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New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped

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The Library is delighted to announce that it will be celebrating its 20th birthday during 1988. It was in the fall of 1968, after more than four years of discussion and intensive planning, that the new library formally opened its doors for business. The intervening twenty years have been a period of enormous growth for the Library. Readership has nearly tripled to the present 12,000 registered readers, while circulation has increased eightfold to more than 370,000 books sent to readers in the past year. The types of services available have also increased dramatically and today cassette books, closed circuit radio broadcasts, and reference service are all part of the Library's everyday program.

**Happy
Birthday !**

To celebrate this important milestone, the Friends of the Library have planned a Birthday Celebration to be held on Saturday, June 4, at the Great Adventure Amusement Park. The Friends will be selling tickets at special discounts -- and also offering clubs and organizations the chance to do some fund-raising for their own groups by selling tickets at a further discount. Further information about this special event will be sent to you shortly in a separate flyer.

**Advisory
Board
Appointments**

State Librarian Barbara F. Weaver has announced the appointment of four new members to the Library Advisory Board. Appointed for two-year terms are Armen Yazujian of Trenton, Annabell Fineman of New Vernon, Dr. John Connally of Trenton, and Joseph Randazzo of Deptford. The next Advisory Board meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 16, at the Library. All Board meetings are open, and anyone interested is invited to attend and to participate.

**A New
Arrival !**

April has been set as the month for the installation of the Library's new computer system. The system, which is being developed for use by the three regional libraries which serve New Jersey and Pennsylvania, will replace the computer and custom programming the Library has been using for the past ten years. The old system has circulated more than a million books during its active life and performed several billion individual operations -- all the small activities which are performed daily from correcting readers' addresses to listing new magazine subscriptions to entering lists of book requests. Installing the new system may require the Library to stop circulation for one or even two weeks during the system change-over. All readers are urged, therefore, to check book supplies now and, if necessary, to call the Library to request an extra shipment or two in order to be certain there is plenty of reading material on hand in the event of a delay. The toll free number 1-800-792-8322 is available 24 hours a day.

Speaker Suggestions

Although Fall is a long way off, planning for this year's Fall Festival has already begun. It is this time of year when we must decide on speakers for the festival. Since this is our 20th birthday, we would like to invite some extra special speakers. If there is someone you think would be a really dynamic speaker, would you please send or call in your suggestions. The individuals you suggest should be able to convey information that is of interest to those who attend the festival -- users of the Library, their families and professionals who work with the handicapped. All suggestions are welcome and will be considered.

HELP!

Have you had any problems with the books that you are about to send back to the Library -- a cassette missing, a record badly scratched, or maybe an extra cassette that doesn't belong with that book at all. If you experience any of these problems, please take a few extra minutes to let the Library know by tying a string or rubber band around the strap of the mailing box. Our staff opens every box which is marked in this way, but we need you to signal that there is a problem. And always, as a courtesy to the next reader, please be sure that all the cassettes you return have been rewound to the beginning and that they are returned to the box in good order. Your help in these ways will improve service for everyone.

Scholarships Available

Both the National Federation of the Blind and the American Council of the Blind have announced a number of different scholarships available to blind students. The scholarships, which are all for full-time study at the post-secondary level, have values of from \$500 to \$10,000, and have generally made no restrictions as to field of study. Two of the NFB scholarships are specifically offered to students who are residents of or who are attending a college or university in New Jersey. Closing dates for the submission of completed applications is March 31 for NFB scholarships and April 1 for ACB scholarships. For further information and application forms contact the following:

American Council of the Blind National Office

1010 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Suite 1100

Washington D.C. 20005 Telephone 202-393-3666

National Federation of the Blind of New Jersey

146 Washington Avenue

Union, New Jersey 07083 Telephone 201-688-3536

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library are now conducting their annual membership drive, and interested individuals and organizations are invited to join this growing group of Library supporters. Formally incorporated just three years ago, the Friends assist the Library by sponsoring special events and fund-raising. Their major activity during 1988 will be the Library's June 4 birthday party at Great Adventure. This event is planned as both a celebration and a fund-raiser toward the goal of purchasing a van for use in transporting equipment to and from volunteer repair centers around the state. If you are interested in becoming a member, please fill out the application on the opposite page and return it to the Library.

Bits and Pieces

AT&T has developed an emergency device useful for blind or physically handicapped people. With the touch of a button, the hand held transmitter activates a device which can easily be attached to any phone. It will automatically dial programmed numbers, report the emergency and give the person's address and phone number. Call AT&T at 1-800-233-1222.

National Braille Association has a new edition of its Music Catalog, 1985 Textbook Catalog and 1985 General Interest Catalog available in print and cassette. The Braille Technical Tables Catalog is available in print only. For a free catalog write, National Braille Association, Inc., 1290 University Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607.

Explanation of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 for Individuals, Publication 920 is available from the Library. To request a brailled or recorded copy call 1-800-792-8322.

Overseas Braille Foundation is looking for Braille periodicals that you have finished reading to send to blind people overseas. If you have any to donate, pack them in their envelopes or boxes and mail to Overseas Braille Foundation, 5053 Morocco Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95495; 707-539-6594.

The Music Foundation for the Visually Handicapped has moved to the Reformed Church of Cherry Hill, 340 Bogert Road, River Edge, NJ 07661.

Horizons for the Blind offers large print and Braille booklets for the knitter, the crocheter and the cook. For a list of publications, contact Horizons for the Blind, 7001 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60626 or phone 312-973-7600.

Computer Disability News is a quarterly newsletter of computer oriented information for the disabled. Subscriptions are \$10. Send payment to Computer-Disability News, The National Easter Seal Society, 2023 Ogden Avenue, Chicago, IL 60612.

<p align="center">Friends of the New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped 1988 Membership</p>				
Name	_____		Phone	_____
Address	_____			

Individual	\$10.00	_____	Renewal	_____
Group	\$25.00	_____	New Member	_____

Did You Know...

The Library for the Blind and Handicapped was formally opened on October 6, 1968.

"...Books which will speak to blind people without effort on their part" was the second use Edison gave in his original patent application for the phonograph while musical recordings were fourth.

Free mailing privileges for the blind became part of the U.S. postal law in 1904, six years after becoming law in Canada.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 1 and 2

Library closed for Easter holiday.

April 16

Advisory Board Meeting. 10:30 a.m. All welcome.

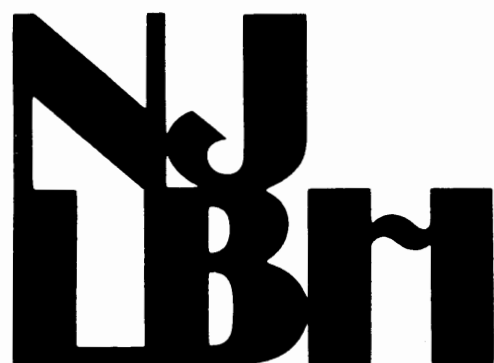
May 28 and 29

Library closed for Memorial Day holiday.

June 4

Library Birthday Celebration at Great Adventure.

The Library is open Monday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday - Friday 9 a.m to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Audiovision is open during Library holidays except where indicated. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings and programs will be held at the Library for the Blind and Handicapped. For more information on programs contact Christine Lisiecki at 1-800-792-8322.



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