

High tower Named Director Of Central Services For Library



position vacated by Verda Hansberry who retired in December 1981.

Prior to her Washington, D.C. position, Ms. Hightower held positions with the Los Angeles Public Library; the

New Haven (Connecticut) Public Library; the Prince George's and Montgomery Counties (Maryland) Public Libraries; the Maryland State Department of Education Library and the

National Commission of Product Safety Library.

She has been a children's librarian, branch librarian, consultant for institutions, and reference librarian as well as an administrator. She

has a Master's Degree in Library Science from the University of Maryland and post-Master's Specialist Certificate from the University of Wisconsin. In the library field, Ms. Hightower has been a

lecturer, instructor, trainer, consultant and writer.

Ms. Hightower brings to the Seattle Public Library her philosophy that "the public library should take the initiative in develop-

ing and/or rebuilding the vitality of a community, introducing and making use of new technology, promoting and establishing avenues for interchanges and exchange of ideas, pulling

together different age groups, serving as an advocate to community group organizations and responding to immediate informational needs."

For more information, call 625-4984.

City Librarian Ronald Dubberly announces the appointment of Monteria Hightower as Director of Central Services for the Seattle Public Library effective July 26.

Ms. Hightower comes to the Seattle Public Library from Washington, D.C. where she has served as Assistant Director for the Washington, D.C. Public Library for nine years with responsibility there for the Martin Luther King Library (their Central facility), 27 branch libraries and the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Ms. Hightower fills the

Housing For Low Income

Two Central Area locations, 2101 East James and 981 20th Avenue are the sites for 24 units of new federally subsidized housing now under construction.

The 16-unit building on East James features six two-bedroom flats, four one-bedroom flats, two two-bedroom townhouses and two two-bedroom units for the handicapped. The 8-unit building on 20th Avenue has four one-bedroom flats and four two-bedroom flats.

All units feature range, refrigerator, carpet, drapes, in-unit storage areas and decks. Underground parking is provided under both structures and community laundry rooms, storage areas and tot lots are also included.

The project, developed by Union/James Associates, with Russ K. Francisco as managing general partner, will be completed in October. The contractor is Hochfeld & Associates of Mercer Island and the architect is Tollefson/Scruggs Associates of Seattle.

Construction financing is being handled by Securities Intermountain, Inc. of Seattle. Rental information may be obtained by contacting Benchmark Management Company, Inc. managing agent, at 546-6541.

Writing Awards Contest

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The National Education Association--in cooperation with the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History (ASALH)--has announced a national awards program designed to recognize outstanding historical research and writing on Afro-American history.

The national award, called the H. Council Trenholm Memorial Award, will include \$1,000 and a trophy. The program will recognize the U.S. high school student who writes the best paper.

The contest will open with local competitions next Afro-American History Month, February 1983. The winner will appear at the annual meeting of the ASALH in October.

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