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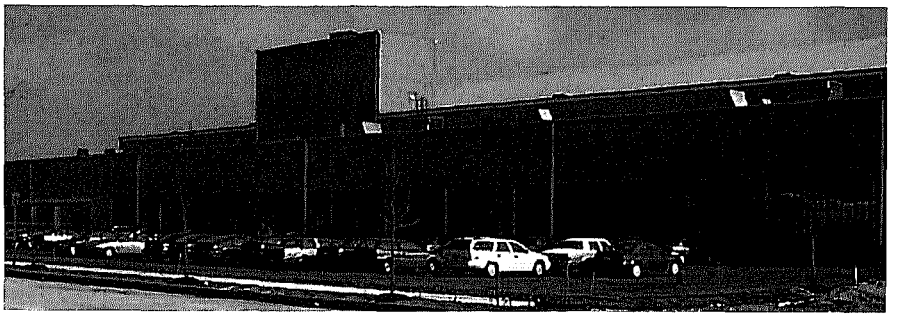

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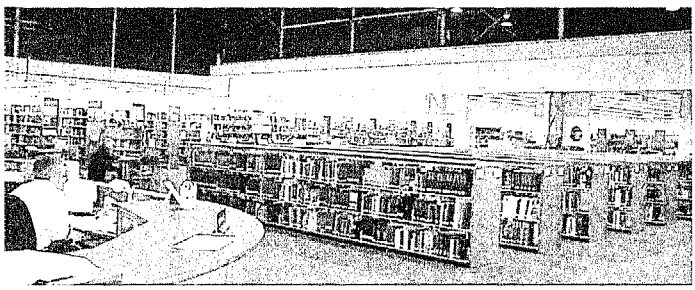
Greetings from 274 E. 1st Avenue!

That address is the big story for the State Library's FY2001 Annual Report.

For those of you who haven't followed the story, in June 1996 (in an article in the Columbus Dispatch*) we discovered that the State Supreme Court would soon dispossess the State Library from 65 S. Front Street, the State Library's home, beginning in 1933. Thus began our oddyssey.*



For nearly four years, we staggered from rathole to rathole, suffered through false starts, searching for a new home. Then, light appeared on the horizon--actually, it appeared about two miles north of downtown Columbus in the form of the old Jeffrey Manufacturing Plant.

Suddenly, there before us was more than 100,000 square feet of space under one roof on one floor. Suddenly, we had a facility that could support range after range of federal and state documents; that could handle fully-loaded, half-ton microform cases; that would, most importantly, bring together staff on one floor. The fact that the building wasn't fully enclosed; that it had crane rails in its high bay; that it had, for years, housed more pigeons than people, did not faze us. We had found Shangri-La.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

e planned. We moved.

We survived.

Tracy Grimm
HEAD, AUTOMATED LOAN SERVICES

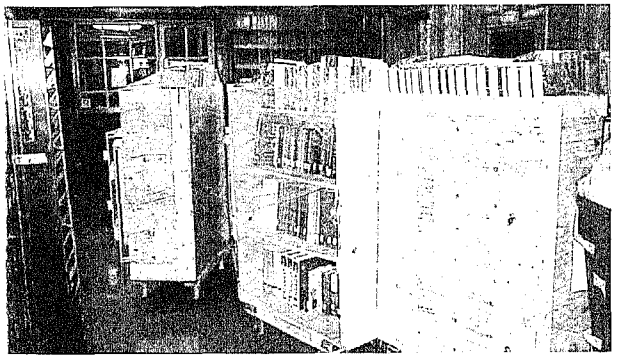
We also discovered that finding Shangri-La and moving into it were two entirely different issues. But in late December 2000, we packed up one hundred of our friends and neighbors (aka, staff) and two million of our favorite library items and hauled them through the streets of downtown Columbus and into the Italian Village area.

In retrospect, ignorance was bliss. Had we realized five years ago what lay before us, well, resumes would have been flying out of the State Library and, for those who stayed, sleep would have never come.

Today, here we are, in a new home, making all the adjustments necessary when you relocate--finding new routes to work, finding new places to eat, finding new stores to take our money. As the following pages will show, we believe the State Library is now physically positioned to serve you better.

Which, in fact, is all that we really sought in a new home.

The Move



As of December 2000 the State Library was ready to move out. We started with the collection.

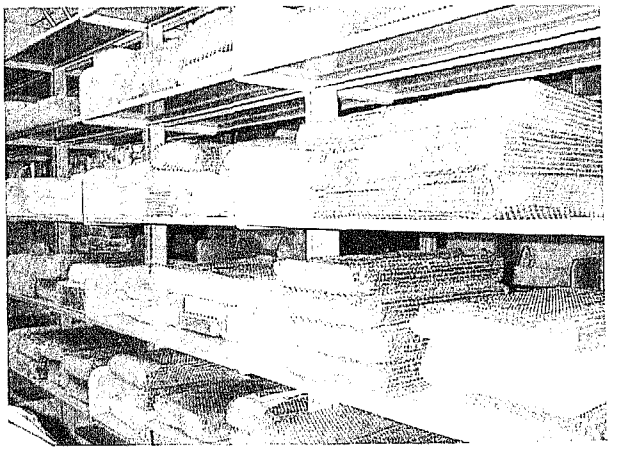
At 65 S. Front Street, the more than 2 million volume collection was scattered over 5 floors. The challenge was to transfer all these materials so that they could be shelved in the new facility in the planned order. Librarians worked with teams of movers at both ends of the move to guide the shelving of the collection on more than 18 miles of new shelves.

The collection was moved in a little more than 5 weeks.

On December 26, all State Library staff, almost 100 people, were moved to the new facility in one day.

Moving boxes is one thing. "Moving in" is another. Once in the new facility, as the movers continued to transfer the collection, staff unpacked and got organized.

The State Library opened to patrons on January 29, 2001.



Automation

ith the move to the new facility, the greatest impact was the new computer room. The entire computer room that houses the voice and data networks is on a power backup system to provide 24 hour, 7 day a week, un-interruptible service. The new facility gave us the opportunity to implement a structured wiring system, making it easier to cross cut both voice and data. Network performance, security and flexibility was improved through the implementation of a switched network. Yeah new building!

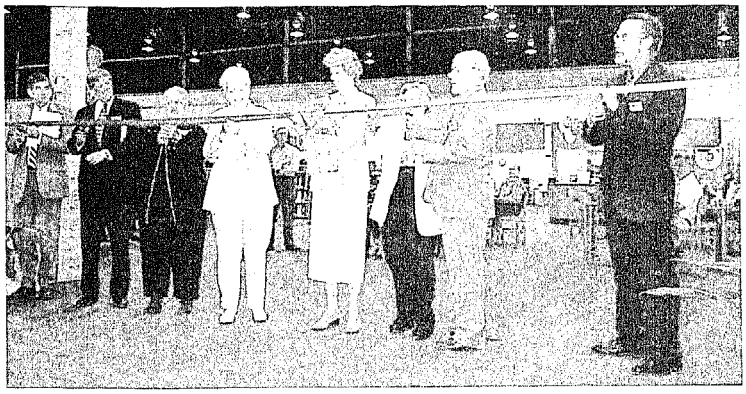
Pete Bates
Deputy Director
Information Systems Technology

Technical Services

he staff in Technical Services did a great job with the move. Staff had the patience of Job when it came to solving problems and settling in to the new workspace. In the new offices, staff are able to work together more effectively to serve our clients and support both the INNOPAC and Dynix [SEO] systems.

Judy Cerqua
Head, Technical Services

On May 29, 2001 more than 400 people helped the State Library dedicate its new facility. State and federal legislators, representatives of the Ohio library community, the local neighborhood, and former employees of the Jeffrey Manufacturing Company attended the ribbon cutting, toured the facilities and enjoyed refreshments all day as the Library celebrated its new home.



After Michael S. Lucas, State Librarian, welcomed everyone Sarah Mackey, President of the Italian Village Society, welcomed the State Library to the neighborhood. David Miller, President of the State Library Board, pointed out the advantages of the new site over the old facility at the Ohio Departments Building.

Hope Taft, First Lady of Ohio and registered State Library user, held up the State Library as a symbol of what Ohio can do.

After the ribbon was cut, Mr. Lucas led a tour of the new facility. The State Library also dedicated the Huguenot Cabinet, presented by the Ohio Huguenot Society to house the Huguenot collection, providing researchers access to this unique material.

In conjunction with the State Library's Dedication, the Ohio Historical Society, which houses the Jeffrey Mining Company photo archive, installed a photo exhibit highlighting the history of the Jeffrey Manufacturing Company and its impact on Columbus.

Research Services

y finally having all the departments of research services in one area, it's become clear just how busy genealogy really is. Staff have been cross training to learn other departments' work, in order to help cover the areas that need more staff. All reference staff have been trained in genealogy and are working a regular rotation there, as well as helping to shelve materials and work on projects. This has eased Genealogy librarians' workload quite a bit. Reference staff are currently learning government documents on a training rotation. The Government Information Services staff will be cross trained in reference and genealogy after the reference staff are done with their rotation training.

Gretchen Persohn
Head, Research Services

Talking Book Program

positive impact of the move has been the easy and accessible parking our patrons find when they visit us. Also, they have an easier time finding us within the building.

Judy Bow
Head, Talking Book Program

LSTA Grants Awarded • July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001

LIBRARY NAME	PROJECT NAME	AMOUNT
Central Ohio[1]		
Columbus Metropolitan Library	Services to Youth	15,000
Delaware County District Library	Training	13,076
Grandview Heights PL	Resource Sharing	79,834
Metropolitan Educational Council Data Center	Automation	420,156
Northern Buckeye Education Council	INFOhio Training	21,930
Ohio Library Council	LAMA Institute	4,000
Ohio Library Council	Recruitment Video	70,000
Ohio Library Council	Reference Training	30,000
Thurber House	Speaker/Workshop	3,500
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Northeast Ohio[2]		
Berea City Schools	Innovative Technology	14,886
Buckeye Local Schools	Resource Sharing	10,039
CAMLS	Mgmt Training Series	4,900
Claymont City Schools	Services to Youth	15,000
Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library	Services to Youth	13,068
Cleveland Public Library	Blind & Physically Handicapped	112,453
Cleveland Public Library	Keystone Conversion	1,600
Cleveland Public Library	Keystone Training	1,923
Council of Ashtabula County Libraries	Resource Sharing	5,625
Girard City Schools	Resource Sharing	12,240
Grand River Academy	Resource Sharing	15,000
Hubbard Public Library	Resource Sharing	6,832
Kent State University, East Liverpool	Training	3,450
Kent State University, SLIS	Training	14,759
Lake Co Educational Service Center	Automation	131,803
Lakeshore Northeast Ohio Computer Association	Resource Sharing	15,000
Liberty Local School District	Resource Sharing	11,759
Maplewood Local School District	Resource Sharing	13,889
Mathews Local School District	Resource Sharing	13,986
MOLO Regional Library System	Training	14,180
Newton Falls Public Library	Resource Sharing	14,669
Orrville Public Library	Services to Underserved	7,275
Shaker Heights Public Library	Services to Youth	15,000
Stark County District Library	Coop Association to Youth	12,990
Stark County Educational Service Center	Coop Association to Youth	13,312
Warren City Schools	Resource Sharing	14,252
Wayne County Public Library	Training	12,200
Western Reserve Historical Society	Automation	145,151
Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library	Innovative Technology	13,968
Northwest Ohio[3]		
Auglaize County Special Needs Preschool	Services to Underserved	14,175
Clear Fork Valley Local School District	Resource Sharing	11,174
Ida Rupp Public Library	Services to Underserved	6,094
Indian Lake School	Reissuance of VW	10,900
INFOhio/Northwest Ohio Computer Association	Resource Sharing	15,000
Mercer Co District Library	Resource Sharing	126,564
New London Public Library	Resource Sharing	15,000
Northern Buckeye Education Council	Automation	79,798
Northwest Ohio Computer Association	Resource Sharing	15,000
NORWELD	Innovative Technology	14,996
NORWELD	Video Conferencing	52,789
St. Wendelin High School	Innovative Technology	15,000
Western Buckeye Educational Service Center	Automation	340,708

[1] Central Ohio counties include: Marion, Morrow, Knox, Union, Deleware, Licking, Madison, Franklin, Fairfield, Pickaway

[2] Northeast Ohio counties include: Lorain, Cuyahoga, Lake, Ashtabula, Ashland, Medina, Summit, Geauga, Portage, Trumbull, Wayne, Stark, Mahoning, Columbiana, Holmes, Tuscarawas, Carroll, Coshocton

[3] Northwest Ohio counties include: Williams, Fulton, Lucas, Ottawa, Defiance, Henry, Wood, Sandusky, Erie, Paulding, Putnam, Hancock, Seneca, Huron, Van Wert, Allen, Hardin, Wyandot, Crawford, Richland, Mercer, Auglaize, Shelby, Logan.

[4] Southeast Ohio counties include: Muskingum, Guernsey, Harrison, Jefferson, Perry, Morgan, Noble, Belmont, Monroe, Hocking, Athens, Washington, Vinton, Meig Jackson, Gallia, Lawrence

[5] Southwest Ohio counties include: Darke, Miami, Champaign, Clark, Preble, Montgomery, Greene, Fayette, Butler, Warren, Clinton, Highland, Ross, Pike, Hamilton Clermont, Brown, Adams, Scioto

Southeast Ohio[4]		
Ohio University-Lancaster	Training	[illegible]
OVAL	Tech Connections 3	3,000
Perry County District Library	Services to Youth	9,875
Public Library of Steubenville & Jefferson County	Services to Underserved	85,390
Puskarich Public Library	Training	14,191
SOLO Regional Library System	Continuing Education Survey	3,000
SOLO Regional Library System	Video Conferencing	52,789
Tri-Valley Local Schools	Automation	54,329
Southwest Ohio[5]		
Cincinnati State & Technical College	Training	15,000
Edgewood City Schools	Services to Underserved	11,325
GCLC	Training	14,930
Highland County District Library	Services to Youth	3,496
Metro Dayton Educational Cooperative Association	Resource Sharing	13,287
Pike Co JVS/ESC	Automation	129,154
Portsmouth Public Library	Resource Sharing	15,000
Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County	Blind & Physically Handicapped	82,940
Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County	Keystone Training	1,000
Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County	Reference Back-up	30,953
Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County	Services to Youth	10,299
South Central Ohio Computer Association	Resource Sharing	13,287
Union-Scioto Local School District	Resource Sharing	9,870
TOTAL LSTA FUNDS - SFY 2001		**$2,645,495**

	GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS	LSTA	RECEIPTS FROM SERVICES	CAPITAL	TOTAL EXPENDED
Personal Service	4,918,403	737,256	325,761	-0-	5,981,420
Maintenance	2,083,941	474,372	281,720	-0-	2,840,033
Equipment	380,078	1,221,005	429,658	-0-	2,030,741
Library Materials	486,821	324,402	68,503	-0-	879,726
OPLIN	5,736,922	-0-	788,484	-0-	6,525,406
Grants & State Aid	4,519,178	2,645,495	-0-	-0-	7,164,673
Refunds	-0-	-0-	855	-0-	855
Capital	-0-	-0-	-0-	78,262	78,262
Total State Library Expenditures	**18,125,343**	**5,402,530**	**1,894,981**	**78,262**	**25,501,116**

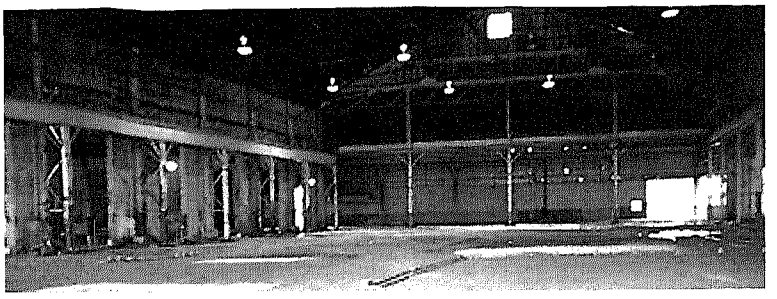
SOURCES OF FUNDS		
Capital	$78,262	1%
Services (b)	1,894,981	7%
LSTA	5,402,530	21%
GRF Funds (a)	18,125,343	71%
Total Funds	**$25,501,116**	**100%**

(a) Includes $5,736,922 for OPLIN (b) Includes $788,484 for OPLIN

LIBRARY GRANTS		
GRF Funds	$4,519,178	63%
LSTA	2,645,495	37%
Total Expenditures	**$7,164,673**	**100%**

EXPENDITURES		
Grants	$ 7,164,673	28%
Capital/Operating	18,336,443	72%
Total Expenditures	**$25,501,116**	**100%**

Construction & Renovation

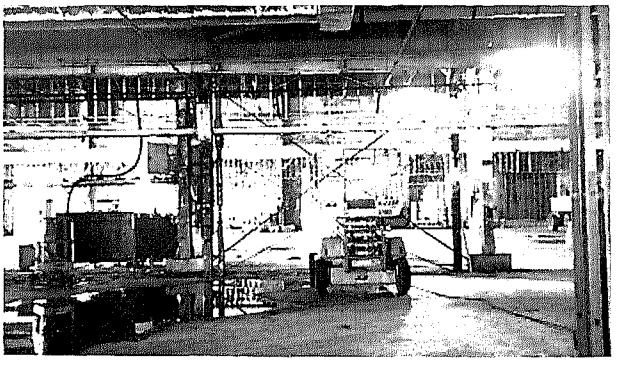


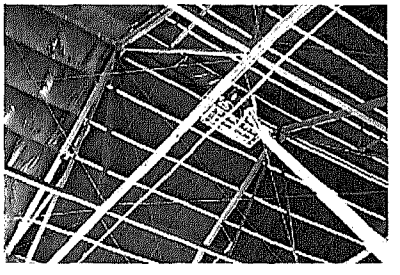
Anyone who has lived through a renovation has some idea of the challenges and opportunities we faced. What problems do we have at the Front Street location and how can we plan to eliminate those problems in the new facility? Decisions we made must take into account any possible future needs. Could we foresee and plan for future technologies? How can we use our space to allow future expansion?

We worked with library design consultants to plan the most efficient and effective use of our new space. Plans included space for a large meeting room and a computer training lab. We purchased new furniture, including reading room chairs and computer stations for the collection area.

Demolition of outbuildings and renovation started in June 2000. What was left of the old factory was gutted. Crews worked to rough in the plumbing and pour 1800 cubic yards of concrete for the floor. Electricians worked to bring power where we needed it. Insulation was hung. Interior walls were studded. Into the newly created spaces went new carpet, bookshelves and furniture.

In the final analysis, the State Library has created a facility that suits our needs and the needs of our patrons.





Technology

New stuff! The training facility was improved to comfortably accommodate 24 people. The room features 12 new PC's, an instructor's console, and a projection system with sound. A video conferencing center was added to the new Board room. The Video Conference system includes two 35" monitors, plus connections to the large projector screen, VCR, digital overhead projector, and full PC and Internet functionality to support a wide range of video presentations, distance learning and information sharing opportunities.

Pete Bates
Deputy Director
Information Systems Technology

Public Services

I am very proud of the Public Services staff. Moving a collection of over two million books, periodicals, maps and microforms was a colossal undertaking. It required team effort unlike any we have ever seen before or since at SLO. Public Services staff were involved in every aspect of the move: from planning and laying out the collections; to overseeing the constant train of book carts; to dusting eighteen miles of shelving; to shelf reading the collection. All I can do is say : THANK YOU for a job well done!

Jim Buchman
Head of Public Services

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Library Programs & Development

mid the swirl of dust, the bustle of movers and the chaos of change, LPD did their part by quietly going about our business and helping out where and when needed. LPD staff did not have the task of moving volumes of books that Public Services did, so we worked hard at continuing our normal work as best we could. We exalted with everyone else when the BIG MOVE actually occurred, pitched in when needed and made the transition very smoothly. We've discovered that now people can get to us easier, which opens other possibilities for service. Exciting and challenging times ahead for sure, but the move has helped position LPD and the library to meet them head on with success.

Jay Burton
Head, Library Programs & Development

2001 was a year of growth in all areas of the SEO Regional Library Center in Caldwell. The Dynix Automation Consortium grew to include 63 library systems at 150 locations throughout the state. Currently there are 4.6 million items in the database which serves over 500,000 library users.

At the same time bookmobile circulation increased by 15%. The interlibrary loan department saw a 50% increase in author/title requests coming from the bookmobile users and an 80% increase in interlibrary loan requests from other libraries.

David C. Miller, Bowling Green, President
Term extends to December 31, 2002

Ann S. Baines, Middletown, Vice President
Term extends to December 31, 2001

Lucille Hastings, Big Prairie
Term extends to December 31, 2003

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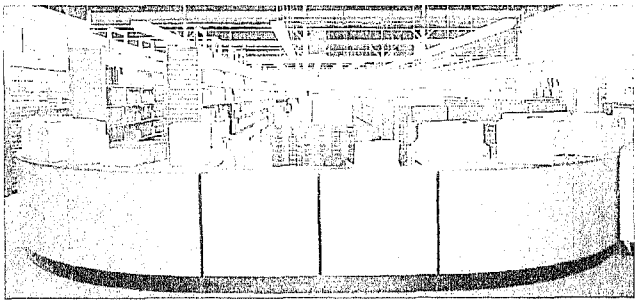
Term extends to December 31, 2000

Dr. George W. Paulson, M.D., Columbus
Term extends to December 31, 2005

LSTA Program

he internal operations of the LSTA program have been enhanced by the State Library move. LSTA staff are located together, thereby facilitating communication. Additionally, the fiscal coordinator's area is adjacent to fiscal services which expedites the almost daily interaction between these two areas. LSTA files are now housed in one location. The accessible location of the State Library has made it easier for applicants to come to workshops, make appointments for individual assistance and drop off proposals.

Missy Lodge
LSTA Program Coordinator



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