

Dunwoody Library Celebrates Anniversary

With More Books, More Programs, More Patrons

Dunwoody Library will celebrate its second anniversary on October 20.

As part of the celebration, Helen Friese, president of the Village Writers Group and a member of the Board of Directors of the DeKalb Council for the Arts, will address the meeting of the Friends of the Dunwoody Library on Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the library.

Although the newest branch of the DeKalb Library System has been in existence only a short time, the library already has become an integral part of the Dunwoody community.

Betsy Curry, librarian and branch manager, is quick to credit the enthusiasm and cooperation of community groups, clubs and organizations, local businesses and individuals when she cites the accomplishments of the library within the community.

DURING THE PAST year, cooperative projects and programs have been planned and executed by the library in conjunction with such varied groups as the Dunwoody Woman's Club, Jack and Jill of Atlanta (an organization stressing black history and heritage for children), the DeKalb North Arts Center, the Career and Counseling Center of the North Campus of DeKalb Community College, RSVF (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), Georgia Public Television, the National Widowed Persons Service, Welcome Wagon and Beta Sigma Phi sorority's Delta Chi chapter.

The Dunwoody Woman's Club has co-sponsored a number of library-related programs, including a special series for teenagers which utilized the resources of THOR, the Link Counseling Center and local businesses; and a program on gardening for homeowners.

The DeKalb North Arts Center coordinates monthly



Helen Peterson of the Dunwoody Woman's Club consults with Librarian Betsy Curry on a joint project at the library. In the background is an art exhibit sponsored by the DeKalb North Arts Center.

Club, the Gainsborough 500 Civic Association, Dunwoody Woman's Club and the Dunwoody Elementary School PTA.



Betty Dickson, left, member of the board of Dunwoody Friends of the Library and a recently-appointed DeKalb Library System trustee, looks over program plans with library employee and Dunwoody resident Marion Mamrack. Ms. Dickson also is an active member of the Dunwoody Woman's Club.

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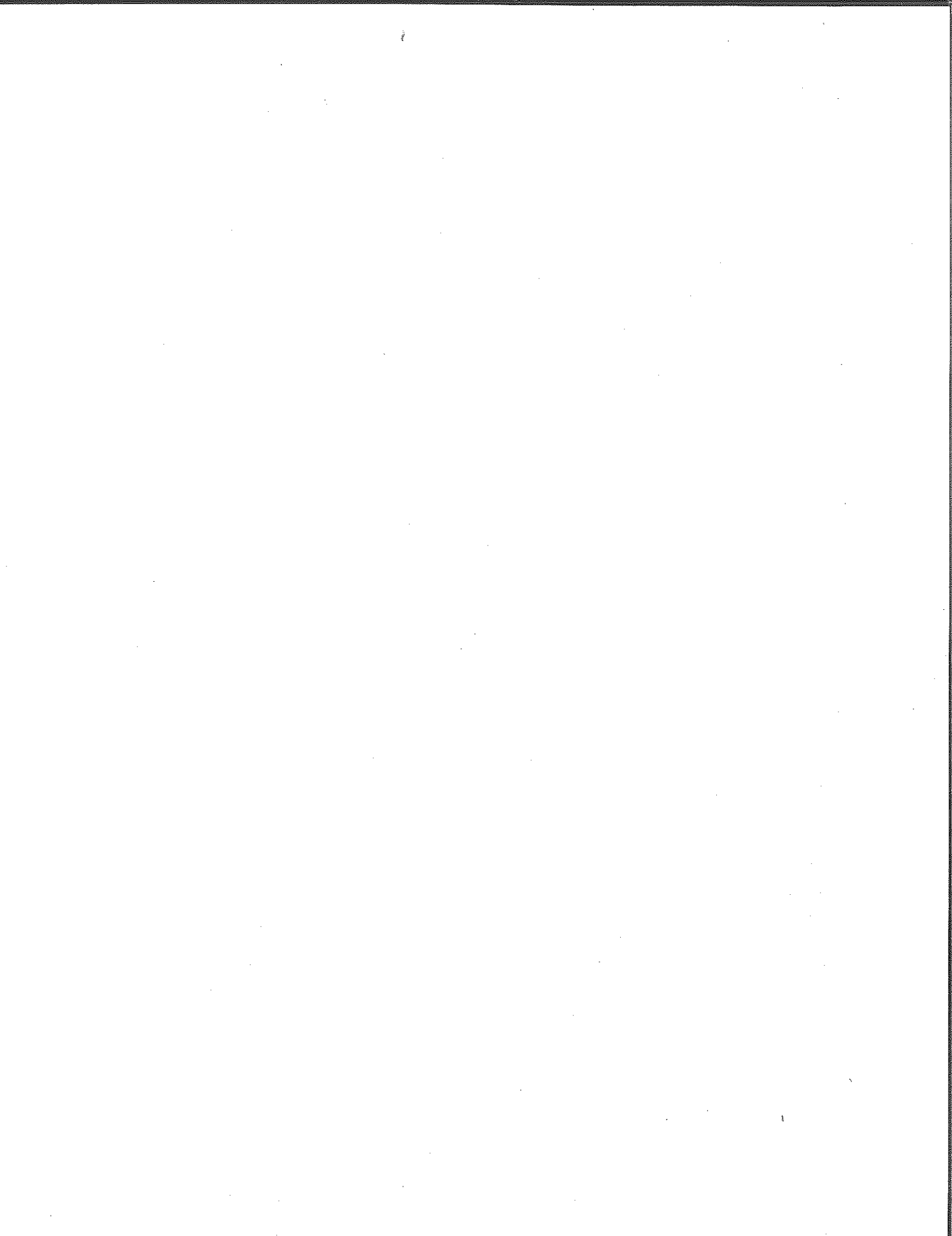
Dunwoody Library also reaches out into the community through visits and presentations given by library



Story hours, adult programs, community activities and regular library operation didn't miss a beat, even when walls came down and the circulation desk was moved during the 1982 expansion.

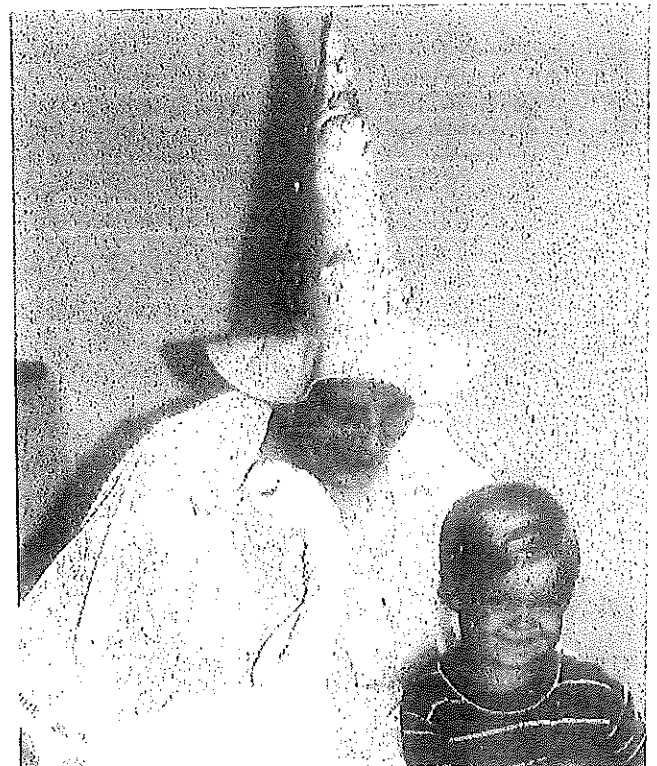


Betty McKissack, volunteer coordinator for Dunwoody Friends of the Library, clowns with some young friends at a library program co-sponsored by the friends.





Sheri Wilson enjoys a visit from the fuzzy, green Cookie Monster during a Dunwoody Library festival.



Room in Dunwoody Library dedicated to Elizabeth Davis

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Neighbor Staff Writer

For years, Elizabeth Lockhart Davis was an integral part of the lives of Dunwoody children.

She was the principal of Dunwoody Elementary School from 1937 to 1962, years that saw Dunwoody blossom from a small rural corner of DeKalb County into an affluent suburb.

And Mrs. Davis, who died in 1985, will continue to play a role in the lives of Dunwoody children, following the decision by the Friends of the Dunwoody Library to name a storytelling room in the community's new library after Mrs. Davis.

Ironically, the room will be built on the site of the original Dunwoody Elementary School, a three-room brick schoolhouse that Mrs. Davis

came to from Augusta in 1937.

Joyce Amacher, the head of a fundraising effort for the Elizabeth L. Davis Storytelling Room, said naming a room in the library after Mrs. Davis is particularly appropriate, following her life-long efforts to have a library built in Dunwoody.

"We always needed a library," Ms. Amacher said. "We were always trying to get the county to help put up a library here. Mrs. Davis was always working with the county, trying to make them aware of the need for a library in Dunwoody."

The room is projected to be near the entrance of the new library, and is designed for children to hear stories, create programs, enjoy

slides or merely browse for books.

"It's very appropriate," Mrs. Davis' husband, V. Manget Davis, said of the honor. "She was such a lover of children and books. I'm very happy it's going forward."

A life-long civic activist as well as educator, Mrs. Davis was also the president of the Pilot Club of North DeKalb, and a member of the Fulton County Federation of Garden Clubs and the Dunwoody Methodist Church.

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Shops Of Dunwoody Named "Outstanding Friend"

More than 700 volunteers will be honored by the DeKalb-Rockdale-Newton Regional Library during a special Friends Appreciation Day on Oct. 20. All Friends will be recognized at area branches that day, with The Shops of Dunwoody and 10 "Best Friends" honored at a reception that evening.

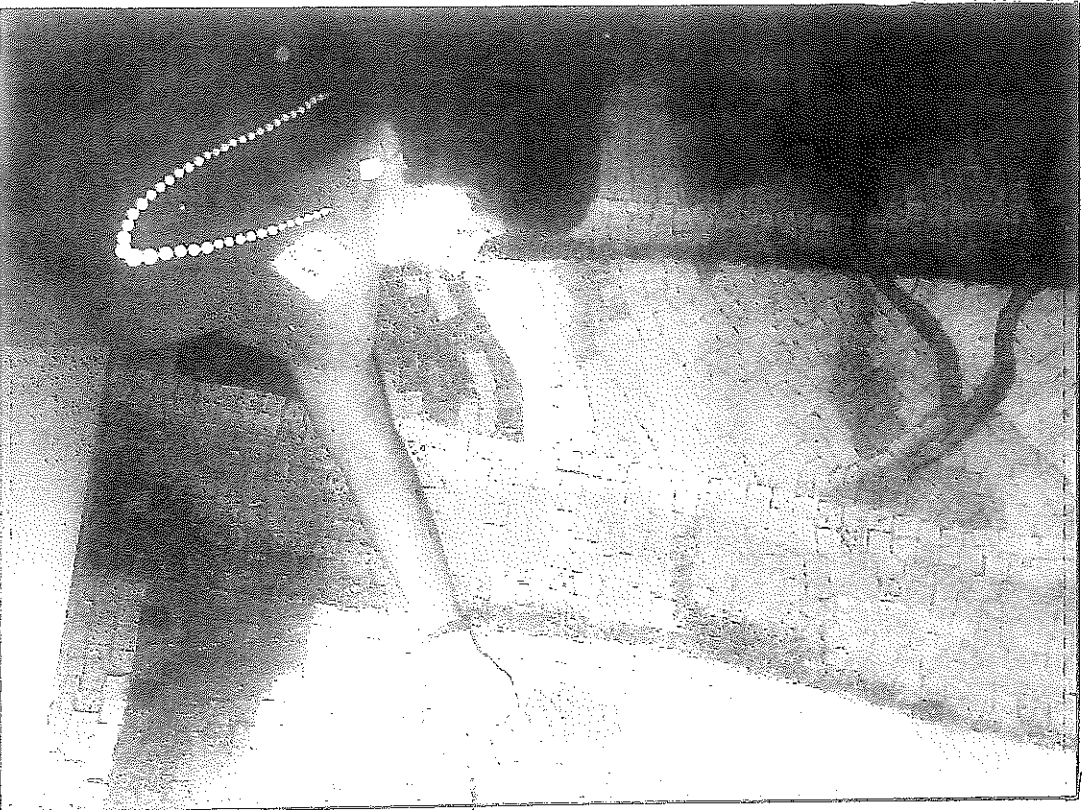
The Shops of Dunwoody was chosen to receive the library's 1987-88 Outstanding Friend Award. The business has provided the Friends of the Dunwoody Library rent-free space to hold book-sales which have raised more than \$31,000 during the past four years. These funds have been used to expand the Dunwoody Library, enrich the collection of materials and

provide community programs. Other business and organizations nominated for this award were:

City of Chamblee, Johnson W. Brown, mayor; Roger Hammons and Associates; K-Mart, Memorial Drive, Stone Mountain; Decatur Federal Savings and Loan Association; Ramsey Furniture Company; and Tucker Florist.

Ten volunteers will also be honored for their many hours of hard work, and their commitment to public library services. Margaret Herman, Sally Byers, Ann Sikes, Carl Browning, Kerry Lockerman, Betty Cordes, Parepa Aiken, Shirley Brackett, Mary Beth Jordan and Karen Fletcher were selected to receive this special recognition

by their individual committees. A book will be placed in their local branch library in their honor



Betsie Stuckman tries to find the tiles two of her children worked on at Dunwoody Elementary.

Dunwoody Mural-makers Invited To Attend Library's Opening

By LISA TELLS

The new personal computers, outdoor amphitheatre, study rooms and Williams meeting room with seating for 200 people are all special features of the new Dunwoody Library. They take a backseat, however, to the wall-long mosaic that hangs in the library's children's section.

From far away, the mural offers an artistic interpretation of the history of Dunwoody. Indian teepees to the left, the old post office on Dunwoody Road, the first Dunwoody schoolhouse with its school bell (still located in front of the school-turned-North Dekalb Cultural Center), the "Dinky" train which ran from Dunwoody to Roswell and houses across the railroad tracks or, in today's Dunwoody, across from Perimeter Mall.

Wander closer, however, and you'll find that each piece of tile in the mosaic has its own personality... its own creator.

Back in 1981, students in the now-closed Dunwoody Elementary School had been studying the history of Dunwoody. The community was celebrating its 100th year, and school principal Sid Horne, who was also an historian, wanted to make sure his students took the time to reflect on the area's growth.

Art teacher Clair Wright, with the help of a parent, Lee Moore, led the art project in which every student, and even some teachers, participated. The 64-by-4-foot panel, which hung in the school's cafeteria (now the home of Dunwoody Stage Door Players) seems to speak with voices from the past. "G.I. Joe" is scratched on one tile, "I Love Jenny" on another.

Several students also noted Dunwoody's 100th birthday, while others boldly stated their dislike for school. Word has it that the tile that states "silent lunch" was designed by a teacher.

If you're Dana C., J.K., Missy or Chad, or if you thought "Scott is a fox" or decided "shool (sic) is dumb," the folks at the Dunwoody Library are looking for you. Students and teachers who participated in the designing and construction of the mosaic are invited to come back to see their work, which, when the school closed, was preserved at the request of parents and community residents. When the library opens to the public at 10 a.m. Saturday following the "Tuman Book Brigade", the mosaic is sure to draw attention from those old enough to remember the initial creation of the mosaic, as well as those young to remember the initial creation of the mosaic, as well as those young

Library Construction

Nearing Completion

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Construction is nearing completion on the expanded and renovated library facilities in Tucker and Stone Mountain. The Reid H. Cofer and Sue Kellogg branches are undergoing the final phase of work, and furniture and shelving will be arriving in late spring. Both branches hope to be in their new facilities by summer, according to an announcement from the library headquarters.

Renovation of the Dunwoody Elementary school is also on schedule as the space is remodeled to include the Dunwoody Library as well as the North DeKalb Arts Alliance. A tile mosaic made by the children attending the Dunwoody Elementary School will be incorporated into the new facility. In addition, footings and steel frames can now be seen at the site of the new Chamblee branch on Clairmont Road.

Architects and contractors have been selected for the new libraries to be built across the county, and the site for the planned South Area Library, 2901 Wesley Chapel Road, has been purchased. Other sites for the East Area Library, three community branches and seven satellite facilities are being considered.

In response to patron needs, the DeKalb County Public Library has changed the hours at two branches. The hours at the Bruce Street Branch in Lithonia are now Monday through Thursday 2-8 p.m., and Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. to provide the children of the area opportunity to use the computer programs, audio cassettes, typewriters and other homework aides.

The Maud M. Burrus Library in Decatur has extended its services to include an extra hour each weekday evening and four hours Sunday. These additional hours have proved extremely popular with Decatur residents with as many as 32 patrons using the branch during the extended evening hours and an average of 229 patrons taking advantage of the Sunday service during the first two month period, library officials said.

Another change at the Maud M. Burrus Library is the addition of Infotrac II to the reference department. This computerized periodical index has back issues of 400 magazines and the *New York Times* for five years. This data base is updated quarterly and has been a great benefit to students and businessmen doing research. The same index on microfiche will soon be available at Reid H. Cofer, Sue Kellogg, Dunwoody and Chamblee libraries.

Ongoing programs that are continuing to be popular and elicit favorable patron responses are the storyhours for various age groups,

films for school age children, book discussions and assorted programs for adults as well as the regular services of providing videos, copier service, books to shut-ins, hospital kits to children and telephone book reviews.

One very popular service has proved to be the deposit of books placed in the jury waiting room in the DeKalb County Courthouse. This collection of paperback books, established one year ago to provide waiting jurors a selection of reading material, is so popular that the Library has already provided over 1500 books for this collection and yet there are rarely any books on the shelves. Juror's are invited to take the books home to finish reading them and return them to their nearest branch library. Any residents having completed their selections are asked to return them so that others can also use the service.

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