

Some 1980, 1982, 1983,
1984, 1985

For Worcester County
May Shepherd Collection
#7

INDEX

A	I	
		Q
	J	
		R
B		
	K	
	L	S
C	M	
		T
D	Mc	
	N	
		U
E		V
	O	
		W
F		
		X Y Z
G		
		MISCELLANEOUS
H		
	P	

Another Styled-by-HANSON feature – this alphabetic index for your convenience



WORK OF ART. Claudya Muller, director of the Worcester County library system, shows off this handmade quilt sewn by members of the local Mennonite church group. This and other handsome quilts will be on display in the Snow Hill library branch throughout September. (Times Phot by Greg Fischer)

11-17-80

Crafts featured in local libraries 11-7-80

"C" is for cookie, as the famous Sesame Street song goes, and it is also for crafts. Crafts are featured in the Ocean City and Berlin libraries. Berlin has the prize winning crafts created by the talented hands of the Worcester 4-Hers.

Everything from ceramics to hooked rugs as well as beautifully displayed butterfly collections is set out as a feast for the eyes.

At the same time, the Ocean City Library is showing original doll and doll clothes designs by Mimi Gonzalez. Many types of dolls are on display, from babies to big people. All the dolls in this exhibit are stuffed.

Following the "C is for" theme, Pocomoke and Snow Hill libraries are featuring collections.

A comprehensive CAT collection is once again on display as Virginia Sonner's felines have taken to the road and are now in Snow Hill. There can be seen cats on mats, a fat flat cat and, of course, the "cat"alog.

Come in and see the "C's" in your Worcester County Public Libraries.

Helps kids read, think

Library loans toys 11-7-80

by Dale Walter

The Worcester County libraries are loaning educational materials which in some cases can be used when the patron is blindfolded and which can be replaced if they are bitten or chewed.

These materials are educational toys for children, and unlike many toys which teach youngsters how to shoot machine guns or drive bulldozers, these toys are designed to help them read and think logically.

The toys are so much fun, though, that even parents may find themselves building huge fantasy castles out of wooden building blocks or trying to figure out maze puzzles. The Skills Through Play (STP) program which utilizes these toys was designed, in fact, to encourage parents to work more closely with their children.

"since they are a child's best tutor," according to STP administrator Tim Lynch.

Mr. Lynch ordered about \$2200 worth of toys for the program which emphasize skills like color, size and shape recognition, number concepts, small muscle development and language development. Parents, day care mothers and other interested adults can check out some of these toys for two-week periods once they have registered their child or children under their care.

The toys include large wooden building block animals like rabbits, rhinos and horses which a child can take apart and assemble. These "puzzling" creatures were built by Bill Muller, the white bearded toy maker from Oak Hall who resembles Santa Claus.

There are also felt and

wooden toys which a child can feel and match while he's blindfolded, simple abacuses with counting beads, three-legged stools with magnifying lenses built into the seats, toys which help teach the alphabet, and color pro-pellers with different-colored plastic "blades" which can be overlapped to produce different colors.

Each library branch will have a catalog available with a picture of each toy and suggestions for how it can be used to teach various skills. If the toy a parent chooses is not available, he or she can place it on reserve.

Mr. Lynch is also planning workshops on creative play for librarians and parents in each of the county's four library branches. Unlike the Head Start program, which is limited to low income families, these workshops and all the STP toys are available to all families within the county.

The need for such a program has been demonstrated repeatedly by screening tests the county school system gives to kindergarten pupils. A test conducted about one year ago with 323 kindergartners revealed that many of the students lack even the most basic skills they will need if they are to perform well in school.

The test noted, for example that 149 of the 323 children showed marked deficiencies in language development, 85 in concept development, 131 in sensory perception, 33 in psychomotor ability, and 95 in affect/motivation. Mr. Lynch hopes his STP program will help parents give their children "the Reader's Edge" by harnessing two of the most important forces in a child's life: his parents and his love of play and toys.

Libraries seek gifts 12-22-80

Anyone interested in the idea of sharing interests and perpetuating a memory has a unique opportunity to do so through the Worcester County libraries. Gifts commemorating anniversaries, graduations, birthdays and honoring beloved or respected individuals are gratefully accepted by the libraries.

Books are the most frequently given gifts, but more avenues of generosity are open. Special equipment such as projectors, record and tape players, and decorative items make lasting symbols for a giver.

Ocean City is offered a golden opportunity for gifts at present as the library there is being remodeled. Furniture, shelving, benches, story hour seating and other things needed in a new building are waiting for a donor to come forward.

A special appeal is made for the Worcester Room (the collection of locally significant material). This gathering of books, documents, newspapers, slides, photographs, maps, microfilm, and genealogical data is maintained by the "Onley Fund." The Fund was established in 1974 in memory of Elizabeth Byrd Onley. Cash contributions to the "Onley Fund" are used to preserve Worcester's historic past and bring it within reach of its present. More than money is needed in such a collection. Families break up and many historic items are destroyed, unless there is a provision made for disposition of documents and memorabilia. A paragraph in a will can be a legacy to the future.

Requests can go beyond the Worcester Room.

Volunteers honored

The Worcester County Library recognized its 57 volunteers with a tea and distribution of certificates. The volunteers contributed over 2,000 hours to the library during the past year. One volunteer donated over 200 hours.

The volunteers perform a variety of duties. They help with programs, file and pull catalog cards, shelve books, keep the shelves in order, help process new books for circulation, set up exhibits, work with the local history collection, do oral history interviews, and transcribe the oral history tapes. Many of the special services provided by the library (such as compiling an agribusiness directory and the Program Resources Handbook), could not be done without the help of very dedicated volunteers. One special group of volunteers from the Vo-Tech center have done tremendous work on the grounds of the Snow Hill building.

Volunteers range from 6th graders to retired teachers. The library welcomes the special contributions and talents of people of all ages.

Volunteers recognized at the tea were: Agnes Adkins, King Adkins, Fannie Birkhead, Shirley Calvarese, Hattie Carey, Jane Carmean, Carolyn Dorman, Mary Jane Eby, Ruth Eichhorn, Ilia Fehrer, Joseph Fehrer, Noreen Godwin, Helen Goodridge, Bernice Grattan, Lottie Holston, Miriam King, Judith Layo, Christine Lucas, JoAnne Mason, Shirley Monti, Elsie Northam, Cindy Otts, Dean Perdue, Cathy Pool, Helen Pool, Lois Shockley, Lola Smith, Oliver Williams, John Yankus, Teri Davidson, Lola Pennewell. Laura

County library plans for summer programs

The Worcester County Library in Snow Hill and Pocomoke is celebrating summer with programs for children of all ages. Right now, in all branches, children may play Cosmic Dragons, the library's new summer reading game.

Dragons are loose in space and it is up to you, the reader, to destroy them. Read books, Zap dragons and be promoted to Space Ace! If you can read you can play Cosmic Dragons.

Beginning in July, the Snow Hill Branch will feature Whale of a Tale, storytelling for school age children. Stories chosen especially for children in grades 1 - 5 will be told the old fashioned way - with no pictures. The stories will be told every Wednesday at 2:00 pm.

Movies will be shown each Monday in July and August at 2:00

pm in the Pocomoke Branch. Star Trek films will be featured during the month of July. Star Trek films will also be shown in the Snow Hill Branch every Wednesday in July, at 7:30 pm.

There is something for everyone in the Worcester County Library. A Preschool Craft series is to be offered in both the Snow Hill and Pocomoke Branches. The simple crafts for little hands are for children ages 3 - 5. The series is in the Snow Hill Branch every Thursday in July, 10:30 am and in the Pocomoke Branch every Wednesday in August, 10:30 am. Preregistration is required.

All programs in the Worcester County Library are free and open to the public. For more information call the Snow Hill Branch, 632-2600 or the Pocomoke Branch, 957-0878.

Worcester County Messenger, Snow Hill and Pocomoke City, Md., May 6, 1982 Page seven

Aaron, Denise Ames, Tracey Dale, Gardenia Dennis, Angela Donaway, Sandra Gilliam, Cathy Johnson, Amy Jones, Laura McGhee, Tamara McGhee, Onalee Brewer, Heide Dunker, Vanessa Hopkins,

Ruth Rees, Lorraine Schoolfield, Thelma Linz, Ruth Templeton, Helen Dohler, Patricia Craig, Ruth Holland, Becky Cathell, Susan Butler, William Connors, Catherine Langen, Donald McCabe, Paul

Cook.

The Worcester County Library welcomes all who have an hour or two to give regularly, to stop in the nearest branch to complete an

application. Join us in providing service and reading pleasure to the people of Worcester County.

Worcester County Library plans to discontinue use of bookmobile

by Stephanie Lipcius Palko

The Worcester County Library's Bookmobile service will end on June 30th. The fiscal year 83 budget passed by the county commissioners two weeks ago discontinued funding for the bookmobile.

"The commissioners did the right thing," stated county library director Claudya Muller. She said that dwindling use of the bookmobile and rising costs to operate the vehicle pointed to the demise of this service.

Commissioner N. Paul Joyner said that the commissioners felt that the county has enough library facilities to accomodate the county residents.

"Wicomico County only has one library and we have four and a bookmobile," he said.

The cost of keeping the aging bookmobile on the road was a major reason for ending the service according to Commissioner Carlton Massey. He feels that the four branches adequately serve the needs of the people.

Muller agreed that the book-

mobile had become a duplicate service.

"People are mobile," Muller said. She explained that people must drive in order to do their shopping and that library branch hours are designed to give people day, evening and weekend hours to use the library. She added that some people actually drove to the bookmobile.

The Whalesville, Bishopville and Mennonite schools had used the bookmobile as their student's library. The Whalesville and Bishopville schools have been closed and the Mennonite school had indicated they no longer needed the bookmobile. During a previous year, the library was petitioned for library service in North Ocean City. Muller said that the bookmobile service was given to North Ocean City, but that while many people had signed the petition, many fewer people actually took advantage of the service.

To run the bookmobile each year, Muller estimated that it cost approximately \$3,000 for gas and maintenance and over \$10,000 to staff and equip the vehicle. In the

coming year's budget request, Muller had asked for \$14,000 to purchase a van to replace the bookmobile. The commissioners were skeptical that very much of a van could be purchased for that amount of money.

Bookmobile operator, Norma Lee Taylor, will now serve as a back-up person for the library staffs, according to Muller. Taylor had been

spending 50 percent of her time on the Bookmobile as the routes were being cut due to lack of interest.

The bookmobile will continue to make its regular stops until the end of the month in order to pick up materials borrowed by its users. Material not dropped off at the bookmobile by the end of the month can be returned to any of the branch libraries.

Bookmobile ends July 1

July 1 — There will no longer be bookmobile service in Worcester County effective July 1st. Funding for the service was eliminated from the library's budget request. During June the Bookmobile will make regular stops picking up materials now in circulation.



WORKMEN began tearing out the interior walls of the Ocean City Library on Monday as part of a \$50,000 renovation project to be funded over two years. The renovations are expected to take a month or more to complete.
12-22-80

OC library renovation begins

The Ocean City branch of the Worcester County library has been closed temporarily—a month or possibly longer—while workmen remodel the interior, approximately doubling the space regularly open to the public.

According to Claudya Muller, director of the Worcester County library, the remodeling includes knocking out interior walls, which will make the present meeting room and staff work room part of an expanded library area open to the public. Workmen began tearing out walls on Monday of this week.

In addition, the remodeling project calls for installation of insulation in the exterior walls. Presently, the nine-year-old building has no insulation in its walls.

Finally, the library is due for a new heating plant to replace the present furnace, which ironically broke down for the last time late last week. It will not be repaired. Mrs. Muller said the building, which presently has no heat, other than that provided by portable blowers and electric heaters, should have its new system installed by the end of the month.

The renovation is being funded through the Worcester County Commissioners, who earlier this year allocated \$25,000 for the project. An additional \$25,000 has been budgeted for next year, to be used for installation of thermal-pane windows and new shelving.

Mrs. Eleanor Griffin, Ocean City librarian, said the new “open space” library will have room for an

(Continued on Page 8A)

Library renovation underway

(Continued from Page 2A)

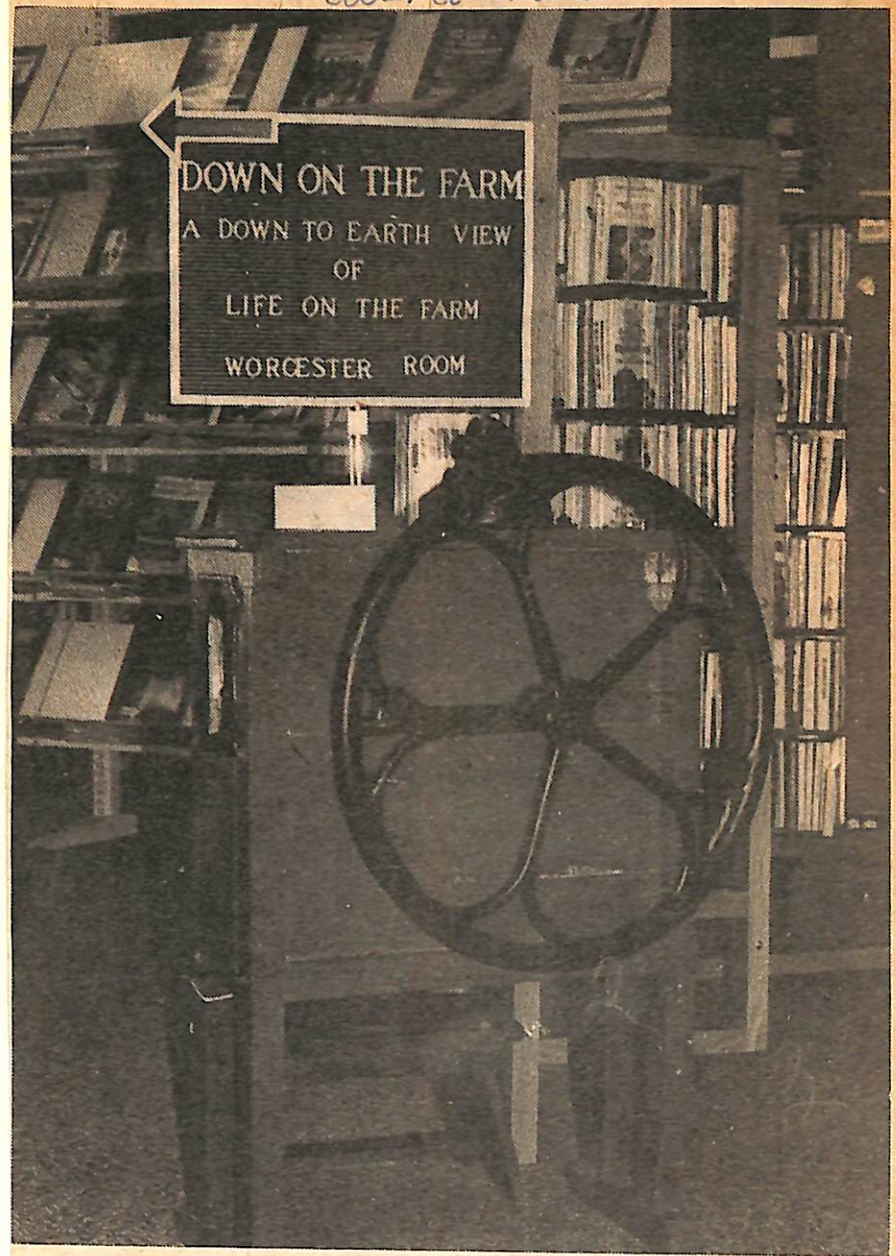
approximate 50 per cent increase in shelving space once the two-year improvements are completed.

The renovated library will have the children's area in the northwestern section of the building, and the shelves which now face the northern wall will be moved to the eastern wall. There will also be a much larger lounge area for reading, she said.

During the renovation, the county library's system's bookmobile will be scheduled to be parked at the library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays beginning Dec. 29.

Md., January 14, 1982

Wor Co News



A wide assortment of farm implements is on display at the Snow Hill library.

Farm exhibit on display at Snow Hill Library

Potatoes were a primary crop; soybeans were being tested. Dairy framing was of real importance; chickens were a sideline. Follow the history of farming in Worcester County in the Worcester County Library in Snow Hill. The Cooperative Extension Office has loaned, for this exhibit, a selection of the Annual Reports prepared by the County Agents. E.I. Oswald, R.T. Grant and R.D. Porter each year combined written reports with pertinent photographs, to document the activities of their office. Reports on exhibit range from 1919 to 1960. Many familiar faces are in the photographs, including Jean Stagg, Wilson Disharoon, Grace Perdue, Willard Evans, Claude Bassett, Charles and Page Chessier, Larry Widgeon and W.T. Bunting. Farms pictured included the W.H. Holloway farm, the Fred J. Dukes farm, the W.T. Pilchard farm, and the Rider Adkins farm. Also

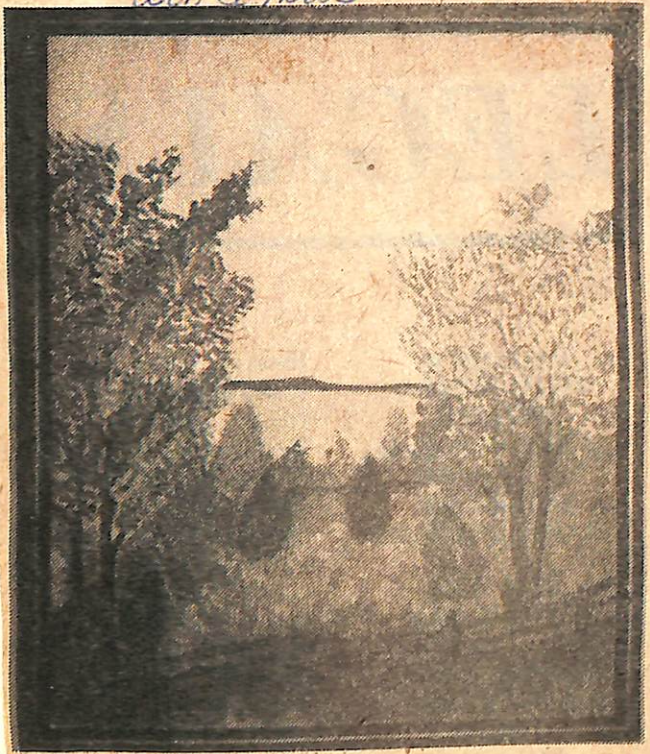
photographed were the Godfrey Elm, Castle Hill Orchards, a tobacco field and Girls Camp at Ocean City in 1921. Reports of the Home Demonstration Agent, Lucy Walter, are also on exhibit.

Complementing the reports are various old farm implements and tools, loaned by W.W. Pusey and Son, Bill Nock of Snow Hill Grain, Central Implement, Tilghman Fertilizer Company, Mike Delano, and Milton Outten. The Soil Conservation Service, Snow Hill, provided maps for display. Materials are also on exhibit from the Julia A. Purnell Museum.

Down on the Farm: A Down to Earth View of Life on the Farm, will be on display during January, February and March. Plan now to stop by the Worcester County Library in Snow Hill and acquaint (or re-acquaint) yourself with the early years of farming in Worcester County.

ocomoke City, Md., January 14, 1982 Page seven

Wor Co News



This painting, by Cynthia J. Pilchard, was one of the many examples of Ms. Pilchard's artwork which was recently on display in the Snow Hill Library. Ms. Pilchard is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Pilchard of Snow Hill. She graduated from Snow Hill High School in 1977, Salisbury State College in 1981 and is currently an art teacher at Stephen Decatur High School.

Library re-dedication Sunday

The Ocean City Library is now completed and ready to offer total service after a year of interruption and inconvenience to its patrons.

During the past year the library has been totally renovated. After the old furnace gave up during December of 1980, a new heating and cooling plant was installed. During January and February of 1981, the county Maintenance Department removed walls to make the meeting room a Children's Department.

All of the external walls were covered with insulation and wall board. The windows are now insulated glass, and there is additional insulation in the ceiling. All of this results in a drop in utility bills.

Worn-out furniture was replaced and extra shelving brought up from Snow Hill. The all new branch library is now ready to re-dedicated. The public is invited to a re-dedication ceremony at 3 p.m. on Sunday, January 10, 1982.

Mark O. Pilchard, delegate to the State Legislature will be the featured speaker. Rev. Donald Hornung will provide the invocation and Rev. Stephan Connell will offer the benediction. The refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Ocean City Library.

Wor Co News 7-22-82

Youth program in library

Children's drama in the library is the activity for Tuesday, July 27 in all branches of the Worcester County Library. That is when Maryland Hall Story Theatre will present A STORY A STORY, a play for children and families.

A STORY, A STORY is a dramatization of folk tales from around the world, adapted for the performance by members of the Story Theatre company. The stories included in the Worcester County program are; A STORY A STORY (Africa); STREGA NONA (Italy); FUNNY LITTLE WOMAN (Japan); and HEDLEY KOW (England).

The Story Theatre style is a physically active style of performance which encourages the active participation of the audience as well as their emotional and

intellectual involvement.

This year's program will be on Tuesday, July 27 at all Worcester County Library branches; Berlin Branch lawn, 10:30 am; Ocean City Branch Library, 1:00 pm; Byrd Park, Snow Hill (rain location, Snow Hill Branch Library), 3:30 pm; Pocomoke Branch lawn, 7:00 pm. All presentations are open to the public and are free.

This program was made possible through the efforts of the Worcester County Library, the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland National Bank (Snow Hill), Friends of the Worcester County Library - Berlin and Ocean City Branches, Snow Hill Lionesses, and the Junior Women's Club of Pocomoke.

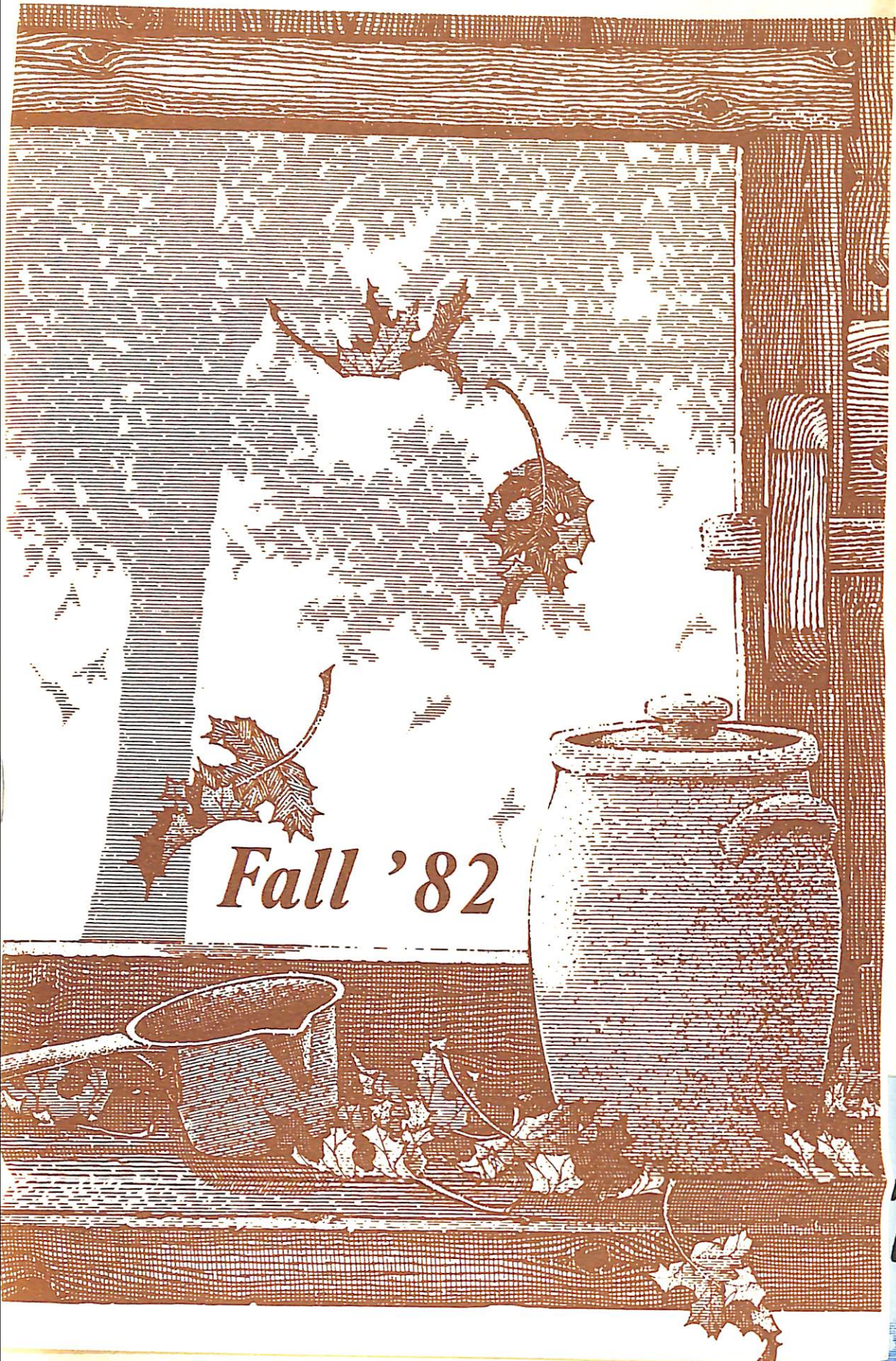
For more information call the closest branch of the Worcester County Library or 632-2600.



July

August

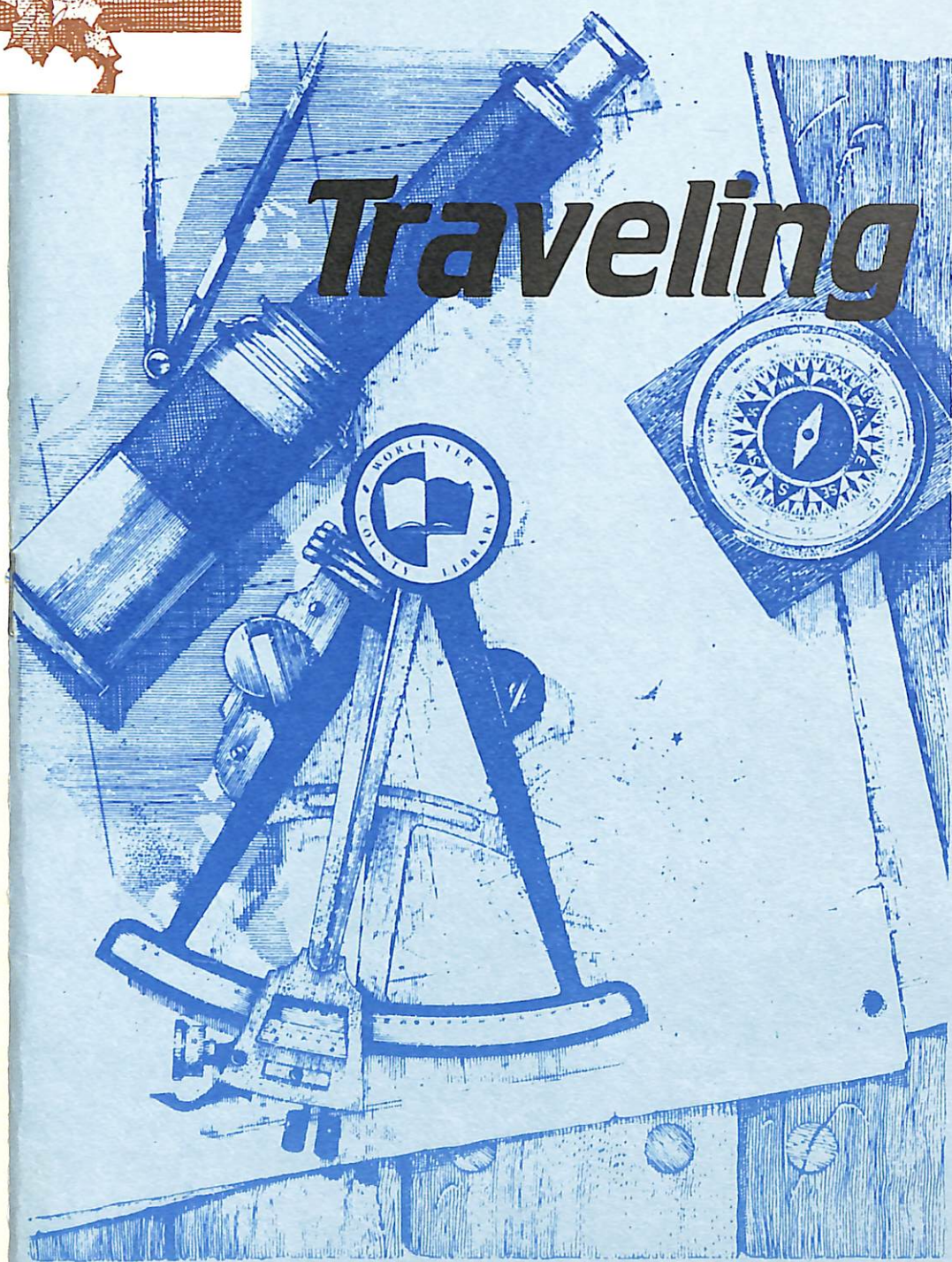
September



Fall '82

mchair

Traveling



Volunteers Honored For Worcester Library Work



VOLUNTEER HONORED. Claudya Muller, administrator of the Worcester County Library, left, presented a citation from Gov. Harry Hughes to Lottie Holston of Snow Hill during a recent reception at the Snow Hill branch of the library. Miss Holston was one of two volunteers who received the special award for volunteer services at the library.

SNOW HILL — Two Worcester Countians were recently honored with citations from Maryland Gov. Harry Hughes for their work with the Worcester County Library.

Ruth Holland of Berlin, a retired librarian who has volunteered at the library, and Lottie Holston, a retired Snow Hill teacher, who has worked with the local history collection at the library, both received the citations.

The awards are given to persons for outstanding direct service or special projects. Claudya Muller, administrator of the Worcester County Library, made the presentations to the two women during a volunteer reception at the library's Snow Hill branch.

They were among the 150 volunteers and guests who attended the reception.

Also receiving certificates of appreciation from the library were the 33 students from Snow Hill, Pocomoke City and Stephen Decatur High Schools who also worked with the Oral History Project. Kathy

Fisher of Snow Hill instructed the students.

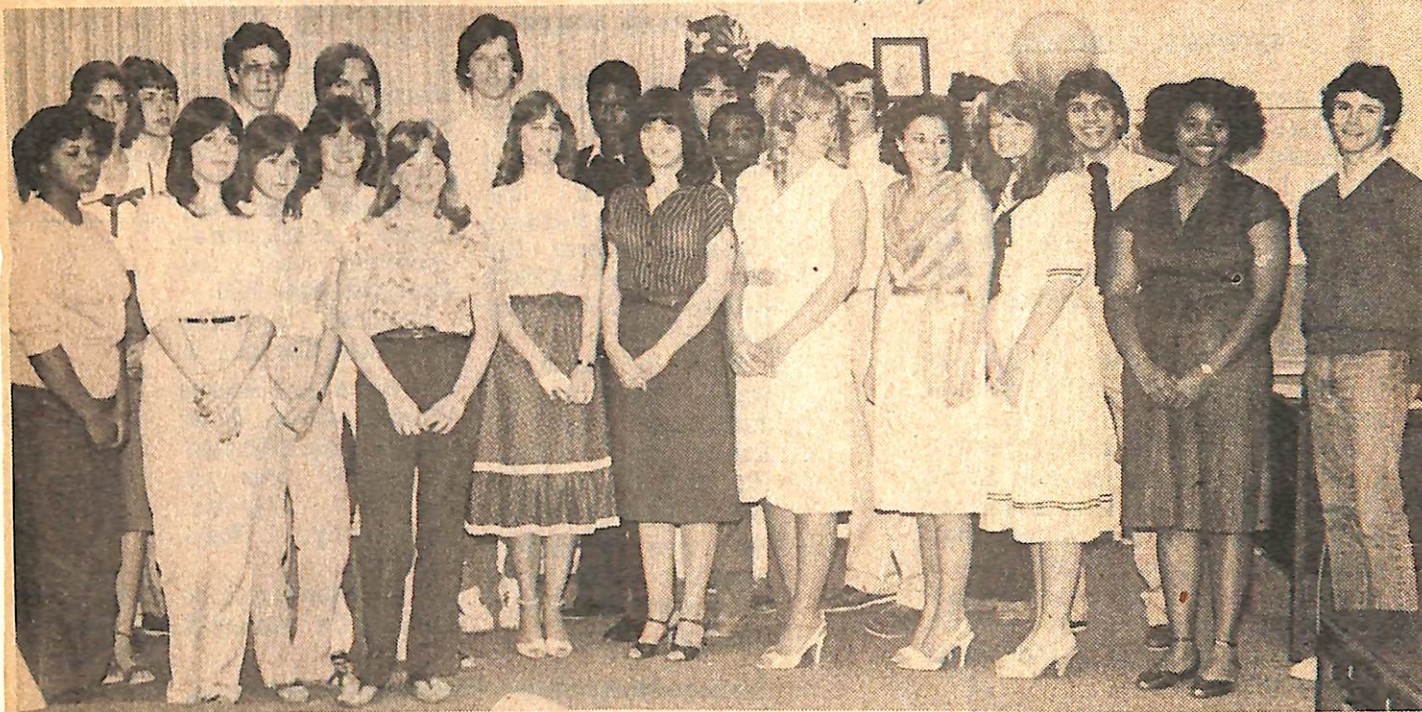
The 65 persons who were interviewed to capture Worcester County's history of family life, church activities, schools, the railroad and steamboats, Ocean City and Public Landing, were also guests at the reception.

Cooperation for the project was also given by the Worcester County Board of Education, and school

administrators and teachers. They are: Dr. Francis Ruffo, A. Strayer Hancock, James Van Sciver, Kelly Shumate, Gladys V. Burbage, Margaret Pryzbyla, Betty Laws and Nadine Clifton.

Refreshments for the May reception were provided by members of Worcester County Homemakers.

5/20/82 Worcester County Messenger, S



The Worcester County Library honored participants in the oral history project with a reception last week. Students in county schools interviewed old county residents to obtain their impressions of life in Worcester County between 1900 and 1930. There were 65 older county residents interviewed with about 35 residents currently on a waiting list. The county

schools provided 33 students interviewers who received training the county history and the technics of interviewing. The interview tapes will eventually be converted to print and kept as a permanent record of the county history in the libraries. The reception was held at the Snow Hill library with refreshments donated by county homemakers clubs.

County library honors 57 volunteers

The Worcester County Library recognized its 57 volunteers with a tea and distribution of certificates. The volunteers contributed over 2,000 hours to the library during the past year. One volunteer donated over 200 hours.

The volunteers perform a variety of duties. They help with programs, file and pull catalog cards, shelve books, keep the shelves in order, help process new books for circulation, set up exhibits, work with the local history collection, do oral history interviews, and transcribe the oral history tapes. Many of the

special services provided by the library (such as compiling an agribusiness directory and the Program Resources Handbook), could not be done without the help of very dedicated volunteers. One special group of volunteers from the Vot-ech center have done tremendous work on the grounds of the Snow Hill building.

Volunteers recognized at the tea were: Apes Adkins, King Adkins, Fannie Birkhead, Shirley Calvares, Hattie Carey, Jane Carmean, Carolyn Dorman, Mary Jane Eb, Ruth Eichhorn, Ilia

Fehrer, Joseph Fehrer, Noreen Godwin, Helen Goodridge, Bernice Grattan, Lottie Holston, Miriam King, Judith Layo, Christine Lucas, JoAnne Mason, Shirley Monti, Elsie Northam, Cindy Otts, Dean Perdue, Cathy Pool, Helen Pool, Lois Shockley, Sola Smith, Oliver Williams, John Yankus, Teri Davidson, Lola Pennewell, Laura Aaron, Denise Ames, Tracey Dale, Gardenia Dennis, Angela Donaway, Sandra Gilliam, Cathy Johnson, Amy Jones, Laura McGhee, Tamara McGhee, Onalee Brewer, Heide Dunker, Vanessa Hopkins, Ruth Rees, Lorraine Schoolfield, Thelma Linz, Ruth Templeton, Helen Dohler, Patricia Craig, Ruth Holland, Becky Cathell, Susan Butler, William Connors, Catherine Langen, Donald McCabe, Paul Cook.

Oral history program for county students

Selected students from the three high schools will participate in an oral history project in cooperation with the Snow Hill Branch of the Worcester County Library.

For the past four years, under the direction of Mrs. Katherine Fisher, the Worcester County Library has been developing an oral history collection based upon recorded interviews with certain senior citizens in the county. Approximately 35 interviews have been taped thus far dealing with some facet of county history from 1900-1930. At least 50 additional interviews are projected and will touch such areas as family background, childhood, church activities, schooling, life "on the farm" or "in town," trips and outings, steamboats, railroads, Farmers' Day, Ocean City, Furnace Town, first car, job experience, fires or other catastrophies, and business they remember.

It is projected that approximately ten students from each high school will be used in the project. These students will receive intensive training in oral history techniques, followed by ten sessions on Worcester County's historic past as a background for conducting pointed interviews. Mrs. Fisher will be assisted in this project by the following cooperating teachers: Mrs. Nadine Clifton, Stephen Decatur High School; Mrs. Effie Lewis, Pocomoke High School; and Mrs. Helen Schoffstall, Snow Hill High School.

Training sessions will begin in January at the Snow Hill High

School and will be followed by like sessions at Pocomoke High School in February, and at Stephen Decatur High School in March. During the month of April and the first part of May, interviews will be in progress.

It is hoped that the project will be a good educational experience for the students involved and will yield an invaluable block of educational and research material about Worcester County.

Free puppet theater

Sat., Feb. 20 — An unusual puppet theater, the Kids on the Block, is to perform in the Ocean City Library on Saturday, at 10:30 a.m. The free performance is for children age 7 and up, and is also recommended for adults. The presentation is made possible through the Worcester County Library, The Worcester County Arts Council, the Ocean City League for the Performing Arts, and the Friends of the Worcester County Library, Ocean City Branch.

Babysitting workshop set at libraries

A three part Babysitting Workshop is to be offered in three locations in Worcester County. The Worcester County Library, Worcester County 4-H, and the Snow Hill Recreation Department are sponsoring this three part series in

Pocomoke, Snow Hill and Ocean City.

The series for young people age nine and up is to be held in the Pocomoke Branch Library on Tuesday January 26, February 2 and 9; in the Snow Hill Branch Library on Wednesday January 27, February 3 and 10; and in the Ocean City Branch Library on Thursday January 28, February 4 and 11. All sessions are from 7-9 pm and are free.

The Babysitting Workshop will cover important information about how to get a babysitting service started, first aid, and accident and fire prevention. Basic information about child development and infant care will also be included.

Anyone interested in attending the free Babysitting Workshop should register by calling the Pocomoke Library 957-0878, the Snow Hill Library 632-2600, the Ocean City Library 289-7297 or the 4-H Office 632-1972.

Resort library to host special puppet show

An unusual puppet program called "The Kids on the Block" is to be presented in the Ocean City and Snow Hill branches of the Worcester County Library on Saturday, Feb. 20. The Ocean City performance is to be at 10:30 a.m., and the Snow Hill performance is to be at 2:30 p.m.

Created by Barbara Aiello, a nationally known special educator and writer, The Kids on the Block are child-size handicapped and non-handicapped puppets designed to show children what it is like to be disabled. A special result of the performances is that children see how handicapped and non-handicapped children can be friends.

Through puppets like "Mark Riley," who has cerebral palsy, "Ellen Peterson," who is mentally retarded, "Renaldo Rodriguez," who is blind and "Melody James," who is "normal," children learn that disabled children are competent,

lively, responsive and "just like normal people."

Following their appearance on "Good Morning America," The Kids on the Block have performed all over the United States, Canada and the Bahama Islands. In November 1979 they starred in their own nationally televised special "The Invisible Children." In October 1980, they were selected as the United States cultural representatives to the UNESCO General Conference in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

They will perform in Worcester County through the efforts of the Worcester County Library, the Worcester County Arts Council, the Ocean City League for the Performing Arts, and the Friends of the Worcester County Library, Ocean City Branch. For further information, call Sally Long at 632-2600.

Library March movies

March Monday & Thursdays — The Snow Hill and Ocean City branches of the Worcester County Library will conduct the following movie schedule with all showtimes at 7 p.m. during the month of March. Snow Hill branch - Monday, March 1, and in Ocean City branch Thursday, March 4, will show "Anatomy Of A Murder." On Monday, March 8, in Snow Hill; and on Thursday, March 11, in Ocean City will show "To Catch A Thief." On Monday, March 15, in Snow Hill, and on Thursday, March 18, in Ocean City two features will be shown, "Terror By Night" and "Mannikin." On Monday, March 22 in Snow Hill and on Thursday, March 25 in Ocean City the movie "Lady Vanishes" will be shown.

Library card mandatory to borrow books

The Worcester County Library has a suggestion for a New Year's resolution: "I resolve to bring my library card with me every time I want to borrow materials from the library." Having a library card is a good idea now, but beginning January first, it will be an absolute necessity for Worcester County Library patrons.

As part of the on-going program to cut costs, the library is initiating

a policy of "no card-no books." Much staff time is used looking up the card number for patrons or in trying to trace materials checked out incorrectly (or fraudulently) by persons not using their card.

Every digit and the letters on the library card is important. To avoid problems for patrons and for the library, be sure that library card is ready when visiting a branch of the Worcester County Library.

Letter to the Editor:

Adult evening education was raised to the level of a fine art on Thursday April 1st at 7:30 p.m. at the Pocomoke library.

Betty Hain spoke on the subject Pennsylvania Dutch cooking. She was ably assisted by Deb Baas.

About 40 people were present. They were treated to an evening of interesting information. They had the opportunity to taste delicious samples of Pennsylvania Dutch cooking. These had been prepared by Betty Hain.

The county librarian Claudya Muller is to be congratulated for supporting this project. The county commissioners deserve a vote of thanks for providing the facilities.

All in all the evening was one of sheer delight — from an interest point of view — from an information point of view — and from a culinary point of view.

Events of this nature truly add to the stature of the library as a cultural opportunity for adults. May we have hopefully, more of these events.

Thanks to Betty Hain and all others involved.

Gratefully,
Father Harold F. McGee

Gather 'Round the Fire
with
Vernon O. Giffin, author of
The Veil, and More Folklore of
the Eastern Shore



"The day had been hot and humid. Pauline Jacobs had been in the room with her dying father almost all day. She was tired, dog tired. Now that her younger sister had come from Mardela to relieve her, she made her way to the kitchen for a cup of coffee, she heard a tinkling sound like a couple of glasses striking each other. She looked at the buffet in the corner of the dining room. There on the top were a pitcher and six glasses in a tray. The pitcher was stationary, but not so the glasses. All of those glasses were at least a couple of inches above the tray, dancing on thin air, lightly touching one another, making that tinkling sound. They were only suspended in the air a short time and then all was quiet. Quiet, that is, except for the scream that came from her father's room. She knew from her sister's scream that her father was dead. Did the dancing glasses signify the death of Pauline's father? She does not know. She does not have the answer. But she does know that those glasses were dancing as her father was dying."

from THE VEIL...



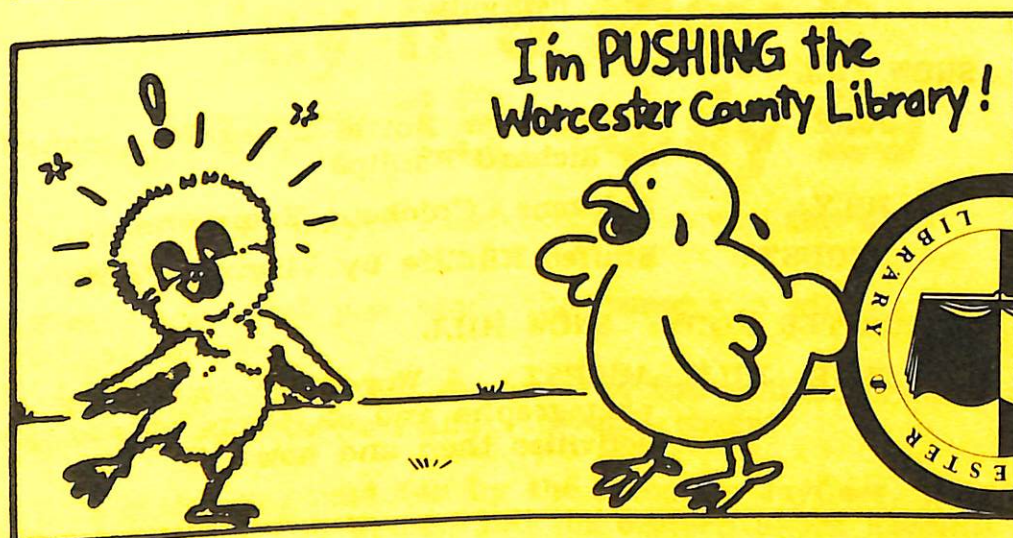
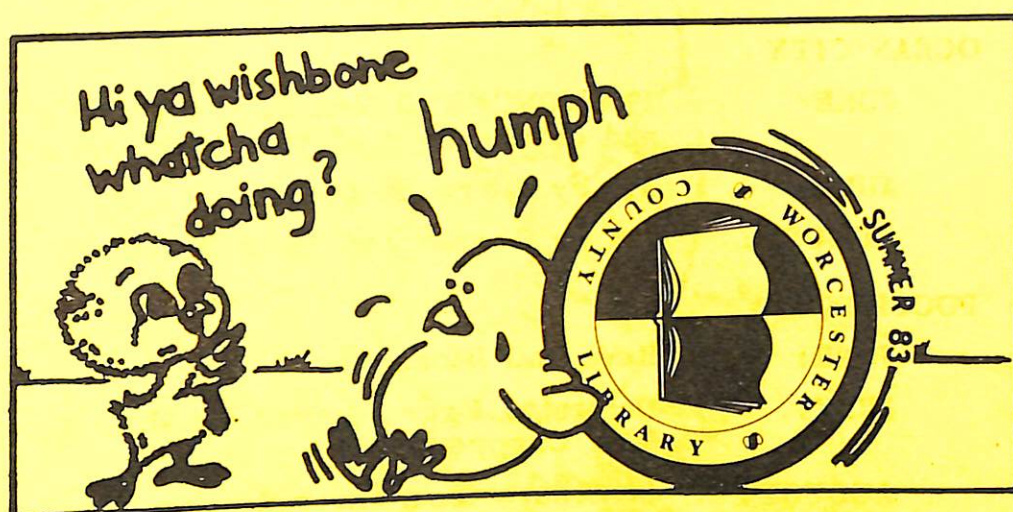
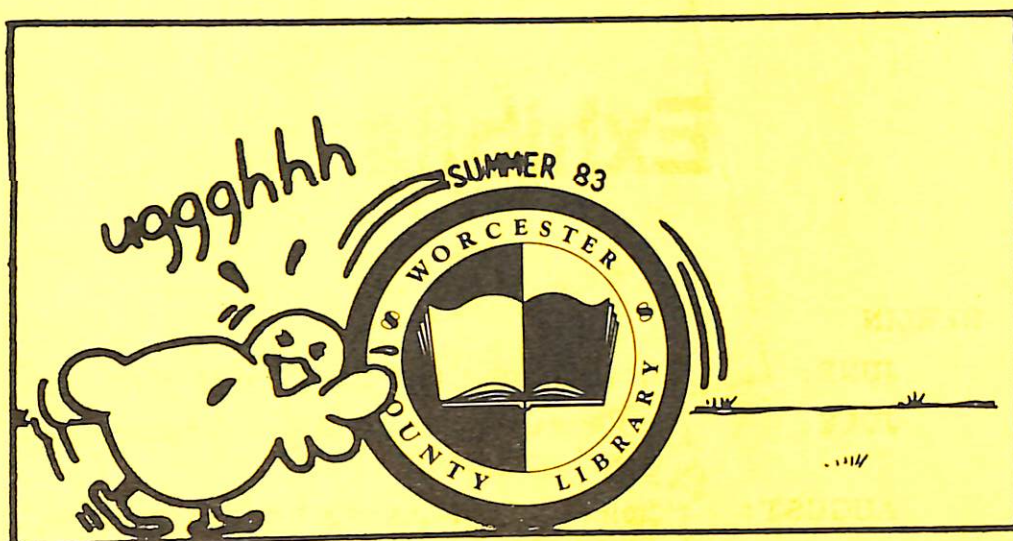
Berlin Branch Library
Wednesday, October 26
7:30 pm
A family affair

Daily Times 7-26-82



FARMER'S HANDBOOK. Officers of the Worcester County Farm Bureau show Porter Hopkins, Republican candidate for the job of congressman from the 1st Congressional District in Maryland, center, the 1982 Worcester County Farmer's Handbook. It was prepared by the Worcester County Library with the support of the Farm Bureau and many volunteer hours by Lottie Holston and Joanne Mason. The book lists alphabetically with zip code the farmers

and Farm Bureau members in Worcester County and gives their mailing addresses and phone numbers. A key indicates type of farming in which the farmer is engages. Another section lists farm agencies and organizations and farm related businesses. On the left is Joann Marriner, secretary of the Worcester Farm Bureau, and on the right Edward Marriner, president. The picture was taken at the annual picnic Saturday at Milburn Landing. (Times Photo)



Papers marked for cutting Jan - June
1983 inadvertently thrown out -
begun July 1983. KP4 10-13-83

4th Coast Press 3/4/83
Worcester Library Trustees to meet

The Worcester County Library Board of Trustees will meet on March 8 at 9 a.m. in the Snow Hill Library. Contact the library for further information.

9/7/83
Page two Worcester County Messenger, Snow Hill and Pocomoke City

County library receives collection of William D. Pitts

The Worcester Room of the Snow Hill Branch of the Worcester County Library recently received the papers of William D. Pitts, surveyor. Mr. Pitts was the recognized authority on Worcester County's land and its past; he was relied upon by surveyors, lawyers, historians and others for accurate information. Mr. Pitts, who died in his native Berlin home in 1983 at the age of 93, had inherited and accumulated survey books, deeds, maps, patents and plats of Worcester County, dating from the late 1700's.

Mr. Pitts' papers were presented to the Worcester County Library by Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Calhoun. Work on preserving, cataloging and microfilming the close to 4000 items in the collection will begin in September under the direction of library assistant Kathy Fisher and local surveyors Woody Bunting and Ron Bebee. Each item has must be

identified, classified, cataloged, preserved and stored. Once this has been completed by the entire collection will be microfilmed. This has process will be completed by May, 1987.

Until that time, the collection will not be available for public use. We regret any inconveniences that this might cause, but Mr. Pitts' family and the liberty feel that preserving this material for the future is vital to Worcester's history.

Expenses incurred in readying Mr. Pitts' papers will be many. Anyone wishing to make a memorial contribution to the Pitts Collection of the Worcester County Library may do so by contacting Kathy Fisher at 632-2600 or 289-9933.

Checks may be payable to the
PITTS COLLECTION--
WORCESTER COUNTY LIBRARY
and sent to 370 North Washington Street, Snow Hill, Maryland 21863. All donations are tax deductible.

MD. COAST PRESS 4/29/83

Library volunteers: valuable personnel

During these economically-troubled times, when most federal, state and locally funded agencies are forced to operate with low budgets and small staffs, the need for volunteer programs is on the rise. And perhaps nowhere is this need felt more than in the Worcester County Library system.

According to a 1978 state survey, said county library board member Joanne Mason, it would take 21 people to perform and complete the work needed in the county's four branch libraries--Berlin, Ocean City, Pocomoke and Snow Hill. At the time, however, there were only 14 full-time county library staff members, a figure that has remained constant to this year. The county has not been able to afford to grant the county library system more full-time personnel.

And that is where the library's volunteer program comes to the rescue: they help fill the void created by the manpower shortage. Last year alone, related Katherine Fisher, coordinator of community information for the Worcester County Library, roughly 90 volunteers, collectively working at the library's four branches, logged a total of 1,700 hours. Those hours "amount to one full-time staff person," she said.

The volunteers perform a diverse list of tasks: anything from shelving books and pulling catalogue cards to maintenance work; mostly jobs that do not require a trained librarian's expertise. But don't think these volunteers merely perform unskilled tasks. "They're just not in here to do menial labor," said Fisher.

Some volunteers have a creative flair and they put their talents to work at the library by developing special projects, while others work in the Snow Hill branch's Worcester Room, which is composed of county historical books and records and the county's geneological collection. In addition, library branch heads and their assistants listen to any new ideas or suggestions from volunteers as to how to improve library systems or procedures.

The volunteers comprise all age groups, and any sex and race, explained Fisher. And they work anywhere from one or two hours a year to perhaps 200 hours a year. But, says Fisher, any amount of time spent working in one of the libraries is considered valuable by full-time library personnel. "If they can only work 50 hours a year, they are an important 50 hours," comments Fisher. And every one of them is dedicated, she adds. "Their enthusiasm is really great to see."

One example is Joanne Mason, a library board member and a volunteer, who explained that she usually works four hours a week in the Snow Hill branch. Mason says that she always used the library, but she never thought the library needed her help, until she discovered her aid was valuable. "I like being a small part of it," she said. "Before I didn't know what they were doing behind the counter. The library is so much more today than a place that you go and get a book."

Fisher says the library functions have diversified. Volunteers find that the "library does a whole lot more than they thought it did," she said, and they publicize the library's many offerings to friends and relatives. They are a great source of publicity, she added.

The volunteer program started three or four years ago, according to Fisher, because the library discovered the need for an organized volunteer program. Prior to the program, people did volunteer their services, but they didn't have to fill out any application forms. Now, however, people interested in volunteering are expected to fill out an application form and attend a short orientation program. "It's a very official type of agreement," Fisher remarked.

And there are rewards. After 40 hours of volunteer service a volunteer is granted an exemption from paying overdue book fines. And every year, during the third week in April, the county library thanks the volunteers for their help and dedication by holding an awards night, during which time each volunteer receives a certificate of appreciation and a small gift. It's just the library's way of saying thank you for helping the county library system.

Again Fisher echoes the need for volunteers. "It's important to have community involvement."

9/14/83
Hunter safety course to begin September 20

The Hunter Safety Course is scheduled to begin on September 20th at the Snow Hill Library at 7:00 p.m. and will run for five consecutive weeks. The course is open to all Worcester County residents who desire to purchase a first time hunting license in this county. Maryland law requires that all persons must pass the Hunter Safety Course in order to acquire a Maryland Hunting license. Any child between the ages of 9 and 19 who wants to join the Worcester 4-H marksmanship club must also pass the course.

Pre-registration is required. For further information and to register, please call the Worcester County 4-H Extension Office at 632-1972 in Snow Hill.

Worcester Room to display works of noted surveyor

The Worcester Room of the Snow Hill Branch of the Worcester County Library recently received the papers of William D. Pitts, surveyor. Pitts was the recognized authority on Wor-

cester County's land and its past; he was relied upon by surveyors, lawyers, historians and others for accurate information.

Pitts, who died in his native

Berlin in 1983 at the age of 93, had inherited and accumulated survey books, deeds, maps, patents and plats of Worcester County, dating from the late 1700s.

Pitts' papers were presented to the Worcester County Library by Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Calhoun. Work on preserving, cataloging and microfilming the close to 4,000 items in the collection will begin in September under the direction of library assistant Kathy Fisher and local surveyors Woody Bunting and Ron Bebee. Each item must be identified, classified, catalogued, preserved and stored. Once this has been completed, the entire collection will be microfilmed. This process will be completed by May 1987.

Until that time, the collection will not be available for public use. The library regrets

any inconvenience that this might cause, but Pitts' family and the library feel that preserving this material for the future is vital to Worcester's history.

Expenses incurred in readying Pitts' papers will be many. Anyone wishing to make a memorial contribution to the Pitts Collection of the Worcester County Library may do so by contacting Fisher at 632-2600 or 289-9933.

Checks may be made payable to the Pitts Collection-Worcester County Library and sent to 307 North Washington Street, Snow Hill, Md. 21863. All donations are tax deductible.

Snow Hill Middle plans project for 'pen pals'

The Snow Hill Middle School library in conjunction with the Worcester County Public Library is sponsoring a pen pal project this year. Participating students complete a profile questionnaire at school which is forwarded by the public library to a cooperating library system in Alaska. There the profiles will be matched with those students from schools in the area.

Around Christmas Snow Hill Middle School students will receive the names and addresses of their Alaskan pen pals. Plans to extend the program to other states are currently being made.

Pictured are Christy Rantz and Julie Bradford who decorated the pen pal mailbox as part of their library media aide duties.

The Snow Hill Planning Commission will have their next Comprehensive Plan Meeting in the Worcester County Library, Snow Hill, at 7:30 p.m. The topic for discussion is "East End Land-Use Options."

High in praise of county

New library director in county

"I read 'Chesapeake' and everyone who has read it wants to come to the Eastern Shore", was Steward L. Wells reply to the question, "Have you ever visited the Eastern Shore before moving here?"

Mr. Wells, a native of Indiana, just recently assumed the position as library administrator of the Worcester County system.

Prior to coming to Worcester County Mr. Wells served in the East Chicago, Indiana library system for a total of 11 years as branch library and as assistant administrator. He also served a part of that time as the acting director. He received his M.S. Degree from Indiana University.

Although East Chicago is a small city of 39,000 people and the system is one of the larger in the state, it does not have as large a circulation as the Worcester County system.

East Chicago is an industrial area in the general "Chicago Sprawl" and is found to be marked by severe air pollution. Mr. Wells found that one of the assets of Worcester County was that "you can breathe the air—a wonderful difference."

Although he has never been to the shore he found that it is everything it was said to be "and more".

He also finds the library system

to be "outstanding" and "meeting the needs of the people—hopefully." He wants to continue the services and expand them according to what the people want and need. "I want to respond positively to what their

needs are," he added.

He thinks that the library system seems to be a positive force in the county and relevant. "Relevancy—this is what the people need and deserve," he said.

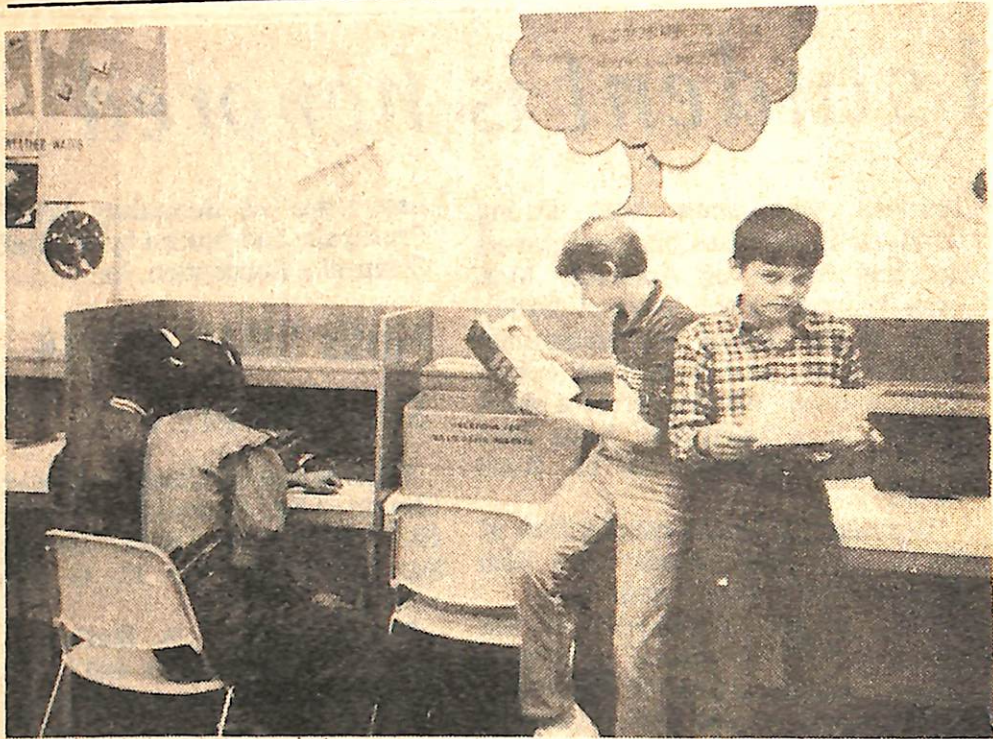


Stewart L. Wells



The Girdletree Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary took second prize in the annual parade at the Snow Hill Festifall

Saturday.



Kim Purnell, Jewel Davis, Billy Rutter, and Jimmy Fletcher learn more about author Willo Davis Roberts.

Children's book week planned

There are two special activities being planned to celebrate Children's Book Week this year. First, a joint project is being done with the public library and will culminate on November 19 at Snow Hill Library at 12:30 p.m. On that day we will "Ring Up a Writer" and students will be able to talk with author Willo Davis Roberts. Leading up to this in the school will be morning announcements, media center displays, and various contests. A group of students will be selected to read the authors books and conduct the interview, but all students are encouraged to submit

questions for Ms. Roberts and attend the phone conference. On the day of the interview, the public library will host a game show program based on the author's books, a mystery film, a T-Shirt printing activity (bring your own T-Shirt), and refreshments.

The second activity being planned is a stuffed animal pet show in conjunction with the Book Week theme, "Books are Best Friends!" Students may enter stuffed animals up until November 11. Pets will be judged during Book Week and prizes will be awarded on November 18.

Energy saving program set in Worcester

Worcester County Messenger 11/9/83

The University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service will hold an Energy Saving program in conjunction with the Snow Hill and Pocomoke Libraries. Harvey Murray and David Willmot will host the one-hour program focusing on simple but clever means by which residents can realize hundreds of dollars in energy savings. Mr. Willmot stresses that virtually no other small investments will bring such rapid and dramatic returns. There will be a slide show, demonstration, discussion and printed handouts-all free of charge. The public is invited to attend at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16 at the Snow Hill Library or at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 17th at the Pocomoke Library.

Skill center trainees work at co. library

Worcester Co. Messenger 11/16/83

Eight trainees at the Lower Shore Skill Center in Snow Hill sharpened their clerical skills and at the same time helped the Worcester County Library.

The project involved transcribing cassette tapes of interviews with older Worcester Countians who recalled earlier days in the period between 1890 and 1930.

Kathy Fisher, the library's coordinator of information, headed the collection of nearly 50 cassette-interviews. She said the tapes comprise an important part of local history. They had been indexed but still had to be transcribed onto paper.

Mrs. Fisher said Carmel Wilson, longtime director at the center, provided trainees in clerical and typing courses to do the transcriptions.

Taking part were Vanessa Collick

and Janice Collins. Stockton; Laura Jane Lewis & Evette Truitt, Snow Hill; Denise A. Johnson, Berlin; Lisa McCready, Marion; Tamela polk, Allen; and Susan R. Smith. Mrs. Fisher said the cost of this work, if done would be about \$30 per 30-minute tape. Three cassettes have been transcribed and three more await editing.

When the project began, the trainees were part of the old Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) which expired on September 30. CETA has been replaced by the new federal Job Training Partnership Act, to be administered in this are by the new lower shore Private Industry Council. "This cooperation has helped the library improve its collection as well as providing a money-free service to the county," she said.

nger, Snow Hill and Pocomoke City, Md., November 30, 1983

Worce. Co. Messenger

Page nine



Ring up a Writer program

Two weeks of RING UP A WRITER contests and activities at Snow Hill Middle School ended in the Snow Hill Branch of the Worcester County Library on Saturday, November 19. The two libraries cosponsored an activity where middle school students had an opportunity to interview a favorite author via conference telephone.

On Saturday, middle school students talked to Willo Davis Roberts, author of six novels for young people. In the two weeks

prior to the interview, students read Mrs. Robert's books, prepared questions for her to answer, and participated in a number of activities centered around her books.

The RING UP A WRITER program is an annual event cosponsored by the Worcester County Library and the Snow Hill Middle School. Last year, award winning author Natalie Babbitt was interviewed. Plans are already being made for next year's interview.

Worcester County Messenger, Snow Hill and Pocomoke City, M



Awards were recently presented to the winners in the telephone book contest by the Worcester County Library with a 1943 book brought in by Frances Tull named the winner. Some of the winners are pictured above. They are: [left to right] Jeanette Hastings with a 1961 book; Margaret Tongue with a 1965 book; Mrs. James Howard with a 1945 book and O.S. Trader having entered the most different books. The 1943 book had such comments as: "To shoot more we must talk less." and "Every call you save today may speed more ammunition to the battlefield." The 1945 book had the following rates: Snow Hill to Berlin - 15¢; Pocomoke to Ocean City - 30¢. Prizes for the contest were made possible by donations from the Snow Hill Ruritan Club and an anonymous donor. A total of 44 books were entered in the contest.

Worcester County Library seeks out of date telephone books

Worce. Co. Messenger 2/29/84

Tired of Ma Bell? Unhook yourself from your telephone book. Give us your old phone books - we collect them. The Worcester County Library is looking for telephone directories from Worcester County as an addition to their local history collection. Phone books provide not only a record of residents but also a record of businesses in the area, especially if the yellow pages are available. The library is hoping to acquire a complete run, from the first Directory around the turn of the century through the present, and house them in the Worcester County Room in the Snow Hill Branch.

An award will be made to the five persons donating the five oldest telephone books. A separate award will be made to the person donating the greatest number of

telephone books. Search your attics and basements, and your telephone books to the nearest branch of the Worcester County library. The Contest will run throughout March 1984. Awards will be made on April 4. Help the library preserve our county's history through phone books.

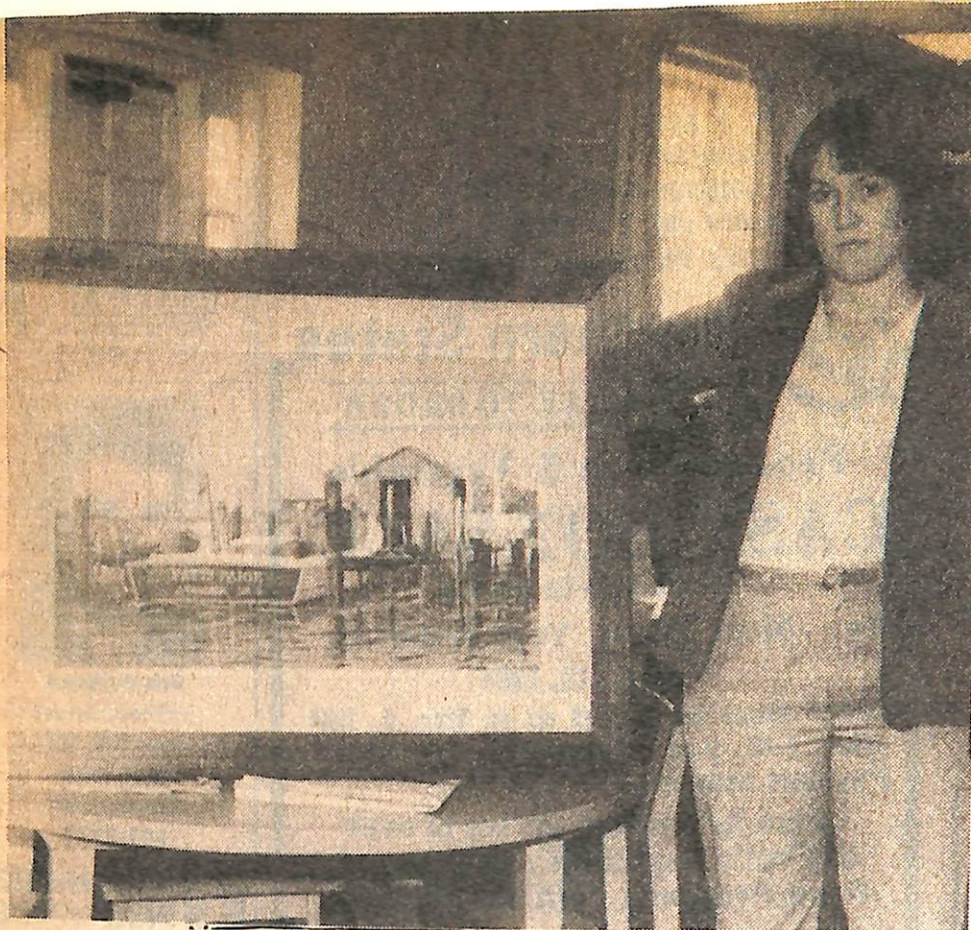
Rail history in S.H. library

Worce. Co. Messenger 2/2/84

"I've been working on railroad history and collecting railroad memorabilia for several years," stated Kent Griffith of Salisbury and Ocean City. Griffith currently has a few of his items on exhibit in the Worcester County Library, Snow Hill Branch. A car inspector's lantern and brakeman's lantern flank links and pins, a track chart, and brass switch locks dating c. 1890. Railroad passes, schedules, and time tablets tell the story of the railroad from the late 1800's well into the 20th century. Photographs show Queponco station, the Berlin depot with a great crowd of people, the Snow Hill passenger depot, and the train plowing snow in the "blizzard of '99". These and related pieces will be on display through February. A wide range of books on trains and the railroad are available for circulation.

Also on exhibit in the Worcester Room of the Snow Hill Branch of the Worcester County Library are photographs of several of Worcester County's historic homes, including the Mansion House in 1933 and at the turn of the century, Caleb's Discovery, the Gillis House, Nun's Green, Genesar, Salem, the Fassitt House, Snowhere and Honeyden. These photographers are from the Historic Photograph Collection of the Worcester County Library.

Wor Co Messenger 2/18/84



Becky Lowe shows one of her paintings which are on display this month at the Pocomoke City Library.

Feb. 29, 1984

Worcester County Messenger, Sn

Soroptimists hear talk on Pocomoke River

Soroptimist International of Pocomoke held its regular monthly dinner meeting on Tuesday, February 21, at Bethany Methodist Church with 29 members attending, and Gloria Pennewell, president presiding.

Chaplain Cleora Callahan presented as her devotion a continuation of the history of Pocomoke Churches as of the 1883 account by Rev. James Murray.

Kathy Fisher from the Worcester County Library, special librarian for the Worcester Room in the Snow Hill Library and Coordinator of Community Information, presented an interesting slide show on the Pocomoke River. Slides were made from old photographs and postcards of past years. The narration included historical and physical information.

Included in the regular business of the meeting was a thorough report by Barbara Browning on the work done by the local Salvation Army in regard to youth programs. It was agreed by club members to support this worthy project. Reports were made by other committee chairman.

A committee was formed to record the major health services supported through the years by the Pocomoke Soroptimists.

Future plans for Hartley Hall were discussed and new project undertaken for making bids for the patients. Plans were made for an upcoming birthday party for the patients at Hartley Hall in March.

Organizational was begun on Soroptimist involvement in the 4-way Test Program which is being sponsored by the Pocomoke Rotarians.

A white elephant sale will be held at the March club meeting.

A few cookbooks are still available to the public from club members.

Display at county libraries

Old coins, artifacts and 10,000 year old fossils are coming to the Pocomoke and Snow Hill Branches of the Worcester County Library. Sue Hurley from the Ocean City Lifesaving Museum, will talk about shipwrecks and treasures found off the coast of Ocean City.

Stories, facts and lots of old things to touch will be presented in the Pocomoke Branch Library on Wednesday, August 10. Both programs will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Shipwrecks and Treasures...off the coast of Ocean City is free and is appropriate for the whole family. Children under five must be accompanied by an adult.

Activities planned in county to celebrate state 350th year

March is a busy and a significant month in Maryland's celebration of its 350th birthday and in its history. In March 1634 some 140 travelers arrived at St. Clement's Island in the Potomac River. Shortly thereafter, they established the first settlement at nearby St. Mary's City in southern Maryland.

Events taking place during March, 1984 include:

March 21 on PBS at 7:30 pm rebroadcast of the January 14, 1984 Ratification Day events in Annapolis.

March 25 on PBS at 7:00 pm rebroadcast of the January 14, 1984 Ratification Day events in Annapolis.

March 25 at St. Clements Island, the official State Maryland Day celebration and reenactment of the landing of English settlers, with a 17th Century Mass, ecumenical program and Colonial music.

March 25 at all churches is Worcester County, services and sermons featuring religious freedom and Maryland's birthday.

March 25 at the Ocean City Lifesaving Museum, a Maryland Day Tea from 12:00 - 4:00, complete with birthday cake and candles. Materials on Maryland from the Worcester County

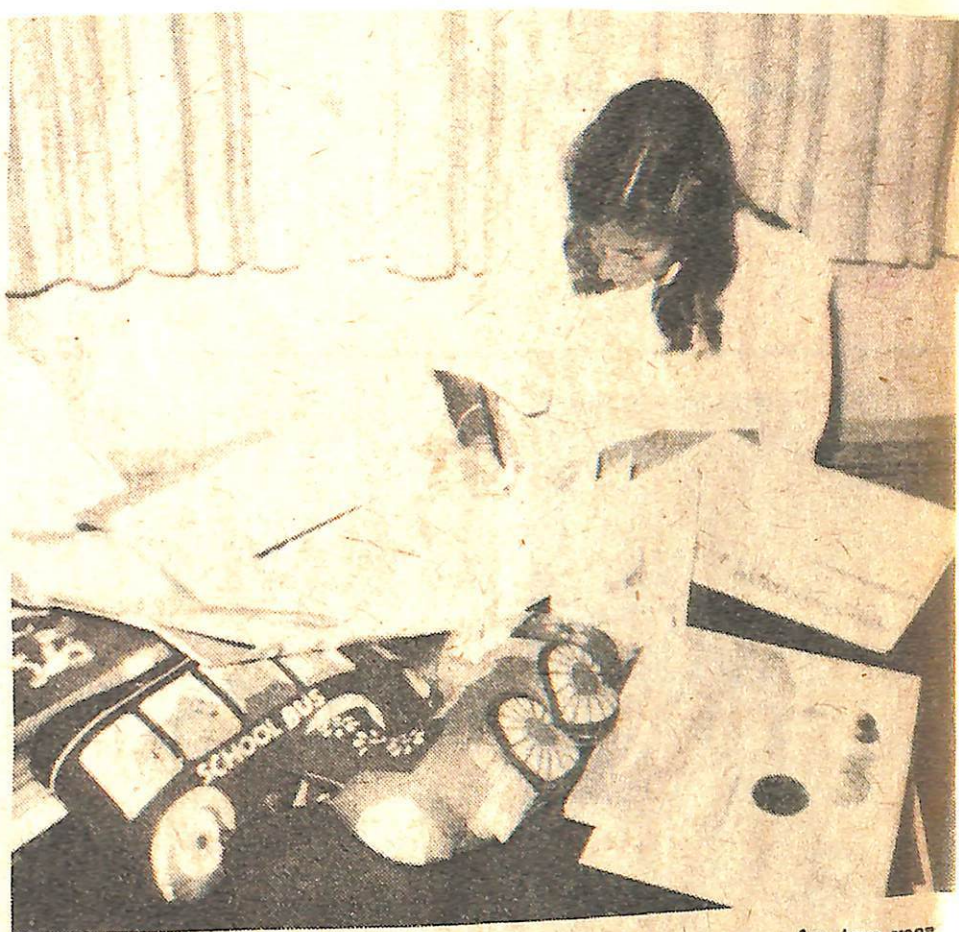
Library will be available for circulation. During the afternoon, awards will be made to the winners of the local Maryland Poetry Contest, sponsored by the Ocean City Poetry Society and the Ocean City Lifesaving Museum.

March 31 at Salisbury State College, a "Symposium on 18th Century Studies" sponsored by the Pemberton Hall Foundation, 8:15 - 5:15. Fee and registration.

March 7, 14, 21, 28 at Ocean Pines 9:00 - 11:00 p.m., traditional dances reflecting our heritage by the Pine Steppers. All welcome. No dancing ability needed. Fee. Call 641-7564.

To commemorate Maryland's founding, the Maryland Heritage Committee and the U.S. Capitol Historical Society announced that the Society's official 1984 Commemorative Medal will feature the 350th Anniversary of Maryland, and the concept of religious freedom as introduced to the New World by the first and second Lords Baltimore in 1634. The 350th Anniversary Medal will soon be finished and it is contemplated that the 1½ inch bronze and the 3 inch bronze art medals will be available throughout Maryland beginning this month.

The Worcester Heritage Com-



Diane Helm prepares for Extended Dimensions, a program for two year olds and parents to be offered this fall in the Snow Hill Branch Library.

New program for children offered at Wor. Co. Library

Worcester County Messenger Sept 12, 1984

Toddlers are special people with unique needs. In recognition of these needs, the Worcester County Library is offering a new program designed especially for children under three years of age. "Extended Dimensions" a story and activity series is for two year olds and parents. The series is planned for the Snow Hill Branch Library at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday mornings in October and November.

Toddlers and parents participating in the seven week series will explore a wide variety of activities. A brief group story experience will open each week program. Short stories using books, flannel boards, slides and filmstrips will encourage the young children to observe and talk about what they see, and will provide a listening experience for youngsters who are just learning

how to sit still. Following the short story time, parents and children will have an opportunity to visit four to six activity stations set up in the program area. These activities will vary from simple crafts, water play, and cooking to large muscle activities, color and shape identification, music and language games.

Parents and children, working together, may move from one activity to the next at their own pace. Library staff will be available to assist parents with activities and to suggest other library materials that could be used at home.

"Extended Dimensions" is a new library program open to toddlers and parents. For more information and to register call Diane Helm or Sally Long at 632-2600.

Autographing session planned at S.H. Library

Victoria Heland will be at the Snow Hill Branch of the Worcester County Library on Thursday November 1 from 3:00-4:00 to autograph copies of her book, **WORCESTER MEMORIES**. The book is a project of the Worcester Heritage Committee in celebration of Maryland's 350th birthday. Photographs, and reminiscences from those who lived then, tell the story of life in Worcester County from 1890 to 1930.

Special invitations are issued to contributions to the book from the Snow Hill area: John W. Adkins; Rodney Bounds; Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bowen; Laura Bradford; Russell Bradford; Mary Bowen; Nora Fooks Perdue; Reggie

Hudson; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cherrix; Sidney and Helen Collins; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Clayville; Ethel Cherrix; Elisabeth Hearne; Edward Shockley; Edith Carmean; Charles Foster Outten; Mildred Riley; Lola Truitt; Ida Timmons; Margaret Northam; Grace Jones; Lola Shockley; Clara H. Shockley; John and Evelyn MacRoberts; George Jones; Milton Pennewell; Flossie Douglas; Grace Layfield; Raymond Brown; Clifton Carey; Emily D. Matthews; Gertrude Collins; Ralph Pettit; Ethelyne P. Pilchard; Louise Littleton; Elsie Ewell; Wayne Leake; Lottie Holston.

Stop by to have your copy of the book signed, and chat with those who made the book possible. Help celebrate our heritage in Worcester County.

10/24/84

Wor. Co. Messenger

'Worcester Memories' to be featured here

10/24/84

Wor. Co. Messenger

Like a high school memory book, "Worcester Memories", the birthday gift of the Worcester County Heritage Committee to Maryland on her 350th birthday, captures the flavor of the past. Arthur Victoria Heland listened to the memories of more than 100 Worcester Countians as they recalled the way of life on the Shore from 1890 to 1933. She put their words in a book but left plenty of space on every page for readers to add their own reminiscences or explanations.

"Worcester Memories" based on hours of oral history collected by Kathy Fisher and a host of helpers, groups quotations excerpted from the taped conversations into categories like home life, law and order, industry and agriculture, but these dry topics spring to life as Mrs. Severn Whitehead recalls that a well bucket was their refrigerator for perishable foods. Russell Bradford remembers fifteen "parties" on a telephone line and Ralph Pettit worked for three cents an hour. Every grandparents should have one to fill in comments relative to his own family and experiences. This way of life has disappeared and will be forgotten without memories preserved by those who lived it.

Victoria Heland, daughter of

Salisbury attorney Vaughn Richardson, has written several Gothic novels. The Heritage Committee commissioned her to put together these recollections of days long gone to record the experiences of everyday people in their own words. Mrs. Heland has retained their Shore talk so that the book captures not only the facts of another time but also the cadences of speech.

Readers will be disappointed if they expect a consecutive history. Young readers may have to have hel in understanding customs that have passed out of style long ago. It is a book for sharing—for families to enjoy together and to use to spark memories from their own family members.

Pictures have been drawn from the files of the Worcester County Library. Unfortunately they are not captioned. Mrs. Fisher explained that in collecting old pictures, names and places were often unidentified. She hopes that anyone recognizing persons in the pictures will call the Worcester County Library as they are trying to complete captions for all their pictures.

She also hopes to hear her phone ring and someone say, "That's not right!" so that the collection will grow with varied recollections. With events seen from many different perspectives, a well-rounded picture of life in Worcester County

at the turn of the century will be captured for generations to come.

Victoria Heland will be at the Pocomoke Branch of the Worcester County Library on Thursday, October 25 from 3:00-4:00 to autograph copies of her book, "Worcester Memories". The book is a project of the Worcester Heritage Committee in celebration of Maryland's 350th birthday. Photographs, and reminiscences from those who lived then, tell the story of life in Worcester County from 1890 to 1930.

Special invitations are being issued to contributors to the book from the Pocomoke area: William S. Stant; Willard Evans; Mary McKissick; Malissa and Robley Small; Mary White; Elmer Brittingham; Emma P. Shaw; Owen Pilchard; Willard Pilchard; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Payne; Marah Finney; Catherine Etchinson; Allen D. Merrill; Mrs. Clarence Duncan; and Mr. and Mrs. Severn Whitehead.

Stop by to have your copy of the book signed, and chat with those who made the book possible. Help celebrate our heritage in Worcester County.

County plans to celebrate 350th state anniversary

Nov. Co. Messenger 11/30/84

Maryland's 350th birthday is nearly here, and the Worcester Heritage Committee is busy with preparations for a year of focusing on Maryland's and Worcester's heritage.

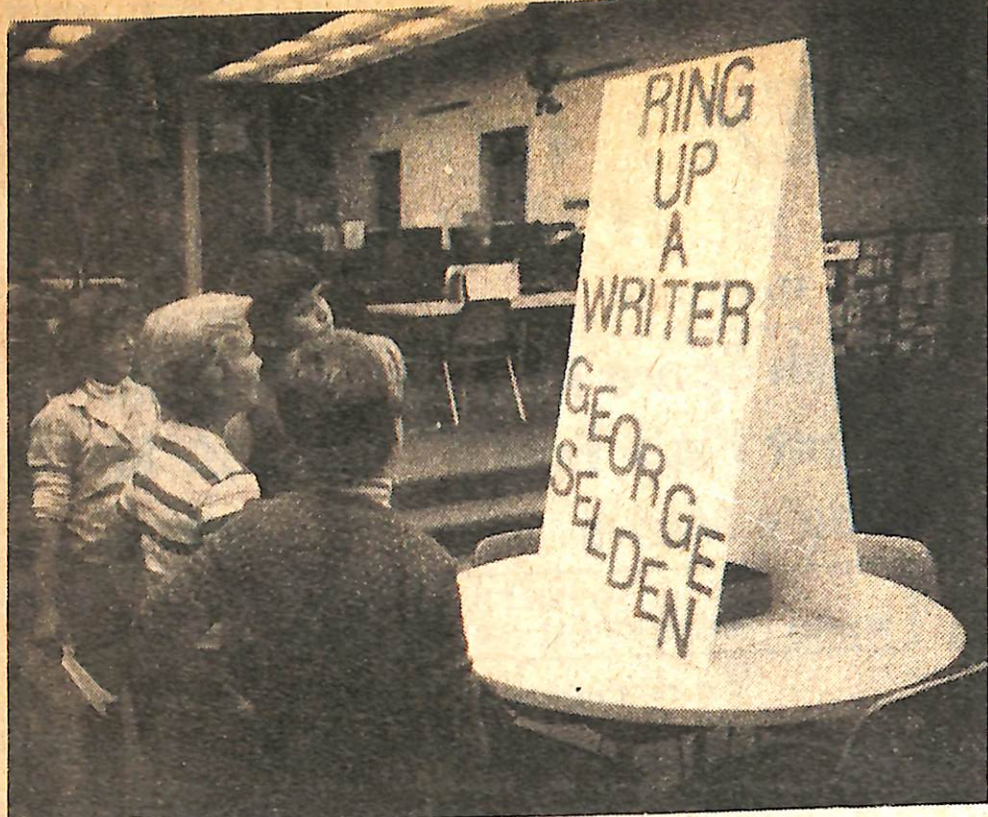
A major project is the publication of a photographic history of our county. Victoria J. Heland, author of this book, will be using the memories of those who grew up in Worcester County from 1890-1930 to caption photographs of the same period and capture a feeling for life at the turn of the century. The oral history and slide collections of the Worcester County Library will be used for research.

Also being produced by Tom Presby, under the direction of the Heritage Committee, are five slide/tape presentations: agriculture, ghost towns, county history, and the major towns as they were from 1890-1930. This project is made possible by a grant from the Maryland Humanities Council, an affiliate is of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Schools in Worcester County are enthusiastic with their plans which for 1984. Originally, creativity and hard work have gone into these plans which will immerse students, faculty, parents and the community into learning about and celebrating Maryland's heritage.

The Heritage Committee will be contacting county churches, civic organizations and groups with suggestions for incorporating Maryland's heritage into their regularly scheduled events. The Committee is urging the general public to make 1984 a banner year by flying the Maryland flag, and showing pride in our State.

If you would like more information about what's happening and being planned for 1984, contact any member of the Heritage Committee: Edward Hammond; L. Richard Phillips; Jenny Lord; Charlotte Cathell; Ann Coates; Debbie Byrd; Jerry Nicholas; Fred Brueckman; Lenore Robbins; or Kathy Fisher.



Snow Hill Middle School students discuss the RING UP A WRITER interview with author George Selden.

Wor Co Messenger 12-5-84

Students "Ring up" writer

Saturday, November 17, Snow Hill students enjoyed the Third Annual "Ring Up A Writer" program in the Snow Hill Branch of the Worcester County Library. Each year the library and the Snow Hill Middle School Media Center cosponsor this event. Students have an opportunity to interview, via conference telephone, an author of books for young people.

This year the students in-

terviewed George Selden, author of "A Cricket In Times Square". During the thirty minute interview, the students asked about Seldon's youth, about his book's characters and about his writing in general. One student discovered that he and Selden enjoyed reading the same books.

A tape of the interview was made and may be borrowed from the Snow Hill Library.

Miss Jones to present slides at Snow Hill Library on January 6

Wor Co Messenger 1-2-85

Miss Grace Jones of Salisbury, Md., will present slides on Morocco in the first of the Worcester County Library's 1985 Travel Lecture Series, Sunday, January 6, at 3:00 p.m. at the Snow Hill Branch Library. This is the ninth year for

the popular lecture series. Miss Jones, a librarian for more than 30 years, spent five years on two different tours of Iran, one as a college librarian in Tehran. She was a librarian in North Carolina for two years and was a librarian at Snow Hill High School at the time of her retirement. Since retirement, she has traveled extensively.

The Worcester County Library Sunday travel lecture series is free of charge, and the public is invited. A lecture will be presented each Sunday through February 24.

Couple to show slides on far east

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dashiell of Delmar, Del., will show slides and talk on India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka in the second of Worcester County Library's travel lecture series, Sunday, January 13 at 3:00 p.m. at the Snow Hill Branch Library.

The Dashiells have completed half a dozen trips since their retirement - to Egypt, to Greece, and to China, as well as to India.

Before World War II, in 1940 and 1941, Mr. Dashiell taught history and social studies and Mrs. Dashiell taught math at Snow Hill High School. After the war, they went into the hardware business, from which they retired 12 years ago.

The Worcester County Library Sunday travel lecture series is free of charge, and the public is invited.

Wor Co Messenger 1-9-85

Travel lecture to feature tour of Italian areas

Mrs. Joanne Mason of Newark, Md., will take armchair travelers along for a glimpse of Italy at the Worcester County Library, Sunday, January 20, at 3:00 p.m., in the third of the 1985 Travel Lecture Series at the Branch Library in Snow Hill.

Not a world traveler, Mrs. Mason describes herself as a "practicing grandmother," who went to Rome as a chaperone-escort for 72 U.S. high school students on an AFS International/Intercultural Program and lingered for a short stay in Italy. She worked 21 years as a volunteer in the program and is a former Area Rep. Her hobby is photography.

The Worcester County Library's travel lecture series is free of charge, and the public is invited.

Talk on China planned in S.H.

Dr. Melvin T.L. Ang, Assistant Professor of History, Salisbury State College, will focus on the historic interest of places in the Peoples Republic of China, Sunday, January 27, at 3:00 p.m., at the Worcester County Library in Snow Hill. The slide presentation is part of the Library's ongoing Travel Lecture Series.

"I'll be giving a little history along the way," Dr. Ang said.

Born in Boston, Mass., of Chinese parentage, Dr. Ang taught in Hong Kong after graduating from Dartmouth. There he met his wife who was born in Macao but grew up in Hong Kong. Mrs. Ang is presently a reference librarian at Salisbury State College.

The lecture is free of charge, and the public is invited. It is the fourth in the Worcester County Library's travel lecture series this year.

Presentation

Wor Co Messenger 1-30-85

Mrs. Joanne Mason of Newark will make a presentation at the Worcester County Library in Snow Hill on February 3rd at 3:00 p.m. in place of the planned program. She will give a talk on her trip to Italy when she escorted 72 high school foreign exchange students.

Mrs. Long tells folk tales at SHMS



Mrs. Sally Long shares folk stories with 6th graders at SHMS.

Mrs. Sally Long of the Worcester County Library visited the sixth grade at Snow Hill Middle School and told folk stories to the students. The classes were combined so that all students could participate in this special activity.

The sixth grade is studying Maryland in social studies and folklore is a part of the unit. The

students had previously taped interviews with older members in the area and shared those tapes with Mrs. Peggy Pruitt's classes.

Folk stories are just one part of folklore. Folklore includes any materials of a group of people which are transmitted orally or by example from one generation to another and in the process vary somewhat.

Library plans

Switzerland talk

on February 10

Wor Co Messenger

2/6/85

Mrs. Ruth Handte of Ocean Pines will talk on Switzerland on February 10 at 3:00 p.m., in the Worcester County Library, Snow Hill, as part of the Library's Ninth Annual Travel Lecture Series.

Calling it a "photo essay," Mrs. Handte describes her presentation as a script with music, specifically Strauss' Alpine Symphony. A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., where she grew up, Mrs. Handte retired from the Telephone Company and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. She and her husband, Fred, have visited Switzerland three times. "And love it," she adds.

The Worcester County Library's popular Sunday travel lectures are free of charge, and the public is invited.

Talk planned on Yukon at Snow Hill library

Wor. Co. Messenger 2/20/85

Fr. Edward M. Aigner, of Pocomoke City, Md., will take time from his busy Sunday schedule to show slides on -not winter but-summer in the Yukon, at the Worcester County Branch Library in Snow Hill, February 24, at 3:00 p.m.

Fr. Aigner, pastor of the Holy Name of Jesus Church in Pocomoke City as well as St. Elizabeth's Church in Westover, photographed "miles and miles of wilderness" this past summer when he and three friends took a

two-week, two-canoe trip, roughing it on the Yukon River in Yukon Territory, Canada, "to get away from it all." They did exactly that, traveling without guides, sure they wouldn't get lost as long as they stuck to the 2,000 mile long river which goes north and then west, eventually emptying into the Bering Sea.

Fr. Aigner's presentation is the last in the Worcester County Library's well-attended 1985 Travel Lecture Series. The lecture is free of charge, and the public is invited.

Slide show on Mexico planned at library

Wor Co Messenger 2-13-85

John Presby, of Snow Hill, will talk and show slides about Mexico as the seventh in the Worcester County Library's travel lecture series, Sunday, February 17 at 3:00 p.m., at the Branch Library in Snow Hill. Mr. Presby spent six weeks in Oaxaca, Mexico, this past summer.

Mr. Presby, now retired from the State Department, spent much of his diplomatic career abroad, in such far-flung places as Japan, Iran, Turkey, and Somaliland. He has given slide presentations on Istanbul and Canada in the Library's popular travel lecture series. He is Past President of the Worcester County Historical Society, and a director of the Salisbury State College Foundation.

The lecture is free of charge, and the public is invited.

Snow Hill Students Talk To Astronaut

By MICHELE DIETZ
Of The Times Staff

SNOW HILL — It was the next best thing to being there for 38 students from Snow Hill Middle School who gathered around a telephone intercom at the Worcester County Public Library here Friday to have a half-hour chat with astronaut Dr. Sally Ride.

Asking questions like, "What does floating in zero gravity feel like?" and "Have you seen any Soviet spacecraft while in space?" about 10 middle school students took turns interviewing Ride, who talked by phone from Houston Space Center.

"I learned a lot," said Laura Aaron, 15, one of the students who got the chance to speak with Ride.

Aaron, who wants to be an astronaut, said talking to Ride made her feelings about her career choice even stronger.

"She just sparks your interest, and makes it seem fun," she said about Ride. "I look up to her."

Shannon Fudge, an eighth grader at Snow Hill Middle School, said she had never really entertained thoughts of entering a career in space, but Ride made her "want to be an astronaut."

"I kind of envy her," Fudge said. "I think it would be neat to go into space after talking to her."

The Ride interview was part of a program set up here between the library and the middle school in which students talk by phone to famous persons across

the U.S. about topics related to their curriculum.

Before speaking to Ride, students had interviewed well-known authors in what was called "Ring Up a Writer," organized about three years ago by librarian Sally Long, in which they could talk to those who wrote the books they were reading.

But this semester, Long said she and co-organizer Janice Ward, library media specialist at Snow Hill Middle School, decided to take the program one step further to include famous people in all walks of life. "It was so exciting for the kids with the authors that we thought, why couldn't we take the technique and use it in other areas of the curriculum?" Long said.

Long and Ward sent about 30 letters to politicians, athletes, news reporters, and people in various careers, and Ride was the first to answer.

Those selected to participate in the Ride interview were students studying math and science and those interested in entering a space-related career field.

About three weeks were spent by the students preparing for the interview, studying information about Ride and the U.S. space program, watching films about women in space and interviewing techniques and, finally, making up the questions they would ask the first woman astronaut.

Ward said future telephone interviews may include olympic diver Greg Louganis, who will talk to students about setting goals and reaching them.

THE DAILY TIMES Salisbury, Md. Sat., April 27, 1985



TALKING TO ASTRONAUT. Eighth grader LaVerne Waters of Snow Hill Middle School, talks by telephone to astronaut Sally Ride from the the Worcester County Public Library as Otto Grozinger, 13, waits his turn. (Times Photo by Michele Dietz)

PROGRAM WORKSHEET/CHECKLIST

Date Submitted _____

(Submit to Director's office at least three months before program date)

PROGRAM _____

BY _____
Name Department Branch

GOALS _____

Specify Activities/Methods _____

TARGET AUDIENCE _____

DATE _____ TIME _____ LOCATION _____

SPONSORSHIP: Library Dept/s _____ Community Agency _____

Participants (include address & phone if non-staff) _____

Transportation needed? _____

STAFF: Preparation of program _____ no. of hours _____

During program _____ no. of hours _____

BUDGET: Item _____ Cost _____

Item _____ Cost _____

Item _____ Cost _____

PROMOTION: Fliers _____ Posters _____ Newspaper _____

School Papers _____ Booklists _____ Organizations _____

Radio _____ Other _____

Distribution Plans _____

Display at program site _____

PROGRAM EVALUATION

Date

PROGRAM _____

Day

Date

Location

PLANNER(S) _____ DEPT. _____

OTHERS INVOLVED _____

SPEAKER(S) / COMMUNITY RESOURCE(S) _____

TARGET AUDIENCE _____

ATTENDANCE + + =
 children young adults adults total

PROMOTION

TYPES: Flyer _____ (attach sample) Poster _____ Radio _____

TV _____ Newspaper _____

Other _____

Distribution: Inside Library _____

Outside Library _____

RESULTS: HOW THE AUDIENCE LEARNED ABOUT THE PROGRAM

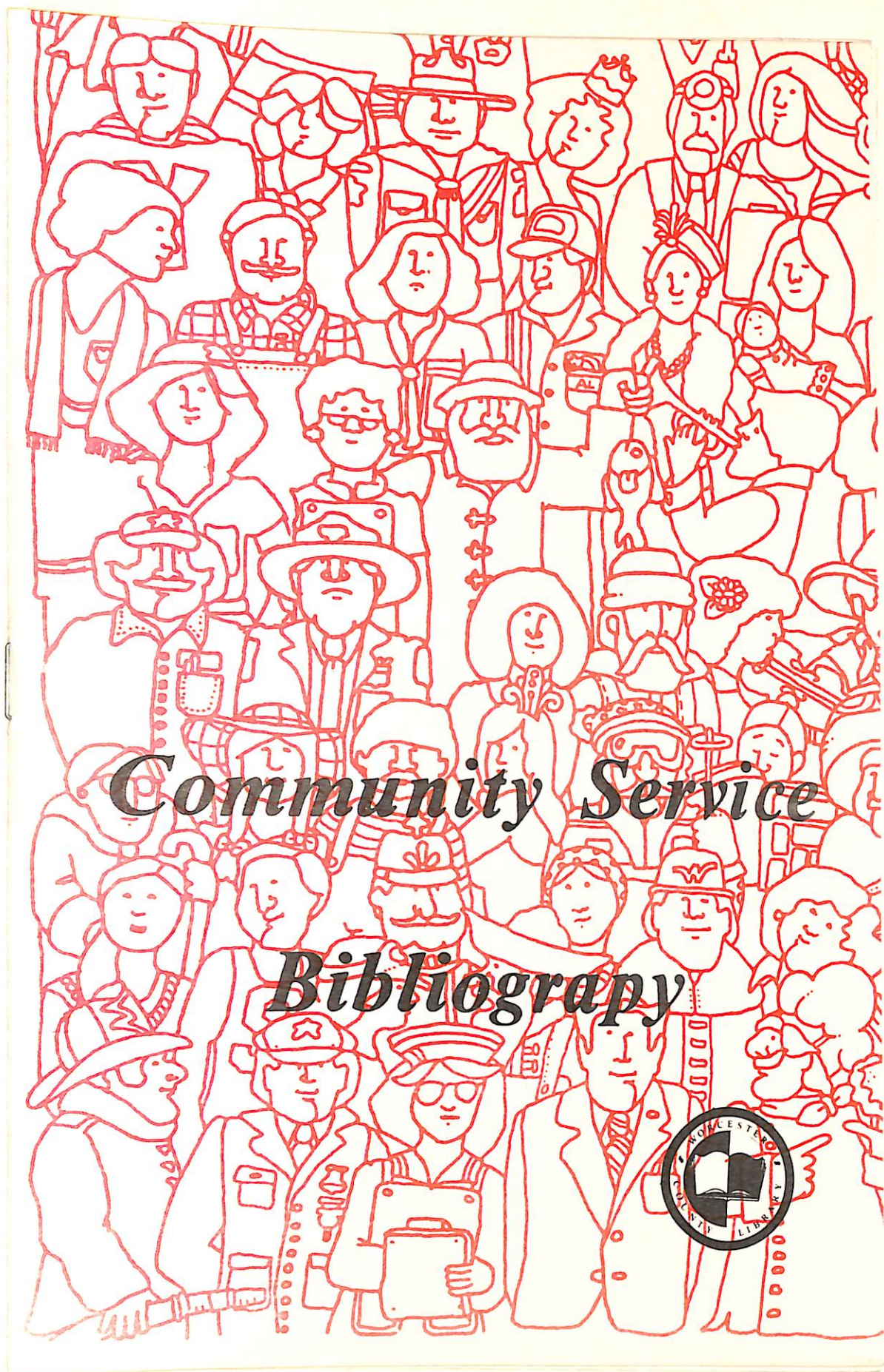
Radio _____ (which stations) TV _____ (which channels)

Newspapers (which ones) _____

Other (list) _____

Flyer _____ Poster _____

Library Materials Used (list attached)



THE CHALLENGE OF AGING



A Selected List of Materials

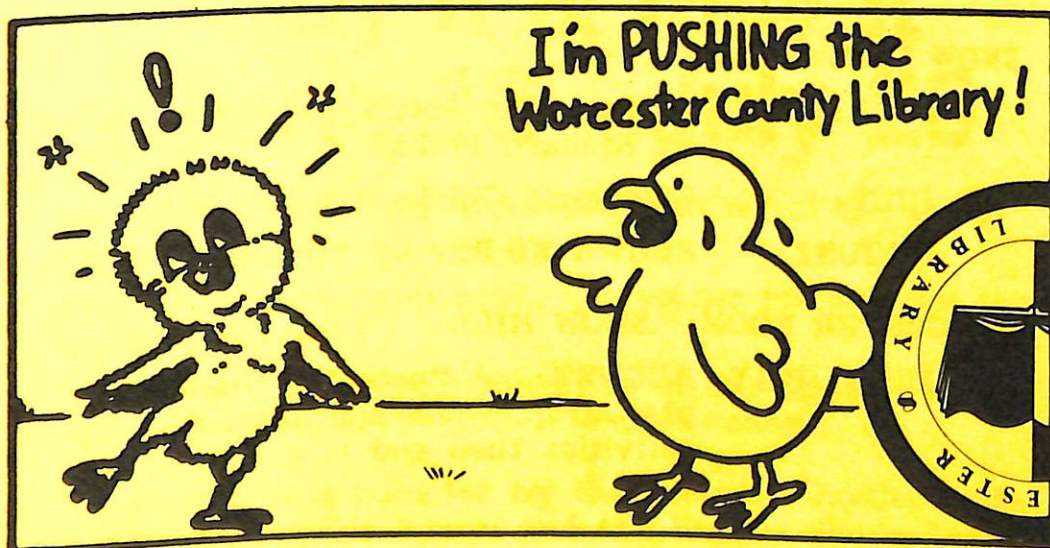
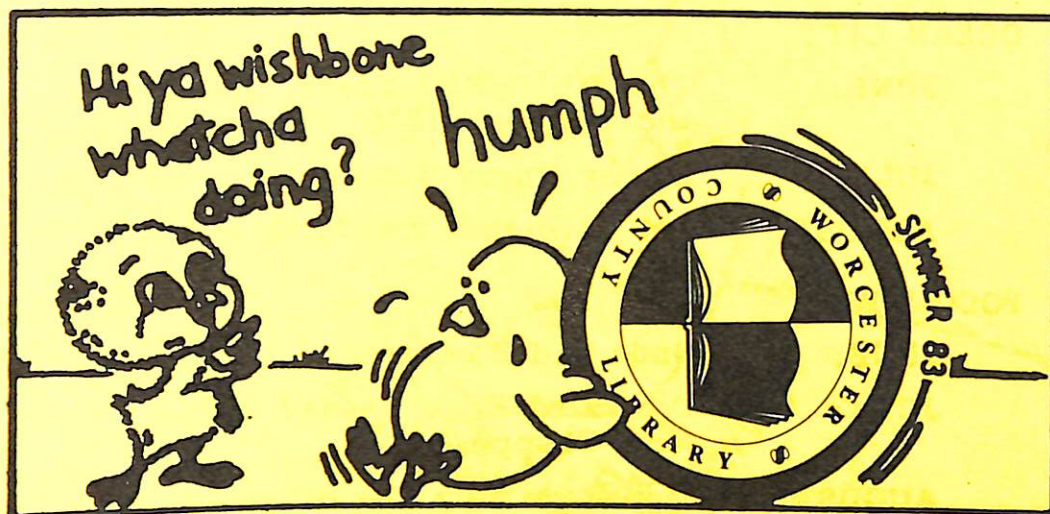
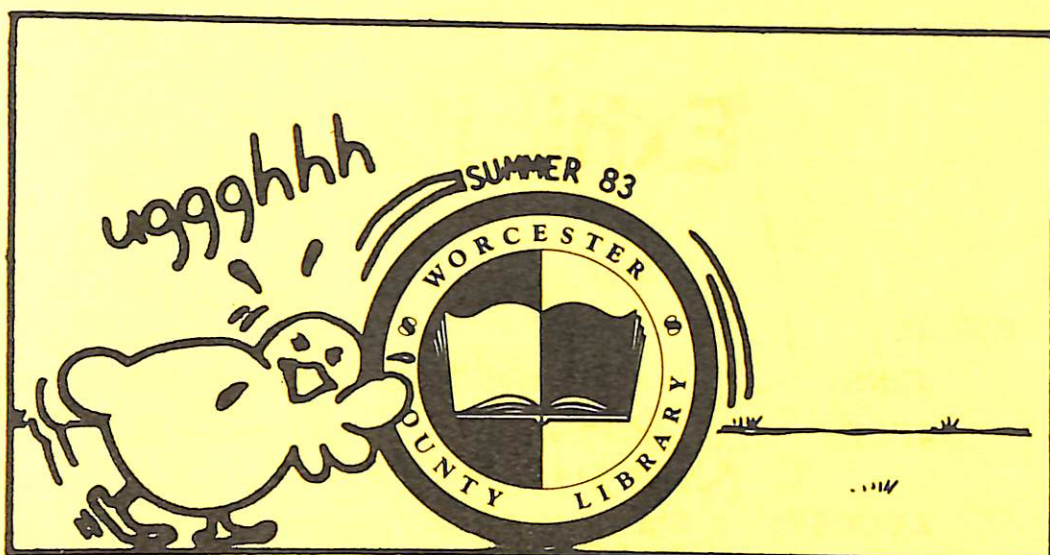
in the

Worcester County Library

BOOKS AS TRIBUTES



Worcester County Library



Be booked as a Friend of The Library



*Help
Learn
Participate*

Volunteer Services



You are needed

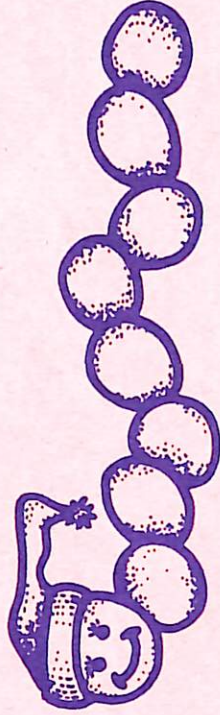
RS ARE...A. NECESSARY
B. HELPFUL
C. IMPORTANT
D. DEPENDABLE
E. ALL OF THE ABOVE



STORY TIME 1984

Champion Reader

is a champion reader and made his
bookworm grow.



Gold Medal Reader

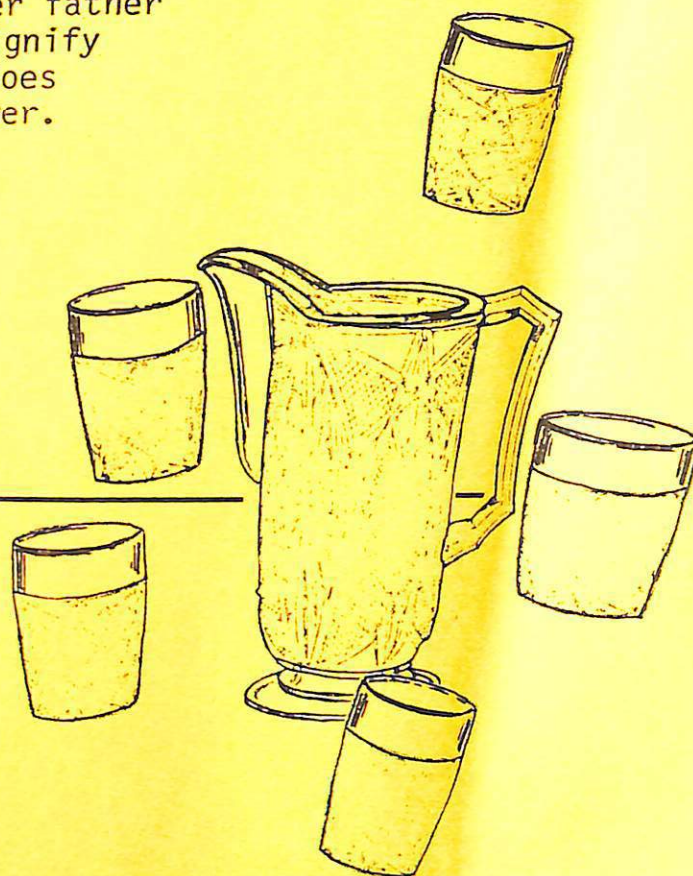
Furries Scurries & Fanciful Beasts Storytime
Worcester County Library

Gather 'Round the Fire
with
Vernon O. Giffin, author of
The Veil, and More Folklore of
the Eastern Shore

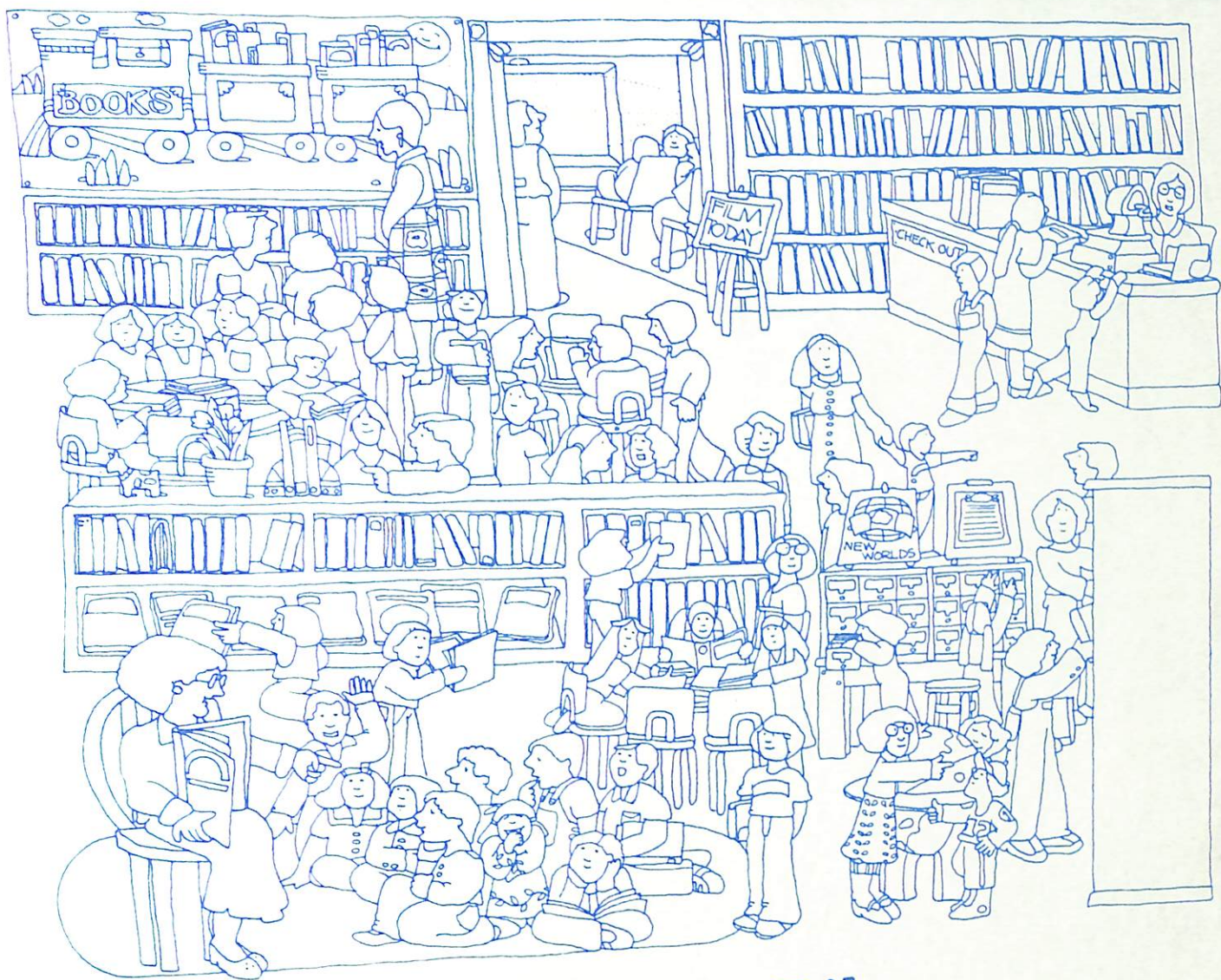


"The day had been hot and humid. Pauline Jacobs had been in the room with her dying father almost all day. She was tired, dog tired. Now that her younger sister had come from Mardela to relieve her, she made her way to the kitchen for a cup of coffee, she heard a tinkling sound like a couple of glasses striking each other. She looked at the buffet in the corner of the dining room. There on the top were a pitcher and six glasses in a tray. The pitcher was stationary, but not so the glasses. All of those glasses were at least a couple of inches above the tray, dancing on thin air, lightly touching one another, making that tinkling sound. They were only suspended in the air a short time and then all was quiet. Quiet, that is, except for the scream that came from her father's room. She knew from her sister's scream that her father was dead. Did the dancing glasses signify the death of Pauline's father? She does not know. She does not have the answer. But she does know that those glasses were dancing as her father was dying."

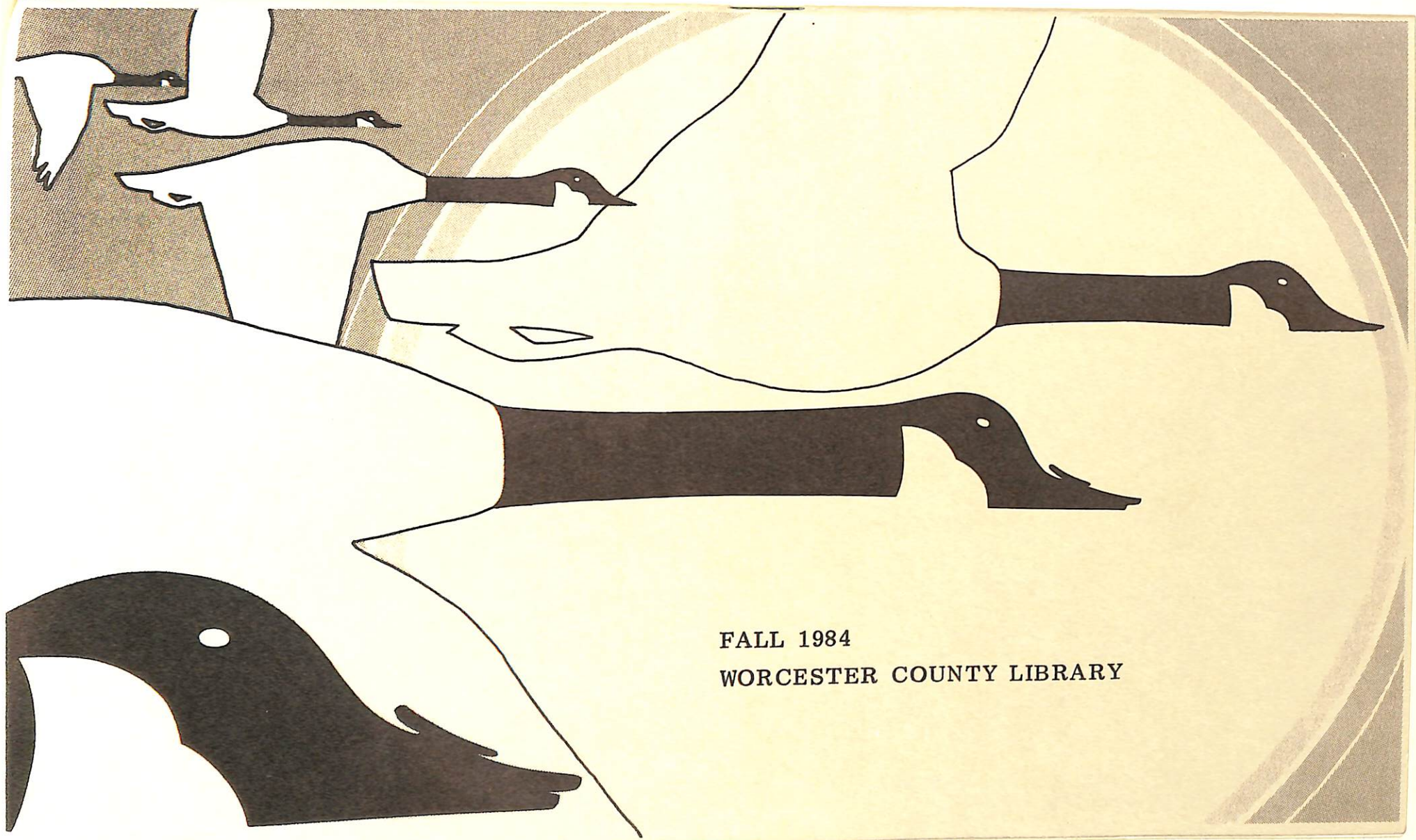
from THE VEIL...



Berlin Branch Library
Wednesday, October 26
7:30 pm
A family affair



Worcester County Library . . .



FALL 1984

WORCESTER COUNTY LIBRARY

I REMEMBER . . .



. . . ice-skating on the Pocumoke River, the Pocumoke Fair, brick-making in Snow Hill, turtle trapping in Trappe Mill Pond, Farmer's Day at Public Landing, "going bathing" at Ocean City, Jake in Berlin...

Recollections of life in Worcester County 1890-1930 from the Oral History Collection of the Worcester County Library.

Told by Sally Long and Kathy Fisher

Wednesday May 23 7:30 p.m.

Berlin Branch Library

This project was made possible in part by a grant from the Worcester Arts Council.



Jack
and
Jill
went
up the
hill,

To fetch an arm of books.
Jack fell down,
And broke his crown,

And Jill went ahead,
Checked out four
mysteries,
Two Cowboy stories
And a book of
word games,

To help
Jack
pass the
Time
in the
hospital



Abercrombie
RUN FOR YOUR LIFE

Babson
THE CRUISE OF A
DEATHTIME

Cook
COMA

Cormier
THE BUMBLEBEE
FLIES ANYWAY

DeFelitta
AUDREY ROSE

Fox
AMOK

Gilmore
RUSHING

Higgins
TOUCH OF THE DEVIL

Hunter
LIZZIE

Jaffe
MAZES AND MONSTERS

LIFE STORY

D'Ambrosio
NO LANGUAGE BUT A
CRY

Duncan
CHAPTERS

Edwards
ROAD TO JAVA

Fast
THE IMMIGRANTS (series)

Green
DAKOTA DAYS, THE TRUE
STORY OF JOHN LENNON'S
FINAL YEARS

Gunther
DEATH BE NOT PROUD

Hayden
THE SUNFLOWER FOREST

Hearst
EVERY SECRET THING



the STARTING LINE Fall 1984
for adults who care about preschool children

"A Halloween Witch"
by Kimberly Wilkins
age 5





OVER 13 UNDER 18

Crutcher
RUNNING LOOSE

DeClements
HOW DO YOU LOOSE THOSE
NINTH GRADE BLUES?

Franco
LOVE IN A DIFFERENT
KEY

Girion
IN THE MIDDLE OF A
RAINBOW

Guest
ORDINARY PEOPLE

Guy
THE DISAPPEARANCE

Hunter
LOU IN THE LIMELIGHT

Knudson
JUST ANOTHER LOVER
STORY

DAY DREAMS

Adler
THE EVIDENCE THAT
WASN'T THERE

Bonham
THE MISSING PERSONS
LEAGUE

Bradshaw
HAWK OF MAY (series)

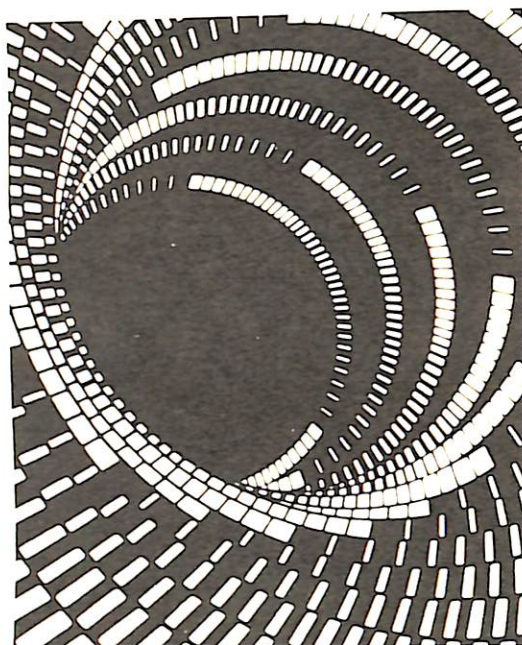
Butler
KINDRED

Hamilton
HOUSE OF DIES DREER

Llywelyn
HORSE GODDESS

McCaffrey
DRAGONS OF PERN (series)

McSherry
BASEBALL 3000



WORCESTER COUNTY LIBRARY

SNOW HILL, MARYLAND

Mrs. Dorothy G. Moore, Library Administrator

BRANCHES

Berlin
Ocean City
Pocomoke
Snow Hill

TRUSTEES

Klein Lelster, President
Miss Grace Jones, Secretary
Herman Baker, Treasurer
Mrs. G. Ewell Dryden
Mrs. J. Warner Foley
Miss Elizabeth Laws
Mrs. Roy Timmons

TO THE WORCESTER COUNTY LIBRARY STAFF
From DGM as she departs

A library we dedicate! But what did I forget?
I've never mentioned anywhere, the ~~X~~BEST INGREDIENT!

Shelves and books and furnishings ALL may have their worth
BUT the treasure that I cherish is MY FINEST STAFF ON EARTH.

You've been THERE in co-operation, truly pioneers;
You've given MUCH for little pay - how well I know, my dears.

I'll carry you a long, long time within my heart and mind.
But though I search, I doubt indeed your like again I'll find.

TO DUPLICATE--
ORDER
Hanson 516
FROM YOUR RETAILER

