

HISTORY OF THE SUE KELLOGG LIBRARY IN
STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA

The dedication of the Sue Kellogg Library in Stone Mountain was held in June 1964, but the actual beginning dated back to 1926. Its beginning could be credited to the Stone Mountain Woman's Club and local citizens who donated books and obtained space free of charge over one of the downtown stores. (The granite building across the street from the present City Hall which now houses an antique shop). Shortly afterwards, a small building on Memorial Drive near the present Fire Station became available, and it was used as a Library.

Many years later DeKalb County instigated the "Book Mobile" which traveled over the county and came to Stone Mountain on certain days, parking in front of Mountain Pharmacy on Main Street. When this project was instigated, the Woman's Club donated all their books to the Library System of DeKalb County.

By the 1950's much was being said about having a Bond Issue in DeKalb County which would support the building of a Library. Although taxes and bond issues were highly unpopular at that time, the Woman's Club began its long deliberate struggle. In 1958 and 1956 SUE KELLOGG was President of the Woman's Club and she worked consistently with a committee from the Club toward getting a Library in Stone Mountain.

"GET OUT THE VOTE" was a big issue in 1961 when she was chairman of the Education Department of the Club, and eventually the Bond Issue passed. However, this did not insure our area of the library. Stone Mountain resident Bill Evans was a member of the County Commission; and Dr. Rufus Evans, also from Stone Mountain, was on the Bond Commission, along with Club Member Lucile McCurdy. Mrs. McCurdy was aware of the background of our struggle and had worked with the local club committee through the years.

Other locations were fighting for a library also, but the key to our obtaining it in our area was the fact that the City of Stone Mountain donated the land and that we had had a nucleus of a library in the beginning.

THE NAME?...The City was grief stricken when Sue Kellogg died suddenly of cerebral hemorrhage at the age of 44. As a memorial to her persistent efforts and dedication to the NEED, the Commissioners and the Bond Commission agreed that it should be named....THE SUE KELLOGG LIBRARY (Branch of DeKalb County Libraries).

At the time of the dedication, 8,000 volumes were in the library. Participating in the services were: Rev. John Lindsey (Stone Mountain Methodist) Walter L. Purcell, C. O. Emmerich, Mayor Randolph Medlock, Scott Candler, Sr., Commissioner William Evans, Rev. Elount Grant (Episcopal Minister) and Mrs. A. B. Kellogg, husband of the deceased Sue Kellogg, for whom the facility was named. The first Librarian was Jean Gulley, and the secretary Marilyn Davis.

Stone Mountain Library Dedicated

A long time dream dating back to 1926 was fulfilled last Saturday for the city of Stone Mountain when officials of Stone Mountain and DeKalb County converged on Stone Mountain to help the local citizens dedicate their fine, new 8,000 volume library. . .the Sue Kellogg Branch of the DeKalb County Libraries.

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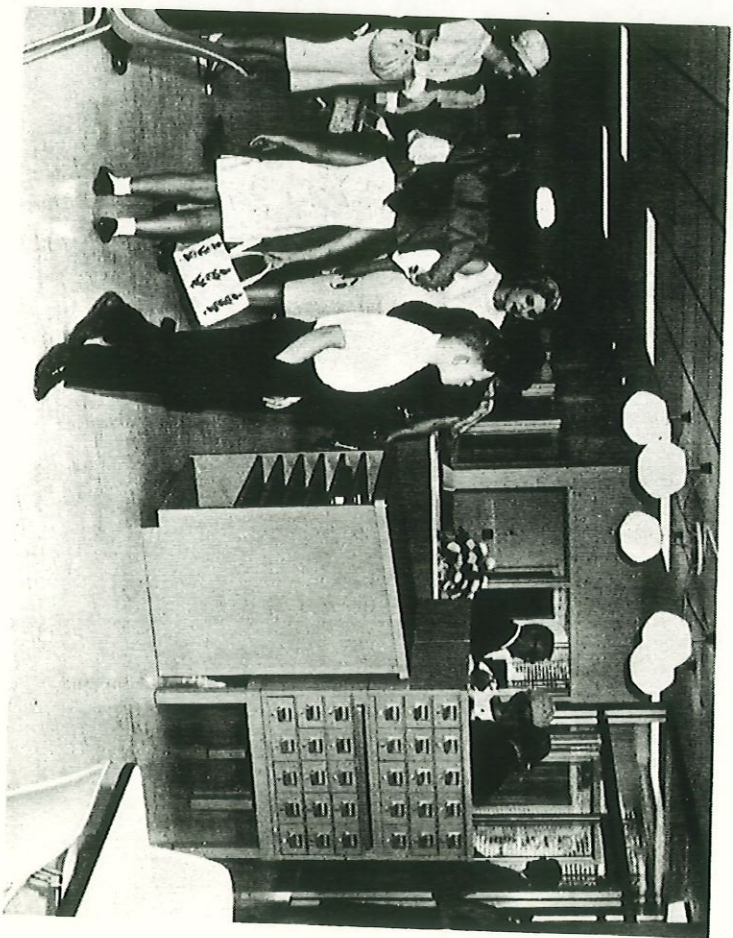
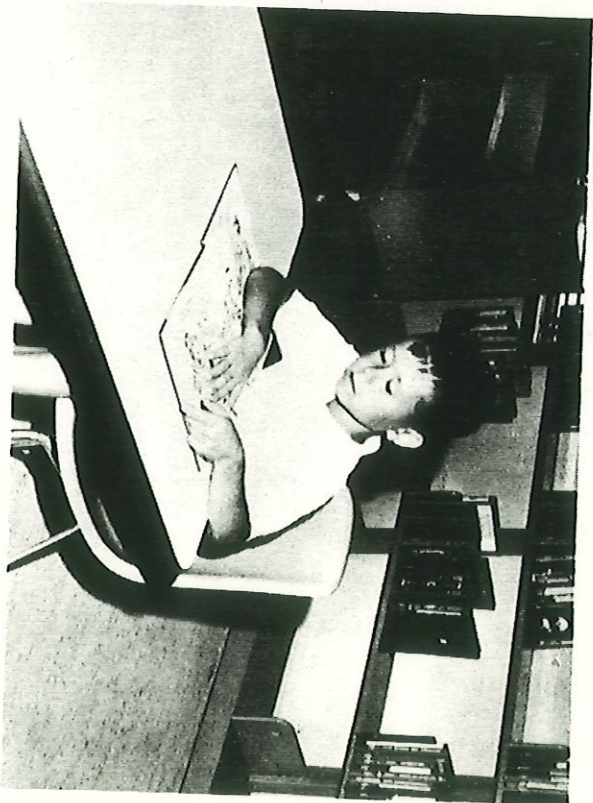
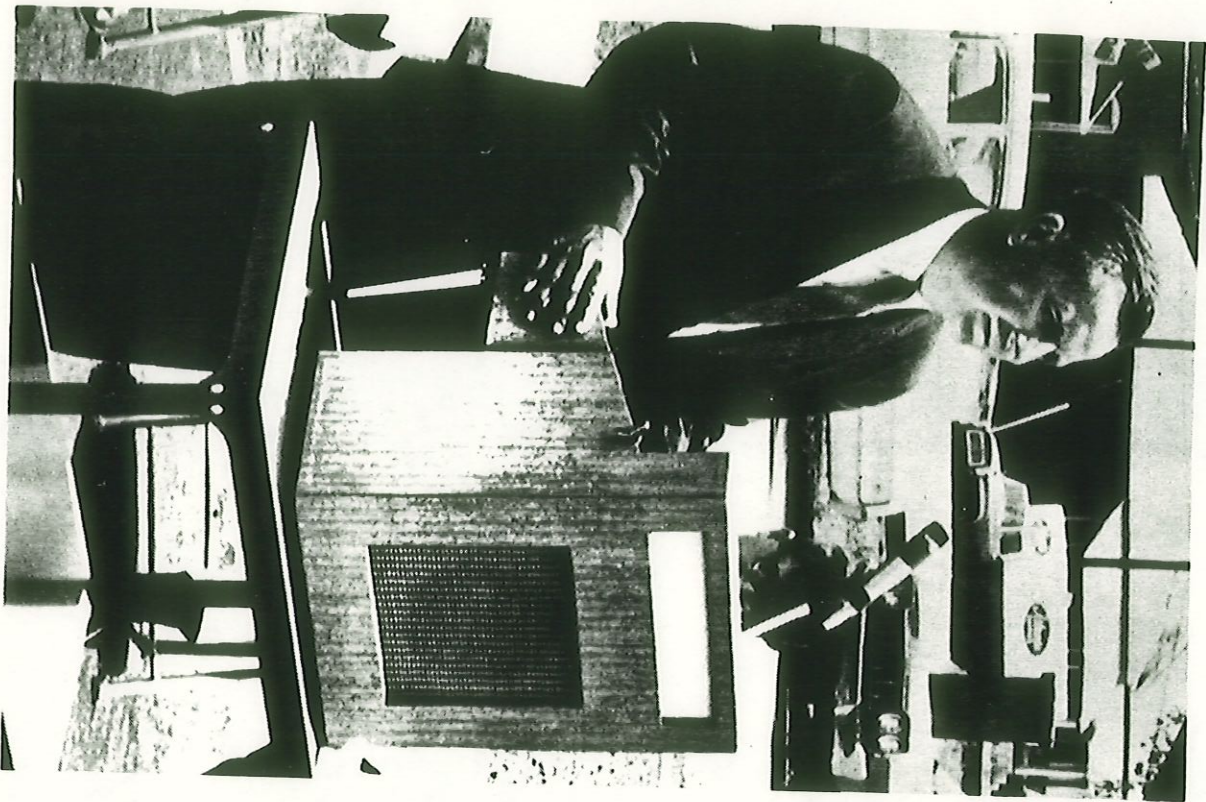
Serving as the librarian will be Jean Gulley and Mrs. Marylin Davis will serve as secretary.

(Photos by Bob Lanford)



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Artist Donates Print To Sue Kellogg Library

Artist Mary Davis of Stone Mountain displays her original watercolor prior to Monday's meeting of the Friends of Sue Kellogg Library. Mrs. Davis has donated a print of this painting to be given away at the meeting. The Friends group

meets at 7:30 p.m. at the library on Leon Street in Stone Mountain. Guest speaker will be consumer reporter Sharon Summers from TV-5. (Staff Photo By Paul Efland)

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DeKalb To Get First Libraries In 18 Years

By SHERRON MARTINEZ

It's been 18 years since DeKalb's gotten a new library. Though county population has multiplied, per capita shelf space has not kept pace.

But it might not be long now, according to county library director Barbara Loar, because plans are in the works for two major expansions, one store-front branch and one brand new district library, she said.

The district library, slated to cost more than \$1 million will be funded jointly by the City of Chamblee (where it will be located), DeKalb County, and the State of Georgia, she said.

"The City of Chamblee and the County Commissioners obviously agree that libraries are needed and have taken these first giant steps," she said.

"They are most forward-looking," she said, adding that the two governments will provide approximately \$400,000.

Included in the state Department of Education budget for the coming year, she said, is an allocation for construction of the Chamblee District branch.

The state legislature, Mrs. Loar said, has never turned down a request for library construction.

BESIDES funding for the Chamblee library, a state budget request will be also included for a major expansion of the Sue Kellogg Library in Stone Mountain.

The 3,000-square-foot facility will grow to 10,000 square feet, Mrs. Loar said, adding that the project will cost about \$500,000.

Friends of the Sue Kellogg Library have already raised \$3,000, she said and the county has allocated \$50,000.

Presently underway is a "Buy a Brick" campaign, for adult donations, and a "Buy a Pebble" campaign for young readers' nickels, dimes, and dollars.

THE REID Cofer Library in Tucker will also get a lot of new shelf space as it expands to occupy space presently taken by Tucker Recreation Center.

The new space will be about triple the old, Mrs. Loar said, and will permit many activities presently impossible in the tiny one-room facility.

The Library Board will ask for county funding next year to complete the renovations necessary,



Libraries Are About To Grow In DeKalb

Dr. W.C. Brown, left, chairman of the DeKalb Library System Board of Trustees, and Marshall Walker, the library system's administrative assistant, look over plans for the expansion of Reid Cofer Library in Tucker. The Cofer expansion is just one of several being planned for DeKalb in the near future.

though the library will be able to take over the new space in early November.

FOR THE first time, DeKalb will most likely have a library south of Interstate-20, a major goal of Mrs. Loar and Library Board Members.

In this year's county budget, she said, there is a funding request for a shopping center library in south DeKalb and for county money to purchase land for a large library there.

"Libraries are more than books and shelves," she said. "They are a symbol of a community's commitment to education and information on a continuing basis."

DeKalb County, she said, is second in population in the state, yet does not have the recommended square footage of library space.

"We have a highly educated community; there's a lot to be done, but we have a lot of support too."

"People in this county don't just want libraries; they want the best with high technology and all sorts of

information in all forms," she said. "As far as I'm concerned, I have the public library job with the greatest potential and excitement in the state," Mrs. Loar said.

*Kellogg Library
at Tucker*