

April 29, 1964

Report on the meeting with Mr. de LaFayette Reid and Mr. Miller Boord from the Illinois State Library, Mr. Charles Levy of Twin Oaks Home Owners Association, and Miss Mary Radmacher, Librarian, held in the Conference Room of the Skokie Public Library. Purpose: to discuss library service to Twin Oaks area under Library Services and Construction Act funds allocated through the Illinois State Library.

Miss Radmacher said that for library service under L.S.C.A. funds we must separate public library from school library service as L.S.C.A. does not include service to schools. We must be realistic in planning library service under the L.S.C.A. funds by providing a type which conceivably Twin Oaks could support when Federal funds have ceased. If the Skokie Public Library were to increase its non-resident fee to \$15.00 per family, when could Twin Oaks afford to contract for the area on that basis? In other words, if you think in terms of 1,000 families in the Twin Oaks area would \$15,000 sound out of reason as an amount your people could pay to continue library service on termination of the project? Mr. Reid said that while we might be thinking in terms of more than \$15.00 per family to initiate the service, what the State needs to know is what Twin Oaks could continue to pay, for example \$15,000 per year, which seems to be a reasonable figure.

The question was asked by the librarian if the figure of 1,000 families as of April, 1964 with a projected figure of 1,400 by December, 1964 was correct? The answer was "yes."

Mr. Reid pointed out that one merit of such an arrangement is that within two years the Illinois State Library would like to think that there would be some basic plans for "systems of library service" (as recommended in the Plan for Public Library Development in Illinois) and this could be a nucleus for a "system."

Mr. Levy asked if use of the Skokie Public Library premises could be included under this program. Question by Miss Radmacher, "How many do you suppose would use the main library on a regular basis?" Answer by Mr. Levy was that a fairly small segment of the population would do so, it was unlikely that the figure would be more than ten per cent. The librarian stated that all of this would have to be approved by the Skokie Public Library Board of Trustees.

Mr. Reid informed Miss Radmacher that if the State furnishes a Bookmobile to Skokie Public Library to render library service to the Twin Oaks area, the unit can also be used for service to residents of Skokie on days not scheduled for Twin Oaks.

Upon inquiry by Mr. Reid whether there was some organization with whom a contract could be signed Mr. Levy stated he holds a power of attorney to sign papers.

Mr. Boord stated the procedure would be that Skokie Public Library would have a contract with this not-for-profit organization (from Twin Oaks area) to do certain things. To do this the Skokie Public Library would apply for L.S.C.A. funds for assistance in extending services to this group. A budget and a specific statement regarding the service to be rendered would have to be submitted. Complete information must be given as to the area to be serviced including geographic boundaries, population figures, etc.

Mr. Levy stated he would furnish a map marking the boundaries, specific basic population, assessed valuation per home, potential for forming a corporate group and the tax possibility.

The succession of agreements would be Twin Oaks with Skokie Public Library; Skokie Public Library with the State of Illinois; and the State of Illinois with the Federal Government. Mr. Reid informed Miss Radmacher there are two things to be done: draft a contract giving the outline of things to be covered; and write a proposal and submit a budget to the State for presentation to the committee. This must be received by May 15.

Mr. Reid advised Mr. Levy that library service to the schools would be furnished by other sources. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.