

# BEGINNINGS: THE KINGWOOD LIBRARY

## 'Friends Of Library' To Organize Here

### First Meeting Set For November 15

The Kingwood Friends of the Library will hold an organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 15, at the home of Gerald and Beverly Gaudlitz, 2238 Tangle Lake in Trailwood Village. Those present at the meeting will select a nominating committee for a Friends board of directors and will establish a bylaws committee for the chapter.

A steering committee composed of interested residents began laying groundwork for the Friends group over a month ago when it approached Jack Byrd, project manager of Friendswood Development Company, about providing a site for a library in Kingwood. His company is studying the request and is expected to reply in mid-December.

Prior to annexation action in Kingwood by the City of Houston last week, Harris County Judge Jon Lindsay had suggested the group approach the Harris County Commissioners Court about funding a library through a county bond issue. If Houston annexes the area in Kingwood that it has indicated it may, however, that approach appears unlikely.

Judge Lindsay had indicated that the county commissioners might be willing to allow Kingwood to seek bonds for \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 on a \$250,000,000 bond issue the county will seek next spring because of the affirmative vote the issue could probably draw from the Kingwood area.

Although county funding for the library now seems remote, Mrs. Gaudlitz says one responsibility of the Friends group will be to continue to explore possible means of funding. This may include seeking funding from the City of Houston, she says, as well as from a variety of other sources not yet approached.

Those involved with both the county and the city library systems have advised Mrs. Gaudlitz to seek a large library for Kingwood now due to the growth potential of the community.

Goals of the library committee, as well as avenues explored thus far, will be discussed at the initial Friends meeting. Those attending will be asked to pool their ideas for fundraising projects next year.

Those interested in attending the meeting or wishing more information should call 358-8735.



January 1979

## Library Friends To Meet On January 9

The newly organized Friends of the Library - Kingwood (FOLK) will meet Tuesday, January 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Woodland Hills Community Room. Business will include election of officers and adoption of bylaws.

The volunteer group, which is trying to secure a library for Kingwood, held its first meeting November 15. Those attending that meeting selected nominating and bylaws committees. Martha Houston was named chairman of the nominating committee. She served with Ann Gleason and Bev Gaudlitz. Ken Harwood, Norma Payne and Suzanne Harssema comprised the bylaws committee.

The slate of officers to be presented at Tuesday's meeting will be Mrs. Gaudlitz, founder of the group, president; Suzanne Harssema, vice-president; Billie Payne, secretary; and Ann Gleason, treasurer.

Along with other members of a steering committee formed to organize FOLK, Mrs. Gaudlitz asked Friendswood Development Company late last year to donate a site for a library. The company is currently considering the request. A decision on which avenue to take for funding was delayed by the annexation question late in 1978. Now that it is clear Kingwood will not be annexed immediately, Mrs. Gaudlitz plans to recontact Harris County Judge Jon Lindsay about county aid with funding.

Judge Lindsay indicated in speeches here prior to the annexation threat that he thought FOLK would find county commissioners sympathetic to the idea of including funding for a library here in a bond election planned by the county this spring.

February 1979

## Friends Of Library To Hear BBC Operator

Friends of the Library-Kingwood will meet Wednesday, February 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the home of local president Beverly Gaudlitz, 2238 Tangle Lake in Trailwood Village. Speaker will be Gerald Millerson, director of studio operations for the British Broadcasting Company television enterprise in London. He will address the group on Television and Literature.

Mr. Millerson is a visiting professor at the University of Houston in advanced television production.

## KWD Library Now Seen As One of Five County Bond Issue Not Specific

Harris County Commissioners Court plans for new county libraries now tentatively call for five 10,000 square foot buildings to be built, including one in Kingwood, if a May 22 bond issue is approved by voters. The exact breakdown of the \$3 million earmarked for libraries by commissioners has not been determined, however, and allocations will not be made prior to the election, a spokesman in County Judge Jon Lindsay's office confirmed Monday.

According to Kristin Hartung, administrative aide to Judge Lindsay, current plans calling for \$500,000 per library for five new buildings are not fixed, and will vary somewhat since land for some of the libraries has been donated while sites must be purchased for others. Approximately \$500,000 is earmarked for remodeling existing county libraries.

The land for Kingwood's library, expected to be in the vicinity of Kingwood Drive and Lake Houston Parkway, is being donated by Friendswood Development Company.

In spite of the lack of specific guarantees on the size of library buildings prior to May 22, commissioners are hopeful that voters in outlying areas who stand to benefit will heavily support the \$3 million issue. Funding for libraries is only one item that will appear on the total bond package of \$338 million. Voters will consider the items separately, and commissioners fear a larger turnout in the city than in outlying areas would doom the library bonds, Bev Gaudlitz, president of Kingwood's Friends of the Library, said last week.

Mrs. Gaudlitz also announced that the head librarian for the county library system, Katherine Brown, has agreed to speak on establishing a new library at the February 13 meeting of her group. Mrs. Brown's talk will center on how to develop a new library. She will also answer residents' questions about plans. The meeting is at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday at Holy Comforter Lutheran Church on Woodland Hills Drive.

On another item of interest to Kingwood residents, Mrs. Gaudlitz noted that the county judge and the mayor of Houston have agreed to meet to discuss combining the county and city library systems. The two systems currently operate separately, even though their boundaries often overlap.

The question of combining the two was investigated by a joint committee several years ago and was rejected. The small size of the county's library buildings and differences in salaries paid to county and city library employees were cited as reasons.

Both the salaries and the size of the average buildings have equalized since that investigation, Mrs. Hartung noted Monday. The heads of both library systems now favor the merger, she added. The aide expects Judge Lindsay and Mayor McConn to propose establishing a new committee to reinvestigate the possibilities after their meeting.



March 1979

## Library 'Friends' View Possible Plans

### Community Won't Get Any Solid Promises Prior To May 22 Vote

A delegation of four representing Kingwood's Friends of the Library organization viewed renderings of Harris County's branch library in Tomball last week in order to get an idea of what could be built here if a county bond issue is approved by voters May 22.

Harris County engineer Richard Dodd and staff members pulled the plans for representatives Beverly Gaudlitz, Arlette Harwood, Billie Payne, and Suzy Engler during a visit to his office and that of Harris County Commissioner E. A. "Squatty" Lyons Friday.

While their showing of the plans constituted no promise that the Tomball building will be the one built in Kingwood, Mr. Doss said that the plans were the ones which head county librarian Kathy Skinner Brown had requested pulled for study several weeks ago. Mrs. Brown considers the Tomball library, which was designed as well as built by the county, the most functional library within her jurisdiction, Mr. Doss commented.

The simple one-storey buff brick building in Tomball cost \$22 per square foot when it was constructed in 1971. County engineers estimated Friday that, excluding the approximately one acre of land needed for the building, the same library could probably be built for approximately \$40 per square foot today--inexpensive by library standards.

The 6,100-square foot, glass front building is considered functional because a large open area in the front half of the structure makes desk supervision simple and reduces staffing requirements. The Tomball building contains a 27' x 25' meeting room with folding wall partitions that can be closed off from the library area.

### Friends Of Library To Meet

The Friends of the Library - Kingwood will meet Tuesday, March 13 at 8:00 p.m. in Holy Comforter Lutheran Church. The program for the evening was still undetermined at press time.

Residents interested in the organization and its efforts to secure a library for Kingwood and Forest Cove are invited to attend.

While they were willing to show local representatives the Tomball plans Friday, the county officials noted the demonstration carried no guarantee that Kingwood will receive exactly the same building. Mrs. Brown will tell his office exactly what size building to plan for each community designated to receive a library if the bond issue passes, emphasized Mr. Doss.

The issue contains three million dollars in bonds for five new county libraries and several remodelings. That is only a small portion of a total \$338 million dollar package which will be presented to Harris County voters on May 22. County commissioners have earmarked \$175 million of the bonds for road and bridge repair and construction, none of it in the immediate Kingwood area; \$75 million for flood control; and \$50 million for the Port of Houston.

Voters will consider each part of the bond issue separately.

Specific plans for each of the five libraries will not be prepared until after the May 22nd vote, Commissioner Lyons noted Friday. Although residents will not be able to have a great deal of input in planning, local Friends' president Mrs. Gaudlitz did emphasize to the commissioner and the engineers that her group would prefer to have the most building for the money, with books and furnishing expenses left to the local organization. She also requested that the building be planned to be easily expanded since growth projections for the area indicate this may be necessary.

Indications are presently that the Kingwood library is third on Commissioner Lyons' priority list for libraries, assuming that portion of the bond issue is approved. The commissioner said Friday that libraries

at Aldine Westfield and Aldine Mail Route both have higher priorities at this time because he feels the needs are greater there.

Residents will not know prior to voting how the library bond money will be allocated to each of the five proposed projects. Commissioner Lyons feels his precinct is assured of getting libraries for the three targeted locations regardless of the needs of other precincts, however, if the issue gains voter approval.

He encouraged local residents to turn out in support of the bond issue May 22. "People in rural areas (as opposed to areas inside Houston) ought to crawl to the polls if they have to on bond issues," Mr. Lyons stated. He added that the rural resident is the one who benefits from bond issues while paying a smaller portion of county taxes.

The commissioner was not totally receptive to the delegation's request that a meeting room be included in the new library. It seems probable, however, since such rooms have been part of other libraries built by the county in recent years.

The Friends' group requested the meeting with Commissioner Lyons to discover as much as possible about county plans for the local library. Mrs. Gaudlitz noted during the meeting that members feel the more information they can disseminate to the community, the more successful their efforts to rally support of the bond election will be. The election will be on a Tuesday, making it necessary for many local residents to vote absentee in order to participate.

The Friends held a "brainstorming" session at their regular monthly meeting in

March to discuss ways to help swell community support for the issue. Present plans include having Harris County Judge Jon Lindsay to speak in Kingwood on April 17 to kick off the campaign. In May, Friends' members plan to publicize polling places, dates, and issues via PTAs, posters, and local news media.

Funding for the promotional activities, as well as for other initial Friends' projects, will be supplied by the American Association of University Women (AAUW) from proceeds of an April 21 used book sale. Directors of the AAUW voted last week to donate the proceeds from the sale

to give the Friends some financial backing.

The local Friends of the Library was organized early this year.



# MONEY FOR KWD LIBRARY INCLUDED IN BOND ISSUE

## May 22 Vote To Determine Fate Of County Spending Proposal

Kingwood will have a new library if a bond issue submitted to county voters May 22 by the Harris County Commissioners Court is approved, Precinct 4 Commissioner E. A. "Squatty" Lyons confirmed Monday. The County Commissioners Court has agreed, Mr. Lyons said, to build three libraries, all in his precinct, if voters approve the funding.

Commissioners will ask voters to approve \$3 million in bonds for libraries. In addition to Kingwood, new libraries are planned for the Jones Road-FM 1960 area and for the Aldine Mail Route area. The bonds will also be used to remodel some existing libraries.

The exact site of the Kingwood library has not yet been selected, but Friends of the Library-Kingwood president Bev Gaudlitz announced last week that it would be in the general vicinity of West Lake Houston Parkway and Kingwood Drive, near the new Kingwood High School. Friendswood Development Company, which will donate the site, plans for it to be a combination civic center-library facility, she said.

The \$3 million in bonds designated for the libraries is only a small portion of the total package of \$338 million which voters will be asked to approve in the May bond issue. County commissioners have earmarked \$175 million of the bonds for roads and bridge repair and construction. Of that allocation, \$43 million is expected to be spent in Commissioner Lyons' precinct. Bonds in the amount of \$75 million will be used for flood control; \$50 million will go to the Port of Houston; and \$15 million will be spent on parks if approved by the voters.

Mr. Lyons said that county commissioners had agreed to include the three libraries upon his recommendation. Selection of sites was based largely on projected population. The Aldine Mail Route area has 28,000 residents; Jones Road-FM 1960, 26,000.

Head county librarian Katherine Skinner Brown said Monday she did not know when or in what order the three libraries will be built. She does expect to know more, she noted, by the time she addresses the newly formed Friends of the Library-Kingwood (FOLK) group here in February.

The FOLK meeting is scheduled for February 13.

Mr. Lyons' announcement that Kingwood has been selected as a site for a library gave a tremendous boost to the Friends group, established here only two months ago. Mrs. Gaudlitz, who was officially elected the group's president January 9, said she was struck speechless by the announcement. "It makes it all worthwhile," she said, referring to efforts of committees last fall to secure a site and to organize the library boosters.

Mrs. Gaudlitz, who has spearheaded the establishment of FOLK, said that the organization will now work to raise additional funds for the library, supplementing money provided by the county.

April 1979

## Library Friends Prepare For Bond Campaign

### High Local Turnout Said Crucial If Kingwood To Get Library

BY LYNN LEAGUE

The Friends of the Library-Kingwood (FOLK) agreed last week to launch an all-out campaign to bring area voters to the polls on Tuesday, May 22, for a Harris County Bond Election. Proposition 6 on the ballot designates \$3 million for construction of five new libraries, including one in Kingwood. Last month Friendswood Development Company donated a four-acre parcel of land for the library site, contingent on passage of the bond issue.

Voter turnout in county bond elections is traditionally low, averaging 8% of the registered voters. FOLK members feel a strong turnout in the Kingwood area will be necessary to clinch passage of the library proposition.

Since all five proposed libraries are in North Harris County, a negative vote on this proposition can be expected in other parts of the county.

Last week FOLK members, under direction of Bev Gaudlitz, president, planned for distribution of a local flyer area-wide to stress the importance of voting in the election. Members of the group will be contacting schools, churches, civic associations, and clubs with information on the library proposition. They will ask leaders of community organizations to urge members to vote May 22.

For those who will not be able to vote on that day, absentee balloting is continuing through May 18 at the Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace branch office at 6831 Cypresswood Road off FM 1960 (west of I 45). The office is open weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Voting in Kingwood/Forest Cove on May 22 will be in two locations: Woodland Hills School for those north of Kingwood Drive, and Kingwood United Methodist Church for the rest of the community.

The local Friends of the Library organization, which was formed late last year, has received its first donation in the amount of \$360 from the local chapter of American Association of University Women. The women's group donated the entire proceeds from their recent book sale to the library organization. FOLK members plan to earmark some of this donation for their campaign promoting passage of the bond issue.

If Proposition 6 is approved, a library

will be built on the donated site across from Kingwood High School within the next two to three years. Judging from standards generally applied by the county for a community of 70,000 (the population projected for Kingwood at build-out), Kingwood would need a 12,000 square foot library building, Mrs. Gaudlitz noted.

County library personnel are unwilling to attach a dollar amount to Kingwood's share in the \$3 million library bond allocation at this point, but FOLK members feel they are assured of a facility of this size to meet the needs of the community.

If the bond issue fails, Friendswood will withdraw its offer of the land; and FOLK members feel there will be no other major source of funding immediately available for the project.

Mrs. Gaudlitz (358-8735) will have informational flyers available for anyone interested in promoting the bond election to a local group.

Other propositions in the bond election will be discussed in next week's *Observer*. The two major items on the ballot are allocation of \$175 million for county road and bridge improvements, and \$75 million for flood control projects.

Even if all eight propositions are approved in the \$338 million bond election, however, county taxes will not be increased. Because the tax rate will not be affected, county officials are hopeful that all the propositions will pass. The county election office is predicting a turnout of 10% of eligible voters.

## Judge Lindsay To Address Library Friends April 17

Harris County Judge Jon Lindsay will address the Friends of the Library - Kingwood at a special meeting Tuesday, April 17. Judge Lindsay will address ways in which the group can encourage area residents to support a county bond issue May 22 that will include funding for a county library for Kingwood if it is approved.

This will be the organization's last formal meeting of the year, president Bev Gaudlitz noted. She encouraged all residents interested in supporting the library to attend the meeting. It will be at Holy Comforter Lutheran Church at 7:30 p.m.



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## County Bond Issue Vote Is Tuesday

### Strong Local Support Sought For No. 6 And Kingwood Library

By LYNN LEAGUE

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. this Tuesday (May 22) for a Harris County bond election which will present eight items totalling \$338 million for voter approval. Harris County officials are stressing that passage of the bond issues, which include funding for a Kingwood library, will not raise county taxes.

There will be two polling places for area residents. Those north of Kingwood Drive may vote at Woodland Hills Elementary School. All other residents of Kingwood and those from Forest Cove, will vote at Kingwood United Methodist Church on Woodland Hills Drive.

Proposition One on the ballot is for the issuance of \$175 million in road bonds for county road and bridge improvements and right-of-way acquisition. Of this allocation, about 25% will be spent in Precinct 4, although none in the immediate Kingwood area.

According to Precinct 4 Commissioner, E. A. "Squatty" Lyons, the \$43 million in road and bridge funds allocated for his precinct will be spent primarily on an overpass at the railroad crossing at Spring Cypress Road, and to construct a four-lane bridge over Cypress Creek connecting with Aldine-Westfield Road. There are also two road extension projects planned in the Cypresswood area if the bond issue passes, Commissioner Lyons said.

Precinct 4 will receive over \$3 million, or one-fourth the total \$15 million allocated for park acquisition and development if Proposition Two is approved. It is likely that funds for parks in Precinct 4 would be spent on development of parkland in the Cypress Creek area, Commissioner Lyons commented.

Propositions Three, Four, and Five together allocate a total of \$20 million for construction and remodeling of county office buildings and facilities. The largest single item in this category is \$9 million for construction and remodeling of courtrooms in the downtown complex.

Other items in these three propositions include bonds for construction of new county coroner's facilities; for permanent facilities to accommodate newly created courts; for construction and remodeling of child welfare and juvenile centers for neglected and abused children and young offenders; and two new courthouse annexes in Pasadena and southwest Houston.

Proposition Six, which allocates \$3 million for libraries, has the most relevance to local voters, as Kingwood has been named one of five locales to benefit from these bond monies. Friendswood Development Company has agreed to donate land for the library across from the new high school if the bond issue passes.

Members of Friends of the Library-Kingwood (FOLK) are working to bring out a strong showing of voters from this area in support of the library proposition.

Since the three libraries with top priority are all planned for Precinct 4, it is reasonable to assume that a strong turnout in the northern end of the county will be needed to assure approval of Proposition 6.

Two other major propositions on the bond election are for flood control improvements and Port of Houston expansion. The \$75 million allocated for flood control in Proposition Seven will be divided equally among the four county commissioner precincts. Proposition Eight allocates \$50 million in bonds to expand and improve facilities at the Port of Houston.

County officials are hoping for a ten percent turnout of registered voters in Tuesday's election. Locally, FOLK members are hoping that a minimum of 1,000 voters from the Kingwood/Forest Cove area will go to the polls and support the library proposition.

Harris County Judge Jon Lindsay has appealed for a large turnout of voters in all unincorporated areas of the county since residents outside Houston city limits will benefit from all improvements. The Humble Area Chamber of Commerce has endorsed all of the propositions.

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# KW library proponents push for bond issue

Despite the projection of low voter turnout for Tuesday's bond election, Friends of the Library Kingwood (FOLK) founding member Beverly Gaudlitz is hopeful that Kingwood area residents will rally to vote "yes" on proposition six; which would mean a library facility for that community within the next two to three years.

Says Gaudlitz, "This is the one (bond) issue which concerns our area the most," adding, "if we can get a large voter turnout, and the election bond issue passes, perhaps that large turnout will influence the commissioners to speed up the timetable for allocation of funds to our library."

"Right now," Gaudlitz goes on to say, "the Kingwood library is third on the county commissioner's list of priority libraries, so even if the bond issue passes, ours may be the last library that gets built."

Gaudlitz explains the need for a library facility in Kingwood by saying, that though Humble's is the nearest library facility, "when it was built, the tremendous growth of the area was not projected...the Humble library has 2,000 square feet and that is not adequate to serve this entire area."

The state librarian and head county library Catherine Skinner Brown agree the Kingwood facility should be at least 12,000 square feet. "Humble has an adequate library facility, but the area has just outgrown it," continues Gaudlitz.

Beverly Gaudlitz began her quest for a library to serve Kingwood in January of last year. She contacted the county commissioner and the county judge and initiated an investigation into cost projections for the facility.

By September, civic groups in the area had gotten involved in the push for a library in Kingwood and a steering committee of six concerned citizens was born.

The annexation scare "threw a monkey wrench into the proceedings," says Gaudlitz, "but the committee met again with Friends-

wood Development Company, who informed us that they would donate the land for the library if the committee could come up with the funds needed to put a building on the site and maintain the facility," says Gaudlitz.

While the annexation question was still undecided, "rather than twiddle our thumbs, we got busy and organized a non-profit organization called the Friends of the Library Kingwood," Gaudlitz explains.

"It was just a matter of good timing," says Gaudlitz, "that the library facility was able to get in on the bond election."

Now, it appears all that is needed is a large voter turnout to assure Kingwood of an estimated \$600,000 library for which the land has already been found, and for which the county is obligated to maintain and staff once the facility is built. FOLK will continue to serve in an advisory and fund-raising capacity for projects which will enrich the county's library program. A membership drive for FOLK is planned for September according to Gaudlitz.

If the bond election does not pass, says Gaudlitz, "FOLK is not going to dry up and blow away; we'll just dig in our heels and work harder. It might take a little longer, but we will get a library for Kingwood."



# LOCAL VOTERS HELP KINGWOOD LIBRARY

## New Library Funds Among Those Approved In Tuesday Bond Election

By LYNN LEAGUE

Nearly 1,000 local voters turned out for Tuesday's Harris County bond election and supported all of the proposed bond issues. Voters were particularly supportive of Proposition 6, which will provide a county library for Kingwood.

Roughly fifteen percent of Kingwood's registered voters and six percent of Forest Cove's went to the polls. While there was mild opposition to some of the bond items, all were heavily favored in Kingwood by a three to one margin. The vote for the library proposition was nearly unanimous.

A light voter turnout was reported Tuesday night inside Houston and in many outlying areas of the county, but early returns showed that all bond propositions would pass.

A total of 552 persons voted in precinct 340, Kingwood's largest, north of Kingwood Drive. There were 329 votes cast in precinct 469 south of Kingwood Drive and 136 ballots cast in Forest Cove. In Kingwood's two precincts, 98 percent of the voters supported the library proposition with 854 votes for and 15 against. In Forest Cove, the library vote was approved by 78 percent of the voters, 105 to 29. The propositions for flood control and road and bridge improvements were also highly favored in Forest Cove.

The first voters at local polls Tuesday morning had to cast their votes with the aid of flashlights while precinct workers operated voting machines manually. Power surges and outages plagued the community all during the day following a heavy wind and rain storm in the early morning. Several voting machines were operated manually all day Tuesday because of damage from the electrical surges, voting officials reported. At Woodland Hills Elementary, the precinct with the heaviest turnout, only one machine was working by the time the polls closed.

The fifteen percent turnout in Kingwood was more than local library boosters had hoped for to help ensure passage of the bond issue. Members of Friends of the Library - Kingwood (FOLK), led by president Bev Gaudlitz, distributed flyers to all local schools and organizations and posted signs wherever possible to remind voters of the election and its role in bringing a library to Kingwood.

Mrs. Gaudlitz said the group had anticipated a ten percent turnout of local voters and was pleased with the results.

The outcome of the election means that a library will be built within two to three years on a site opposite Kingwood High School which Friendswood Development Company has donated. Local Friends hope to begin working in earnest next fall to raise funds for the new project. The group's goal is to raise a substantial portion of the funds needed for the library's books and furnishings, leaving the county free to place all its funding in the actual construction of a building.

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ANTICIPATING A NEW LIBRARY: Local AAUW branch president Donna Kirk and treasurer Sue Pilko (left) show their optimism about the outcome of Tuesday's bond election by presenting a \$375 donation to Friends of the Library officers Ann Gleason and Bev Gaudlitz. The check was the proceeds from AAUW's recent booksale.



October 1979

## Friends Of Library

### To Meet October 15

Friends of the Library-Kingwood will hold its first meeting of the fall season on Monday, October 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. Anyone who would like to attend is welcome. This will be an organizational meeting for the coming year.

November 1979

## KWD Library Now Matter Of Waiting

### County's Timetable Could Be Decided In Spring

If events follow current expectations, spring of 1980 will bring Kingwood a step closer to having the county library approved by voters last May. One year from approval, or late next spring, is the best estimate when Harris County Commissioners Court will begin considering disposal of those bonds, according to County Judge aide, Kay Shillock.

That date is still no guarantee, however, since commissioners will have to sell the \$338 million in bonds over the next five years in order to extend interest and bond payments over the desired time. The priority to be accorded the five libraries approved in the bond issue is still largely undecided. It is a question that will have to be resolved by the court when it begins looking at the bond issue as a whole.

In order to encourage commissioners to give the libraries a high priority, Kingwood Friends of the Library president Beverly Gaudlitz said recently she hopes her organization will be able to motivate area residents to inform the court of the need for a facility here when the time comes. At present, she realizes, the libraries are "on the back burners" in commissioners' minds, and a large active Friends group would have little influence.

In anticipation of that changing, however Mrs. Gaudlitz and a small core have been meeting this fall with representatives of other Friends organizations to discuss future needs. In November, Mrs. Gaudlitz and her committee met with Caroline Eunich of the Cypress Creek County Library and heard how that organization raises its funds and builds membership. Cypress Creek, they learned, still depends largely upon its annual used book sale and membership drives as major fundraisers.

Locally, Kingwood Friends benefitted from the AAUW book sale held here last spring. The activity gave the organization its first source of funds, some of which were expended in an effort to get area residents out to vote last May in favor of the \$3 million in county library bonds.

No action is planned at this time on a membership drive. Generally, Mrs. Gaudlitz commented recently, she finds people here are aware that funds and land have been committed for a library and she feels support needed to get it built will be there when called for in 1980.

At present, there is no timetable for actual construction of a facility. Friendswood Development Company has donated a site across from Kingwood High School on Kingwood Drive and the library is thought to be second in line once construction begins. County Commissioner E.A. "Squatty" Lyons has already said he will give first priority to a library for the Aldine Mail Route area in his precinct because he feels it is most needed.

In all there are three libraries slated to be built in Commissioner Lyons' precinct, including Kingwood's. Two other libraries and some renovations are planned elsewhere in the county.



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## KWD Library Still Years Away

### Commissioner Sees Project Completion About 1985

By LYNN LEAGUE

A library for Kingwood, once projected for 1982, may now be four years away, according to Harris County Commissioner E.A. "Squatty" Lyons, who holds the purse strings for county bond projects in his precinct. Mr. Lyons was in Kingwood last week as guest of the local League of Women Voters unit.

Construction of five new county libraries was approved by voters as part of a \$338 million Harris County bond election in May, 1979, and three of these are within the bounds of Commissioner Lyons' Precinct Four. (Precinct Four encompasses the north-northeast sector of Harris County.)

The commissioner said he has set priorities for construction of the new libraries based on population of the areas to be served; and under that guideline, Kingwood comes in last among the three. The other library buildings are planned for the Aldine Mail Route area, to serve about 36,000 persons, and Aldine-Westfield Road, where the area population is 24,000. Kingwood's population is still under 20,000.

Bev Gaudlitz, who spearheaded formation of a Friends of the Library chapter in Kingwood to support the project, said she still hopes the timetable for Kingwood might be stepped up since this is the only location with land already available for the facility. Friendswood Development Company last year donated a plot of land across from Kingwood High School for the building. After the successful bond election last spring, Mrs. Gaudlitz recalls that county personnel talked of a three-year deadline for building the

Kingwood facility.

Bonds for roads and flood control were sold first, because these receive a higher priority than building projects in the bond authorization, Mr. Lyons noted. But he forecasts a sale of library building bonds before the end of this year.

"Within five years, we hope to have everything complete or under construction," Mr. Lyons remarked, adding, "We can't sell all the bonds at one time."

Once the bonds are sold and a timetable is set, Mrs. Gaudlitz said Friends of the Library-Kingwood will begin a membership drive in the community to raise funds to help stock the library and enhance the facility. Since only \$3 million was allotted for construction of the five libraries, the support committee feels that additional funds will have to be raised locally to fully equip the building.

### Library Friends To Meet Tuesday, Elect Officers

Friends of the Library - Kingwood will meet Tuesday, April 22, in the home of president Beverly Gaudlitz, 2238 Tangle Lake, at 7:30 p.m. This will be the final meeting of the group until fall.

New officers will be elected Tuesday night. Members and guests are urged to attend.

The slate of officers to be presented by the Nominating Committee include Martha Houston, president; Norma Payne, vice-president, program; Nancy Martone, vice-president, membership; Ann Gleason, treasurer; Susan Cheshire, secretary; and members-at-large Eleanor Healing, Mrs. Gaudlitz, Billye Payne, and Suzanne Harssema. Nominations will also be permitted from the floor.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - KINGWOOD ELECT 1980 OFFICERS--Left to Right: 2nd Vice President, Nancy Martone; Treasurer, Ann Gleason; 1st Vice President, Norma Payne; Secretary, Susan Cheshire; President, Martha Houston.

## FOLK elects officers, board members

**KINGWOOD** -- The Friends of the Library - Kingwood (FOLK) have elected new officers and board members and have a very optimistic view for the coming year. County bonds to fund the Kingwood

library (as well as other county libraries) will be sold by the end of the year. The bonds have not previously been sold due to high interest rates, however they must be sold by Dec. 31, 1980.

FOLK members are optimistic that once the bonds are sold they will have more concrete information about actual architecture and ground breaking for the Kingwood library.

Other board members

of FOLK are Mike McCourt, Gifts and Bequest; Selene Hendricks, Publicity Chairman; Beverly Gaudlitz, Suzanne Harssema, Eleanor Healing, and Billye Payne are board members at large.



## Library friends ask for support of residents

Members of Friends of the Library-Kingwood (FOLK), who led a drive to have a library for Kingwood included in a county bond issue last year, are now asking residents to show their support for the facility again with a letter-writing campaign. FOLK president Martha Houston is asking residents to send postcards and letters to Harris County Judge Jon Lindsay, County Commissioner E.A. "Squatty" Lyons and other members of the commissioners' court, stressing their interest in getting a local library funded by the bonds to be sold in November or December this year.

Commissioner Lyons, in whose district Kingwood lies, has maintained that the Kingwood library should have a low funding priority because there are not as many residents projected for this community as for some of the others earmarked for libraries in his precinct.

Kingwood, however, is the only community in the Commissioner's precinct that is actively seeking a library, a fact Friends' leaders believe should be considered. Members of the board also note that Kingwood is the only community which already has land available, since Friendswood Development Company has pledged to donate a site near Kingwood High School.

County Judge Jon Lindsay and Commissioners Lyons, Jim Fonteno, and Tom Bass can be addressed at the County Administration Building, Houston, Texas 77002. Commissioner R.Y. Eckels' mail should be addressed to 16330 Clay Road, Houston 77084.

Interested persons are also encouraged to attend a meeting of FOLK on Tuesday, October 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Kingwood United Methodist Church to discuss the project.

October 1980

## 'Friends' committed to gaining library for Kingwood

Members of Friends of the Library-Kingwood (FOLK) left their meeting this week with one goal uppermost in their minds - to persuade friends, neighbors, children, anyone who can write, to write letters now supporting a Kingwood library.

Directors of FOLK would like members of the Harris County Commissioners Court to begin receiving letters and postcards Monday, emphasizing local residents' strong sentiment for a library here. They feel the messages need to be mailed immediately in order to have an impact on commissioners' decision regarding the local library when bonds are sold in the near future.

At present, Kingwood's library has the lowest priority of several planned in the precinct of Commissioner E.A. "Squatty" Lyons during the next few years. FOLK members fear if it is not upgraded before bonds are sold late this fall, little or no money will be available for construction by the time Kingwood comes up on the list.

To try to counter the likelihood of Kingwood's disadvantage under the low priority, FOLK members agreed to write a letter for the organization and

to address commissioners court on the topic in the near future.

The group's letter, addressed to Mr. Lyons and other members of the court, reminds commissioners of the strong support given the last county bond issue by Kingwood residents. It also points to the limited capacity of the Octavia Fields County Library in Humble, plus the land donation already volunteered by Friendswood Development Company for a Kingwood library and the existence of the active Friends group here, as reasons for upgrading Kingwood's position on the list.

Of the communities slated to receive libraries, Kingwood is, the letter emphasizes, the only one which already has a site committed and the only one with an organized Friends group.

Letters should be sent to Commissioner E.A. "Squatty" Lyons, Jim Fonteno, and Tom Bass and County Judge Jon Lindsay at the County Administration Building, 1001 Preston, Houston 77002.

Commissioner R.Y. Eckels' mail should be addressed to 16330 Clay Road, Houston 77084.



## Library Friends see bond delay as opportunity for letters

The receipt of higher than expected bids has forced Harris County Commissioner Court to seek new bids on library bonds the county is seeking to sell. Commissioner's Court is now expected to sell the bonds, which include funding for three new libraries and renovations of some existing ones in this precinct, in early December.

The bid rejection was actually good news for Friends of the Library Kingwood (FOLK) members, who are working to elevate the priority assigned to construction of Kingwood's county library. The local library now has the lowest priority of the new buildings planned in the precinct of Commissioner E.A. "Squatty" Lyons.

Commissioner Lyons said recently that he expects to have all three new libraries in the hands of an architect before the end of next year. The priority for construction, however, he has confirmed recently, is still Aldine Mail-Route first, FM 1960-Aldine Westfield second, and Kingwood, third. The commissioner says he is basing his priorities on population of the areas.

Local FOLK members hope Kingwood residents will take advantage of the delay in the bonds' sale and write to Commissioner Lyons and other members of the court in the next two to three weeks, suggesting that the priorities be changed. The local group is trying to persuade commissioners to recognize the merits of the argument that Kingwood has the strongest local support for the facility, with an organized Friends' group and the promise of free land for the county to build on.

They are also urging children to write to Commissioner Lyons and other court members, stressing how inaccessible the closest library facilities are to them now.

Commissioner Lyons, County Judge Jon Lindsay, and Commissioners Jim Fonteno and Tom Bass can be addressed at the County Administration Building,

1001 Preston, Houston, 77002.

Commissioner R.Y. Eckels' mail should be addressed to 16330 Clay Road, Houston, 77084.

November 1980

## Library funds sought

Martha Houston, president of the club, says FOLK, Friends of the Library Kingwood, are waiting during a thirty day period in hopes that the bond market stabilizes.

The library interest is a result of a general bond election of Harris County Commissioner's Court in which the vote for the library passed. Now, due to unfavorable bond market and interest rate, the commissioners have decided to wait thirty days for improvement, said Houston.

FOLK is trying to expedite the Kingwood library's priority on Precinct 4 County Commissioner Squatty Lyons list of three proposed libraries. Also, according to Houston, during a recent letter campaign to the County Judge John Lyndsay and other commissioners, Squatty Lyons said but he gave no indication as to when contractors start on them.

Friendswood Development Corporation has designated a four acre site

for the library, according to Houston. Houston said she thinks the commissioners are eager to build the library, despite their decision to wait.

Houston said the library now used, Octavia Fields in Humble, was never built to handle the needs of the population in Kingwood. Also, Forest Cove's 4,000 residents would join Kingwood in using a library that did not necessitate driving the highway to visit, according to Houston.



November 1980

# Library funds may generate battle

By JIM STREINER  
HCN Correspondent

**KINGWOOD** - The high price of borrowed money has forced Harris County Commissioners Court to delay bond sales of \$1.5 million for library work, part of which could be used to begin construction on the much needed Kingwood library residents here voted for nearly two years ago.

But there still may be a battle over who gets the construction money and which libraries are built first.

Kingwood residents who have organized a Friends of the Library Kingwood (FOLK) are concerned that Commissioner Pct. 4 E.A. "Squatty" Lyons has put the Kingwood library at the bottom of his list of three libraries scheduled in his precinct. For the past two weeks FOLK members have conducted a letter-writing campaign to all the commissioners, who will make the final decision where the money goes. The several hundred letters already mailed have stressed the group's interest in getting a local library underway when the bond money is approved.

Court members decided Oct. 30 - for the first time in at least 18 years -

to reject three bids on the road bonds and three more on a total of \$8 million in general projects because the low bids for 8.554 percent interest and 8.6297 respectively. This is up from 6.3 percent last May 22.

Included in the \$8 million package is \$2.3 million for park land acquisition, \$1 million for renovation and construction of county office and court buildings, \$1.2 million for construction of a county branch office building, \$2 million for improvements to the juvenile home and school, and \$1.5 million for library construction, five in all.

All of those expenditures were approved by voters in May, 1979.

But it is the \$1.5 million for library work which will generate a battle among North Harris county commissioners, it appears.

Precinct 3 staff members reportedly are contemplating construction of a library on Clay Road land near the Pct. 3 Westside headquarters in the Bear Creek Park area.

Lyons has long indicated he intends to tap the funds to build a library in the Aldine area.

The funds may not stretch that far. But clearly, they won't stretch

enough to build a library in Kingwood as well.

Residents there contend they are further along than any other population center with a potential for getting a library, because they have an active Friends of the Library group and a site which Friendswood Development Company is prepared to donate to the county.

"We're in a holding pattern right now," explained FOLK spokesman Bev Gaudlitz "but we're still getting the groundwork laid and staying on top of the matter of getting a library in Kingwood." She added that everyone was still enthusiastically using the Humble library but that it was just not big enough considering the growth of the area in recent years. "It is also difficult for a Kingwood youngster to get to the Humble library without having to ride a bicycle down the highway," she added.

Gaudlitz hinted it may have been Kingwood's two-to-one vote against Lyons in his last election bid which was now causing the local library to win the low priority.

Lyons said his position remains the same. "There are more people in the Aldine area to be served by a new library," he said.

He also said the county always is grateful for contributions of land, but noted the developer also would gain from the gift.

Kingwood is slated for a library, but should not expect top priority over older, more populated sections of the precinct, he indicated.

Harris County has a triple A rating for its bonds, so the high interest rate bid was a surprise to the court



March 1981

# Library construction to start before end of year, says Lyons

**KINGWOOD** -- Now that the more than \$48 million worth of county bonds have been sold, Commissioner E.A. 'Squatty' Lyons hopes to have all three libraries, including Kingwood's, under construction before the end of the year.

In an interview Monday, Lyons stated, "I have given my total go ahead to employ architects and secure the right-of-way for all three libraries. We must build on a priority basis but I hope to have all three under construction by the end of the year."

The push to get going on the library construction may stem from the two postponements over the past year and a half on the sale of bonds due to the high interest rates. Last week the Commissioners Court took the plunge and accepted bids on the \$48,300,000 worth of bonds. The bond's which will be used for roads, parks, flood control and other items were not sold to a single bidder but packaged out to several low contenders. The \$3 million earmarked for library construction were sold to low bidder, Northern Trust, at a rate of 9.35 percent.

In discussing a possible site for the Kingwood facility, Lyons noted that Friendswood had previously agreed to donate land for a library. The originally offered site was a 4.4 acre plot located near the high school, however a spokesman for the county's engineering department stated that Friendswood has since recommended

different site for the library.

John Bruton of Friendswood who was scheduled to meet with Lyons Wednesday morning, said that Friendswood had, in fact, planned to offer the county a "more desirable location."

"We have just completed our proposal study to make to the Commissioner and hopefully this site will serve the purpose," Bruton.

The new site, located in the proximity of the Park and Ride lot on Lake Houston Parkway, is smaller than the originally offered site, however, Bruton feels it is more useable because of its location. He felt that the 1.5 acre site would prove more than adequate if the county were planning a facility on the order of 12,000 square feet.

"We certainly want to do whatever we can to assist Commissioner Lyons. We want to work with the county in this," Bruton emphasized.

No formal plans have been drawn up for the library facilities, however, it was previously reported that the Kingwood building would be built in the vicinity of 10,000 to 12,000 square feet.

This size, suggested by the library advisory group, is meant to be able to serve Kingwood in its later stages of growth. Lyons noted that the library would probably be located close to what would be the center of Kingwood

when it is completed.

For the Aldine library, the group had previously recommended a size of 8,000 to 10,000 square feet while the Spring facility would be close in size to the Kingwood building.

The library funds must not only be stretched over these three proposed libraries in Lyons' Precinct 4 but over the two libraries in Commissioner Bob Eckels' Precinct 3, as well.

Lyons noted that the libraries must be built "according to population need" the facility at the Aldine Mail Route at the top of his Precinct 4 punchlist. Kingwood is number three behind Spring. Questioned about the specific allocation of funds, the commissioner said that was not yet determined.

He noted that some revenue sharing funds could go toward the library facilities but precisely what share of the \$16 million had not been decided yet. Kay Shillock of Judge Jon Lindsay's office felt that much of that \$16 million would probably have to go to the new county jail facility. Shillock also noted that no official action had been taken by the Commissioners Court as a whole on any of the library construction matters other than the selling of the bonds.



April 1981

## Local library site deeded to county

By MARGARET SKAY  
Staff Writer

**KINGWOOD** -- Just about six weeks ago Commissioner E.A. 'Squatty' Lyons and County Engineer Dick Doss visited the newly-proposed library site offered to the county by Friendswood Development. They apparently liked what they saw and the formal conveyance of the property deed should be completed this week.

The deed, which is in the final stages of being drafted, will provide the county with a 1.5 acre site located on Lake Houston Parkway in close proximity to the Park and Ride lot.

While considerably smaller than the originally proposed 4.4 acre lot on Kingwood Drive, the new site is viewed as more attractive by the commissioner. Commenting on the site to the Echo last week, Lyons said, "This site is really much better than the other one. It's on higher ground and it will be located closer to the center of

Kingwood when it's completed."

Lyons went on to say that he's all ready to get on with the achitectural plans and has given the green light to all departments concerned. Designs are presently on the drawing board for the library on Aldine Mail Route, he pointed out, and while the three libraries to be built in his precinct will be of similar size, he did not envision them as looking alike. "They will not be identical facsimiles of each other," Lyons observed.

Friendswood has no say in the building design, however, John Bruton of Friendswood commented, "We would assume that the county in designing the library would take the surrounding environment into consideration." The building is guaranteed to have the usual Kingwood tree screen since the perimeters of the site border on property belonging to the trails association. The only real contact that Bruton foresees concerning

the building plan will be the routine consultation concerning water and utility services. Ultimately, Bruton sees the relationship between FDC and the county as being based on a 'spirit of cooperation.'

In his opinion, Bruton also feels the site is a better deal all around for the county. "It's a prominent location, more accessible and won't require any fill. By and large it's a much better site," he concluded.

Although no completion date has been projected, Lyons had previously stated that all three libraries in his precinct would be under construction by the end of this year. He and Commissioner Eckels will be divying up \$3 million to build a total of five libraries. Lyons added that there would be an additional \$1.5 million to add to that once the Commissioner's Court doled out the revenue-sharing funds. That allocation of those funds has not been formally addressed by the court.

Lyons said he has been told by county officials that those combined funds will be enough to foot the construction bills for the five buildings.

May 1981

## Right idea; aim askew

Precinct 4 County Commissioner Squatty Lyons has the right idea when it comes to libraries. He has repeatedly said he wants to build three new ones in his precinct.

The first of the trio is now scheduled to be built soon in Kingwood near the MTA Park & Ride lot at Rustic Woods Drive and Lake Houston Parkway.

As a side note, it probably couldn't have been done without the gift of the land by the Friendswood Development Corporation. For this alone, we should all be very grateful.

Lyons says he wants the other two built at Aldine Mail Route and on Aldine-Bender near FM 1960. The libraries will be funded by a \$3 million bond issue which county voters approved in 1979.

This is great.

We have no complaints thus far. Libraries are invaluable to the communities they serve. We applaud any effort in this direction.

But, we'd like to offer a word of advice.

Lyons also proudly announced that each of the three libraries would be designed differently. In other words three libraries, three designs: ergo, three architectural and engineering bills.

Why? There is no reason whatever for not employing the same design in all three cases. It's not as if each library would be back-to-back or within sight of each other.

They will be separated by many miles. While it may be nice to serve as a point-man in the world of library architecture, the important part of the library is what's inside.

We urge Lyons to use a single architect and a single plan for all three libraries. The savings could either be put back into other necessary service beefings or, at the very least, be used on the interior, that's to say the books.

We've too many things to do in this country to be needlessly wasting hard-earned taxpayers' money.

There's no reason why the lofty ideal of increasing the number of area libraries must contradict reason.



May 1981

## FDC donates library site

by JIM MAGILL  
Editor

Friendswood Development Company earlier this week turned over a deed, for approximately one and one half acres of land on Lake Houston Parkway, to the county for the construction of the long-awaited Kingwood library.

The donation of the land culminated two years of negotiations between Friendswood and the county on a possible site for the library.

John Bruton, of Friendswood, said his company had planned to donate land to the county for the library, back when the county was still conducting a study of needs.

"We committed ourselves to donating a library site two years ago," Bruton said.

However, the first site Friendswood proposed for the library, along Kingwood Drive, next to the high school, turned out to be in the 100-year flood plain, which would have made it impossible for the county to obtain federal flood insurance for the building unless the site was filled in.

Precinct 4 County Commissioner Squatty Lyons, said the present site, at the corner of Rustic Woods Drive and Lake Houston Parkway, near the MTA Park and Ride lot is more suitable. Last month, Lyons, and County Engineer Dick Doss inspected the site and approved it.

"There is ample room for a building and a parking lot," Lyons said.

He noted that the library in Kingwood is one of three proposed for his precinct that are the priority list. The other two are scheduled to be built on Aldine Mail Route and in the Aldine-Bender-FM 1960 area.

A \$3 million bond issue was passed in 1979 to raise money for the three proposed libraries and the improvement of two existing libraries in Commissioner Bob Eckels' precinct. However, because of high interest rates, the bonds were held back from sale until recently.

Lyons said the Commissioner's Court has approved the money be turned over to Doss' department and that as soon as the county gets clear title to the land, an architect could be secured for the Kingwood library.

"When the people vote for an improvement in a bond issue, they want it as soon as possible," Lyons said.

He added that each of the three proposed libraries, will have its own architect, so that while they will be of a similar size, each will be a unique structure. Construction on all three projects should be completed by 1982.

Bruton agreed that the present site is superior to the first one considered. He said that in addition to being in the flood plain, that site was crossed by two utility easements; a Houston Lighting and Power overhead line and a sewer line belonging to Harris County Utility District 5.

The Lake Houston Parkway site is part of a larger, three and one half acre parcel of land that Friendswood has set aside for civic buildings.

"The remaining acreage will be used for other public use type buildings," Bruton said. "Parking can be used by all of the civic buildings."

Possible uses for the remaining land are a theater and police building, he said. Approximately one half of an acre all around the perimeter of this parcel will be used as a tree screen.

Bruton said the location is ideal for a library, as it will be in the approximate center of Kingwood when development is completed somewhere in the mid-1990's.

"The site is accessible to major thoroughfares," Bruton said. He noted that plans are underway to widen Rustin Woods Drive to four lanes to the entrance of the Park and Ride lot.

He added that plans call for extending the North lane of Kingwood Drive from the high school, where the road presently merges into two-lanes, to Lake Houston Parkway, by the end of the year.

"This would provide four-lane access from US 59 all the way to the Park and Ride lot," he said. Bruton also noted that an extension of Lake Houston Parkway would be a natural place location for a Kingwood-Atascocita bridge, whenever that long-awaited link-up becomes a reality.

A path is planned, linking the library to the existing greenbelt system in the area, so children will not have to travel the roads to the library, Bruton added.



May 1981



Martha Houston, [second from left] president of the Friends of the Library Kingwood [FOLK] accepts a check for \$1,000 from Sandi Blankenship, president of the American Association of University Women [AAUW] while

Anne Gleason [left], FOLK treasurer and Sam Akkerman, chairman of the AAUW book sale look on. The money was raised through the last two AAUW Book Sales and will go toward equipment for the proposed Kingwood library.

## Library architects chosen

by JIM MAGILL  
Editor

After years of waiting and anticipation, it appears as though Kingwood will finally be getting a library within the near future.

Harris County Commissioner's Court recently hired the architectural firm of Goleman and Rolfe to design the structure, which is to be located on Lake Houston Parkway on a one-and-a-half acre site donated by Friendswood Development Company.

Goleman and Rolfe is a familiar name in this area. The company is responsible for the design of Greentree Elementary School in Kingwood and the Timbers Elementary School in Atascocita, two schools slated to open this fall. The company has also been involved in the design of Houston Intercontinental Airport.

Jay Music, an architect with Goleman and Rolfe said the company is working

closely with Friendswood to develop a master plan of the site. The lot where the library will be built is part of a larger three-acre site, set aside by Friendswood for a complex of community buildings.

Tentative plans call for the construction of a community services building, possibly housing county offices and constable offices, and a performing arts theater to occupy the site in addition to the library.

Music noted that work on a master plan for the entire site will take several weeks. The design of the library itself will be made to fit into the architectural scheme of the entire community complex.

The Kingwood Library is one of five county libraries to be funded through a 1979 \$3 million bond issue and \$1.5 million in revenue sharing funds. In addition to the construction of the new libraries, County Judge Jon Lindsay said part of the \$5 million has been earmarked for renovation of existing county libraries.

Of the five, two other libraries, besides the one in Kingwood are to be built in Precinct 4; one at Aldine Westfield and FM 1960 and the other on Aldine Mail Route. The remaining two will be located in the Jones Road area and Bear Creek.

Two other architectural firms have been chosen for the Bear Creek and the Aldine Mail Route projects.

County Librarian Catherine Rachel said the Kingwood Library would occupy approximately 12,000 square feet and cost the county some \$750,000 to build. However, she pointed out that plans are only at the preliminary stage. The architects' final plans will have to be approved by the commissioner's court before the actual price tag is known.

Miss Rachel said it would probably be mid-August before the architects will have a final plan drawn up. She estimated that if all goes according to schedule, the actual construction should be completed by spring of next year.

Although the county has allocated funds for the building, additional monies will have to be found to stock the shelves with books, according to Kay Shillock, liaison for the county libraries. Revenue sharing funds are one possible source of the needed money.

"We are most appreciative to Friendswood for the donation of the land," Mrs. Shillock said. "Whenever we receive a donation of land, that is the most generous gift anyone can give."

She also praised Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner "Squatty" Lyons for his work in getting the Kingwood project moving, and called the plan to situate the library in a complex of community buildings, "an ideal arrangement."

Lindsay said that not all five libraries will be completed at the same time because the county does not have the personnel needed to do all the work involved. He said the reason the Kingwood project is moving ahead faster than some of the others is that the land has already been acquired.

He said that because of inflation, the \$4.5 million may not be enough to perform all the work that is required, but he added, "We're pretty close."

July 1981



# Civic Center planned

August 1981

The proposed new branch library for Kingwood will be only one component of a civic center complex currently being planned by the architectural firm of Golemon & Rolfe Associates, working in conjunction with John Bruton of Friendswood Development Company.

The complex will include the present Park & Ride facility, a meeting hall with exhibit space, a theater, the library, and another building of undefined nature to accommodate future growth needs.

Architect Oza Bouchard of the firm has been designated project manager with overall responsibility, and Barry Whitehead will be project designer, in charge of creating the tangible product itself. A master plan for the complex has already been worked out, identifying spaces and defining relationships between structures.

According to Bouchard, the meeting and exhibit hall will accommodate 150 people with a coffee bar, restrooms, slide projection setup, provision for subdividing into smaller rooms, limited office space, and parking for approximately 25 cars in the immediate area.

The theater, which will probably be attached to the meeting and exhibit hall, will have a 400-person seating capacity. It is envisioned as a proscenium arch theater with fan-shaped ceiling and inclined floor, with a stage and dressing rooms.

The library will be a separate project from the master plan for the civic center. It will encompass 13,000 square feet with covered pedestrian walkways giving access to the Park & Ride lot so that library patrons will be able to use this already existing facility for evening parking.

The library had earlier been slated to occupy a 4.4-acre tract of land on Kingwood Drive just past the high school. It has now been relocated to the civic center site on Lake Houston Parkway, adjacent to the Park & Ride and across from the new Creekwood Middle School.

Monies to purchase the initial 20,000 volumes needed to open the branch library (estimated at \$250-300,000) will come from the county's already tight budget. But supplemental funds will be needed to purchase items or services beyond the absolute basics — a copy machine, for example.

Although the local Kingwood Friends of the Library (FOLK) group has "no input and no power" in decisions affect-

ing the library, Beverly Gaudlitz, who is acting as liaison between FOLK and the county commissioner's office, predicted that as soon as there was "something concrete" in hand — like an architectural rendering or an actual ground-breaking

— a drive to raise funds would be the probable next step.

October 1981

## LWV to hold panel

Construction is nearly ready to begin on the new Kingwood Library. On Thursday, Oct. 22, at 7:30 p.m. the Humble Area League of Women Voters will sponsor a panel discussion on the Kingwood Library. Catherine Park, County Librarian, is director of the entire Harris County Public Library system. She and her assistant director, Rhoda Goldberg, will join Beverly Gaudlitz of Friends of the Library - Kingwood, and a representative of Friendswood Development Company in a discussion covering questions including: "What are the preliminary plans for the library? What has been done up to now? What is the construction schedule? What services will be provided? How can the people of the Kingwood area help with funding to increase the materials and services available? The meeting will be held at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 2929 Woodland Hills Drive, Kingwood at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 22. Wine and cheese will be served. For additional information call Ann Isaacson, unit leader. 358-0389.



# One floor, multi-story building underway

By KATHRYN MEANS  
ECHO Editor

**HUMBLE** - It has been almost exactly three years since a group of Kingwood residents banded together to push for a library in their community. They named themselves Friends of the Library Kingwood (FOLK).

Last week a preliminary architectural drawing for the Kingwood library was unveiled by Catherine Park, Harris county librarian; and Rhoda Goldberg, assistant county librarian. Park and Goldberg told an audience of Humble Area League of Women Voters and Friends of the Library representatives that construction of the library will begin next spring. It will take a year to build the 12,000-foot structure costing an estimated \$750,000.

The library will be the anchor building in what eventually will be a civic center complex to be built on Lake Houston Parkway adjacent to Park & Ride and across from Creekwood Middle School. The land has been donated to the county by Friendswood Development Company.

Pope Shealy, Friendswood's project manager for Kingwood, said plans for

other buildings in the civic center are "very, very preliminary."

Park said she plans to open the library with 20,000 volumes already on the shelves, but as more money becomes available the book collection will grow to 60,000-70,000 volumes. The county library system is currently purchasing books at a discount price of \$8 per volume, average. Park is asking commissioners court for \$160,000 for the opening day collection, plus an additional \$28,000 for equipment, including microfiche readers.

She is presenting her proposed budget for the new library to commissioners court in November and the final budget will be passed in January. Park urged both the League and Friends of the Library to promote a letter-writing campaign to Pct. 4 Commissioner E.A. "Squatty" Lyons and Harris County Judge Jon Lindsay urging them to support her budget requests.

Park said she is asking for 12 staff members for the Kingwood library. This will include four professional librarians, five desk assistants, two shelving assistants and a janitor. The four professionals will be a branch librarian, assistant branch librarian, a reference librarian and a children's librarian.

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Goldberg, who is working with the architects in designing the building, said the design "is totally unique" and should function very well. "It's being designed for automation. We'll have three computer terminals," she explained.

Goldberg pointed out that all libraries have a storage problem and said the new library will have "people space instead of extra storage space." Some 123 patrons can be seated in the central area. Back issues of magazines will be kept on microfiche to eliminate the need to store originals.

The facility will include a kitchen, staff lounge and a meeting room which will seat 75 people and will be available to organizations in the area. Parking is being planned for 50 to 75 cars.

When the library opens, residents of Kingwood will have access to an extensive interlibrary loan service. One woman in the audience noted the interlibrary loan system implemented by the county library system "is fantastic." She said, "I got a book autographed by Robert Frost and sent from a library in Georgia. I was so impressed."

But a few members of the audience voiced some reservations about the proposed library's ability to meet community needs. "By the time this library's built, it's going to be obsolete," said one woman. "There are at least 500 seniors doing research the last two weeks of the semester. What provisions are there for expansion?"

Goldberg pointed out, "This can never be a central library" and she cautioned Kingwood residents not to expect it to provide the service offered by a central library.

November 1981

## FOLK plans new library

At a meeting of the Friends of the Library, FOLK, on Thursday, Oct. 22, plans for the Kingwood Branch of the Harris County Public Library were discussed.

Catherine Parks and Rhoda Goldberg, of the Harris County Public Library Association were on hand to explain the steps that have been, and will be taken toward the completion of the library.

Mrs. Parks said that they have the actual plans for the building and that construction should begin in the spring of 1982, if the budget is approved by the judges in Harris County. It should, then, be completed by the spring of 1983. The deadline for approval is Jan. 31, 1982.

"I have asked for a budget of \$160,000 for the opening of the library, with 20,000 books," said Rhoda Goldberg.

Friendswood, it was noted by Mrs. Parks, was generous in their donation of the land and 50 parking spaces. More parking spaces will ultimately be needed, however. The library will be on Lake Houston Parkway, near the Park and Ride, according to Goldberg.

The actual plans were prepared by the architectural firm of Goldman and Roth.

"We're very lucky in the choice of architects with Goldman and Roth," Goldberg said. "We feel that we have one of the best designs for a library."

Goldberg explained that the library was carefully designed, with the architects working closely with librarians.

"Our aim is to make it a community library. Not a children's library, not an

adult's library and not a businessman's library, but one for the whole community."

The plans show a meeting room, set apart from the central portion of the library. It can be entered without going through the main section of the library and will seat 100 people.

A special area was designated for a children's area. "We wanted to make sure that there was a children's area, that they knew it was theirs. It is set in such a way that it is away from the main area, as far as noise," Goldberg added.

She also noted that fabric half-walls will divide this area from the rest of the library. "The architects have told us that the fabric walls have proven to be very effective," Parks said.

The library is designed for a staff of 12. It will have a kitchen which will be large enough for all the staff, Goldberg said, noting that it has been a problem with other libraries.

"A gallery runs through the center of the library with a raised roof."

Goldberg explained that they're doing something different with this library.

"It is being built for automation. We're buying microfiche because of the amount of storage. And microfiche is less expensive," she said.

According to Parks, Judge Jon Lindsay, Harris County Judge, and Precinct 4 Commissioner E.A. "Squatty" Lyons have been very instrumental in the development of the library.

"Judge Lindsay is my supporter in court," Parks said.



# Kingwood FOLK membership drive on

By CORNELIA PEREIRA  
Managing Editor

**KINGWOOD** -- Your contribution may help put another volume on the shelf of Kingwood's library scheduled to open before summer next year.

Kingwood's Friends of the Library (FOLK) are conducting a membership drive this month in an effort to supplement the \$160,000 already promised by Harris County Commissioners Court toward the library's opening day book collection, says Harris County Librarian Cathy Park.

Park has worked alongside county engineers and the library architects,

Golemon & Rolfe Associates Inc., for the past year in evolving a building program for the proposed 12,000 square foot library, 2,000 square feet larger than a similar annex, the Cypress Creek library.

"I think it's a good sized library--ample to service the Kingwood area, says Park, adding the library will house 70-75,000 volumes when complete.

The library was also designed with a meeting room able to seat 75 people, also larger than the Cypress Creek version, says Park. "We worked with two features in mind-- the maximum

seating and shelf space possible, says Park.

"As county librarian, I was assigned the task of describing each library function and how they relate to one another, says Parks, giving as an example, the location of the juvenile story-telling area and its separation from the adult reading and meeting areas.

Parks said no specific name had been given the proposed Kingwood library at this time other than Kingwood annex. "Commissioner Lyons hasn't mentioned anything."

The library is being financed through a bond issue passed in 1979

that allots \$3 million for the Kingwood project. At least \$750,000 of that has been set aside for construction and furnishings alone, says Park.

Friendswood Development donated the land and 43 parking spaces for the planned library project at 4102 Rustic Woods Drive across from Kingwood's Park and Ride on Lake Houston Parkway.

Parks is hoping at least 20,000 volumes will be on the shelves when the library opens its doors FOLK vice president Nancy Martone says the funds her group raises will go toward

an easy reader program, business publications, a best seller service and more.

FOLK currently offers a variety of memberships from students (\$2) to family (\$10). Contact Martone at 358-5168 for membership information or write FOLK, P.O. Box 5353, Kingwood. Proceeds from the local AAUW book sale set for April 24 are

also earmarked for the library project.

Parks says the library project is nearing the bid stage and hopes construction will begin by June. She projects the library's doors will open a year from construction start, "hopefully before summer, our busiest season."

March 1982

## AAUW accepting books for sale

**AREA** -- AAUW's annual book sale committee is soliciting donated books (hardback and paperback) magazines, and prints (framed and unframed) for its Saturday, April 14, book sale in Kingwood Shopping Center.

Lake Houston Branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW) sponsors this sale yearly for the benefit of the Kingwood Library which is slated for groundbreaking this spring.

Take donated items to Century 21 in the Kingwood Shopping Center, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., where they will be sorted and priced by AAUW members for the sale.

For more information about a possible donated item or the sale itself, call 358-1564.



**LIBRARY PLANS** -- Nancy Martone, vice president of FOLK, a Kingwood organization working to help stack the shelves of Kingwood's library, shows an artist rendition of what the library is to look like. The library will most likely open its doors before the summer of '83.





*Arts and crafts will  
be sold at the 11th  
annual Kingwood  
Art Show,  
benefiting the area  
Harris County  
Branch Library to  
be built soon*

## KINGWOOD ART SHOW

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 1-6 p.m.

DO SOMETHING WONDERFUL FOR  
YOUR EYES THIS SPRING. TAKE THEM  
TO THE KINGWOOD ART SHOW  
BECAUSE FROM 1-6 P.M., YOU CAN  
FEAST YOUR EYES ON THE WORKS OF  
SOME OF THE STATE'S FINEST ARTISTS  
AND CRAFTSMEN. ON DISPLAY,  
AND FOR SALE, IN THE GREAT  
OUTDOORS OF THE LIVABLE FOREST.

### DIRECTIONS:

TAKE U.S. 59 NORTH TO THE  
KINGWOOD EXIT. THEN FOLLOW  
THE SIGNS TO THE WOODLAND HILLS  
VILLAGE GREEN, OR STOP BY THE  
VISITORS CENTER ON KINGWOOD  
DRIVE FOR DIRECTIONS.  
PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE  
FRIENDS OF THE KINGWOOD LIBRARY.  
(RAIN DATE IS JUNE 20.)

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# Kingwood Library bids let, construction soon

by TED BETTS  
Staff Reporter

The Harris County Library in Kingwood may be completed between six weeks and two months after the county awards the construction contract to one of seven bidders. According to County Engineer sources the chances that the bid tabulation will be completed by Thursday, in time for the County Commissioners to award the contract, looks good.

Tom Langford, technical assistant

to County Engineer Richard P. Doss, said that his office is tabulating the bids and checking the records of the apparent low bidders. Bids were accepted by the Commissioner's Court on June 3.

County Commissioner E.A. 'Squatty' Lyons (Pct. 4) said, "I'm just tickled to death that it is moving so smoothly. I've been pushing for it (the county library in Kingwood) for a long time."

Langford commented that "the apparent low bidder (before the tabulation) was \$674,543." The

Commissioner's Court budget for the library was estimated at \$750,000.

"We expect to make a report to the Commissioner's Court on June 17. The projected groundbreaking (if the contract is awarded) will be between six weeks to two months after the award of the bid," Langford said.

Langford said the time is needed before the groundbreaking so the contract bonds and purchase orders can be written and signed by the parties involved.



THERE WERE LOTS of bargains Sunday at the annual Kingwood Art Show held at Woodland Hills Elementary and Kingwood Middle School. Artwork

shown ranged in price from \$1 to \$1,000. [Staff photo by Carol Cunningham]



# Library building contract awarded

June 1982

by TED BETTS  
Staff Writer

With the enthusiasm of an old-time roof raising Harris County Commissioner's Court, led by commissioner E.A. 'Squatty' Lyons (Pct. 4), last Thursday awarded the Kingwood Library construction contract to Schultz and Lembo, Inc., and the Friends of the Library/Kingwood received \$7,600 raised from the 11th Annual Kingwood Art Show on June 13.

Lyons expressed his joy in how smoothly the project has been going since its inception.

The low bid by Schultz and Lembo Inc. was \$674,543.

The \$7,600 contribution from the art show came from booth rental fees from the over 190 artists repre-

sented at the event. According to the Friendswood Development Company records the contribution was the largest donation raised at the yearly event.

According to the County Engineers' office the Harris County Library in Kingwood may have its groundbreaking between six weeks and two months after the bid was awarded.

Completion of the building is scheduled two months after the groundbreaking depending upon the weather and construction schedule.

The Friends of the Library/Kingwood plans to buy books with the art show donations. The art show expenses were paid by Friendswood Development Company.



**MONEY FOR BOOKS** - Beverly Gaudlitz, president of Friends of the Library Kingwood, accepts donation of \$7,600 raised at the 11th annual Kingwood Art Show held June 13. Presenting the checks are Pope Shealy (right), project manager and Bob Bradley (center), project marketing manager for Kingwood. The \$7,720 contribution represents booth rental fees from more than 190 participating artists and is the largest donation raised during the history of the art show. The group will use the funds to buy books for the new library. Art show expenses were paid by Friendswood Development Company.



THE KINGWOOD LIBRARY IS SOON TO BE  
SO WHY DON'T YOU COME AND SEE  
THE GROUNDBREAKING WHERE THE BRANCH WILL BE

ON

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

10:00 AM

4102 RUSTIC WOODS DR., KINGWOOD  
(NEXT TO THE PARK N RIDE LOT)

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: E.A. "SQUATTY" LYONS  
HARRIS COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4

HONORARY PARTICIPANTS: JOHN BRUTON, FRIENDSWOOD DEVELOPMENT

BEVERLY GAUDLITZ, PRESIDENT  
FRIENDS OF THE KINGWOOD LIBRARY

CATHY PARK, COUNTY LIBRARIAN

GENERAL CONTRACTOR: SCHULTZ & LEMBO

ARCHITECT: GOLEMON & ROLFE  
ASSOCIATES

## Kingwood library to break ground July 21

KINGWOOD - Hang on to your library cards Kingwood bibliophiles, the Kingwood library is

The scheduled groundbreaking for the library is set for Wednesday, July 21 at 10 a.m., next to the Park and Ride at 4102 Rustic Woods Drive.

The date was established once the library's construction contract was awarded Schultz and Lembo, Inc. The construction outfit, one among some 12-14 bidders, according to Harris County Pct. 4 Commissioner E.A. "Squatty" Lyons, bid

about to become a reality.

\$674,543.

Lyons, along with Friends of the Library President, Beverly Gaudlitz, John Bruton of Friendswood Development and a county library representative, will all be on hand at the traditional ceremony July 21.

The library was designed by Goleman and Rolfe and is expected to be complete two months after groundbreaking, pending good weather.

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# Kingwood library --

## The four-year dream unfolds

By CORNELIA PEREIRA  
Managing Editor



**KINGWOOD** - A four-year-old dream came true last week when those persons who had their hand in seeing that Kingwood have its own library participated in the official groundbreaking July 21.

Announcing the Kingwood library would be the third such annex in Pct. 4, Commissioner E.A. "Squatty" Lyons remarked the Kingwood library had come into being before others planned because Friendswood donated property for the project.

Kingwood Operations Manager for Friendswood, John Bruton down played his company's contribution and announced they were happy to be "a small part in the completion of the library."

Along with the land adjacent to the Park and Ride facility on Lake Houston Parkway, Friendswood will also do work on the facility's parking lot.

While the actual building time is expected to be six months, Rhoda Goldberg, assistant Harris County librarian said the actual outfitting of the library wouldn't be complete at least until late spring.

**SHOVELS IN HAND** - Beverly Gaudlitz, president of Kingwood FOLK. Commissioner E.A. "Squatty" Lyons and Kingwood Operations Manager John Bruton were the featured speakers at the Kingwood library groundbreaking July 21. Gaudlitz expressed sentiments of many when she said of the library's groundbreaking "I'm glad so many of us in FOLK from the beginning will be able to see the library come to be." The library is expected to open late in spring next year.

Goldberg, who attended the ceremony while Harris County Librarian Cathy Park was away on vacation, said she anticipated the library would open with some 20,000 books. Eventually, she predicts, the library will contain in the neighborhood of 65,000 books.

Kingwood Friends of the Library, better known as FOLK, are working to augment the library's collection. The group offers a variety of memberships to the community at a variety of prices for this express purpose. Harris County Commissioners have earmarked \$160,000 toward the library's collection.

Park worked with county engineers and the library's architects, Goleman and Rolfe Associates Inc. for the past year in evolving a building program for the 12,000 square foot

library. In size, its counterpart would be the Cypress Creek library.

The library was designed with a meeting room able to seat 75 people (larger than the Cypress Creek version).

No name has been proposed for the library. Similarly, no librarian has been appointed, the commissioners asking that Park and Goldberg return closer to the library's opening date. Goldberg said they had requested a staff of 12 for the library, but that too is not finalized.

The library is being financed through a 1979 bond issue that allots \$3 million for the Kingwood Harris County library. Some \$750,000 of that has been set aside for construction and furnishings alone.

The library will have 43 parking spaces at its 4102 Rustic Woods location.



# Ground broken for new Kingwood Library

by ANN ISAACSON  
Staff Writer

The dream of a full service county branch library in Kingwood neared reality Wednesday, when County Commissioner E.A. "Squatty" Lyons (D-Pct. 4) led a group of Kingwood residents and Harris County officials in a ground breaking ceremony at the library site, 4102 Rustic Woods Drive, adjacent to the Kingwood Park & Ride facility.

After an invocation led by Carl Power, minister of the Church of Christ in Kingwood, Commissioner Lyons introduced the other guest speakers: John Bruton representing Friendswood Development Company; Beverly Gaudlitz, president of Friends of the Library-Kingwood; and Rhoda Goldberg, assistant county librarian.

The 12,000 square foot Kingwood library will be built on land donated by Friendswood. Commissioner Lyons, a long time supporter of the county library system and advocate of creation of the Kingwood branch, said that Kingwood was slated as the third library to be built with current bond funds but instead Kingwood is the first to begin construction because of the generosity of Friendswood.

John Bruton replied, "On behalf of Friendswood I want to express our continued support for the Kingwood library project. Without Squatty's efforts we certainly would not be where we are today, breaking ground for the library. We of Friendswood are proud to be a small part of the effort."

Beverly Gaudlitz, founder and current president of Friends of the Library-Kingwood, a group of residents who have worked for the establishment of a Kingwood library, spoke next. "This was just a dream four years ago. It couldn't have happened without the hard work of all the Friends of the Library and everyone here. On behalf of the Friends, I would like to thank you all."

"This is a great day for us," said assistant county librarian Rhoda Goldberg. She introduced David Jones, co-ordinator of Technical Services; Elaine Plotkin, co-ordinator of the adult book collection; and Betty Ozbun, co-ordinator of the children's book collection. These individuals will be most responsible for obtaining the opening collection of about 20,000 volumes. They will be meeting with school librarians and other groups to discuss the needs of Kingwood library.

Construction equipment will be moved on site the week of August 1. The structure is expected to be complete within six months. Installation of carpeting, shelving for 60,000 - 65,000 books, the circulation desk and other specially constructed library requirements must be completed before books can be shelved. According to Goldberg much was learned during the process of opening the most recent branches five and a half years ago. The Kingwood library project provides sufficient time for advance organization so the actual process of opening should go smoothly. Books are already being received, presorted, and stored in boxes labeled by Dewey Decimal and alphabetical designation.

County librarian Cathy Park and Goldberg worked with library architects Goleman & Rolfe Associates, Inc. on the building plan. The result is a unique design which maximizes seating and shelf space. There will be space for 135 patrons, a children's section separate from the adult reading area, a meeting room for 50 to 75, restrooms, a kitchen, and a staff lounge.

The Kingwood library is tentatively scheduled to open in June, 1983.



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THE GROUND WAS broken Wednesday for the new 12,000 square foot Kingwood Library to be built close to the Park and Ride complex on Lake Houston Parkway. The library has been in the works for four years and is being built on land donated by Friendswood Development. It should open in June of next year. Breaking ground for the project are [from left to

right] Beverly Gaudlitz, president Friends of the Library-Kingwood [FOL-K]; John Bruton of Friendswood Development; County Commissioner E.A. "Squatty" Lyons; Oza Boughard and Harry Goleman of the architectural firm of Goleman Rolf Associates and Rhoda Goldberg, assistant county librarian. [Staff photo by Chuck McCollough]



# Hello, library, good-bye bookmobile

by ANN ISAACSON  
Staff Writer

Kingwood residents will say hello to a new library but goodbye to some old friends when the new Harris County Branch opens next June.

Lanell Black and Martha Johnson, Kingwood's bookmobile librarians, will steer their attention to other rural readers, far from access to local libraries. Bookmobile routes cover the northern and western parts of Harris County, Kingwood to Katy plus El Lago and Forest Bend in south Harris County.

Bookmobile service began in Kingwood in 1977, when the bookmobile parked outside Minimax for 2 and one-half hours, every other week. Robin Carpenter, director of the program, reports that circulation was about 50 books per visit for a total of 100 a month.

As Kingwood grew in population the demand for library services grew, too. Kingwood is one of 26 locations served within the county, but it receives the greatest amount of Bookmobile time to accommodate heavy demand. The bookmobile comes to Kingwood for a full day every Thursday, alternating stops between the Minimax parking area on Kingwood Drive and the Magnum Foods' parking lot on North Park.

Circulation now averages 700 books per week, 2,800 a month. According to Carpenter, bookmobile usage is one of the factors used to determine the need for a new branch library.

"The bookmobile cannot by any stretch of the imagination be a full-service library because of the severe space limitations," says Carpenter. "We carry a variety of popular, general-interest books -- fiction, cooking, antiques, garden-

ing health and other topics our patrons ask for. What we do not have we will attempt to get or to refer the person to a nearby branch library."

Requested books are obtained by bookmobile librarians from other branches, Houston Public Library or other Texas libraries through an inter-library loan program.

There are collections on two bookmobiles and one van, plus another collection of books and materials in an office on the Katy Freeway.

Friday is an 'in office' day which the librarians use for changing material between the bookmobiles and office to keep selections fresh.

The larger part of Bookmobile circulation is children's books. According to Carpenter, during the past six months 65 percent of the circulation has been children's material and 35 percent adult. Material for young people of all ages, from picture books through elementary and adolescent fiction, including the annual Blue Bonnet award selections and nonfiction for all reading levels is available.

During the school year the librarians try to anticipate demand for nonfiction books used in school projects. Carpenter anticipates increased interest in books on video games and science fiction. Since budget and space constraints must always be considered, Carpenter tries constantly to be aware of patron needs and interests. "We can't afford to guess wrong. We have to stock as appropriately as possible," she notes.

Like other modern libraries, the Harris County bookmobiles carry

more than just books. They have subscriptions to a number of current popular magazines which may be checked out. They carry audiovisual materials including records, tape cassettes, super-8 movies and filmstrips.

For adults there are language records, opera, folk music, and some popular music records. For children there are popular books on records or tape, often with filmstrips or books to accompany them. Sesame Street, Mr. Rogers, and activity records are also popular.

During the year the bookmobile carries some pamphlets and publications as appropriate. At election time they distribute the Voters Guides provided by the League of Women Voters. At income tax time the Bookmobile carries Tax Form 1040 and 1040A plus instructions.

All of this material is backed up by a very helpful staff. Says Carpenter, "The Bookmobile is a very intimate operation. We depend on repeat business and patron loyalty. Since we're only available for a few hours a week or month, people have to make a special effort to fit us into their schedule. We've built many friendships through the years."

The bookmobile staff are people-oriented people. They like their work because they like to be involved with people. Through the years Martha Johnson and Lanell Black have been coming to Kingwood they have made multitudes of friends. They notice a youngster's newly missing front tooth or inquire about a visiting grandmother.

They have watched our families grow and welcomed new residents to the Bookmobile community.

August 1982



BEVERLY GAUDLITZ, PRESIDENT of Friends of the Library in Kingwood [FOLK] accepts a 1,000 check from Merily Gullquist [right], president of the Area Association of University Women, and Noreen Lipp, AAUW's booksale chairman [center]. The check is

the fourth donation [for a total of \$2,500] raised in the annual used-book sales toward the purchase of books for the Harris County Library Branch to be built at Kingwood. [Staff photo by Deborah Frink]



# New library set to open in Kingwood in April

by REBECCA G.-HAMILTON  
Staff Reporter

Construction on the new library in Kingwood, located at 4102 Rustic Woods Drive has begun and the opening date is scheduled for April 1983.

The result of an effort by a group called the Friends of the Library-Kingwood (FOLK), President Beverly Gaudlitz recently expressed her happiness at the realization of her dream.

FOLK was formed in January 1979 and they worked together to have the library placed on a county bond issue which was passed in May of that year.

This library was one of three that were to be built from the \$3 million bond issue, but it's the first to be constructed as Friendswood Corporation donated the land and graded the parking lot, Gaudlitz said.

Although the original location for the library was on some land across from Kingwood High School, they switched to the present 1.5 acre site as it was higher and more centrally located, she explained.

It was Gaudlitz's determination and interest in reading that pushed her to have a library in Kingwood.

As she said, when she and her family moved to that community, the population was 7,000. Now, the population is 24,000 and she explained the library "meets a definite need in their area."

With the projected rate of growth in Kingwood, she researched and talked to people on the county and state level and was told the "minimum size library" for a population of 70,000 would be 12,000 square feet, which is the size their library will be when completed.

The architect firm of Goleman and Rolfe, who designed Greentree Elementary School, designed the library which will house between 50,000 to 60,000 volumes, she said.

They will be hiring four librarians and anyone interested in the position should contact Cathy Parks at the Harris County Library Offices in

Houston, she pointed out.

Gaudlitz complimented FOLK saying they worked hard and their spirit and motivation for this project has not diminished. Now they have a membership of over 100 people, she said.

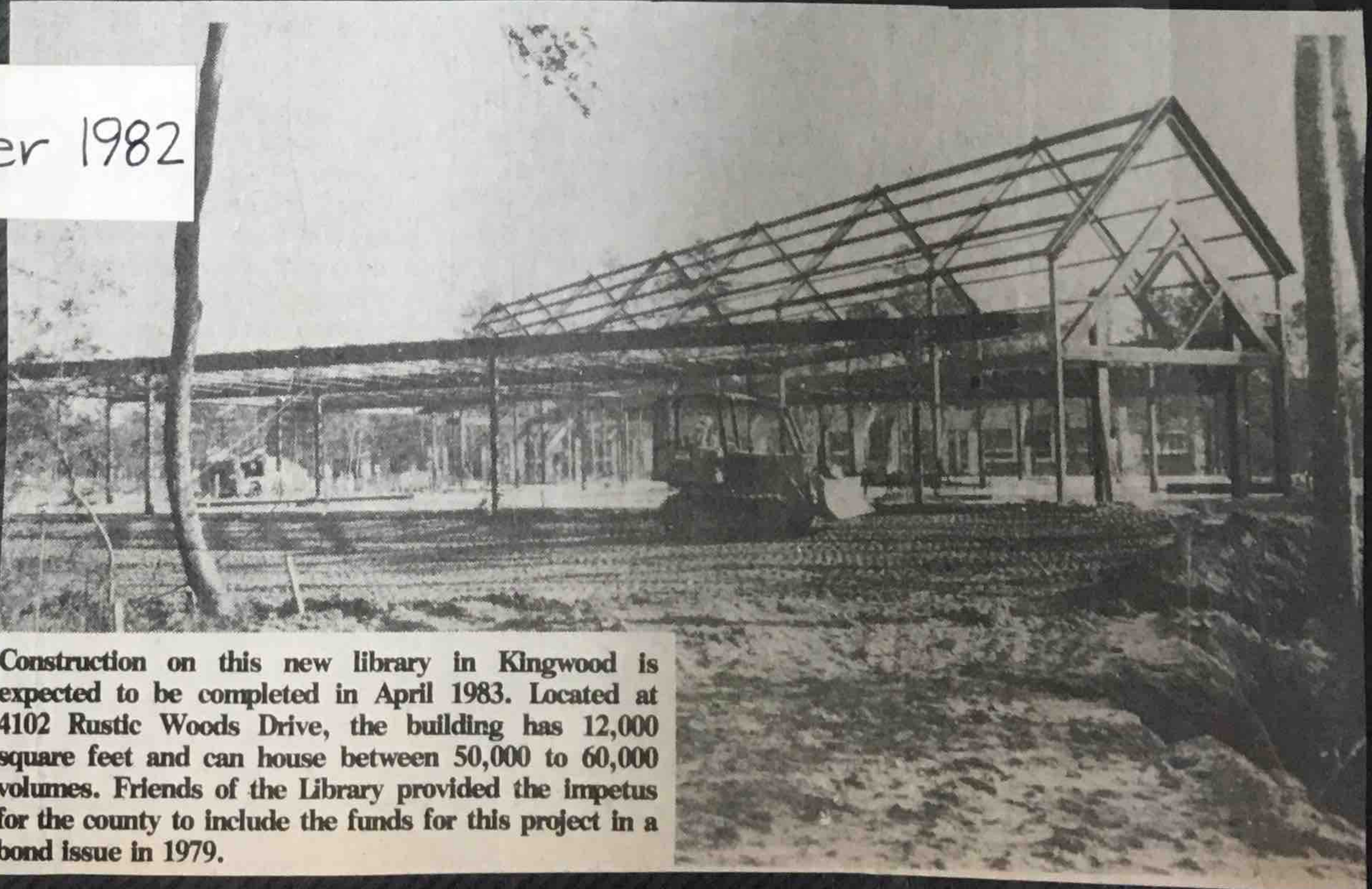
A non-profit organization, their membership fees supplements books and equipment not provided by the county, Gaudlitz explained.

Donations to them are tax deductible and they have a variety of different types of memberships with dues ranging from \$2 to \$1,000, she continued.

FOLK accepts gifts and memorials, however Gaudlitz pointed out with the funds they cannot specify to the county which books to buy, but they can specify a certain subject matter.

They would like to encourage people to join FOLK and all ages are welcome at their meetings. The next meeting will be held at 7:45 p.m. on Feb. 8 at the Episcopal Church.

December 1982



Construction on this new library in Kingwood is expected to be completed in April 1983. Located at 4102 Rustic Woods Drive, the building has 12,000 square feet and can house between 50,000 to 60,000 volumes. Friends of the Library provided the impetus for the county to include the funds for this project in a bond issue in 1979.



February 1983

## KW authors will speak at library meeting

**KINGWOOD** - Friends of the Library - Kingwood will present "An Evening with Kingwood Authors" on Tuesday, Feb. 8, beginning at 7:45 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 2929 Woodland Hills Drive.

Everyone is invited to meet award winning authors, Clark Howard and Ginger Chambers, and hear them describe how they live and write in Kingwood. In addition, the new Kingwood Branch Librarian, Cindy Ecklund, will display a scale model of the Kingwood library slated to open in late spring.

Howard, a resident of Woodland Hills for the past three years, is an accomplished writer of both fiction and non-fiction. In 1980, he won the Edgar Allen Poe award of the Mystery Writers of America for his story, "Horn Man," published in the Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine. Also in 1980, Howard published his first full-length non-fiction work, "Zebra," a study of four black

militants who committed the infamous Zebra killings that terrorized San Francisco in the 70's.

Howard has published



16 books, more than 200 short stories, and written a dozen screenplays and teleplays. His newest book, "Brothers in Blood" (available in late February), is a true crime account of a 1973 case of multiple murder in rural Georgia described by Publishers' Weekly as a tale that few readers will forget, "a searing portrait of 10

human tragedies."

Chambers, a resident of Elm Grove, moved to Kingwood in 1979, the year in which her first book won second place in the novel category at the University of Houston's Southwest Writers' Conference. An editor purchased the book soon after the conference.

Chambers' fifth book, "Game of Hearts," will be published by Harlequin American Romance in December.

Following a question and answer session with the authors, Ecklund will show a model of the new library, introduce her staff, and answer questions about the new Kingwood library.

Everyone is invited to attend.



February 1983

## All the fixin's

The building is not complete but Cindy Ecklund is prepared for opening of new Kingwood library

The distinctive building under construction adjacent to the Kingwood Park & Ride facility will be the new Kingwood Library. Although the library may be open in late April, branch librarian Cindy Ecklund is farther along in her construction of the programs that will be available there.

The 12,000 square foot library will open with 20,000 volumes and over 130 periodicals, and will contain a meeting room for 50 people and kitchen facilities which will be available free to non-profit organizations to make the library a center for activities.

Ecklund is the first of four librarians to go on staff for the Kingwood library. Joining the staff on Feb. 1

will be her assistant, Marianne Lincoln of Kingwood, and Reference Librarian Joy Emde. The position of Children's Librarian has not yet been filled.

Ecklund has lived in the Houston area for 10 years, the past four in Kingwood. Her husband, Mike, is with Shell Oil, and her 10-year-old son Michael attends Woodland Hills Elementary.

Since earning her masters in library science, Ecklund has worked at the New Orleans Public Library, Houston Community College, and at the Houston Public Library.

"The greatest challenge I'm facing right now is scaling my thinking down from a huge reference facility to the needs of a library that will be the center of a small community," she said.

Ecklund is especially excited about the programs and services the Kingwood Library will provide to children. She is planning weekly story times for preschool children - there will be a story time for parents and children, and other times established for day care centers.

Sometimes the groups may come to the library to hear stories and browse while other times the children's librarian may go to the daycare centers.

"We want all of our community children to experience the joys of reading and spending time in their library, not just those children who have a parent not working outside the home," stressed Ecklund.

Also planned for children are a puppet show in late July or early August' films and after-school programs, and craft projects. The children's librarian will be meeting with the librarians of every area elementary school to determine the materials and programs best suited to the children of the Kingwood area.

A particularly important project is the Summer Reading Program. Ecklund believes that reading is an integral part of each person's daily life, and children need to be encouraged to read and to enjoy reading so that they will read as adults.

The Summer Reading Program is designed to encourage children to read and enjoy books. The program functions at two levels: The regular reading program is for school-age children and requires that the child be able to read, while the "Read-to-Me" program is for preschoolers and children who are not able to read by themselves.

The only requirement is that each child read, or have read to him, 10 books during the summer. Children are not assigned a specific type of book nor required to read on their grade level. They are simply asked to read 10 books that they will enjoy. Upon completing the books, each child receives a certificate.

Programs and services for adults are equally important to a community library. Ecklund expects the inter-library loan service will be used extensively. Books not available in the initial Kingwood collection can be requested from libraries within the Harris County system, other libraries in Texas, and even from libraries in other states. Usually a request can be filled within a week to 10 days, says Ecklund.

Kingwood will open with a large print collection of books for visually handicapped, and Ecklund expects to obtain some periodicals in braille.

As part of her training, Ecklund is visiting libraries and meeting with branch librarians from all over Harris County. The branch librarian at Clear Lake City noted that population growth there had been much like Kingwood's as families with school age and preschool children moved into new homes. Plus, as the population aged, the parents of many residents moved to be near children and grandchildren, so the library had to meet the needs of a more diverse population including large print books to make reading easier and more enjoyable for older persons.

A collection of framed prints also will be available for residents to check out and enjoy in their homes. Audio-visual equipment such as 16mm film projectors will be available, along with a large collection of 16mm films available through interlibrary loan.

Assistant Librarian Lincoln will co-ordinate a library volunteer program which will begin even before the library opens.

A series of adult programs will be developed for the fall. Community input is important to establish what services should be provided. Book review groups will be offered, and several companies are eager to present investment seminars.

A variety of business services will be provided, with materials of use to the business community that are very heavily used at every library in the system.

The reference section will also have Criss Cross and city directories. In addition, there will be a collection of out-of-state and in-state telephone directories.

For students, the Kingwood Library will have a wide variety of research tools. The library will have over 130 periodical subscriptions, plus encyclopedias, and literary criticism and biographical tools.

A collection of young adult fiction will be on the shelves by opening day. Using the resources of other branch libraries, Ecklund and the children's

and adult literature specialists at the County Librarians' office know what titles are most popular with young people. The Kingwood staff will also meet with librarians in all the schools for additional suggestions.

"We're looking forward to working very closely with the schools, the community organizations, the community, the students - EVERYONE - so that we may meet both the educational and recreational needs of Kingwood," says Ecklund.

"We are in the process of compiling a community resources file, and will be contacting representatives of the various clubs and organizations in Kingwood. We would also like to hear from these groups so that we may compile a comprehensive resource file."



The grand opening ceremony will be on a Sunday. Brandon Abshire, the oldest native-born Kingwood resident, will represent the Kingwood community. The library will then be open the next day.



# Library opening date set back

KINGWOOD - Progress continues on the construction of the

Kingwood Library, but the opening is now planned for May rather than

April. "The bricks haven't arrived yet, but they are working inside and making great strides," said Kingwood Branch Librarian Cindy Ecklund. "We can't set a date, but we'll definitely be opening in May," she added.

The important position of children's librarian has not been filled, but the rest of the staff-Ecklund, Assistant Librarian Marianne Lincoln, and Reference Librarian Joy Emde-have spent much of the past month in intensive training at the Cypress Creek branch library, which is very similar in services and patrons to the new Kingwood library.

Marianne Lincoln is involved in developing a

structured long term volunteer program, which will allow area

residents to become involved in their library in a meaningful way. In addition, when all interior construction work is complete, there will be need for a brief intensive period of volunteer work to shelve all the books which have been ordered, processed, and stored in readiness for opening day. This will be an excellent opportunity for community organizations to support their new library by offering a few hours per member to get the books on the shelves.

Plans for the continuing volunteer program and the specific request for shelving help will be announced

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Doris Kirtley and Judy Lackey present Kingwood librarian Cindy Ecklund with books to be available at the Kingwood Public Library when it opens in the near future. Kirtley and Lackey represented the Humble Art League in the donation during the league's juried competition Saturday, March 19. At left, Billie Harkrider shows her Best of Show painting.



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## Emmett supports library funding; under jurisdiction

AUSTIN -- Rep. Ed Emmett, Chairman of the Cultural and Historical Resources Committee, announced this week his support for state library funding. The State Library and Archives Commission is under the jurisdiction of Rep. Emmett's Committee.

Recently the Committee approved a budget of \$79,385,891 for statewide library development for the biennium. Rep. Emmett suggested adding \$1,500,000 to the proposed figure to bring library development to this level.

The Cultural and Historical Resources Committee recommended taking the revenue left from the Sesquicentennial Museum Board, Appx. \$1,208,900, and adding it to the state library's budget. The Sesquicentennial Museum Board, which was established to research a museum for Texas' 1986 birthday celebration, was abolished by the Committee on the recommendation of the Legislative Budget Board.

"Libraries are an im-

portant part of our communities in furthering the education of adults and youth alike," Rep. Emmett said. He added that, "this action was necessary because Texas ranks low in national library funding, a fact I am not proud of. Also federal funds for

libraries probably will not be forthcoming; the federal budget has not allocated any funds for library assistance." According to the Urban Libraries Council, Texas ranks 33rd in funding for libraries.

If the leftover appropriations from the Sesquicentennial Museum Board are appropriated to library development, funding for libraries will exceed what it would have been with federal assistance. This action is contingent upon legislation, which will be sponsored by Rep. Emmett. If libraries do not receive funds from the Museum Board, they will receive approximately the same amount as if they were assisted by the federal government.

"Education is the foundation of our society and libraries should be considered an important cornerstone in that foundation. With this assistance, libraries can continue to grow, extend, and expand their resources," Rep. Emmett said.



# Check out the library

"Check out the Library," will be the topic of this week's Friends of the Library program, slated for Tuesday, April 12, at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd,

2929 Woodland Hills Drive, beginning at 7:45 p.m.

The new staff of the Kingwood Library will be guest speakers. They will discuss hours and services to be of-

ferred through the new 12,000 sq. ft. building currently nearing completion on Lake Houston Parkway, north of Kingwood Drive.

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Friends of the Library invite residents to meet the staff of the new Kingwood Library, which is set to open in early June on Lake Houston

Parkway. Newly appointed Kingwood Community Librarian Cindy Ecklund, standing right, Reference Librarian Joy Emde, center, and Assistant Librarian Marianne Lincoln, left, shown on a recent inspection trip to the new library, will present a program "Check Out the Library," at the Friends' meeting, Tuesday, April 12 at 7:45 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 2929 Woodland Hills Drive. The librarians will present an overview of services to be available through the new facility and will give the latest estimates of the library's anticipated opening date.

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Ecklund says the Library is currently interviewing children's librarians.

The Friends of the Library invite anyone who wants to know more to join in Tuesday night and "Check Out the Library."

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As Kingwood gains a new library building, it loses one of its most familiar and well-used services -- the weekly stops of the Harris County Mobilibrary, currently slated to end service in Kingwood May 19. On one of their last days of service in Kingwood, Librarian Lanell Black, right, and Bookmobile driver, Martha Johnson, get set for a busy day. The Kingwood stop has been one of the busiest in Harris County, Black pointed out. Kingwood

residents borrow an average of 450 to 600 books from the library each week, with the highest number of books borrowed in one day totaled at 915 one Thursday last summer. The Kingwood Friends of the Library expressed a note of gratitude to Black and Johnson, and other Harris County Library staff, for their consistent good humor and professional assistance in sometimes very crowded and hectic conditions.



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**FRIENDS, NEW AND OLD** - As Kingwood gains a new library, missing will be the bookmobile (above) with Lanell Black and Martha Johnson. Standing by the sign marking the spot of the future libraries (below) are librarians Marianne Lincoln, Joy Emde, and Cindy Ecklund.



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# Friends of Library

## starts membership drive

With the opening of the new Kingwood Library, slated for sometime in the next eight weeks, 1983 will rank as a banner year for the Friends of the Library, Kingwood. With that thought in mind, the Friends begins its annual membership drive this year with a special invitation to area residents to join in the excitement and become a member of the Library Friends during the next month.

Newly elected President Kenneth Harwood points out that membership dues, ranging from \$2 for a student membership, to \$10 for a family, to \$500 for a member benefactor, will be used to purchase additional materials for the new library.

Friends of the Library, Kingwood, was first organized in January, 1979. The first major undertaking of the group was to work for the successful passage of a bond issue in May of that year which provided funds for library construction to begin. Approximately 110 persons currently belong to the library support group. They will see the final results of their efforts in June with the opening of the new 12,000 square foot Kingwood Library on Lake Houston Parkway. The Library will open with 20,000 books on the shelves with space for an optimum maximum collection of 50,000 volumes.

The friends plan to contribute membership fees and proceeds of other fund raising activities to supplement library activities in a number of areas. The

library will offer an extensive children's program and the Friends anticipate purchasing Easy Readers and other equipment to enhance these resources. The business collection will be well used in the

library and the Friends hope to contribute additional funds to purchase publications such as Standard and Poors and Dun and Bradstreet. The library group also hopes to be able to help fill the demand for bestsellers

and other popular materials of interest to local readers. Members may also designate gifts and materials for special interest areas.

At the April 12 meeting of the Friends, the following slate of officers

was elected to head the organization for its fifth year. The new officers are: Kenneth Harwood, president; Christi C. Whittington, first vice-president (program); Judy Steiner, second vicepresident (membership); Selene Hendricks, secretary; Nancy Martone, treasurer; and Norma Payne, Sandra Kos, Marian Pierce, and Billye Payne, board members at large.

Outgoing president Beverly Gaudlitz was given a unanimous vote of thanks by the Friends for her hard work in bringing the library to Kingwood. She was appointed Chairman of the Standing Committee on Gifts and Bequests.

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*Friends of the library*

1983-84 Officers of Kingwood Friends of the Library - The newly elected officers of Kingwood Friends of the Library smiled broadly as they gathered for an official photo during the recent dedication of the new Kingwood Library. Officers are from left to right, Nancy Martone, Treasurer; Christi Whittington, 1st Vice-president, program; Beverly Gaudlitz, Gifts and Bequests Chairman, Ken Harwood, President; Judy Steiner, 2nd Vice-president, membership; and Selene Hendricks, Secretary. The Friends announced at the dedication plans to sponsor a "Buy a Book for the Library" campaign to be announced shortly.





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## Various books available at AAUW book sale

by O.C. WALKER  
Book worms of all ages delighted in the excellent weather, and fine variety of books available at the AAUW Book Sale on Saturday. The many offerings at the children's table, including boxes of

S.E. Woodard-Valdyka, left, was pleased with all the science fiction books she found at the AAUW book sale held in front of Winn's Saturday. Stephannie Anderegg, left below, Amy Harper and Beth Ballard, students from Kingwood Middle School, were also delighted with their many findings.

Tables devoted to science fiction, mysteries and romance paper back fiction were crowded with children board games, were quickly purchased. Entire sets of encyclopedias were sold and adults.

One woman who had really been looking forward to this sale, was S.E. Woodward-Valdyka. S.E. (Sandra's) specialty is science fiction books. She spent nearly \$100 at the AAUW sale last year. It looked like this year she will at least match that sales record. S.E. sat in a lawn chair surrounded by boxes and bags full of "choice" finds. An experienced collector. Sandra left her purse in the car, and arrived at the sale with her cigarettes and lighter stuffed in her socks so her hands would be free to pick up the good ones. S.E.'s extensive collection is catalogued in two indexed six by nine inch ring binders. Other sci fi fans are welcome to borrow or swap stories with S.E.



Representatives from Friends of the Library were on hand to enroll readers as members of FOLK, Friends of the Library Kingwood. If they missed you, tax deductible donations can be mailed to FOLK, P.O. Box 5353, Kingwood, Texas 77339.



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## Area residents urged to join library club

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The Kingwood Friends of the Library invite you to fill out the application below and be a Friend.

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TO JOIN FOLK fill in and detach the form below. Return it with your contribution for the type of membership to: FOLK, P.O. Box 5353, Kingwood, Texas 77339. Donations are tax deductible

Membership Year is From April 1 through March 31

Check One	<input type="checkbox"/> Student	\$ 2.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$ 25.00
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## KW librarian ready for completion of building

Cindy Ecklund, Kingwood's Branch Librarian, has her

library staff and children's summer reading program ready to begin whenever the library facility is finally complete.

Repeated construction delays have postponed the scheduled opening from April to the present prediction of mid to late July. However, every Kingwood elementary school child received a Summer Reading Club Rodeo handout from the Kingwood Library before leaving school last week. The flyer promised a diversity of treats for Kingwood youngsters.

Vicki Ash-Geisler, a recent graduate with an advanced degree from the University of Texas, has been chosen for the position of Children's Librarian.

"She's terrific," said Ecklund. "Vicki is warm and outgoing, full of ideas to share with our children." Like Ecklund and assistant librarian Marianne Lincoln, Vicki Ash-Geisler is now a Kingwood resident. During June she will be working with the Harris

County children's librarian and training at the Cypress Creek branch library.

The Kingwood summer program begins with something for the smallest patrons, a preschool story hour scheduled for Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. The year round program will combine books, fingerplays, songs, films, records and filmstrips. It is designed for children ages three to five.

As soon as the library is complete, all school age children six and up are invited to an hour of favorite films, on Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. Schedules will be published monthly.

The Texas Summer Reading Club begins as soon as the library opens or Kingwood youngsters can get a head start by picking up a Reading Rodeo booklet at Octavia Fields Library in Humble. Kids are encouraged to read 10 books of their choice and record the titles in their booklet as they complete the books.

After reading the books they will receive a certificate at a very special Reading Awards Program, which Branch Librarian Cindy Ecklund guarantees will be held in the Kingwood building on August 12 from 2 to 4 p.m.

A western party will be the special treat for those who participated in the Reading Rodeo.

Younger children who have not yet begun to read can take part in the summer reading program by selecting the Read-To-Me Rodeo. By having 10 books of his/her choice read aloud and the titles recorded in a Read-To-Me booklet, the pre-reader too will be eligible to receive a certificate at the Summer Reading Awards Program Rodeo party on August 12.

Parents may wait until the library opens or get a booklet in advance at Octavia Fields library in Humble.

Ecklund assures area children that if the library opens half way through the summer reading program they will be asked to read only half the required number of books to earn their certificate.

The number of books required will be proportional to the amount of time the Kingwood library is available to them. Everyone is urged to make use of the Humble library now and enjoy reading all summer.

A very special event will occur at the Kingwood Library on Thursday, July 28, at 2:30 p.m. when the Tale Spinners present a western puppet show with two tales, "Nail Child" and "Master of all Masters."

The Kingwood Library will have a meeting room suitable for groups of up to 75 people with adjacent kitchen facilities. Ecklund said that county regulations will not allow them to take any bookings until the library is open.

Meetings can be scheduled for no more than 90 days in advance, so no group can automatically reserve the room for the first Monday morning of each month. The regulations are intended to maximize the number of organizations that can use the library facilities. There is no fee for use of the room.

The Kingwood Library will be open Monday from 1 to 8 p.m., Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday 1 to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If enthusiasm and determination could complete a building, Ecklund would have had Kingwood's library open months ago. Watch for the definite opening date. Until then utilize Octavia Fields, open the same hours as listed above.

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**ART FOR BOOKS SAKE** -- The 12th Annual Kingwood Art Show netted \$9,185 from artists' booth fees for the Harris County Branch Library in Kingwood. Shown above presenting the check to Beverly Gaudlitz (second from right), past president of Friends of the Library in Kingwood, and Nacny Martone (second from left), newly elected treasurer, is Pope Shealy (right), Kingwood project manager, and Joe Rader (left), marketing manager of Kingwood. The generous donation will be used to purchase additional equipment for the library such as microfiche, books, and other items that will be used by the Kingwood residents.



# New Kingwood Library prepares for dedication on Aug. 21

The Kingwood library staff was busy opening cartons and unpacking books this week in preparation for opening day Monday, Aug. 22 at 1 P.M. Cathy Park, county librarian, announced that dedication

ceremonies will be held on Sunday, Aug. 21 at 2:00 P.M. Refreshments will be served by Friends of the Library-Kingwood. Everyone is invited to Everyong is invited to attend.

The 12,000 square foot facility is the newest branch of the Harris County Public Library System. Kingwood will open with a collection of approximately 18,000 books and 130 periodicals. The new library, with a capacity for housing 65,100 volumes, will seat 85 and accomodate 50 people in the library meeting room. The library catalog will be on microfiche. In additon to circulating popular fiction and non-fiction titles, the library reference collection will include general and specialized encyclopedias, indexes, literary criticisms, biographical information and numerous

business services such as Value Line, Moody's, Dun and Bradstreet and Standard and Poor's. Telephone ready reference service will be available during library hours by calling the library.

Books will circulate for a two week period except for books in high demand. Library cards are free and will be issued the same day to anyone showing proof of current address. Persons under 14 will need aparent's signature to attain a card. Most area residents will need to apply for a new library card for use in the automated circulation system due to be operable this fall.

Cindy Ecklund, Branch Librarian released the following library hours: Monday 7 P.M.-6P.M.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 A.M.-6 P.M.; Friday 1 P.M.-6 P.M.; Saturday 10 A.M.-5 P.M.. A meeting room is available for group use

and information concerning this will be released shortly.

The staff of ten includes four librarians, four desk assistants, one shelving assistant, and one custodian. In addition to Branch Librarian Cindy Ecklund, are Marianne Lincol, Assistant Librarian; Viki Ash-Geisler, Children's Librarian; and Joy Emde, Reference Librarian. Serving as Desk Assistants are: Betty Sayles, Donna Foster, Jeanette Wickander, and Kathy Schlickman. The Shelving Assistant is Jill Miller and Leventa Davis is the Custodian.

The pre-school story hour will be held Tuesdays at 10:30 A.M. commencing Aug. 23rd. Films and Fun will be featured Tuesdays at 4:00 P.M. for youngsters ages 6-9, beginning September 6th. Adult and young adult programming will be announced at a later time.

Library orientation will be held periodically. The public is urged to

become familiar with the ling awaited Kingwood Branch Library.



BOOKS GALORE - Last week books and other materials were being stocked at the Kingwood Public Library in preparation of the facility's opening on Aug. 22. Pictured left to right are Viki Ash-Geisler, children's librarian; Joy Emde, reference librarian; Marianne Lincoln, assistant librarian and Cindy Ecklund, branch librarian.

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New books received

# Library doors to open soon

By MICHAEL HOLDEN  
Staff Reporter

The boxes of books had just begun to arrive Wednesday morning at the Kingwood Branch Library, but staff librarian Marianne Lincoln said all would be in order when the library opens its doors Monday, Aug. 22, at 1 p.m.

Dedication ceremonies for this long-awaited library in Kingwood will be held Sunday, Aug. 21, at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served by Friends of the Library and local residents are invited to attend, Lincoln said.

The Kingwood Branch Library is located at 4102 Rustic Woods Drive off Lake Houston Parkway. Regular hours will be as follows: Monday, 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The beautiful 12,000-square-foot facility features a cathedral ceiling and is the newest branch of the Harris County Public Library System. The library, which will open with a collection of approximately 18,000



MARIANNE LINCOLN, BETTY SEYLES, DONNA FOSTER, and CINDY ECKLUND

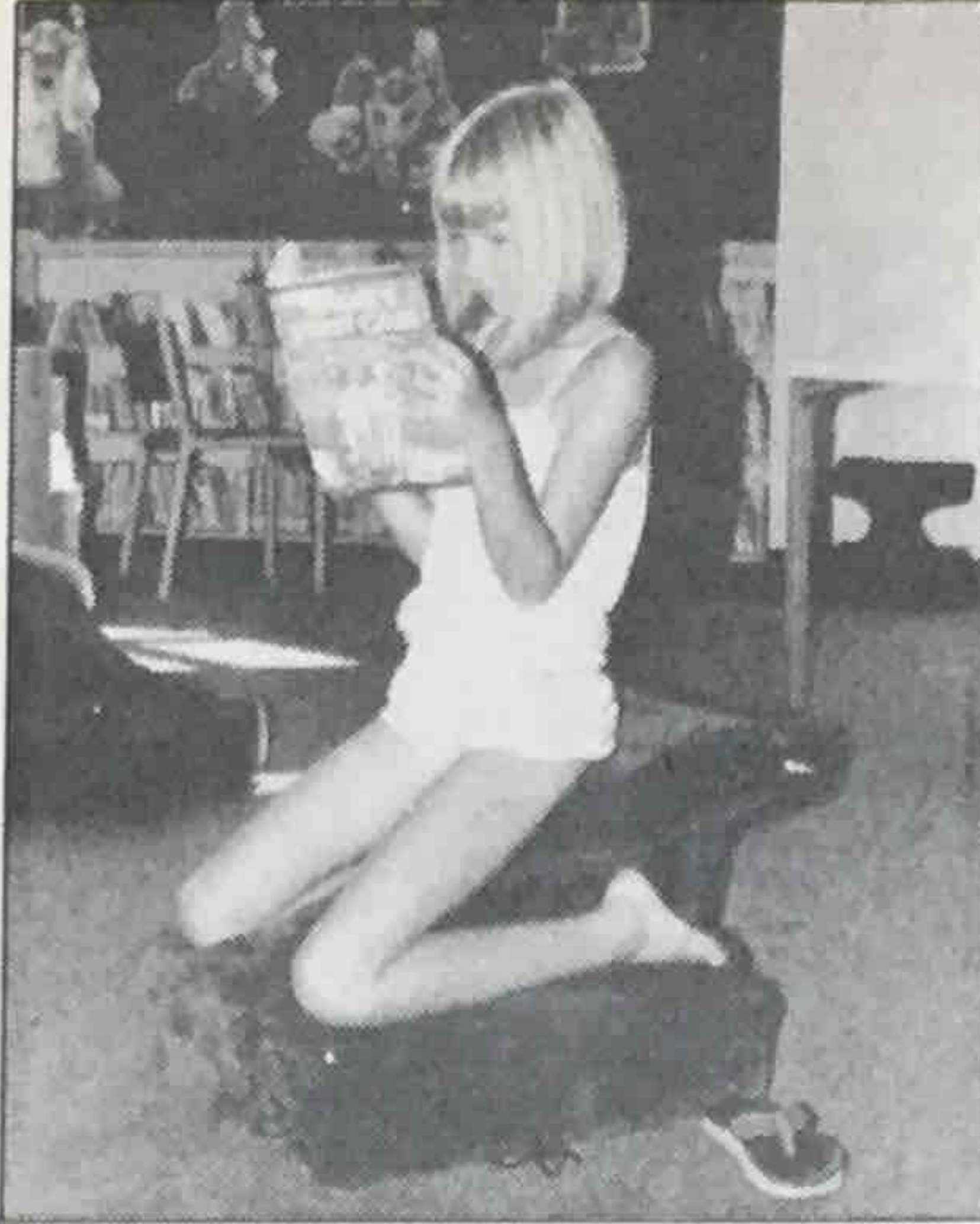


## Kingwood library to open with magic

The new Kingwood Branch Library will hold its first children's program in the library community room on Friday, Aug. 26, at 2:30 p.m.

The program will feature Lisa Lollipop, a magic clown, who will be performing fantastic feats and incredible illusions to delight pre-school and elementary age youngsters.

Lisa Menna, who has created Lisa Lollipop, is



**STRANGE CHAIRFELLOWS** - At the new Kingwood Library in the children's section, one can find these unique chairs to sit in while reading one of the many books provided for enjoyment. Pictured above, Judy Isaacson demonstrates one of the ways to use the chairs.

a 1982 graduate of Kingwood High School, and a sophomore at S.M.U. Lisa, a long-time resident of Kingwood, started performing locally eight years ago.

This will be one of the last performances of Lisa Lollipop.

Viki Ash-Geisler, children's librarian at the Kingwood Library, is eager to hear from other community residents who would be willing to share their talents and interests with the children of Kingwood.

The magic show is not the only activity sched-

ed for the opening week. Ms. Ash-Geisler will be conducting a pre-school story hour Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 10:30 a.m.

"The story hour is an on-going program. I'll be ready every Tuesday to read books, tell stories, sing songs and have all kinds of fun," said Viki.

The Kingwood Library will open Aug. 22, at 1:30 p.m. and is at 4102 Rustic Woods Drive off Lake Houston Parkway, near the Park and Ride lot.

For more information, call the library at 359-6804.

## Kingwood library to feature room

The new Kingwood Branch Library will have a community room available free to non-profit groups for meetings, programs and exhibits when not in use for library programs.

The room will accommodate 50-75 persons. There can be no charge for those attending.

Requests for use of the room must be made in person by completing an application form. Groups renewing requests may do so over the phone but the application must be on file before the meeting date.

Groups may not reserve space on a regular basis for more than 90 days. Renewals may be made at any time provided no prior requests for that time have been received. Meeting rooms may only be used when a staff member is on duty. With prior consent, the staff lounge may be used for

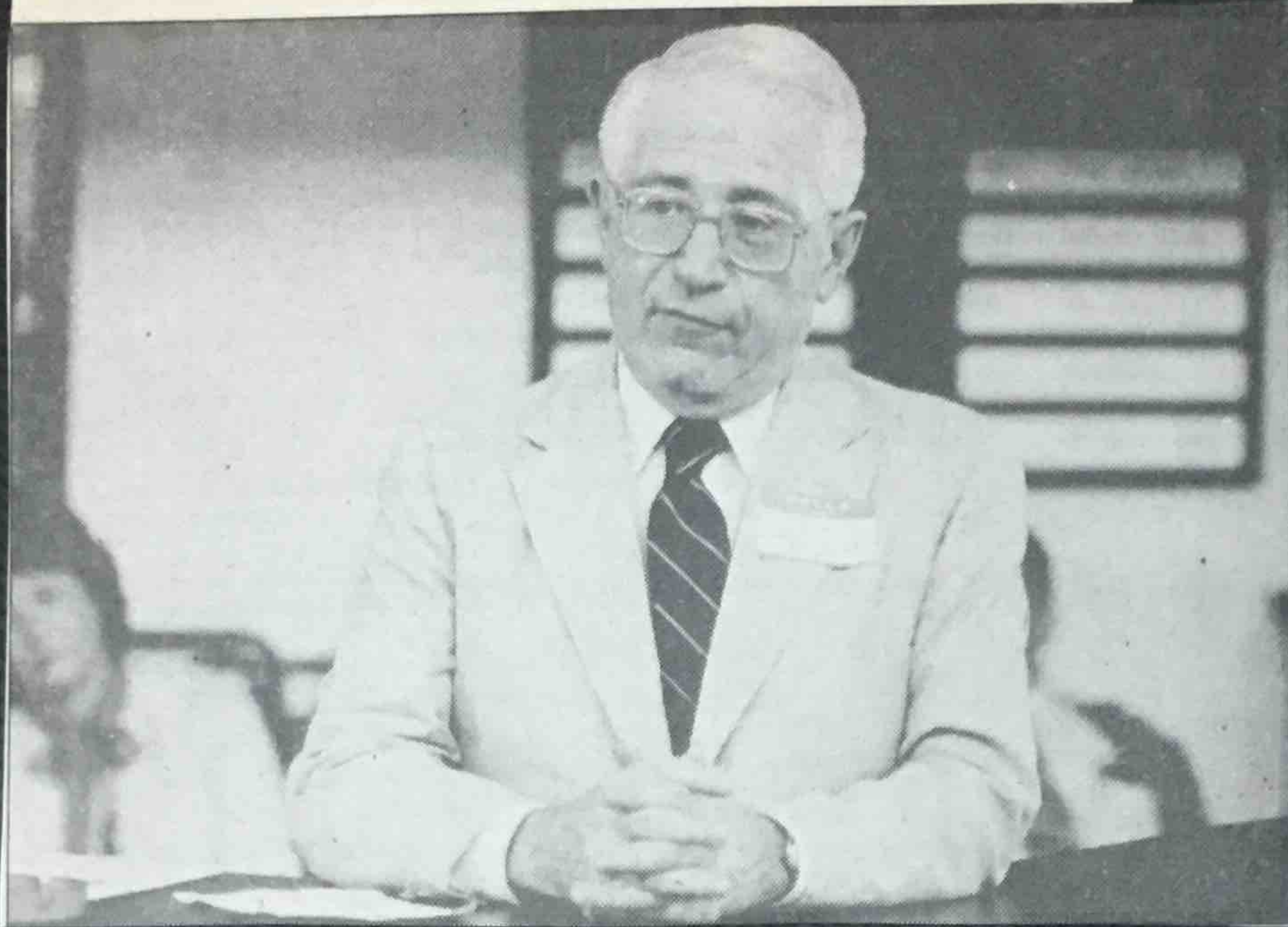
servicing light refreshments.

Applications for use of the community room will be taken starting Aug. 22. Hours the room will be available generally are: Monday, 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Tuesday, 12:30 to 2:45 p.m.; Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and occasionally on Saturday.

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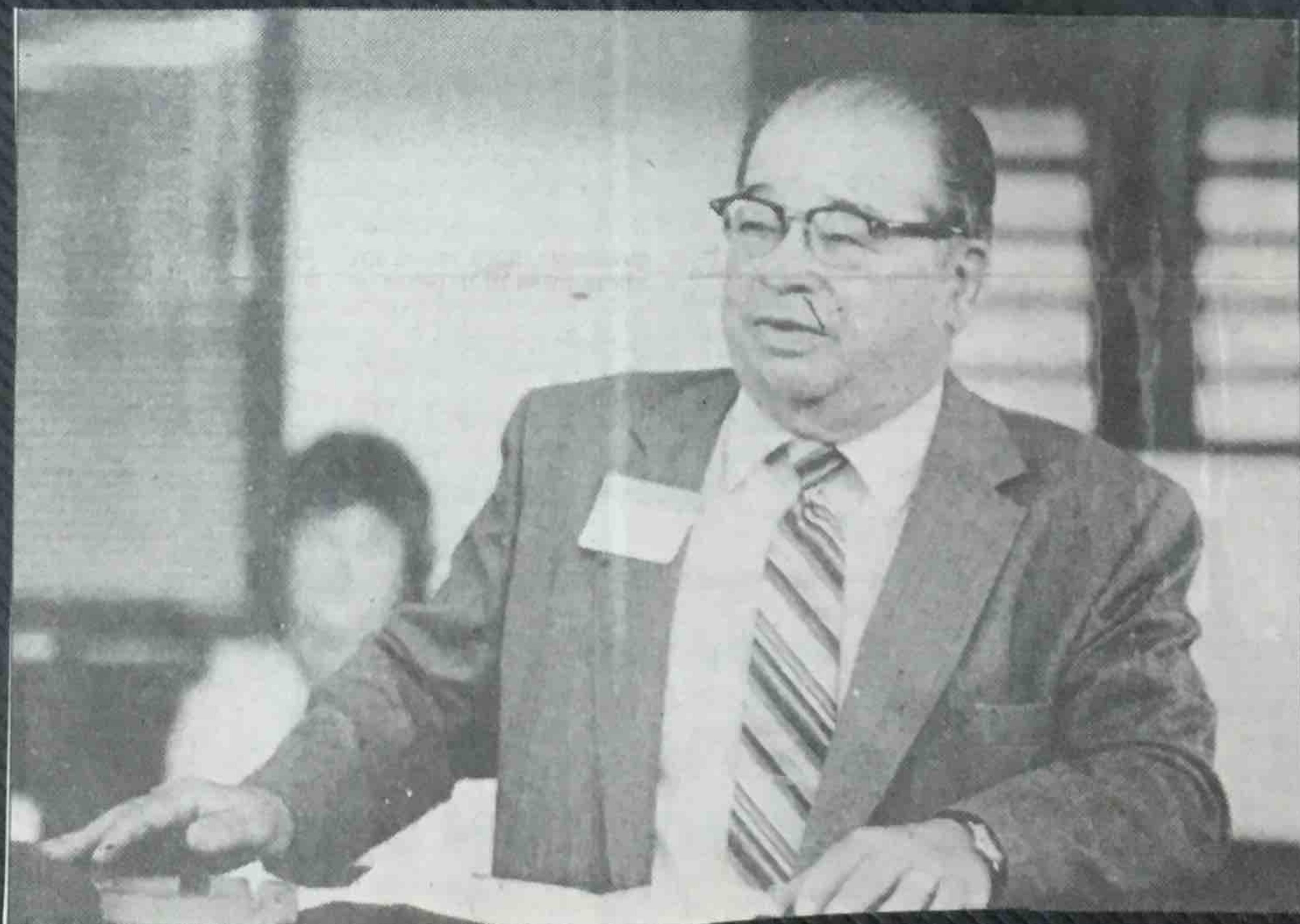


**LIBRARY OPENS**—Despite Hurricane Alicia and the threat power might not be on, dedication of the Harris County Public Library, Kingwood Branch went as schuled. Present for the ceremony were,



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(top) Ken Harwood, president of the Friends of the Library



(middle) County Commissioner E. A. 'Squatty' Lyons









**LIBRARY -- 1983-84 officers of Kingwood Friends of the Library smiled broadly as they gathered for an official photo during the recent dedication of the new Kingwood Library. Officers are from left to right: Nancy Martone, treasurer; Christi Whittington, first vice-president, program; Beverly Gaudlitz, gifts and bequests chairman; Ken Harwood, president; Judy Steiner, second vice-president, membership; and Selene Hendor a "Buy a Book for the Library"**





# Kingwood Branch Library dedicated despite Alicia

Despite Hurricane Alicia and the threat power might not be on, dedication of the Harris County Public Library, Kingwood Branch, went as scheduled at 2 p.m. on Sunday with electricity.

Present for the occasion were County Commissioner E.A. "Squatty" Lyons, Rev. Richard H. Elwood, Pope Shealy of Friendswood Development Company (FDC) who was filling in for John Bruton, Ken Harwood, president of the Friends of the Library and Library (FOTL) Catherine S. Park, county

librarian.

The official opening of the library at 1 p.m. on Monday culminated five years of efforts by the FOTL, FDC and the county to establish a public library in Kingwood.

The library is dedicated to "education, information and recreation for everyone," Harwood told the assembled crowd. It is supported by businesses, taxpayers and community organizations, he said.

There are about 200 families and individuals in FOTL who have supported this goal with both money and effort, Harwood said. The organization has already acquired a vertical file and supplies for the children's program.

To have the grounds landscaped is the next project for FOTL, Harwood said. He mentioned a fall "Buy A Book" campaign to be held this in which residents will be asked to pay \$12.50 which is the average cost of a book, he explained.

In his introduction speech, Lyons said he "could see people using this for many years."

FDC donated the land on Lake Houston Parkway and furnished a large part of the parking lot, Lyons said. This allowed the funds supplied by a bond election in 1979 through Commissioners Court to pay for constructing a larger facility, he explained.

"We are tremendously proud of it," Lyons said.

Shealy told the group FDC was "delighted" with the library. "We're benefitting from an enlarged facility," he added.

Beverly Gaudlitz was recognized by Harwood as the driving force behind the establishment of a library in Kingwood.

She along with several others were given books in recognition of their contribution to the library.

This included Lyons, County Judge Jon Lindsay, which was accepted by his wife; Rev. Elwood, John Bruton and FDC, which were both accepted by Shealy; Lake Houston Chapter of the American Association of University

Women, accepted by Ann Isaacson and Brandon Abshire, the oldest living Kingwood resident. All of the books

were donated back to the library.

The staff of the library was introduced by Park. Cynthia Ecklund is branch librarian; Marianne Lincoln, assistant librarian; Joy Emde, reference librarian and Viki Ash-Geisler, children's librarian.

Desk assistants are Donna Foster, Betty

Sayles, Jeanette Wickander and Kathleen Schlickman.

Jill Miller is the shelving assistant.

Leventa Davis is the janitor.

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## Library dedicated, despite Alicia

By MICHAEL HOLDEN  
Staff Reporter

The Kingwood Branch Library had been a long time in the making, and not even a last-minute hurricane could keep the library from opening on schedule. But that's not to say that Hurricane Alicia didn't make a go of it.

Power was restored to the library just hours before its official dedication Sunday afternoon. Dedication ceremonies for the Kingwood Branch Library began at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, and the library opened its doors to the public Monday at 1 p.m.

E.A. "Squatty" Lyons, Harris County Commissioner, Precinct 4, presided at the dedication, declaring that the people of the Kingwood area would make good use of the beautiful, workable new facility.

The Kingwood Branch Library is located at 4102 Rustic Woods Drive

off Lake Houston Parkway and is the newest branch of the Harris County Public Library System. The new library features a cathedral ceiling and opens with a collection of approximately 18,000 books and 130 periodicals. The building has a capacity for housing 65,100 volumes.

After the invocation by Rev. Richard H. Elwood of The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Lyons introduced some of the many special guests attending the function.

Included here were Tony Lindsay, wife of County Judge Jon Lindsay, Pope Shealy, Kingwood project manager with the Friendswood Development Company, Rob Reinders, the architect who designed the building, and Harris County Library System administrators Catherine Park, County Librarian, Rhoda Goldberg, Assistant County Librarian, and David Jones, Head of Technical Services.

Kenneth Harwood, president of The Friends of the Library, outlined some of the projects undertaken by that organization. Besides underwriting the supplies for the children's library and providing the refreshments for the dedication, The Friends are attempting to accomplish their "most immediate" goal of landscaping the library grounds, Harwood said. Another project is the buy-a-book campaign, whereby Kingwood area families can help the Kingwood Branch Library achieve its full circulation through making a basic contribution of \$12.50 for each new book.

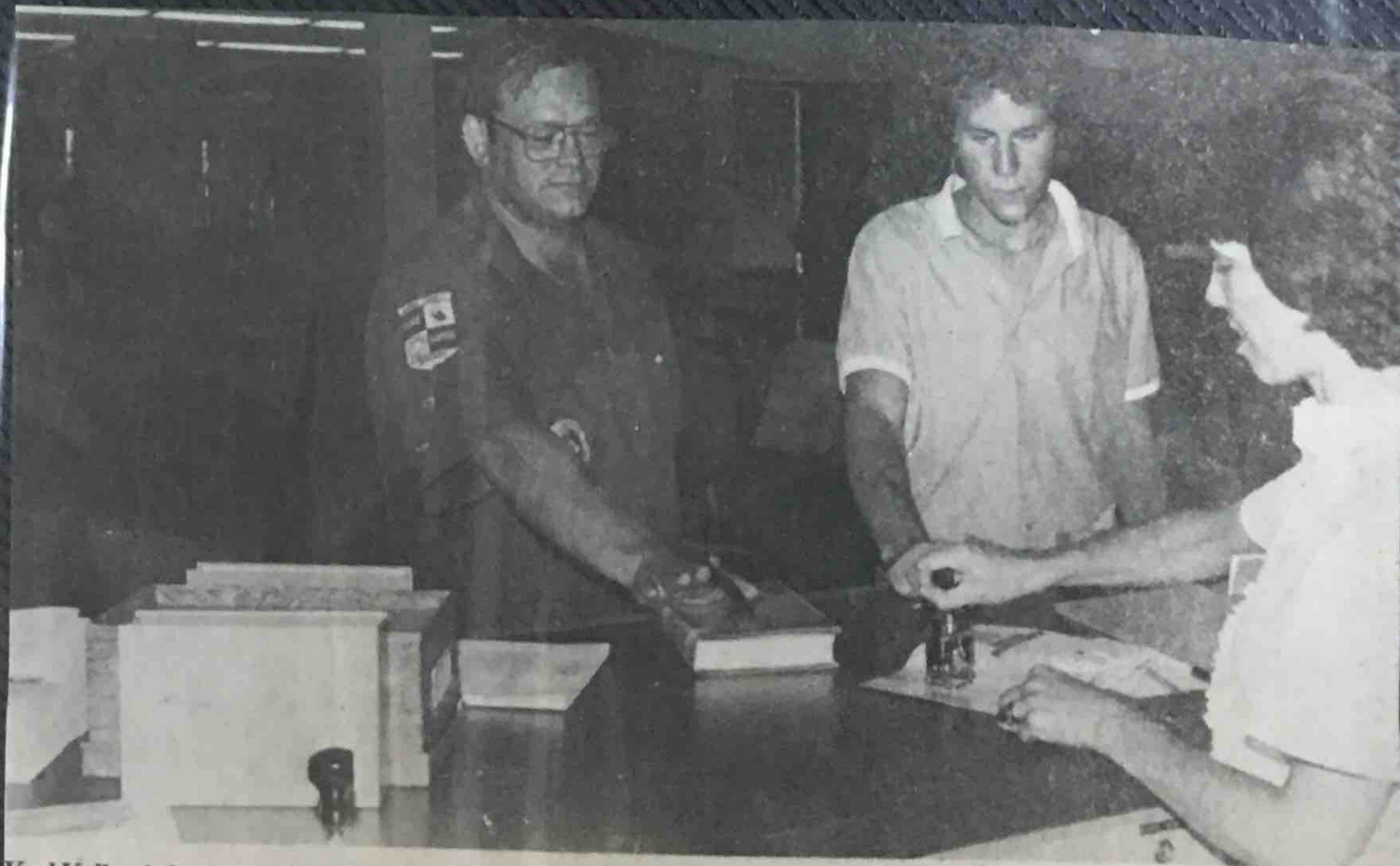
Harwood then presented a number of basic references that The Friends of the Library had donated to the library in the names of individuals and organizations deserving special recognition for their close association with the Kingwood Branch Library. Mrs. Jon Lindsay accepted her husband's text, a legal thesaurus, for his help in getting the library included in a bond election years ago. Commissioner Lyons accepted a law dictionary for his continued support

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Also receiving texts in recognition of their special efforts in helping the Kingwood Branch Library were Beverly Gaudlitz, gifts and bequests chairman of The Friends of the Library, The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, and The Kingwood Chapter of the American Association of University Women.

went up to accept his text on the American presidents. Brandon, the son of Ronald and Patti Abshire, was born in March, 1972 and has lived all his life at the same address in the Trailwood subdivision of Kingwood.

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Karl Kolbe, left, Fire Chief of the Kingwood Volunteer Fire Department, checks out the first book at the Kingwood Branch Library after its opening Monday afternoon. Also shown are Billy Elkins of Hunters Ridge and desk assistant Kathy Schlickman. [Staff photo by Michael Holden]



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Library collection targeted

## Campaign planned

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Contributions may also be made toward the purchase of other library materials, such as records, tapes, encyclopedias, directories, or for special equipment such as additional microfiche reader printers.

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point out that the new Kingwood Library is a beautiful facility with approximately 19,000 books currently on the shelves. But the library was designed to grow with the community, and it therefore contains space for a book collection which is expected to grow to 65,000 volumes, probably in the next 10 years.

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**BUY A BOOK** - Members of Friends of the Library Kingwood gathered with some enthusiastic library patrons this week to announce the official beginning of a Buy a Book for the Library Campaign to be held in Kingwood the week end of Nov. 5 and 6. Surrounded by Kingwood youngsters are John Whiteside, bottom left, Buy a Book chairman, Ken Harwood, top, president of the Friends of the Library, Marianne Lincoln, top, assistant Kingwood librarian, Beverly Gaudlitz, Major Gifts chairman, and Selene Hendricks (far right), residential chairman for the campaign. Children have been among the heaviest users of the library since it opened in August and the Buy a Book Campaign is expected to substantially increase the children's book collection. Helping to raise the banner are Timothy Tristan and Troy Spink, top, Steven Jones, Eric Whiteside, and Derek Gaudlitz, left, Cathy Whiteside and Tanya Tristan, seated front, and Kimberly Gaudlitz and Matt and Jake



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## 'Meet your library' next week

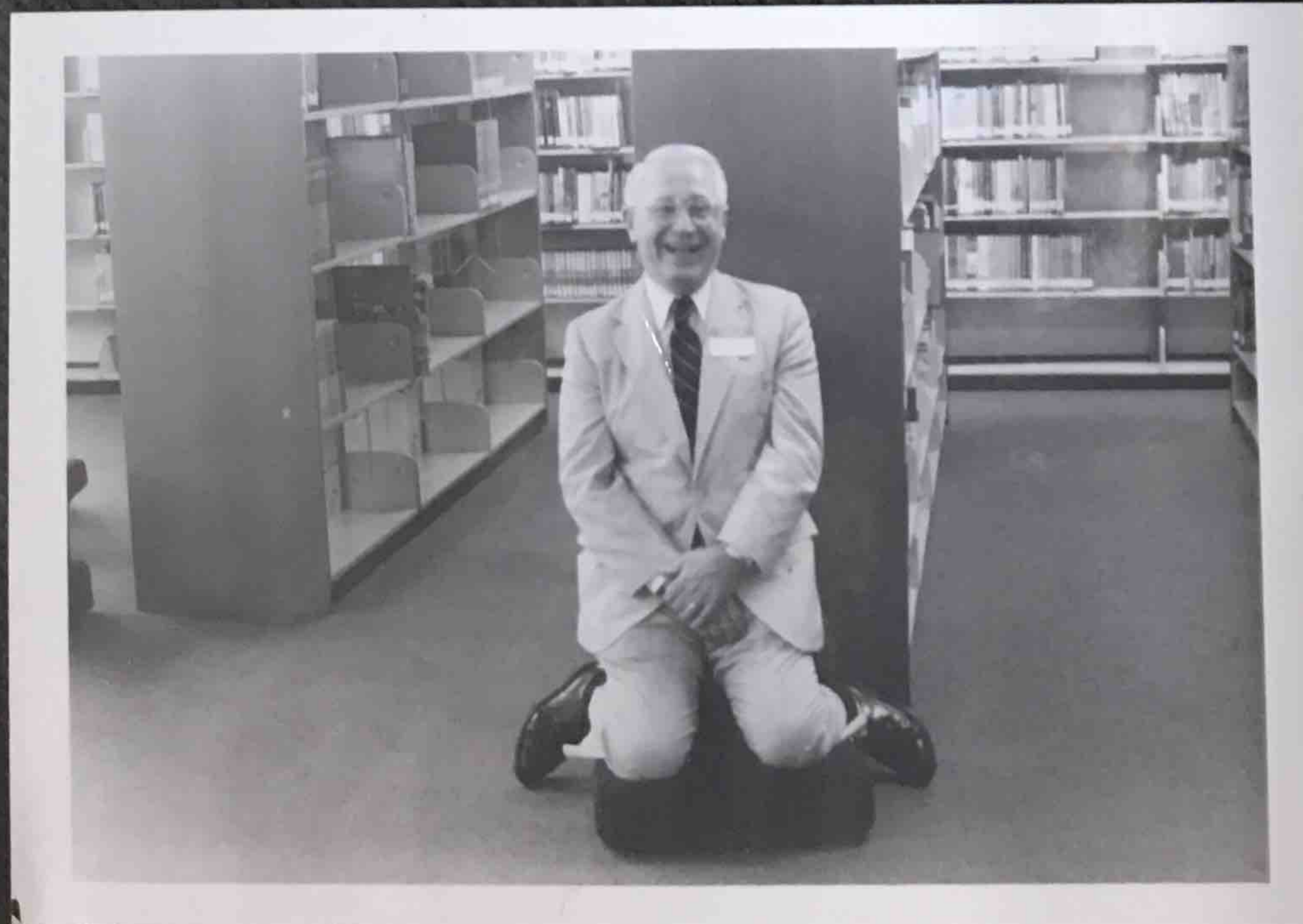
Friends of the Library, Kingwood, invite everyone to tour the new library and sign up for a library card next Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

The Friends will hold their first quarterly meeting in the new library building on Lake Houston Parkway next to the Park and

Ride Lot. Topic of the meeting will be "Meet Your Library," with a brief presentation of the Friends' Buy a Book for the Library Campaign. The public is invited to join the Friends in touring the new facility and for coffee and cookies in the community meeting room.



Standing in front of flower beds that will soon be filled with evergreen blueberry, members of the Kingwood Garden Club, Friends of the Library, and Kingwood Librarian Cindy Ecklund display landscaping plans for the new Kingwood Library. The Garden Club this week pledged a minimum \$1,000 contribution toward landscaping the library to the Friends' Buy a Book for the Library Campaign. From left to right are Ken Harwood, President of the Friends of the Library, Hilda Crim, Vice-President and Joanne Smith, President of the garden club, Cathy Owen, Frances Schneider, Gwen Crockett, Sue Womack, and Debra Wilson, garden club past and present officers.





# Workers to the streets

## in KW library book fund campaign

An estimated 500 section leaders and block workers will hit the streets the weekend of Nov. 5 and 6, when Kingwood and Forest Cove residents will be asked to contribute to the Kingwood Library Buy A Book Campaign.

The twelve Kingwood residents who have volunteered to act as village captains are busy recruiting the workers for the community-wide campaign, which will be sponsored by the Kingwood Friends of the Library.

The drive organizers hope to increase the amount of books and materials available through the new Kingwood library. The library has a capacity of 65,000 books. Usually Harris County will budget money for books aimed at bringing new libraries up to capa-

city over several years.

The Friends of the Library hope the Buy a Book Program will fill the new library in a much shorter period of time.

Plans call for volunteers to knock on every door in Kingwood and Forest Cove Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 5 and 6, and ask each family to buy a book for the library.

The 12,000 square foot Kingwood library currently has only a fraction of the books on the shelves that the library will eventually hold. The new library, which currently holds 19,000 books, is one of the most heavily used libraries in Harris County.

Kingwood borrowers checked out over 20,000 books during the first full month of operation. This means that many of

the volumes belonging to the library are checked out at one time.

The Buy a Book Campaign will give local residents the opportunity to increase the library collection and to add other useful materials which the library budget might not be able to provide.

Kingwood residents who have signed up so far to help organize the door-to-door effort include 12 village captains and 37 section leaders. Recruitment is still underway in Forest Cove. Anyone interested in joining may call Selene Hendricks, 358-1536, residential chairperson, or any of the village captains or section leaders.

Village captains and leaders are: Bear Branch - Darcel Weller, captain, Glennis Nokes, Gwen Emmett, Marilyn

Golson and Janet Wilson, section leaders; Elm Grove - Darlene Manzini, captain, Denise Wright, section leader; Fosters Mill - Judy Black, captain, Barbara Hale, Carol Cupples, Diane Samuelson, leaders; Greentree - Merrily Gullquist, captain, Elaine Comnes, Nancy Cross, Nancy Davis, leaders; Hunter Ridge - Mary Henderson, captain, Ann Foster, Dale Bauer, leaders; Kings Forest - Donna Kirk, captain, Dorothy Malone, Susan Goodman, Alma Griffith, leaders; Kingwood Lakes - Susan Flis, captain, JoAnn McMillan, Catrina Tollemache, Janice Lackey, Ann Preston, leaders; Sand Creek - Kathy Muhlee, captain, Susan Applegath, leader; Sherwood

Trails - Carol Rohloff, captain, Trailwood Village - Norma Payne, captain, Becky Reeves, Sue Womack, Barbara Byers, Wanda Bartels, Ellie Duke, leaders; Woodland Hills North - Kay Kelso, captain, Ellen Taylor, Carol Sloane, Molly Little, Penny Westerfeld, Camilla Sloan, leaders; Woodland Hills South - Phyllis Graves, captain, Ruby Marclay, Mary Beth Richardson, Billy and Valeria Prislowsky, Verna Venham, Freda Johnson, leaders.

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**BUY-A-BOOK VILLAGE CAPTAINS.** From left to right, bottom row, Darcel Weller, Bear Branch; Kathy Muhlee, Sand Creek; Norma Payne, Trailwood; Phyllis Graves, South Woodland Hills; Susan Flis, Kingwood Lakes; back row, Merrily Gullquist, Greentree; Carol Rohloff (standing), Sherwood Trails; Darlene Manzini, Elm Grove; John Whiteside, Buy-a-book chairman, Judy Black (seated), Fosters Mill; Beverly Gaulditz (seated), Gifts and Bequests chairman of the Friends of the Library; Mary Henderson (rear), Hunters Ridge; Selene Hendricks, Residential chairman; and Denise Wright, Elm Grove. Missing are Donna Kirk, Kings Forest, and Kay Kelso, South Woodland Hills.



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**POSTER WINNERS.** Students selected for their winning entry in the recent Kingwood Library poster contest received as their prize a \$50 savings account from RepublicBank Kingwood. All elementary students had the opportunity to participate and the winners were chosen Oct. 17. Shown left to right are Erik Isaacson, fifth grade, Bear Branch; Christi Bertrand, second grade, Foster;

Aaron Daniels, kindergarten, Woodland Hills; Keri Elliott, third grade, Bear Branch; Leslie Hoover (seated), first grade, Foster and Michael Byers, fourth grade, Foster. Terry Tuggle, bank president (standing, left), awarded the prizes. John Whiteside, chairman of the Buy a Book Campaign, congratulated the students.



# Library poster winners encourage

## 'Buy a Book' campaign

Kingwood children took a penetrating look at the new Kingwood Library this month and drew a series of posters depicting some of the things they saw. The Friends of the Library sponsored a poster contest in conjunction with the upcoming Buy a book for the Library Campaign.

Bear Branch first grader Sara Duesing drew a librarian with a large red heart in a library in the middle of Kingwood's trees, and called it the "Lovable Library." Amy Donovan, second grade, Foster School, said, "The library helps us all to learn," and showed a librarian checking out

books surrounded by all the familiar sights in a library. Judy Isaacson, fourth grade, Bear Branch, said, "Our library shelves are like a six-year-old's smile - lots of empty spaces."

Lee Schmitt, second grade, Bear Branch, drew a cheerleader saying, "Buy a book for the Kingwood Library." Dan Taylor, first grade,

Woodland Hills Elementary, drew "Everyone needs the library," while Cecilia Roth, first grade, Woodland Hills, drew a portrait of the children's librarian with one affectionate title "Wicki."

Michelle Sirianni, fourth grade, Woodland Hills, says "Books bring us new friends," while Richard Murray, first grade, Woodland Hills, drew, "The library has books for everyone." Courtney Kelso, first grade, Woodland Hills, drew "A book is a kid's best friend." "We love books, but we need more," drew Lilla Geisler, second grade, Foster, with which the Friends heartily agree.

Winners of the contest, who had some stiff competition, were Erik Isaacson, fifth grade, Bear Branch, for his entry "Our library has a lot of empty shelves - you can help fill them up," Michael Byers, fourth

grade, Foster School, who said, "Our library needs a helping hand." Keri Elliott, third grade, Bear Braanch, drew "Stand out in a crowd,

buy a book for the library." Christi Bertrand, second grade, Foster, depicted an open book with the words "Buy a book for the library." Leslie Hoover, first grade, Foster, drew, "Hey, Kingwood, get hooked on books," and the kindergarten winner was Arron Daniels of Woodland Hills. Arron drew a bookworm and said "You don't have to be a worm to learn."

Prizes were \$50 savings accounts awarded by RepublicBank Kingwood. Posters will be on display at the Library until Nov. 1, then will be displayed in various Kingwood stores and locations.

The Buy a Book campaign is scheduled for the weekend of Nov. 5 and 6. Volunteers will be knocking on doors asking residents to Buy a Book for the library.

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# Residents asked to make 'Buy a Book' campaign a success

We all know the new Kingwood Library needs books. On the weekend of Nov. 5 and 6, the Kingwood Friends of the Library will sponsor a Buy a Book for the Library Campaign, which hopefully will increase the number of hard and paper back books available for circulation. But the drive

is also targeted at buying "additional equipment and materials." This week the Friends revealed a "wish list" — a selection of specialized resources and equipment that librarians often cannot squeeze into tight public budgets.

One item requested are study carrels.

Friends' spokesmen point out that the library serves 26,000 local residents and is often crowded. Study carrels would provide a degree of isolation for those who need quiet.

Another need is for more micro-fiche reader printers. These are devices which permit the library to store many reference

resources on micro-fiche. The researcher finds the citation he is looking for, pushes a button, and for a dime, takes a copy of the reference home with him. Or he may simply take notes in the library. The real importance of the micro-fiche capability is the amount of information which may be stored in the library in limited space. Along with the actual readers, there is also a need to subscribe to or purchase many materials which are increasingly becoming available in the new form. These include college catalogs, annual reports of New York and American Stock Exchange Companies, the Consumer Health Information Service, back issues of specialized periodicals, and many others.

The Kingwood Community Librarian, Cindy Ecklund, is a former business specialist of the Houston Public Library. On the Friends' "wish list" are a number of business tools which can be of great value to people who own or are thinking of buying a

business in the area. There are also many resources which would be helpful to persons looking for jobs, thinking of changing careers, or pondering ways to upgrade their present skills.

Among other items mentioned on the list are an art encyclopedia; government documents, including public papers of the presidents, a biographical directory and a code of federal regulations; the dictionary of the History of Ideas; the dictionary of Medical Syndromes; Facts on File; Dictionary of American Biography and many more.

Most importantly, the Friends say, it is hoped that the Buy a Book Campaign will add many resources to the children's section of the library. On the wish list is a request for funds to be used exclusively for children's picture books. There is also a need to buy books to

develop specific areas of the juvenile non-fiction collection such as materials needed for Science Fair projects, Texas History, computers and related technology, biography

and other subjects.

Today's libraries are more than a house for books, the Friends point out. Studies show more and more people using libraries for a vast array of informational needs.

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On the "wish list" - the microfiche reader printer is put to good use at the new Kingwood Library. Friends of the Library cite additional microfiche reader printers as part of the "additional equipment and materials" targeted in November's Buy a Book campaign.

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# Book drive slated

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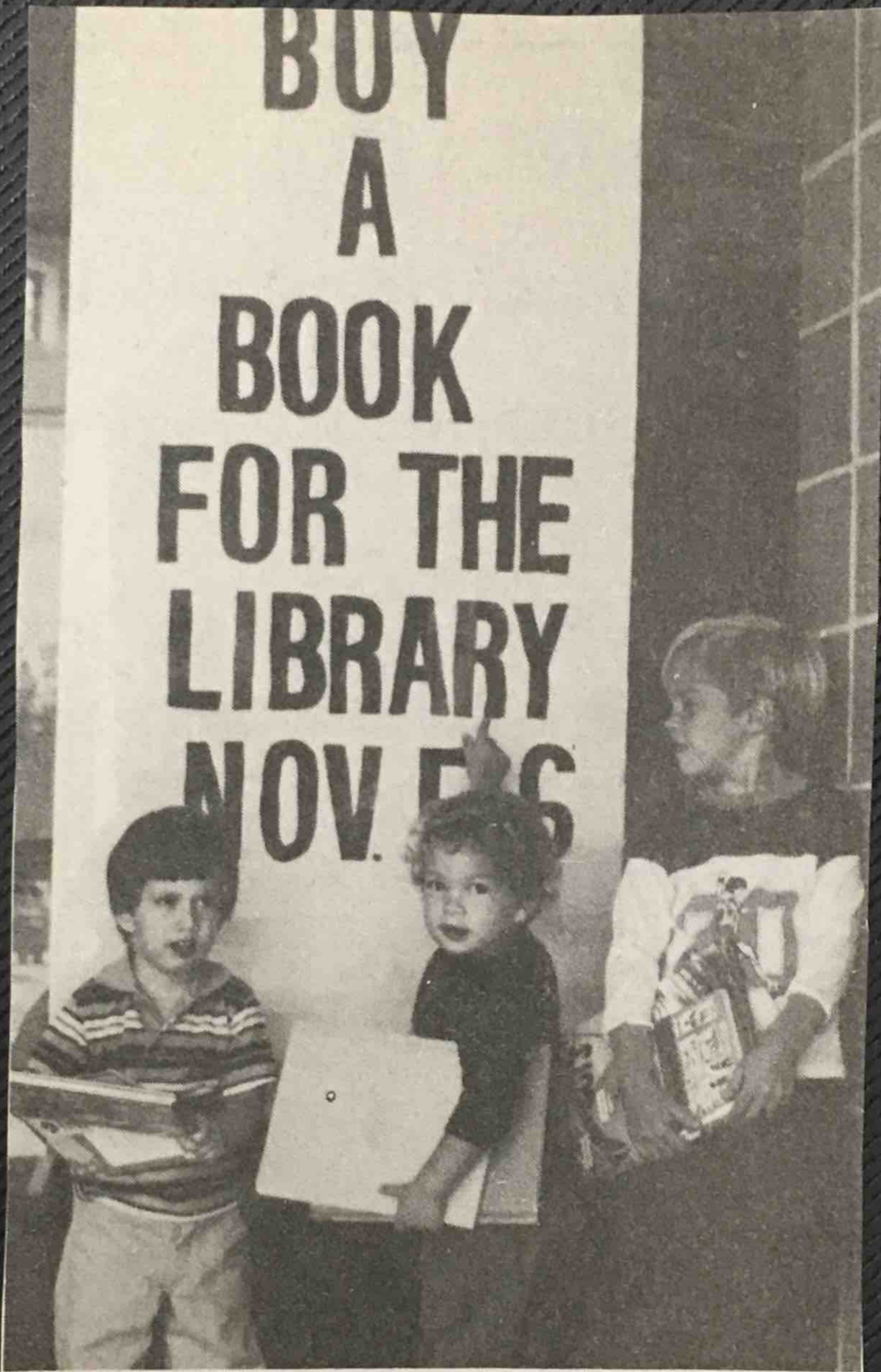
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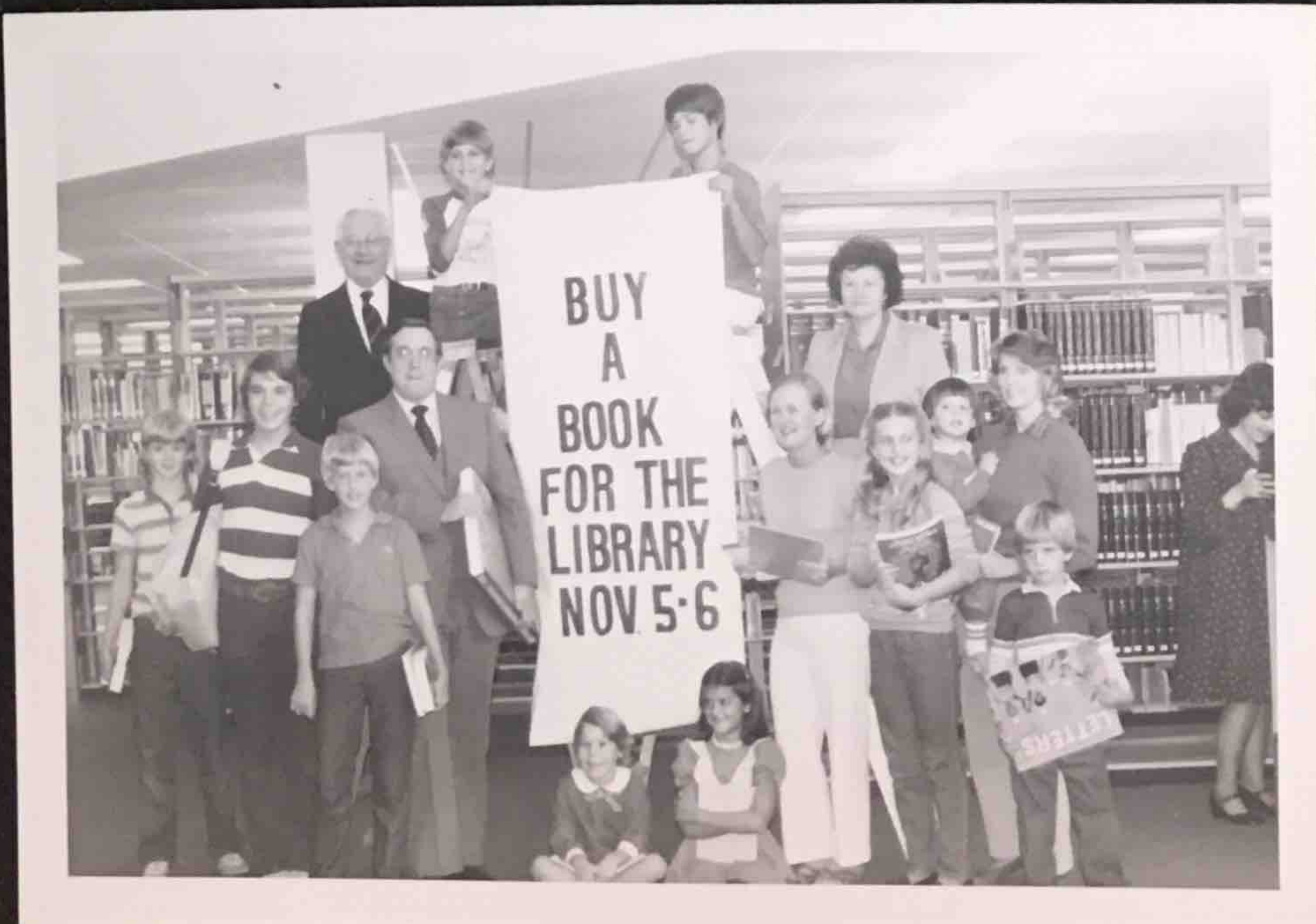


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**TRAINING SESSION.** A preliminary collection figure for the Kingwood Library Buy-A-Book Campaign as of Sunday night was \$32,453. Approximately 468 block workers canvassed Kingwood over

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## Kingwood Branch Library meets many interests

Whether you're a nature lover, literary buff, architectural expert or an inquisitive six year old, the Kingwood Library is an experience not to be missed. Located at the intersection of Lake Houston Parkway and Rustic Woods Drive in Kingwood, the library opened its doors Aug. 21 and has the overall appearance of a church — designed for books.

Designed by Goleman & Rolfe Associates, Inc., Architecture, a Houston based architectural and design firm, the 12,000 sq. ft. library with a 66,000 volume capacity, currently contains 20,337 volumes.

A Harris County Texas Public Branch Library, the architectural design of the project includes a single story structure with a diagonal gallery segregating the stack area from the administrative and meeting areas.

According to Oza Bouchard, project manager for Goleman & Rolfe, "The Kingwood Library is a very design-oriented project. The gallery is the focal point and has been designed with a high vaulted ceiling. Clerestory windows bring natural light into all areas surrounding the gallery which has successfully reduced artificial lighting requirements and created a very natural reading environment.

The library includes a children's section designed by Goleman & Rolfe's Interiors Group which contains soft sculptures and innovative seating structures that allow children to establish their desired reading positions with each position obtainable promoting proper posture.

Additionally, the facility includes an office for the Branch Head Librarian, work stations for assistant librarians and storage

areas. A 400 square foot meeting room has also been incorporated for community use.

Tucked in the trees of the Kingwood forest

the building is constructed of rust-colored brick with green metal accent facia and dark brown glass.



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## Book campaign nears \$40,000 mark

The Buy-A-Book campaign for the Kingwood Library approached the \$40,000 mark on the evening of Nov. 7 as block workers and individuals who had been gone during the weekend continued to turn in donations at the library.

Friends of the Library President Ken Harwood announced a total of \$39,700 had been contributed at that time. Approximately 2,700 individuals or families have returned donor cards.

This total does not include matching funds

which a number of donors requested through their corporations. Anyone who thinks his contribution may qualify for an equal grant from his company should contact his firm or the Friends of the Library at Box 5353, Kingwood, Texas 77339.

The Friends expressed a special thanks to the residents who returned matching forms with their contributions.

Intensive efforts are underway to complete accounting and auditing procedures as rapidly as possible so that book purchasing can begin

immediately.

A note of gratitude was expressed by the Friends to the 468 Kingwood residents who gave up their time to attend training sessions and to walk their blocks on that weekend.

"The enthusiastic response and willingness to help, even though last weekend was rainy and wet in Kingwood, made

the Buy-A-Book project an effort any community would be proud of," a Friends' spokesman said.

The Friends also thanked Kingwood Cablevision for continuing to run campaign totals on the weather tape. Updated reports will be forthcoming as residents continue to bring contributions to the library and counting continues.



















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## Literate little ones

The Kingwood Library has three new volumes this week, as the Friends of the Library presented books in honor of three new arrivals whose mothers are "special" Friends of the Library. Viewing books which have been placed in the library in their names are Raymond Winters "Beau" Stockstill and his mom Meggen, membership chairman of the Friends; William Michael Whittington with mom Christi, Friends' vice president; and Courtney Reed with her mom Sharon Biasca, news editor of the

Observer. The Friends said they hope mothers and babies will enjoy visiting their books in the library for many years and that many other young people will enjoy the books as well. The volumes given to the library are "Scientists and Inventors — The People Who Made Technology From Earliest Times to Present Day," "A World's Treasury of Children's Literature," and "A Complete Book of U.S. Presidents."





**CIVIC CLUB.** Members of the Kingwood Civic Club (KCC) joined with Friends of the Library (FOLK) and Cathy Park, county librarian (second from left with book in hand), in inspecting the library's newest acquisition -- an index table and chairs. The item in the Kingwood library will allow patrons easy access to the library's business services. From left to right, standing, are: Ken Harwood, 1984-1985 president of FOLK; Cathy Park, director of the Harris County Library system; Betty Bourg of the KCC; Christi Whittington, 1986-1987 FOLK president; and, Cindy Ecklund, Kingwood librarian. Front row: Elmer and Amelia Murphy and Gail Saucedo, KCC members. The KCC donated \$2,600 to the 1985 Buy a Book Campaign for the purchase of the lecturn in the library's meeting room and the index table and chairs shown above. A special plaque will mark the table as a gift to the library from the community.





**A CHRISTMAS TRADITION IN KINGWOOD.** The Kingwood High School A Capella choir will highlight the fifth annual community Christmas party at the Kingwood Library at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 7. Santa will

visit with the children in the children's section beginning at 7 p.m. Friends of the Library and its staff encourage all to attend. There will be punch and cookies, a Christmas tree provided by the Kingwood Garden Club and candies provided by Texas Commerce Bank, Kingwood.

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## Library earns state award

The Kingwood and Forest Cove community received another honor this week as the Texas State Library Association selected the 1986 Buy a Book Campaign of the Friends of the Library Kingwood as the State Library Project of the Year.

The Friends were notified that the award would be presented at a

gathering of Librarians and Friends' groups from all over the state in San Antonio April 8. Herb Hudson, chairman of the Buy a Book Campaign will accept for the Friends.

At the Harris County Commis-

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## State commendation

Friends of the Library Kingwood this week received a resolution presented by the Harris County Commissioners Court commending the Kingwood Community's Buy-a-Book Campaign for being selected Texas State Library Project of the Year. From left to right are Wanda Hudson, Ken Harwood, Kingwood librarian Cindy Ecklund, Commissioner E.A. "Squatty" Lyons, Christi Whittington, president of the Friends, Herb Hudson, chairman of the campaign, and County Judge Jon Lindsay.

## Library honored with award

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sioners' Court March 24, Judge Jon Lindsay and the commissioners passed a resolution commending the residents of Kingwood and Forest Cove for their "deeply rooted involvement in the Kingwood Branch Library."

Since 1983, Buy a Book Campaigns have raised more than \$126,652 to buy books for the library, helping to increase the number of books from 19,000 on opening day to 36,000 volumes this year.

The Friends thank everyone who contributed to the Buy a Book Campaigns, in any way. The Friends point out that two-thirds of the number of local residents hold library cards, borrowing more than 300,000 books a year.

Herb Hudson, chairman of the 1986 Buy a Book Campaign, particularly thanked the 436 residents who volunteered to walk their blocks for the campaign. "They are the people who really made the campaign a success," he said.







Turnabout is fair play- While the staff of Kingwood Branch Library were thanking library volunteers at a luncheon April 27, Friends of the Library turned the tables and thanked the staff for their work during the year and presented each staff member with a Friends of the Library book bag. From left to right (back row) are Lee O'Rear, Bette Hernandez, Marianne Lincoln, Cindy Ecklund, (front) Betty Sayles, Monica Norem and Jeanette Wickander. Not pictured are Billie Tarver and Jane McCoy. The Friends pointed out that two thirds of Kingwood residents are registered borrowers at the library, well above the national average for the percentage of a community that use the library on a frequent basis. These numbers make the Kingwood Library one of the busiest in the county and the Friends thanked the staff for keeping up with these demands.



## *Library friends*

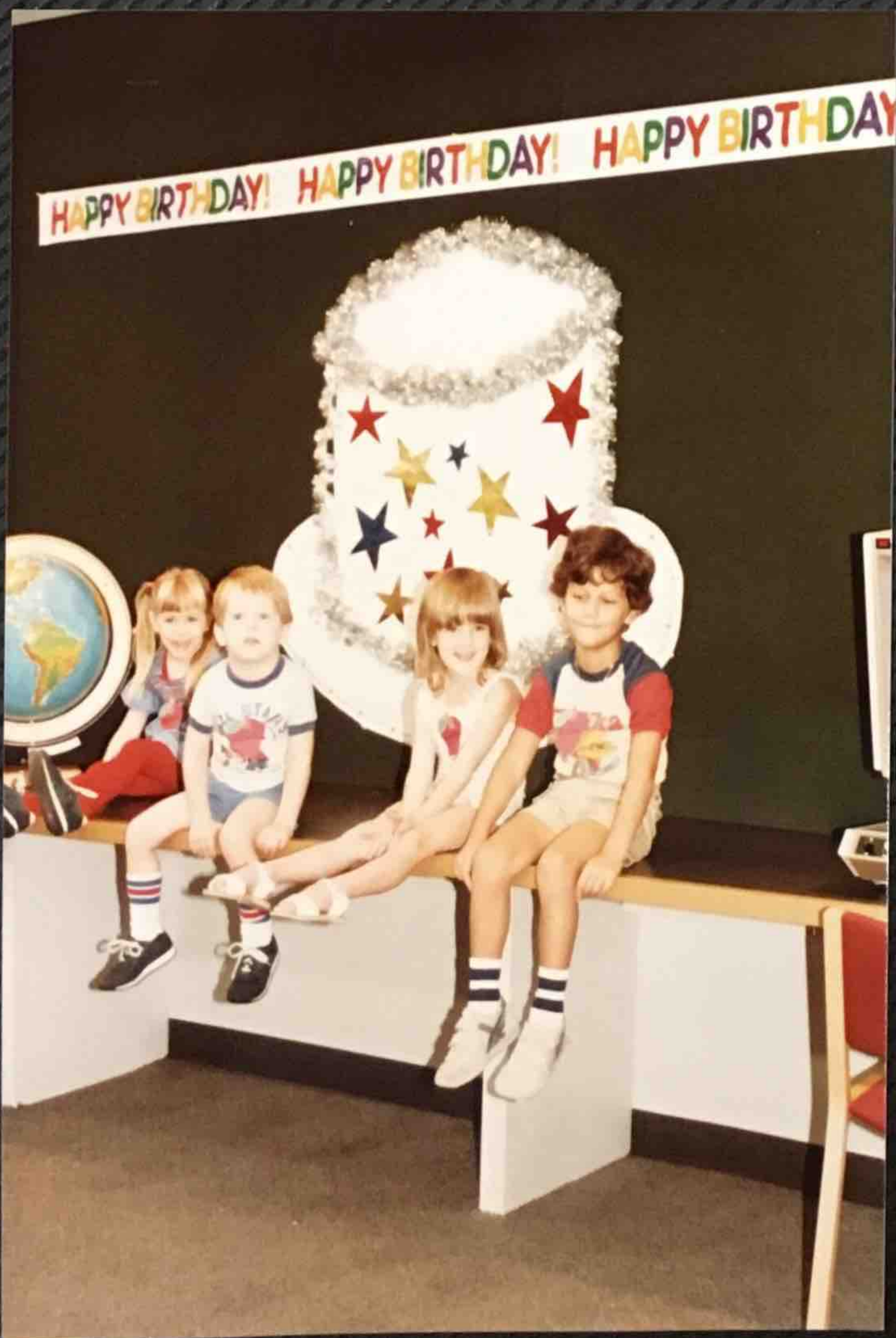
The residents of Kingwood showed that they love their library with a celebration of the library's birthday. Shown displaying cakes donated by Holiday Foods and Randalls are Judy Foody, president of the Friends of the

Library, Tawna Harris and daughter Carrera, Marianne Lincoln, assistant Kingwood librarian, Jennifer Wynn and Jodi Barton, Pam Charlesworth, board member of the Friends of the Library and Kingwood resident Pam Wynn.

















## Spellweaver spins yarns at library

By DARILYNN P. GAYLE  
Observer staff 7/19/89

Imagine 150 children sitting spellbound for one hour speaking not a word, eyes wide, mouths agape, with no motion. Some people might say it's a miracle but parents of children gathered at the Kingwood Library would say it's Jeannine Pasini Beekman, Spellweaver and Storyteller extraordinaire.

A full house of anxious children and parents greeted Beekman at her performance on July 13 when she hosted two sessions for children four years old and above.

"We are always excited to have Jeannine speak at the Library," said Connie Dye, children's librarian. "The children love her storytelling and she always draws a large crowd."

Beekman is widely respected as a storytelling teacher and workshop

leader. Following fourteen years as the principal storyteller for the Houston Public Library, she is now a freelance performer and consultant.

In addition to being a regular contributor to the Bayou Bard and the Texas Teller publications, she is co-founder of the Houston Storytellers Guild, a director of the Children's Theater of Houston and a member of the National Association for the Preservation and Perpetuation of Storytelling.

"Stories are an unsurpassed tool for stimulating imagination and creativity, increasing cultural awareness, building self-esteem, and balancing technology and negative peer pressure," said Beekman.

Because "there is no wrong way

**USED BOOK SALE.** The next FOLK sponsored used book sale will be held September 23 at the Kingwood Library. Please bring in all of your used books to ensure the success of the event. Echo 7-26-89

By SUSAN DRYER  
Friends of the Library, Kingwood  
Observer 7/26/89

Libraries are about books, and books are about words, but there are also some interesting numbers associated with the Kingwood Branch Library.

It is not the largest branch in the Harris County system, but it circulates more books each month than any other branch. In June, 6,000 books were checked out to some of the 13,700 cardholders. This represents an increase of 1500 books more than the number of books checked out in June of 1988. Over 115,000 books have been circulated this year.

The Kingwood branch houses 2,152 volumes of reserve and cir-

culating books and 73,449 non-book items such as audio and video tapes, records, magazines, and the microfiche collection which includes magazines, telephone books of U.S. cities, and college catalogs of every major college in the U.S.

Kingwood conducts a most successful program series. Almost 1100 people have attended 12 special programs presented this year.

How many people staff this popular branch library? There are four librarians, four desk assistants, one custodian, one part-time shelver, and about 40 volunteers. FOLK is over 70 members strong.

Library hours are: Monday, 1-9; Tuesday, 10-6; Wednesday, 10-9; Thursday, 10-6; Friday, 1-6; Saturday, 10-5.

**BOOK REVIEWS** are welcome from adults and children on fiction, non-fiction, new books and old favorites. To submit a review include your name, grade if in school, name of the book, the author, and a few lines about the book. Turn in reviews at the library.

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FOLK (Friends of the Library, Kingwood) is a non-profit group dedicated to raising funds for the purchase of books and equipment, and the sponsoring of special events for the benefit of the Kingwood Library.





## *Acapella choir*

Photo by STEVEN AUNAN

David Stotlar (far right) directs Kingwood's Acapella choir last week during a visit to the

Kingwood Library. the choir performs every year.



## *Santa's friend*

Photo by STEVEN A

Caitlin Pascarelli tells Santa Claus what she would like for Christmas, during Santa's visit to Kingwood Library last week. Caitlin wants a doll and a babysitter for her mother for Christmas.





**RECENTLY ELECTED.** Officers of Friends of the Library Kingwood recently elected are pictured above at a board meeting. From the left on the front row are Wanda Hudson, used book sale; Wanda Baratels, membership; Marianne Lincoln, president; and Jody Warneck, corresponding secretary. Standing are Herb Hudson, used book sale; Ken Harwood and Paula Tolbert, at large; Kathy Scharer, treasurer; Pam Dettmers, publicity; Kathy Sjpirakes, vice president; Judy Foody, recording secretary; Kathryn Thomas, newsletter; Mart Markway, historian and Paula Beste, art show. Folk's Buy A Book campaign is slated for Nov. 7 through 11.



## Buy-A-Book

Workers for the upcoming Buy-A-Book campaign for the Kingwood Library recently got together to discuss plans. FOLK Board members shown are: front row, left to right, Cindy Ecklund, Branch Librarian; and Kathy Sharer, treasurer. Back row, Judy Warnack,

Kathy Spirakes, Wanda Bartels and Paula Tolbert. The Buy-A-Book campaign is Nov. 7-11. Local residents will be asked to invest \$15 minimum for the purchase of new books and equipment.