Antiques chairman Ernie Ashbridge and his committee have accumulated so many items for sale across the block that they

have run out of storage room.
"I can't move in there," he said. "It's a great selection this year."
Committee members Betty Ashbridge, Maryann Dailey, Leslie Horoschco and

William Gable have worked hard to prepare

Tiffany-type lamps and shades, hand-stitched quilts, an ornate wrought-iron parrot cage with a stand, lots of cut and pressed glass items, marble top tables and and organize everything.

The antiques include a Hoosier cabinet, trunks, tool chests, a signed Tiffany vase and a signed Galle vase, a piece of Victorian art glass known as a Burmese cruet, a relots of wicker. art glass known as a Burmese cruet, a re-burnished brass umbrella stand, five

Furniture enthusiasts will be interested in the marble top tables, Victorian side chairs, two round oak dining room tables, a tiger maple corner cupboard and an oak kitchen cupboard with a pie safe from the late 1800's, an Early American settee from the 1860's, a few one-drawer stands which once held wash basins and two country store pieces - a display case which once



Erinie Ashbridge again heads up the antiques committee. He spends a good part of the year scouting shops for good buys that can be resold for a profit.

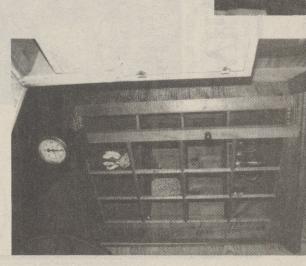
cruet to Victorian side chairs, Everything from a Burmese and more

chest.
Ashbridge has worked on the auction held spools of thread and a map storage

> basement several years ago. Antiques have been a hobby for Ashbridge and his wife, Betty, for a long time. They had a small shop in their for 28 years and has been the antiques chairman for the past 12 years.

When Ashbridge becomes auction chairman next year, Betty will take his place as antiques committee chairman.





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uline Kutz: All-around library volunteer

Advisor Pauline Kutz wears many hats at the auction and during the year at the

the antique sales, keeps totals, works with the chairman and heads of the committees and "helps out wherever I'm needed." She's even called in the Marines, who She's secretary of the library board and at the auction helps on the block, tracks

for the past three years have helped carry out the thousands of books and other items to the booths the day before the

"Some of us have been around the library for a long time, so people often ask us for advice," she said. "The library and the auction are a big part of my life and are very important to me."

Although the auction happens only once a year, the board and volunteers work year-round to keep the library going, whether it's the nuts and bolts tasks with paperwork and books or raising funds. The work never stops – it's a constant effort, Mrs. Kutz said.

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Pauline Kutz
All-around library volunteer

building, Mrs. Kutz said. But as plans and

second floor.

The board decided to renovate the main floor and rent out the second floor to a day

"For example, we need more room for the children," she said. "They're the community's most important asset. The children's room is very crowded."

When the library purchased the building, once the Dallas Borough Elementary School, the board wanted to use the entire

an elevator would be needed to provide renovations progressed, it became obvious that complying with federal guidelines would be extremely expensive. For example, wheelchair access to the basement and

care center. Further building and renovations projects have expanded storage space for the antiques and added a community room for other activities. The auction, which raises a significant portion of the library's funding, is rather unusual, Mrs. Kutz said.

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"It's difficult to keep an all-volunteer fundralser going continuously for nearly 50 years, especially today," she said. "It's not easy to put in a full day's work, then go work at the library for several hours after the very important that the dinner. It's very important that community remembers us."

She commended the library and its board for having enough foresight to plan for the future and to make the best use of resources while spending money conservatively.

"The library and the auction are a unique piece of Americana," she said. "It's what our country is all about – the community working together. I'm proud of it."



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