

DIRECTOR'S REPORT JUNE, 2001

PERSONNEL/BUDGET: A knowledgeable Trustee predicted that if the override didn't pass "we'd be here, but we wouldn't want to be here"; e.g. that the necessary cuts would substantially reduce job satisfaction and morale. He was right. Rearranging staff to maintain the critical functions of circulation, processing, and bookkeeping has required difficult changes. One can only hope that they are not permanent. Other personnel items:

- ◆ The library will lose temporary employee Maureen Powers June 30th, who has been helping with processing. Page Julianne Peterson is also leaving to attend college.
- ◆ The vacant General Assistant Librarian position was advertised in the Transcript and on *Townonline's* web job service. The latter reaches over a dozen suburban papers.

BUILDING & GROUNDS: A gradual move back into the Technical Services Room is underway. A mycologist contacted to take mold scrapings did not show up.

NOBLE NEWS: **Patron placed holds** will become effective sometime in early July. Reserving library materials will be totally automated. Holds will be entered by patrons at home with a PIN or at a library computer, or by circulation desk staff. There will be no more paper trail, and holds will go into a random queue. The random part pertains to which library will fulfill the hold. One determinant of this is selection of the pick up location. If the user selects Winthrop as the pick up location and Winthrop has a free copy, that copy will be tagged for that customer.

- ◆ There will be NO LIMIT to the number of holds an individual can place. The writer got unanimously voted down on this issue, which overrides all past *Winthrop* policy restricting number of books per subject per person.

My two year term as President ends June 30th. I will be remaining on **NOBLE's** Executive Board as a Past President and also chairing a "working group".

TRUSTEE SIGNATURES: The bills prepared for this meeting are not the final ones for the fiscal year. One last batch will need Trustee signatures the 2nd week in July to meet the final warrant deadline of July 16th. Please let Administrative Assistant Barbara Clarke know if there is a problem with availability.

FRIENDS: Jacqueline Smith, a college student and part-time library employee, has devised an impressive plan for rejuvenation of the Friends and will make a brief presentation at the meeting.