

Space

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So, this is based on an established need."

Several considerations must be accommodated in the children's library, which now consists of a 24' by 30' former classroom in the building that was once the Dallas Borough High School. That space is packed with about 12,000 volumes, fewer than half of which are able to be stacked where they are accessible to younger children. Display cases, tables and other items also are crammed in the limited space.

One result of the crowding has been a limit on the number of children in programs such as story hour. Twenty youngsters, with a parent or two and perhaps a sibling for each, is the limit for a session, and even multiple sessions often are oversubscribed.

Older children frequently use the library for research on school projects, and they need space — and quiet — all their own. Add the steadily-increasing importance of technology, and it quickly becomes apparent that the library isn't able to meet the needs of its young patrons.

The solution will be a two-level addition of about 50' by 24', extending parallel to Huntsville Road off the northwest corner of the building. Rodda foresees the upper floor, which will be at the level of the present first floor, divided into three zones of roughly equal size, separated by shelving that can be moved to change the dimensions if necessary. The lower level will be handicapped-access-

Stettler

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pleased that people have recognized this need in the community, and have responded," Stettler, who lives at Newberry Estate, said. John Gager is the vice chairman of the capital campaign.

Stettler was himself recruited by Bruce Rosenthal and Durelle Scott III, who are co-chairmen of a steering committee charged with bringing the ambitious project to completion. "Bruce has done an absolutely fantastic job," Stettler said. "It's exciting to see a volunteer who gives as freely and generously as he does."

Bricks and mortar may be the fundamental building blocks of the project, but new technology ranks close behind for Stettler. He wants to raise enough money to add computers and software the patrons will find useful. "The kids will grow as comfortable with a computer as my generation was with a telephone," he said.

Rosenthal is equally committed to the library's mission. "I think the role of a library is to meet the needs of the community, and in our area a big part of that is children," he said. The campaign is aptly named "Building Our Children's Future."

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Building committee member and former board president

sible and can become a permanent book store, as well as the book booth area during the annual auction.

The renovations won't be entirely restricted to the children's room. "There's a whole stack of things in foment here," Rodda said. While they're at it, he plans to revamp the circulation area, adding a private office for the librarian and improved work spaces for employees and volunteers. New lighting and air conditioning in the new wing and the circulation area will make the rooms more pleasant. And, "We'll be buttoning up all the new construction so it's energy-efficient," he said.

Stager, who handed over the board presidency to Ruth Tetschner this year, is still a member of the design team and serves on the building committee. While a grant will help, he knows there's a long way to go. "It's a gigantic undertaking," he said, and one that he hopes will draw the community together. "I think we're going to get a good community response; at least I hope so."

"I like to think that fund raising is caring put into action."

Dr. Wallace Stettler
Campaign chairman

square feet, nearly triple the existing space. It also will include increased shelf space within children's reach, expanded seating, computer stations and open areas for displays and performances.

Once community fund raising meets its goal, which Stettler hopes will be this fall, the library will apply for a state/federal grant. If that money reduces the cash requirements of the building project, excess funds will be allocated into an endowment fund, the income from which will be dedicated to children's room overhead and services.

Contributions may be pledged over a three-year period. The library will invite all service organizations and interested individuals to help meet the program goal, and welcomes comments and ideas from its friends and patrons.

"I'm thrilled because I think this is where library habits begin."

Marilyn Rudolph
Children's librarian

habits begin," she said.

Programs and needs vary with the years, Rudolph said. "We've had a lot of 2-year-olds around lately," she said, echoing Wheeler's comment. But the number of children in any age group can change greatly from year to year, so programs must be flexible.

One large group she recalled was 65 Lake-Lehman fifth graders who paid an introductory visit to the library and filled the children's area to the seams. That's an age group Rudolph hopes to attract more to the new facilities, with space to relax and explore.

Rudolph also would like to add programs, such as crafts and skill sessions with adult leaders, which are out of the question now.

As for the proposed lower level, Wheeler also said about \$2,000 is derived each year from used book sales of paperbacks and "semi-current" hard cover volumes. Many of the sales are made possible when donated books are used to replace existing, worn copies. "That's a wonderful thing," she said, and helps keep the collection in better shape.



Paul Rodda, who will design the new children's wing for the Back Mountain Memorial Library, handed a pen to Joseph Stager, president of the library board, seated, as Spencer Martin, engineer, looked on. With the contract signed, actual design of the addition can proceed.

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Lehman

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\$31,000 on manpower and materials for snow removal in January, Sutton reported. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will probably reimburse eligible costs for 72 hours of snowplowing for the January 7 storm and 48 hours for the January 12 storm, he added.

"Almost all of that was overtime for our guys," he said.

Sutton planned to attend a meeting with FEMA February 21 to learn more about its reimbursements for snow removal expenses. However FEMA hasn't contacted him about flood damage yet, he said.

Cragle also said that when the township's new dump truck arrived three months early at Sherwood Chevrolet, the dealer let the township take it without paying for it. The supervisors unanimously voted to make a partial payment of \$28,000 from the road machinery account. The balance due will be \$21,934, which the supervisors said they will pay off as soon as possible.

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