF
- Alice Klatz retired
- Grace Carras, New President of Staff Association, Jayne Burgner new Vice President
- 3 Administrative Title changes:
  - Pages (high school) to Page I
  - Adult Shelvers to Page II
  - College Students to Temp. Clerical Replacement
- Notified of Norman Gartside's death. Letter of condolence to family

LEVELS
- Joe Latini, Director of Levels, presented written and oral report on usage. Showed video of Levels' activities. Functioning at a good level.
- Fall - Reduced attendance by 7th graders through college level of concern to staff

CENTENNIAL YEAR - 1989
- May - Director informed Board February 1989, anniversary date of incorporation
- November - Muriel Turk presented list of proposed activities and programs to celebrate 100 years of service
- December - Zarin and Eber, Co-Chairpersons had several committee meetings to develop ideas and plan activities in year-long celebration. Preliminary schedule was distributed. Funds are necessary - Board authorized an estimated $50,700 starting 1/1/89
- Logo: Board authorized Director to arrange for design of a logo to be present with his recommendations by 2/7/89
  3 sketches of logo presented. Board gave Director discretion to choose

N.Y. STATE
- 2nd draft of Minimum Library Standards received
- Legislative hearing held 3/3 at Port Washington Library
- Legislative Petition Drive - Petitions at Circulation Desk, Main Library, urging passage of Omnibus bill
NASSAU LIBRARY SYSTEM
- Trustees Workshop 4/11 at Bryant on Intellectual Freedom, and Library Awareness Program with regard to FBI; also Lekotek program for children with special needs
- Bernstein, Lerner attended Trustees Workshop in albany
- Increased book processing fee from 50¢ to 60¢, effective 1/1/89
- October - LSIA Money. Board disapproved of 1988 Local Incentive Plan outlined in memo 10/5/88

PLAINVIEW LIBRARY: Meeting on 10/5 "Study of Library System in N.Y. - Preliminary Findings and Recommendations" King's Research Report

VILLAGE OFFICIALS: Kline reported on V.O.A. meeting

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS: Approved use of Library's indicia for Voters Guide 1988

NYLA CONFERENCE: Leila Mattson gave report of conference in Buffalo

PROGRAMS
- Art Exhibits:
  January - 17th Black Artists
  March - An Exhibition of Works by 3 Artists: Barbara Cooper, Jehan Shahly, Vicente Trezza
  May - Ruth Eckstein: Selected Works of the Eighties
  October - Women View Women: Artists members of Womanspace 51 artists
  November - Exhibition by members of Gallery 84
APPENDIX A
GREAT NECK LIBRARY

MEMBERS OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
1888 -1931 - 6 members
1932 - 8 member Board
1977 - title changed from “Directors” to “Trustees”

From Formation of Library in 1880
Records are sketchy. It is known that Mrs. Onderdonk was a Founder and the first President; Louise Udall Skidmore, a Founding Member; and Kate Baker a member of Board starting 1883.

From Date of Incorporation 2/19/1889
Rev. Louis deCormis 1889-1892
Helen S. Merritt 1889-1922 (photo)
Louise Udall Skidmore Eldridge 1889-1947 (photo)
Charles Gignoux 1889-1892
Edward Morgan 1889-1892
Harriet S. Onderdonk 1889-1904 (photo)
Mrs. Mills P. Baker 1892-1907
(Phoebe Catherine Conger Baker called "Kate")
Mrs. Wm. P. Hoag (Sara E.) 1892-1907
Mrs. Charles Gignoux 1893-1915
(Emma Messenger)
Miss Elise Gignoux 1905-1932
(daughter of Emma Messenger and Charles Gignoux)
Mrs. Grace L. Merritt Vicario 1908-1921 (photo)
Mrs. Louise Post McBee 1915-9 months
(wife of Silas McBee)
Miss Lucille Alger 1915-1924
Mrs. W. E. Lewis (Frances Oviatt) 1919-1931 (photo)
(mother of Mrs. Waldo P. Grose, grandmother of Mr. John L. Grose)
Nellie V. White 1921-1938 (photo)
Mrs. John C. Baker (Elizabeth Ayres Mellick) 1924-1934 and 1938-1945 (photo)
(daughter-in-law of Kate Conger Baker)
Mrs. Frederick Dewey 1925-1933
Mr. Edward Streeter 1931-1933
Appendix A: Fact Sheets

Mr. Wm. A. Eldridge 1932-1937 (photo)
Mr. Boudinot Atterbury 1932-1933
Mrs. Albert Grauer (Hattie) 1932-1964 (photo)
Mrs. Frederick Keays 1933-1934
Mr. Harrison Craver 1934-1945
Mr. Geo D. Olds Jr. 1934
Mrs. Howard Clark Jr. (E.P.) 1935-1943
Mr. Hunter Delatour 1935-1964
Mrs. Waldo P. Grose (Ethel) 1936-1947 (photo)
(daughter of Frances Lewis 1919-1931)
Mr. Wheelock Bigelow 1937-1942
Mr. Ruel Tucker 1943-1965 (photo)
Mr. Thomas Craven 1943-1948
Mrs. Hugh McNair 1945-1958
Mr. William Huckel 1945-1957 (photo)
Mr. Earl Collins 1947-1955
Mrs. Muriel T. Eden 1947-1957
Mr. Carl H. Milam 1948-1950 (photo)
Mr. Stillman M. Hobbs 1950-1959
Mr. John L. Grose 1955-1968 (photo)
(son of Mrs. Waldo Grose; grandson of Mrs. Frances Lewis)
Mr. Robert E. Cummings 1955-1963
Mrs. Richard W. Meyer 1958 - 9 months
Mrs. Paul M. Hirschland (Ellen) 1958-1961 (photo)
Mrs. George C. Meyer, Jr. (Esther) 1959-1965
Mr. Thomas C. Houts 1959-1970 (photo)
Mrs. A. Grant Spicer (Ida L.) 1962-1964
Mr. Gilbert Tilles 1963-1971 (photo)
Mr. Charles A. Maier 1964-1970 (photo)
Josephine November (Mrs. William November) 1964-1969 (photo)
Mrs. J. L. Sinn 1965-1966
Mr. Philip Paulson 1965-1977 (photo)
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1967 - Established Committee. 3 Members appointed by Board + 2 Board members
1970 - Committee elected by Association. 3 elected + 2 Board members
1982 - Committee expanded. 5 elected + 2 Board members

Mrs D. Friedman 1967
Mrs Muriel Kane 1967
Mr Bernard Cohen 1967, 1980-86
Dr Alfred Udow 1968
Mr Marvin Florman 1968
Mr Donald Marks 1968
Mr Murray T. Bloom 1969
Mr Arthur Reisfeld 1969
Dr Rex Lidox 1969
Dr Harold Blank 1970
Mrs Olga Jenkins 1970
Mrs Sarane Kaplan 1970
Dr Daniel Blatman 1971
Mr Joseph Borzell 1971
Mrs Claire Speciner 1971, 1972
Mrs Lucille Okoshkin 1972
Irma Sherman 1972, 1973
Mrs Millicent Charles 1973, 1974
Ronda Gersten 1974-1975
S. Wurman 1974
Mrs Judy Berk 1975, 1976
Mr Robert MacIntyre 1975-1976
Joyce Reiss 1976-1978
Mr Arnold Prensky 1977, 1978
Mr William Pincus 1977
Jo Ann Farley 1978-1983
Hazel King 1978-1983
Emanuel Kline 1979

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Appendix A: Fact Sheets

GREAT NECK LIBRARY

LIBRARIANS
From Time of Incorporation
1962 - title changed from "Head Librarian" to "Library Director"

1889 - 1892 Mrs. Daniel Gordon  (photo)
1892 - 6 mos. Mrs. William Robertson
1893 - 1895 Mrs. Abbie A. Fairfield
1896-1903 Mrs. Sara Wortman
1903 - 1920 Miss Sallie Wortman
1920 - 1922 Mrs. Craver
1923 - Miss Israel (Annual Report)
1924 Mrs. Mary S. Root  (photo)
1925 - 1927 Miss L. Valeta King  (photo)
1928 - 1938 Mrs. J. M. Wagener
1938 - 1951 Lucy Kinloch  (photo)
1952 - 1969 Gilmore C. Aarestad  (photo)
1969 - 1986 Joseph Covino  (photo)
1987 Joan Collett - 1/2 year, Joseph Covino - 1/2 year  (photo)
1988 - Kenneth S. Weil  (photo)
## STAFF

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<td>Use of Library by subscription - 40 subscribers</td>
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| 1889-1905 | Annual contribution $10/family membership  
Member of Association approved by Board of Directors |
| 1905-1907 | Library service free. Subscription fees dropped. Membership in Association still $10/family |
| 1911  | Non-residents $1 for library service |
| 1920  | Membership fee for Association reduced from $10 to $1  
Constitution changed |
| 1929  | Non-residents $3 for library service  
Library becomes tax supported |
| 1939  | Membership in Association limited to 250 persons |
| 1965  | Membership dues still $1 |
| 1968  | 1/1/68 Free and unlimited Membership - dropped $1 fee  
(installed 1920);  
Open to any resident signing membership card which allowed them to vote at elections and receive newsletter |
| 1987  | Association membership automatically granted every resident  
18 years or over with a library card, unless they elect not to be a member |
| 1988  | Resident card holders over 46,200. Members of Association 40,167  
Services free. Income derived from real estate taxes  
1.62/$100 of assessed |
## BOARD OF DIRECTORS & NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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<td>6 members of Board of Directors, as governing body. Vacancies filled by Board appointment</td>
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<td>1932</td>
<td>Board of Directors. Enlarged to 8</td>
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<td>1967</td>
<td>1st Nominating Committee. Members appointed by Board</td>
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<td>1968</td>
<td>Board of Directors. Elected by Association</td>
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<td>3 member Nominating Committee elected by Association. 2 members of Board appointed</td>
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<td>5 member Nominating Committee elected by Association. 2 members of Board appointed</td>
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### Censorship

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<td>Books selected and purchased by Board of Directors. Often removed books from shelves as ‘unwholesome’. Censorship not practised after 1900.</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>Board adopted written policy opposed to censorship; and subscribed to A.L.A. &quot;Freedom to Read&quot;; and &quot;A.L.A. Bill of Rights&quot;</td>
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<td>1974</td>
<td>Office Collection policy adopted</td>
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### Catalog

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<td>Collection catalogued by Librarian from N.Y. Catalogs sold, given away for publicity, each member received copy</td>
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<td>1948-49</td>
<td>New card catalogue at Arrandale</td>
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<td>Plans for computerized catalogue system</td>
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## COLLECTION AND CIRCULATION

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<td>At date of incorporation, Library opened with 102 volumes. Interested in solid reading (non fiction) Board individually read, selected and purchased books (Letter from Abbie Fairfield on acquisitions)</td>
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<td>Collection 649</td>
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<td>1909</td>
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<td>Board still had Book Committee. Circulation 43,000</td>
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<td>Circulation 50,864</td>
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<td>Board still had Book Committee in 1952 Mr. Gilmore Aarestad, Director made selections</td>
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<td>32,000</td>
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<td>Collection 162,734; circulation 492,512</td>
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<td>48,765</td>
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<td>Collection 263,540; circulation 534,000</td>
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<td>1960</td>
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<td>1969 - 1986 - Joseph Covino, Director made 95% of book selections. No Board approval</td>
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<td>42,428</td>
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<td>Collection 432,526; circulation 747,595 Professional Librarian (Assistant to Director) makes selections</td>
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<td>1889</td>
<td>In home of Mrs. Daniel Gordon (small building with picket fence), Middle Neck Road across from St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church</td>
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<td>1892-1907</td>
<td>Library rented a room in the League Building (a young men's social club) owned by Mr. Silas and Mrs. Louise Post McBee. Address: Near 540 Middle Neck Road, opposite Alert Fire Co. at 555 Middle Neck Road. Location corroborated by oral history - between Brokaw Road on West side of Middle Neck Road and Fairview on East side of Middle Neck Road.</td>
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<td>July 12, 1907</td>
<td>Arrandale Building. Gift of Roswell and Louise Eldridge</td>
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<td>1924</td>
<td>2 wings added for use as Children's Room and Office and Work Room; gift of Mrs. Eldridge</td>
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<td>1930</td>
<td>Construction of 1924 not adequate. Additional space added at sides and rear for new Children's Room, Reference Room, 2 floors of stacks. Gift of Mrs. Eldridge</td>
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<td>1940</td>
<td>Added: new staff quarters, work room, staircases widened, shelving and lighting, connection to sewers, insulation. Termite controls. Gift of Mrs. Eldridge</td>
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<td>1945</td>
<td>Music Department established; started circulation</td>
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<td>1948</td>
<td>Storm windows, roof repairs, heating system repaired, fluorescent lighting on mezzanine</td>
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<td>1956</td>
<td>Painted Library; grounds planted; fencing installed</td>
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<td>1967</td>
<td>Purchased Saddle Rock property for Bayview Avenue Library</td>
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<td>1968-69</td>
<td>Construction of Main Library on Bayview Avenue</td>
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1974  -  Music Room and Levels added to lower level. Constructed Multipurpose Room

1978  -  Snack Bar built

1979  -  Computerized circulation system installed. CLSI

1980  -  Acquired adjoining property from Saddle Rock to expand parking lot

1982  -  Silent reading room enlarged

1985  -  Expanded entrance to parking lot
STATION BRANCH LIBRARY

1923 - 1st location: The Blackbird Tea Shop (verbal report from Mrs. Eldridge to Lucy Kinloch, Librarian. See "From Little Acorns" by Lucy Kinloch)

- "The Branch" opened at Fardel's in the New Village near the Rail Road Station (40 Middle Neck Road was Fardel's address, 1925 Great Neck News)

1926 - Moved to Elm Street, next to Dodge Brothers (Dodge Bros. located at 78 Middle Neck Road, 1925 Great Neck News)

1928 - State Certification

1929 - Rented part of Eastern Construction Co. office on Middle Neck Road

1932 - Moved to 118 Middle Neck Road

1942 - Moved to "new store" at 5A Grace Avenue, parking in rear

1943 - Expanded to adjacent store

1953 - Moved to 40B Great Neck Road

1955 - New charging units installed

1973 - Renovated

1975 - Added vestibule

1979 - Alarm system added

1980 - New sign erected: "Library"

1982 - New condensing unit on air conditioner; new formica tops on circulation desk

1984 - Signed new lease for library in larger quarters at Great Neck Shopping Mall in lower level of Atrium Building. Moved in October 8th

1985 - Flooding
1986 - Flooding. Open House April 1986
1987 - Closed 6 months - January to July. June 25-26 moved back to 40B on Street level. Reopened July
1988 - Former sign erected at 40B
BRANCHES

KENSINGTON SUB-STATION

1925-1926 - Sub-station opened in classroom of Kensington School. Great Neck Library provided staff. Sign erected at closest entrance.

LIBRARY ON WHEELS

1942 - Came into being as a result of gasoline shortage. Purchased 1939 Ford 1/2 ton Truck

1950 - Purchased new truck - 2 ton Dodge Chassis with Gerstenlage Co. body

1954 - Last year of service

1955 - Sold truck to Hewlett-Woodmere Library
LAKEVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY

Substation - October 1934 - May 1938
Substation in Lakeville School classroom. Library provided books. Member of PTA served as Librarian. In 1938 books withdrawn since School had its own Library and a Librarian

Branch Library -

1941 - July 9 - Rented store on south side of Northern Boulevard - #257-12 Northern Boulevard. Result of petitions from residents for Branch Library
Librarian: Mrs. MacWatt - open 2 afternoons/week, 2-6 p.m.

1946 - Mrs. Helen Verschoor (until May 1946)
1946 - May. New Librarian Barbara Tisdale (became full-time 1950)
1949 - State certification
1950 - Moved to doublestore on Northern Boulevard - "few stores up to the street"
1953 - Moved to 475 Great Neck Road near Terrace Apartments
1955 - New charging unit, shelving
1956 - New charging desk
1964 - New lighting, dropped ceiling
1973 - Renovation: accoustical ceiling, new lighting, carpeting
1979 - Alarm system added; replaced air conditioning
1980 - Water cooler installed
1986 - New door, floor tiles at entry, sloping book shelves near circulation desk; children's low shelving; carpeting color coordinated with shelving; seating area, adult section, etc. to give branch spacious and attractive look
1988 - New sign erected: Great Neck Library Lakeville Branch
PARKVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY

1953 - November, opened at 2052 Lakeville Road (corner of Lakeville Road and Union Turnpike) in shopping center store

1955 - Received State certification

1959 - New larger space in Parkville School Annex at 10 Campbell Avenue in Rooms 9 and 10

1973 - New ceiling installed

1977 - Added vestibule

1979 - Alarm system added, copy machine installed

1982 - Enlarged Branch by adding third room in Annex and redesigning interior space. Open House October '82

1984 - Boiler repaired
GIFTS

Comprehensive List Compiled from Board Minutes and Director's Office Files

1907 - Mr. Roswell Eldridge and Louise Udall Skidmore Eldridge donate a new library which he had located on Arrandale Avenue near the High School. Building opened July 12, 1907. English style, half timber, consisted of one large room 28x40, half of which was devoted to a reading room.
- Florentine Andirons from Roswell Eldridge
- Photograph (Large Sepia coloring) of Mrs. Harriet S. Onderdonk, first President of the Board of Directors, gift of Louise Eldridge

1910 - Clock over front door and stained glass for south window opposite entrance gift of Miss Merritt. Stained glass with coats of arms from Oxford, New Castle placed in east window.
- Set of fire irons to match florentine andirons and large oak wood box, gift of Mr. Roswell Eldridge.

1912 - Gift of $1,500 from Mr. Roswell Eldridge

1924 - 2 wings added to Arrandale Building, gift of Mrs. Eldridge. (Workroom and Office, and Children's Room)

1930 - Arrandale Library enlarged, Gift of Mrs. Eldridge. (1924 addition proved inadequate)

1931 - European Photos, Etchings and Engravings, gift of Louise Eldridge:
5 Piranesi etchings or engravings:
1) Veduta del Monumento dall Tito Vespasiano
2) Plaza and Basilica of St. Peters Church in Rome
3) Avanzi degli 'Aguedotti' Neroniani
4) Temple of Apollo at Tivoli
5) Arch of Titus
1 Black and white mezzotint of "William Carton Reexamining the first Proof Set of His Printing Press in Westminster Abby, A. D. 1474,
Engraved by F. Bacon, artist E. H. Wennert

- Other paintings and prints, gift of Louise Eldridge:
1) Landscape with Pond, by Whistikorn, 40x52, painted on board
2) Boy Fishing and Fishing Boats, by E. Appian, 16x20
3) Farm Scene on a River Bank, by B.W. Leader, published 1891, paper print
4) Woman & Child Walking on a Country Road, paper print, published 1887, artist K. Heffner
5) Dutch Windmills and Farm, paper print, published 1890, by K. Heffner
6) Shepherd with Flock of Sheep, paper print by F. Gacques, copyright 1889
7) Rembrandt, portrait of himself, black and white engraving (restrike)
8) George Washington, paper print of painting by Gilbert Stuart

- Progress of Nations, 24 volumes, gift of Mr. & Mrs. W. M. Barstow in memory of son Frederick Duclos Barstow
- Fresh flowers in library - Mrs. Louise Eldridge

1933 -
- 2 Italian carved white marble busts donated by Mrs. Roessler:
  1) Apollo, 23”, with 31” marble pedestal
  2) Diana, 36”, with 25” marble pedestal
- Bookplates - Messenger Collection, gift of Messenger family (in memory of Miss Gignoux) 17th through 19th century, American and European artists, approximately 4500 plates

1934 -
- Della Robbia plaque given to library by Mrs. Houston
- 73 Display cases from legacy of Mrs. Louise Post McBee

1935 -
- 100 Wildflower paintings by Mrs. Mary L. Tarleton to be put on a revolving stand, Gift of Mrs. Switzer and Committee from G. N. Garden Club.

1938 -
- A statue donated by Mr. Hugo Branca - believed to be Bronze statue of Mercury with Foot on Head of Cherub
- A mimeograph machine donated by Temple Beth-El
- 3 desk lamps, 2 standard lamps, lampshade, office curtains, bulletin board, gift of Louise Eldridge

1934-40 -
- Gifts believed to be received during this period:
- Della Robbia wall plaques (includes 1 from Mrs. Houston, 1934 and 2 from Mrs. John Baker, 1940)
  1) Very large circular, Madonna and Child - 38” Tondo
  2) Large circular, Virgin and Angels - 24” Tondo
  3) Large circular, Infant in Swaddling - 24” Tondo
  4) Medium circular, Infant in Swaddling - 12” Tondo
  5) Medium circular, Infant in Swaddling - 24” Tondo
  6) Large vertical, rounded top, Babe in Basket - 23” Aedicula Plaque
  7) Medium circular, Angel Head with Crossed Wings - 24” Tondo “Seraphin”
  8) Square, Nativity Scene
  9) Medium circular, Madonna and Child - 24” Tondo
10) Small circular, Angel
11) Small circular, Madonna

- 1 Della Robbia octagonal Vase, blue with white cherubs
- 1 Circular ceramic bowl, hand painted with abstract design
- 2 Jardiniere Replicas, painted wood, with fruits and decoration
- "Madonna and Child with Saint Anne", in the manner of da Santa Croce, Renaissance painting on wood panel 25-1/2 x 26
- Assumption of the Virgin with Angels (?), varnished and hand colored print in large carved wood frame, with mirrors and gilt
- Large photograph of Walter P. Chrysler, signed "To Mr. Van Nostrand with Best Wishes", dated 2/1/26
- 5 Japanese colored ink drawings on rice paper, Artist Eizan, (Printer - Soshu-Ya) - donated by Louise Eldridge
- English Brass Rubbing "Thomas Bullen" 81x22 wood frame from Hevis Church, dated November 21, 1919
- English Brass Rubbing "Lady Margarita" 65x23 wood frame, from Hevis Church, Kent, England, dated November 21, 1919

1940 - French Institute - 21 French books
- Mrs. Eldridge - improvements to library as well as - shelving and lighting, new chair and reupholstering of couch for office, recovering armchairs in reference, new fire screen and wood for fireplaces, study table.
- Mrs. Wm. Barstow and Mrs. E. P. Alker donated money
- 37 members donated books
- Mrs. John Baker - 2 Della Robbia Plaques for the children's room

1941 - 3 boxes of books from Miss Emily Woolley

1944 - Set of Universal Jewish Encyclopedia from Temple Beth-El
- New Edition of Catholic Encyclopedia from St. Aloysius Church
- Gifts from George Whittle: - copy of Hewlett map showing 2nd & 3rd division of land on Madnan's Neck; Notebook with descendants of Henry Allen

1945 - Mrs. John Baker's collection of Historical material relating to Long Island and Great Neck.
- Miss Emily Woolley's Historical papers
- Portfolio of engravings gift of Mr. Edward Streeter
- Iconography of Manhattan Island, 6 volumes by I. M. Phelps Stokes. Gift received June 28, 1945

1946 - Indentures, one dated in reign of Queen Anne, and other articles on history of Great Neck, gift of Miss Grace Hewlett
- U.S. Geodetic Survey Maps from Mr. Arthur Forbes
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<td>Rare documents from Miss Grace Hewlett (turned over to Mr. Whitman Bennett who specializes in rare papers).</td>
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<td>Max Kalish Art Fund deeded to the Library 3 pieces of sculpture: “Marble Torso”, “Marble Head of Laborer”, “Bronze Puddler”</td>
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<td>Framed photograph of Louise Eldridge, donor and benefactor of library</td>
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<td>1949</td>
<td>Lions Club of Great Neck donated ceiling projector and book films</td>
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<td>1953</td>
<td>Nassau Library System presented six pictures in memory of Lucy Kinloch</td>
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<td>1961</td>
<td>Soncino Talmud gift of Great Neck Jewish Community Council</td>
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<td>1964</td>
<td>$1,000 from Steppingstone Realty Co.</td>
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<td>$5,100 and $965.50 from the Eldridge Estate</td>
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<td>1966</td>
<td>$2,892.73 from Mrs. Eldridge’s Trust Account for Norma E. Millar, deceased</td>
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<td>$5,000 Great Neck Lions Club-toward all purpose room</td>
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<td>1968</td>
<td>$3,000 from Sheldon Nash for basic tape collection in memory of wife Ruth Nash.</td>
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<td>$3,500 from Ruth Nash Memorial Fund of Great Neck Symphony Society for six listening carrels.</td>
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<td>Graphic print on fabric, “Great Neck Library”, dated October 27, 1968, donated by artist Sam Fink</td>
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<td>An album for Gifts purchased from Nickkels, a bookbinder on East Shore Rd. Authorized up to $75 for purchase.</td>
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<td>Sobelson Fund - Carousel Projector in memory of his wife</td>
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<td>Ruth Marks Memorial Fund - books and slides to be purchased on archaeology</td>
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<td>Ann Stern Collection - books on embroidery and needlework</td>
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- Dr. Kafer, financed reading aids for handicapped, i.e. bookbutler and electric page turners
- 190 records from Mr. Younger

1970 - 5 Wall mounted copper plaques engraved with dedication and other texts - gift from artist Arnold Rosten

1971 -
- Wheelchair - gift of Lions Club of Great Neck
- 3 sculpture benches on outdoor terrace, and 6 contour benches - in memory of Rita Sutter donated by by Lake Success B'nai B'rith Women
- Outdoor sculpture "The Wise Bird" by artist Mrs. Dolly Perutz donated by Mr. & Mrs. Tino Perutz
- Weekly flower arrangements by the Great Neck Garden Club
- Garden & Trees at pond from Jane Haberman memorial fund
- Archeological books and art slides in memory of Ruth L. Marks
- Records, cassettes, musical equipment, seed money for piano from G.N. Symphony and Ruth Nash memorial fund

1972 -
- Painting for Children’s Room, “Child by the Sea”, artist Dupont, donor unknown
- Lithograph "Kibbutz" by Y. Sheinfeld, donated by Tehilla Waldinger
- Color etching, “Cathedral X3”, donated by artist Doris Seidler
- Acrylic painting, “Flower in Cosmos”, artist V. Ivkovic, donor unknown
- 2 Cambodian Temple rubbings, “Dancers” and “Rama and Shiva”, red coloring, artist unknown, donor unknown
- 2 Black, white and grey Lithographs, signed Kipness
  - “Farm Scene”, #47/90, matted 31x21
  - “Farm Scene”, #36/90, matted 17x12

1973 -
- "Shore Road" painting by Max Weber - gift of Mrs. Max Weber
- $2,000 from the Ruth Nash Fund- expand services to music room
- Painting-"Ice Cream Vendor" by Robert Carter gift of Shirley L. Kafer Fund
- Color Lithograph by Obican, “Clown with Bird”
- 2 Black and White Lithographs from artist Tully Filmus
  - “Freilach Tantz”, matted 21x17, #185/225
  - “Snow Storm”, matted 18x22, artist’s proof

1975 -
- “Turtle” & the “Porpoise” two outdoor sculptures - donated in memory of Lillian Goldfischer by Friends in Great Neck

1976 -
- Floral Painting by Edith Bersten - donated in her memory by husband Murray Bersten
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1977 - Paintings and Lithographs - gift of Dr. Samuel Mandel
   1) Paul Sarkisian - "Untitled", #205/250, lithograph
   2) Kleeman - "Can-Tankerous", #94/300, lithograph
   3) Amdeo Torni - "Still Life", oil painting

- Outdoor steel sculptures - "The Skier" and "Landscape II" gift of artist Mr. Louis Kaplan

- Board commissioned architect, Bill Bedford to proceed with plans for Outdoor Reading Area in memory of Betsy & Peter Siegel - gift of Jerome Serchuck and friends of the Siegel family

- Sculpture gifts from Leon Pomerance:
  1) "Our Fathers Magic Carpet", steel outdoor sculpture by Richard Gottlieb
  2) "Untitled with Feeling", steel outdoor sculpture by Richard Gottlieb
  3) "Head of a Bearded Man" (grotesque face), cast plaster Relief in Mesopotamian style, hanging wall sculpture, artist unknown

- Black and white photograph "Cloud Scraper", by Jim Summers

- Marble sculpture "Meditation" in memory of Irma Claman - gift of League of Women Voters - dedicated June 1978

1978 - Ceramic Vase - Gift of L. I. Craftsmen's Guild

- Outdoor chess table - gift of Alice Stern (arrived broken never used)

- Dedication of sculpture "Meditation" - artist Aline Geist in memory of Irma Claman

- Oil Paintings - gift of Dr. Samuel Mandel
  1. Joan Pical - "Skyline"
  2. Komlos Franz - "The Bathers"

- Mrs. Babs Spritzer, resident, leaving gift of art objects to Library in her will. (Dolly Relkin catalogued collection - list on file in Director's Office)

- "Encyclopedia of Archaeological Excavation in the Holy Land" in memory of William November - from the North Shore Archeological Society

- Black and white drawing, "The Porpoise", outdoor sculpture, artist David Fritz

1979 - $200 from Great Neck Choral Society in memory of Herbert Parnut for purchase of records and books on choral music.

- $100 from Ernest Heumann Foundation - applied to Morton Shapiro Photo Fund
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- Paintings - gift of Mrs. Benjamin Perlen
  1) Oil Painting - "Ship at Sea" - J. Veerman
  2) Oil Painting - "Landscape" - A. Hill
  3) Painting on board - "Four English Gentlemen in Red Coats after Dinner" - unframed - F. M. Bennett

- Framed black and white Etching of Abraham Lincoln, signed Max Rosenthal - signed Artists Proof with remarque c. 1908 - gift of Mrs. Henrietta Sheff

- Sculptures - gift of Mrs. A. Dorsky
  1) Shoeshine Boy - Adolf Rosenblatt (Cast Bronze)
  2) Two Seated Figures by Radovain (Bronze)
  3) Menorah by David Weiss - (Welded and Bronze Patinated Metal)
  4) Hanging Wall Sculpture by B. Nimme (Stainless Steel)
  5) Winged Victory by John Jackson (Polyester)
  6) Carved Gandahran Schist Relief Fragment "Buddha and Attendants" in the Classical Architectural Reserves (Stone)

1980 - 1890 Pianola from Mrs. Holstein
- Dedication of the outdoor reading area - Betsy & Peter Siegel Memorial

1981 - Round Redwood Planter - gift of Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Rosenwach
- Art Objects & Memorabilia - belonging to Mrs. B. Spritzer - passed to Library from her will (includes wood bench, African masks, carvings, 2 tables, etc.)

1982 - "Levels" outdoor sign in memory of Bruce Todd - gift of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Todd
- Three outdoor redwood benches ( 2 in Shirley Nadell area and one at front entrance to library) - gift of Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Rosenwach
- 300 Yiddish books on behalf of Yiddish Book Exchange of Amherst, Mass. donated by Sidney Berg

1983 - Lithograph entitled "Maghres V" gift of artist, Ruth Eckstein
- Lithograph "The Violin Player", donor unknown, #155/200

1985 - Standing Globe in memory of Adele Fox - Given by the League of Women Voters

1986 - Gift in memory of Harvey Wolrich - donated by Robert Winston: "American Whalers in the Western Arctic" text by John R. Bockstoce
- Watercolors and drawings by William Gilkerson. A portfolio of twelve plates, numbered and signed by the artist William Gilkerson for the above book. 2 plates framed for the Quiet Study Room
- Redwood Bench (in front of library to replace stolen one) - gift of Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Rosenwach
- "The Franklin Mint History of the United States 1776 - 1976" - gift of Mrs. William Glueck
- On behalf of the Board, E. Bernstein and D. Relkin presented Messenger collection of Bookplates dealing with women to the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D. C.
- 17 Silverprint photographs by Roman Vishniac all circa 1930-35 - gift of Mr. & Mrs. Sydney Berg, plus $1,000 for their maintenance. Photos Numbered:
  1) Street Merchant, Cracow, Poland
  2) Old Jew with Cart, Warsaw, Poland
  5) Schoolboy, Pabjanice, Poland
  9) Yeshiva, Mukachevo, Czechoslovakia
  11) Study, Mukachevo, Czechoslovakia
  12) Beside the Tourist Club, Slovakia, Czechoslovakia
  15) Working the Land, Carpatho, Russia
  19) Outside the Synagogue, Vilna, Lithuania
  20) A Mother, Salut Mare, Rumania
  21) Treger "Carrier", Smaller Villages throughout Eastern Europe
  22) Fishseller, Smaller Villages throughout Eastern Europe
  23) Three Women, Smaller Villages throughout Eastern Europe
  24) The Discussion, Smaller Villages throughout Eastern Europe
  26) Selling Newspapers, Smaller Villages throughout Eastern Europe
  28) Crippled Beggars, Smaller Villages throughout Eastern Europe
  30) Yeshiva Students, Smaller Villages throughout Eastern Europe
  31) Woman and Child, Smaller Villages throughout Eastern Europe

1987 - Five Audubon Prints - Gift of Murray Laurence, framed for Quiet Study Room
- Corner planter and two benches (redwood) at front entrance of library in memory of Doris Gerber Geller donated by family and residents of the community.

1989 - Stone sculpture "Singing Chassidim" gift of artist - Dr. Charles Berney
- Ash receptacle (redwood) gift of Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Rosenwach
GREAT NECK SCHOOLS*

April 28, 1813 - Free Education formally organized at a town meeting. Appointed Superintendent of Schools, Commissioners, Inspectors of School Buildings

1813 - 1st School House built near Woolley's Brook

- Few years later 2nd Schoolhouse across from Village Green (destroyed by fire)

- 3rd schoolhouse on corner of Fairview Avenue & Middle Neck Road

1860 - 1st one room wood frame schoolhouse in Lake Success. All schools south of the rail road later known as district #8. (Had 35 children 1860 - 1877)

1869 - School on Arrandale and Middle Neck (wood frame burned down 1921)

1877 - 2nd wood frame schoolhouse built in Lake Success to replace the 1st which burned down. This was an eight room building used as a school, with several expansions, until 1928; located at SW corner of Lakeville Road and the present L. I. Expressway.

1898 - Arrandale School doubled in size. 1st High School graduating Class

1905 - Frame schoolhouse (known as school #2) on Kensington site. Also known as Thomaston School. Torn down 1926

1913 - High School on Arrandale Avenue (brick). 1st section on west

1920 - Frame Arrandale building destroyed by fire

1921 - Kensington School erected (near 1905 frame house)

- East wing brick Arrandale School erected

1926 - 1st addition to Kensington School (former frame house torn down)
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<td>6 year Junior-Senior High School building - 1,225 pupils. 7th grade in Arrandale School</td>
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<td>Land sold to schools by Mrs. Eldridge for Saddle Rock School</td>
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APPENDIX B
Great Neck Library Services and Programs 1989

Library Cards
Great Neck Library Card
   Adult Resident
   Children
   Direct Access (Nassau County Residents who hold cards from their home library)
   Employee
   Fee Paying Patrons
   Student

Branch Libraries
   Lakeville
   Station
   Parkville

Community Organization Use of Library Meeting Rooms

Adult Collections/Services and Equipment
Audio Visual Collections and Equipment
   audio cassettes
   compact discs
   LP recordings
   listening equipment for public use (audio tape decks, compact disc players phonographs)
   scores
   slides (archaeological)
   video cassettes

Business Information
Circulating Encyclopedias
Computer Based Information
Consumer Information
Foreign Language Books
   Chinese
   Farsi (Persian)
   French
   German
   Hebrew
   Italian
   Japanese
   Latin
   Polish
   Russian
   Spanish
   Yiddish
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General Reference
Great Neck History
Handicapped Services
  Selection and/or Delivery of materials to homebound readers
  Talking Books
Infotrac - magazine collection
Interlibrary Loan
  Books, magazines articles, from hundreds of cooperating
  libraries, including foreign books from the Hempstead Library
  16 mm films, slides and video tapes from the Nassau Library System
  Collection
  Scores, recordings from co-central libraries
Large Type Books
Magazine Index
Microforms
Newspapers
Notary Public
Pamphlets
Periodicals/Periodical indexes
Readers Advisory
Scholarship Guides
Special Adult Books
Special Adult book/cassette sets
Telephone Directories
Telephone Reference Service
Typewriters
Vocational Books
Vocational and College Guides

Adult Programs
Art Exhibits
Book Talks
Lectures
Photographic Exhibits
Sunday Afternoon Music Recitals
Poetry Readings
Dramatic Readings
Films

Children's Collections/Materials and Services
Audio Visual Collections and Equipment
  Apple II GS and Software (non-circulating)
  Audio tape decks
  Filmstrip projectors
  Phonographs
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Board Books
Class Visits (Nursery school - grade 6, CLASP, Headstart, Great Neck Summer School Programs)

Picture Books
Juvenile Foreign Language
Juvenile Braille
Juvenile Fiction
Juvenile Nonfiction
Juvenile Paperbacks
Juvenile Circulating Encyclopedias
Parent Collection
Pamphlet Collection/vertical file
Periodicals (Children/Parents)
Puzzles and Games (non-circulating)

Programs and Activities
Displays and Exhibitions
Family Entertainments

Children's Activities (preschool through 4th grade)
Reading Clubs for children of all ages
Preschool Programs and Workshops
  Workshops for young children accompanied by a parent/adult
  Preschool Films and Fun
  Puppet Shows, Music Programs
Story Hours
  Mother Goose
  Sing and Tell for 2's
  Story Hour for 3 - 5 year olds

Afterschool/Saturday Programs and Workshops
  For 1st through 4th graders
Author programs
Films
Entertainments - folksingers, storytellers, plays, dance
Pen Pals
Workshops - arts, crafts,

Young Adult Books and Services
Young Adult Books (---)
  Popular paperbacks
  YA Readers Advisory
  School Assignment Collection

Jr. Levels Activities (5th and 6th graders)
Workshops - arts, babysitting, crafts, sign language
Films
Dramatic Productions
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Levels
Meeting place for 7th grade through college age youth

Activities

- **Study Area** - Apple II GS and Mac Plus for student use in art, computers, dance, drama, guitar, S.A.T. prep., sound production, video, writing
- **Workshops** - Social Events - productions

- **Social Events** - Productions - performances

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- **Productions** - performances

- **Performances** - comedy, drama, musicals, original works, video for Cable TV
- **Performances** - concerts (rock’n’roll, jazz, classical), dance, guest speakers
Volunteer Program Committees

Art Advisory Board (1971)
Convened by the Board of Trustees to evaluate the permanent collection of art donated to the Library: Muriel Attie, Lou Dorfsman, Tully Filmus, Gilbert Golde, Betty Deckoff Holiday, John Hopkins, Lloyd Miller, George Nemeny, Malcolm Preston, Joyce Rosa, Vincent Sorrentino, Charles Seide, Ted Tessler, Albert Van Loen.

Art Committee (1971-1976)

Business and Industry Seminars Committee (1982-1986)

Chinese Committee (1986)

Film Committee (1971-1972)
Elizabeth Blaufeux, Doris R. Brosnan, Doris Friedman, Delia Gottlieb*, Lawrence Henry, Joan Keppler, Jerry Klein*, Judy Klein, Leon Malman, Howard Miskin, Frederick Nitken, Cyrus Rudman^.

Hispanic-American Committee (1971- )
Cecilia Alfaro, Alejandro Castro, Nieves Castro, Elidieth Chavez, Zelma Davies, Maria Estel Flores, Frances Garcia, Rosario Gomez, Terry Joseph, Maria Rosa Jove, Maria Luther, Paulina Monroy, Margarita Moreno, Felipe Perez, Maria Perez, Gabino Plaza, Sandra O'Connor*, Maria Olmeltchenko*, Ana Rosell*, Ignacia Ugalde, Cila Zevallos, Father Algare, Sister Celeste, Joseph Covino.
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Homebound Committee (1971-1975)

Indian Committee (1985)

Iranian Committee (1982)

Japanese Committee (1981-)

Music Advisory Committee (1971-)

* indicates individuals who are or have served as chairpersons of the committee
^Board Liaison
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Art Exhibitions

1971
Volunteer Art Committee Chairperson: Morton Shapiro
March African Sculpture
May The Cuttermill Group
June 1st Outdoor Art Festival - with Awards
September Prison Art - "Correction on Canvas"
October Grau-Garriga Tapestry, Gouche and Mixed Media
November Graphics by Picasso, Chadwick, Moore, de Koonig, Hunt, Greco, on loan from Mr. & Mrs. S. Dorsky
December Prominent Israeli Artists

1972
Volunteer Art Committee Chairperson: Morton Shapiro
January 1st Contemporary Black Artists in America
March National League of American Pen Women
April Art Faculty Show of Nassau County Colleges
June 2nd Outdoor Art Festival
September Fine Arts Faculty of The Adult Program - Great Neck Public Schools
October Long Island Craftsmen's Guild
December Yugoslav Art

1973
Volunteer Art Committee Chairperson: Dolly Relkin (replaced Morton Shapiro)
February 2nd Contemporary Black Artists in America
March Aspects of Realism: Graphics by 19th and 20th Century American Masters (such as Geo. Bellow, Thos. Benton, Mary Cassatt, Tully Filmus, Wm. Gropper, Childe Hassam, Winslow Homer, Edward Hopper, Y. Kuniyoshi, Reginald March, Raphael Soyer)
April China Flying Seminar: Scrolls, Woodcuts, Papercuts, Handicrafts
May Israeli Art - 25th Anniversary of Israel
June 3rd Outdoor Art Festival
September Photos of Cartier-Bresson's France
October Professional Artists of Great Neck (Max Kalish, Leon Gregori, Tully Filmus, Wm. Gropper, etc.) - 65 artists
December Art Advisory Board (Beck, Dorfman, Filmus, Hollliday, Hopkins, Lloyd W. Miller, Joyce D. Rosa, Seide, Sorrentino, Tessler, Van Loen)

1974
Volunteer Art Committee Chairperson: Dolly Relkin
February 3rd Contemporary Black Artists in America
April Ancient Egyptian Writing, from Metropolitan Museum of Art Collection
May Ancient and Modern Tapestries, Wall Hangings, Pottery and Sculpture
June 4th Outdoor Art Festival
September Famous Illustrators of America
October Naives and Primitives - European American & Haitian Work
December Peru, Old & New - Photos, Rubbings, Artifacts; Collection of Petroffs & Atties
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Art Exhibitions

1975
Volunteer Art Committee Chairperson: Dolly Relkin - 30 volunteer members

February 4th Contemporary Black Artists in America
March Oriental Brush Painting
May Harry Lieberman - American Primitive
June 5th Outdoor Art Festival
July Gertrude Stein and Her Friends (Photo Exhibit)
November Lithuanian Art with Contemporary Graphics. Lecture by V. K. Jony纳斯
December Art & Objects/Great Neck Churches & Temples

1976
Volunteer Art Committee Chairperson: Mort Haber/Terese Rozinsky
(Dolly Relkin - Board Liaison)

January Antique Needlework
February 5th Contemporary Black Artists in America
April Long Island Art Teachers Association
May Americana (U. S. Bicentennial) - Art, Artifacts, Furniture, Glassware
June 6th Outdoor Art Festival - 1st Book Sale
October Russian Artists recently arrived in U.S.
December Batiks

1977
Volunteer Art Committee (becomes Library Art Committee) Chairperson: Dolly Relkin with Shapiro, Coe and Staff

February 6th Contemporary Black Artists in America
March Long Island Craftsmen's Guild
May Non-Objective Geometric Art - Vasarely, Secunda, Schmitz-Gilles
June 7th Outdoor Art Festival & Book Sale
October Long Island Craftsmen's Guild
December Margit Beck

1978
Library Art Committee Chairperson: Dolly Relkin

February 7th Contemporary Black Artists in America
April Great Neck Public Schools - Elementary Art Department
May Latin American Art
June 8th Outdoor Art Festival
October Long Island Craftsmen's Guild

1979
Library Art Committee Chairperson: Dolly Relkin

February 8th Contemporary Black Artists in America
June 9th Outdoor Art Festival
July Franz Kafka Photo Exhibition (courtesy of Goethe House)
September Tribute to Morton Shapiro
October Long Island Craftsmen's Guild: Fine Arts
December Shirley Gorelick: Portraits 1966-1979
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Art Exhibitions

1980
Library Art Committee Chairperson: Dolly Relkin
February/March 9th Contemporary Black Artists in America
May/June Max Weber Exhibit
June 10th Outdoor Art Festival & Anniversary of Main Building
November/December Long Island Craftsmen's Guild - Exhibition of Fine Arts

1981
Library Art Committee Chairperson: Dolly Relkin
February/March 10th Contemporary Black Artists in America
March/April Great Neck Printmakers with lecture by Clare Romano
May/June Working Models of Leonardo DaVinci
June 11th Outdoor Art Festival
September/November Japanese Art Exhibition: Woodcuts by Hiroshige; Samurai Swords; Modern Paintings

1982
Library Art Committee Chairperson: Dolly Relkin
February/March 11th Contemporary Black Artists in America
June 12th Outdoor Art Festival
August Drawings by Elsa Goldsmith
October/November Art Works by the Art Staff of the Great Neck Public Schools
December Miniatures by Elena Lamb, Joy Weber and Rose Barell

1983
Library Art Committee Chairperson: Dolly Relkin
February 12th Contemporary Black Artists in America
April Sculpture and the Art of Paper - Apter-McKevitt, Ben Borax, M. Bresnick, S. Cohen, Marcia Reese
May Photographs by Roman Vishniac from Jacob Berg Foundation
June 13th Outdoor Art Festival
October Three Long Island Artists: Elizabeth Lawley, Vivian Schiff, Ernest Bergwall
November Monotypes: Ruth Lief Group

1984
Library Art Committee Chairperson: Dolly Relkin
February/March 13th Contemporary Black Artists in America
April Aquarelle Club - Watercolors
June 14th Outdoor Art Festival
October 19 Variations on the Theme of Art (Members of the Hempstead Harbor Association)
December Earth, Rain, Fire, Wind - works by Elizabeth and W.P. Jennerjahn
Appendix B: Programs

**Art Exhibitions**

**1985**
Library Art Committee Chairperson: Dolly Relkin

January:  
Prints and Collages - Abe Allen, Julius Salamander, Eugene Weinger, Carol Zamchek

February/March:  
14th Contemporary Black Artists in America

April:  
Contrasts - Members of Gallery 84

June:  
Paintings by Roberta Aviram, Ethel Brooks, Mina Rabbani, Joseph Unger

June:  
15th Outdoor Art Festival

September:  
Festival of India Art Exhibition  
Natvar Bhavsar, Zarina Hashmi, Bhagwan Kapoor, Krishna Reddy, Mohan Samant

December:  
Art League of Nassau County - Juried Exhibit

**1986**
Library Art Committee Chairperson: Dolly Relkin

February/March:  
15th Contemporary Black Artists in America

April:  
Paintings and Drawings by Regina Gil, Tony Roberts, and Edna May Young

June:  
16th Outdoor Art Festival

September:  
Bicycles and Dragons: Two Views of China  
Photographs by Brenda Holland, Adams Taylor, Donald L. Werner  
Children of China photographs by Joseph A. Coohen (Museum of Natural History)

December:  
Association of Flatbush Artists - Members' Exhibit

**1987**
Library Art Committee Chairperson: Dolly Relkin

February/March:  
16th Contemporary Black Artists in America

March:  
Five Artists: Dianne Balducci, Karen Kaplan, Don Resnick, Dorritt Title, Margaret Weisbach

May:  
Tully Filmus: A Personal View of Gladys

September:  
Artists' Network of Great Neck

November:  
The Last of 1987...First of 1988  
Members of the Hempstead Harbor Artists Association

**1988**
Library Art Committee Chairperson: Dolly Relkin

February/March:  
17th Contemporary Black Artists in America

March:  
An Exhibition of Works by Barbara Cooper, Jehan Shahly and Vicente Trezza

May:  
Ruth Eckstein: Selected Works of the Eighties

October:  
Women View Women - Artist Members of Womanspace

November:  
Exhibition by Members of Gallery 84

**1989**
Library Art Committee Chairperson: Dolly Relkin

February/March:  
18th Contemporary Black Artists in America

March:  
Outlooks and Inner Visions - works by George Crespo, Roslyn Greenbaum, Lillian Jacobs, Muriel Wasserman

June:  
Centennial Outdoor Art Festival & Book Sale

September:  
Photographic Exhibition: The Great Neck Library and Great Neck...The First One Hundred Years
**Business and Industry Seminars**

**Formed 1982**  
Chairman: Morris Epstein

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Business and Industry Seminars

1986
January

Private Goals and Public Needs

Library Board Committee Members
Muriel Kane
Emanuel Kline
Dolly Relkin
Martin G. Waldman
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Adult Films

Consultant: Delia Gottlieb (1972 - 1985)
Programming Department (1986 - )

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Music Programs

1972  Piano purchased

1973
Chairman: Benjamin Prince
March  Soloists of the Juilliard American Opera Center: Peggy Pruett-soprano,
      Johathan Rigg-tenor, Dana Talley-baritone, Johathan Purvin-piano
October Loretta Lewis-soprano accompanied by Francois Teitlebaum-pianist, Naomi Drucker
      clarinist
November Sung Ju Lee-violinist accompanied by David Garvey-pianist
December Sarah Rothenberg-pianist

1974
Chairman: Benjamin Prince
April  Stanley Drucker-clarinet & Juliette Arnold-piano
      Lois Whiteman-pianist
May   Young People's Musical Showcase
      Teddy Tong-violin, Ernst Drucker-violin, Leo Rostal-cello, Ilse Sass-piano
October Elie Siegmeister: An American Composer Speaks About His Work*
      * lecture followed by question and answer period
November National Artists Chamber Group: Eugene Drucker-violin, Ernst Drucker-
      viola, Leo Rostal-cello, Ilse Sass-piano

1975
Chairman: Benjamin Prince
January Bronx Opera Company: Eleanor Berquist-soprano, Neil Rosenheim-tenor, Eugene
      Green-bass baritone, Janet Siegel-accompanist
      Young People's Musical Showcase - Jazz Program: Julie Dobrow-flute, Teddy
      Rosenthal-piano, Miriam Pawel-tenor/alto/recorder, Andy Miller-piano
      accompanist), Brian Gold-soprano/recorder, Shari Levine-alt, Daniel Lewin-
      violin, Brian Charles-obo, Lewis Leicher -piano
March  Pierre Djakii-cellist, Philippe Djakic-violinist, accompanied by Lynn Stodola-pianist
March  Young People's Musical Showcase -folk and acoustic concert - "Window Pane Duo":
      Neil Blank, Saul Rubin; Trio-Mike Holober, Bob Sterling, Mario Mondelli
April  Michael Lewin-pianist
May   Sam and Carol Baron-flute and piano
November Morton Gould-composer/pianist
December Michael Boriskin
Appendix B: Programs

Music Programs

1976

Chairman: Rita Relson

January: Eugene Drucker, violinist
February: Double Five Wind Ensemble - conductor Jerome Roth
April: 1st Prize Young Musicians Competition Winner Concerto 1st Prize: James Barbagallo
May: Long Island Woodwind Quintet
October: "Madame Butterfly" showcase presentation by Manhasset Bay Opera Association
November: 3rd Young Musician Competition Winner Concerto Competition 3rd Prize: Young-Ja-Ahn-piano
December: The John. A. Belton Celestial Choir of St. Paul's A.M.E. Zion Church

1977

Music Advisory Committee Chairpersons: Gabe Chieco & Rita Relson

January: Michael Newman, classical guitarist
February: The Mannes Trio: Elisabeth Rich-piano, Nanette Levi-violin, Leo Rostal-cello
March: Diana Kacso-pianist
April: New York Reed Trio (members of the Choros Quintet): Diane Lesser-ooe, David Smeyers -clarinet, Kim Laskowsky-bassoon, Daniel Blumenthal-piano
May: "Broadway a la Carte" by The Eastern Opera Theatre Company: Donald Westwood-director, Douglas Dunnell-tenor, Rose Marie Guariglia-soprano, Stephen Mosel-baritone, Stephanie Sundine-mezzo soprano
October: Donn-Alexander Feder, pianist
November: The Jazz Tree with Jim Chapin
December: The Singers' Club of the North Shore: Ladislas Halfenbein-conductor, David Smith-accompanist

1978

Music Advisory Committee Chairpersons: Gabe Chieco & Rita Relson

January: Nina Beilina-violinist
January: "Life Begins at Pianoforte" - Mario Braggiotti-pianist
February: "Four Hands at One Keyboard" - Lorraine Falberg & Harry Fuchs-piano
April: "Dolce Duo" - Barbara Maksymkow, flutist and Sarah Culter, harpist
May: The Aspen Soloists: Eriko Sato-violin, William Grubb-cello and David Oei-piano
October: The Composer Today - Composers Judith Lang Zaimont, Jeanne Singer and Ruth Schonthal with soprano Elaine Olbrycht & bass-baritone Richard Anderson
November: Young Musicians Competition, Strings 1977 (First Prize Winner) Alvin McCall, cello, Jan Deats-piano
December: The Canterbury Consort "A Holiday Banquet of Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque Music for Two Voices and Diverse Early Instruments": Iris Hiskey-soprano, Dora Oberstein-soprano, Robert Wolinsky-harpsichord, Claire Putsche-lute/vielle, Lucy Bardov-violin/vielle
Music Programs

1979

Music Advisory Committee Chairpersons: Gabe Chieco & Rita Relson

January  The Virtuoso Duo: Esther Lamneck - clarinet, Gary Steigerwalt-piano
January  Classical Guitarist Michael Newman
March    Mary Crowder Hess violinist Prize Winner of the Great Neck Symphony
         Young Musicians Competition, strings 1977
April    John BrownLee Opera Theatre of the Manhattan School of Music: Robert Jones-
         director, Kathleen McCalla-soprano, Susan Neves-soprano, Beth
         Schwartz-mezzo soprano, Mark Michett-baritone
May      Cartoon Opera Theatre - Patrick & Heather McDermott accompanied by Michael Barber
October  L'Arema Chamber Ensemble: Pamela Sklar-flute, Joseph Rutkowski-clarinet, Edward
         Ziegman-bassoon
November "Elie Siegmeister - The Composer and His Music"
December The Lyric Quartet: Amy Cowell-soprano, Kevin Carlson-tenor, Thomas
          Caltabellotta-baritone, Judith Nitche-pianist

1980

Music Advisory Committee Chairpersons: Gabe Chieco & Rita Relson

January  Young Musicians Competition Winner: Jon Klibonoff-piano
February American Chamber Trio: Peter Basquin-piano, June DeForest-violin,
      Daniel Morganstern-cello
March    Kim Kashkashian-violin/viola, Charles Abramovic-piano
April    Young Musicians Competition Winners, 1978 - Karen Beth Newman-flute, Ellen
         Westerman-cello, Beth Sussman and Boris Slutsky-piano
May      Chamber Jazz Ensemble - Manhattan School of Music: Ted Rosenthal-piano,
         Norman Hague trombone, David Goldberg, trumpet
October  George Lehr Memorial Concert - New York Philharmonic Woodwind Quintet: Paige Brook-
         flutist, Jerome Roth-ooboist, Peter Simenauer-clarinet, Leonard Hindell-bassoon, L.
         William Kuyper-french horn
November Anne Carter-Cox, soprano
December United States Merchant Marine Academy Glee Club

1981

Music Advisory Committee Chairpersons: Gabe Chieco & Rita Relson

January  Winners of the Great Neck Symphony Young Artists Competition, piano 1979 -
         Yungho Kim & Laurie Levin-piano
February New York Brass Choir :Dean Karahalis-conductor, William Rohdin
       trumpet, Francis Bonny -trumpet, Kenneth Soper -french horn, Vernon Post-
       trombone, Dean Karahalis-bass/baritone
March    "Trio Sonata" : Anton Kuskin-flute, Donald Bender-ooboie
         Gary Kessler, classical guitar
March    A Salute to Bartok: June De Firest-violinist, Daniel Morganstern-cello, Larry Guy
         -clarinet, Bernard Rose-piano
April    Stan Free Jazz-Pianist
May      Manhasset Bay Opera Company: Robley Lawson-director: Rose Marie
         Guariglia-soprano, Michael Crouse-tenor, James Sergi-baritone, Jean Lawson-
         piano
October  George Lehr Memorial Concert
November Long Island Mandolin and Guitar Orchestra
December " Holidays Around the World" folksinger, Dave Sear
1982

Music Advisory Committee Chairpersons: Gabe Chieco & Rita Relson

January  Diane Kacso, pianist
February  Bronx Opera Company
March     Winners of the Great Neck Symphony Young Artists Competition, 1981
April     Connoisseur Chamber Ensemble
May       "An Afternoon of Song"
October   George Lehr Memorial Concert
           John BrownLee Opera Theatre: Susan Neves-soprano, Margaret Anne Davis-soprano, Beth Schwartz-mezzo soprano, Nicholas Solomon-bass baritone, Cynthia Hoxie-pianist
December  New York Brass Choir - snowed out!

1983

Music Advisory Committee Chairpersons: Gabe Chieco & Rita Relson

January  "Music in Images" w/ Miriam Brickman-pianist, Ronald Senator-composer
February  Esther Lamneck-clarinetist and Gary steigerwalt-pianist
February  William Sharp-baritone & Stephen Blier-pianist
March     Marjorie Kransburg-clarinetist, Julie Lustman-pianist
April     The Omega Ensemble: Doris Konig-piano, Andre Emelianoff-cello, Cheryl Hill-clarinet, Richard Rood-violin
May       Long Island Composers' Alliance: Avraham Sternklar-piano, Herbert Feldman-violin, Angelo Musolino-composer, Marga Richter-piano, Ernest Waxman-piano
October   "Basically Bassoon" with Daniel Smith and the Ravina Chamber Ensemble: Oscar Ravina-violin 1, Joyce Flisser-violin 2, Kenneth-Mirkin-violin, Gerald Appleman-cello, Lew Norton-bass, Michael May-piano
November  "Celebration of Chamber Music" with Rosemarie Landry-soprano & Stephen Blier-piano, Robert Bick-flute
December  New York Brass Choir: Dean Karahalis-conductor
December  Mama San Choral Group (Great Neck Japanese Women's Chorus)
Music Programs

1984
Music Advisory Committee Chairpersons: Gabe Chieco & Rita Relson

January James Barbagallo at the Piano
February An Afternoon of Song: Florence Hechtel, mezzo-soprano, Maria Heger-piano
February Lecture and Recital by Claude Frank
March Timothy Smith and Paul Verona, pianists
April The Community Concert Association of Great Neck: Lilian Kallir-piano, Peter Oundjian-violin (Dedicated to Leo Rostal)
September The Drucker Trio: Naomi Drucker-clarinet, Stanley Drucker-clarinet, Blanche Abram-piano
October The Con Brio Ensemble - Diana Mittler & Joyce Hammann: Diana Mittler piano; Susan Pollari-viola, Ellen-Zoe Hassman-cello, Joyce Hammann
November Young Musicians Competition Winners 1984 Part II: Jee-Hoon Yap-piano, Jee-Lian Yap-piano, Wendy Fang Chen-piano, Alexander Veltman-cello, Bernardo Arias-violin, Lesley Balch-obo
December Long Island Mandolin and Guitar Orchestra: Andy de Meo-conductor

1985
Music Advisory Committee Chairpersons: Gabe Chieco & Rita Relson

February Andrea Matthews-soprano & Stephen Blier-pianist
March Joel Fan-pianist
April Melvin Berger-violin & Joyce Liebman-piano
April New York Piano Trio: Regis Landino-violin, Vivian Israel Barkai-cello, Lily Friedman-piano
May American Opera Center of Juilliard School of Music: Joseph Wolverton-tenor, Jacqueline Venable-soprano, Vanessa Ayers-mezzo soprano, Cynthia Hoxie-piano
October Music of Southern India - Karnatak -Shyamala Viswanathan, Ramesh Ramchandran, K. S. Mani
November Young Musicians Competition Winners -Concerto: Parts I - Jovianney Cruz, Jungmin Paik, Simone Dinnerstein, Kathryn Krueger, Glenn Gordon, Alexandra Chappell
November Winners of G. N. Symphony part II - Leda Kim-piano, Julie Tsai-piano, Charles Tang-piano, Misha Keylin-violin, Catherine Haberly-flute, Jennifer Haley-flute
Music Programs

1986
Music Advisory Committee Chairpersons: Gabe Chieco & Rita Relson

January Piano for Four Hands with Philip Evans and Roberta Rust
February Rags, Blues and Rhapsody: Karen Holvick-soprano, Stephen Blier-piano,
March Ori Steinberg-piano
April Alexander Kouguell-cellist & Morey Ritt-pianist
May C.W. Post Summer Opera: Carolyn Mallory-soprano, Nancy Hanna-mezzo
soprano, Thomas Barese-tenor, Stephanie Watt-piano, Stephen Goldberg-
narrator
October The Metropolitan String Quartet: Carol Feuer-violin, Carol Enck-violin,
Melvin Berger-viola, Susan Rubner-cello
November Daniel Horne-pianist
December The Chelsea Chamber Ensemble

1987
Music Advisory Committee Chairpersons: Gabe Chieco & Rita Relson

January Long Island Composers Alliance: Angelo Musolino, Herbert Feldman, Ernest
Waxman and Jeanne Singer
February Austin Miskell, tenor and Jeanne Singer pianist/composer
March Chambersound: Paul Clive- oboe
April Zephyr Flute and Harp Duo: Rebecca Dunnell-flute and Jim Palmer-harp
May "Opera in Concert": Christine Seitz-soprano, Carol Yahr-mezzo soprano, Charles
Pailthorp-baritone accompanied by Steven Blier
October The Con Brio Ensemble - Joyce Hammann-violin, Victor Battipaglia-clarinet, Roberta
Cooper-cello, DonnaJeanne Schutz-soprano, Diana Mittler-piano, Angelo
Musolino-composer in residence
November Young Musicians Competition Winners (33rd): Part I - Claudio Santos-cello, Sarah
Loveland- oboe, Judy Yen-Juin Lin-violin, Won Kim-piano, Catherine Haberly-flute
November Young Musicians Competition Winners (33rd) Part II: Judy Cho-piano, Simone
Dinnerstein-piano, Min-Young Kim-violin, Jill Bobo-french horn, Catherine Haberly-
flute, Lucas Stark-flute
December Long Island Baroque Ensemble - Cynthia Richards Hewes-soprano, Karen
Kruger-alto, Stephen Sturk-tenor, Louis White-bass, Wayne Hankin-bag
pipe/recorder, Dorothy Rocklin-violin, Sonia Gezairlian-
harpsichord
Music Programs

1988
Music Advisory Committee Chairpersons: Gabe Chieco & Rita Relson

January
The Chelsea Chamber Ensemble: Ellen Goff Entriken-soprano, Noreen Cassidy - Polera-piano, Gerard Reuter- oboe, Page-Smith Weaver-cello

February
New York Piano Trio - Carol Sadowski-violin, Vivian Israel-cello, Lilly Friedman-piano

March
Palisades Chamber Players Trio - Roberta Feingold Palant-violin, Jacquelyn Drechsler-flute, Gregory Phillips-cello

April
Esther Lamneck’s Trio for Clarinet, Piano, Percussion: Esther Lamneck-clarinet, Eugene Feigin-piano, Burkhard Ruckert-piano

May
The Bronx Opera Company - Darynn Zimmer-soprano, Stephonne A. Smith-baritone, Youn-Hae Han-piano

October

November
Young Musicians Competition Winners- Concerto, 1987: Min-Young Kim-violin, Claudio Santos-cello, Won Kim-piano

December
Polyphony - Barbara Kupferberg-harpsichord, Ken Andresen-recorder, Mary Phillips-viol a da gamba, Hester Furman- oboe

December

1989
Music Advisory Committee Chairpersons: Gabe Chieco & Rita Relson

January
Gerard Reuter- oboe, David Alpher-piano

February
Flute/Piano Duo: David Whiteside-flute, Michael Merolla-piano

March
Chambersound: Paul Clive-musical director/ oboe, Jeffrey Winter- bassoon, James Blanton, guest tenor

April
The Bronx Opera Company: Christine Sperry-soprano, Lila Ammons-mezzo soprano, Albert Neal-tenor, Bruce Brown-baritone, Stephen-Francis Vasta-piano

May
Kate Hurney in Recital: Kate Hurney-soprano, Thomas Schilling-piano
Appendix B: Programs

Poetry Readings

1972
Consultant Engaged: Harriet Zinnes

1973
Consultant: Harriet Zinnes
May: Ruth Whitman
October: Joseph Brodsky
November: William Mathews
December: Ruth Lisa Schecter

1974
Consultant: Harriet Zinnes
January: Jane Mayhall
February: Michael Harper
October: Galway Kinnell
November: Judith Johnson Sherwin
December: James Reiss

1975
Consultant: Harriet Zinnes
January: Jayne Cortez
February: David Shapiro
March: Muriel Rukeyser
April: Milton Kessler
May: Eve Merriam
October: Diane Wakoski
November: Anne Waldman
December: William Packard

1976
Consultant: Harriet Zinnes
January: Thomas Lux
February: Lorenzo Thomas
March: Hugh Seidman
April: Allan Planz
May: Members of the Library’s Poetry Workshop
May: Jack Anderson
October: David Ignatow
November: Judith Johnson Sherwin
December: Carol Muske

1977
Consultant: Harriet Zinnes
January: Michael Ryan
February: June Jordan
March: Harriet Zinnes
April: Denise Levertov
May: Bill Zavatsky
October: Richard Kostelanetz
November: Bill Knott
December: Lynn Emanuel
Poetry Readings

1978
Consultant: Harriet Zinnes
January: Colette Inez
February: Mae Jackson
March: Cynthia MacDonald
April: Linda Pastan
May: Allen Ginsberg
October: Louis Simpson
November: Bill Knott
December: Lynn Emanuel

1979
Consultant: Harriet Zinnes
February: Sonia Sanchez
March: Barry Wallenstein
April: Heather McHugh
May: Gerald Stern
October: Edwin Honig
October: Great Poets: Anna DiBella, Regina Reibstein, Herbert Waxman
November: Robert Bly
December: Roland Flint

1980
Consultant: Harriet Zinnes
January: Daniela Gioseffi
February: Ai
March: Peter Klappert
April: Richard Hugo
May: Judith Moffett
October: David McAleavey
November: Frederick Feirstein
December: Lynn Emanuel

1981
Consultant: Harriet Zinnes
February: Yvonne
March: Patricia Goedicke
April: Mark Strand
May: David Ray
October: C.K. Williams
November: Peter Balakian
December: George Bogin

1982
Consultant: Harriet Zinnes
February: Marie Ponsot
March: Lawrence Kearney
April: Memorial Reading in honor of Isabella Gardner (New York State's first Poet Laureate)
May: John Logan
October: Katha Pollitt
November: Sara Miles
December: Frank Bidart
Poetry Readings

1983
Consultant: Harriet Zinnes
February Thulani Davis
March Denis Johnson
April Robert Peters
May Irving Feldman
October Barbara Guest
November Jane Cooper
December Richard Tillinghast

1984
Consultant: Harriet Zinnes
March Lila L. Zeiger
April James Laughlin
May Carolyne Wright

1985
Consultant: Lila L. Zeiger
October Philip Schultz
December Florence Grossman & Kent Jorgensen Ozarow

1986
Consultant: Lila L. Zeiger
February Sharon Olds
March Stanley Kunitz
May Friends of Regina Reibstein read her poetry at a Memorial Reading
October Special Discussion by Lila L. Zieger
November Howard Moss
December Louise Gluck

1987
Consultant: Lila L. Zieger
February William Matthews
March Edmund Pennant & Sarah Singer
November W.S. Merwin
December Lyn Lifshin

1988
Consultant: Lila L. Zieger/Kent Ozarow
February Aaron Kramer & Virginia Terris
March Charles Simic
November Nicholas Christopher
December David Ignatow

1989
Consultant: Kent Ozarow
February Katha Pollitt
May Susan Astor & Dr. Martin Tucker
Appendix B: Programs

Levels Theatre Productions 1974 - 1989

1974
Night Of The Grippe...Workshop production
Horizons...Original, mixed means theater
Company...Broadway Musical
Gotta Find My Corner of the Sky...Musical
HAIR...Rock Musical

1975
Thieves Carnival...Comedy/Farce
You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown...Broadway musical
Cabaret Music Revue
Zeno's Paradox... Original, multi-means theatre
The Me Nobody Knows...Broadway Musical
The Gingerbread Lady...Drama/Comedy
Romanoff and Juliet...Comedy
Complimentary and Contrasting Impressions... Original, multi-means theatre
Jesus Christ Superstar... Rock Opera
Woman in Transition... Drama Revue
FNA... Original Musical
Story Theatre... Comedy/Satire with Music

1976
New York/Paris Revue...Musical Revue
The Good Doctor...Comedy
Life and Times of William Q. Shakespeare...Original Light Opera
Broadway Fair...Music Revue

1977
Zorba...Musical/Drama
Tommy...Rock Opera
Kennedy's Children....Drama
Man of La Mancha..Broadway Musical
Beatles as They Were......Musical

1978
Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat...Broadway Musical
Three Penny Opera...Musical, Comedy/Drama
West Side Story...Broadway Musical
To Be Young Gifted & Black
Witness for the Prosecution...Murder/Mystery
Shadow Box..Drama
Appendix B: Programs

LEVELS THEATER PRODUCTIONS 1974 - 1989

1979
Stop the World, I Want to Get Off...Musical/Comedy
Tuesday Night Live...Original Comedy
The Fantasticks...Musical/Comedy
Three Women...Drama/Musical Presentation
"Trilogy"...Three Plays
Guys and Dolls...Broadway Musical
Mr. Roberts...Comedy/Drama

1980
Tuesday Night II...Original Comedy
The Odd Couple...Comedy
Sweet Charity...Comedy
Pajama Game...Musical Comedy
The Real Inspector Hound...Mystery/Drama
American Hurrah...Black Comedy, Theatre Workshop Players
Exit the King/Selected Scenes...Theatre Workshop Players

1981
How to Succeed in Business Without Even Trying...Musical
Wait Until Dark...Mystery Thriller
Monty Python Night...Comedy/Satire
Vanities...Broadway Drama
TWP Spring...Scenes and Monologues
M*A*S*H*...Comedy
Zoo Story/This Property is Condemned...Drama
Seesaw...Broadway Musical Comedy
TWP Fall...Impromptu, The American Dream, etc.
TWP Winter...Scenes and Monologues

1982
Grease...Broadway Musical Comedy
Revenge of Tuesday Night Live...Original Comedy
Our Town...Drama
TWP Spring...The Indian Wants the Bronx/No Exit, Drama
Pippin...Broadway Musical
Retroactive Comedy...Original Comedy
A Man For All Seasons.....Drama
A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum..Broadway Musical
Broken Laughter...Original Musical
Stage Door...Drama/Comedy
TWP...Chamber Music
class Menagerie...Drama
TWP...Performance
1983
Follies...Musical
Whopping Gobs of Comedy...Comedy
Waiting for Godot...Drama
TWP...Performance
Hair...Musical
The Restaurant...Original Play
TWP...Performance
Last Curtain Call...Original Drama
Comedy Sans Femmes...Original Comedy
Equus...Drama
Damn Yankees...Musical
Key Exchange/Actor Nightmare
TWP...Performance

1984
Zoo Story...Drama
Lorelei...Musical
TWP...Scenes and Monologues
Importance of Being Earnest...Comedy
Freud was Wrong...Original Comedy
TWP...One Acts, Scenes and Monologues
Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf...Drama
Rhinocerous...Absurd Drama
West Side Story...Musical
TWP...One Acts and Scenes
Cum Grano Salis...Original Comedy

1985
After Liverpool & Nocturne.... Original Drama
Winter Caberet...Musical Revue
TWP...One Acts and Scenes
Voices...Original Drama, by Colin Miner
The First Time Around...Original Musical Comedy, by Pierre Gentin
A Midsummer Night's Dream...Shakespeare
Kiss Me Kate...Musical
The Restaurant, by Rob Previto/Lost in the East 80's, by David Aubrey....Original Drama
Original One Acts by the Original Playwright's Performing Workshop
Voices...Original Drama, by Colin Miner
LEVELS THEATER PRODUCTIONS 1974 - 1989

1986
The Frog Prince...Satire/Drama
Godspell....Musical
Happy Birthday Wanda June....Absurd/Comedy
Original One Acts by the Orig. Playwright's Performing Workshop
Roommates...Original Drama, by Colin Miner
The Second Best Friend...Original Drama, by David Aubrey
They're Playing Our Song
The Helium in Your Heart...Original Musical, by Barry Weil and Mark Bonder
A Doll's House

1987
Original One Acts by the Orig. Playwright's Performing Workshop
True West...Surreal Comedy
Tommy...Musical
The Elephant Man......Drama
Chicago....Musical
Vicarious Thrills...Original Comedy by By David Aubrey
WIP...Selected Scenes & Original Pieces
The Effects of G-Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds...Drama

1988
Crimes of the Heart.......Drama
The House of Blue Leaves......Farce
A Class by Yourself...Original Comedy, by David Aubrey

1989
Waiting for Godot...Drama
Deathtrap....Suspense/Drama
Lone Star and Death Knocks...Two One Acts
Wait Until Dark...Suspense/Drama
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Children's Programs

Music
Naomi and Joel
Kate and Lou
International Entertainers
Spotlite on Opera
Christmas and Chanukah Around the World
New Song Trio
Susan Trump
Louise Seidl
Patricia Shih
David Roth
Kathy Rubinstein
Paula Janis - Magic Garden
Dayle Friedman

Films
(1974 to present)
Preschool Films; Saturday Films; Specials

Story Hours
Main Library and Branch Libraries (1970 to present) for 3-5, 1-4 year olds & kindergarten - grades 2, 10 times weekly
2 year olds (January 1977 to present)
Mother Goose Time - 16-24 month olds (June 1986 to present)

Animal Programs
Bug Lady - Alice Gray; Mr. Lucky's Performing Dogs; Hands on Animals

Reading Clubs
2 - 3 per year (1978 to present)

Kindergarten Programs
Animal; Crafts; Reading; Films (1978 to present)

Storytelling & Storytellers
Tall Tales; Halloween; Chanukah and Christmas
Story Theatre; Penninah Schram; Margaret Wolfson; Getchie Argetsinger; Alice Eve Cohen; Heather Forest; Folktellers; Laura Simms
Children's Programs

Writing Workshop
Poetry; Writers

Science Workshop
Magic of Chemistry; Exploring the Universe; Alice Gray - Bug Lady; Chemo Demo

Language Workshop
French; Spanish

Crafts Workshop
Bookmark; Story Crafts; Early Readers

Other Workshops
Sign Language; Stamp Club; Chess Club; Cooking; Gardening; Backgammon; Doll House; Pumpkin; Origami; Needlecraft; Quilting

Collections
Parents Collection (started September 1977); Foreign Language Collection (Japanese - June 1978); Filmstrips and Projectors (since 1971); Children's Periodicals; Book/Record Sets; Book/Cassette Sets; Paperbacks; Easy Readers; Picture Books; Board Books; Reference; Toys, Puzzles and Animals; Phonographs; Display Case
Appendix B: Programs

Children's Programs

Puppet Shows

1975
Creatures
Folktales of the American Indians

1976
Holiday for Mice
The Magic Peach
Bingo the Circus Dog
Magic Bell

1977
Magical Toy Shop
Golden Satellite
Magic Mushroom

1978
Bunny Tales
Adventures of Cornelia
Owl Story

1979
Green Monster
Tales of Priscilla Rabbit
Magic Stones

1980
Ugly Prince
Hansel & Gretel
Pixie Kin Puppets
Rumpelstiltskin
Animal Musical Revue
Tubby the Tuba
Magic Green Hammer
Donna Rose

1981
Goldilocks
Cowgirl Hero and the Villain
Aesop's Fables
Fanfare
Circus
Tug-O-War

1982
Magical Toy Story
Story of Gary Greenfinger
Elfin Puppet Variety Show
Donna Rose
Jack and the Beanstalk
Alice in Wonderland

1983
Enchanted Prince
Tale of Peter Rabbit
Cinderella
Jack and the Beanstalk
King Arthur
Magical Lord of Oz
Princess and the Pea
Barrel of Fun
Frog Prince
Magic Elves
Fanfare

1984
Wind in the Willows
Halloween
Wizard of Oz
Puss in Boots
Carnival of the Animals
Mother Goose
Aladdin
Case of the Missing Toys
Little Lost Dragon

1985
Tortoise and the Hare
Little Red Riding Hood
Holiday for Mice
Billy Goats Helped the Trolls
Babes in Toyland
Trouble in Mother Goose Land
Aladdin and His Magic Lamp
Hans Christian Andersen
Jungle Book
Appendix B: Programs

Children's Programs

Puppet Shows

1986
Pinocchio
Peter and the Wolf
Shoemaker and the Elves
Hansel and Gretel
Kings Holiday Crown
Frog Prince
Magic, Fables and Mirth
Fanfare

1987
Hansel and Gretel
Doodles the Clown
Marionette Musicale
Frog Prince
Tortoise and the Hare

1988
Marionette Musicale
Carnival of the Animals
Wizard of Oz
Shadow Theatre

Authors

1974
Jose Aruego

1975
Jean Fritz

1978
Steven Kellogg

1980
Ellen Conford
M. B. Goffstein

1981
Johanna Hurwitz

1982
Betty Miles
Lila Perl

1983
Seymour Simon
Caroline Bauer
David Adler

1984
Sheila Greenwald
Shirley Hughes
Susan Pfeffer
Patricia Reilly Giff

1985
Anne Pellowski
Lee Ames
Elizabeth Levy
Mike Thaler

1986
David Adler

1987
Johanna Hurwitz

1988
Syd Hoff
Gordon Korman
Appendix B: Services and Programs

Organizations Approved for Community Room Use 1989

Adoptive Family Network
American Cancer Society
American Jewish Congress
AMIT Women
Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith
Archaeological Institute of America
Artists Network of Great Neck
B’nai B’rith - Bay Chapter
B’nai B’rith - Chapter & Lodge
Brandeis University National Women’s Division
Chaba of Great Neck
CLASP
Community Concerts of Great Neck
Fleetwood Pool Association
Friends of Hospice, Inc.
Gray Panthers
Great Neck Association of Girl Scouts
Great Neck Choral Society
Great Neck Garden Club
Great Neck League of Women Voters
Great Neck Marxist Forum
Great Neck Musicians Committee
(Armenian Relief Fund)
Great Neck Republican Club
Great Neck SANE/FREEZE
Great Neck Visiting Nurse Association
Hadassah - Erev Chapter
Hadassah - Ester Chapter
Hadassah - Great Neck Chapter
Hadassah - Scopus Group
Hadassah - Sharon of Great Neck
Hadassah - Ziona Group
Incorporated Village of Saddle Rock
Incorporated Village of Saddle Rock - Village Justice Court
Israel Cancer Research Fund
Jewish Defense Organization
Jewish Political Caucus
King Point Civic Association
Kings Point Yacht Club

New Jewish Agenda
North Shore Coalition for Safe Energy
Open Door Parent-Child
Pride of Judea
REAP I - Great Neck Adult Program
REAP II - Great Neck Adult Program
Reform Democratic Association
Saddle Rock Civic Association
Saddle Rock Estates Association
St. Aloysius Womens Auxiliary
Senior Citizens Folk Dancing
United Jewish Federation
UPTC Cultural Affairs Committee
Visions of Peace
Wildwood Pool Association
Women’s American ORT
Women’s American ORT - Great Neck Peninsula Chapter
Women’s Division American Society for Technion
Womenspace in Great Neck
PART II
A Photographic Exhibition

The Great Neck Library and Great Neck
The First 100 Years

A History of the Library with Photographs and
Historical Documents

by

Dolly Relkin

Exhibit on Display: September 17 through December 31, 1989

Opening Reception
Sunday, September 17, 1989, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Community Room and Lower Level Lobby

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The Great Neck Library and Great Neck  
The First 100 Years

Introduction

As you view this exhibition you will take a trip back in time and it is our hope that you will experience the evolution of both the Great Neck Library and its surrounding community: the peninsula from a bucolic rural landscape of the late 19th century to today's dynamic suburban environment...the Library from an idea in the minds of a few residents, who carefully and devotedly guarded the library for the benefit of all, to a fully democratized institution, preparing to enter the 21st century, strengthened and enlivened by community participation.

The Early Settlers

"Madnan's Neck" (Great Neck) was settled by the English in 1644. They, together with Dutch settlers and an unknown number of Massapeke and Mattinicocke Indians, comprised a population of 30-40 families. By 1683, the peninsula, as well as land from the Borough of Queens to Riverhead was called 'Queens County' owned by the British and under the jurisdiction of the Duke of York. In the late 1700's, the town of North Hempstead was officially created. One hundred years later in 1898, Queens County became part of greater New York City and one year later, Nassau County was established.

Great Neck Prior to 1900

From the time of the first settlers to the late 1800's, the peninsula's rural economy was based on fishing, grist mills, orchards, and farms including those on which sheep and cattle were raised. Traveling to and from Great Neck could only be accomplished on foot, by horse and buggy and sloop or steamboat.

In 1813, free education was formally organized at a town meeting, and the first school house was built near Woolley's Brook. A few years later, a second schoolhouse was built across from the Village Green (later destroyed by a fire); and a third arose on the corner of Fairview Avenue and Middle Neck Road. The wood-frame schoolhouse on Arrandale Avenue and Middle Neck Road (serving grades 1 through 12) was erected in 1869 and, by 1898, with its first graduating class, it had to be doubled in size. Children attended schools in either School District #7 or #8. The districts were separated by the railroad with District #7 serving the north and District #8 serving the south. Lakeville School (1877-1928) was the second wood-frame schoolhouse to be built in School District #8. It was located at the southwest corner of the intersection of what is now the Long Island Expressway and Lakeville Road.
In 1832, the Lakeville AME Zion Church (founded in 1821) built a church on Community Drive. Over thirty years passed before four additional houses of worship were established: the Union Free Chapel (1868) at 614 Middle Neck Road; the United Methodist Church (1872) at 715 Northern Boulevard; Saint Aloysius Church (1876) at 592 Middle Neck Road; and All Saints Church (1886) at 855 Middle Neck Road.

In the 1830's, the construction of the North Hempstead and Flushing Turnpike (Northern Boulevard) as a 1 cent toll road improved travel by horse and buggy and contributed to changes in the rural character of Long Island. Food, provisions, and passenger transportation needs of the residents on the Great Neck peninsula were also met by a steamboat service, with a landing southwest of the Allen/Udall Grist Mill. A trip on the Sun or Statesman took a mere two hours to New York. Later came the Great Neck Steamboat Wharf Company founded by Messrs. Whitehead, Hewlett and Udall. Their ship the Seawanhaka burned in 1880, with the loss of 40 lives, and was replaced by the Idlewild. This company later provided ferry service on Long Island Sound, starting at Sea Cliff with stops at Glen Cove, Sands Point and Steamboat Landing in Great Neck. With a fare of 50 cents, the trip took one hour to the the 31st Street dock in New York City. Its final destination was Peck's Slip at Wall Street.

The stagecoach on Northern Boulevard traveled east to Manhasset and Port Washington and west to Long Island City, timed to connect to/from the ferry in Great Neck... a long walk to Steamboat Landing... and picked up passengers at the corner of Main Road and North Hempstead Turnpike (now Middle Neck Rd. and Northern Blvd.).

1866 marked the advent of the first service of the North Shore Railroad (now the Long Island Railroad) to the end of the line at the "Thomaston" station in Great Neck. The Flushing to Great Neck single track line was built by Messrs. Mitchell, Willets, Mott and Udall and one of its largest stockholders was Mr. Messenger (father and grandfather of Library Board members, Emma and Elise Gignoux). Residents could enjoy the commute for 46 cents a trip on the one train a day in each direction; leaving Great Neck at 7:30 a.m. to Hunters Point where there was a ferry connection to New York City, and returning from Hunters Point at 4:00 p.m. It wasn't until June of 1898 that the single track line from Great Neck to Port Washington was opened.

The peninsula's population grew in 200 years from 30-40 families to approximately 1,000 people in 1880. Land owners were engaged in commerce or agriculture; and merchants, shopkeepers and other villagers met the community's needs for goods and services. In the village were hotels, saloons, blacksmiths, carriage makers, a variety of stores and a volunteer fire department.
Prior to 1900, we find growth on the peninsula marked by the establishment of schools, churches, new roads, new modes of transportation, commercial enterprises and the beginning of the Great Neck Library.

The Great Neck Library: 1880 - 1908

In 1880, the Great Neck Library began as an idea in the minds of a few enthusiastic, civic-minded women who met in the home of Mrs. William Onderdonk. Believing that the approximately 1,000 Great Neckers would benefit from the creation of a library, they, led by Miss Louise Udall Skidmore, organized a fund-raising "Magic Lantern" slide/lecture on classical mythology. The lecture raised $30. Additional funds were solicited and with $100 the Library was born, with Mrs. Harriet Onderdonk as its first President. No records were kept for 8 years, but we do know the Library's first home was in the telegraph office with the telegraph operator's mother serving as librarian.

On February 19, 1889, with 102 books and 40 subscribers, the Library was formally incorporated in the then County of Queens, as a private association library (using the N.Y. Mercantile Library Constitution as a model). The six self-chosen Board of Directors were the Reverend Louis deCormis of All Saints Church, President; Louise Udall Skidmore, Secretary; Helen Merritt, Treasurer; Harriet S. Onderdonk; Charles Gignoux; and Edward Morgan.

The founding mothers and fathers came from a life of privilege, their families involved in banking, trade, commerce and farming. They wanted the "Library to have its own special work in the community". Expressing concerns with education and their self-perceived responsibility to improve the quality of life for every person in Great Neck, it was stated that "the good, the enrichment, the insight are permanent and incalculable possessions...of those who have read." They believed that the influence of a good library molds and refines people into "noble men and women." They considered the children of Great Neck to be the "backbone of the library" and to this end they offered a year's free subscription to four pupils from classes 1 and 2 who were "most truthful, obedient, respectful, and industrious."

The members of the board diligently donated their personal time, money, and expertise to the growth and continuance of the Library. Board meetings, at which the business of the Library was conducted, were held at members' homes. Matters attended to included: hiring of a librarian (who reported to the Board by mail); carefully keeping minutes of meetings and books of account; making all purchases of furnishings and equipment; insuring the books which they themselves donated or purchased; preparing catalogs; soliciting donations and subscriptions; and planning fund-raising benefits. Constant discussions were had on the quality of books on the shelves comparing "solid" reading i.e. non-fiction, to fiction. Each Board member was required to
read and approve every book before purchasing and those books that were considered "unwholesome" were removed. The Three Musketeers did not measure up to their criteria. This form of censorship continued until 1900.

The Library's operating income was derived from membership dues and subscription fees. Membership in the Association was by Board approval, costing $10 per family. (In 1920, the fee was reduced to $1.) Additionally, subscribers were charged an annual fee of $1 to borrow books. In 1905, the annual budget of $350 included the services of a librarian for four hours a day, paid the rent of a room in the League Building and enabled the purchase of 100 books a year.

In 1892, Mrs. Mills P. Baker (Kate), Mrs. Wm. H. Hoag (Sara), and Mrs. Charles Gignoux (nee Emma Messenger) replaced the gentlemen on the Board of Directors. Vacancies added Miss Elise Gignoux in 1905, and Mrs. Grace Merritt Vicario in 1908. These ladies set themselves the task of building a "free" library that would "rival in size and influence one of the large suburban libraries of New England." Making the library free was a goal not to be achieved until 1907 when the By-Laws were officially amended.

At the time of incorporation, the Library's location was in the home of the librarian, Mrs. Daniel Gordon (1889-1892). It moved to a room in the League Building (1892-1907) which was a young men's social club, located near 540 Middle Neck Road, opposite the Alert Fire Company, and several blocks from the Arrandale Avenue Schoolhouse. The ownership of the League Building changed several times while it was the Library's home; from Mr. and Mrs. Silas McBee to All Saints Church and finally to Mr. William Brokaw. In 1907, when it was no longer possible to rent space, Louise Eldridge (Secretary of the Library Board) and her husband Roswell Eldridge became the Library's benefactors by erecting and donating a new building on Arrandale Avenue, next to the Arrandale Schoolhouse. This English-style, half timbered building (now the Park District's Great Neck House) in its first year as a library recorded a collection of 2,500 books, circulation of 5,000 and a membership of 252.

Librarians were as numerous as the library's locations. From the date of incorporation, the first librarian was Mrs. Daniel Gordon (1889-1892), followed by Mrs. Wm. Robertson (1892), Mrs. Abbie A. Fairfield (1893-1895), Mrs. Sara Wortman (1896-1903), and Mrs. Wortman's daughter, Miss Sallie Wortman (1903-1920). Each made her own contribution to the growth and health of the Library.

At the turn of the century, it was noted in the librarian's report that the library was growing in "importance as a part of the village life and has its place as surely as the school or even the Church."
The Arrandale Library: 1908 - 1920

Sallie Wortman served as librarian during this period. The Board of Directors remained stable with Emma Gignoux presiding over the Board until her death in 1915. Louise Eldridge succeeded her, and was President until 1947. Lucille Alger joined the Board in 1915 and Louise Post McBee served for nine months.

The arrival of free library service in 1907 resulted in increased circulation, but did not improve finances. Even though the Library provided service to adjoining communities without libraries, their membership drives to increase income from those areas remained unsuccessful. The cost of maintaining the new building had now risen to $1,000 a year and the intensive pursuit of private donations and new memberships was of constant concern to the Board and Library supporters.

By 1910, only two years after the Arrandale Library opened, circulation had doubled to over 10,000 books a year. The Library was open on Sunday afternoons and scientific reference materials were added to the collection. A Custodian and an Assistant Librarian had to be hired. Latin, French and German dictionaries were added to the collection due to an increase in a "transient and foreign population." The Board understood that the educational needs of library users meant expanding the Reference Department.

Always mindful of the need to keep the public informed - the Board purchased books of all kinds - and lists of those that were newly acquired were published in the local newspaper.

The librarian's report sums up this period with "Uneventful days and gradual growth insure strength and permanence." 27

Great Neck: 1900 - 1915

At the turn of the century, the Old Village was the Village of Great Neck - where the majority of the population had settled. The next stage of housing and development took place south of the railroad in the area known as Thomaston. "Thomaston" in the early 1900's was the area north of the railroad and is presently Great Neck Plaza and Kensington.28 And to take it one step further - our Kensington School was originally the Thomaston Schoolhouse (School #2), a wood-frame building erected in 1905.

By 1912 there were 497 pupils in the public schools. A new brick Arrandale High School was built in 1913, on a site between the Library and the existent wood-frame building which housed about 200 children.29
The Villages of Great Neck Estates and Saddle Rock were incorporated in 1911. Mrs. Eldridge owned the several hundred acre Village of Saddle Rock, which had the distinction of being the only one-family village in the State of New York. Roswell Eldridge served as the first Mayor until his death in 1927, followed by Louise Eldridge who was the Mayor for the next twenty years. Those who lived or worked on their estate were the designated village officials.

Mr. Roswell Eldridge, with his sense of dedication to Great Neck, was also a founder of the Park District in 1916. His wife, Louise Eldridge, later sat on the Board of Commissioners.

With the addition, in 1914, of the interdenominational Community Church of Great Neck on Bond Street, there were now six houses of worship in Great Neck.

Horse and buggy and motor cars lived side by side when a new form of transportation came to Great Neck; and if you and thirteen of your friends could afford a fare of 30 cents, you could ride the bus from the railroad station to Kings Point.

Villagers still ice skated and fished on open ponds and swam at the lakes and shore beaches. If one didn't mind waiting until dark for the film to start, an outdoor movie theater called the Airdome (with a dirt floor and no roof) provided another form of entertainment. Great Neckers also enjoyed themselves at the Great Neck Country Club (on the north side of Susquehanna), the Vanderbilt Race Course (a toll road for auto racing at Lake Success which is now part of Northern State Parkway), and the Great Neck Athletic Club.

The Library Branches Out: 1920 - 1939

In 1920, the Librarian's Report stated, "Started in the days when the humanities counted, when books were so easy to get and attracted of themselves, the Library has continued along very much the lines first established. But the world has changed, and the Directors have realized that the Library should keep pace with world conditions. During the war, it was felt advisable to defer changes...."

Frances Oviatt Lewis joined the Board in 1919, and, when the office was established in 1927, became the first Vice President, a position she held until her death in 1931. Other changes to the Board's composition in the 20's included Nellie White (1921) and Mrs. Frederick Dewey (1925), and the return of the Baker family with Elizabeth Baker joining in 1924 (serving 1924-1934 and 1938-1945). Elizabeth Baker was the wife of John C. and daughter-in-law of "Kate".

Beginning in the early 1900's, the Library's chief source of support was provided by the Eldridge's annual donation of $1,000 - $1,500. Out of necessity, the Board members continued to be occupied with ways to increase membership and secure private donations for the operation of the Library. In 1921, the School Board added $1,500 to their budget for the Library; and finally in 1929, the Library became fully tax-supported.
The Library secured State Certification in 1920, and in that year, connected with another drive for increased membership, membership fees were reduced from $10 to $1. While carefully managing all the operations of the Library and watching the population changes, the Board decided to branch out:

"The Branch" (Station) started in the Black Bird Shop, but officially opened in January 1923 at Fardels' Flower Shop on Middle Neck Road at the Station, where a sign was erected for the public. In 1926, the Branch moved to Elm Street, next to Dodge Brothers; moving a year later and occupying part of the Eastern Construction Company office on Middle Neck Road. The Station Branch was registered with New York State in 1928; and in 1932 moved to 118 Middle Neck Road.

In 1924, two wings were added to the Arrandale Library (another gift of the Eldridges), providing additional space for the children's room, a workroom and office.

The Library's strong connection to the schools and its strong belief in education led to the opening of a sub-station in a classroom of the Kensington School in 1925. For several years the Library sent a staff member to the school and had signs posted outside the building to inform the public. From 1934-1938, the Library provided another sub-station in a classroom at the Lakeville School with a member of the PTA acting as librarian.

By 1930, the 1924 additions to the Arrandale building had proven inadequate and a new children's room, reference room and two floors of stacks were donated by Mrs. Eldridge.

In 1932 the Board's membership was expanded to eight. Board vacancies in the 1930's were filled by Edward Streeter (1931-1933), Wm. A. Eldridge, nephew of Louise and Roswell Eldridge (1932-1937), Budinot Atterbury (1932-1933), Hattie Grauer (1932-1964), Mrs. Frederick Keays (1933-1934), Harrison Craver (1934-1945), Hunter Delatour (1935-1964), Wheelock Bigelow (1937 - 1942), and Ethel Grose (1936-1947), the daughter of Francis Lewis.

In 1937 the Library stopped serving all Manhasset residents. However, in 1939 there was a ruling that the Villages in Manhasset and New Hyde Park who paid taxes in School District #7 were entitled to use the Great Neck Library.

The depression years were boon years for the library circulation. In 1939 the Library circulated 161,365 books as compared with only 24,000 in 1923. Local census figures for the years 1930 (13,610) and 1939 (17,500) show a significant change in population, an increase of nearly four thousand residents.
Great Neck: 1920 - 1939

Great Neck was changing drastically. It is interesting to note that although Saddle Rock and Great Neck Estates were incorporated as early as 1911 - it took another 10 years before the Villages of Great Neck and Kensington were incorporated in 1921, followed by Kings Point in 1924, Lake Success in 1927, Great Neck Plaza in 1930, Russell Gardens and Thomaston (south of the railroad) in 1931. These nine incorporated Villages have remained the same since that time. All other sections on the peninsula are known as unincorporated areas under the jurisdiction of the Town of North Hempstead. A Regional Study conducted in 1927 for The Great Neck Association, entitled "Master Plan of the Great Neck District" addressed the anticipated congestion problems but the plan was never implemented.

Automobiles had replaced the horse and buggy, streets were paved, telephones were available, apartment houses and new businesses appeared, and at the railroad, a new Gothic style station building was constructed. Ten years later (1935), the railroad grade crossing was lowered, the Middle Neck Road bridge constructed, and a pedestrian walking bridge spanning the north and south tracks were added. The burning of the wood-frame Arrandale School and the increasing school population necessitated an addition to the brick Arrandale School. In 1921, the last wing was built. This was followed by a first addition to the Kensington School in 1926 and a second addition in 1931; the building of Lakeville School at Jayson Avenue in 1928; the High School on Polo Road in 1929; the annexation of the Lakeville School into the District in 1932; and the merging of District #7 (north of the railroad) with District #8 (south of the railroad) in the same year.

Great Neck in the 20's was replete with celebrities living on grand estates. Among the resident writers were F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ring Lardner, Eugene O'Neil, and Will Durant who was quoted as saying, "we wanted a quiet place, hygienic, with a good school, preferably public, and good air. We got it all." The area was picturesque, with a vast assortment of recreational facilities including golf courses, tennis courts, spacious wooded and park areas, a bathing beach, and a playhouse.

During those years, four more houses of worship appeared: St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 68 Grace Avenue completing their Chapel in 1924; First Church of Christ Scientist, at 46 South Middle Neck Road, founded 1920, opened their building in 1929; Temple Beth-El at 5 Old Mill Road was founded in 1928 and their building dedicated in 1932; and St. Paul's AME Zion Church at 119 Steamboat Road was founded in 1937.

In the 1930's, real estate developers were intensely interested in Great Neck building hundreds of homes on the peninsula, despite the depression of the national economy and the rumblings of a war in Europe.
The Library and Great Neck: Bringing the Books to the People: 1940's


Librarian Lucy Kinloch (1938-1951) and her staff of twelve ran the Library for the time period before, during and following World War II (1938 - 1951). This was another period of significant change for Great Neck and the Library.

In 1940, the interior of the Library on Arrandale Avenue was refurbished...providing better lighting, wider staircases, a new workroom, a staff room, and an improved children's room. The following year a new Lakeville Branch opened its doors at 257-12 Northern Boulevard, the result of a petition campaign by Lakeville residents. In 1942, the Station Branch moved once again to 5A Grace Avenue on the north side of the street, expanding one year later and occupying a double store.

World War II had its impact on the Library. The 1940 librarian's report stated, "the shadows of war have fallen even on this small community and conditions are very different from a year ago. Young men have enlisted or been called up, the churches all have Red Cross days; the women are busy knitting, organizing war relief charities, bundles for Britain and other activities designed to mitigate suffering. There is less time for reading...nevertheless there was a steady and gratifying increase in the Reference and Young Adult departments."

A creative new venture began for the Library in 1942. Gasoline shortages created by the war effort made it difficult for residents to get to the libraries...so the Library Board and Librarian Lucy Kinloch brought the books to the residents, and a Library on Wheels wended its way throughout the Great Neck peninsula.

In 1946, the United Nations established its home at the Sperry Plant in Lake Success and were welcomed to Great Neck with a party at the High School. During 1947, the United Nations visited the Great Neck Library to help plan a library for UN employees which would be a sub-station. Carl Milam, the Director of the UN Library was elected to the Great Neck Library Board where he was a strong advocate of the Branches.

1947 marked the death of Mrs. Louise Udall Skidmore Eldridge, the Library's benefactor for 67 years.

As the decade came to a close in 1949, a new catalog system was installed at the Arrandale Building; and with large increases in circulation and a new housing development nearing completion in the New Hyde Park area, the Library surveyed the area to assess future needs.
In Great Neck during this decade, the Merchant Marine Academy was established (1942) on the Estate of Walter Chrysler on Steamboat Road which brought a population of close to 1,000 students and faculty to the peninsula.

With the end of the war, St. Philip and St. James Episcopal Church would be built at 432 Lakeville Road and Temple Israel (founded in 1940) erected a building at 108 Old Mill Road which was dedicated in 1949.

**Enrichment and Expansion: The 1950's**

Town and Library experienced substantial physical change and growth during the 50's. Three new houses of worship were established; The Great Neck Synagogue (chartered in 1951) was dedicated in 1955; Temple Emanuel and the North Shore Presbyterian Church were established in 1953, and the following year purchased their current sites. Three new schools were constructed, Great Neck North Junior High School in 1952; and after 1955, the South School Complex (comprising Great Neck South Middle and South High Schools).

Gilmore C. Aarestad (1952-1969) followed Lucy Kinloch as Library Director in 1952. An individual who loved literature and languages, he encouraged the development of the book collection on a level far exceeding what could be found in most libraries serving a similar size population. Community interests continued to be a concern of the Library and in 1955, Mr. Aarestad was appointed liaison with the Great Neck Branch of the American Association for the United Nations.

In 1955, the Board restated a basic concept of the Library's founders: that the Library is primarily an educational institution. That premise was to guide all planning. Their thinking was on target and by 1957, more non-fiction than fiction was being read; and by 1958 the Reference Department was a major aspect of library operations. Joining the Library Board in the 50's were Robert E. Cummings (1955-63), John L. Grose, son of Ethel Grose and grandson of Frances Lewis (1955-1967), Ellen Hirschland (1958-1961), Stillman Hobbs (1950-1959), Mrs. George C. Meyer Jr. (1959 -1965), Mrs. Richard Meyer (who served for 9 months in 1958), and Thomas Houts (1959-1970).

The need for expanded library services continued to rise, and in 1950, an after school story hour was initiated at the Kensington School with 216 children attending the first session. In 1954, after a two year study by the Board, the first Parkville Branch opened at 2052 Lakeville Road, in the shopping center at Union Turnpike and Lakeville Road. With three Branches providing service around the peninsula, and a return to normal mobility on the part of residents, the Library on Wheels was discontinued. In 1953 the Station and Lakeville Branches moved to
their current locations. The Parkville Branch moved to larger quarters in the Parkville School Annex in 1959.

Membership in the Library Association, which had remained constant at 250 since 1939, was enlarged in 1957 to encourage wider community participation and assure the passage of the Library's budget.

The Search for a New Location: The 1960's


Board meetings were opened to the public in 1965. The Library's first Nominating Committee was formed in 1967, consisting of three individuals elected by the Association and two appointed Members of the Board. In 1968, the $1 fee for membership in the Library Association was dropped and membership became free and unlimited.

In 1965, the Library joined the Nassau Library System, a State supported, umbrella organization composed of all libraries in Nassau County. The system provided a variety of services to member libraries such as centralized purchasing and cataloging of books. Over the years services have expanded to include a film and video collection to member libraries and their patrons; and coordinating orders of audio/visual and other materials.

From 1960 on, the Board constantly discussed the need for expansion and/or a new location. The public's demand upon the Library for expanded services made it clear to the Board of Directors that their main library facilities were inadequate. There simply was no space for additional books, seating and parking and because of space limitations, programs for the public were limited to lectures and displays. The public constantly commented that a new building was needed and a search for a new library location was initiated. After considering locations in Lake Success, Thomaston, and Kensington, in 1966 a two and one half acre site on Bayview Avenue and Grist Mill Lane (owned and offered by the Sewer District) was chosen, and construction of the new library began in 1968.

A Library Advisory Committee (requested by the League of Women Voters and others in the community) was established in 1968. Buttressed by community input, the Board made a commitment to provide bus transportation to the new building. In 1969, Gilmore Aarestad retired and Joseph Covino, who was Head of the Reference Department was named Director.
Elsewhere in Great Neck, the 60's saw the incorporation of the First Baptist Church (1960), and the construction of its building (1963); the founding of the Lake Success Jewish Center (1961); the building of a new elementary school, the Kennedy School (1964); the founding of Temple Isaiah (1967); and the closing (1968) of the Bayview Avenue Bridge for reconstruction.

The Library as a Cultural Center: 1970 - 1989

On Saturday and Sunday, May 16th and 17th, 1970, parties attended by thousands of residents were held at the new library. The following day, Monday, May 18th, the new Library Director, Joseph Covino (1969-1986) greeted the first patrons when the doors opened for service. Almost immediately, new services were started which achieved instantaneous success. Volunteer art, music, and film committees were formed, and they initiated concerts, art shows, and film programs that were both exciting and of high quality. Two, week-long lecture series, devoted to the well-known local authors F. Scott Fitzgerald and Ring Lardner, with leading authorities on the two authors serving as speakers, were a huge success. A wide variety of children's programs were initiated, and children and their parents came in droves! The leading poets of our country came to read their work and it became evident that, in addition to its commitment to education, the library was filling many cultural needs of the community.

Shortly after the new building opened, the Library bus began providing peninsula wide service. With stops from the Parkville Branch to Kings Point this free transportation enabled many residents to reach the Library. In 1973, a new route including Spinney Hill was added on Mondays and Wednesdays. A summer bus service was jointly instituted with the Park District.

In 1971, Library Director Joseph Covino, proposed that the library set up a facility in the Library to meet the many unmet needs of the youth of Great Neck and in 1974, Levels located in the lower level of the library opened. This unique facility, the first of its kind in any library, became an immediately popular and exciting facility with both the age groups who used it and the parents whose children it served. The facility achieved national recognition, and in 1983 was selected to give testimony to the Congressional Committee on Adolescence. Ever aware of the changing needs of the community, the Library in 1986 created Junior Levels, a program for fifth and sixth graders.

A series of ethnic programs sponsored by the Library's Spanish, Japanese, Indian, Chinese, Iranian and Yiddish committees have presented their cultures to the community. Book talks (including a series presented at the Great Neck Senior Citizens Center), dramatic presentations, and lectures for adults are offered on a regular basis.
The Library's collections continued to grow as well as the building's use by the public, and in 1974, a music room (to house the music books and recordings) and a multipurpose room (for programs and meetings) were created in the existing building. With users spending extended hours at the Library with no ready access to sustenance, a snack bar with vending machines was added in 1978 - an amenity found in few libraries. A major improvement in the way the Library handled its books occurred with the computerization of the circulation system in 1979.

A Photo Gallery dedicated to Morton A. Shapiro was established in 1980. That year the Saddle Rock property (adjacent to the parking lot) was acquired for future use.

In the mid 80's, the Library's newsletter originally mailed only to Association members began to be mailed to all residents of the school district; the quiet study room was enlarged; the entrance to the parking lot was expanded and new signs installed; a new sound system was placed in the community room and the Comtec system for use by the hearing impaired was made available for film programs; and video cassettes were added to the collection...this instantly popular, highly used, collection was moved to open shelves in 1988.

During the past two decades, Lakeville and Parkville Branches have been renovated twice and Parkville enlarged. The Station Branch renovated, moved to larger quarters, and after being flooded out moved back to 40B Great Neck Road.

The Library Director and the Board in the 70's and 80's took an active role in community affairs; organizing and becoming one of ten member organizations of the Great Neck Arts Council (1973-1976); preparing and issuing a Community Organization Directory (1974); overseeing the ecological condition of Udall's Pond and instrumental in having it drained and dredged. The Library was an active participant in the Commission established to bring Cable TV to Great Neck. When the MSBA threatened to severely curtail bus service to the north portion of the peninsula, the Library hired a bus to take residents to the hearings in Mineola where the Library Director and others forcefully expressed the needs of the bus riding public and saved the N56 and N57 buses on Bayview Avenue and Station Road. As an informational service to the public, the Library distributes the annual "Voter's Guide" prepared by the League of Women Voters to the community; and copies of the League's publication "This is Great Neck" are available for purchase at the Library. Since the opening of the Bayview Library, hundreds of community organizations have been welcomed and encouraged to use the building's meeting rooms to further the educational, cultural or civic needs of the community.

At the end of 1986, after 29 years at the Library, Joseph Covino retired. The Board concluded its two year search for a new director with the appointment of Joan Collett. Ms. Collett served for six months and Joe Covino returned as interim Director for the last six month's of 1987. In January 1988, Kenneth S. Weil was appointed as the new Library Director.

This exhibit ends with 1989, and our 100th Birthday Party Celebration, when Board President Elayne Bernstein eloquently honored the community, stating: "The Library...is a home away from home for many... a place to return to for nourishment and refreshment of the mind and spirit...(but it is) you, the community, who are the heart of the Library. Your continuing presence and support, suggestions and even criticisms keep us vital and responsive."
As we compare the Great Neck Library at the end of its first century, we can clearly point to growth and democratic evolution in a variety of areas:

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In comparison to its modest beginnings, today's library profile includes:

- a Main Library and three branch libraries
- over 363,000 books
- more than 32,000 audio recordings
- approximately 3,000 video tapes
- thousands of pamphlets
- close to 800 periodical subscriptions
- nearly 50 newspaper subscriptions
- in 1988, the over 46,200 library card holders borrowed over 694,779 items
Today, the Library's circulation services have all been computerized and the benefits of modern technology are steadily being integrated into the Library services.

The Library has surely met and surpassed the aims of its founders. At the end of a century of service, this institution has grown in importance as a part of Great Neck life, and firmly has its place in the community as surely as the schools or even the houses of worship.

As the Great Neck Library enters its second century of service under the leadership of a dedicated Board of Trustees and Library Director Kenneth S. Weil, all are committed to seeing that the library will continue to meet both the current and future needs of the Great Neck Community.

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Map of Historical Great Neck, c. 1658
compiled and drawn by Geo. L. Whittle 1940

Madnan's Neck, established 1644
   Great Neck Sign in Steppingstone Park
   (courtesy of League of Women Voters)

Grist Mill erected 1716 by Henry Allen I, purchased by the Udalls (photo #356)
   Now known as Saddle Rock Grist Mill (under restoration).

Great Neck Railroad Station, c. 1900 (photo #614)
   Single track passenger line, with siding for freight

3rd Schoolhouse, corner of Fairview, 1840-1869 (photo #344)

Steamboat Landing - Waiting for the Ferry, c. 1900. (photo #214a, courtesy U.S.M.M.A.)

Original Baker Farmhouse owned and lived in by the Baker Family from 1855 on.
   (photo #583)

114 Susquehanna, Thomaston, c. 1891-1892. (photo #433)

Vigilant Fire Company, Established November 21, 1904. (photo #30)

S. M. Powell, 1895. (photo #355)

T. Thurston & Son, Horse Shoeing and General Smithing, C. 1898. (photo #410a)

Home of Bloodgood H. Cutter, the Long Island Poet (b. 1817 - d. 1906) (photo #625)
   Cutter was immortalized by Mark Twain in Innocents Abroad.
   The Cutter home and land is the site of the present Terrace Circle Apartments

Schenck Brothers, Carriage Makers, c. 1886. (photo #506)

John Britton Homewood Hotel, with Saloon (photo #4)
   160 Steamboat Road, c. 1898

School Children 1890's (photo #351)
   Donated to Library by Louis Wolf, Great Neck Attorney whose brother (deceased) was in the class.
Arrandale School, c. 1900, Grades 1-12 (photo #338)
West section with schoolbell built 1869
Doubled in size in 1898, burned down 1920

Louis Gregory Store on Northern Boulevard, 1914 (photo #496)

Grace Avenue, early 1900's (photo #626)

Roe's Corner: Northern Boulevard facing north at intersection of Middle Neck Road c. 1913 (new unnumbered photo)

Middle Neck Road looking north from Station area, 1905 - 1906 (photo #613)

Augustus Doncourt Grocery Store on north side of Northern Boulevard, 1900's (photo #499)

Middle Neck Road at Hicks Lane, early 1900's (photo #1)

Helen S. Merritt, c. 1900 (photo #459)
Founding member of Board of Directors
Treasurer from incorporation 1889 - 1922

Mills and Phoebe "Kate" Baker House (built 1861, razed 1930) (photo #582)
Elizabeth Baker, Board of Directors 1883 - 1907

The Baker Children, c. 1905 (photo #596)
John C. Baker, Jr., J. Baker, Mills P. Baker and cousin Elan Wilcox

The Great Neck League Building (photo unnumbered)
3rd Home of the Great Neck Library 1892 - 1907
Location: near 540 Middle Neck Road, opposite Alert Fire Company at 555 Middle Neck Road

Mrs. Daniel Gordon, Librarian 1889 - 1892
Photo dated 3/11/1938, 91 years of age. Great Neck Library was in Mrs. Gordon's home on Middle Neck Road across the street from St. Aloysius R. C. Church, years 1889 - 1892. (photo reproduced from newspaper, March 11, 1938)

Harriet S. Onderdonk (Mrs. William Onderdonk) (framed, unnumbered)
1st President, Founding Member - Board of Trustees

Louise Udall Skidmore Eldridge (Mrs. Roswell Eldridge) (framed, unnumbered, gift of Louise Eldridge, 1907) Founding member of Board of Trustees 1880 - 1947
Secretary 1880 - 1915; President 1916 - 1947

Roswell Eldridge Estate, c. 1900 (photo unnumbered)
Roswell Eldridge, c. 1900 (photo #460)
With wife Louise Udall Skidmore Eldridge, Benefactor of Arrandale Avenue Library.

Great Neck Library
Arrandale Avenue, 1907 (photo unnumbered)
Built and donated to the Library by Louise and Roswell Eldridge

Vicario House, c. 1900 (photo #489)

Grace Merritt Vicario, photo August 1901 (photo #488)
Board of Directors 1908 - 1921
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Atlas of Nassau County, 1906, 3 maps comprising G. N. Peninsula: Manhasset, Thomaston, Great Neck

Looking north from Schenck Avenue to Sheffield Road, 1911 (photo #571)
Great Neck Villa development

Railroad Station, 1908 (photo unnumbered)

Middle Neck Road at Beach Road, c. 1905 - 1906 (photo #204)
Nineslings, 1st store on right
LeCluse, 3rd or 4th on right

Grace Building at South Station Plaza, 1913 (photo #464)

Middle Neck and Hicks Lane (photo #412)

Overlook and Middle Neck Road, 1914 (photo #420)

Middle Neck Road at Kensington Gate before the gate was constructed, c. 1906 - 1907 (photo #3a)

Middle Neck Road, gaslight on corner, early 1900's (photo #31)

Great Neck Athletic Club, 1915 (photo #501)

Mrs. Grace Vicario, Library Board of Directors, 1915 (photo #439)

Called the Thomaston School, was the 1st frame building on the Kensington School site. Built 1905, razed 1926 (photo #342)

Vanderbilt Cup Race Course, 1906 (photo #576)
From North Hempstead Turnpike to the New Hyde Park Road
Now Northern State Parkway running through Village of Lake Success
Arrandale High School, west wing built 1913, between Great Neck Library on west side, and Arrandale wood-frame schoolhouse on east side (photo #341)

Country Club of Great Neck, 1910 - 1917 (photo #657a)
Located in Thomaston, north side of Susquehanna between Middle Neck Road and Garden Street.

Mack Car Bus, 1909 - 1910 (photo #17)
Seated 14 people at 30¢ a ride from the railroad to Kings Point

Airdome Theater, 1914 (photo #357)
Located on Middle Neck Road opposite North Road, next to the Ford Agency.

Frances Oviatt Lewis (Mrs. William E.) Board Member (1919-1931) married to William Lewis, Editor in Chief and Publisher of The Morning Telegraph until 1925 (new photo reproduced courtesy of John L. Grose, grandson)

Home of Mr. & Mrs. William E. Lewis at 20 Old Mill Road from 1906 with a daughter Ethel Lewis. Much of the house constructed in the 1690's when home of Mr. Udall, who operated the tidal mill (new photo reproduced courtesy of John L. Grose)

"Working Loyally in Our Library Drive"
Left to Right: Mrs. Mary S. Root - Librarian, Great Neck Library (1924), Mrs. Monroe J. Dyson, Jr., Mrs. Geo. V. Bullen, Miss Anne Hedges - Assistant Librarian (1925), Miss Nellie White - Board of Trustees (1921 - 1938) and Secretary of Board (1924 - 1936), Mrs. Harcourt E. Mitchell.
(Photographed from Great Neck News, May 9, 1925)

Expansion of Arrandale Library, 1930 after 1924 expansion proved inadequate. Provided new Children’s Room, Reference Room and two floors of stacks, donated by Mrs. Eldridge (4 photos unnumbered)

Interior photo of Arrandale Library after two wings added, with photo of Librarian Miss L. Valeta King and assistant Anne Hedges, 1925 (photo #295 reproduced from Great Neck News May 2, 1925)

Wm. A. Eldridge, Board Member and Treasurer (1932-1937), nephew of Louise Eldridge. Photo taken at age 50 c. 1950 (new photo reproduced courtesy Barbara Eldridge, wife)

Elizabeth Baker and husband John C. Baker. She was Board Member 1924-1934, and 1938-1945. Served as Vice-president, 1933 (photo #598)

Baker House, 1927. Roof raised and wing added on east when it was moved to 61 Baker Hill Road. Originally on the site of the present Baker Hill School and is today the Village Hall of Great Neck Village, with further expansions (photo #588)
Believed to be Reading Room "sub-station" for children located at Kensington School during years 1925 - 1926. Great Neck Library stocked books and sent a Librarian 3 afternoons a week. A sign was located at the closest entrance to the school (new photo reproduced from Great Neck News, May 30, 1925)

John Baker on Hampshire Road planting trees, 1930 (photo #597)

New Gothic Depot at Great Neck Railroad Station, 1925 (photo #591)

Tuscan Court, built 1925. Ward, architect. 215 Middle Neck Road (photo #619)

Message from Joseph P. Day (photo #298)

Great Neck Business Centre, 1925 - 1930 (photo #332)

Parade on Middle Neck Road, 1923 (photo #2)

Baker Hill Road, 1926 -1927 (photo #633)

Middle Neck Road looking east toward Station Road, 1925 - 1930 (photo #56)

Arrandale High School, 1921. After east wing completed. Great Neck Library on west side of the High School (photo #339)

Great Neck Telephone Directory, 1922. A to Z pages 56-59 (reproduced from Great Neck section of Nassau County Telephone Directory)

Opening Day Gothic Railroad Station, 1925 (photo unnumbered)

North side of Railroad Crossing before lowering railroad tracks, 1933 (unnumbered)

Ice Skating, 1920's (photo #468 courtesy Nassau County Museum)

Organ grinder and monkey entertaining children in Great Neck Estates, 1936 (photo #512)

Bathing Beach, 1920's (photo #524)

Great Neck High School Football Team, 1927. Bill Erskine member of team (photo #358)

Sleds in the Snow, 1933 (photo #513)

Kensington Classroom first grade students, 1934 (photo #509)

Belgrave Motors, Middle Neck Road, 1932-1933 (photo #325)
Pedestrian walking bridge over LIRR tracks after tracks lowered, photo dated 1935 (photo #478 courtesy Nassau County Museum)

LIRR crossing gate, before tracks lowered (photo #610)

The Colony House Hotel, built 1925, razed 1978. Wohl Bros., Developers at Third Street (now Bond Street) corner Grace Avenue (photo #578)

Paving Sidewalk on Grace Avenue, facing Middle Neck Road, 1929 (photo #581)

Masonic Temple and H. Venske, Inc. Furniture Store (est. 1907), 87 South Middle Neck Road, 1928 (photo #454)

The Wychwood, built 1925 - 1929. W. W. Davis, Developer. Building located at 8 Barstow Road and South Station Plaza (photo #616)

Belgrave Apartments, built 1928, 37 Brompton Road, Thomaston. Herman Sohn architect; Morris Lefkowitz, builder (photo #618)

Middle Neck Road, north of Grace Avenue, 1920's (photo #608)

Godfred Nilsson Shop, 97 Cutter Mill Road, 1929 (photo #609)

Great Neck Towers, renamed Croyden House after renovation 2 and 4 Spruce Street. Built 1929, Thomaston (photo #284)

Map - 1938, Roger W. Allen, realtor, Greater Great Neck map of proposed developments estimating population of 20,000 in 2 years (unnumbered, reproduced from Great Neck Record, January 20, 1938)

Hattie Schack Grauer (b. 1884 - d. 1964) photo taken c. 1950 (new photo reproduced courtesy William Grauer, son) Board Member 1932 - 64; Treasurer 1932 - 64

Children's Room, Arrandale Library, 1940 (photo unnumbered) Lucy Kinloch, Librarian, standing in doorway

Charging Desk and new staircase, Arrandale, 1940 (photo unnumbered)

Ethel Lewis Grose (Mrs. Waldo P. Grose), Member of Board 1936 - 1947 Assistant Secretary-Treasurer 1942 - 1943; Secretary 1944 - 1947 Ethel was the daughter of Francis Oviatt Lewis, Board member 1919 - 1931. Married to Waldo P. Grose in 1910, they lived at 224 Middle Neck Road that joined her parents' property at 60 Old Mill Road, which consisted of 11 acres combined (new photo reproduced courtesy John L. Grose, son)

Main Hall, Arrandale, 1940 (photo unnumbered)
Stacks at Arrandale. Installed in 1930, and refurbished 1940 (photo unnumbered)

His past career included Secretary of the American Library Association which included establishment of Libraries worldwide (new photo reproduced courtesy Margery R. Milam, daughter)

Right wing at Arrandale, 1940. Flower Exhibit lower left maintained from Mrs. Eldridge's greenhouses (photo unnumbered)

Staff Room, Arrandale Library, 1940 (photo unnumbered)

Mrs. Louise Udall Skidmore Eldridge. President until her death in 1947 (photo #461)

Station Branch at 5A Grace Avenue, 1943, after expanding from single to double store. North side of Grace Avenue, with parking in rear (photo unnumbered)

Staff Work Room, Arrandale Library, 1940. New florescent lighting added. Mimeo machine gift from Temple Beth-El in 1938 (photo unnumbered)

Library Staff, Arrandale Library, 1940's (photo unnumbered)
Left: Helen Verschoor, ..........?, Marie Daly, Eleanor Gustitus
Right: 3rd on right, Lucy Kinloch, Head Librarian

Bookmobile served Great Neck and outlying areas 1942 - 1954 (new photo reproduced from "NCLA Odds and Bookends", #9, Spring 1951)
This was the 2nd truck purchased in 1950

Ruel Tucker, Board of Trustees 1943 -1965
Served as: Vice President 1947 -1951; President from 1952 - 1963
In addition was Principal of the North High School
(new photo reproduced courtesy of Mrs. Ruel Tucker)

Station Branch Library at 40B Great Neck Road, 1953 - 1954 (photo unnumbered)

Station Branch Library at 40B Great Neck Road, 1953 - 1954 (photo unnumbered)

Lakeville Branch Library (3rd location) at 475 Great Neck Road, 1953. Barbara Tisdale at Check-out Desk (photo unnumbered)

Lakeville Branch Library, 475 Great Neck Road, 1953. Barbara Tisdale, Librarian - Children's Story Hour (photo unnumbered)

William Huckel, Board of Trustees 1945 - 1957 (new photo reproduced courtesy Mrs. William Huckel)
Served as: Assistant Treasurer 1946 - 1951; Vice President 1952 -1954
Parkville Branch Library (1st location), 2052 Lakeville Road (shopping center store), 1953. Elizabeth Moger, Librarian (photo unnumbered)

Parkville Branch Library, 2052 Lakeville Road, 1953. Mary Barnwell Osborne, Librarian - Children's Story Hour (photo unnumbered)

East Wing, Arrandale Library, 1950's (photo unnumbered)

Card Catalogue at Arrandale Library, 1950's (photo unnumbered)


Book Display at Arrandale Library, with staff member Mary Barnwell Osborne, 1950's (photo unnumbered)

Music Display at Arrandale Library, with Priscilla Van Note, 1950's (photo unnumbered)

Music Collection at Arrandale Library, with staff members Mrs. Van Note and Beatrice Gruaer, 1950's (photo unnumbered)

Staff at Arrandale Library, 1950's (photo unnumbered)
Left to Right: Sue Metcalf, Mary Barnwell Osborne, Peggy McCauley, Dean Gross.

Rita Schiffmacher, Board member 1965 - 1966 with husband Ellis Schiffmacher. Served as Assistant Treasurer 1965 - 1966. Ellis was the Attorney for the Library prior to and following Rita's term of office (new photo reproduced courtesy Rita Schiffmacher)


Dr. Daniel Blatman (Board 1972 - 1973), also a Nominating Committee Member (1971) Photo taken 1989 (new photo reproduced courtesy Daniel Blatman)

John L. Grose, Board of Trustees, 1955 - 1968 (new photo reproduced courtesy John L. Grose) Served as: Secretary 1959 - 1962; Secretary and Vice President 1962 - 1963; President 1964 - 1966 Mr. Grose is the son of Mrs. Ethel Grose, Board member 1936-1947 and the grandson of Mrs. Frances Lewis Grose, Board member 1919 - 1931. Lived at 224 Middle Neck Road from birth to 1931, then 60 Old Mill Road until 1946. A partner in the law firm of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Leiby & McRae; married to Barbara MacDonald Houston since 1938. Lived at 11 Weybridge Road, Village of Great Neck until late 1970's.
Ellen Hirschland, Board of Trustees, 1958 - 1961 (new photo courtesy Ellen Hirschland) Served as Vice President 1960 - 1961


Selection of site for new Library (Great Neck News, 1966)

Purchase of site from Great Neck Sewer District (Great Neck Record, September 15, 1966)

Planned closing of Arrandale building (Great Neck News, August 25, 1966)

Udall Pond and Bridge, Bayview Avenue, prior to 1968. Renamed Bayview Avenue Bridge (photo #445)

Bayview Avenue Bridge, after reconstruction and widening, 1970 (new photo unnumbered taken 1989)

Proposed Bayview Ave. Building: Architectural rendering and Award for new building, Gibbons and Heidtmann, architects (photo and certificate unnumbered)

Joseph Covino, Library Director, 1969 - 1986 (new photo unnumbered)

Great Neck Library Bayview Avenue at Grist Mill Lane (photo #516)

Moving Day (photos unnumbered)
  a) Leaving Arrandale Building
  b) Entering Bayview Avenue Building

Board of Trustees and Director, 1970 (new photo reproduced from "Library Talk," April 1971)
  Left to Right: Hyman Needleman, Philip Paulson, George Lehr, Kathleen Gayle, Corinne Coe, Olive Cohen, Cyrus Rudman, Joseph Covino - Director missing: Gilbert Tilles

Levels Facility, 1974 (new photo courtesy Michael Spector, architect)
Opening Day (photos unnumbered)
a) Director Joe Covino greeting a patron
b) Books being checked out at Circulation Desk

Sculptured benches (in memory of Rita Sutter). Donated by Lake Success B'nai B'rith, 1971. Seated: Joe Covino, Director; Florence Luba; Standing: Al Sutter (photo unnumbered)

Redwood Benches at front entrance of Library (in memory of Doris Gerber Geller). Donated by friends and family in Great Neck, 1987 (photo unnumbered)

Sculpture, "The Turtle". Donated (in memory of Lillian Goldfischer) by friends in Great Neck, 1975. "The Turtle" and "The Porpoise" were donated at the same time (photo unnumbered)

Sculpture, "The Wise Bird" by Dolly Perutz. Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Tino Perutz, 1971. George Lehr, President of the Board accepting the gift (photo unnumbered)


Sculpture, "Landscape II", by Dr. Louis Kaplan, 1977. Donated by the Artist. (new photo taken 1989, unnumbered)

Outdoor Reading Area (in memory of Betsy and Peter Siegel) donated by Jerome Serchuck and friends of Siegel Family. Left to Right: Joe Covino, Director; Dolly Relkin, President, Board of Trustees; Mr. & Mrs. Morton Siegel (photo unnumbered)

Board of Trustees, 1978 (photo unnumbered)
Front: Elayne Bernstein (new), Marcia Gewanter (new), Dolly Relkin - President, Corinne Coe - Assistant Treasurer
Back: George Lehr - Treasurer, Cyrus Rudman - Assistant Treasurer, Morton Shapiro - Vice President, Herbert Granoff - Secretary, Philip Paulson (retiring)

Board of Directors, 1979 (photo #451)
Front: Margery Binder (new) - Assistant Treasurer, Dolly Relkin - President, Marcia Gewanter - Assistant Treasurer. Back: Martin Waldman - Assistant Treasurer, George Lehr - Treasurer, Cyrus Rudman, Morton Shapiro - Vice President, Elayne Bernstein (missing) - Secretary

Board of Trustees, 1980 (photo unnumbered)
Left to Right: Marcia Gewanter - Assistant Treasurer, Martin Waldman - Vice President, Godfrey Murrain (new), Dolly Relkin - President, Emanuel Kline (new), Muriel Kane - Assistant Treasurer, Jo Ann Farley (new) - Nominating Committee. Missing: Margery Binder - Treasurer, Elayne Bernstein - Secretary
**Board of Trustees, 1986** (photo unnumbered)

Party for the Community to say Goodbye to retiring Director Joseph Covino who served in that capacity for 17 years


Great Neck Library Staff 1989 on front steps of Library (new photo taken 1989)

Administrative Support Staff (new photo taken 1989)
Abby Fontana, Bob von Heyn, Helen Banaciski, Allison Taylor

Kenneth S. Weil - Director, Great Neck Library, 1987 to present (new photo 1989)

Great Neck Library Branches (4 photos taken 1989)

a) Branch Librarians: Joan Linden, Station Branch
   Jayne Burgner, Parkville Branch
   Ruth Klement, Lakeville Branch

b) Station Branch Library, 40B Great Neck Road

c) Parkville Branch Library, 10 Campbell Street, New Hyde Park

d) Lakeville Branch Library, 475 Great Neck Road

Assistants to the Director (new photo 1989)
Missing: Mary Dehn - Branches/Maintenance/Technical Services, Joe Latini - Levels

Library Employees with Ten or More Years of Service 1989 (new photo 1989)

Standing (left to right): top row - Allison Taylor, Juanita Clarke, Dorothy Clark, Johnny Sanders, Jerome Parks, Johanna Hurwitz, Doris Lundin, M. Joan Linden, Lee Lobit; middle row - Muriel Turk, Jeff Casper, Miriam Townsend, Susan Gary, Lillian Halebina, Milliecent Charles, Helen Banaciski, Jo November, Abby Fontana, Ellen Riboldi

Seated (left to right) front row: Leila Mattson, Arlene Nevens, Helen Marsanico, Marlene Levins, Genevieve Allen, Risha Rosner, Sue Krieger, Mary Dehn, Rosalie Marsico (missing from photo): Margery Armstrong, Marilyn Asnis, Mae Goldberg, Mildred Higgins, Lillian Hoffman, Margery Kahan, Beulah Keenan, Sondra Klein, Claire Lorin, Leah Mackler, Steve Ohlrich, Astelle Schatzman, Libby Schneider, Elaine Trinkoff
1989 Nominating Committee (new photo 1989)
Left to Right: Dr. Wm. Grauer (1987 to present), Mona Oppenheim (1984 to present), Sandra O'Connor (1982 to present), Leah Foodim (1986 to present)

Annual Meeting of Board of Trustees, 1989
Board of Trustees: Left to Right: Back: Arthur Lerner - Treasurer, Emanuel Kline - Assistant Treasurer, Front: Renee Zarin - Secretary, Dolly Relkin - Vice President, Muriel Kane - Assistant Treasurer, Elayne Bernstein - President, Jack Eber. Missing: Jo Ann Farley

Guests seated in Community Room

LIST OF PHOTOGRAPHS DISPLAYED OUTSIDE COMMUNITY ROOM

Great Neck Library: List of members of Board of Trustees, 1889 - 1989
Great Neck Library: List of members of Nominating Committees, 1967 - 1989
Great Neck Library: List of Head Librarians and Library Directors, 1889 - 1989

Proclamations
a) State of New York Legislature, Senator Padavan
b) State of New York Legislature, Assemblyman DiNapoli
c) Office of County Executive, Thomas S. Gulotta
d) Office of the Supervisor, Town of North Hempstead, John B. Kiernan
e) Office of Mayor, Village of Great Neck Plazaa, Allen J. Gussack

Art Exhibits
a) List of all art exhibits, 1971 - 1989 mounted
b) 3 collages of selected flyers and photos of exhibitions
c) 13 selected photographs of opening receptions (unnumbered)
d) Black Art exhibitions - 2 collages of selected photos and flyers of exhibitions
e) Outdoor art festival and book sale - 9 selected photographs (unnumbered)

Business and Industry
Business and Industry Seminars Committee: Morris Epstein, Henrietta Gwatney, Sharon Kalin, Horace Klafter, Leon Korobow, Walter Leavitt, Harry Meyers, Dr. Ben Miller, Ercole Rosa
Collage includes list of all programs, photographs and flyers
Children's Programs

List of types of programs (music, film, story hours, animal programs, storytelling, reading clubs, kindergarten programs, workshops, such as crafts, science, foreign languages, writing etc.)

Children's Programs List of puppet shows, 1975 - 1988 and children's authors, 1974 - 1988

Children's Photographs (unnumbered)
- Halloween Party - 11 photos in 3 frames
- Red Balloon Day - 3 photos
- 5 Craft Workshop: quilting, pumpkins and clay - 3 collages, 4 photos each
- puppets, T-shirts - 2 collages, 3 photos each
- Petting Zoo - 4 photos
- Entertainment Programs - 3 photos of entertainers - New Song Trio, Storyteller, 3 Golden Hairs
- Storytelling - 3 photos - 2 year olds in pajamas
- Listening to tapes - 1 photo - 2 children with headsets
- Art Program - artist giving sketching demonstration

Film Programs
- Large collage of flyers for films and attendance at films. Photo of Delia Gottlieb (courtesy Delia Gottlieb)

Great Neck Garden Club (photo unnumbered)
- Great Neck Garden Club, 1988 Committee Chairwomen - Belle Presell, Annette Boree, Lynn Kabot, Heide Harvey, and Eleanor Page
- Garden Club display: Board Members Muriel Kane and Emanuel Kline (photo unnumbered)

Levels Opening, 1974

Levels Staff, 1982
- J. J. Van Name, Ed Amrhein, Phil Rich, Rhonda Green, Joe Latini

Levels Staff, 1984
- Lee Klinger Lesser, Joel Aronstein, Joe Latini, Nikki Kaplan, Bob von Heyn, Rhonda Green, Bruce Davis

Levels Staff, 1989
- Fred Jaeger, Matt Margolin, Joe Latini, Claire McCaffery, Michele Barocas, Bob von Heyn, Beth Larsen, Joel Aronstein

Levels
- American Library Journal article
- Flyer written by Levels users
- Description of Levels and what they do
Levels: Collage of photos and flyer for 7th Birthday Party

Levels: Collage of photos and flyers for video programming: Levels on the Air

Levels: Western Night photo

Levels: Jazz and Rock Concerts - 9 photo collage

Levels: Halloween Party photo

Levels: Theater Productions
  Godspell - 2 photos
  Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum
  Waiting for Godot - 2 photos
  Hair; Follies; A Class by Yourself - 3 photos
  Jesus Christ Superstar

Levels: Original Plays - 4 photo collage

Levels: Dance Workshops - 4 photo collage

Levels: Computer Workshops - 2 photos

Levels: Picnic, Guitar Workshop, TV Workshop - 3 photo collage

Levels: Listing of Workshops

Levels: Listing of Theater Productions 1974 - 1989

Junior Levels
  Theater Production, "Fisherman and His Wife" - 5 photo collage

Literary Programs
  World of Fiction: Sandy Rosencrans

  Lasting Literary Works: Harriet Reiff

  Great Neck Authors: Murray Teigh Bloom, Kathrin Perutz, Sandra Rosencrans (coordinator), Rex Lardner, Gilda and Melvin Berger

Literary & Dramatic Presentations
  Written Word: Scene and Heard: Shirley Blanc Romaine
  Theatre Visions: Larry Sigman
  The Yellow Wallpaper: Laurie James
  John Shanley - Jacqueline Barash
  Barbara Meredith - Jerry Bialy
Music Programs
Listing of all Music Programs 1972 - 1989
Music Programs - 12 photos
Gerard Reuter
Elie Siegmeister
Morton Gould
Daniel Horne
Esther Lamneck
Claude Frank
"Music Circa 1900"
Winners: Young Musicians Competition
L. I. Guitar & Mandolin Orchestra
Bronx Opera Company: Stephane Smith, Darynn Zimmer
Metropolitan String Quartet: (top) Melvin Berger, Susan Rubner, Carol Enck
Carol Feuer

Poetry Readings
Kent Ozarow, Poetry Consultant
Lila Zieger, former Poetry Consultant
Harriet Zinnes, former Poetry Consultant
Poet Allen Ginsberg
Poet Robert Phillips
Daniella Giosetti, author/poet/novelist

Special Programs - collages with photos
Chinese: Collage of photo exhibition "Bicycles and Dragons, Two Views of China". Modern China and Museum of Natural History photos
Da Vinci's Working Models: Collage of photos and flyer
F. Scott Fitzgerald: Collage of lecture program and exhibit with newspaper articles
Festival of India: Collage of art exhibit and music program
Iranian: Collage of film and New Year's Party
Iranian: Members of the Iranian Committee and guests with Joe Covino at Now Rooz
Iranian: Members of the Iranian community in costumes
Japanese Committee Programs: Collage of newspaper articles, flyers, etc. describing art, dance, flower arranging, etc.

Japanese Committee members at the September 27 opening of its exhibition of historical and contemporary Japanese art works which is part of the project “A Sense of Community: Diversity and Change,” funded by the New York State Library through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Bottom row (left to right): Paul Cunningham, project scholar; Mrs. Sakata; Mrs. Saito; Masaka London, project coordinator; Mrs. Tanuma; Mrs. Enokido, of the Consulate General of Japan; Norio Azuma, artist and owner of Azuma Gallery, N.Y.C.; Mrs. Urabe; Mrs. Yokota; Mrs. Tanaka; Mrs. Kawada. Top row: (left to right): Mrs. Ino; Mrs. Kitaguchi; Mrs. Ogawa; Mrs. Naruto; Mrs. Sato; Mrs. Yamana; Joseph Covino, Library Director; Mrs. Okamoto; Mrs. Fujii, Mrs. Osumi, Mrs. Ono and Mrs. Kimura.

“Sakura”: The Great Neck Japanese Women’s Choral Group
Sopranos: Emiko Fukui; Kimiko Jimbo, Keiko Kaneko, Mitsuko Kono Yuko Koyama, Chizuko Matsumoto, Toshi/Niwa, Yoko Nonaka Shigeno Okamoto, Amy Toyama, Reiko Yoshida; Mezzo Sopranos: Akiko Branchard, Setuko Echizen, Masako Hino, Tomoko Hirano Atsuko Horie, Yoko Mizokawa, Kimie Urata; Altos: Mayumi Fudeyasu, Setuko Iyobe, Yoko Izumi, Mitsuko Marume, Michiko Nakamura, Kazuko Tosaka, Michiko Wakao, Mariko Yoshikawa

Ring Lardner: Collage and photo of lecture program

Latin American: Collage of art exhibition and lecture with newspaper articles

Spanish Committee: Collage and photo of New Year’s Party and film program

Library’s participation in community affairs: Collage and photos of Great Neck Arts Council 1973 - 1976; Draining and dredging Udall’s Pond; Bringing Cable TV to Great Neck; Saving the N56 and N57 buses; League of Women Voters’ publications “This Is Great Neck” and “Voter’s Guide”; G. N. Public School teachers meet on curriculum for research and study at the Library; Library bus transportation and schedule peninsula-wide; Community Organization Directory 1974

Library Equipment and New Technology
Staff member Genevieve Allen using Magazine Index (Infotrac)
Staff member Beth Mezick checking titles for Inter Library Loan
Staff member Susan Gary at telephone and Muriel Berens using Computer
Staff members Risha Rosner and Aruna Shah using microfilm reader printer
Staff member Helen Crosson using fax machine

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LIST OF HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS

Exhibits  Case # 1 - Great Neck Prior to 1900

Thomas Udall's Day Book - 1784

The Long Island Farmers Poems by Bloodgood Cutter c. 1886 R811.08C

"Great Neck in Bygone Days"- Selections by Elizabeth Baker, 1948

“Mr. Richard Allen’s Notebook” page 35

Lake Success
   Map from "History of Lake Success" - shows original schoolhouses
   N. Y. Times article, Sunday, June 29, 1980

SteamBoat
   1) L. I. Forum, vols. 5-6, 1942-43 (R974.72):
      - "The Sewanhaka Disaster", March 1943, page 53
      - Cover page of Memorial Service of Capt. Chas. P. Smith of steamer Sewanhaka
   2) Steamboat Wharf Co. - $25 share certificate May 1, 1839
      Attested James Skidmore, Secretary
      Signed - Whitehead, Hewlett, and James Udall (Executive Committee)

Churches
   1) St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church - wood building 1876, post card
   2) St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church - current brick building - 1913, post card
   3) Methodist Church built 1872, post card

Railroad
   3 Schedules (maps, schedules, stage and ferry connections)
   1) October 18, 1880
   2) October, 1884
   3) September 12, 1893

From Atlas of Nassau County 1873 - large map of Flushing and North Side Railroad Line
Exhibits Case # 2 - G. N. Library 1880 - 1907

Photo #5a - Great Neck League Building - Library home, 1892-1906
Photo #326 - Interior of League Building - on Board
Photo #413 - Members of League and ID Sheet

Newspaper Articles on Censorship 1900 (?)
   1) Problem Stories Barred
   2) A Celibate Censorship

Original letter from Abbie A. Fairfield, Librarian, retired, dated 1/17/1896 to Helen Merritt re cataloging

Accounts Book 1893 - 1905 contains lists of subscribers for $10 each for years, 1893, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903

Accounts Book 1888 - 1892

Accounts Book 1905 - 1921

Certificate of Incorporation, granted February 19, 1889

Minute Books
   1) March 1894 - July 1897 - Executive Meetings. Open to page of 3/23/1895 with separate list of persons having catalogues

   2) October 1908 - April 1921 - Executive Meetings

   3) Minute Books - July 1889 - October 1907

   4) Minute Books - November 1907 - December 1927. Open to 11/21/07 when Library made free

Book - Common Sense in the Farm House and Young Mothers Assistants by Kate Conger Baker, Board Member 1882 - 1907

Typed sheets - "Reminiscences" by Emily Childs - Great Neck Library History File Pre 1900 - open to page 6

Newspaper photo - Onderdonk Homestead at Great Neck - Great Neck Library History File

Copy of Deed to Arrandale Library - November 27, 1907 gift from Roswell and Louise Eldridge
Exhibits  Case  # 3 - Great Neck 1914 - 1920

1914 -  Post Card - Community Church, 1914

1917 -  W. W. I - Photo #415 - Liberty Bond Rally, 1918, with last civil war veterans in Great Neck

- Photo #405 - Liberty Bond Band, 1918

- Newspaper - L. I. Island Globe - December 15, 1917
  "Sterling Patriotism of Gilliar Family"

- 2 photos - Gilliar son in Army

- Post Card - from Jack Gilliar to mom, October 17, 1917
  Serving rations at Company kitchen

Great Neck 1920's

Post Cards - Mayfair Playhouse
  - U. S. Post Office c. 1928
  - Middle Neck Road looking north
  - First Church of Christ Scientist building, 1929

Xerox of Article on Baker Farm House and sale of land on Baker Hill Road

Obituary of Roswell Eldridge - Great Neck News, January 22, 1927 - 2 pages

Photo #495 - Louis Gregory Electrical Shop
  #494a - Interior of retail store with old appliances and fixtures

Celebrities
  - Photo #450 - D. W. Griffith and W. C. Fields riding in open car (courtesy Museum of Modern Art)
  - Photo #601 - Filming of “Sally of the Sawdust” on location in Great Neck (courtesy Museum of Modern Art)
  - Photo #376 - Eddie Cantor  Photo #386 - Ocean Hammerstein
  - Photo #382 - Ed Wynn  Photo #366 - Eugene Buck
  - Photo #364 - Marilyn Miller  Photo #377 - H. Bayard Swope plus
  - Photo #362 - Leslie Howard  Book: Men of the World, Hubert
  - Photo #381 Ernest Truex  Bayard Swope by Alfred Allen Lewis
Exhibits  Case # 3 (continued)

Books
  F. Scott Fitzgerald - Poems 1911 - 1940 edited by Bruccoli and Letter
  from F. Scott Fitzgerald to “Bob” from Great Neck
  - Afternoon of an Author
  - The Great Gatsby

  P. G. Wodehouse - Right Ho, Jeeves
  - Ukridge
  - Author, Author

  Ring Lardner - Collected Short Stories
  - Round Up

Exhibits  Case # 4 - Library and Great Neck 1930's - 1940's

Painted picture of Arrandale Library - Christmas Greetings from Lucy Kinloch, 1940's

March 15, 1947 - Obituary of Louise Eldridge - New York Times

Photo #250 - St. Paul's A.M.E. Zion Church

Photo #514 - Temple Beth-El dedicated 1932

Photo #370 - Walter Chrysler

We'll Deliver - Early History of U. S. Merchant Marine Academy, page 45

History of Village of Lake Success - Sperry Plant Home of the United Nations,
page 34-5

Great Neck News “Library Buys Plot for Station Branch”

NCLA Odds and Book Ends - "Nassau Books on Wheels" - cover photo Great Neck Library Bookmobile

Newspaper article “Bookmobile Gives Curb Services to Readers” (loaned by Dorothy Clark)

Great Neck Record, June 28, 1979 - “Now and Then” - 2 photos
  1940's gasoline shortage
  1979 gasoline shortage
Case # 4 (continued) 1950's

Formal Acknowledgement Card for Membership in the Library Association

Newspaper Article and Photo - Great Neck Record May 17, 1962 - Aarestad receiving book gift from B'nai B'rith (loaned by Dorothy Clarke)

Newspaper Article and Photo - Aarestad and Oloanne Palen looking at globe - Nassau Review-Star, March 4, 1952, page 3

Great Neck Circle Magazines - October 1951, September 1951, November 1951 and Fall Issue

1960's - 1970's

Newspaper - "Library Board names new Director", Joseph Covino - July 3, 1969

Great Neck News - "New Librarian, New Library", photos of Joseph Covino, Banaciski, Freeman, Gartside (loaned by Helen Banaciski)

Small color photo of Joseph Covino (loaned by Helen Banaciski)

Formal Invitation to opening of New Library - May 16, 1970

Exhibits Case # 5 - Levels and Junior Levels

Levels 1989 Schedule - Pamphlet on Programs

Congressional Hearing on Youth - 1983

Newspaper article-November 3, 1983 - "What Congress Learned about Levels"

Jr. Levels - Fall 1989 Schedule - Pamphlet on Programs

Dan Sonnenberg - Flyer - special program

Dan Sonnenberg - Newspaper article on Levels

Newspaper - Newsday - re Sonnenberg testifying at Congressional Hearing

- Great Neck Record, March 2, 1989 - SAT Review Course

- Great Neck Record, January 12, 1989 - Program on Aids

- Great Neck Record, February 28, 1985 - Teenage Suicide Program

Flyer - Awareness Program

Flyer - Channel 22, Levels on the Air

Newspaper - Great Neck Record, March 9, 1989 - Cast of "Waiting for Godot"

Tee Shirts - 4 shirts with emblems of different Theater productions

Theater programs - 18 programs of different Theater productions

By-Laws of Association - 7 pages
Board Policies: Library Bill of Rights 
   Book Selection Policy 
   Censorship 
   Freedom to Read Statement - 3 pages
Photo - Elayne Bernstein, President - with Thos. Gulotta, County Executive at Annual Meeting of Association, January, 1989

Congratulatory Centennial Letters - Congressman Mrazek - June 6, 1989 
   - Mario Cuomo, Governor, New York State - May 24, 1989

Photo - Exterior of Library 1989 (4x6)

New Centennial Plastic Book Bags

News Clipping - December 12, 1985 _ “Man Behind the Mike”

Audiovisual Room:

Audio cassettes
   Huckleberry Finn
   Canterbury Tales
   Spanish/Espanol Language 30

Blank video cassette box (black)
Video cassettes
   Long Day’s Journey into Night
   Jane Fonda’s Pregnancy, Birth & Recovery Workout
   Really Rosie
   Chef Paul Prudlhomme’s Louisiana Kitchen

Compact Discs
   Gypsy (Ethel Merman)
   Andres Segovia - The Collection vol. 2
   Gilbert and Sullivan - The Dondoliers

LP record
   Invitation to Music - Prepared and narrated by Elie Siegmeister
Case #6 (continued) - Children's

Filmstrip/cassettes
   El Cumpleanos de Minima Timida

Book/cassettes
   I Can Tell Time

Book/record
   The Hole in the Dike

Children's Books by Great Neck Authors
   Ellen Conford
      Me and the Terrible Two
      Lenny Kondele, Smart Aleck

   Joanna Hurwitz
      Much Ado about Aldo
      Russell and Elisa
      Nora and Mrs. Mind Your Own Business
      Once I Was a Plum Tree
      The Rabbi's Girls

   Seymour Simon
      Einstein Anderson Tells a Comet Tale

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