

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 372

Approved October 5, 1970

RESOLVED, that the Director of Public Works is requested
to cause Broadway to be rebuilt.

IN CITY COUNCIL

OCT 1 - 1970

READ and PASSED

Samuel J. Doyle
.....
President
Vincent DiNapoli
.....
Clerk

APPROVED

OCT 5 1970

Joseph A. Corley
.....
MAYOR

**IN CITY
COUNCIL**

JUL 2 - 1970

FIRST READING
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC WORKS

THE COMMITTEE ON

Public Works

Approves Passage of
The Within Resolution

Ernest Vespe
September 27, 1970 *Chairman*

*Council President Pro Tempore
Toranzo and Councilman Vespe*

Department of City Clerk

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 3, 1970
TO: Director McGarry
SUBJECT: BROADWAY
CONSIDERED BY: Committee on Public Works
DISPOSITION:

Attached is copy of Resolution concerning
above subject.

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City Clerk



CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND
MAYOR JOSEPH A. DOORLEY, JR.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS . 700 ALLENS AVENUE . 02905

Lawrence P. McGarry, Director

Robert B. Strong, Deputy Director

July 7, 1970

Chairman of the
Public Works Committee
Providence City Council
City Hall-Prov., R. I.

Dear Sir:

The pavement on Broadway is in very poor condition.

It is planned to resurface it this year.

Very truly yours,

Robert B. Strong
for Lawrence P. McGarry
Director of Public Works

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THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLVED, that the Committee on City Property is requested to order the demolition of the Old Roosevelt Street School, cause the land to be subdivided into R-1, One Family Zone lots and to offer the said lots for sale at Public Auction, on a unit basis.

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PL's people

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Vincent Vespa
CLERK

president

Report of the president

This annual meeting completes my services as President of the Board of Trustees of the Providence Public Library. I have enjoyed my responsibilities over the seventeen years and hope that my services have been of some significance. I wish to congratulate Mr. Green on his succession and hope that he also will enjoy this civic responsibility.

The plan of the nominating committee to adopt a program of automatic rotation in the Board and in the officer setup is, I feel, constructive, although on the other hand I do believe that continuity is vital.

I will not attempt to review the Library's history in the recent past. The annual reports are adequate for this, and, after all, the history of the Library is not to be written out in terms of individuals but rather in accomplishment and service to the community. In spite of the recent necessity of cutting back on service, I feel that the Library has served Providence and the State in an admirable fashion and I have no reason to doubt that it will continue to do so. It is unfortunate that so much of our time must be concerned with fiscal problems, but this does not seem to be confined solely to private charities.

I wish to commend Mr. Taylor for his management of the Library in the past two years and his willingness to face up to practical matters which require solutions. The staff continues to perform its functions competently and loyally, the work of Mrs. Miles at South Providence in the recent troubled past being an example which should not be overlooked.

I will close by expressing my appreciation of the help and guidance given me by the Corporation and Trustees, particularly the members of the Executive Committee, who have involved themselves in the day-to-day problems of the Library. I wish to record with regret the retirement from the Board of R. Henry Field, who no longer is living in the state. He had been a member since 1940.



Philip B. Simonds
President, Board of Trustees

people

PPL is people

Books, magazines, newspapers, films, pamphlets, records, information, ideas — that is a library. Enthusiastic, knowledgeable, friendly *people* making these materials easily available to other *people* — that is a *good* library. During the past nine months*, as in other years, the trustees, administration and staff of the Providence Public Library have directed their efforts toward finding the most effective means of serving the total community. A changing society and an ever-growing world of knowledge in a variety of forms require periodic reevaluation of methods and services. We have taken a new look at old ways, and the results have been changes in techniques and expansion into new areas, as well as a continuation of previously successful efforts. We kept in mind that PPL IS PEOPLE as . . .



changes

We made physical changes

Our new Central Children's Department opened on the first floor on May 18. This lively, inviting room will put boys and girls in the center of library activity and is planned as an innovative, creative area where they can be encouraged to read for enjoyment and information. Now, with service to children extended into evening hours, families are discovering the joy of using the Library together.

A relocated and expanded Circulation Department also opened in May, combining in one attractive and convenient area all circulation and registration functions for more efficient service.

At the same time, the long-awaited "open stacks" policy went into effect. Readers now have easy direct access to many more books and are quickly learning the pleasure and convenience of browsing freely in the Library's collections. As a security measure, guard service is provided in the stacks and at the Empire Street entrance to the Library, and the Washington Street entrance has been closed.

The small, cramped Reader's Advisor's office has been opened into the Reference Department and a larger service desk brought out into the mainstream of activity. This encourages more readers to ask for assistance and allows librarians to work more easily with those in need of help.

* Because the Library changed its fiscal year to July 1-June 30, effective July, 1970, this report covers the nine month period from October, 1969-June, 1970.

(left) The children of Providence celebrated the opening of their new Children's Department with a party — and what's a party without balloons?

information

We provided information reflecting a changing world

The Book Selection Committee and the Children's Librarians examined the year's tremendous output of printed matter and selected 6,406 new titles for the collection.

Readers throughout the system borrowed 620,724 items and found answers to 104,767 reference and research questions.

A more flexible circulation policy for magazines now encourages maximum utilization of that important collection.

Over 500 films for use by groups and organizations were borrowed for PPL patrons from the Rhode Island Library Film Cooperative.

Among regular exhibits were two controversial and popular ones reflecting contemporary issues: "Striking Images," a visual documentation of campus protest, and "Counter-Education," a montage of themes upon which much of our modern thinking rests.

The newly organized Staff Social Action Committee sponsored a public forum with speakers representing all sides of the Vietnam/Cambodia issue and obtained giveaway literature produced by the Student Strike Committee and the Anti-Strike Coordinating Committee of Rhode Island.

Six showings of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration film — "Eagle Has Landed, The Flight of Apollo 11," obtained through the office of Senator John O. Pastore, gave adults and youngsters the first opportunity in our State to see this official documentary of man's landing on the moon.

Booklists on a variety of subjects were prepared and distributed widely, including two on the environmental problem: "Crisis" — books for children — and "Our Dying Environment" — books, articles and films for adults.

A paperback collection at the Central Library has proved as successful as those at the branches. Both children and adults have responded to the lure of these pocket-sized books chosen for their popular appeal.

As a response to concern expressed by both young people and adults on the problem of drug addiction, film and discussion programs were held at several branches and generated wide participation.



(above) A basic library responsibility is to awaken citizens to current concerns and to provide materials for information and understanding of these issues.

technology

We made use of modern technology

A new system of issuing materials which combines use of our data processing facilities with photographic charging equipment has simplified and speeded up basic daily clerical routines, giving the staff more time to serve the public.

The demand for materials in microform has increased rapidly. Readers requiring information from newspapers and magazines used 20,535 reels of microfilm.

Instant copying service fills many needs, as evidenced by the over 6,000 microprints and 70,000 photocopies produced by the staff-operated machines. The coin-operated copy machines at the Central Library and several branches are also extremely popular.

Functioning as the Principal Public Library in the State's Interrelated Library System, we filled, through our teletype communications center, 7,696 requests for information and materials from other libraries in Rhode Island.

Cassette tape recorders give children a chance to "do their thing" by taping their own voices. Branch patrons were pleased with the installation of stereo record players, and Central Library boys and girls welcomed the transfer of the circulating collection of children's records from Art and Music to their own department.

programs

We offered programs for diverse needs

Almost 2,000 programs, both innovative and traditional, were held for children. Films, rock concerts, story hours, folk singing, puppetry, creative arts and dramatics, as well as record hops, talent shows and a playwriting and producing club, attracted 34,766 children to branches and the Central Library and reflect the staff's desire for experimentation and a sensitivity in their approach to this important facet of children's work.

Children's librarians made 1,234 visits to schools and community agencies, introducing the Library, telling stories and giving book talks.

Adults relived the golden age of comedy and introduced their children to the magic of W.C. Fields, Laurel and Hardy and other comedy greats at the Central Library's first public film festival. A second series gave the audience a chance to shudder at mystery and suspense classics.

A large audience attended weekly lectures on investing conducted by local stockbrokers and sponsored in cooperation with the New York Stock Exchange. Books and other investment data from our Business-Industry-Science Department were in great demand during and following the series.

Librarians from all over the state continued to attend monthly adult and juvenile book review meetings and Principal Public Library workshops such as "The Detached, The Disenchanted and The Disadvantaged," where they gained insight into the "unreached" segments of our society.

services

We tried to make more people aware of our services

Two weekly radio programs give listeners an opportunity to hear our staff discuss books and library-related topics. "Speaking of Books" is broadcast on WEAN Tuesday evenings from October through April. This year we added "The Bookmen Speak" (WPRO) to our schedule. This is an all-year-round weekly Sunday evening program on which we talk informally about books, services and current library trends.

A list of book suggestions contributed to each bi-weekly issue of Teleview 36, the printed program of WSBE TV, Rhode Island's Educational TV channel, provides viewers with suggestions for background reading related to the programs they see.

Monthly tours by new classes enrolled in the Work Incentive Program (WIN) of the Manpower Development Training Act introduced the Library to adults who, for the most part, had never before used our services.

No Overdue Wednesday, May 20, the first fine-forgiveness day in the history of the Library, not only brought back about 2,700 overdue books to the system, but also gave us considerable mass media coverage, helping to "spread the word" about PPL.

discouragement

We met discouragement . . . and the people responded

On March 9, the South Providence Branch was severely damaged by fire. The community's response proved at once what we already knew, that this senseless vandalism was in no way a repudiation of the Library, nor did it have racial overtones. Within a day, the Mothers of the South Side Boys' Club had set up a meeting of concerned citizens ready to help.

Service was reinstated through use of a bookmobile generously loaned by the Rhode Island Department of State Library Services. Restoration of the branch began at the end of April and was completed for reopening on July 8. Our cover photo shows a young South Providence volunteer facing the huge clean up job.

This unfortunate experience gave the PPL administration and staff and the community an opportunity to work together. It showed us that people do care about the Library and are ready to respond to its needs. It was not just a library that the people of South Providence were working to restore; it was *their* library.



(above) South Providence Branch Library, March 9, 1970.

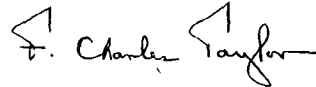
(right) Mr. Joseph H. Quady, Assistant Librarian, Mr. Philip B. Simonds, President of the Board of Trustees, and Mrs. Virginia T. Miles, South Providence Branch Librarian, at the reopening ceremonies for the restored branch.

ahead

We planned for the year ahead

The year ahead has some discouraging aspects. Once again our anticipated expenses will go significantly beyond our projected income. It is inevitable that there will have to be retrenchment in services and book buying. Some of these decisions have already been implemented. All cutbacks, however, have and will come only after serious study and consideration of how, despite financial difficulties, we can best meet the needs of the people whom we serve — for, in the last analysis, PPL WILL ALWAYS BE PEOPLE.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "F. Charles Taylor". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

F. Charles Taylor, Librarian

statement

Providence Public Library financial operating statement for the nine month fiscal period from October 1, 1969 to June 30, 1970 and budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1971

	Fiscal Period Ended June 30, 1970	Budget Fiscal 1971
Receipts		
Grant from City of Providence	\$ 468,300	\$ 624,400
Grants from State of Rhode Island	185,205	246,940
Income from endowment	348,300	455,000
Income from trusts and rent	11,177	14,200
Overdue charges and other income	42,525	55,800
Contributions from friends of the library	22,124	15,000
Total Receipts	<u>\$1,077,631</u>	<u>\$1,411,340</u>
Disbursements		
Salaries and related expenses	\$ 882,130	\$1,143,200
Purchases of books, periodicals and binding	142,258	154,200
Buildings and Grounds	50,025	63,400
Supplies, furniture and equipment	53,760	60,400
Other operating expenses	32,561	54,800
Total Disbursements	<u>\$1,160,734</u>	<u>\$1,476,000</u>
(Deficit) – Financed by withdrawal from Library's invested capital funds	<u>\$ (83,103)</u>	<u>\$ (64,660)</u>
Building development and repair fund		
Balance – October 1, 1969		\$ 41,206
Receipts – Interest and fire insurance adjustment		<u>37,041</u>
Total		\$ 78,247
Expenditures – Building projects and furniture		<u>35,602</u>
Balance June 30, 1970		<u>\$ 42,645*</u>

*Substantially committed for reconstruction – South Providence Branch fire.

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Special Collections
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CHIEF OF
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HARRY GOLDSTEIN
COMMISSIONER
OF PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE DEPARTMENT

209 FOUNTAIN ST., PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

September 24, 1970

Mr. Vincent Vespia and Councilmen
City Clerk
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Vespia:

The Firefighters Communion Breakfast Committee cordially invites you and the members of the City Council to join with Rhode Island Firefighters at their annual Mass and Communion Breakfast which is to be held at the Providence College Grotto, Providence College, Sunday October 11, 1970.

A short parade will take place at 8:30 A.M. and Mass will be offered at 9:00 A.M. to be followed by Breakfast. If you would care to join in the line of march, the forming point will be at the LaSalle Academy Parking Lot on Academy Avenue at 8:15 A.M.

All fire departments of the state, both permanent and volunteer, have been invited to attend.

We would be most honored if your busy schedule would permit you to be with us.

Respectfully yours,

Michael F. Moise
Captain
Providence Fire Department

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Vincent Vespia
CLERK



ROBERT J. McOSKER
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VINCENT F. KANE

MAYOR
JOSEPH A. DOORLEY, JR.

LAW DEPARTMENT
CITY HALL, PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND 02903

September 18, 1970.

ASSISTANTS
JOHN CAPPELLO
SPECIAL COUNSEL
WILLIAM J. LANDI
CLAIMS ADJUSTER

The Honorable the Members of the
City Council,
City Hall,
Providence, Rhode Island.

Gentlemen:

In view of the resignation of Vincent F. Kane, I have
appointed John Cappello, Assistant City Solicitor.

To fill the vacancy of Mr. Cappello, I have appointed
Steven Slobodinsky, Special Counsel.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT J. McOSKER,
CITY SOLICITOR

RJM:RAF

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Vincent V. Vespica
CLERK

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

THE CITY OF



PROVIDENCE

I, STEVEN SLOBODINSKY, do

*solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States
and of the State of Rhode Island and that I will faithfully discharge
the duties of the office of*

SPECIAL COUNSEL

to the best of my ability.

Steven Slobodinsky

W

I, VINCENT VESPIA, CITY CLERK

do hereby certify that on the 21st *day of* Sept., *A. D.* 19 70,

I did administer unto STEVEN SLOBODINSKY

duly appointed to the office of

SPECIAL COUNSEL

the above subscribed oath.

Vincent Vespi

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JOHN F. McDERMOTT, JR.
CHIEF OF
FIRE DEPARTMENT



HARRY GOLDSTEIN
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

209 FOUNTAIN ST., PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

September 30, 1970

Mr. Vincent Vespia
City Clerk
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Vespia:

Sunday, October 4th opens Fire Prevention Week and has been proclaimed Fire Service Recognition Day. A Fire Prevention kick-off parade has been planned and is scheduled at 2:30 P.M., in downtown Providence on that day. All fire departments of the state including bands and marching units will be participating.

Governor Licht, Lieutenant Governor Garrahy and other state dignitaries, Mayors and town dignitaries of the participating cities and towns have been invited and most will be present to review this parade.

We wish to take this opportunity to cordially invite you and the honorable members of the City Council to review this event from the reviewing stand at City Hall.

Hope to see you on Sunday, October 4th, I remain

Sincerely,

John F. McDermott
Chief of Department

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