

Meridian Free Library District

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February 26, 1975

Stan Shepard
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Dear Mr. Shepard:

Here is the information you requested on Meridian Public Library.

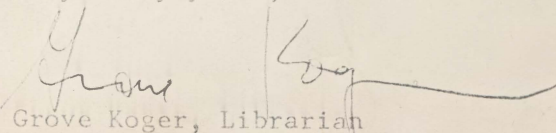
The Library reopened on June 3, 1974, in new, expanded quarters attached to the Occident Club. Approximately 1800 square feet are available for library services. It should be stressed that the Occident Club has been responsible for the Library's existence ever since its inception in 1924 in a corner of Songers' Drug Store. In fact, the Occident Club donated several thousand of its own dollars toward matching of federal funds for the completion of the project. If it had not been for the Club's interest and support, the building might not be finished yet. Other contributions came from individuals and local organizations, including the Meridian Athletic Association.

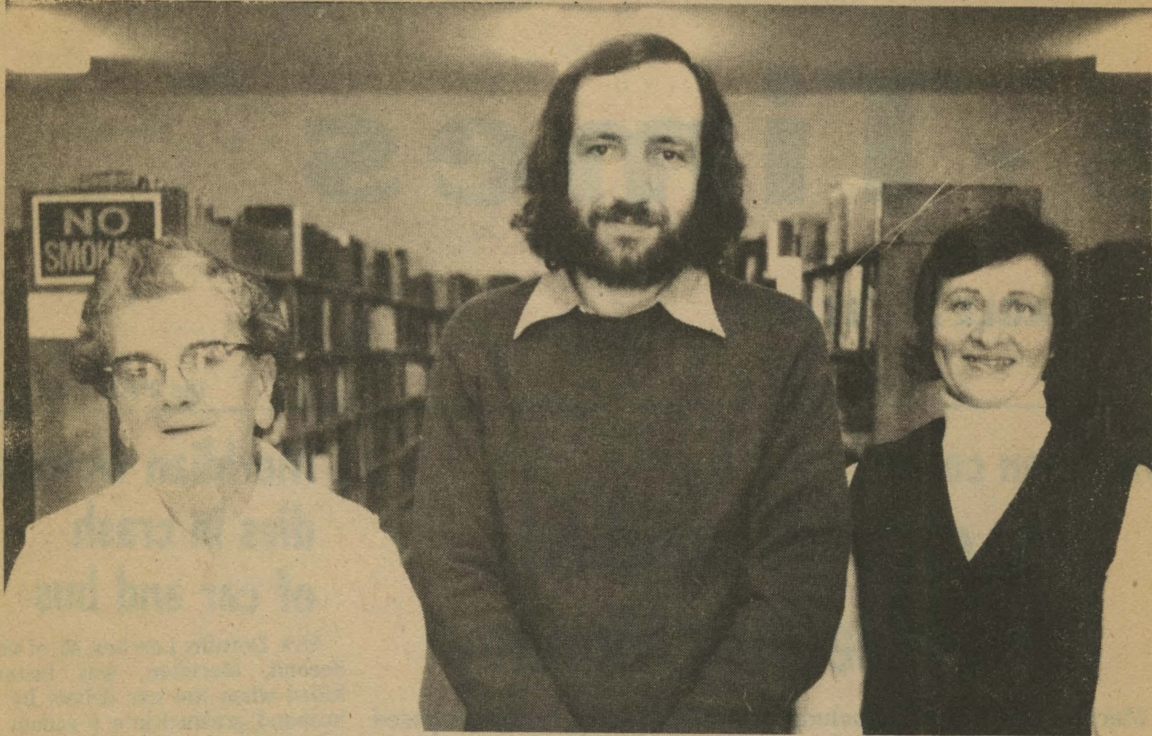
As you have noted previously, the Meridian Free Library District came into existence August 27, 1974. The Occident Club worked to get out the vote, thus securing passage of the issue by a very narrow margin, and has offered the District use of Public Library facilities. We all hope that a merger can take place in the near future.

I am an employee of the District, but expect to be appointed acting librarian for the Public Library upon the retirement of Mrs. Nancy Sage at the end of this month. (Mrs. Sage herself has played an important role in the Library's history. She became librarian in 1961 and has put in long, hard hours toward making the Library the successful enterprise it is today. Her presence is going to be missed by staff and community alike.)

I hope you can glean enough material from the above notes. I am enclosing a photograph of our new building; the Library occupies the nearer half of the building, the rest being the Occident Club. Sorry about the quality of the photo--the day was overcast.

Very truly yours,


Grove Koger, Librarian



Librarian Nancy Sage retires after 21 years

NANCY SAGE, left, retired February 28 as Meridian city librarian, after 21 years' service. She first joined the library staff in 1954, when Ruth Cline was librarian, then she became librarian in May of 1961 when Amy Ambrose retired. Occident Club members and city spokesmen expressed appreciation for Mrs. Sage's long service to the community. Shown with her are Grove Koger, librarian for the Meridian Library District, and Mrs. Nancy Spear, assistant librarian. They will

now handle the library duties, with the assistance of a part-time employee to be named by the Occident Club. Mrs. Sage said that she planned to spend time visiting relatives, including her son Darrell at Rockport, Texas, her late husband's father at Coeur d'Alene, and other relatives at Elk River. She said her "retirement" plans also included planting a large home garden.

(Valley News-Times photo)

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On August 27, 1974, the voters approved the establishment of the Meridian Free Library District. The area served by this library follows the Western Ada Recreation District with the exclusion of a small portion served by the Kuna Library District. Residents of the City of Meridian were not allowed to vote as they were being served by the Meridian Public Library.

The Ada County Commissioners appointed the first board of 5 trustees. The trustees elected Ralph Hunter, chairman; Carl Rathjen, vice chairman; Pat Fabricius, sect., Dave McFaddan & Nancy Spear members of the board.

Federal funding (CETA) was obtained to pay the salary of a librarian & a clerk-typist until tax support was available.

On Sept 27th, Grove Koger was hired as the District librarian and at the trustees meeting, he assumed the duty of secretary and Carl Rathjen was named treasurer.

On Oct. 31, 1974, Nancy Spear resigned from the board of trustees to begin her duties as clerk-typist. Evelyn Olsen was appointed to fill the vacancy on the board.

At this time there were two libraries operating in one building owned by Occident Club at 18 E. Idaho Ave. Mr. Koger was District librarian & Mrs. Nancy Sage was Meridian Public Library librarian and Mrs. Marie Sandy was her assistant.

The Meridian Public Library had its beginning on July 17, 1924 when members of the Occident Club started a small library in the Songer Drug Store on the corner of 1st and E. Idaho Ave. with a few shelves of books.

In 1925 the library was moved to the City Hall on Meridian St. There were approximately 2,000 books, mostly donations.

In 1929 the Club raised funds, incorporated & purchased the old Interurban Depot on the NE corner of Meridian St. & E. Idaho Ave. to house the Club & the library. When space proved inadequate, fund raising efforts brought enough money to add a 50 by 20 foot room on the east side of the depot & the library moved into this addition in 1951. Meridian City Clerk Herald Cox reports that the Occident Club received a tax levy of 1 mill for the library in 1950. Up to this time the Club had volunteered their time to the library. Help from the City was appreciated, but volunteers were still a necessary part of taking care of the library needs.

In 1968 plans were made for further expansion of the library. Fund raising efforts were begun to reach the goal of 40% in local funds to match for \$17,879 in federal funds from the Library Services & Construction Act. Bake sales & the sale of popcorn balls & miniature rose bushes along with contributions from individuals & local organizations including the Meridian Athletic Association who donated their 1974 Easter Day race proceeds to the building fund helped the realization of a bigger library of approximately 1800 square feet.

Mrs. Nancy Sage came to work in the library under Ruth Cline in 1954. Nancy became librarian in 1961 when Mrs. Amy Ambrose retired. Many students in the Meridian area will remember Nancy as being willing to help them at all times by finding the necessary information to complete a school assignment and help them with their problems. All the patrons of the Meridian Public Library will remember her and Mrs. Sandy as being cheerful & anxious to help

find just the right book for enjoyable reading. Mrs. Sage retired in Feb., 1975 and Mrs. Sandy in Dec. of that year.

Before the move into the new addition on June 1, 1974, the Library Board & Occident Club members knew that Meridian & Ada County were growing in population & that meant more library service was going to be needed. They were receiving money from the City of Meridian to administer the library & the staff but many people outside the City wanted the use of a library through taxation. The Occident Library Board members at that time were Mildred Langley, Pres., Mary Alice White, Leona Egbert, Marie Sandy & Nancy Spear. Petitions were circulated calling for the formation of the Meridian Free Library District. The petitions were filed with the Ada County Commissioners and a hearing was held at the Ada County Courthouse on July 16, 1974 attended by many citizens of the area & this was followed by a setting of the August 27th election date. Members of the Occident Club voted unanimously to provide the Meridian Free Library District use of the Meridian Public Library building for a fee of \$1 a year.

At the time of the formation of the District Library, it had been planned that the Meridian Public Library & the District Library should merge & become known under one name---- Meridian Free Library District.

The Meridian Public Library became a charter member of the Southwestern Idaho Regional Library System (SIRLS) in August, 1974 and after the appointment of the Meridian Free Library District trustees, the two Libraries were represented by Nancy Spear with Pat Fabricius as alternate. After Mrs. Spear's resignation, Pat Fabricius & her alternate Evelyn Olsen attended as SIRLS members & Mrs. Olsen currently fills that position and is secretary of the SIRLS executive board.

When Mrs. Sage retired in February, 1975, Mr. Koger was appointed acting City librarian & Mrs. Sandy continued as part-time librarian.

On June 9, 1975, members of the board of trustees were Dave McFaddan, president; June Black, vice president; Evelyn Olsen, treasurer; Jack Riddlemoser & Charline Denny, trustees and Grove Koger, secretary. Charline was Marilyn Plant's appointed replacement after Marilyn was forced to resign shortly after the voting took place. These were the first elected trustees of the District.

On August 26, 1975, the hoped for merger took place. The City residents had to vote to join the District & the District had to vote on whether or not to accept them.

In Jan., 1976, funds were provided for a full-time clerk typist & Mrs. Spear became librarian assistant & Debbie Higgins assumed the clerk-typist position. Mrs. Sandy retired & along with Mrs. Sage & Mrs. May Howell provide substitute help when we need it. As of June, 1977 the clerk's job has seen changes. Mrs. Higgins was unable to continue due to illness in her family & Mrs. Pat Rabehl took over. She left after a few months & now Mrs. Fern Wilson is at the circulation desk.

In April, 1976 Mr. Koger resigned & Mrs. Eleanor Arndt was hired as head librarian.

In July, 1976, Jack Riddlemoser was elected president of the Trustees; June Black,

vice-president; Evelyn Olsen, treasurer; Charline Denny & Carl Rathjen members of the board and Eleanor Arndt, sect. & clerk.

The Meridian Free Library District is open 54 hours a week including Mon. & Fri. evenings until 9:00. Due to forecasted energy shortages, this may change in the upcoming fall & winter months. We had our library insulated this spring, hoping to keep in the heat & bring down our high power bills. We have a successful Tues. morning pre-school storyhour conducted by Eleanor Arndt from Oct. to May. Our Sat. storyhour & movies were cancelled after two months because competition from T.V. cartoons was too strong. Mrs. Arndt is taking books to a shut-in. We have volunteers for this job, but as Meridian's older people are so active, we haven't had to call on them for help. We have had a very successful Summer Reading Club in connection with Idaho State Library for 3 years. This year gives us the most cause for pleasure with close to 200 members & membership is still open. The competition has been taken out of the program & Mrs. Arndt credits our success to fun (not quantity) in reading. We had a book sale in the fall of 1976.

In Sept., 1976, a 3 month old white & black cat adopted us. He joined our 2 resident gerbils (Dot & Dash) and was named Figaro by the staff. He has quickly become an important staff member. He met Gov. John Evans in May, 1977 when the governor held his press conference at the library & the following week our friend Dianne Whitacre of the Idaho Statesman did a front-page feature on him. The governor sent his best wishes & autograph to Figaro & Figaro sent a thank-you letter back complete with paw print. Figaro is our press relations purrson and a good one, too, judging from the gifts he receives throughout the year and the verbal greetings from patrons & passerbys alike.

Our board of trustees remain the same after the election held this month in which June Black was up for re-election. John Evans opposed her and June was re-elected.

Total circulation figures for 1976 was 42,562. The circulation figures for Jan. to May, 1976 were 16,469. The circulation figures for the same period in 1977 is 19,291. Our circulation is up by almost 3,000 books & library material over last year for the first five months. We have added 484 new books in this five-month period.

Addendum Sept '81

The total circulation figures for 1977 were 46,726; for 1978 they were 53,498; (by law the fiscal reporting date changed at this time, making comparison difficult) for 1980 they were 65,080 and for 1981 the figures were 65,117.

The Board membership has remained unchanged with incumbent members being unopposed at the annual election, except for Mrs. Shirley Spencer replacing Mrs. Evelyn Olsen when Mrs. Olsen resigned to take a position as part time juvenile librarian.

Mrs. Rabehl is back at work as technical services clerk and Miss Roben Joy has replaced Mrs. Wilson in the clerk position. Mrs. Arndt and Mrs. Spear continue to serve as librarian and assistant respectively.

One sad note-in December, 1980, Figaro died from injuries incurred in October.

Addendum May '82

Mrs. Arndt retired due to illness and Mrs. Gaye Walter was appointed head librarian in April after serving as acting head librarian since Jan.

The Tues. morning Children's Storyhour was started with volunteer Kay Newell delighting the children with stories.

The Idaho Collection was put together by Mrs. Olsen and Mrs. Rabehl and on May 10, the Idaho Room was dedicated to Nancy Sage and Carl Rathjen.

History of the Library
Addendum May '82 continued

Marvin Bodine was elected to the Board in May after Mrs. June Black declined to run for re-election.

The library is currently open 48 hours per week - Mon. through Sat. from 10AM - 6PM.

VALLEY NEWS JUNE 20, 1984



Summer employee Heidi Sendt peers through the shelves as she moves books at the Meridian Library.

Staff Photo

Library nears Phase I Completion; reopens

Patrons of the Meridian Free Library will notice some big changes this summer. Phase I of the library remodelling project is nearly complete, and the facility reopened to the public on Tuesday.

Children who returned to the library to begin the "Go for the Gold" reading program, saw several changes to the old building.

In an effort to modernize the facility, the Meridian Library District has taken down two walls, put in two emergency exits, study areas with new tables, and has added 800 square feet of elbow room to its east side.

Funded by the district, itself, the

\$50,000 first phase is expected to be finished by the end of next week. The library had been closed the past two weeks for the changes.

Increased patronage to the library has been the main reason for the remodelling, librarian Gaye Walter said. She said the library's circulation has almost doubled in the past two years.

The former Occident Club meeting room on the west side of the building has been turned into a large children's reading area.

Study tables and chairs have been added to the adult reading area. Walter said students had to sit on the floors when studying at

the library last year.

Library employees have been putting in some late hours in the past weeks moving books and shelves for the reopening. "The staff has been working here many extra hours," Walter said.

Phase II of the library expansion and remodelling project will give the library even more room indoors, when two more walls come down. Exterior work will also come with the second phase of the project.

The 800-square-foot extension is being designed exactly the same as the proposed exterior changes in Phase II. The second remodelling

project will be three times more costly, and is scheduled to be finished no later than the fall of 1985.

Funding for the \$150,000 second phase is still a question mark for the library.

Walter, who announced her resignation as head librarian earlier this week, said community support has been instrumental in the library's continuing growth. "I want to thank the community and the patrons for their support. I have had nothing but the best support in this community," she said.

Gaye Walter to leave Library

Gaye Walter, Meridian Library District head librarian, will be stepping down after 2½ years service.

With mixed emotions about leaving Meridian and a long list of accomplishments under her belt at the library, Walter will be returning to her home state of Montana as her husband, Ralph, is retiring from Husky Oil Co.

In less than three years, the Meridian Free Library has almost doubled in popularity. "Our circulation has almost doubled. It's all because I've gotten out into the public and let people know we're here," she said.

She said one of the reasons the library has increased in popularity in recent years has been the implementation of various children's and adult programs.

Perhaps the most noticeable accomplishment under Walter's administration has been the recent remodelling and physical im-

provements to the library. The facility is currently undergoing a major facelift, but by the time the job is complete, she won't even be around to enjoy, Walter lamented.

"I'm not even going to have a chance to enjoy this," she said. The library reopened last Tuesday after a large portion of the work was finished.

Bill Snyder, another former Montana resident, will be replacing Walter as the head librarian. Snyder will be taking 15 years library experience to the Meridian Free Library.

His most recent experience has been directing the Missoula (Mont.) City and County Library for 13 years. Previous to that, he worked at the Medford, Ore. library.

He has lived in the Boise-Meridian area for the past six months.

Walter will work her last day at the Meridian Free Library June 29.

Opinion

JUNE 20, 1984

Gaye will be missed

Meridian will lose one of the most motivated community leaders at the end of this month, when Gaye Walter resigns and moves to Montana.

Gaye, in a very short period of time, has created a new awareness of the Meridian Free Library, which she has directed for the past 2½ years.

When she took the job, library patronage was half what it is now. In making the library a more integral part of Meridian, Gaye has offered fresh new ideas for programs, expanding the services and making the building itself a more attractive feature of the area.

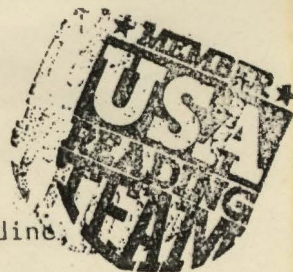
Most importantly, those ideas have materialized.

From children's programs to programs for senior citizens, she has given the community new avenues for learning at all ages.

Perhaps the greatest accomplishment the library has realized, or is in the process thereof, is its recent expansion and remodeling. The first phase of that project is now almost finished, due, in a large way, to her efforts.

When she and her husband settle in Bozeman, Mont., Gaye can be assured her work here will be remembered for a long, long time.

SCHEDULE
SUMMER READING CLUB 1984
MERIDIAN LIBRARY



June 4 - 8: Registration (will continue through June 30)

June 9-18: Library closed for construction

Tuesday, June 19, 10:30: "Running"-- a local marathon runner, Bob Bodine, will talk about the sport of running.

June 23: Library Marathon race

Tuesday, June 26, 10:30: "Keep your motor running"--Fitness test for children conducted by YMCA.

Tuesday, July 3, 10:30: "Sports fun at the library"--special activities for Reading Team members.

Tuesday, July 10, 10:30: "Gymnastics"--Gem State Gymnastics Academy will do an exhibition.

Tuesday, July 17, 10:30: "Exercise"--with Cheryl's Body Shaping. Proper warming-up before sports and how to keep our bodies strong.

Tuesday, July 24, 10:30: "Closing Ceremonies" --The Patriots Baton Corps will perform our grand finale along with awards, refreshments and fun.

There are no charges for any activity with the Summer Reading Club. All Tuesday programs (June 19-July 24) take place at the Meridian Library.

The books to be counted in the activity log need to be read between the dates of June 4-July 21.

- 5 books - color and write name on Book Bug Weight Lifter
- 10 books - Marathon Reader sticker
- 15 books - Reading Team bookmark
- 20 books - Go for the Gold sticker
- 30 books - color book, with number of books read, on weight lifter



Fitness is the premise for reading club at library

Bob Bodine, Meridian, runs and talks about it very well.

He delighted 20 elementary-age children at the opening ceremonies for the "Go-For-The-Gold" summer reading club at the Meridian Library.

Demonstrating different types of running — such as the difference between "jogging" and "running" — and the team practiced some

sprinting races.

He shared his experiences in running, values, discipline and rewards he has learned from competing.

Tuesday, the Reading Team was tested for fitness by the Boise YMCA in the "Keep Your Motor Runnin'" program.

Upcoming segments of the Summer Reading Club include:

Tuesday, July 3, 10:30 a.m. — Junior Olympic movie time with two motion pictures featuring young Olympic competitors in many of the same events in the Olympic Games.

Tuesday, July 10, 10:30 a.m. — Gymnastics exhibition performed by Gem State Gymnastic Academy from Boise.

Tuesday, July 17, 10:30 a.m. — Cheryl's Body Shaping of Meridian will warm up and cool down the team with exercises for kids.

Tuesday, July 24, at 10:30 a.m. — "Closing Ceremonies" will be held. The Patriots Baton Corps will perform. Awards and refreshments will be served.



LIBRARY MARATHON

To: _____
Presented in recognition of notable accomplishments,
contributions and enthusiastic participation in the Library Marathon.

July 24, 1984

Date

William N. Snyder

Signature

MERIDIAN DISTRICT LIBRARY

Library

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Valley News, Meridian

JULY 25, 1984

Reading certificates are presented

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All team members who attended the final program were treated by the outstanding performance of the

Patriots Twirling Team. These girls range in age from three to 14, with many from Meridian as well as Boise. Their coach, Irene McAllister, has trained a stunning group of young baton performers.

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on their heads in a race.

Everyone also received their Library Marathon Reading Certificate, a special bookmark, an ice cream coupon, and an Olympic McDonalds' cup, donated by McDonalds. Refreshments were served.

"The library staff was so pleased with this summer's club," said Children's Librarian Denise Evans. "The team was a very special one, and I am especially proud of each and every reader who participated."



Go for the Gold... Go to your Library!

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Summertime

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Is full of peepers,
Croakers, whistlers,
Coo-ers, cheepers,

Summertime

Is full of hoppers,
Flyers, scurriers,

And poppers,

Summertime

Is full of lightness,
Yellows, pinks,
And blues, and whiteness.

Summertime

Is full of glistens
Full of looks
And full of listens.

Lee Blair

Enjoy August at your library!!

Library hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00-6:00
Saturday 9:00-5:00
Sunday closed



Thanks to all of our patrons for your patience with the library remodeling project. It's nearly done; we hope you like it.

** Meet your new librarian, Bill Snyder!

Upcoming classes here will be held:

Wednesday, August 1, 10:00-12:00 on "Canning"

Wednesday, August 8, 10:00-12:00 on "Freezing"

Please preregister at the circulation desk.



In the Children's Department...

...All who participated in the Summer Reading Club made it a wonderful success by reading and enjoying books. We were so glad to see many of the Team members at the Tuesday morning programs. July 24th marked the end of the club for this year.

STORYTIME still continues every Thursday, 10:30-11:00. We welcome all toddlers and preschoolers.

If anyone has a favorite collection to display in our locked glass case in the children's section, please contact a staff member, or call the library at 888-4451.

KIDS--read a newspaper just for you. The Pennywhistle Press! It's in the magazine section in your department here at the library. The Idaho Statesman publishes it every Saturday. It's full of fun.

There is a special section in the children's room where you will find the NEWBERY and CALDECOTT Medal Winners. Try some!

READING RAINBOW is a marvelous television show for children and parents. It runs from July 16-Sept. 7 (every weekday) on Channel 4, 5:30-6:00. A children's book is read on each program, with 3 more outstanding books reviewed by kids on every show. Books come alive on this excellent broadcast. It's too good to miss.



August Heat

In August, when the days are hot
I like to find a shady spot
And hardly move a single bit
And sit

And sit

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HOME CANNING UPDATE
AUGUST 1, 10 A.M. - NOON

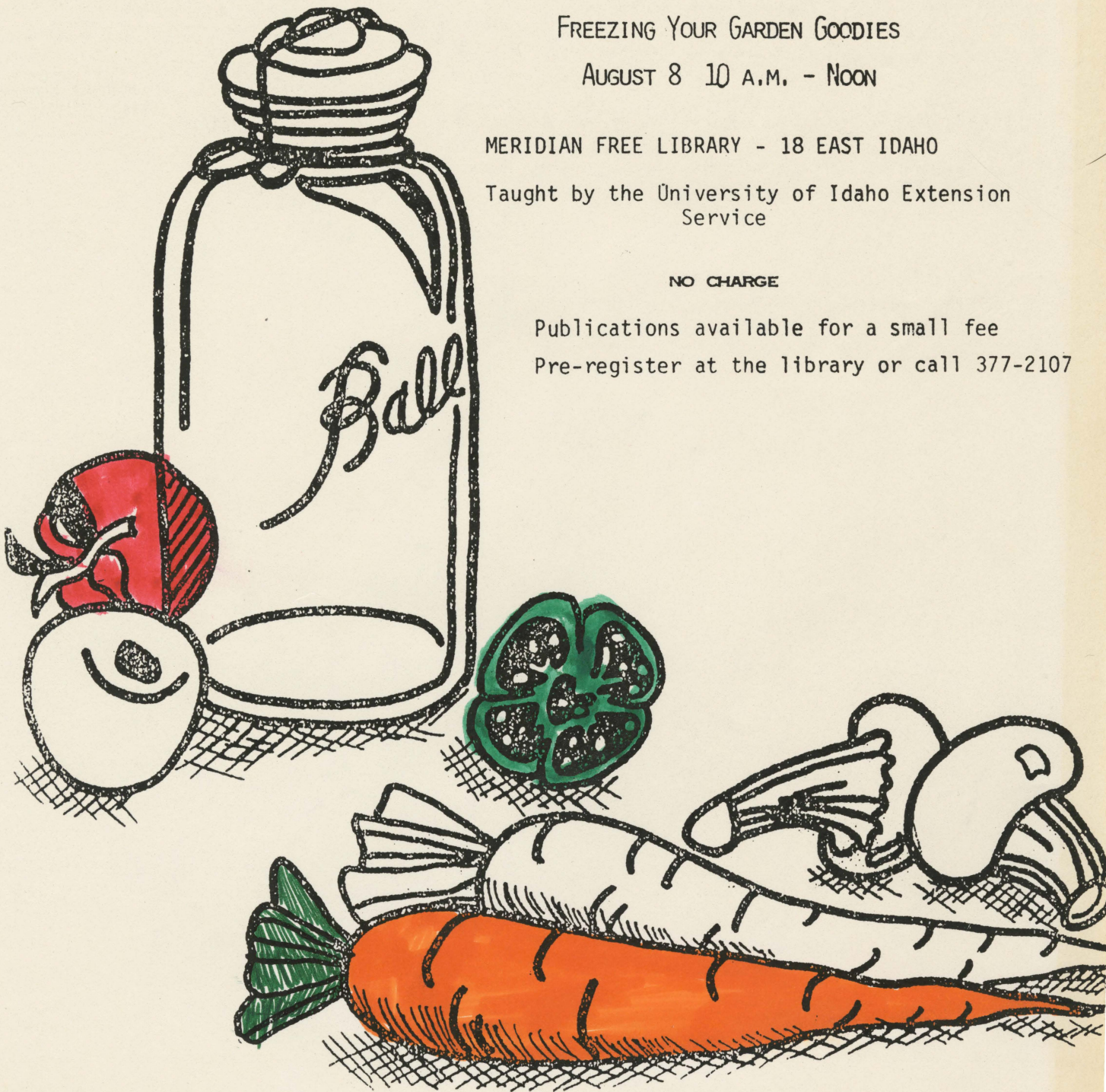
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AUGUST 8 10 A.M. - NOON

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Construction to end on library in Meridian

By HARRIET GUTHERTZ

The Idaho Statesman

MERIDIAN — The smell of fresh paint permeates the air and pink insulation hangs from the ceiling as the Meridian Free Library expansion project nears completion.

When the hammering and nailing is finished at the end of this week, Meridian residents will have a library that is 40 percent larger.

Children will find a life-sized stuffed bear sitting at a table in their own corner of the library. The 800-square-foot children's library was built in the space formerly occupied by the Occident Club.

The club, a branch of the General Federated Women's Clubs, built the library at 18 E. Idaho St. in 1924. The club donated it to the library district last August.

Adults will find 800 square feet of additional space built onto the

east end of the building. That means more reading tables placed outside of main traffic areas and a bigger reference area.

The entire library has been recarpeted.

The \$50,000 project was financed out of the library's building fund.

Library visitors also will find a new librarian presiding over the refurbished building.

Bill Snyder, who headed the Missoula, Mont., City and County Library for 13½ years, replaces Gaye Walter.

Walter, who left June 26, started the library remodeling project during her 2½ years of service.

Snyder, who also worked at Medford, Ore., Library, plans to proceed with Walter's plans for a Phase II remodeling project to expand the library even further

Gold medal doctor

Statesman 8-12-84

Along with the rest of the world, I have been watching the Olympics. I thrilled with all the Americans while watching the fantastic opening spectacular. We can't always feel patriotic over our government, but we sure do "show biz" right.

I have been amazed by the great lengths athletes go to torture their bodies. Some of the events were sheer beauty in motion.

My very favorite moment was when Peter Vidmar joyfully hugged his rival, the terrific Chinese boy, with real affection.

But all this hoopla and gold medals seem a bit ridiculous to me. Why do you give gold medals and parades to a man for jumping over obstacles deliberately set in front of him? Our cardiologist works day and night. He has saved my hus-

band's life over and over again during the past seven years.

You can call him in the middle of the night after a long day of surgery and emergencies and regular office duties and he will be there — always efficient, patient and compassionate. His common sense, understanding and open-mindedness are outstanding.

Let's hear a resounding cheer for Dr. Donald K. Stott and his fellow doctors. Oh yes, he has some pretty good looking muscles and he jogs. We think he is definitely gold-medal material. — MADELINE AND CARL RATHJEN, Meridian



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Annual budget, October 1, 1984-September 30, 1985, of the Meridian Library District.

The Board of Trustees of the Meridian Library District will meet on Thursday, August 30, at 7:00 p.m., at the Meridian Library District, located at 18 E. Idaho, Meridian, Idaho, so that interested citizens may appear in regard to the following budget:

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| Salaries and fringe benefits..... | \$68,870.00 |
| Operating expenses..... | 10,178.00 |
| Books and library materials..... | 6,754.00 |
| Capital expenditures..... | <u>150.00</u> |
| TOTAL..... | \$ 85,952.00 |

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Carl Rathjen, Secretary
Charline Denny, Vice Chairman
Marvin Bodine
William Snyder, Librarian

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VALLEY NEWS

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\$100,000 needed for work on library

by Rick Mattoon

"Welcome to the Meridian Free Library," Children's Librarian Denise Evans starts out addressing the 20 children who are visitors that afternoon.

"We're a little larger than we were just a few months ago," she goes on. "Over here (she points to the east end of the library) is part of the adult section that's new. It's where your parents or their friends come to when they visit the library."

"You've got yourself a good library here," an older gentleman says to one of the staff in another conversation going on at the same time the children's librarian is speaking. His could have been a fitting closing statement to her short speech to the children. Short because like most kids they are restless. She quickly leads them on to the heart of their tour.

The library has indeed gone through some changes, and they're not through yet. The changes have involved a new librarian and will involve a second phase of a building program that will increase the library's ability to provide service to their Meridian patrons.

Bill Snyder has been librarian at Meridian Public Library for three months, joining the staff in June. He has spent 16 years in the library field. His first goal with the Meridian library was to see the completion of the first phase of the rebuilding program. Having accomplished his first goal, he looks forward to seeing the rest of his short-term goals and long-term goals come to fruition.

"We want to be giving as good library service as possible," Snyder said. He also wants to provide sound administration while doing his duties.

Those duties not only include taking care of financial accounts, but buying what he thinks are the best books available for the library.

"Some libraries," he said, "feel their task is to get the books" people

are interested in and on the best-seller's list. Other have the philosophy of "getting the best literature available in every subject. We need to do both, really," he said.

Snyder realizes that many people within the library district that covers 56 square miles don't know all that is in the library, so he's making efforts to go out and tell them. Last week he spoke before a women's church group, telling them about the number of Christian related books on the shelves.

"We try to serve those who need information and people who want a good novel to read," Snyder said.

Out of the library's total budget, just over \$7,000 is marked for books and periodicals, an amount that makes buying books an even tougher matter for Snyder. With the aid of the Friends of the Meridian Library and

a booksale that went on this past weekend at the library, Snyder is hoping that amount can go up to \$8,000. That would allow him to buy up to 533 books this next year. The new budget went into effect on Saturday.

The Meridian Library is associated with the Southwestern Idaho Regional Library System, which allows the library to purchase books at a greater discount than normal. It also allows them to get books for patrons through an inter-library loan system, which is free of charge except for postage in some cases.

Snyder's long term goal is to complete the second phase of the building program. After the Occident Club gave a deed to the entire building to the library, an extensive remodeling and construction of an

addition increased the usable space by 72 percent. The second phase would redesign and replace the roof, the exterior walls would be insulated, windows would be redesigned and replaced with insulated glass, a new entrance would be constructed, electrical service would be replaced, new acoustical ceiling and energy efficient lighting will be installed, and an old wall will be removed to allow for improved traffic within the library.

The total cost of the second phase was estimated at \$140,000 by architect James Shearer. The Library District has \$40,000 in its building fund, creating a need for an additional \$100,000.

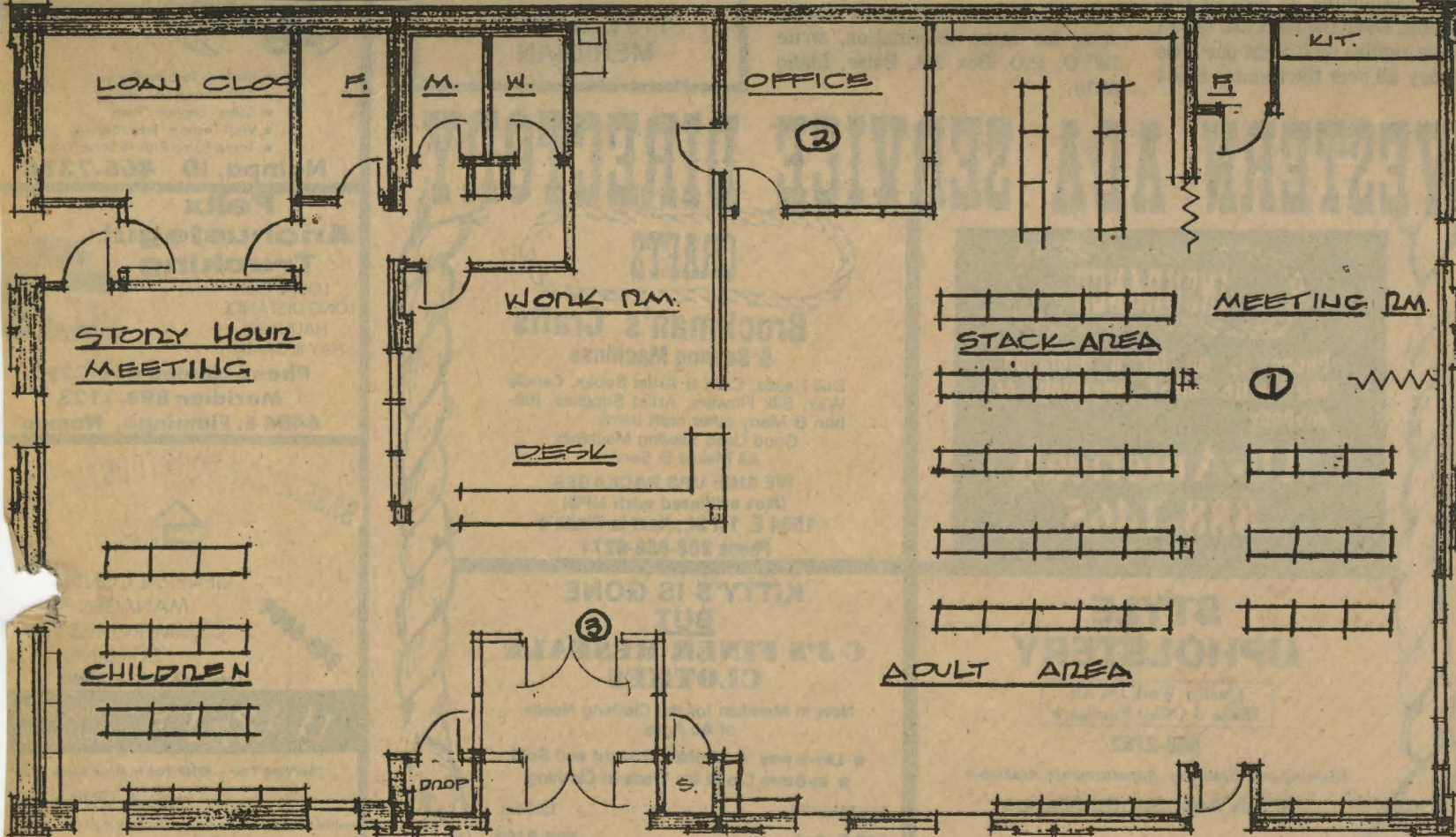
Snyder is in the process of addressing the library's need to private

grants in hopes of attracting grant money for the project. Two possible sources Snyder is looking to is The Wittenberg Foundation in Caldwell and The Gannett Foundation.

If a portion of the money comes in, the second phase would be done in smaller phases, not the most economical way of completing the project, Snyder said.

Even though the second phase of construction may not happen for awhile, the library is not inactive. An extensive children's program allows children from Meridian's primary schools to use the library and pre-school children are involved in a puppet story telling hour.

With Snyder's efforts in telling the adult population what is available for them at the library, he hopes to see an increasing number of members to the library. People within the library district can get a library card for free, while those outside the district can purchase a card for \$15.



PROPOSED MERIDIAN LIBRARY

This is the layout of the Meridian Public Library once the second phase of construction is completed. Area No. 1 is the first

phase of construction which is already completed. The second phase includes: No. 2, a larger office, and No. 3, a new entrance.



Al Mahler earns award

Al Mahler, a postal worker for the Meridian Post Office, has received an award for being the outstanding customer contact employee by the Boise Management Sectional Center covering Southeast Idaho.

Mahler was presented the "Image Maker Award" at a luncheon at Sun Valley on Sept. 26. Mahler and his wife attended the luncheon.

The award is so named because Mahler is the initial person a post office customer sees.

"The position should reflect what we want the public to think of the whole postal system," Meridian Postmaster Robert Cook said.

"In my opinion, Al Mahler is as good as any in the western region. He's just super."

Mahler has been at the Meridian Post Office for 13 years. Before that he spent 6¼ years in Boise.

Mahler received two mementos at the luncheon. One was the traditional certificate honoring him for his work. The other was a plaque with a large number of 20-cent stamps designed with orchids shellacked on the plaque. Mahler's hobby is raising his own orchids.

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Congratulations,
Alvin - "
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The Library Staff

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PRECINCT 88—Molly Minow, 812 Eagle Hills Way, 939-8779; POLLING PLACE—Eagle Hills Elementary School, Ranch Drive, Eagle
PRECINCT 72—Marisa Lamm, 395 N. Eagle Rd., 939-7239; POLLING PLACE—Eagle Fire Station
PRECINCT 63—Gloria Fox, 12055 McMillan Rd., 939-2265; POLLING

PLACE—Lowell Scott Jr. High, McMillan Rd.

KUNA

PRECINCT 91—Ruth Reed, Deer Flat Rd., 922-5612; POLLING PLACE—Kuna Fire Station
PRECINCT 92—Mary Reynolds, King Road, 922-5240; POLLING PLACE—Senior Building, Kuna

Library holding book sale

The Meridian public Library is having a book sale, sponsored by Friends of the Library.

The sale takes place Friday, Sept. 28, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Meridian Public Library,

located at 18 E. Idaho Street in Meridian.

Adult and Children's books will be on sale. Money raised will be used for purchasing new books.

Utahn sets youth's book in 'quaking' Idaho mountains

By JUDY MCCONNELL STEELE

The Idaho Statesman

Gloria Skurzynski was just ready to start a large forest fire when the Challis earthquake hit.

No, Skurzynski is not a fire bug. She is an award-winning writer of children's books. She had been working for several months on a book about two boys caught in the Idaho mountains near a large forest fire when the earth near Challis started trembling.

"I was right up to the point where I was going to start the forest fire. There was already one little hint of smoke in the distance," Skurzynski recalled in a telephone interview. "I called my editor and said, 'We're going to change this to an earthquake story.'"

Skurzynski, who lives in Salt Lake City, learned about the quake when her daughter, Jan Skurzynski of Boise, called her to ask if she'd felt anything.

"I immediately turned on the radio and began taping. The next four or five nights I videotaped the news programs. And my daughter sent me all the newspaper accounts of the earthquake," Skurzynski

Gloria Skurzynski



writes
new book
on quake
in Idaho

said.

The result was *Caught in the Moving Mountains*, a book for 10- to 14-year-olds (Lothrop, Lee and Shepard Books, New York, \$11).

It is part of a Mountain West Adventures series that Skurzynski is writing. Each book in the series is placed in the Intermountain West and based on a real natural disaster.

Despite the change in disasters, *Caught in the Moving Mountains* is still

the story of two boys in the Idaho wilderness.

Paul and Lance are brothers. Paul is small for his size, awkward and, except for his interest in animals, a poor student. His adopted brother Lance, although 13 like Paul, is everything Paul is not — athletic, outgoing, a whiz at school. He also is Paul's hero.

During their backpack trip, planned by their father to help Paul "become a man," the boys face several unplanned adventures. In the end, it is Paul who comes out the hero. As Skurzynski says, "I wanted to write about ordinary children, put in unusual situations, who behave heroically."

As for all of her books, Skurzynski put in long hours of research before writing *Caught in the Moving Mountains*.

She talked with Worthie Rauscher of the Idaho Division of Aeronautics, Bill James of the U.S. Forest Service at the Stanley Ranger Station and members of Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking.

She was taught to fly a plane "on paper" by her cousin Don McCawley.

Gloria Skurzynski will be at the Book Shop, 908 Main St., from 3:30 to 5 p.m. today to sign copies of *Caught in the Moving Mountains*. She also will give a slide-lecture at 10 a.m. today at the Garden City Public Library and from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Boise Public Library.

She checked with schoolteachers to make sure her young readers would understand the book's references to drug-running.

And she talked with youngsters in Boise, finding out what they do for fun, what expressions they use. As a result, the book has references to local customs like "surfing" the Boise River on boogieboards and local expressions such as,

"He's so low he plays handball against the curb."

The research, Skurzynski says, is part of the fun.

"I dropped out of college after two years, and I've been trying to make it up the rest of my life," she said. "Each time I have to study something new, it's exciting."

Now 54, Skurzynski first started her writing at age 36. Unlike most writers, she had not planned or longed to become a professional writer until she began a correspondence with Phyllis McGinley, a Pulitzer Prize winner.

"It was Miss McGinley who first suggested that I might be a writer, a tantalizing notion," she said.

Her first book, like the 15 that have followed, was for children. The vocabulary she needed to write children's books was natural for a woman living with five daughters whose ages at the time were 7 through 13.

"Writing (for children) was instinctive. I had a houseful of children at that time," she said. "I didn't get to talk grownup talk until the weekend."

New books at the Meridian Library

Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen by Clifton Daniel, Arbor House, \$16.95

A memoir by the former manager of the New York Times and the husband of Margaret Truman wherein he discusses many of the famous personalities he has encountered during his lengthy journalistic career. Daniel relays the highpoints of his own career and private life by describing his meetings with this century's most public figures (King Farouk, John F. Kennedy, Grace Kelly, and many more).

Inside Soviet Military Intelligence by Viktor Suvorov

Suvorov, who formerly served in Russia's GRV (military intelligence) but who now lives in England, has written a description of the organization. This includes its history, training methods, and structure, and its recruiting, communications, tactical reconnaissance and operations technique. Suvorov names the group's leaders and offers case histories in a book that provides interesting reading for espionage buffs and students of current affairs.

Yentl the yeshiva boy

Translated from the Yiddish language, it was made famous by Barbara Streisand's recent movie "Yentl". It is one of Isaac Singers' best known stories and a contributing factor in his being awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1978.

Yentl was a Jewish girl who knew she wasn't cut out for a woman's life. She couldn't sew, she couldn't knit. She let the food burn and the milk

boil over. Yentl much preferred men's activities to women's.

Recognizing that Yentl seemed to have the soul and disposition of a man, her father studied the Torah and other books with her. When he died, Yentl felt she no longer had a reason to remain in her village, and so, late one night, she cut off her hair, dressed as a young man, and set out to find a yeshiva where she could continue her studies and live secretly as a man. On the road she met Avigdon, who invited her to come to his yeshiva. Yentl-now calling herself Anshel-agrees, and they study together. Avigdon suspects nothing and the two become close friends. Even so, Yentl begins to realize the folly of her actions. Her quest for spiritual satisfaction has hopelessly entangled her in a life that is too emotionally and physically taxing to maintain. She must choose to live with her impossible situation or reveal herself and risk losing Avigdon forever.

The Bridge Across Forever: a love story by Richard Bach

The author of "Jonathan Livingston Seagull" and "Illusions" now writes of his quest to find the wise, mystical, lovely lady he wrote of in "Illusions", and to learn of love and immortality not in the hereafter, but in the here and now.

The Star of David: an astronomer's confirmations by David Hughes

In the most thorough investigation of the star ever undertaken, a leading astronomer examines the

evidence and comes to a surprising and far reaching conclusion.

The Coming Computer Industry Shakeout: Winners, Losers and Survivors by Stephen T. McClellan

"An inside look at the battle for survival now heating up as the computer market 'corrects' itself shaking out the weak, the timid, the complacent, and the unlucky. The struggle will completely alter the landscape of the industry. Giants will fall, and new ones will rise to take their place. Naming names and taking a firm position on the prospects of the industry's most important companies, McClellan tells us who will come out on top, who will drop by the wayside, and who will hang on by the skin of their teeth."



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at the MERIDIAN LIBRARY

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"This is Halloween"

Goblins on the doorstep.
Phantoms in the air.
Owls on witches' gateposts
Giving stare for stare,
Cats on flying broomsticks.
Bats against the moon.
Stirrings round of fate-coke
With a solemn spoon.

Whirling apple parings;
Figures draped in sheets
Dodging, 'disappearing',
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-Dorothy B. Thompson



Hobson named Children's Librarian

The Meridian Free Library has named Kathryn Hobson as new children's librarian to replace Denise Evans who has taken an assistant librarian position in California.

Evans' new position will be in Paso Robles, 250 miles north of Los Angeles and 30 miles inland from the coast. She has a brother in the same town and her parents live in California.

"She's a very creative, innovative woman," Librarian Bill Snyder said about Evans. "She was quite dedicated to the children's work. We're going to miss her here."

Evans' last day with the library was Saturday.

Evans was with the library over a year and a half and was children's librarian just over a year. During the past year, she enjoyed working with the summer reading program and was able to help have three first grade classes have sessions at the library. That is continuing this year.

Hobson has been library clerk since she started at the library in May and has spent time in the children's library with Evans.

She has taken a library media program at Portland Community College, and spent time at school libraries both as a volunteer and as a

librarian. She was a librarian at an elementary school in Hillsboro, Ore.

"I think she's well qualified for the job as children's librarian," Snyder said.

Snyder said he chose to move Hobson over to children's librarian because of her experience and familiarity with the program. He will fill the position of library clerk to work the front desk sometime next week.

Evans said she would encourage all parents to bring their children to the library to learn all that the library can offer and the resources available.

Library board to ponder system's funds

By **RANDY STAPILUS**

The Idaho Statesman

The State Library Board will hear proposals today on how — or whether — to continue funding Idaho's six regional library systems.

Two plans for using federal money earmarked for libraries, each endorsed by some librarians, will be presented to the board, Boise Library Director Lynn Melton said Thursday.

But she said the board could also decide not to give any of that federal money to the regional systems, which might spell problems for the inter-library loan system in Idaho.

The board will meet at 9 a.m. at the state library building.

Much of the inter-library loan work in Idaho is now handled through the regional library sys-

tem.

Libraries in Ada and nine other neighboring counties are in the Southwest Idaho Regional Library System (SIRLS), which also provides a consulting and workshop service for librarians. The regional systems have received state funding in past years, but this year have gotten only federal money.

SIRLS is currently run on \$83,000 from a federal grant.

Federal library grants to Idaho have continued this year, Melton said, but none of that money is specifically targeted for the regional systems. The library board today will begin considering, and may decide, how that federal money should be spent.

"Cooperation has been very good among the libraries in this region," said Melton, who admin-

isters the program. "The commitment to have a cooperative system is there."

A group of regional librarians, assistants and representatives of the state library met last week to consider the question of federal spending, and asked the state board to consider two options.

The first would continue paying for the regional systems as they are now with grant money available in July. "But that funding would be contingent on our coming up with a state plan for public library services by March 1985," Melton said.

The other option, possibly more expensive, would continue funding for inter-library loans, allow SIRLS and the two districts in northern Idaho to share a single "field representative" to serve as consultant to small libraries, and

put most of the rest up for competitive grants. That plan, in a slightly different form, was drafted by the state library staff.

"The state staff plan is a very good plan," Melton said. "I think it would force the libraries in this state to think creatively and talk about improving service rather than just maintaining what they've got now."

It also puts less emphasis on hiring staff and more on one-time purchases, which she said would be a useful policy, since continued federal funding is uncertain.

If the inter-library program is funded either way, Melton said, most patrons wanting to borrow another library's book through the system won't see a change.

She said some inter-library work might be handled by the state library.

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Rural Ada board may contract with city libraries

By **RANDY STAPILUS**

The Idaho Statesman

The Ada County Rural Library District board is leaning toward contracting with one or more other library systems in the county, rather than building its own library, new board Chairwoman Marjorie Allred said this week.

Allred said in an interview Monday that the district might contract just with the Boise Public Library for library-card privileges for rural residents and negotiate the startup of a branch library somewhere near the city limits. Or, she said, the new district might contract with all five urban library districts in the county — Meridian, Garden City, Eagle and Kuna, in addition to Boise.

"We'd like to contract with all the libraries, not just the Boise library," she said. "What would really be nice would be to have a countywide library system.

"It would take the cooperation of all the libraries in the county," she added.

Such a countywide system is possible, according to Bill Wilson, coordinator of the Southwestern (Idaho) Regional Library System, based in Boise. "Many of the smaller libraries just don't have the resources by themselves," he said. "They don't have the tax base or the materials to do it with, and by consolidating into larger units, they could probably do a better job."

He said library districts can, under state law, consolidate if a

majority of electors in each district agrees to the merger.

No firm decisions will be made for a while, because the rural district's board still is working on establishing a budget, Allred said.

Wilson said contract costs have not been settled yet. He did cite one rough estimate that the Boise system might allow rural residents library-card privileges and a regular visit from its bookmobile for "something over \$200,000" from the rural district.

Boise Library Director Lynn Melton has said the district could raise as much as \$550,000 if it imposes the maximum 3-mill property tax.

Allred became chairwoman Nov. 13, after Bob Rupp, the first chairman and prime organizer of

the new district, resigned from the board. Rupp, an insurance claims adjuster at Commercial Union Insurance, was transferred to Denver. He moved to Colorado earlier this month.

The district was established by an election Aug. 21, and the five board members were appointed by the Ada County Commission. Rupp's replacement will be selected by the four remaining board members.

Allred said the board currently is looking for a candidate. "Anyone that's interested can contact any member of the board," she said.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Dec. 11 at the Meridian Public Library.

Prospects are looking good

A Meridian city council member said there should be some way to have a Meridian 'shopping district' for people driving from Nampa to Boise to shop.

The councilman was Harold Cox. The year was 1948. He said this in the Boise newspaper.

"According to all reports, the proposed Treasure Valley Shopping Center definitely is going to be a reality," a newspaper report said.

That was in 1973. The land was near the Speedway, just north of the freeway. The developer from Salt Lake City met with Gov. Cecil Andrus showing his site plans. The plans never materialized.

Meridian has been the center for people with dreams and plans.

There have been some positive

landmark dates, many within the past ten years, the period known as Meridian's present.

-July 1, 1970, a census report has Meridian's population at 2,616.

-February 1971, City Hall remodeled, with Police Department moved to north end of building, Works Department to south end.

-Sept. 17, 1973, a special census has Meridian's population at 3979.

-June 6, 1974, Library dedicated.

-Nov. 6, 1975, Don Storey reelected as mayor.

July 12, 1976, bid awarded to Chicago Bridge and Iron for water tower rising above Meridian. Tower holds 500,000 gallons of water.

-Dec. 11, 1976, special census count has Meridian's population at 5,258.

January, 1977, construction begins on 15-acre park.

July, 1977, construction of \$2.6 million sewer disposal plant begins.

-April 1977, golf course on Jim Fuller and Kent Barney property under construction.

Sept. 5, 1978, comprehensive plan for Meridian adopted.

April 14, 1981, city hall remodeled a second time; new section for city clerk, mayor and building inspector.

These are just some of the dates showing the progress in Meridian the past decade. As one developer said, nothing remains status quo.

This week, the Valley News looks at other aspects of the past decade, including the growth of the city in terms of residences and in terms of businesses.

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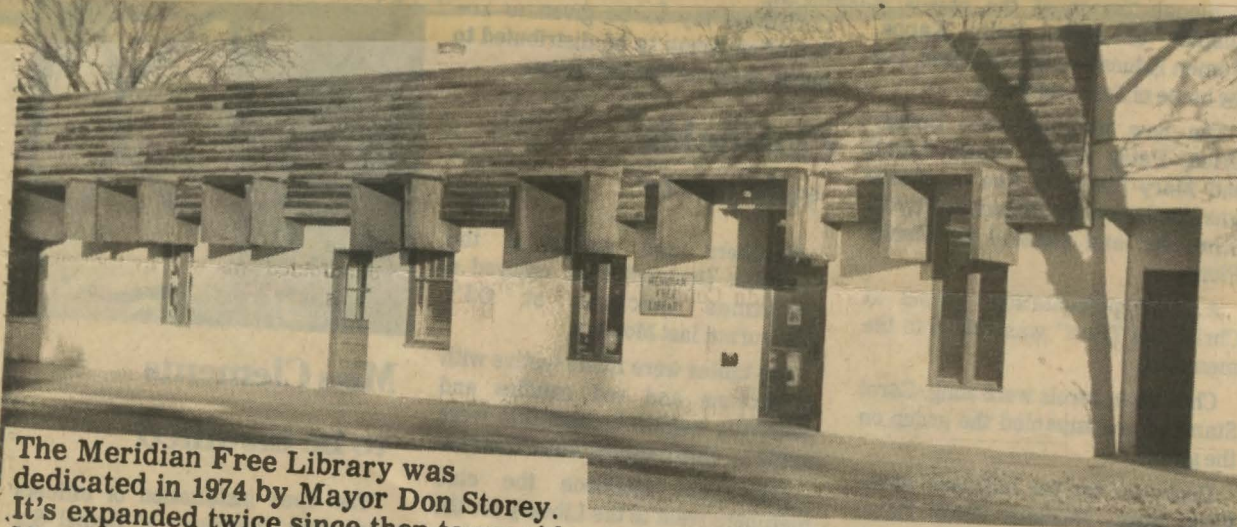
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The Meridian Free Library was dedicated in 1974 by Mayor Don Storey. It's expanded twice since then to provide Meridian a quality library.



The Heritage Building on East First is one of the major renovations the last ten years. Others in "Old Town" includes Everybody's, Lynn's Cafe, and Inter-mountain Arms.

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Library funding

on agenda

Friends of the Library

The ~~Meridian Press Club~~, a booster club for the Meridian Free Public Library, will be holding a meeting Nov. 29th to discuss various fund-raising ideas.

Anyone interested in attending the meeting, held at 11:15 at the Meridian Library, is invited to attend.

Valley News 12-19-84

Meridian Library

Friends to sell candy

The Friends of the Meridian Public Library are selling chocolate suckers for 25 cents to help buy Christmas books for the children's section of the library.

The delicious suckers are in the shapes of snowmen, Santas, angels and hearts. The suckers will be sold at the front desk of the Meridian Free Library until Christmas.

The money from the book sale in September sponsored by the Friends group bought \$380 of new readers for the children's section.

In November, Kathy Hobson replaced Denise Evans as the children's librarian. Storyhour programs for pre-schoolers are given every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Movies, books, and puppet shows are included in the free programs. Also, several classes from Meridian Primary School come over to the Meridian Free Library for programs and to check out books.

Suzanne D'Errico is President of the Friends of the Meridian Library and also is a puppeteer and marionette.

Friends of Meridian Library plan book sale

The local chapter of the Friends of the Meridian Library will be organizing a book sale on Friday, Jan. 18 and Saturday, Jan. 19 to raise more money for the Meridian Free Library.

Books and magazines will be sold for 10 cents to \$1. Paperbacks, large print books, Reader's Digest condensed books and hardbound books will be for sale.

President Suzanne D'Errico said the group received a "wonderful response" to their chocolate sucker sale at Christmas and their book sale earlier in the fall.

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Friends of Meridian Library Book Sale — Jan. 18-19, Meridian Free Library, 18 E. Idaho. Book and magazines, 10 cents to \$1. Paperbacks, large print books, *Reader's Digest* condensed books and hardbound books. Hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat.

Garden City Library — 201 E. 50th. Library hours: Mon., Wed., Fri., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tue., Thurs. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Closed weekends and holidays. Information: 377-2180

Nampa Public Library — 101 11th Ave. S. Library hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Tue.-Thurs. and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri. and Sat.



Library receives donation

The Boise Eagles Auxiliary No. 115 presented a \$200 check to Librarian Bill Snider Jan. 9 at the Meridian Free Library.

The money was "a gesture of support to the library for its services to the elderly," a release from the Auxiliary said. The library will use the grant to purchase large print books for the elderly and the visually impaired.

The local Auxiliary donated \$100 from their fund raising money and the other \$100 was matched by the

Golden Eagle Fund, the national Order's Memorial Foundation.

This is the first year the local Auxiliary has given a donation to the Meridian Library District.

Bill Snyder, librarian of the Meridian Free Library, received a \$200 donation from Leona Falwell [left] and La Vone Porter [right], president of Eagle Auxiliary No. 115. Members of the Auxiliary looked on.

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John Howell [left], Donations Chairman for Modern Woodmen of America, Camp 6664, presented William Snyder, librarian of the Meridian Library District, a check for \$428 for the purchase of new books in the children's section. The books are Crisis, Survival and New Encyclopedia Science. Parents' attention to this reading material will enable their children to deal with modern day living, Howell said.

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Library gets new books

The following new books have been received at the Meridian Public Library, 18 East Idaho, and are ready to be loaned out. The library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

FICTION: Foreign Affairs, by Allison Lurie; The Tie That Binds, by Kent Haruf (an authentic novel about a woman of the western plains, alive with old fashioned values of fidelity and courage); The Book Class (a profound consideration of women and power); by Louis Auchincloss; The Snow Ball, by A.R. Gurney Jr.

SCIENCE FICTION: The Third Book of Swords, by Fred Saberhagen; The Years Best Fantasy Stories, by Arthur W. Saha, editor.

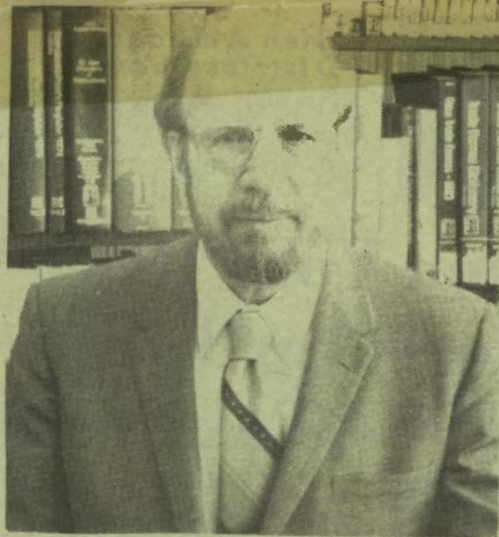
MYSTERY FICTION: The Man Who Risked His Partner, by Reed Stevens; The Clubbable Woman, by Reginald Hill; Bluegate Fields, by

Anne Perry; Getting Away With Murder, by Ralph Mc Inerny.

NON FICTION:

The Comet Is Coming, by Nigel Calder, (After 76 years Halley's Comet returns). Make It Easy To Entertain, by Laurie Burrows Grad; Listen To A Child: understanding the normal problems of growing up, by T. Berry Brazelton, M.D.; Precinct 19: behind the scenes at New York City's most high-powered police station; by Thomas Larry Adcock.

VALLEY SAVER Feb. 6, 1985



William Snyder

Director of Meridian Free Library

Meridian businessmen support us in a big way. They help with the childrens summer reading program. Meridian businessmen, Professionals, and Civic Clubs have helped us raise funds and have donated their time and dollars to the library.

Valley News 2/27/85

Friends of Library

sale March 15-16

The Friends of the Meridian Library are sponsoring a book sale on Friday and Saturday, March 15-16.

Magazines, paperbacks, children's books and hardbound books will be sold for 10 cents to 50 cents.

The Meridian Library is located at 18 E. Idaho. Hours for the sale are Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

March 6, 1985 VALLEY SAVER

New books at Meridian library

New books at the Meridian Public Library include these titles:

Fiction: English Creek by Ivan Doig; The wine of astonishment by Earl Lovelace; Birds of prey by David Drake; Illusions of love by Cynthia Freeman; and Dream of orchids by Phyllis Whitney.

Science Fiction books include Gryphon's Eyrie by Andre Norton and A.C. Crispin; and Ties of blood and silver by Joel Rosenberg.

Espionage books include The golden express by Derek Lambert; and Nocturne for the General by John Trenhaile.

Biographical-fiction books include Lady Washington: a biographical novel about America's first First Lady by Dorothy Clark Wilson.

Non-fiction books include The reel West: classic stories that inspired classic films, edited by Bill Pronzini; Into the mouth of the cat: the story of Lance Sijan, hero of Vietnam by Malcolm McConnell; The complete low-sodium, low-salt cookbook by Edith Tibbetts and Karen Caldwell; Nuclear weapons factbook by Christopher Campbell; Coping with cerebral palsy: answers to questions parents often ask by Jay Schleichkorn; and Odyssey: the last great escape from Nazi-dominated Europe—the story of those Jews who gambled their lives for freedom...and won by John Bierman.

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New books at the

Meridian Public Library

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FICTION: The Snow Ball, by A.R.I. Gurney Jr.; Echoes Of War, by Joan Dial; Light Years And Dark, by Michael Bishop; The Raj Quartet, by Paul Scott; Family Album, by Danielle Steel; Ender's Game, by Orson Scott.

SCIENCE FICTION: Pohlstars, by Frederik Pohl; A Trio For Lute, by R.A. MacAvoy.

MYSTERY: The Curse Of The Giant Hogweed, by Charlotte MacLeod.

WESTERN:

The Wolf Tracker, by Zane Grey.

BIOGRAPHY: Empty Sleeves, by Phillip Rushing; Outlaw, by Jeff Long.

NON-FICTION: Home Applications and Games for the VIC-20, by Timothy P. Banse; The Book of Golf

Disasters, by Peter Dobereiner; Handbook Of Skits & Stunts, by Helen & Larry Eisenberg; Ray Johnson's Total Security, by Ray Johnson; Child Snatching, by Michael W. Schaefer; The Living Heart Diet, by Michael E. DeBakey; The Complete Book Of Allergy Control, by Laura J. Stevens; Help For The Hyperactive Child, by Janey Walls Mitchell; Wall Street's Insiders, by John C. Boland; The Sunset Pruning Handbook; Consumer Reports Guide To Electronics in the Home.

Sunday, April 14, 1985

Overdue-book amnesty set by Meridian Library

MERIDIAN — People who have overdue books and other materials from the Meridian Library may return them without being fined this week, which is National Library Week.

Library Director Bill Snyder said people who have forgotten to return books may bring them back and be free to check out other books. He said the library board and staff want to encourage Meridian residents to use the library.

Special children's programs have been planned by library assistants Kathryn Hobson and Laura Oberbillig on three days this week, he said. The film *Treasure Island* will be shown at 4 p.m. Monday; a program by Greg Callahan, educational director of the Boise City Zoo, will bring a baby monkey and a python from the zoo at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday; and *Preschool Storytime* will begin at 10:30 a.m. Thursday.

New books at public library

The following Westerns were received at the Meridian Public Library March 7:

The Angry Horseman by Lewis B. Tatten; Boontown by Larry D. Names; Black Marshall by Bill Burchardt; The Cowby and the Cossack by Clair Huffaker; Eyes of the Hawk by Lee McElroy.

Frontier Steel by Nevada Carter; Phantom Warrior by Fred Grove; Pursuit by Lewis B. Patten; Ride the Man Down by Luke Short; and Winter Drift by Carter Travis Young.

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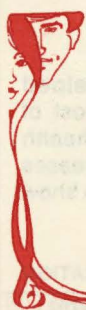
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BOISE -- The Snowy River Club will host an "Australian Travel Show" tomorrow evening from 6 to 9 at the Red Lion Downtowner. The public is invited to see a 15 minute movie entitled "Waltzing Matilda" and special guests will have information about tours. For more details, call Chris at 344-9126.

BOISE -- The Idaho Department of Water Resources will present a free Sunspace Design workshop tomorrow from 7-9:30 pm at the Hall of Mirrors' West Conference Room, 700 West State Street, Boise. A sunspace is an area in a home which has been designed to use the sun's rays to provide heat for general living purposes or the cultivation of plants. For more information, call 334-2602 or the toll free Energy Information Hotline, 1-800-334-SAVE.

MERIDIAN -- This is National Library Week and the Meridian Public Library has scheduled several programs for its patrons. "Treasure Island Movie" will be shown today at 4 pm and "A Zoo Program," including a baby monkey and a python from the Boise Zoo will be held at 3:30 pm on Wednesday. In addition, a "Preschool Storytime" will be held Thursday at 10:30 am. The public is invited to an open house Friday from 1-4pm.

BOISE -- The last concert of the season for the Boise Philharmonic will be tomorrow night starting at 8 in the Morrison Center and will feature singers Gregory Kunde, Julia Holland and Gene Larsson. All the tickets for the concert have been sold; however, there is a waiting list for seats that may become available, call 344-7849 for more information.

BOISE -- The fourth annual St Al's Invitational Golf Tournament will be held Friday at Crane Creek with all the golfers' fees going to the Emergency Services Department. The golfing fee is \$125; to register or for more information, call 378-2757 or 378-2759.



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"A Nation of Readers" is the theme of National Library Week, which falls upon the week of April 14 to 20.

There will be an amnesty on overdue fines for books returned to the library during the week.

There will also be an open house on Friday, April 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. I hope you can come. It will be a time for talking with Library Board members and staff, enjoying refreshments and browsing in the library.

- See you on Apr 19th -

Bill Snyder
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Barbara Sendt }

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New books at Meridian library

NEW BOOKS:

FICTION: Davit's Harp, by Chaim Potok; Ellis Island, by Fred Mustard Stewart; This Real Night, by Rebecca West; Raney, by Clyde Edgerton; We Can't All be Heroes, You Know, by Linda Anderson.

MYSTERY: Someday the Rabbi Will Leave, by Harry Kemelman; A Carol in The Dark, by Cathleen Jordan; Most Cunning Workmen, by Roy Lewis.

SCIENCE FICTION: The Fire Sword, by Adrienne Martine-Barnes; Star Healer, by James White; Limits, by Larry Niven; Brightness Falls From the Air, by James Tiptree, Jr.

BIOGRAPHY: Roses Round the Door, by Doreen Tovey; Colonel Z, by Anthony Reed.

NON-FICTION: Clear and Simple Guide Touch Typing, by Carol Yacht; Staying Ok, by Amy Bjork Harris; The Complete Guide to Anti-Aging Nutrients, by Sheldon Saul Hendler; Real Ireland: People & Landscape, by Liam Blake; The Last of the Wild Horses, by Martin Harbury.

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Library to begin remodeling in June

The Meridian Free Library has been awarded a \$54,000 grant that will allow the library to enter its second phase of remodeling this summer.

The grant, presented by the State Library Board, was part of Public Library Construction funds for the fiscal year.

"We're going to start this summer (on construction)," Librarian Bill Snyder said. Bids will go out the last week of June and be opened the end of July.

The library is required to match the state's grant. The matching funds have come from other grants, including \$3,000 from the Gannett Foundation.

The State Library Board grant gives the Meridian library \$108,000 to start work on the second phase of its remodeling project.

The remodeling phase, which will add 750 square feet to the current 4315 square foot facility, will be scaled down some as the library is still \$45,000 short of the necessary money for a complete remodeling.

Snyder said he has worked with

the architect, Jim Shearer of Meridian, to find ways to cut the cost on the project until more funds are made available.

What will be delayed this summer is the work done to the roof and work on the frontage of the library, as well as other minor work.

The work indoors that will give the library increased space for a children's section, open up the office area and put in a new entry way into the library, will be essentially complete after November.

The remodeling project for the library began in early 1983, with a 15' by 50' addition to the west side of the library and refurbishing of the interior.

The rest of the remodeling project will be completed after the necessary \$45,000 is brought in. Snyder said the amount of work done this summer will depend on the bids that come in.

At the same time the Meridian Free Library received its construction grant, it also received grant money to provide computer equipment to give the library dial-

up access to the Washington Library Network.

The access to the Washington Network was necessitated after funding for the Southwestern Idaho Regional Library System was no longer available, Snyder said.

The Washington system has access to libraries in the western states and Canada.

"The new computer system will increase our efficiency in servicing interlibrary loans, in cataloging books, and in finding material for reference requests," Snyder said in the library's grant application.

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Meridian library schedules story hour

Beginning on Sept. 5, the children's department of the Meridian Library will have a story hour each Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. for pre-school children.

Library hours will be unchanged from last year, Librarian Bill Snyder said. The hours are 9-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9-5 on Saturday.

The Library will not be open on Sept. 11. The staff will be attending an all-day workshop at the State Library.



Entertainment & Restaurant Guide

"Let Us Entertain You"

By Kay Doty

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Fair 9-10-85*

"Ocean", Idaho's most popular rock and roll band will play for the 4th annual College mixer to be held at the Mardi Gras in Boise. Dates are Sept. 20 and 21 and will be sponsored by 92 KISS-FM and United Cable. There will be a drawing both nights for two round-trip tickets to New York City. The high point of the trip will be a tour of the MTV studio.—

Tryouts for Boise Little Theater's annual holiday show, "Merlin's Tale of Arthur's Magic Sword", are scheduled for Sunday Sept. 29 at 2:30 p.m. and Oct. 1, at 7:30 in the Greenroom of the theater.

Needed are ten men of all ages, four women aged 19 and up, three teenage boys from 14 to 17 years old, and one girl about 12. Also needed are technical people. Rehearsals begin in October. Show dates are Nov. 29 and 30 and Dec. 1 and Dec. 6-

was first aided and later opposed by her brother, Harvey Scott, editor of The Oregonian. Sponsored by the Idaho Shakespeare Festival, the play will feature Jane Van Boskirk and Bill Douglas of the Northwest Touring Theater.

This very interesting play can be seen on the stage of the Special Events Center at Boise State University. Play date is Sept. 19 at 3:00 p.m. and again at 8:15 p.m. For ticket information call 336-9221.—

The Meridian Library has begun a Children's Story Hour for preschoolers age three through five. This will be every Thursday morning from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. and will be conducted by Children's Librarian Laura Oberbillig and Suzanne D'Errico, a volunteer with the Meridian Friends of The Library.—

The Snake Basin Drama Guild

will present its first fall production, "The Creature Creeps", the last weekend of October and first weekend of November. Co-directors of the 14-member cast are Ginger Anderson and Nancy Richards. Producer is Marilyn Gunderson.

This three-year-old travelling troupe is in the throes of a building search that would become a permanent home. The location and time will be announced later, but will be in Caldwell.—

Beginning October 11 and 12 the Guild will conduct twelve weeks of classes for children ages 5 through 13. They will be every Wednesday and Thursday at 4:00 p.m., and will feature Japanese Theater. For more information call 467-2097 or 454-0943.—

MORE NEXT WEEK.

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Occident Club hosts library board

Members of the Meridian Occident Club started the year with a luncheon at Bird's Broiler last Monday noon.

Six members of the Meridian Library Board, James Shearer, Marvin Bodine, Jack Riddlemoser, Bill Snyder, Norman Fuller and Charlene Denny were present to discuss the concerns of the Club and the Library.

When the Occident Club deeded the building for the library, it was agreed that the club would have a meeting room and a kitchen.

Jack Riddlemoser, chairman of the Library Board, assured the Occident Club members that they will continue to have that space provided them after the library is remodeled. They would also have room for the emergency loan equipment the club has.

Twenty members and one guest, Mildred Bradley from California, and sister of Marguerite Patch, were present for the program and business meeting.

President Opal Merrell presided at the business meeting. Jane Kitching was in charge of the program with five Girl's State delegates, Pam Weber, Lisa Beckstead, Alei Merrill, Susan Jarvis and Corky Warr, giving a report on their week at Girl's State.

Hostesses for the luncheon were June Thomas, Leah Melvin and Deloris Reardon. June had prepared little favors that were placed at each place setting.

The next meeting will be the first Monday in October.

Meridian library to serve Ada County residents

Starting Oct. 1, the Meridian Public Library will begin serving residents of the Ada County Free Library District, Meridian Librarian Bill Snyder said.

A contractual agreement was reached between the newly organized Ada County Free Library District and each of the five existing public libraries in the county, including the Meridian Library District.

The contract calls for the Meridian Library to receive over \$19,700 to handle additional customers from the new district, said Snyder.

Other libraries who are involved in the agreement include the Boise Public Library, Garden City Public

Library, Eagle Public Library, and Kuna Community Library District.

Until the Ada County Free Library District was formed, county residents living outside a library district would have to pay a non-resident's fee for use of one of the five libraries.

The new contract will allow residents to utilize the libraries without paying that non-resident's fee.

The contract signed with the Meridian Library will cover the costs incurred to handle the new traffic among the more than 50,000 residents of the Ada County Free Library District.

Snyder said more books will be

purchased with the monies received.

Lynn Melton, administrator for the Southwestern Idaho Regional Library System, said the contract figures were based on the number of county patrons anticipated to use the library multiplied by the average per-capita tax paid by district members.

The contract is for three years. However, the dollar amount will be renegotiated after one year to get closer to the actual amount each library will need.

The contracts with the five libraries will be financed by county residents with a 3 mil levy, which translates into a tax percentage of .006.

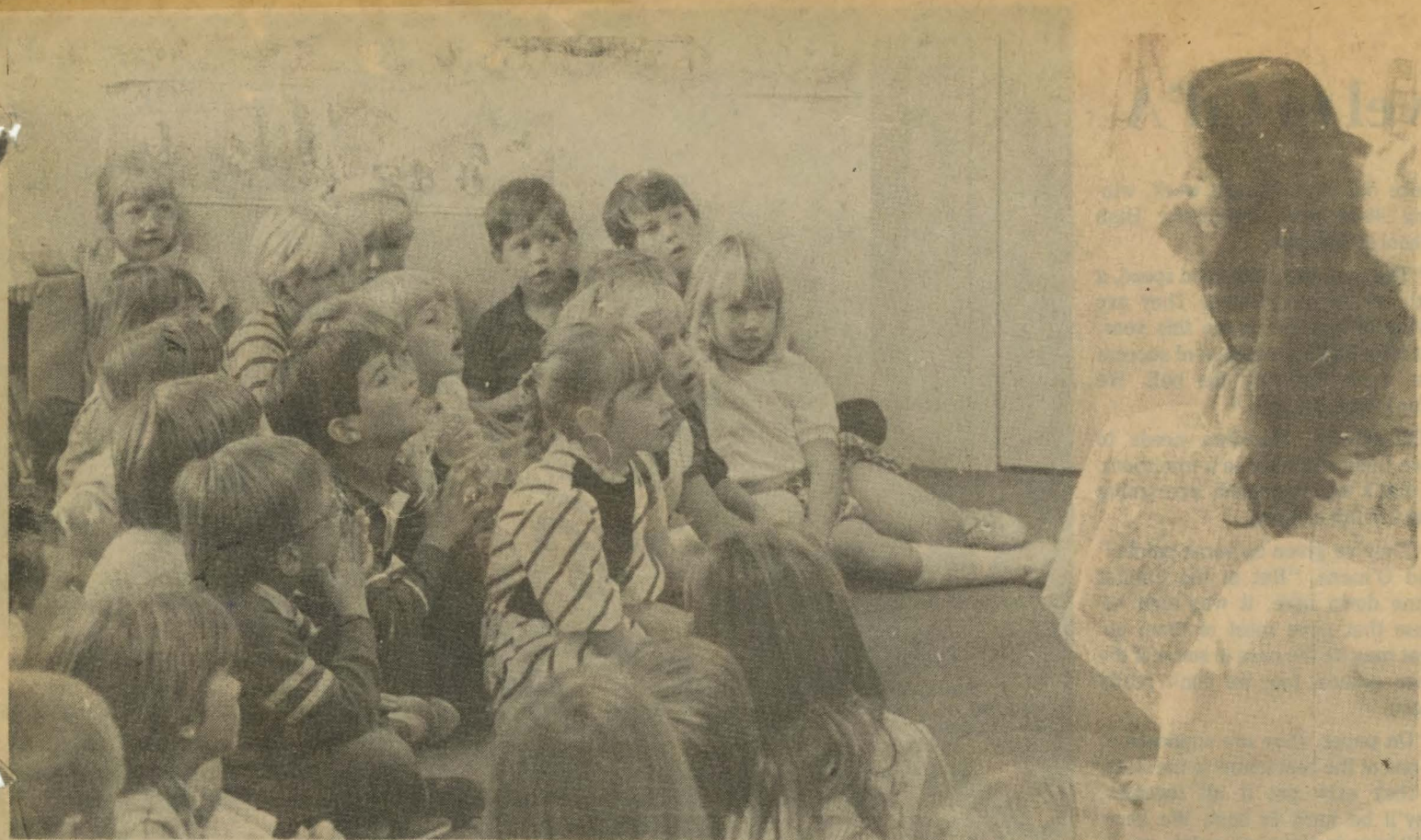
According to figures given, an

owner of a \$50,000 home who is eligible for homeowner's exemption would pay \$30 a year to finance the new library district.

The Ada County Free Library District was voted for by county residents. Melton said the idea to contract with other libraries rather than build a new structure was a decision made by the new district's board.

She said the decision allows residents to have immediate access to library services.

Ada County Free Library District residents can apply for a Meridian library card after Sept. 30. The library hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday.



The Meridian Public Library's children's department has begun its fall program with two weekly events, according to Children's

Librarian Laura Oberbillig. Preschool storytime is held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. This week's

story is "Johnny Appleseed." A program for first graders is held on Friday at 11 a.m. Three first

grades in the Meridian primary schools are scheduled to attend this weekly function.



Valley News 10/10/85

Library remodeling postponed

The Meridian Library Board has decided that the remodeling project for the Meridian Public Library should be postponed until the spring.

"We feel it's too late in the season," said Attorney Jack Riddlemoser, chairman of the Library Board. "We'll take a look come spring."

"Construction has got to progress at a reasonable clip," he said. The winter months would have slowed the project down enough to create problems for the library.

Architect Jim Shearer said he would anticipate 120 days for the remodel project to be completed.

The work involves exterior renovation, increasing office space, and making a children's library section, among other things.

The original plans for the remodel, the second phase of a total remodeling project for the library, would have cost \$146,000.

"We ended up with a \$108,000 budget," Shearer pointed out, after a federal grant given the district was matched by the library.

The plans had to be revised, making changes to bring the cost down. Shearer said he finished revising the architect plans before the first of August.

Librarian Bill Snyder said he had hoped the construction could have gotten underway earlier. But he agreed with Riddlemoser that it's too late this season to go out to bid. "It's best to postpone," he said.

"Although I was expecting to get done this fall, it's not a great disappointment," he said.

One problem that was discovered after Shearer's plans were drawn was a lack of space for the Occident Club.

library to the library board, with an agreement that space would be provided for them for their use.

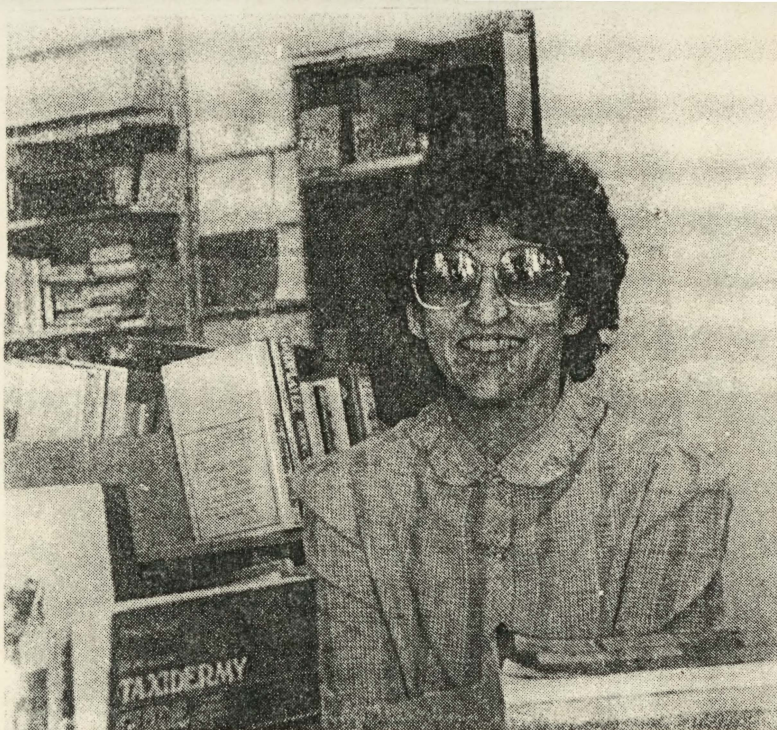
Shearer said that because of lack of space, the library board is trying to find another space for them.

"We have everything taken care of," Riddlemoser said about finding space for the Occident Club.

"We're looking at space now. We have two to three deals, but no final decision yet. But we have that under control."

Riddlemoser said the delay in finding adequate space for the Occident Club did not play a part in delaying the remodel project.

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Personality profile

DONNA UGARRIZA

Librarian returns to Idaho

By Kay Doty

Donna Ugarriza has worked on the front desk at the Meridian Library since last March.

She was born and raised in the valley, but after marriage moved first to Oregon and later to California, where her husband John was a school administrator.

Shortly after this, John was offered a teaching position at Silver Sage Elementary School. "This gave us the opportunity to return to Idaho," said Donna. "When we moved here, it was moving home where we could bring up our kids to have good values."

The "kids" are her identical twin daughters, Petra and Shelby, who are sophomores at Meridian High School. The girls have been active in the past in gymnastics and 4-H but are taking a hiatus from these activities while adjusting to high school, but plan to resume them

when they become juniors.

Returning to Idaho three and a half years ago, they selected Meridian as the place to purchase their home because, as Donna explained, "We consider this school system one of the best in the state."

She enjoys her work at the library saying, "The people I work with—they are just tremendous. And the patrons are delightful."

Donna likes to read, sew and do handicrafts, and, as a family attend the auto races but adds, "Our social life revolves around our home and family."

Family includes John's brother, Meridian resident Tom Obstarczyk, wife LaMoyne and daughters Crystal and Shari; Donna's brother, Mel Cook, his wife Connie and their sons, Chad and Rhett of Boise.

"Meridian is a very nice place to live," she concluded.

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Library board explains proposed plans to Occident Club

Members and guests of the Meridian Occident Club at their regular meeting last Monday heard Marvin Bodine, a member of the Meridian Library Board and James Shearer, architect for the remodeling of the library.

The two explained the blue prints and proposed plans for the project.

They described in detail the location and area for the kitchen and meeting room to be provided for

the Occident Club.

Prior to this the members of the club had inspected a facility the library board had located as a permanent storage place for the club's Emergency Loan Equipment.

This equipment includes such things as walkers, wheel chairs and hospital beds now stored in the library.

Leona Egbert presided over a short business meeting. Following the business meeting refreshments were served from a St. Patrick's Day table.

Ethel Duerock and Leona Egbert presided at the tea table and hostesses for the meeting were Hazel Rhodes, Hazel Goodwin and Mary Boice.

The next meeting will be April 7.

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From left to right: Mary Rollins, Nina Postlethwaite, Librarian Bill Snyder, Kathi Davis, Barbara King and Elda Buchanan.

Eagles donate to Library

Two hundred dollars was donated to the Meridian Library Tuesday afternoon by the local Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles for the library's services to the elderly.

The library was asked to use the money to purchase large print books for the elderly and the visually handicapped.

The Eagles raise the money for the projects each year which they

then make available to charitable organizations working on programs to aid the aged.



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Library seeks bids for improvements

The second phase of the improvements to the Meridian Free Library went out for bids this week, architect James Shearer and Librarian Bill Snider said Tuesday.

The bid includes making a new entrance into the library, remodeling the interior to make for a new office, finishing the new ceiling work and changing the front desk area. The exterior work will include new roofing and exterior insulation.

The bids will be opened April 24 at 3 p.m. in the library in a public meeting. Construction could begin within a week if the contracts are approved without problem.

The work "will unify the library and open it up," Snider said. More walk space will be added in the front to create a better flow from the adult section and the children's section.

The front entrance will be a glass vestibule and moved about five feet to the left facing the building from where it is now.

The front desk area will be directly in front of the glass doors as you walk in, giving it a more central spot in the building, Snider said.

Shearer estimated last fall the project would be around \$100,000. He said the cost could go up five to ten percent because of the timing of the bid now.

He said he is worried about his cost estimate. But there are seven deduct alternates which could bring the cost down some.

The project was ready to go out for bid last fall. It was delayed some partially because of trying to find space to provide the Occident Club's Emergency Equipment Room.

The Library Board found space for the emergency loan equipment across Meridian Street from the library. The Club will still have a meeting room in the library with some storage space.

The board decided to postpone the project because it was getting close to the winter season and because it would disrupt the increased flow of traffic created from the Ada Free Library District, board president Jack Riddlemoser said last fall.

Snider said there was a noticeable increase in the number of people using the library this past winter because of the contract they have with the Ada County Free Library District to let rural residents use the library.

"We're excited about getting the

project going again," Shearer said. He's been working on the project since 1983, when plans began to improve the library building donated by the Occident Club.

The first phase was completed two years ago, which increased the size of the building.

The money to complete the second phase was made available because of a grant received by the library last spring from the government under the Title 2 Library Service and Construction Act.

The library received \$54,000 and was required to provide matching funds. The library has about \$108,000 total to use for construction purposes.

The plans for the second phase were revised to match the amount of money the library had to work with, Shearer said. He had to pare it down from an original estimate of \$150,000.

Some of the work that won't be

included are fixing the sidewalk and landscaping the outside.

Shearer said the interior work will include putting a new ceiling in the rest of the building to match what is on the east side of the library, and putting in double glazed windows to replace the existing single paned windows on the west end of the building.

The exterior work will include a new roofing system and finishing the exterior insulation system on the rest of the building.

One deduct alternate bid calls for finishing the exterior insulation except for the back of the building, which would be done later.

Shearer said the library may close once or twice for a short while to move sections of the library to make room for construction workers. But he doesn't see it closing for long periods.

He estimated construction to be done within 120 days from the start.

Meridian library to celebrate Library Week

National Library Week will be observed this next week April 6-12 at the Meridian Library. The theme this year is "Get a Head Start at the Library."

An amnesty on overdue books fines will be observed during the week, the librarian said.

On Monday, April 7, M. Eugene De Mond will show some of his collection of Kachina Dolls from the Hopi Indians and will give a lecture on their culture. At 1 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. he will address fourth grade classes.

On Tuesday, April 8, at 4 p.m., a movie portraying the Rudyard

Kipling story "White Seal" will be shown.

On Friday, April 11, at 4 p.m. the clown performers from Central Assembly Church will put on a program.

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American Heritage magazine called the Library of America series "the most ambitious effort ever undertaken to put the best of

American literature into the hands of the general reader."

The Meridian Library is one of 500 across the country that acquired the collection with funds from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and matching funds pledged in the community.

Each \$500 raised locally was

matched by \$500 from the Mellon Foundation grant.

The library has received the 26 volumes already published in the Library of America. The remaining 34 volumes will be sent in regular shipments over the next five years for an average total of 7 a year.

The Library of America is a non-profit publishing program that began in 1982 to restore America's literary heritage by publishing the collected works of America's major authors in a uniform, hardcover series.

Volumes already published include the works of Henry Adams, James Fenimore Cooper, Stephen Crane, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Nathaniel Hawthorne, William Dean Howells, Washington Irving, Henry James, Thomas Jefferson, Jack London, Herman Melville, Francis Parkman, Edgar Allan Poe, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Mark Twain and Walt Whitman.

Other works on the shelves ready to circulate are volumes with William Faulkner—the first twentieth-century writer to be included in the series—Henry David Thoreau, Edith Wharton, W.E.B. DuBois, Flannery O'Connor and Abraham Lincoln.

Library gets

new books

Fiction:

Stone of Help—Robin Hardy; Out of Africa—Isak Dinesen; The LeBaron Secret—Steven Birmingham; Silverwood—Joanna Barnes; Love and Glory—Jeane Westin; The Endless Game—Bryan Forbes; Seminole—Donald Clayton Porter.

A Fragile Peace—Jonellen Heckler; The Bourne Supremacy—Robert Ludlum; Marya—Joyce Carol Oates; Lie Down With Lions—Ken Follett; The Bannaman Legacy—Catherine Cookson; The Seventh Secret—Irving Wallace.

The Secret of Harry Bright—Joseph Wambaugh; Private Affairs—Judith Michael; Bird of Paradise—Diana Stainforth; The Left-Handed Policeman—Robert Westbrook.

Mystery: Red Herrings—Tim Heald.

Non-Fiction:

Library of American Series: Space Time Infinity—James S. Trefil; National Geographic Picture Atlas of Our Universe—Roy A. Gallant; Games for Wedding Shower Fun—Sharon E. Dlugosch; Wedding Shower Fun—Sharon E. Dlugosch.

Famous People I Have Known—Ed McClanahan; Habits of the Heart—Robert N. Bellah; Henry James: A Life—Leon Edel; Life Begins at Sixty—Bill Case; Train Up A Child—Nancy Van Pelt.

Biography: As Time Goes By: The Life of Ingrid Bergman—Laurence Leamer.

Library schedules talk on Hopis

MERIDIAN — A talk on Hopi Indian religion and culture will be one of three special programs at the Meridian Library during National Library Week, April 6 to 12, according to library director Bill Snyder.

Eugene DeMond will talk about his Kachina dolls that are on display in the library. He will give his talk at 1 p.m. Monday.

DeMond, a retired dry cleaner, said Kachina dolls represent spirits to the Hopi people of New Mexico and northeastern Arizona. He said the 28 dolls that he made are only a few of the 300 to 500 spirits in the religion.

He said the Hopis view the dolls not as toys but as tools to teach religion to children.

DeMond said he became interested in the Hopi people while spending winters in Arizona.

In other activities, the library

will show the film, "White Seal," based on Rudyard Kipling's story, at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Clown performers from Central Assembly of God Church will give a program at 4 p.m. April 11.

Snyder said both children and adults are welcome to attend the programs. He said the library will observe an amnesty on overdue book fines during National Library Week.

He said the theme for the observance this year is "Get a Head Start at the Library," recognizing the fact that "libraries are a training ground for life and primary resource for education, information and recreation."



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Library receives

\$112,900 low bid

R.W. Moffett Construction Co. of Boise was the apparent low bidder to work on the second phase of construction on the Meridian library.

Bill Snyder, librarian, said the base bid by Moffett was \$112,900. Don Young Construction was next at \$115,700 while Lane Construction Inc. was third at \$118,399.

Work could begin as early as next week if the contract is signed with Moffett, architect James Shearer, Meridian, said.

The work would involve remodeling the front lobby area in the library, moving the front door to the library west about 25 feet and putting in glass to separate the children's reading area from the rest of the library.

Other work involves roofing work, and remodeling the office area.

Shearer, the architect for the project, said seven bids came in. The other bids were between \$120,000 and \$126,000 while the highest bid was at \$155,351.

"The bids were grouped real close together, except for the high bid," Shearer said.

Shearer said the low bid was within his estimates he had made

last fall.

The Meridian Free Library District has \$54,000 in funds from the Library Services and Construction Act, with local matching funds.

Shearer said there were six deductive alternates in the bid. He said three of those alternates will have to be deducted to be within the budget the library district has.

Those alternates that will be deducted include an insulation system on the outside of the wall on the north side of the library, a book drop, and an air conditioning unit in the children's section.

Those alternates will deduct \$11,815 from the bid from Moffett, meaning the contract for construction will be just over \$101,000.

"Those are appropriate figures with the funds available," he said.

"I thought the bids were real competitive," Snyder said.

Moffett has the contract and could have it signed by the end of this week. If the library board approves the contract, construction could start as soon as the first of next week.

The library board would have to approve the contract.

Idaho

Meridian man wins library board seat

MERIDIAN — Stanley Hobson of Meridian has been elected to a five-year term on the board of trustees of the Meridian Library District.

Hobson defeated incumbent Norman Fuller 15 to 11 in an election on Tuesday. Fuller was appointed last year to complete the term of the late Carl Rathjen.

Hobson, a resource manager for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service, has lived in Meridian for three years.

Library Director Bill Snyder said Hobson's term will begin at the start of the library's fiscal year, Oct. 1.

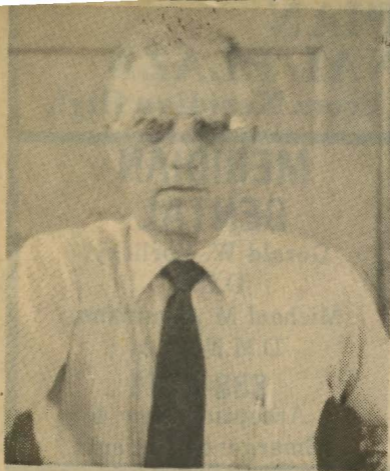
In other library business, Snyder said he expects work on remodeling the old part of the library, 18 E. Idaho Ave., to begin by early June. Bids were opened a month ago, but a contract has been held up because of a clerical error on the lowest bid, he said.

Snyder said the low bidder, R.W. Moffat Construction Inc., Boise, has accepted a contract verbally, but it has yet to be signed.

The library district had \$54,000 on hand and expected to receive a similar amount in federal Library Service and Construction Act funds.

Renovation work will include moving the library's front entrance on Idaho Avenue about 25 feet to the west, increasing usable space in the adult section; replacing a wall now dividing the children's area from the main library with glass; replacing the roof and floor of the original building; and relocating the office.

The company's revised offer is \$105,485, he said. Because the library board wanted to limit the cost to about \$100,000, the trustees deleted air conditioning in the children's area, a book drop and matching exterior finish on the north side.



Stanley Hobson, 2040 Interlachen Way, Meridian, recently won a seat on the Meridian Library Board for a five-year term. He beat out Norm Fuller in a library board election.

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Library remodeling is underway

The Meridian Free Library District library is in some disarray as demolition work continues during a remodeling project.

R.W. Moffatt Construction is doing the \$105,485 remodeling project that is the final phase to update the library.

The project is expected to be done Sept. 29.

Bob Moffatt said "We are still in a fair amount of demolition. We've been doing some structural work tearing out the floor. Most of the wall is tore out and we'll start putting the new walls up."

The demolition is on the old portion of the library, which was originally used as a trolley station in Meridian.

Moffatt said the base bid will make for a new door entrance to the west of the existing door. It will be a

double door entrance with a small entrance hall, or vestibule.

The work will also open up space around the front lobby area with a better flow through the children's area and the adult section.

New offices will also be made, Moffatt said. Exterior work will include a new exterior wall and painting.

A new acoustical ceiling will also be put in. The plastic ceiling will be taken off and a new ceiling dropped with acoustical paneling put on.

The major subcontractors on the project are R & M Mechanical, Owyhee Sheet Metal, Commercial Electric, Mtn. States Roofing, Russell Glass and Bill Reeb Construction.

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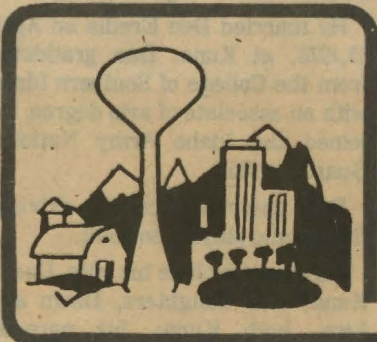
This construction worker was alone Wednesday morning at the Meridian library. He was in the old section which

used to be the interurban station and some artifacts have been said to been found during the remodeling.



*Children's Librarian
Laura Oberly*

The Meridian library held a balloon launching Tuesday to signal the end of the summer reading program. Jessie Witherell, [center in black shorts] read 120 books during the six week period. She is the daughter of James and Anne Witherell. Approximately 200 children between pre-school and the sixth grade participated in the programs this past summer.



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GET READY FOR SPACE
SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Rewards to be given for every 5 Easy reading books or 500 pages according to reading level.

- 5 books - Billy Bob's Bonus (\$2.00 Off any large pizza)
- 10 Books - Billy Bob Buck (\$1.00 worth of free game tokens)
- 15 books - Bookmark (Hot dog w/coupon) from Denny's
- 20 books - Bookmark (French fries w/coupon) from Denny's
- 25 books - Bookmark (Ice cream w/coupon) from Denny's
- 30 books - Invitation to the Balloon Launch Party.



"GET READY FOR SPACE"
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SCHEDULE
"SUMMER READING PROGRAM"

June 2nd through 14th: REGISTRATION

- Tuesday, June 10 - 10:30 am. "Get ready for Space" guest Bob Brewton from The Air National - Guard.
- Tuesday, June 17 - 10:30 am. "Get in shape for Space" demonstration by Gem State Gymnastics Academy.
- Tuesday, June 24 - 10:30 am. "Find a treasure in Space" guest Larry Gensing amateur treasure hunter.
- Tuesday, July 1st- 10:30 am. "First Aid in Space" guest Dana Kesner from Q.R.U.
- Tuesday, July 8 - 10:30 am. "Animals in Space" guest Dr. - Debie Barton from Veterinary - Medical Clinic of Boise.
- Tuesday, July 15 - 10:30 am. "Let's talk about Space" guest Adrian Taylor, Reference Librarian from Boise State University and "Balloon Launch Party" for all the kids who participated - and completed the requirements for the Summer Reading Program.

Special awards donated by Showbiz Pizza and Denny's Restaurants, will be given for every 5 Easy Reading Books or 500 pages, according to reading levels.

**OCCIDENT CLUB
TO MEET OCT. 6**

The October meeting of the Occident Club will be held at the Meridian Library Oct. 6 at 1:30 p.m.

Lila Hill, president of the Meridian Historical Society, will be the speaker.

The Occident Club was organized in 1924. Among the accomplishments of this active civic group was the organization and establishment of the Meridian Library.

In 1985, the Occident Club presented the library board the building and ground where the Library is now located.

The club will continue their monthly meetings in the conference room in the Library.

This Club continues to be active in supporting people in the Meridian area in many ways such as loan equipment for sick and elderly, Girls State, quick response, shelter homes and other benefits.

Valley News 10-2-86

Library to close Oct. 7-13 for cleanup

The Meridian Library will be closed Tuesday, Oct. 7 through Monday, Oct. 13 as the second phase remodeling project of the Meridian Library nears completion.

Librarian Bill Snyder said the library needs to be closed to allow for general cleaning of the library, the installation of shelving and equipment, and the cleaning and shelving of books.

The library will reopen on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 9 a.m.

"We are sorry for the inconvenience to patrons," Snyder said.

The project has been going on the last couple of months. The remodeling includes a new front

Valley News

Historical society seeks old photos

10-2-86

A program on the old Meridian high school will be presented at 7 p.m., Oct. 2, at the Meridian city hall by the Meridian Historical Society.

Mrs. Patch, widow of Carl Patch, an early principal of the high school, will present the program.

On Nov. 1, members of the society will have copiers available to copy privately owned collections of early day Meridian photos for the society collection.

"We will have our equipment set up at the Meridian library during library hours," a spokesman said.

"Your pictures will be copied

while you wait and returned to you immediately. So why not dig out those precious old photos and share them with your friends and community?"

The historical society also is accepting contributions, donations and new members.

Valley News 10-16-86

Library announces winter hours

The Meridian Library announced their new winter hours will go into effect starting Oct. 20.

The library will be closed Sunday and Monday. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday hours will be 9 a.m.-6 p.m. On Thursday the library will stay open until 8 p.m. and on Saturday the library will close at 5 p.m.

The pre-school story hour will begin on Thursday, Oct. 23 at 10:30

a.m. for children ages 3 to 5. Pre-registration is required.

Valley News 10-30-86

Library book

sales scheduled

A sale of books and surplus equipment will be held at the Meridian Library, 18 East Idaho, on Nov. 4-5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

The sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is meant to raise money for library furnishings. Donations of sale articles will be gladly accepted.

Valley News 10-30-86

Historical society seeks photos

The Meridian Historical Society wants to make copies of photographs of early Meridian homes, businesses, events, schools, parades or pioneer settlers.

These copies will be added to the

society's photo collection.

Members of the society will be at the Meridian library Saturday, Nov. 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The copies will be made while you wait.

Occident Club to meet

The Occident Club will meet Nov. 3 in the Library Conference room at 1:30 p.m.

The program will be an illustrated talk by Carol James, consumer education representative for Idaho Power.

She will explain "The Eagle Protection program". 10-30-86

Refreshments will be served.

Valley News 10-16-86

Library dedication Tuesday

The Meridian Library will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday, Oct. 21, to celebrate the completion of its summer-long remodeling project.

The ceremony will be at 1:30 p.m. with the Chamber Ambassadors, city officials and Library Board President Jack Riddlemoser.

The open house will run until 4 p.m. There will be refreshments and new books will be put on display in the front area.

The \$115,000 project gives the library a new look on the outside and added space on the inside. It's the second phase of a remodeling project. The first phase was completed more than two years ago.

"It's a beautiful place," said Librarian Bill Snyder. "It's a library the people in Meridian can be proud of.

"The builder did a real good job."

Bob Moffatt Construction, a commercial remodeling business in Boise, did the construction work. The architectural work was done by James Shearer.

"The building is so much more efficient and open," Snyder said. "The staff people working at the desk can have visual control of the

library now."

The interior work opened up the library to allow for more space for books. The front desk is also more accessible from all areas of the library.

"We took out a large storage area in the front and made the entrance there so we have that additional space," Snyder pointed out.

He said he is not sure yet how many more books the library will be able to hold.

The money for construction came partly from federal funds for library construction work. It was matched by local funds from residents in the area.

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OPEN HOUSE and DEDICATION

on

Tuesday, October 21, 1986

from

1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Ribbon cutting ceremony

at 1:30 p.m.



Remodeled Meridian library dedicated

The remodeling work at the Meridian Library couldn't have been done without the help of a lot of people, Library Board Chairman Jack Riddlemoser told people at the dedication ceremonies Tuesday.

The Meridian Library's \$115,000 second phase remodeling project was completed last week by contractor Bob Moffat Co.

The first phase was completed in the spring of 1984.

Riddlemoser said the Occident Club, Librarian Bill Snyder and

other people in the community were responsible for the improvements of the library.

"Through the help of various people, the library has reached the point it has," Riddlemoser.

Mayor Grant Kingsford, City Clerk Jack Niemann, city councilmen, library board members and the Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors were on hand to help in the dedication ceremonies.

Kingsford said he recalled turning dirt on the east end of the library. He said he couldn't envision the

progress that has been made since then.

The remodeling included work on the ceiling, putting in a new main entry, remodeling the front desk area and the children's library on the west part of the library.

During the remodeling, construction workers did find some artifacts in the children's library area, which was the former site of the Boise Inter-Urban Depot. They found old receipts and train tickets. The remnants were given to the Meridian Historical Society.

Valley News 10-23-86



About 60 people showed up for the Meridian Library dedication ceremony Tuesday after-

noon. Many people came in during the day to just look over the improved facility.

Valley News 10-23-81



Mayor Grant Kingsford, Librarian Bill Snyder, and Library Chairman Jack Riddlemoser cut the ribbon to open the library Tuesday.

Library gets new books

FICTION: The Magic Wagon, by Joe R. Landsdale; Rahab, by Gloria Howe Bremkamp; Supply of Heroes, by James Carroll; Power of the Sword, by Wilbur Smith; Through a Glass Darkly, by Karleen Koen; The Golden Cup, by Belva Plain; The Wild Blue, by Walter J. Boyne; The Prince of Tides, by Pat Conroy; The Autobiography of Henry VIII, by Margaret George.

Moonlight Legend, by Betty Mowery; Circle of Joy, by Dorothy Collett; Summer Dreams, by Patricia Bird; The Dark Side of Destiny, by Evelyn Wray; Love's Sweet Echo, by Louise Bergstrom; Snare at Sycamore Grove, by Juanita Tyree Osborne; A Starlight Miracle, Renate Chapman; Shadow Kisses, J.H. Rhodes.

MYSTERY: Secret for a Nightingale, by Victoria Holt; Blood of the Albatross, by Ridley Pearson; Murder in Manhattan.

WESTERN: Riders of the Silences, by Max Brand; River of Swans, by Don Coldsmith; The Return of the Indian, by Lynne Reid Banks; Cheyenne Brother, by Terrell L. Bowers; Hawks of Autumn, by Wayne C. Lee.

SCIENCE FICTION: Foundation and Earth, by Isaac Asimov; Fortune of Fear, by L. Ron Hubbard; An Alien Affair, by L. Ron Hubbard.

LARGE PRINT: Just Wait Till you Have Children of your Own, by Erna Bombeck; No More Dying Then, by Ruth Rendell; Act of Darkness, by Francis King; Footprints, by Brooke Astor; James Cagney, by Doug Warren; An Unkindness of Ravens, by Ruth

Rendell; Lando, by Louis L'Amour; The Gallows Land, by Bill Pronzini; Stairs of Sand, Zane Grey.

NON-FICTION: Artie Dreams, by Barry Lopez; Love and Sex After 40, by Robert Butler; The Unsettling of America, by Wendell Berry; The Magic Feather, by Lori Granger; Beyond Betrayal, by Carolyn Koons; Unveiling Claudia, by Daniel Keyes; Arthritis Alternatives, by Erna Gadd.

Men Who Hate Women & the Women Who Love Them, by Susan Forward; One Knee Equals Two Feet, by John Madden; The Reckoning, by David Halberstram; "The Target is Destroyed", by Seymour M. Hersh; Contemporary Terrorism, by Willaim Guttridge; The Frugal Gourmet Cooks With Wine, by Jeff Smith;

The Cycles of American History, by Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr.; Unlimited Power, by Anthony Robbins; New England Cooking, by Sarah Putnam Smith; Southern Cooking, by Ruthann Carter; Windsurfing, by Stephen Turner; Nature's Secret World; Moments in Space; How to Draw & Paint Portraits, by Stan Smith.

How to Draw & Paint From Nature, by Stan Smith; How to Draw & Paint in Watercolor & Gouche, by Stan Smith; How to Draw & Paint in Pastels, Pencils and Pen & Ink, by Stan Smith; How to Draw & Paint Landscapes, by Stan Smith; How to Draw & Paint Still Life, by Stan Smith; The Pennsylvania Dutch and Their Furniture, by John G. Shea.

Baseball's Hall of Fame; Cooperstown Where the Legends Live Forever; The Normandy Campaign: June and July, 1944, by Stephen a. Patrick; Naming Your Baby, by Margaret Holder; Wildlife of America, by Bill Ivy; At war in Korea, by George Forty; Decorating Furniture, by Jo-an Jenkins; The Antiques Care & Repair Handbook, by Albert Jackson; The History of the Vietnam War, by Douglas Welsh.

BIOGRAPHY: One More Time: a Memoir of Balol Burnett, by Carol Burnett; George Washington: The Forge of Experience (1732-1775), by James Thomas Flexner; George Washington: in the American Revolution (1775-1783), by James

Thomas Flexner.

Eisenhower at War, (1943-1945), by David Eisenhower; Good-bye, I Love You, by Carol Lynn Pearson; Mayflower Madam, by Sidney Biddle Barrows.

REFERENCE: Harper's Bible Dictionary; Atlas of the Bible, by John Rogerson.

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FICTION: Illinois, by Dana Fuller Ross; Long Knife, by James Alexander Thom; Conspiracy of Knaves, by Dee Alexander Brown; Haunted Smiles, by Renate Chapman; Dearest Enemy, by Patricia Bird; Song of Love, by Evelyn Wray; Nurse Lansing's Quest, by Beatrice Warren.

The Silver Sunset, by Alicia Engelhardt; Caprice in Love, by Jean Woodward; O-Zone, by Paul Theroux; Gram Negative, by Barbara Weiner; From Sea to Shining Sea, by James Alexander Thom.

MYSTERY: The Other Devil's Name, by E.X. Ferrars; The Phantom Lights, by J.H. Rhodes; Seed of Suspicion, by Juanita Tyree Osborne.

WESTERN: Gunsmoke Gold, by Gene Tuttle; The Trouble Trail, by John E. Lewis; The best of the West.

SCIENCE FICTION: Soldier of the Mist, by Gene Wolfe; Highway of Eternity, by Clifford D. Simak; The Shattered Sphere, by Robert Lynn Asprin; Across Realtime, by Vernor Vinge; Enterprise, by Vonda McIntyre.

LARGE PRINT: Life with Rose Kennedy, by Barbara Gibson; I Lost Everything in the Post-Natal Depression, by Erma Bombeck; Buffalo Butte, by Will Benton; The Border Guns, by John Burham; Hunt the Man Down, by Lewis B. Patten; The Old Colts, by Glendon Swarthout; Aces & Eights, by Loren D. Estleman.

Trail Partners, by Max Brand; End of the Tracks, by Stack Sutton; The Renegade Gun, by Ray Hogan;

Smiling Desperado, by Max Brand; Morgette in the Yukon, by G.G. Boyer; Be Buried in the Rain, by Barbara Michaels; No Word From Winifred, by Amanda Cross; The Nantucket Diet Murders, by Virginia Rich; Two Dozen Red Roses, by Rosemary Hammond; The Silver Flame, by Margaret Pargeter; O Pioneers!, by Willa Cather.

IDAHO BOOKS: They Came to Build a Community, by Lila Hill and Glen W. Davidson.

BIOGRAPHY: Ascent: the Autobiography of Sir Edmund Hillary and Peter Hillary, by Sir Edmund Hillary; Dancing on my Grave, by Gelsey Kirkland; Star-

Crossed: the Story of Robert Walker and Jennifer Jones, by Beverly Linet.

NON-FICTION: Unholy Matrimony, by John Dillmann; The Art of Photographing North American Birds, by Isidor Jeklin; The Birdwatcher's Companion, by Christopher Leahy; Modern Rifles, Shotguns & Pistols, by Ian V. Hogg; The Complete Guide to Home Nursing, by Diana Hastings; Your Child: Birth to Age 6, by Fitzhugh Dodson.

Better Homes and Gardens Step-by-Step Basic Wiring; Great Britain; Webster's Secretarial Handbook; Spain; The World's Whales, by Stanley M. Minasian;

They Dare to Speak Out, by Paul Findley; Happy Holidays, by Wayne W. Dyer; Made in Japan, by Akio Morita; The Real Coke, The Real Story, by Thomas Oliver; Everybody's Guide to the Law, by Melvin M. Belli; Barron's How to Prepare for College Entrance Examinations, by Samuel Brownstein; The Frontiers of Management, by Peter F. Drucker; The Frugal Gourmet Cooks with Wine, by Jeff Smith; Of Murder and Madness, by Gerry Spence.

REFERENCE BOOKS: State Information Book; Who's Who Among American High School Students 1986; Barron's Profiles of American Colleges.

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Library announces hours

Summer Hours: June–August, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Three Week checkout on regular circulation material including new books.

One week checkout on magazines, pamphlets and encyclopedias.

Meridian Library District, 18 E. Idaho St., is announcing the new winter and summer hours of the library.

Winter hours: September–May, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 pm.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Meridian to observe VN 4-2-87

library week April 5-11

The Meridian District Library will join the American Library Association in celebrating National Library Week April 5-11.

This year's event carries the theme "Take Time to Read" which celebrates the 1987 Year of the Reader, declared by Congress.

As a celebration for the National Library Week, the patrons of the library are urged to participate in an "Idaho Trivia Contest" where a prize will be awarded to the winner.

Answers to the quiz are in the library resource books. The deadline for submitting entries is Saturday, April 11 at 5 p.m. More information is at the library.

The library will also observe an amnesty on overdue books returned

during the week.

There will also be a reader's poll for people to fill out. Forms are available at the library desk.

The schedule for the week includes:

-a talk to the second grade group from Meridian Primary on Tuesday, April 7 at 10:30 a.m. by Carol James from Idaho Power on electrical safety.

-a special movie portraying the Rudyard Kipling story "Rikki Tikki Tavi" on Wednesday, April 8, at 4 p.m.-

-a story time for pre-schoolers by Dr. Beede from the Intermountain Animal Hospital on Thursday, April 9 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Questions on Idaho trivia contest

The Meridian Public Library is holding an Idaho Trivia Contest during National Library Week, April 5-11. Official forms are at the library.

1. What was the exact date of the establishment of the Idaho Territory?
2. Give the birth place and date of birth for each of Idaho's current U.S. Senators.
3. George L. Shoup was the first elected governor of the State of Idaho. Who was the fourth governor?
4. On what date was the Idaho State Constitution ratified?
5. For whom were the Idaho counties of Franklin and Clark Counties named after?
6. Name the two counties in Idaho which no longer exist.
7. What are the official State Tree and State Flower of Idaho?
8. Who designed the Great Seal of

"The man who lets himself be bored is even more contemptible than the bore."

Samuel Butler

the State of Idaho?

9. How many square miles does the State of Idaho contain, and of these, how many are inland water?
10. Locate the original, specified homeland of the Basque people, and what is the name of their language?

Sign-up is June 1-16 for library summer program

Registration is from June 1 through June 16 for first through sixth graders in the Meridian Library summer program.

All the Tuesday sessions from June 9 through July 21 begin at 10:30 a.m.

The schedule of events for the summer include:

June 9—Bird Watchers with Charles Salisbury; June 16—"Smokey the Bear" guest Barbara Forderhase from Boise National Forest; June 23—Boy Scout leader Kirk Henderson and his troop; June 30—Norm Walker on 4-H groups; July 7—Rick Gilchrist from Fish and

Game; July 14—Idaho History; July 21—Puppet Making with Patsy Bennett.

The books to be counted in the activity log need to be read between June 1 and July 20.

Special awards donated by Showbiz Pizza and stickers will be given for every 3 Easy Reading books or 100 pages.

A contest of Idaho Trivia will be held every week with awards donated by Western Ada Recreation system.

Special summer movies will be shown every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.



The Meridian Occident Club has donated a check for \$1,000 to the Meridian Library District for the purchase of large print books and cassette tapes.

Most of the money came from the

rentals from the Emergency Loan Closet Hospital Equipment of the Occident Club.

Handing the check to Bill Snyder are President June Thomas and Treasurer Florance Hall.