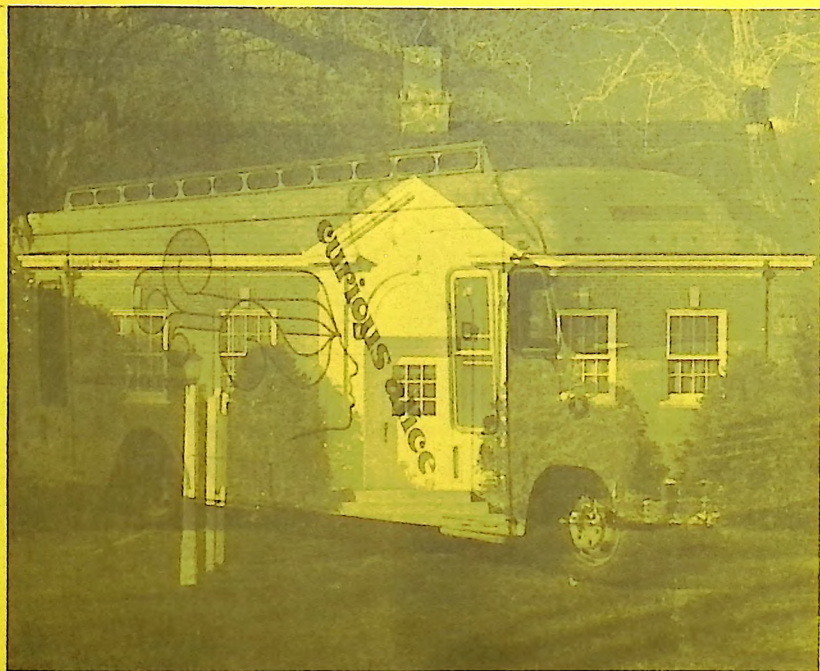
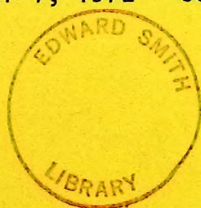
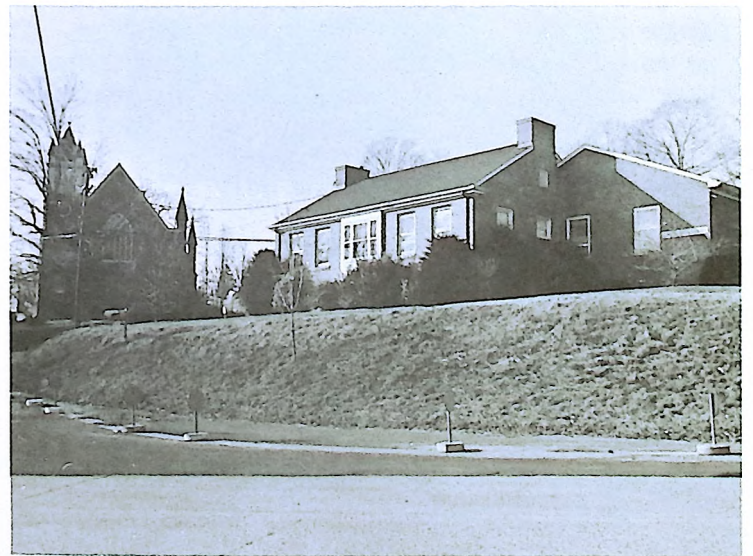
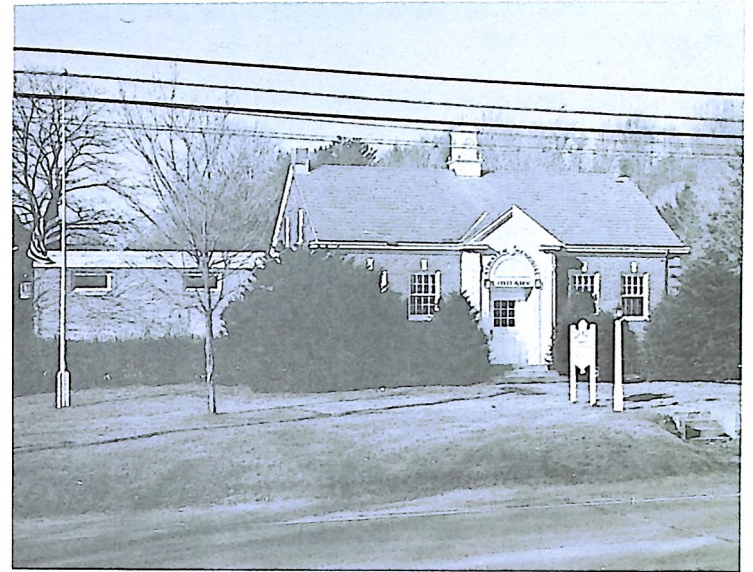


THE LIBRARY STORY



ANNUAL REPORT
NORTH BRANFORD LIBRARY SYSTEM
JULY 1, 1972 - JUNE 30, 1973





As the commercial says, you're not getting older, you're getting better.

The North Branford Library System lives by this philosophy. Our Libraries are always changing and this is what helps keep us young.

We offer a wide variety of services and materials to all - books, records, pamphlets, periodicals, newspapers, films, story hours, reference service, inter-library loan service, photocopying service, meeting space and even a friendly ear for those who need someone to talk to.

We keep busy, as evidenced by the information given in this report. Our total circulation for the past year was 67,890. This averages out to six materials circulated per capita, putting us on par with area libraries.

We keep aware of what's going on in our field too, and so several staff members attended library workshops and conferences during the year and brought back many ideas which will help improve our services.

We also stay youthful by being ever mindful of the future and seeking out what it has to offer. This year we asked to become members of the Film Cooperative of Connecticut, Inc., which would mean film service to all adult residents. We also received confirmation that we would be loaned a state-owned bookmobile for a one year trial period beginning July 1.

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-STATISTICS-

CIRCULATION

Total circulation	67,890
Adult materials	37,993
Juvenile materials	29,897
Total fiction	41,840
Total non-fiction & audio-visuals	26,050
State books circulated	4,928



MISCELLANEOUS

3505 reference questions were handled by the four departments...The Library System now has 27,299 volumes...The Libraries were open 324 days and a total of 74 hours a week...Average daily circulation for the System was 210...1699 new materials were added during the year.

Our Library System ascribes to the philosophy that a library should provide more than just printed matter and should be regarded as a cultural center of the community. Therefore, throughout the year a number of programs were offered to children and adults.

Slide shows, organized by the Library Associates, featured Mrs. Jules Aubry and her African Safari, and Mr. Robert Martin, our Head Librarian, who presented a program on his European vacation.

Pre-school story hours were held each week at both Libraries.

Weekly children's film programs were offered to children at both Libraries.

Second graders from the William Douglas School made weekly visits to the Smith Library to learn about library use.

Book fairs were sponsored by the Women's Clubs of North Branford and Northford.

Used book sales were held at both Libraries by the Library Associates.

Several informative speakers visited the mothers of preschoolers at the Atwater Library and talked about consumer education, household medicines and children's literature.

The Highlight of the year came when the Town Council declared October "North Branford Library Month." In addition to free coffee and no fines, many townspeople took advantage of the "Know Your Town Night" offered by the Library Associates. This was held at the Atwater Library and acquainted newcomers with local organizations and their programs.

We have many generous friends who freely donated their time and services to the Library System. We offer our gratitude to the following:

The Library Associates, who sponsored many activities and gave much time and effort to complement our services.

The North Branford Women's Club, who conducted the preschool story hour held at Atwater, in addition to many other contributions. A special thanks to Mrs. David Jacquot, Education Chairman, for all of the time she donated.

The Northford Women's Club, who held a book fair and also contributed funds for new library materials.

Ken Thompson, who has always taken a special interest in our Library System, and has provided us with free billboard advertising.

The North Branford Lion's Club, who donated enough money to start a sizeable collection of large print books for those with visual handicaps.

The Community Banking Company, who again supplied us with protective envelopes for patron's cards.

The North Branford Garden Club, who supplied us with a live Christmas tree, decorated with ornaments made by brownies, girl scouts, and 4-H members.

Mrs. R. W. Wentworth of the Branford Review, Mrs. Marion Dufourny of the New Haven Register, and Mary O'Leary of the Journal Courier, who have made every effort to provide us with generous press coverage.

Mrs. William MacMillen and Mrs. Michelina Macaree, who have spent many hours repairing books.

Again, our thanks to all of the above for helping make the year a success.



June marked the end of a thirty year career with the Library System for Mrs. Edgar Johnson, Assistant Head Librarian. Mrs. Johnson was honored by the staff at a dinner; her plans for the future include extensive traveling.

LIBRARY STAFF

ADMINISTRATIVE

Robert A. Martin
Martha Johnson

Director/Head Librarian
Assistant Head Librarian
(retired 6-30)

Viola Benson

Assistant Librarian/Admin-
istrative Assistant

Mary Cassidy
Diane Biehl

Technical Processing Librarian
Assistant Librarian/Secretary

SERVICES

Jean Babbitt
Jean Corcoran
Ruth Gallager
Marilyn Peterson

Head of Adult Services
Head of Children's Services
Branch Adult Librarian
Branch Children's Librarian



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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

EXPENDITURE REPORT 1972 - 1973

Salaries, Taxes, and Benefits	\$67,411
Utilities and Maintenance	4,666
Books and Periodicals	12,782
Professional Development and Miscellaneous	1,945
Supplies	2,229
Equipment	1,883
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$90,916

REVENUE REPORT 1972 - 1973

Atwater Trust	\$10,468
Smith Trust	1,283
State Grants	1,954
Miscellaneous	1,333
Town	76,763
TOTAL REVENUE	\$91,801

- HOURS -

ATWATER MEMORIAL LIBRARY
ROUTE 80, NORTH BRANFORD
488-8353, Ext. 50, 74

MONDAY	12-5
TUESDAY	12-8
WEDNESDAY	12-8
THURSDAY	12-8
FRIDAY	12-5
SATURDAY	10-4

EDWARD SMITH LIBRARY
ROUTE 17, NORTHFORD
488-8353, Ext. 40, 58

MONDAY	12-8
TUESDAY	12-5
WEDNESDAY	12-5
THURSDAY	12-5
FRIDAY	12-8
SATURDAY	10-1