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A rich storehouse of education is available upon application of a library card to any person living within the district of the Green Hills Public Library, 10703 S. Roberts rd., Palos Hills, which has been serving the communities of Hickory Hills and Palos Hills since 1963.

The idea for a library began through the concerted efforts of residents of both communities. Voters of both communities approved tax support for the library. Much volunteer effort before and after the establishment of the district brought the library to a reality Oct. 11, 1963.

The first librarians were Mrs. Lila Ellison Warren and Mrs. Robert Babcock, standing, who with the assistance of William McKillop, professional librarian, spent many hours processing, cataloging, and organizing a smooth running public library lending system.

From a small beginning of 2,500 volumes, including 1,500 on loan from the state of Illinois, 800 through a local book drive, and encyclopedias and other gift books through donations, and a circulation of 13,190 in its first year of operation, the library has now grown to a total of 6,000 volumes and a circulation of 18,915 during 1966. There are 1,301 junior cards and 1,033 adult cards, for a total of 2,384 borrowers' cards issued to date.

For the first years, the library was located

in the south end of the Stramaglia building. In three short years, the library outgrew its facilities. Since October, 1966, it has been located in roomier, lighter quarters, with windows on three sides, at the north end of the building at 10708 S. Roberts rd. Residents are delighted to see the size and capacity of the present quarters with its shining new desk and additional shelving to accommodate the growing collection of books for all ages.

The library board of trustees, including Ben Warren, president; Herman Conrady, treasurer; Mrs. Grace Kordisch, secretary; Mrs. Pat Ackerson, Mrs. Betty Charles, and Donald Henderson, serve without compensation, and serve staggered six-year terms on formulating policy and budget to cover all phases of library operation and growth.

A small group of efficient, helpful, and courteous librarians, whose only aim is to please and help the public, dispatch the books. They are Mrs. Robert Babcock, head librarian, Mrs. Don Patterson, Mrs. Kenneth Vrtis, and Mrs. Maurice Taylor, seated, and junior staffer, April Filis. The librarians attend and share up-to-date information gained by attendance at the workshops of the South Suburban Librarians. Recently the board passed a resolution to join the Suburban Library System which should result in the steady improvement of services and resources by the library.

LOCAL BUILDING ACTIVITY

Warm weather brought big rises in local building activity. Hickory Hills led the area with more than \$3,000,000 in building valuation during April.

Building valuations added in April, compared to April, 1966 and March 1967 are reported by Bell Savings and Loan Association:

Building of all types in April, 1967, compared with April 1966, and March, 1967.

	April, 1967	April 1966	March 1967
Alsip	865,227	260,998	1,025,279
Chicago Ridge	1,717,069	42,665	19,861
Crestwood	68,330	7,290	19,380
Hickory Hills	3,823,000	132,500	829,600
Oak Lawn	1,897,862	1,713,703	1,430,196
Orland Park	50,600	331,100	96,600
Palos Heights	765,235	349,900	494,800
Palos Hills	No Report	123,256	49,750
Worth	169,781	14,750	105,270

A popular Story Hour for young children came to a close with a special Memorial Day reading May 27. The young fledgling readers completed the building of a construction paper library via paper building blocks received for each Story Hour session attended. Each young reader was presented with a miniature American flag, with the compliments of the library. Librarian Mrs. Don Patterson served as the Story Lady stimulating an early interest in books and reading for the youngsters.

A summer reading program for school children on vacation began on June 19 and continued for six weeks until July 29, with the intriguing title of "Wild Horse Round-Up". For further details, visit the Library. Just another good reason to spend some time visiting and browsing in the Green Hills Public Library.

Library hours are: Monday, 6:30 to 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 3:30 to 9 p.m.; Wednesday, closed; Thursday 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Friday 6:30 to 9 p.m. and Saturday 1 to 4 p.m.

Many additions to the growing book collection at the Green Hills Public Library, include the following:

For Adult reading: "The Kennedy Wit" by Adler; "The Corridors of Time" by Anderson; "Bell Call" by Ashton-Warner; "The Lonely Man" by Bald-

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