



BEFORE

AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY

AFTER





## THE PROJECT

In January of 1974, the Amherst Women's League decided to spearhead a campaign to encourage support for a bond issue to remodel and expand the Amherst Public Library. The league organized a citizen's committee from its membership, raised approximately \$1,300 for the campaign, and proceeded to organize a campaign to gain support for this project.

The campaign involved establishing a theme for the campaigning, ordering nesters, pins, patches, book marks, and letterheads. Also sponsoring a kick-off dinner, organizing neighborhood gatherings, setting up a speakers bureau, and offering as much publicity and information to the public as possible.

The following report is a compilation of the step by step progress of the Citizens Committee for the Amherst Public Library Bond Issue.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Amherst Public Library Board of Trustees and the library staff had compiled information about the library, its history, its inadequacies, its services, as well as statistics concerning circulation and inventory. This information was basic to the project of conducting a campaign and essential before any decision could be made to undertake the campaign.

The following pages are typical of the information which was available to the Amherst Women's League for their perusal and use.

FORMATION OF THE CITIZENS' COMMITTEE FOR THE PASSAGE OF  
THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY BOND ISSUE

The Amherst Women's League was approached by the President of the Amherst Public Library Board, Mrs. Evelyn Smead, in September, 1973, about the possibility of the Women's League spearheading a campaign for the passage of a bond issue to raise \$450,000 over a period of 20 years at a cost to the taxpayer of .6869 mills.

The proposal was presented by Mrs. Peg Hicks, Chairman of the Community Projects Committee of the Amherst Women's League, to her committee for their approval. After their acceptance, further details were obtained by three committee members who attended a meeting with Mrs. Smead and the librarian, Mrs. Wittenbrook, where they got the pertinent information. With this data, the Community Projects Committee presented the project to the club as a whole, and the Women's League approved it.

In order to expedite matters, a steering committee was formed from the entire club which was called the Citizens' Committee for the Amherst Public Library Bond Issue with Mrs. Hicks as chairman. This committee then met with Mr. James Doughman, a man thoroughly acquainted with the mechanics of passing a bond issue. He suggested a developmental master plan and served as adviser to the committee throughout the campaign.

On January 26, 1974, the committee held the first of what was to become a regular weekly meeting until May 7, 1974, the date of the election. At this first meeting, five sub-committees were established:



MAJOR POINTS WHICH WERE CRITICAL TO A DECISION TO UNDERTAKE THE CAMPAIGN

1. Amherst Public Library was built in 1906 and had undergone no major remodeling since then.
2. Amherst Public Library was the smallest library facility in Lorain County.
3. Amherst Public Library needed 7,500 additional square feet, 100 chairs, 25 tables, and shelving for 30,000 more books just to bring it up to state standards.
4. Amherst Public Library had no room for more books.
5. The library was below state standards in the number of magazine and newspaper subscriptions due to lack of space and had no space at all for other audio visual aids.

1. Publicity--Fran Bostwick
2. Neighborhoods--Eileen Ryan
3. Finance--Sue Danne
4. Publications--Ruth Clary
5. Kick-off Dinner--Joanne Northeim, Janet King, Carolyn Fullington



AMHERST NEWS-TIMES - November, 1973

## League To Push Drive

Amherst Women's League has been requested to spearhead the bond issue for the Amherst Public Library in May.

A new name has been given to the Christmas Shopping Mart -- "Children's Christmas Closet" -- to be held Nov. 2 in Westminster United Presbyterian Church.

*News-Times 10/73*

# *Amherst Public Library*

428 PARK AVENUE . . . AMHERST, OHIO 44001

December 17, 1973

Mrs. Donald Hicks  
823 South Main Street  
Amherst, Ohio 44001

Dear Mrs. Hicks;

The library board of trustees acknowledge the affirmative decision to help promote the bond issue in May 1974 for the library addition.

Mrs. E. Valerie Jenkins will be the representative from the library board to the Women's League of Amherst.

If the board can be of some help to your committee, please feel free to do so.

Library Board Secretary

*Helen Stilgenbauer*  
Helen Stilgenbauer

cc: file



20 The Journal, Lorain, Ohio Monday, March 25, 1974

# Women's League Heads Amherst Library Drive

By MARK ELLIS  
Staff Writer

AMHERST — The campaign for a \$450,000 expansion of the Amherst Library has been taken under wing by the Amherst Women's League which has formed a "citizens' committee" to promote passage of a .6869 mill levy May 7.

City taxpayer's will turn over about 70 cents for \$1,000 of property evaluation if the issue passes. The proposed two-level addition will extend behind and to the west of the present building and includes a sheltered entrance off Spring Street.

A large main reading and shelf area is planned with a community room and kitchen facilities on the first floor.

A second floor mezzanine will display magazines and include storage for audio-visual material. The present main

floor room will be converted into a children's department.

The addition means 9,300 square feet will be added to the 68-year-old sandstone structure which now has 3,500 square feet of floor space.

Mrs. Don Hicks, chairwoman of the Citizens Committee for the Amherst Public Library Bond Issue, is directing an intensive publicity campaign featuring these points:

— **THE LIBRARY SIZE.** Ohio standards recommend an increase of at least 6,402 square feet. The library now lends 16,775 books which is considerably below the Ohio suggested minimum for a city of 11,000: 30,000 books. The library is the smallest in Lorain County.

— **LACK OF PARKING.**

— **CRAMPED STAFF** conditions.

— **ANTIQUATED WIRING** heating and plumbing.

The Citizens Committee has advertised that the "average cost" for an Amherst homeowner will be from \$3 to \$6 annually.

Civic activist Fred Leimbach is opposing the bond issue and hopes to gather support against the expansion for the following claims:

— The library received \$75,000 last year from revenue sharing programs.

— Surrounding trees will be hewn.

— The cost per "average homeowner" represents the lowest possible tax.

— The money should be channeled to a youth center.

Of the \$450,000, \$50,000 will be used for circulation expansion if the issue passes.

The Amherst News-Times February 14, 1974

## League Seeks Bond Approval

A Citizens Committee for Passage of the Amherst Public Library Bond Issue has been formed by Amherst Women's League.

Mrs. Donald Hicks is committee general chairman. The group will work to gain support for passage of the bond issue on the May 7 primary ballot.

A campaign kickoff dinner is scheduled for March. Representatives of all Amherst civic organizations will be invited to attend along with city officials and other community leaders. Co-chairmen of the dinner are Mrs. Robert Northeim, Mrs. Ronald Fullington and Mrs. Emmuel King.

Other committee chairmen include Mrs. Patrick Ryan, neighborhood information campaign; Mrs. Frank Clary, publications; Mrs. Howard Danne, finances; Mrs. Andrew Barchfeld, speaker's bureau; and Mrs. Robert Bostwick, publicity.

Others assisting on the steering committee are Mrs. Harry Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Richard Heilman, Mrs. Kenneth Bechtel, Mrs. Mike Polansky and Mrs. James Conrady.

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### Library Bond Issue From Page 1.....

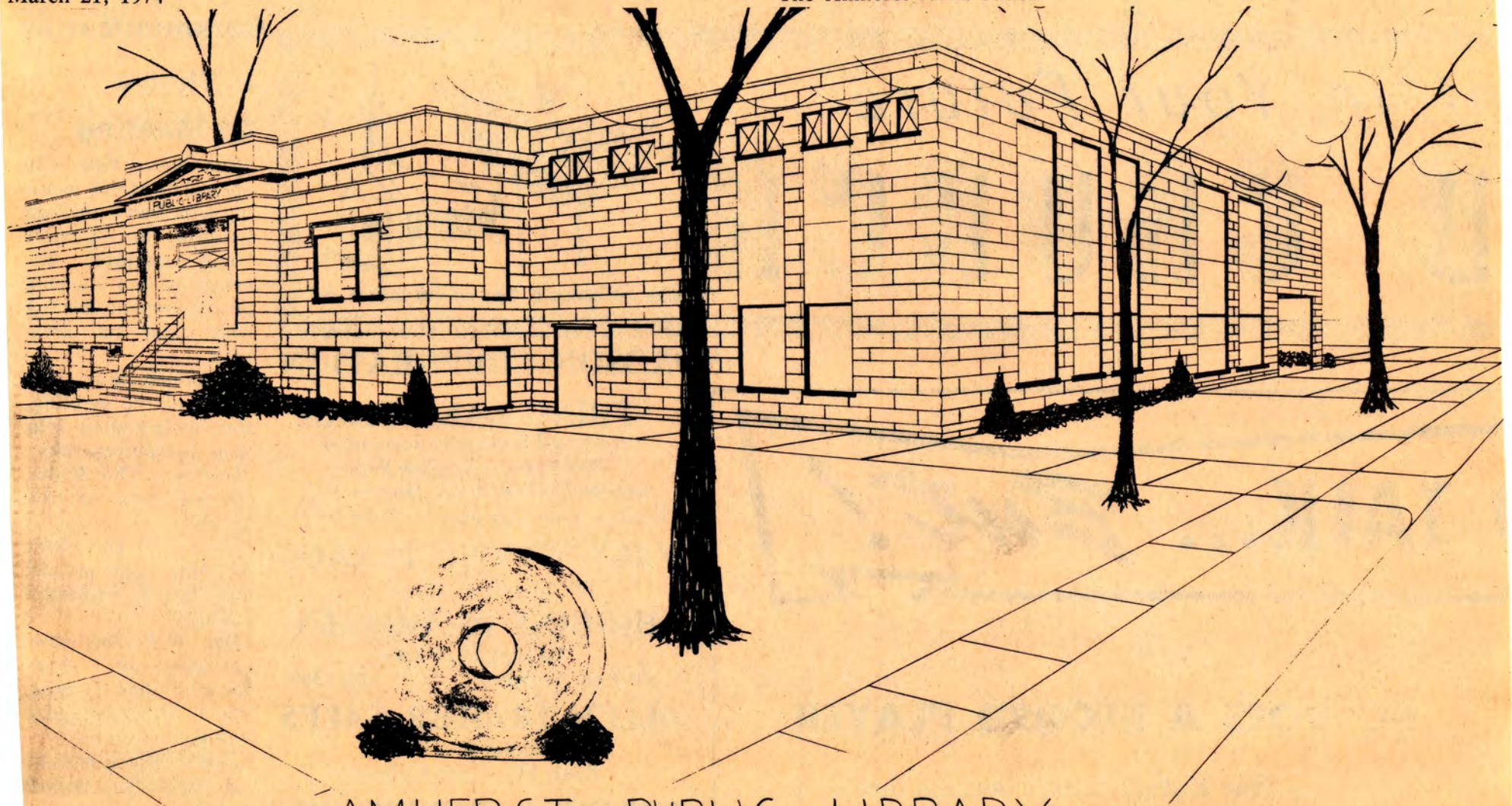
The \$450,000 bond issue will cost the taxpayer about 70 cents [\$0.698] per \$1,000 of property valuation -- this means an annual cost of \$3.50 on a home with tax evaluation of \$5,000 or \$7.00 for one at \$10,000.

Passage of the bond issue will give Amherst residents a library with more than three times the floor space now existing. In addition there will be the addition of many fine and greatly needed reference books, plus all the popular current best sellers. The ladies ask, "Where can you buy so much for so little."



March 21, 1974

The Amherst News-Times



AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY  
WITH PROPOSED ADDITION

DON OMLER



## ESTABLISHING A THEME

The first decision the citizens' committee made was to establish a theme which would be used throughout the campaign.

"HELP YOUR LIBRARY GROW" was agreed upon as the motto for the campaign. The committee decided that yellow with black lettering would be the color scheme of all posters and signs.

The following supplies were ordered which would be used throughout the campaign:

1. Pins--2,500 were ordered and distributed at the library, by the speakers' bureau, by Amherst Women's League, and given to other interested people.
2. Cloth Patches--1,000, given to children accompanied by parents at the library, Amherst Women's League, and other interested people. They were usable on car windows, on notebook covers, and on purses, although they were difficult to remove. They were also placed on thank you notes and invitations.
3. Bookmarks--5,000; two types, one distributed in the adult section, the smaller one in the children's department.
4. Letterhead--500 sheets of stationery which were used for all correspondence which involved the citizens' committee, except for short and personal thank you notes.

Examples are as follows:



**HELP  
YOUR  
LIBRARY  
GROW**

Chrm. Peg Hicks  
428 Park Ave. Amherst, Ohio



**HELP  
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MRS. DONALD L. HICKS  
CHAIRMAN  
LIBRARY BOND ISSUE  
428 Park Avenue  
Amherst, Ohio 44001

Help  
Your  
**Library**  
GROW

Vote Yes

Mrs. Donald L. Hicks  
Chairman Library  
Bond Issue  
428 Park Ave.,  
Amherst, Ohio 44001

# **CITIZENS' COMMITTEE FOR THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY BOND ISSUE**

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**HELP YOUR LIBRARY GROW  
VOTE YES MAY 7th**



# LIBRARY BOND ISSUE CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE

March	14	Kick-off dinner
	14	Signature ad soliciting begins, bookmarks distributed in library
	20	Ward chairman contact workers
	20	Speakers' Bureau training
	21	Begin letters to editor (28, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2)
April	1	Completed list of people to have yard signs
	1 - 15	Poster contest--winners following Thursday
	6	Assemble yard signs
	8	Distribution of yard signs, completed list of people to have coffees
	15- 20	Yard signs, window displays, posters, large wooden signs
	20	Completed list of people to pass out flyers
	20	Post cards distributed for people to send
	18, 25	Newspaper ads, clergy notations in church bulletins
	25	Flyers distributed to workers
	27	Library open house
	29	Post cards sent out
May	4 - 6	Door-to-door distribution
	5	Bank flyer distribution, local merchant distribution to customers
	7	Vote "FOR" the Amherst Public Library Bond Issue

## FACT SHEETS

A three-page fact sheet containing all available information about the library campaign was written and copies were given to all members of the Women's League, the Library Board, and the Speakers' Bureau.

EVERYTHING YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY.....

LOOKING BACK.....

The Amherst Public Library was built in 1906 through the generosity of the Andrew Carnegie Foundation together with donations from Amherst Township residents. The large room in the basement was a recreation room for youngsters, and was used by boys' groups from the community, the YMCA, and for Sunday school classes.

In 1942, the recreation room was converted into the children's library to allow for more space upstairs for books and reading areas.

Various civic clubs and local businesses have helped with the upkeep of the library over the years. These include Amherst Jaycees, Jaycee wives, Rotary, Century Club, U.S. Automatic Co. (now the Nordson Corp.), and Amherst Hardware, to name a few.

In 1968, remodeling of the first floor made it possible to provide more room for book storage and places to sit and read. However, this change reduced the work area for the staff.

In the 68 years of library use, while the town has grown from 1,800 to 10,000 population, no major remodeling program or expansion of the building has taken place.

TODAY'S LIBRARY SERVES THE COMMUNITY.....

The library is the storage house for books, fiction and non-fiction, reference materials, records, films, magazines, and newspapers. The Amherst Public Library is the first library in the state to offer view master reels to patrons of the children's department.

Other library services include:

PROJECT INFO -- Last year 1,125 requests were made to library staff either in person or over the phone for reference information. About 80% or 895 of these questions were answered after investigation by the staff.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN -- The library can acquire books from any library in the state. Last year, 175 books were requested on interlibrary loan service. Of these 80 came from the State Library of Ohio, and 37 from other libraries. Others were not available.

RESERVE BOOKS -- More than 500 books were placed on reserve for patrons of the adult department in 1973. Patrons are notified when the book is available.

COPIER SERVICE -- Copies of 3,255 sheets were made by staff members for patrons in 1973. Charge is 10¢ per sheet..

SENIOR CITIZENS OUTREACH -- Library staff have attempted to include senior citizens in the life of the Amherst Public Library. Staff have taken books to shut-ins and picked them up. Mrs. Hazel Richmond of the children's



department has shown view master slides at Amherst Manor Nursing Home on several occasions. Outdated magazines and books are donated to Golden Acres.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR -- Children are encouraged to attend story time at 11:15 a.m. on Fridays. Mothers gather in the adult department for coffee and conversation. Members of Amherst women's League read to the children.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM -- Amherst school district children are encouraged to read 10 books in the six weeks during the summer to receive a special certificate.

MEETING PLACE FOR AMHERST HISTORICAL SOCIETY -- The library has fostered the collecting of historical material for the community. In 1973, the library was instrumental in the founding of the Amherst Historical Society. Monthly meetings are held the third Thursday at 7:30 in the library.

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#### THE LIBRARY BOARD .....

The Amherst Public Library is run by a library board of trustees selected from the community. This board conducts all business necessary to manage the library, hires staff, and determines how the money shall be spent. State law requires that the local board of education appoint the library board and adopt recommendations to put bond issues for the library on the ballot.. Other than these two items, the library board acts independent of the school board.

#### FINANCING THE LIBRARY .....

Amherst Library, like all other public libraries in the state, is supported by intangible tax income -- that is money derived from taxes on stocks, bonds, savings accounts and other securities.

Monies for libraries are doled out locally by the Lorain County Budget Commission, which includes the county auditor, county treasurer, and county prosecuting attorney. This commission decides annually what each community library should receive. Traditionally, Amherst has received the smallest allocation, based on the fact that Amherst is the smallest library in the county.

If the community approves the bond issue and supports a larger facility, chances are the Amherst allocation of funds from the budget commission will be increased.

#### HOW THE LIBRARY HAS GROWN.....

The following figures reveal the growth of the Amherst Public Library:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>VOLUMES OWNED BY LIBRARY</u>	<u>CIRCULATION OF BOOKS</u>
1910	2,100	not available
1960	12,000	20,000
1970	15,943	49,345
1971	16,317	54,712
1972	16,051*	54,631
1973	16,778	52,889

\*due to discards of outdated material

REFERENCE MATERIALS -- Due to a federal grant for \$2,500 last year, the library was able to substantially add to its reference collection. Local businessmen are now able to find resource material at hand, and students have a wider range of volumes from which to choose for school projects.

VERTICLE FILE ON UPDATED SUBJECTS -- Specialized information found in magazine articles and pamphlets are clipped and filed according to subject in a handy file which patrons may use at will. This is an area of resource information which the library staff wishes to enhance with additional space.

TRAVEL INFORMATION -- A file containing travel folders and information about states and countries is now available for patron perusal.

PUBLIC AFFAIR PAMPHLETS -- A series of government pamphlets which deal with a variety of information such as child rearing, consumer credit, first aid, and United Nations projects is displayed in the library.

LONG PLAYING RECORDS -- Patrons of the library may borrow any of the variety of long playing records displayed in a special record showcase. Records of classical, popular and show music are available, as well as language records, records on square dancing, and weight watching albums.

DISPLAY CASE -- Local organizations and hobbists exhibit interesting and informative displays in the lobby showcase. Books about the displays are often given special emphasis throughout the library to coincide with the display.



PRESENT FACILITY AS COMPARED TO ACCEPTED STANDARDS.....

Amherst Public Library contains 3,500 square feet of usable space. Based on a population of 9,902 (1970 census), the library should have 9,902 square feet or 1 square foot per capita..

Amherst Public Library has 55 seats. Based on a standard of 10 seats per 1,000 population, the library should have 99 seats.

Amherst Public Library has 16,775 books. By standard, it should have a minimum of 30,000 books.

WHY AN ADDITION TO THE LIBRARY.....

Amherst Public Library is the smallest library in the county. It is the only library without air conditioning. And, there is no parking space for library patrons.

The library needs additional space for more books, magazines, films, recordings, and other visual aids, not to mention more reader space.

Libraries in other communities have become centers for research, recreation, civic meetings, and a place to enrich the lives of the members of the community. Thought of in these terms, this addition can be utilized and enjoyed by residents of the community, and is an investment in the future.

Just to meet minimum standards, the Amherst Public Library needs; 7,500 square feet of additional building, 100 chairs, 25 tables, shelving for 30,000 books, 500 records, and 100 magazines (stored for five years).

LOOKING FORWARD -- THE PROPOSED ADDITION

The proposed addition would extend behind and to the west of the present building, would be covered with sandstone to match the original building, and would have a sheltered entrance off Spring St.

The main room would be on ground level with no stairs needed for entrance. The large main room would include reading and study areas, book stacks for reference books, non-fiction and current fiction. There would also be a charge desk, processing room and librarians office.

A community room with kitchen facilities and rest rooms with a separate entrance is approved.

A second floor mezzanine will be used for display of magazines, and storage for audio-visual material and equipment, as well as additional reader and study space. A storage room is also planned for this area.

The present main floor room will be used for the children's department, and will be connected to the new addition with an archway into the mezzanine. If more room is needed for children in the coming years, the mezzanine may be used.

The addition would provide 5,400 sq. ft. on the ground level, 3,900 sq. ft. on the second floor mezzanine, or a total of 9,300 sq. ft. This totaled with the present space would mean a library with 12,800 square feet.

THE BOND ISSUE.....

The bond issue on the May 7 primary ballot is for ~~.6900~~ <sup>.6829</sup> mills for 22 years, and would provide \$450,000 for the addition. Of this amount, \$50,000 would be used for furnishings.

The average homeowner in Amherst would pay from \$3.00 to \$6.00 a year.

REVENUE SHARING FUNDS.....

Last year, city council approved \$75,000 for the Amherst Public Library which is to be allocated over a five-year period. The money is presently used for architects fees and will be used in the future for library equipment, shelving, and furnishings. All bills are presented to the mayor for his approval and then are paid by the city auditor.

NOTES.....



## FINANCES

Once the decision was made to conduct the campaign and a citizens' committee was established, the next step was to ascertain how much money was needed and to decide how the campaign would be financed.

The finance chairman was given estimates by each of the sub-committee chairmen as to how much they would need to conduct their portion of the campaign.

The citizens' committee then agreed that a budget of \$1,000 should be established, and this became the goal for raising funds to conduct the campaign.

The Amherst Women's League agreed to donate \$500 to the library campaign which enabled the citizens' committee to have some working capital to commence the campaign.

The last week of February financial appeal letters were sent to Amherst civic organizations, businesses, and professional people requesting contributions to the campaign effort.

Results of this netted the citizens' committee approximately \$1300.

Thank you letters were sent to all contributors, with a reminder to vote for the library bond issue.

A checking account was opened at Lorain County Savings and Trust Company with only one valid signature, that of Sue Danne, financial chairman. It was also her responsibility to keep strict accounting of expenditures which could be turned in to the board of elections after the election.

FINANCIAL APPEAL LETTER

# CITIZENS' COMMITTEE FOR THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY BOND ISSUE

428 PARK AVENUE

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February 28, 1974

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Mr. Dale Rosenkranz  
Lorain National Bank  
1175 Cleveland Avenue  
Amherst, Ohio 44001

Dear Mr. Rosenkranz:

On May 7 the Voters of Amherst will have the opportunity to vote "For" the Amherst Public Library Bond Issue. Its passage will finance a building expansion and elevate the Amherst Public Library from the smallest, most inadequate structure in the county to one that will provide all the services our community requires.

Our campaign slogan is "Help Your Library Grow." When you consider that the Amherst Public Library has had no major improvements or expansion since it was built in 1906, you can see its "growth" is vital to meeting the needs of our community.

The successful promotion of this bond issue is entirely dependent upon donations. For this reason we are appealing to you for a contribution. You can help by joining the growing number of citizens and organizations lending their support.

Please make your check payable to the Amherst Public Library Bond Issue Fund. Send it to me in care of the Amherst Public Library, 428 Park Avenue, Amherst, Ohio.

We appreciate your support.

Sincerely yours,

Peg Hicks, Chairman  
Citizens' Committee for the  
Amherst Public Library Bond Issue

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Thank you letter for financial donation  
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Dear

We wish to express our appreciation for your club's donation. You and other citizens and organizations giving financial support to the Library Bond Issue have shown an understanding for the need for a library expansion.

We ask now that you and all of the members of (organization) vote "For" this bond issue and make the library expansion a reality.

Again, we thank you.

Sincerely,

Peg Hicks, Chairman  
Citizens' Committee for the  
Amherst Public Library Bond Issue

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AMHERST NEWS-TIMES - May 2, 1974



**LIBRARY GIFT.** Sanford Slutzker, president of Amherst Chamber of Commerce, presents a check for \$100.00 to Mrs. Sue Danne, a

member of the Citizens Committee for the Amherst Public Library Bond Issue fund.

*News-Times 5/2/74*



# CITIZENS' COMMITTEE FOR THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY BOND ISSUE

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### RECEIPTS

Date	Name and Address	Amount
1-28-74	Amherst Women's League Mrs. Catherine Conrady, Treasurer 644 Lincoln Street, Amherst	500.00
2-25-74	Star Builders, Inc. William Starbuck Rt. 113, Amherst	25.00
2-25-74	Personal	10.00
2-25-74	Personal	10.00
2-25-74	Personal	10.00
3-4-74	Joy Construction, Inc. William Brandt 500 S. Lake Street, Amherst	5.00
3-4-74	Plumb Construction, Inc. Claude Plumb 164 Orchard Hill Dr., Amherst	25.00
3-4-74	Personal	25.00
3-14-74	Personal	10.00
3-14-74	Steve Polansky Market, Inc. Steve Polansky 6703 Dewey Road, Amherst	5.00
3-14-74	Personal	25.00
3-18-74	Personal	20.00
3-18-74	Personal	10.00
3-18-74	Personal	10.00
3-18-74	Lorain County Savings & Trust, Inc. Fritz Burger Cleveland & Church Streets, Amherst	25.00

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Date	Name and Address	Amount
3-18-74	Elmer Hume, Inc. Elmer Hume 855 Cleveland Avenue, Amherst	10.00
3-17-74	Pace Marianne Kremer, Treasurer 640 Van Oaks Dr., Amherst	50.00
3-25-74	Nordson Employee Fund Nordson Corporation Jackson & Franklin Sts., Amherst	40.00
3-25-74	Twigbenders Mrs. Phyllis Fiala, Treasurer 1172 Meadowbrook Dr., Amherst	15.00
3-22-74	Personal	10.00
3-25-74	Amherst Rotary Club John R. Allsop, President 132 Park Ave., Amherst	100.00
4-2-74	Garland Funeral Home, Inc. Wayne Garland 851 Park Ave., Amherst	5.00
4-8-74	Hempel Funeral Home William Hempel 373 Cleveland Ave., Amherst	10.00
4-1-74	Welcome Wagon Club of Amherst Mrs. Judy Rudolph, Treasurer 260 Crosse Rd., Amherst	50.00
4-16-74	Amherst Chamber of Commerce Sanford Slutzker, President 133 Park Ave., Amherst	100.00
4-8-74	Personal	5.00
3-14-74 to 4-27-74	Donations for Newspaper Signature Page Ad, Amherst News-Times 5-2-74	196.85
3-14-74	Resale of Ham from Dinner	6.00

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**TOTAL RECEIPTS**

**\$1312.85**

**Mrs. Sue Danne, Treasurer  
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Mrs. Harry Kirkpatrick  
Mrs. Robert Northeim  
Mrs. Michael Polansky  
Mrs. Patrick Ryan

Date	Name and Address	Purpose	Amount
2-8-74	Mrs. Fran Bostwick 809 Valley Drive, Amherst	Paper	\$ 2.80
2-18-74	Shedd-Brown, Inc. P. O. Box 27048 Minneapolis, Minnesota	Campaign Buttons	200.00
3-14-74	Mrs. Carolyn Fullington 930 Middle Ridge Road, Amherst	Ham	33.16
3-14-74	Mrs. Janet King 597 Church Street, Amherst	Paper products	12.38
3-18-74	Blackford Printing, Inc. 195 Cleveland Avenue Amherst	Envelopes, Rubber Stamp	10.95
3-27-74	Congragational Church 379 S. Main Street Amherst	Rental	15.00
4-10-74	Shedd-Brown, Inc. P. O. Box 27048 Minneapolis, Minnesota	Campaign Buttons Stickers	204.06
4-10-74	Ritter Signs 803 Brownell Avenue Lorain	Yard Signs Sign Painting	348.40
4-16-74	Advance Printing 914 Broadway, Lorain	Flyers	109.20
4-22-74	Mrs. Jean Wahl 109 Hickory Hollow Drive Amherst	Poster Contest Prizes	19.62
4-22-74	Mrs. Carolyn Wiggins 787 Valley Drive, Amherst	Post Cards	12.80
4-30-74	Amherst Lumber Company 700 Mill Avenue, Amherst	Yard Sign Stakes	26.21

**HELP YOUR LIBRARY GROW**

**VOTE YES MAY 7th**



# CITIZENS' COMMITTEE FOR THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY BOND ISSUE

428 PARK AVENUE

AMHERST, OHIO 44001

988-4230

## EXPENDITURES (con't)

### GENERAL CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Donald L. Hicks

### STEERING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Andrew Barchfeld  
Mrs. Kenneth Bechtel  
Mrs. Robert Bostwick  
Mrs. Frank Clary  
Mrs. James Conrady  
Mrs. Howard Danne  
Mrs. Ronald Fullington  
Mrs. Ronald Getty  
Mrs. Richard Heilman  
Mrs. Emmuel King  
Mrs. Harry Kirkpatrick  
Mrs. Robert Northeim  
Mrs. Michael Polansky  
Mrs. Patrick Ryan

Date	Name and Address	Purpose	Amount
5-4-74	The Journal 1657 Broadway, Lorain	Newspaper Ad	53.24
5-13-74	Amherst News-Times 280 Church Street Amherst	Newspaper Ads	145.20
5-13-74	Mrs. Peg Hicks 823 S. Main Street Amherst	Paper, Postage	29.60
5-20-74	Mrs. Fran Bostwick 809 Valley Drive Amherst	Postage	1.50
6-10-74	Mrs. Peg Hicks 823 S. Main Street Amherst	Index Files, Binders	17.26
6-17-74	Amherst Public Library 428 Park Avenue Amherst	Balance in Account	71.47
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			\$1312.85

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#### SUPPORT FROM LOCAL CORPORATION

The Nordson Corporation responded to the appeal for support of the Library Bond Issue by providing the citizens' committee with materials, printing and photographic services, and professional guidance from experts in the field of public relations.

In addition, the corporation underwrote the cost of a full page ad for the local newspaper.

The following is a letter from Mr. James Doughman of the Nordson Corporation outlining the various ways which the company would help the campaign.





FOR BETTER WAYS TO APPLY COATINGS AND ADHESIVES

NORDSON CORPORATION / Amherst, Ohio 44001 / Area Code 216 / 988-4473

February 19, 1974

Citizens Committee  
Amherst Public Library Bond Issue  
c/o Mrs. Donald L. Hicks  
823 South Main Street  
Amherst, Ohio 44001

Dear Mrs. Hicks:

Since we talked about so many things, it occurred to me that I ought to put down in writing what we can do to help your effort to get a new library building in Amherst. If this is not in accordance with what you think we said we would do, please let me know as soon as possible.

- (1) We will furnish 8 sign blanks suitable for major traffic areas. These are the same signs we used for the Mental Health Levy and are made out of 3/4" thick plywood mounted on heavy fence stakes. Two of these would be ideal for the library lawn; the other 6 could be spaced somewhere in town (maybe even in front of City Hall) and should do a good job advertising the levy on major traffic thoroughfares. We will furnish the signs and the stakes and erect them for you and paint the sign blanks a canary yellow. It is my understanding that you *(Before we put them up)* would then have the lettering done.
- (2) We will print for you the brochure to be used at group presentations.
- (3) We will be of assistance where you need us in the way of pictures or slides.
- (4) I know that you have monetary needs and I would like to express our support in perhaps a little different way. The cost of a full page ad in the Amherst News Times is about \$190.00 and I believe you did say you were going to try to get one with a number of signatures on it for the last issue before the election. Nordson will underwrite the cost of that ad. I know the News Times is also going to make a donation toward this so we'll work out the details with them. This should release some of your other resources for other uses.

Citizens Committee  
Amherst Public Library Bond Issue  
c/o Mrs. Donald L. Hicks  
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February 19, 1974

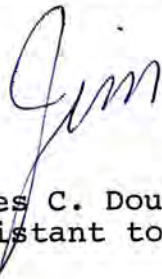
- (5) We also will print up to 200 posters (yellow card stock with black printing) 9-1/2"x16" long (this is the maximum size we can handle) suitable for use in stores, windows and anywhere else you might want to put them where voters pass by. *Jim Ruth*

Peg, I thought I had better get this down in writing so you could set up your master plan with these offers in mind. If any of the above is not what you think you should have, that's fine with us - these are only suggestions of what Nordson can do to help your effort. I want to add that I think you have made tremendous steps forward in getting your material lined up and getting your organization built. I hope you can keep the enthusiasm boiling until election day. Again, I want to point out everything has to point toward May 7 and too much too soon can waste alot of good effort.

If you have any questions on the aforementioned items, please let me know.

Sincerely,

NORDSON CORPORATION



James C. Doughman  
Assistant to the President



February 24, 1974

Mr. James C. Doughman  
Assistant to the President  
Nordson Corporation  
Amherst, Ohio 44001

Dear Mr. Doughman:

Our sincere thanks to you and the Nordson Corporation for the assistance in getting us organized to conduct the Amherst Public Library Bond Issue Campaign. Being novices at this type of endeavor, your advice and the services your company is providing are invaluable.

The plans you outlined in your letter are both overwhelming and gratefully accepted by our committee.

We are checking with several companies about painting the letters on the plywood signs. Fran Bostwick will be getting in touch with you Thursday about the brochure and slides. At this time she would also like to discuss the information to be placed on the posters. Underwriting the ad for the Amherst News Times was a most pleasant surprise. Again, please accept our thanks.

Our committee is totally dedicated to doing all we can to get this bond issue passed. Passage is vital to the growth of the city of Amherst. We plan to concentrate our efforts in the campaign the month prior to the election, with the door-to-door appeal coming the first week in May.

Again, many thanks for all your help--and moral support. We will keep in touch with you throughout the campaign.

Sincerely,

Peg Hicks, Chairman  
Citizens' Committee for the  
Amherst Public Library Bond Issue

4/5/74 Lorain Journal

## Nordson Foundation to Donate House for Library If Levy Passes

AMHERST — The philanthropic Nordson Foundation, based in Amherst, is prepared to donate a house and lot to the city library if a \$450,000 bond issue passes May 7.

Evan Nord, president of the foundation, said yesterday, "There is nothing in writing as yet. We bought the land to preserve it for expansion. The

idea is to give it to them."

The house, which abuts the south boundary of the Park Avenue library, has been leased for one dollar a year to the library since August, 1972. The house is divided into two apartments with revenue from rents going to the library.

The bond issue is for .6869 mills or about 70 cents per \$1,000 of property evaluation.

Nord, of Oberlin, said he is "supportive" of the issue.

"I THINK IT'S necessary to have up to date and expanded facilities. The growth of the area has far outstripped anything they can do in those

confines."

Nord said he has "no idea" how much the property is worth.



## KICK-OFF DINNER

A dinner sponsored by Amherst Women's League to which local civic leaders and prominent businessmen and women were invited was planned to kick off the campaign for the Library Bond Issue.

Brochures and pins were placed at each seat and architect's renderings of the proposed library addition were on view.

After dinner, a program was presented to inform the people about the needs and inadequacies of the library. The program included the following:

Valerie Jenkins, member of library board, main speaker--gave resumé of history of library and charts of statistics revealing how the library had fallen behind in all aspects of its service.

Peg Hicks, chairman of the citizens' committee--showed slide presentation which depicted problems of the library and told how the bond issue would solve these problems.

Fran Bostwick, chairman of publicity committee--outlined the campaign and told how those in attendance could help.

Dale Rosenkranz, local bank manager, master of ceremonies.

Representatives from each of the three local newspapers were invited to the dinner in the hopes of getting some good newspaper publicity. The weekly Amherst News-Times came through with pictures and story and a lively editorial supporting the campaign.

Other details about the dinner are as follows:

Dinner chairmen--Joanne Northeim, Janet King, Carolyn Fullington with Pearl Heilman and Marilyn Bechtel helping.

Place: Congregational Church in Amherst

Time: March 14, 1974, at 6:30 p.m.

Menu: Ham with varied foods and pie provided by the Amherst Women's League members. Punch was served before dinner.

Dear

You are cordially invited to attend the kick-off dinner for the Amherst Public Library Bond Issue to be held March 14, 1974, 6:30 P.M. at the Congregational Church, 379 South Main Street, Amherst, Ohio.

The purpose of this dinner is to make you and other community leaders aware of the need for this library expansion.

The Amherst Women's League looks forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,  
Peg Hicks  
Chairman

R. I. V. P. by March 9  
Peg Hicks - 988-7465  
Joanne Notheim - 988-9076

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March 7, 1974

## Bond Issue Kick-off Dinner Is March 14

A kickoff dinner to encourage community support of Amherst Public Library bond issue will be March 14 at 6:30 p.m. in Amherst Congregational United Church of Christ.

The dinner will be planned, prepared and served by member of Amherst Women's League. The club has established a citizens committee to promote the library expansion bond issue which will appear on the May 7 ballot.

Representatives from Amherst civic and social-service organization have been invited to attend the dinner along with many community leaders.

Master of Ceremonies will be Dale Rosenkranz. There will be a short slide presentation

showing the services the library offers and the inadequacies of the present facility.

Valerie Jenkins, library board member will talk about the library and answer any questions.

Members of the citizens committee will explain plans for the campaign and urge support from organizations and community leaders.

Amherst residents wishing to work for the library bond issue or personally endorse the library campaign may contact Mrs. Donald Hicks, general chairman of the Citizens Committee for the Amherst Public Library Bond Issue.

Chairmen of the kick-off dinner are Mrs. Emmuel King, Mrs. Ronald Fullington and Mrs. Robert Northeim.

## Amherst Library Receives Project Info Funds

Amherst Public Library will receive \$1,500 in 1974 from Project Info funds to help update and expand its reference and non-fiction book collections.

Project Info is a federally funded program through the State Library of Ohio. Info programs have been in existence since July, 1972. Seventeen libraries in Lorain and Medina counties participate in the programs, which are designed not only to build up book collections, but to promote sharing of collections, to speed up interlibrary loans and to improve reference

services. Aim of Info is to better serve the information needs of the public through interlibrary cooperation.

Three workshops will be conducted throughout the year to train library staffs in reference service.

Lorain Public Library administers the \$28,148 Under Project Info grant each of eight participating libraries will get \$1,550 to spend for books; branches of Lorain and Medina libraries will get \$500.00. In addition to the \$16,900 budget for books, remainder of the grant will go for the interlibrary loan program and for a part time staff.

3/7/74  
Amherst Newstimes

# *Amherst Women's League*

*Amherst, Ohio*

February 7, 1974

Plans are now underway for the Amherst Public Library to expand its facilities. Funds would be provided by a \$450,000 bond issue which will be on the May 7 ballot.

A kick-off dinner to inform civic leaders about library needs is being planned by the Amherst Women's League for March 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Congregational Church, 379 South Main Street.

All Amherst civic groups and organizations are invited to send a representative to this benefit dinner to gain a better understanding of the needs of the present library and the proposed expansion. It is hoped that this information will be passed on to all the members of your organization.

We, of the Amherst Women's League, feel this upcoming bond issue for the library expansion is of vital importance for the enrichment of this community, and will offer valuable services to people of all ages.

We encourage your organization to send a representative to this dinner. Please return the enclosed reservation card by March 7.

Sincerely yours,

Peg Hicks  
Chairman, Citizens' Committee for  
the Passage of the Amherst Library  
Bond Issue

Enclosure

HELP YOUR LIBRARY GROW



HELP YOUR LIBRARY GROW

☒ I plan to attend the dinner.

☐ I do not plan to attend the dinner.

David M. Lamoreaux  
Signature

PACE  
Organization

March 21, 1974



**LIBRARY KICKOFF DINNER.** Participants at Amherst Library Kickoff Dinner look at a chart telling the growth of Amherst Public Library since it was built. From left are: Mrs. Robert Bostwick, publicity chairman; Dale Rosenkranz, master of ceremonies; Mrs. Donald Hicks, chairman; Mrs. Robert Northeim, president of Amherst Women's League; and Valerie Jenkins, librarian at Marion L. Steele High School. Plans call for a signature page in which resident may sign your name for \$1.00 saying they endorse the library levy. The signatures will be used in an ad in The Amherst News-Times the week before election. Another program will be a poster contest.

*Amherst News-Times*

## Amherst's Best Buy!

The average retail price of a hard bound book is \$8.95. Residents of Amherst Exempted Village School District now have an opportunity to get all the best in fiction, non-fiction and reference material

for the ridiculously low price of only \$3.00 to \$5.00 per year. . . depending on the tax valuation of their property. All you have to do is vote yes, May 7 on the Library Bond Issue. Yes, it's truly today's best buy for you so get out and

*Vote Yes For Library Expansion*



## NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE

The responsibility of the neighborhood committee was to make personal contact with people on every block or neighborhood of the school district and locate volunteers to pass out flyers, put up a yard sign, write post cards or have a coffee for the library bond issue.

In order to select volunteers from all over the school district, the area was divided into wards. Chairmen of each ward were asked to locate volunteers to cover a particular area.

The following is a cumulative report of the neighborhood committee as compiled by chairman, Eileen Ryan.

NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE

AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY BOND ISSUE

Submitted by:

Eileen Ryan  
Chairman



## Neighborhood Committee

The committee members are:

1. Leslie Wilson
2. Lois Kleefeld
3. Mary Jo Hunter
4. Helen Kirkpatrick
5. Adele Filbert
6. Pat Marcucci
7. Ruth Musar
8. Fran Draga
9. Carolyn Wiggins
10. Ann Knoble
11. Neva Brandon
12. Jane Norton
13. Alicia Ockajik
14. Laurie Parham

We divided the city into ward:

Ward 1	---	Ruth Musar Fran Draga Carolyn Wiggins	
ward 2	---	Ann Knoble Neva Brandon	Leslie Wilson
Ward 3	---	Jane Norton	Lois Kleefeld
Ward 4	---	Alicia Ockajik Laurie Parham	M. Jo Hunter Helen Kirkpatrick Adele Filbert Pat Marcucci
Postcard Chairman	----	Carolyn Wiggins	
Coffee Chairman	----	Lois Kleefeld	

## Committee Meetings

March --- At our first meeting we gave each area chairman a proposed schedule and outline of what our goals would be in this campaign.

We were able to obtain two maps, one a city map and the other a school district map which gave us a good idea of where the boundaries were. Each girl was given a ward or area and then we brainstormed as to coming up with different names of people who might help us with passing out flyers etc. Our aim was to have one sign on every street.

March --- At our second meeting we colored in the streets on the map that were covered by people already contacted who would have a sign or pass out flyers. So far we have gotten a pretty good response. The girls were asked to make a separate listing of all names of people who will help so that I will have a copy of each one of their lists.

April ---- At our third meeting we filled in more streets and tried to come up with some names for coffees and postcards. The girls assembled signs at Nordson and then distributed them to the different people. By April 20th all the signs were in place. They look great! We have very good coverage around the city, and the township.

We folded the 10,000 flyers at the April Club meeting. We then gave the Ward chairmen their flyers and they gave them to their people.

### POSTCARDS

Carolyn Wiggins -- Chairman. She is going to keep a list of who takes how many postcards. We are going to ask the people who send out post cards to please keep a list for us of people to whom they send the cards. We gave them the postcards in an envelope with a stamped addressed envelope to Carolyn and a suggested message to write on the cards.

People who are sending out postcards:

1. Marilyn Jenne (Peg)	10
2. Mary Kernahan (Fran)	10
3. Larry Thorley (Eileen)	10
4. Stan Koss (Eileen)	10
5. Stan Lutz (Eileen)	10
6. Jean Schaeffer (Fran)	10
7. Lois Gambish (Peg)	10
8. Charlotte Marty (Fran)	30
9. Grace Purcell (Lois)	10
10. Connie Opferman (Carolyn)	10
11. Fred Powers (Peg)	10
12. Mary Ranck (Eileen)	10
13. Jean Cobb (Peg)	10
14. Mrs. Wittenbrook	10
15. Barb Brown	10
16. Lois Kleefeld	10
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	180 TOTAL



## HELP YOUR LIBRARY GROW

We are asking the Area Chairmen to be responsible for the following:

- 1) Getting as many people as possible to have yard signs.
- 2) Getting people to have a neighborhood coffee.
- 3) Getting people to write a post card to their neighbors to support the library bond levy.
- 4) Getting people to pass out flyers on each street.

### Our Proposed Time Schedule is:

APRIL 1 -- Completed list of people who will have yard signs.

APRIL 6 -- Assemble signs.

APRIL 8 -- a. Distribution of signs.

b. Completed list of people who will have coffees and write postcards.

APRIL 15-- a. Signs put up in yards.

b. Completed list of people who will pass out flyers.

Coffees and Post cards from April 15 to May 5.

MAY 4

MAY 5 -- Pass out flyers in neighborhoods.

MAY 7 -- Vote Yes!

## COFFEES

Lois Kleefeld-Chairman. Lois is in charge of co@ordinating the time and dates of the coffees. She will get in touch with Faith and make sure there is a speaker available for the coffee.

This is the schedule for the coffees:

- |    |                       |               |            |
|----|-----------------------|---------------|------------|
| 1. | Helen Stilgenbauer--- | April 23      | 10:00 A.M. |
| 2. | Sherry Lutz           | -----April 23 | 10:30 A.M. |
| 3. | Evelyn Smead-----     | April 23      | 1:30 P.M.  |
| 4. | Fran Bostwick-----    | May 3         | 10:00 A.M. |
| 5. | Shelia Bruning-----   | May 3         | 8:00 P.M.  |



Tea --- April 23 --- 1:30 p.m.

Evelyn Smead's House

You are cordially invited to a tea at Evelyn Smead's, Tuesday, April 23 at 1:30 p.m. We hope it will give you a chance to see all the neighbors after the long winter months, plus see an interesting and informative slide presentation about helping your Amherst Library to grow. Looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Smead  
Eileen Ryan

R.s.v.p. by April 21  
Eileen Ryan 988-7770

The following people came to the tea:

1. Evelyn Smead
2. Eileen Ryan
3. Peg Hicks
4. Pat Rainey
5. Ruth Kane
6. Mildred Keller
7. Bernie Wagner
8. Barb Flegge
9. Marge Brandon
10. Audrey Richards
11. Sue Stumpp
12. Donna Joyce
13. Gayle Schuster
14. Katherine Herchler
15. Betty Kinloch

Estimated number of people who helped with duties of this committee:

15	Actual Neighborhood Committee
150	People Who Had Signs & Passed Out Flyers
50	People Who Passed Out Flyers
16	People Who Wrote Postcards
<u>5</u>	People Who Had Coffees
TOTAL <u><u>236</u></u>	



Hi!

while I don't look it



I'm pretty fragile so please, when you put me up hold the post and the cardboard firmly together when pounding. If I get wet and come apart or if the wind blows me down, how about a helping hand? a little tape + a few tacks will do wonders. Take care of me + I'll help you get a new library! How about that? (Don't forget to vote)

Put me up April 15d.

## YARD SIGNS

April 6 ----- We assembled 150 signs at Nordson. Distribution to Ward Chairmen went as follows:

Ruth	20	(One left and I took it)
Laurie	25	
Jane	22	
Alicia	20	
Ann	20	
Peg	21	
Eileen	22	
	<u>150</u>	TOTAL

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### Peg

1. Judy Polansky
2. Bill Hempel
3. Dorothy Mitoff
4. Ken Sklarek
5. Don Phillips
6. Marilyn Jenne
7. Mr. Krecji
8. Mayor DePaola
9. Mr. Baker
10. Mrs. Hunt
11. Peg Hicks
12. Dr. Sanker
13. Ken Breckenridge
14. Alex Kummant
15. Dr. Snell
16. Mrs. Walker
17. Library Board Member
18. " "
19. " "
20. " "
21. " "
22. " "

### Eileen

1. Eileen Ryan
2. Leslie Wilson
3. George West
4. Mrs. Kaiser
5. Marilyn Bectel
6. Marge Super
7. Mrs. Huber
8. Jeanette Koskowski
9. " "
10. Helen Kirkpatrick
11. Vera Mae Hart
12. Bob Werner
13. Valerie Jenkins
14. Dr. Allsop
15. Corner Middle Ridge & Elyria
16. Mrs. Overmeyer
17. Evelyn Smead
18. Jim Wagner
19. Mrs. David Masin
20. Jean Wahl
21. Baldwin Blvd. (Laurie's friend)
22. Linn Road (Phyliss's friend)
23. Mrs. Brummer



# NAMES AND AREAS

1. Eastman Drive & Leavitt  
from 254 to Jaegar -----Dorothy Mitoff (Peg) 50 flyers  
sign
2. Seven Pines-----Mrs. Ken Sklarek  
Emerald Drive (Peg) 75 flyers  
sign
3. Bob Werner  
Gargus Drive (Sharon Getty) sign
4. Williamsburg Apt.s ----- Brenda Cartnell 75 flyers
5. Williamsburg Heights-----Mrs. Edward Tutkovics (Ruth) 150 flyers  
Williamsburg Drive
6. Mrs. Ray Overmeyer (Lois) sign  
5606 Williamsburg Dr.
7. Linda Drive  
Kay Drive  
Oberlin Road  
Rosedale-----Jeanette Kosakowski 2 signs  
6340 Linda Drive  
233-5013 200 flyers
8. Oberlin Road-----Marilyn Bectel sign
9. Pinehurst Area-----Judy Polansky 100 sign  
flyers
10. Pill Hill-----Mrs. Don Phillips (Peg) sign
11. " " Mrs. Sanker sign
12. " " Linda Gordon 100 flyers
13. Dorwood Area  
Baldwin Blvd. 44-----Mrs. David Masin (Neva) 100 sign  
Debra Drive flyers
14. Route 113-----Vera Mae Hart (Helen K.) 150 flyers

15. B-Bar-B-----Carolyn Wiggins 5 posters & 10 stickers  
200 flyers
16. Oberlin Rd. from  
113 to Middle Ridge---Neva's friend 50 flyers
17. Stang Road-----Neva's friend 10 flyers
18. Route 58 from  
Middle Ridge to 113----Carolyn Affolder 2 signs  
100 flyers
19. Jaegar Road-----Sharon Getty's mother sign
20. " " -----Helen K. and Joanne N. 50 flyers
20. Rt. 58 from Clev.  
to Cooper Foster Park-----Mrs. Super sign
- " " -----Sue Danne 70 flyers
21. Kolbe Road  
Spalding Ct.  
Oakcrest Dr.-----Mrs. George West sign  
100 flyers
22. Lynn Road-----Phyliss Fravel's friend sign
- North Lake St. from  
Jo San to Route 2-----Fran Bostwick 50 flyers
- Oak Pt. Road to Lake Rd.---Fran Bostwick 50 flyers
23. High Rise Apts.---Stan Lutz's friend 100 flyers
24. Town House & rest of Apts.----Fran Draga's friend 300 flyers
25. Middle Ridge Road-----Mrs. Kaiser sign  
50 flyers
26. " " ----- Dr. Allsop sign  
50 flyers
27. " " -----Jim Wagner sign



## FLYERS

We ordered 10,000 flyers. Distribution went as follows:

### Ward Chairmen:

1. Ruth	1,000
2. Ann	600
Neva	450
3. Jane	600
4. Laurie	800
Alicia	400
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	3,850

Outline Areas: 3,000

3,850
3,000
3,150
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10,000 flyers
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### Misc.

Lorain County Bank	
Lorain National Bank	
Drug Mart.	
Slutzker's	
Matt's Market	3,150

We passed out the flyers at the two banks on Saturday, May 4th. Drug Mart, Slutzker's, and Matt's agreed to put the flyers in the shopping bags on Saturday and Monday before the voting day.

## AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY - FLYER DISTRIBUTION

Please insert flyer between storm door and inner door, or secure flyer with a rubberband around the handle of the door. DO NOT place flyer in mailbox. This is illegal.

Please pass out flyers at your convenience on Saturday, May 4, or Sunday, May 5.

Thank you for your time and effort.

Citizens' Committee for the Amherst  
Public Library Bond Issue



# Amherst Public Library Bond Issue

Your library is the only institution that offers a FREE source of continuing education beyond high school.

## LIBRARY SERVICES

Books available on all subjects.  
Storehouse of magazines and newspapers.  
Current best sellers available.  
Resource and reference materials.  
Long-playing records.  
Pre-school story hour.  
Travel information.  
Large print books available.  
Open for study and leisure reading.  
Books ordered from other libraries.

## WHAT IS WRONG?

No expansion since 1906.  
NO ROOM for more books.  
CRAMPED conditions.  
Exposed pipes.  
Inadequate storage.  
Children in basement.  
Dangerous entrance.  
Wooden floors rotting.  
Out-dated wiring — fire hazard.  
Only one rest room.



**BOND ISSUE** — Majority Required For Passage  
**BENEFIT:** Amherst Exempted Village School District  
**PURPOSE:** Enlarging, remodeling and improving the present PUBLIC Library building and providing furnishings, equipment, and site improvements therefore.  
**RATE:** .6869 Mills    **YEARS:** 20    **AMOUNT:** \$450,000

# HELP YOUR LIBRARY GROW

## PROPOSED EXPANSION

Sheltered, street level entrance.  
Off-street parking.  
Community room.  
Ample rest room facilities.  
Leisure reading and study areas.  
Room for more books.  
Abundant storage areas.  
Pleasant, updated adult and children's areas.

The average homeowner will pay from \$3.50 and \$5.00 a year for the library expansion. Where else can you get so much for so little?

## YOUR LIBRARY IS FREE TO EVERYONE . . .

. . . Students  
. . . Preschoolers  
. . . Golden agers  
. . . Housewives  
. . . Businessmen and women  
. . . Professional people  
. . . Leisure readers

## PLEASE VOTE FOR

## The Amherst Public Library Bond Issue on May 7

# P A C E

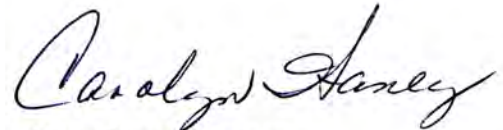
PEOPLE OF AMHERST FOR COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

March 20, 1974

Dear Mrs. Ryan,

Enclosed is our PACE roster. Our members as a group are enthusiastic about the library addition, and will be glad to help your committee as their time and schedules permit.

We wish you and your committee luck in this endeavor.



Carolyn Haney  
Vice President  
PACE



# P A C E

PEOPLE OF AMHERST FOR COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

## MEMBERSHIP ROSTER 1973-1974

1. ✓ Conn, Bob & Alice	1067 Plaza Dr.	988-5347
2. ✓ Evans, Bob & Karen	1118 Meadowbrook Dr.	988-9298
3. ✓ Haney, Doug & Carolyn	630 Van Oaks Dr.	988-5896
4. ✓ Kaiser, Mike & Sandy	415 Rock Creek Run	988-9812
5. ✓ Kremer, Jerry & Marianne	640 Van Oaks Dr.	984-2252
6. ✓ Lamoreaux, Don & Diane	924 Tarry Lane	988-7107
7. ✓ McDaniels, Denny & Sue	188 Elyria Ave.	988-7911
8. ✓ Mandel, Don & Joyce	357 Shady Dr.	988-5243
9. Mitchell, Danny & Pat	RD#1 Box 5-A Wakeman	839 <sup>4231</sup> 4521
10. ✓ Nickolls, Wayne & Sharon	166 Elyria Ave.	988-7070
11. ✓ Pallante, Bob & Martha	655 N. Woodhill	988-9200
12. ✓ Sandrock, Lynn & Sharon	851 Park Ave.	988-4124
13. ✓ Stark, Dick & Claire	416 Milan Ave.	988-7716
14. ✓ Wearsch, Chuck & Alice	1175 Park Ave.	988-5897
15. ✓ Wittenbrook, Ralph & Janet	183 Jackson St.	988-7954

## PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

The publicity committee was in charge of informing the citizens of Amherst about the inadequacies and problems of the present library facility and of providing reasons and enthusiasm for supporting the library bond issue.

The committee used the following to carry out this responsibility:

- Fact Sheets
- Newspaper Stories
- Newspaper Pictures
- Newspaper Editorials
- Brochures
- Slogan
- Speakers' Bureau with slide presentation
- Street Signs
- Posters
- Poster Contest
- Window Displays
- Library Open House
- Chamber Dinner
- Church Bulletins
- Advertisements in Newspapers
- Letters to the Editor
- Flyers
- Band-wagon Effect

The total effect of the publicity committee, working hand in hand with all other committees of the library committee, was to create a band-wagon effect, where it became popular to support the library campaign, to wear the pins and patches. The enthusiasm of the committee was especially put over through the News-Times. Whenever there was a choice of whether or not to spend money for the campaign, the committee decided to go ahead and spend it. The attitude was to do it once and do it right.



## BROCHURES

An informative brochure with pictures was passed out to people of the community to inform them of the inadequacies of the library and what the bond issue would provide. The brochures were presented to people by speakers at clubs and organizations, were available at the library, and were placed in professional offices in the community. The Saturday before the election, Women's League members passed out brochures at the two busiest bank branches.

There were 2,000 brochures printed by the Nordson Corporation. This company also provided a photographer for taking pictures and other professional help with the brochure.

## The Bond Issue ...

will be decided by Amherst area voters on May 7. The issue is for .6869 mills and will raise \$450,000 to cover the cost of construction, furnishings, and equipment.

This means you will pay about 70¢ per \$1,000 of property evaluation. It will cost the average taxpayer between \$3.50 and \$5.00 a year.

**Please help your library grow — Vote “FOR” the library bond issue. Where else can you get so much for so little?**

Citizens Committee for the Amherst Public Library Bond Issue  
Mrs. Don Hicks, Chairman  
428 Park Avenue  
Amherst, Ohio 44001

## Does Your Library



## Reflect Your Community?



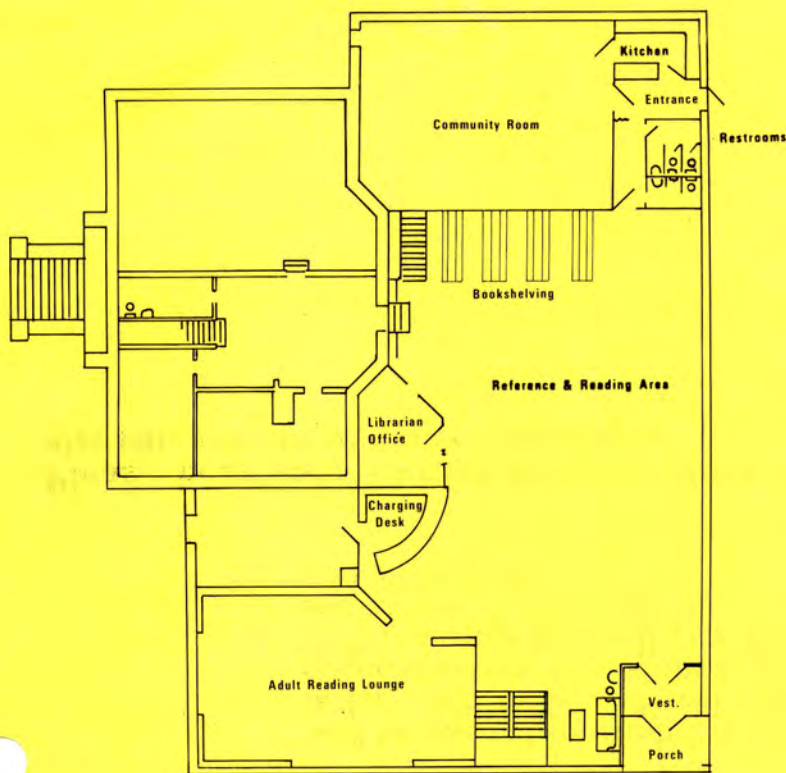


## A step forward in 1906 . . .

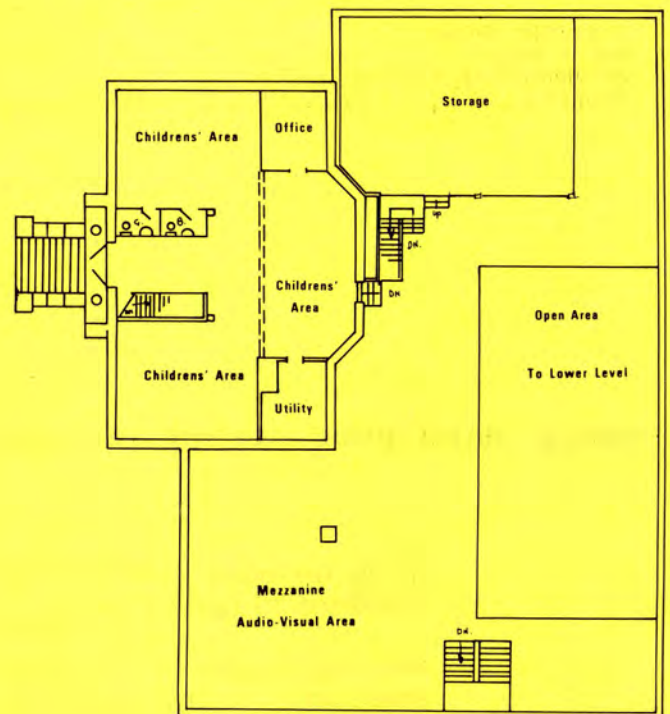
Amherst Public Library was a landmark in 1906, the year it was built. The 2,000 residents of the village viewed the building with a sense of achievement and pride. Amherst Township residents had raised enough funds to match a grant from the Andrew Carnegie Foundation to build the library.

The large room in the basement was built as a recreation room for youngsters. It was used for many years by boys' groups, the YMCA, and for Sunday School classes.

The village began to grow. In 1942, the recreation room was converted into the children's library to allow for more space in the adult department.



**GROUND FLOOR**



**2nd FLOOR**



## You ask . . .

### What is wrong with the library?



**Too Small** — Room, room, and more room is needed for the library to serve the community. By minimum standard, a library serving a city of 10,000 residents should have 10,000 square feet of space. Amherst Library contains 3,500 square feet.

**Close Quarters For Patrons** — Little room is available for relaxed reading, browsing, or researching books. Book shelves are crowded in with tables and chairs, so no quiet lounge area is set aside.

**No Room For More Books** — All available space is presently being used for storing and displaying books. To meet minimum standards, the library should have 30,000 books. Amherst Public Library now boasts 16,775 books.

**Lack Of Space For Magazines And Newspapers** — By state standards, Amherst Public Library should subscribe to 100 magazines and at least six newspapers. Due to lack of space, the library can subscribe to only 45 magazines and 3 newspapers.

**No Entrance For Elderly Or Handicapped** — A ground level entrance is needed for people who are unable to climb stairs.

**No Parking** — Off street parking for library patrons is simply not available.

**Cramped Conditions For Staff** — One small office on the main floor serves as the central office for all business, processing, and repairing of books.

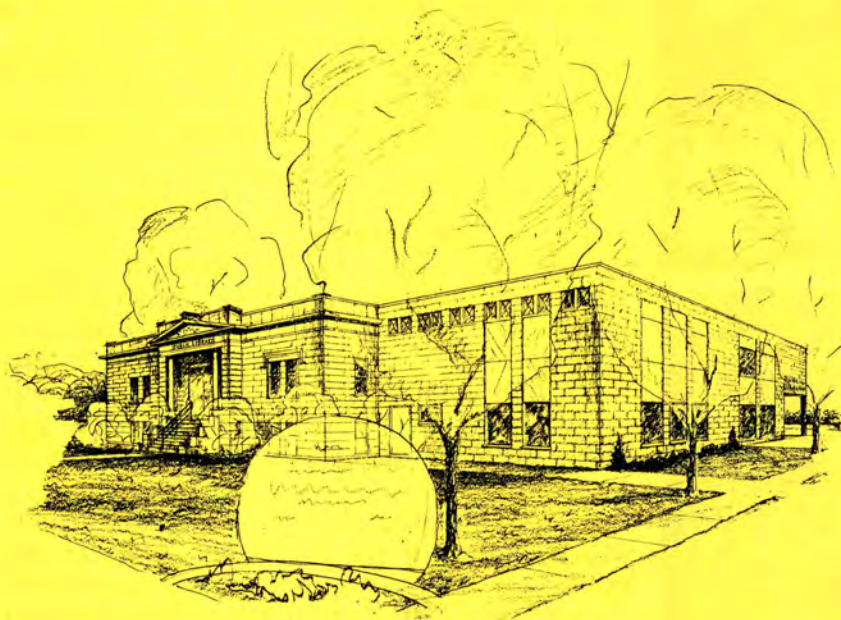
**It's Old** — Wiring, plumbing, and heating systems are antiquated. Typical of the resulting problems is the fact that the copying machine and the electric typewriter cannot be used at the same time due to lack of voltage. Amherst Public Library is the only library in Lorain County which is not air conditioned.

**Lack Of Storage** — The library is using all available space for the limited supply of 16 mm films, recordings, film strips and viewmaster reels. There is no more room to enhance these audio-visual aids, or to store film strip viewers and projectors.





## What Will the Addition Provide?



A sheltered ground level entrance off Spring St.  
An addition of 9,300 square feet, 5,400 square feet on the ground level and 3,900 square feet on the mezzanine.  
Library lounge with reading and study areas.  
Ample room for shelves of reference, non-fiction and current fiction.  
Charge desk, processing room and librarian office.  
Community room with kitchen facilities.  
Second floor mezzanine for display and storage of magazines, newspapers and audio-visual aids.  
Abundant storage areas.  
Childrens' department would be moved to present adult section which will connect to mezzanine.

## Far from adequate today . . .

Today, the SAME Amherst Public Library serves a community of 11,500 people, a community which is expected to grow to about 16,000 in six years.

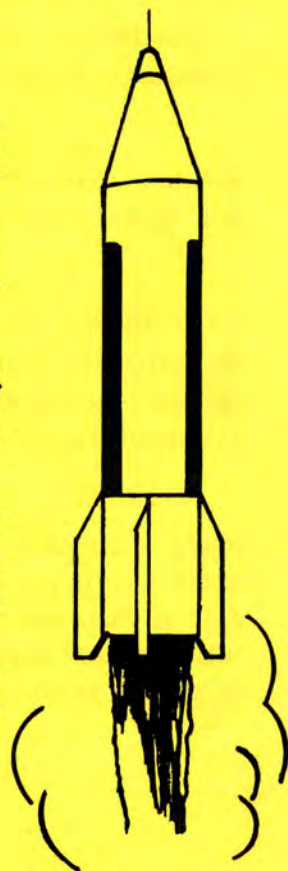
The library has undergone no major remodeling changes since 1906. Today, the library offers 16,775 books as compared to less than 2,000 books in 1906.

The Amherst Public Library is below state standards in number of books available, seating capacity, square feet of area per resident, and magazine and newspaper subscriptions.

Library patrons must deal with exposed pipes, rotting floors, and a steep narrow stairway which connects the adult section with the children's department. Still, the library loaned books 52,889 times last year.

Amherst residents are proud of their community, the wholesome living conditions, modern schools, and good city services.

Amherst cannot be proud of its library.





# Does Your Library



# Reflect Your Community?



### SPEAKERS' BUREAU

Seven well-informed people comprised the speakers' bureau, and a short or long presentation about the library bond issue was made available to all clubs and organizations. The short one was a five-minute talk about the bond issue, and the longer one was a fifteen-minute slide presentation. Letters were sent to these clubs requesting time to speak about the library. Included in the letter was a slip which the club could return with an endorsement of the bond issue.

Speakers appeared at meetings of the following clubs: Rotary, Lions, Garden Club, Eagles Auxiliary, Homemakers, Amherst Women's League, Shupe School Parent-Teacher Organization, Amherst Historical Society, Business and Professional Women's Club, Mary Martha Circle; all of these organizations endorsed the library bond issue.

In addition, the following clubs endorsed the bond issue: Amherst Hospital Auxiliary, Twigbenders, PACE, Band Boosters, Chamber of Commerce, Powers School Parents Group, Amherst Athletic Association, CARES, Golden Agers, and Hickory Tree Grange, Welcome Wagon, Amherst Ministerial Association.

The slide presentation was also shown to coffees given by people around the community. The slide program was informative and very convincing to those who saw it.

Pictures were taken by the Nordson Corporation photographer, and James Doughman of the comapny helped in the preparation of the slide showing.

AGENDA FOR BOTH PRESENTATIONS OF THE SPEAKERS' BUREAU  
5 Min Presentation

Introduce self

Lead-IN

Amherst is one of the leading communities in Northern Ohio. However our library is one of the poorest equipped in Northern Ohio and is the smallest in Lorain County. The others being Lorain, Elyria, Avon Lake, Oberlin Wellington, and Grafton, then Amherst.

Brochure

need for space

floor plan

cost

Questions

Ask for endorsement to be signed

Closing

"Vote FOR the library bond issue"

Slide Presentation

Introduce self

Give slide presentation

Pass out brochures and buttons

explanation of floor plan

parking places

covered entrance

yearly cost

Questions

Ask for endorsement

Closing

"Vote FOR the library bond issue"



SLIDE PRESENTATION AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY

SLIDE 1

MOST OF YOU ALREADY KNOW A GREAT DEAL ABOUT OUR CITY. <sup>(\*)</sup> YOU PROBABLY  
KNOW WE HAVE ABOUT 11,500 PEOPLE, ROUGHLY 3,500 HOMES, ~~15~~ 15  
CHURCHES AND SOME 7 SCHOOLS.

1-A  
1-B (\*) We even have a new green & gold water tower

SLIDE 2

\* I THINK EVERYONE AGREES WE ARE WELL KNOWN FOR OUR OUTSTANDING  
RESIDENTIAL AREAS <sup>(\*)</sup> AND FOR BEING AN IDEAL SPOT TO LIVE IN LORAIN COUNTY  
REGARDLESS OF WHERE YOU WORK.

2-A

SLIDE 3

\* WE HAVE ACCESS TO MODERN HIGHWAYS WHICH ALLOW US TO EASILY REACH MAJOR  
METROPOLITAN AREAS TO THE EAST, WEST OR SOUTH.

SLIDE 4

\* THERE HAVE BEEN 5 BRANCH BANKS BUILT IN OUR COMMUNITY IN RECENT YEARS.

SLIDE 5

\* MODERN BUSINESSES OFFER GOOD JOBS AND <sup>(\*)</sup> VARIOUS SHOPPING CONVENIENCES.

5-A

SLIDE 6

\* WE HAVE INDUSTRIES INTERESTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY.

SLIDE 7

\* MODERN CHURCHES OF MANY FAITHS ARE HERE: (\*) EACH IS PROUD OF ITS  
8 HERITAGE AND INFLUENCE.

SLIDE 9

\* AND OUR SCHOOLS ARE SECOND TO NONE IN THE COUNTY. (\*) THEY OFFER A  
FINE EDUCATION TO THE YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITY.

SLIDE 10

\* EVEN OUR LOCAL AMERICAN LEGION AND OUR EAGLES CLUB HAVE EXPANDED AND  
MODERNIZED. WE HAVE A HOSPITAL, A POST OFFICE -

SLIDE 11

\* LOW INCOME HOUSING FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY MORE -- AS WELL AS

SLIDE 12

\* A GOLDEN AGE HOME.

THERE IS NO QUESTION - BECAUSE YOU LIVE OR WORK HERE YOU KNOW WHAT A FINE CITY AMHERST IS. IT IS A GROWING COMMUNITY, INTERESTED IN THE QUALITY OF SERVICES IT OFFERS. SO LET'S GET RIGHT TO THE POINT. (\*)WE WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT OUR LIBRARY. *1st slide*

SLIDE 13

SLIDE 14

IT WAS BUILT IN 1896 AND HAS SERVED THE PEOPLE OF AMHERST VERY WELL FOR ALMOST 70 YEARS.

*14A*  
\* FOR THE FIRST 20 TO 30 YEARS IT WAS QUITE ADEQUATE FOR THE POPULATION, BUT TODAY WE HAVE THE SMALLEST, REPEAT, THE SMALLEST, LIBRARY IN LORAIN COUNTY.

SLIDE 15

THERE IS NOW A *need* NEED TO IMPROVE UPON THE WORK OUR FOREFATHERS DID AND WE WILL HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY COMING UP DURING THE ELECTION ON MAY 7. BUT FIRST, JUST OF WHAT VALUE IS A LIBRARY TO A COMMUNITY? WHAT DOES IT DO? HOW DOES IT BENEFIT THE RESIDENT? AND MOST IMPORTANT, WHY DO WE NEED AN ADDITION?

SLIDE 16

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(\*) IN ORDER TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS, LET'S BEGIN BY LOOKING AT SOME OF THE GOOD AND BAD FEATURES OF THE PRESENT LIBRARY.

SLIDE 17

\* WITH AN INCREASING AMOUNT OF LEISURE TIME FOR ADULTS THERE IS EXPANDED USE OF THE LIBRARY AND ITS FACILITIES. *As mentioned before,* UNFORTUNATELY, MANY OF THE PROSPECTIVE USERS ARE RELUCTANT TO CLIMB 12 STEEP, SANDSTONE STEPS WHICH PRESENT A HEALTH HAZARD. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE LAW NOW REQUIRES PUBLIC BUILDINGS TO HAVE ENTRANCES ON THE GROUND LEVEL FOR JUST THIS REASON.

*Amherst has housing for senior citizens who have much free time, which they could spend in the Library,*



SLIDE 18

\* CERTAINLY ANOTHER LARGE GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO STAND TO GAIN THE MOST FROM LIBRARY USE ARE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. IN SCHOOLS THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASING DEMAND TO MAKE BUILDINGS CHEERFUL AND PLEASANT--A PLACE CHILDREN LIKE TO BE. \* ONE MUST ASK IF THIS RATHER FOREBODING LOOKING ENTRANCE IS GOING TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO MAKE USE OF THE FACILITY.

SLIDE 19

\* ON THE INSIDE, MUCH HAS BEEN DONE TO MAKE THE LIBRARY A CHEERFUL PLACE. IT IS THIS TYPE OF ATMOSPHERE THAT ENCOURAGES CHILDREN TO THINK THAT THE LIBRARY IS A FUN PLACE TO ~~AM~~ BE AND MORE IMPORTANTLY THAT READING IS FUN. THE YOUNG CHILD MAY BEGIN BY ATTENDING STORY HOUR AND WHAT CHILD DOESN'T LIKE TO HEAR A GOOD STORY, ESPECIALLY SURROUNDED BY HIS FRIENDS. BUT SITTING IN CROWDED CONDITIONS TENDS TO DETRACT FROM THE CHILD'S INTEREST.

SLIDE 20

\* AFTER THE CHILD MAKES HIS SELECTION, HE DEVELOPS A FEELING OF MATURITY BY CHECKING OUT HIS OWN BOOK. THE MAJOR PROBLEM WITH THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT IS THE SPACE (OR LACK OF IT) AND THE FACT THAT THE ROOM, WHILE PLEASANTLY FURNISHED, IS OUTMODDED.

20a

(\*) AS AN EXAMPLE, WOODEN FLOORS WHICH ARE A FIRE HAZARD, TEND

20b

TO MAKE A ROOM LOOK DARK. ~~AM~~ (\*) THE EXPOSED PIPES AND BASEMENT LOCATION ALSO TEND TO GIVE THE CHILD THE FEELING OF BEING AN AFTER THOUGHT.

SLIDE 21

\* THUS THE CHILD THINKS THE MAIN FLOOR IS FOR ADULTS AND (\*)

22

THERE IS A LONG, STEEP SEPARATION BETWEEN THE TWO.

SLIDE 23

\* AS THE CHILD BECOMES A YOUNG ADULT, THE LIBRARY BECOMES A SOURCE OF INFORMATION AS WELL AS PLEASURE AND LESSONS LEARNED IN SCHOOL ARE APPLIED IN THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

SLIDE 24

\* IN ORDER FOR A CHILD TO GET FULL BENEFIT FROM THIS LIBRARY,  
THERE MUST BE ADEQUATE RESOURCE MATERIAL AND ADEQUATE SPACE  
BOTH FOR BROWSING THROUGH REFERENCE MATERIAL AND SPACE TO RECORD  
SLIDE 25 SUCH INFORMATION ON NOTECARDS. (\*) THERE MUST ALSO BE SPACE FOR

LEISURE READING IN PLEASANT, UNCROWDED CONDITIONS FOR BOTH  
YOUNG AND OLDER ADULTS. *Many adults have free time  
they could put to good use, reading in the library.*

SLIDE 26

\* THIS SLIDE SHOWS THE ENTIRE READING AND STUDY AREA. THERE JUST  
IS NOT ENOUGH SPACE.

SLIDE 27

\* THE LIBRARY HAS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO BUY MORE BOOKS AND MAGAZINES  
BUT AT PRESENT IT IS FILLED TO CAPACITY. TO THE LEFT OF THE  
PICTURE YOU CAN SEE COATS PILED ON A CHAIR.

SLIDE 28

\* THERE IS A RACK THAT HOLDS 6 COATS BUT NO SPACE IS AVAILABLE FOR  
MORE.

SLIDE 29

\* IN ORDER TO PROVIDE RESOURCE MATERIAL AS WELL AS LEISURE TIME  
ENRICHMENT, A HEAVY TASK IS PLACED ON THE LIBRARIAN. SHE TOO  
MUST HAVE SPACE TO WORK AND WORK IN AN EFFICIENT MANNER. THE  
OUTDATED WIRING IN THIS OFFICE PROHIBITS THE USE OF MORE THAN  
ONE MACHINE AT A TIME.

SLIDE 30

\* THIS ATTRACTIVE CIRCULATION DESK AND BOOK AREA WERE CREATED BY  
CUTTING AWAY THE LIBRARIAN'S ORIGINAL OFFICE SPACE. ~~the outdated heating & equipment~~

SLIDE 31

\* BOTH ARE BADLY NEEDED AND USED EXTENSIVELY, ~~(S)~~ BUT AT PRESENT  
THERE IS NOT <sup>enough</sup> ~~adequate~~ SPACE FOR EITHER.



SLIDE 33

<sup>-5-</sup>  
*Another example of the Lack of Space is*  
THIS SMALL ROOM IS THE ONLY REST ROOM AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

IT IS USED BY BOYS AND GIRLS, MEN AND WOMEN.

SLIDE 34

\* THIS STORAGE ROOM HAS TO SERVE THE ENTIRE LIBRARY AND OBVIOUSLY IS NOT LARGE ENOUGH.

SLIDE 35

\* THIS IS OUR LIBRARY NOW. IN 1906 IT WAS AN EXCELLENT FACILITY FOR A TOWN OF 2,000. THE BIG QUESTION IS: CAN IT STILL BE CONSIDERED EVEN ADEQUATE NOW IN 1974? THINK ABOUT IT. A LIBRARY CAN BE USED BY EVERYONE FROM THE PRESCHOOLERS TO THE GOLDEN AGERS: BUSINESSMEN, COLLEGE STUDENTS, HOUSEWIVES, <sup>Retired people</sup> IT IS A FACILITY OPEN YEAR ROUND TO EVERYONE AND ITS SERVICES ARE FREE. WHERE ELSE CAN YOU GET SO MUCH FOR SO LITTLE? EXPANSION IS DESPARATELY NEEDED TO BRING THE LIBRARY UP TO THE STANDARDS of 1974. HERE ARE OUR SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

SLIDE 36

\* THIS SLIDE SHOWS WHAT THE NEW LIBRARY WOULD LOOK LIKE. ALL THE LOVELY, OLD FEATURES WOULD BE RETAINED BUT IMPROVED UPON. FOR EXAMPLE THE MILL STONE WOULD STAY IN THE SAME LOCATION. THE ADDITION WOULD BE BUILT OF SANDSTONE TO MATCH THE STONE USED IN THE ORIGINAL BUILDING. \* WHERE NO PARKING SPACES ARE NOW AVAILABLE THERE WOULD BE A PARKING AREA AT THE REAR OF THE ADDITION. A DRIVE WOULD HAVE ITS ENTRANCE FROM SPRING STREET, TURNING TO THE NORTH AND EXITING ON PARK AVENUE. THERE WOULD BE A SHELTERED <sup>ground level</sup> ENTRANCE ON SPRING STREET <sup>to enable handicapped & elderly easily access to the building</sup> THE MAIN GROUND FLOOR WOULD PROVIDE READING AND STUDY AREAS, BOOK STACKS FOR REFERENCE BOOKS, NON-FICTION AND CURRENT FICTION. ALSO INCLUDED ON THE MAIN FLOOR WOULD BE A CHARGE DESK, PROCESSING ROOM AND LIBRARIAN'S OFFICE. A COMMUNITY ROOM WITH KITCHEN AND REST ROOMS WOULD HAVE A SEPARATE ENTRANCE.

\* THE SECOND FLOOR MEZZANINE WOULD BE USED FOR MAGAZINES, AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT AND ADDITIONAL READER AND STUDY SPACE. THERE WOULD BE <sup>A</sup> STORAGE ROOM TOO. THE PRESENT MAIN FLOOR WOULD BE USED FOR A CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT AND WOULD BE CONNECTED TO THE ADDITION WITH AN ARCHWAY INTO THE MEZZANINE. IF MORE ROOM WERE NEEDED FOR CHILDREN IN THE COMING YEARS, PART OF THE MEZZANINE COULD BE USED.

\* This is ~~what~~ WHAT WE COULD HAVE WITH THE NEW EXPANSION FOR JUST A SMALL COST TO THE AVERAGE HOME OWNER OF \$3 to \$5 a ~~year~~ YEAR. WON'T YOU HELP BY SUPPORTING US AND VOTING YES ON MAY 7?



# CITIZENS' COMMITTEE FOR THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY BOND ISSUE

428 PARK AVENUE

AMHERST, OHIO 44001

988-4230

## GENERAL CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Donald L. Hicks

## STEERING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Andrew Barchfeld  
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Mrs. Robert Bostwick  
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Mrs. Emmuel King  
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Mrs. Michael Polansky  
Mrs. Patrick Ryan

TO: ALL RELIGIOUS, CIVIC, AND SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

CONCERNING; AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY BOND ISSUE - May 7, 1974

The Amherst Public Library has not had any major remodeling or expansion since it was built in 1906. When the library was built Amherst had a population of 2,000 people and now our population is 11,500 people.

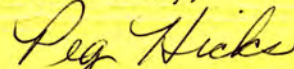
These are two reasons we are appealing to the voters of Amherst to vote "FOR" the Amherst Public Library Bond Issue on May 7, 1974. We feel that when the public is informed of the conditions and lack of facilities in the Amherst Public Library, they will support the bond issue.

The Citizen's Committee is soliciting the endorsement of your organization for the Amherst Public Library Bond Issue.

Would you permit a member of our speakers bureau to speak to your group? The Citizen's Committee has a 15 minute informative slide presentation available or if your program agenda does not allow time for this presentation, we would be most appreciative if we could have 5 minutes to talk briefly and answer any questions that your members might have regarding this vital issue.

If you are interested in one of these presentations, please call Mrs. Andrew Barchfeld 988-4591 or Mrs. Wm Makinen 988-7388 and a convenient time and date will be arranged.

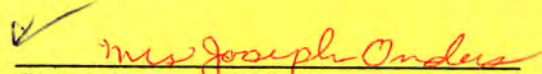
Yours truly,



Mrs. Donald Hicks  
General Chairman

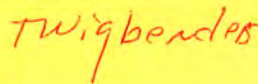
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WE/I SUPPORT THE BOND ISSUE FOR THE EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY. WE, THEREFORE, ENDORSE THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY BOND ISSUE AS PROPOSED TO THE VOTERS FOR THE MAY 7, 1974 ELECTION.

Return to:  
Mrs. Andrew Barchfeld  
476 Lullaby Circle  
Amherst, Ohio 44001

  
Signature and Title

HELP YOUR LIBRARY GROW  Organization

VOTE YES MAY 7th



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FOR THE MAY 7, 1974 ELECTION.

Doug Haney  
Signature and Title

PACE  
Organization

Return to:

Mrs. Andrew Barchfeld  
476 Lullaby Circle  
Amherst, Ohio 44001

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Address



AMHERST NEWS-TIMES - April 11, 1974

The Amherst News-Times

## Amblings & Ramblings

984-2464

† † † † † † † † † †  
Six more Amherst civic-service organizations have endorsed Amherst Library Bond Issue.

Putting their stamp of approval on the expansion are Amherst Ministerial Association, Amherst Lions Club, Shupe School Parent Teachers Organization, Amherst Twigbenders, Amherst Women's League and Rotary.

Speakers of the Citizens Committee for the bond issue are presenting informative programs for Amherst clubs and church groups. A slide presentation showing the services and inadequacies of the present library is available.

Mrs. Faith Barchfeld is chairman of the speaker's bureau and may be contacted to schedule a talk.

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## 18 Endorse Amherst Public Library Bond Issue

Eighteen organizations from Amherst area have endorsed the Amherst Public Library bond issue.

They are: Amherst Women's League, Amherst Hospital Auxiliary, Rotary, Lions, PACE, Band Boosters, Chamber of Commerce,

Shupe School Parent Teachers Organization, Powers Parents Group, Amherst Homemakers, Amherst Historical Society, Amherst Athletic Association, Business and Professional Women's Club, Golden Agers, Hickory Tree Grange, Amherst Min-

isterial Association, Mary Martha Circle and Twigbenders.

The bond issue will

more than triple the size of Amherst Public Library will be on the May 7 primary ballot.



# Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 2  
Amherst, Ohio 44001

"SANDSTONE CENTER OF THE WORLD"

February 25, 1974

Mrs. Donald L. Hicks  
Chairman,  
Library Bond Issue  
428 Park Ave.  
Amherst, Ohio 44001

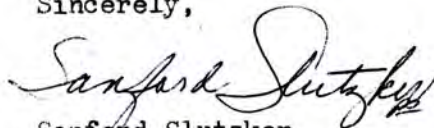
Dear Mrs. Hicks:

At our regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 1974, the Officers and Board of Directors of the Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce voted unanimously to endorse and support the Amherst Women's League in their efforts to promote the passage of the Amherst Library Bond Issue which will appear on the May ballot.

We sincerely believe that expansion and improvement of The Amherst Public Library is essential to meet the needs of our growing community, and we salute the Amherst Women's League in this tremendous undertaking.

Please feel free to use this endorsement in any way which will be beneficial to the successful passage of the Library Bond Issue.

Sincerely,



Sanford Slutzker  
President  
Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce

SS/ps

## Chamber Endorses Library Bond Issue

Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce is the first civic organization to unanimously endorse the Amherst Public Library bond issue which will appear on the May ballot.

The chamber offered its support to the Amherst Women's League, who are spearheading the drive to inform the public about the merits of the bond issue.

"We sincerely believe the expansion and improvement of the Amherst Public Library is essential to meet the needs of our growing community," Sanford Slutzker, president of the Chamber, said.

"We salute the Amherst Women's League in this tremendous undertaking," he added.

Other clubs and civic organizations will be asked for their endorsement of the library

bond issue as speakers from the citizens committee present a talk and slide presentation to these organizations. Chairman of the speaker's bureau is Mrs. Faith Barchfeld.





#### CHAMBER DINNER

The Chamber of Commerce mentioned the library bond issue during the program of the annual dinner at which nearly 500 people were present. In addition, the committee set up a display of pictures and the architect's drawing, and brochures in the hallway where the dinner was held. The Chamber of Commerce was very generous in their support of the library bond issue.



**AMHERST CHAMBER MEMBERS** from left are: Paul Fackler, Dale Spiegelberg and Sandford Slutzker, make final plans for their annual dinner Saturday in Marion L. Steele High School. Radio and TV personality, Dr. Joyce

Brothers, psychologist, will be guest speaker. Dr. Elsie Snell will be honored for her services to Amherst. Cheryl Yourkvitch, "Miss Ohio" will also be on the program. For waiting list tickets call Fred Berger at 984-2471.



18 The Journal, Lorain, Ohio Monday, April 1, 1974

# Dr. Elsie Snell Honored at Amherst Chamber Dinner

By PEGGY ENGEL  
Staff Writer

AMHERST — It wasn't your typical Chamber of Commerce dinner. More than 450 guests sat in a camouflaged gym, laughing through quizzes on whether women have more nightmares than men, who starts marital fights and whether men lie more about their ages than women.

The scene was a tinsel and flower decked Marion L. Steele gym Saturday night at the second annual Amherst area Chamber of Commerce community night.

The articulate, self - possessed speaker was psychologist Dr. Joyce Brothers and she sparked the formal dinner into friendly banter and laughter.

"That's the first time I saw



DR. ELSIE SNELL.

the mayor smile," joked Dr. Nicholas Restifo to the crowd and Mayor DePaola, as he asked Dr. Brothers about any psychological barriers when

one turns 40.

"I'm going to go home and see if we're compatible," laughed a guest about Dr. Brother's written take - home quiz.

The nationally - known psychologist was chosen to speak — at a tune of \$2,000 — as the Chamber honored 19 local women. Special recognition — plus long - stemmed red roses and a silver tray — was given to Dr. Elsie Snell, long - time Amherst physician.

EARLIER in the evening, Dr. Snell had presented the Carlisle H. Snell Legion Award to the outstanding Legionnaire in honor of her husband.

Dr. Snell accepted her award in behalf of all the women of Amherst and added:

Mrs. Faith Barchfeld  
Mrs. Bertine Foster  
Mrs. Peg Hicks  
Mrs. Alyce Standen  
Miss Grayce Purcell  
Mrs. Eleanor Futch  
Mrs. Sue Huber

THE AMHERST Women's League also was applauded by the Chamber for its work in the community, most recently, the library levy drive

The \$15 - a - plate guests — including Cong. Charles Mosher and State Rep. Donald Pease — heard Dr. Brother's disappointing breakdown on 12 typical American couples.

"Four will divorce. Six will

have utilitarian marriages with a certain number of shared satisfactions, but the zest, the thrill departs. Only two will stay madly and magically in love.

"It's a longshot, but something pretty wonderful to try for," she concluded.



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**Dr. Brothers Scores Smash**

By JANE BENSON

She came, she talked and she enthralled Amherst area residents attending the second annual Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce Community Night Banquet Saturday in Marion L. Steele High School.

She is Dr. Joyce Brothers, psychologist, frequent talk-show guest, syndicated columnist and radio and television broadcaster.

A special, "Tribute to Women Award," was presented to Amherst's Dr. Elsie Snell, for her "meritorious services to the community." Eighteen additional Amherst women, who have volunteered their time and efforts in club, church, school and social work, were also recognized.

**Lorain's Cheryl Yourkvitch, Miss Ohio 1973, sang for the capacity crowd.**

Dr. Brothers, speaking on "Making Love Last a Lifetime", said, "The miracle that does most to lengthen life and to make it happy is love." However, not all married couples remain "in love" all their lives, she added.

In every 12 marriages, four end in divorce, six will continue as "cool or utilitarian" marriages, while only two will continue with the partners "in love" throughout their lives. In those marriages that have lost their "zest" -- 50 per cent -- the couples either admit to living in a "quiet hell" or with being satisfied to endure a love-less marriage and make due. She said the odds of one experiencing a happy marriage are small but the effort is worth the try. Failure and unhappiness results because most couples just give up, she added.

**Testing the pulse of the audience, Dr. Brothers suggested everyone take pencil and paper and participate in two short quizzes, one on love, the other on the opposite sex.**

Questions such as: "Is it really true that opposites attract? Are people who take a strictly scientific attitude toward sex better off?" and "Should young men look at the father of the girl, they plan to marry, rather than her mother before they take the final step?" were asked. Those answering: True to number one. False; to number two; and true to number three have a knowledgeable quotient on love says Dr. Brothers.

How well one understands the opposite sex is determined culturally for the most part Dr. Brothers contends. Some of the questions asked included: "Most husband-wife arguments are started by the wives." True she says. Males have always been destined to fight with other males and not with their mates. The female starts nine of 11 fights.

**"Women are more likely to go to pieces in a trying situation than a man." False; women are bothered by minor things, "like if their hair won't curl" but in a major disturbing situation they remain cooler.**

"Women change their minds more than men." False; although women tend to be more indecisive, once their minds are made up they stick to their decision. Dr. Brothers states "Men have more complaints

about their marriages." Also False; women complain more about their marriages. However, she added, men complain more about sexual incompatibilities.



## DR. BROTHERS From Page 1

Finishing the quizzes she jokingly noted that if you failed, you need help but if you correctly answered all of the questions you would probably be the guest lecturer next year.

Dr. Brother's sense of humor and knack of bringing the audience into the situation delighted her listeners.

Dale Spiegelberg, master of ceremonies and a member of the Chamber's board, welcomed guests to the annual affair. He recognized Mayor and Mrs. Anthony DePaola, Rep. Charles Mosher, State Representative Don Pease, County commissioners Fred Rittenauer and Jerry Keron, Councilmen Ken Sroka, Greg Fior, Robert Lauer and Don Mayfield.

Chamber President, Sanford

Slutzker said "We have no problems or hang-ups in Amherst. We have a thing going with our town." He recognized members of the Lorain and Elyria chambers' who were in attendance.

In presenting the "Tribute to Women Award", James Doughman, assistant to the president of Nordson Corp., singled out the Amherst Women's League as an Amherst group which has accomplished much. He cited as examples: construction of the park swimming pool, sponsoring a Girls State representative, presentation of a college scholarship, assistance in the foreign exchange program and their current project: getting the Library Expansion Bond Issue passed.

Doughman then named the 18 women, to whom special tribute

was being paid. They are the late Miss Marion L. Steele, Mrs. Roy (Jean) Schaeffer, Mrs. Valerie Jenkins, Mrs. Hubert (Charlotte) Marty, Mrs. Dick (Pat) Cooley, Mrs. Elmer (Rosemary) Valentine, Mrs. Clem (Helen) Rice, Mrs. Burton (Marilyn) Jenne, Mrs. Steve (Sophia) Olansky, Mrs. Howard (Clara) Mowcomber, Mrs. Andrew (Faith) Barchfeld, Mrs. Stanley (Sherry) Lutz, Mrs. Edward (Bertine) Foster, Mrs. Donald (Peg) Hicks, Mr. Alyce Standen, Miss Grayce Purcell, Mrs. Ben (Eleanor) Futch and Mrs. Eugene (Sue) Huber.

The Rev. Warren Wiggins offered the invocation.

### POSTER CONTEST

Twenty youngsters entered the poster contest for the library bond issue. Posters were turned in at the library by April 13. Judges selected the best posters in each category and prizes of books were awarded. Pictures of the winners were in the local newspaper, and the posters were all displayed in a local store window.



HELP YOUR LIBRARY GROW

POSTER CONTEST

SUBJECT: Amherst Library Bond Issue  
May 7, 1974

VOTE YES

Contest is open to boys and girls in grades one through eight.

Posters should not be larger than 15 inches x 22 inches.

Posters should be delivered to the Library by Saturday, April 13, 1974.  
Your name, grade and telephone number should appear on the poster.

Posters will be judged and winners announced in The Amherst News-Times  
on April 18, 1974.

If you have any further questions, contact Mrs. John Wahl, 988-7738.

## Announce Poster Contest

A "Help Your Library Grow" poster contest for student in grades one through eight is being sponsored by the Citizens Committee for the Library Bond Issue.

Posters must contain the words "Help Your Library Grow" and must be no larger than 15 by 22 inches. All posters must have the name, phone number and grade of the artist on the back. Posters may

be turned into Amherst Public Library.

Contest deadline is Saturday, April 13. Posters will be judged and winners and prizes will be announced in The Amherst News-Times on April 18.

More information about the poster contest is available in The Amherst Public Library or phone Mrs. John Wahl, 988-7738.

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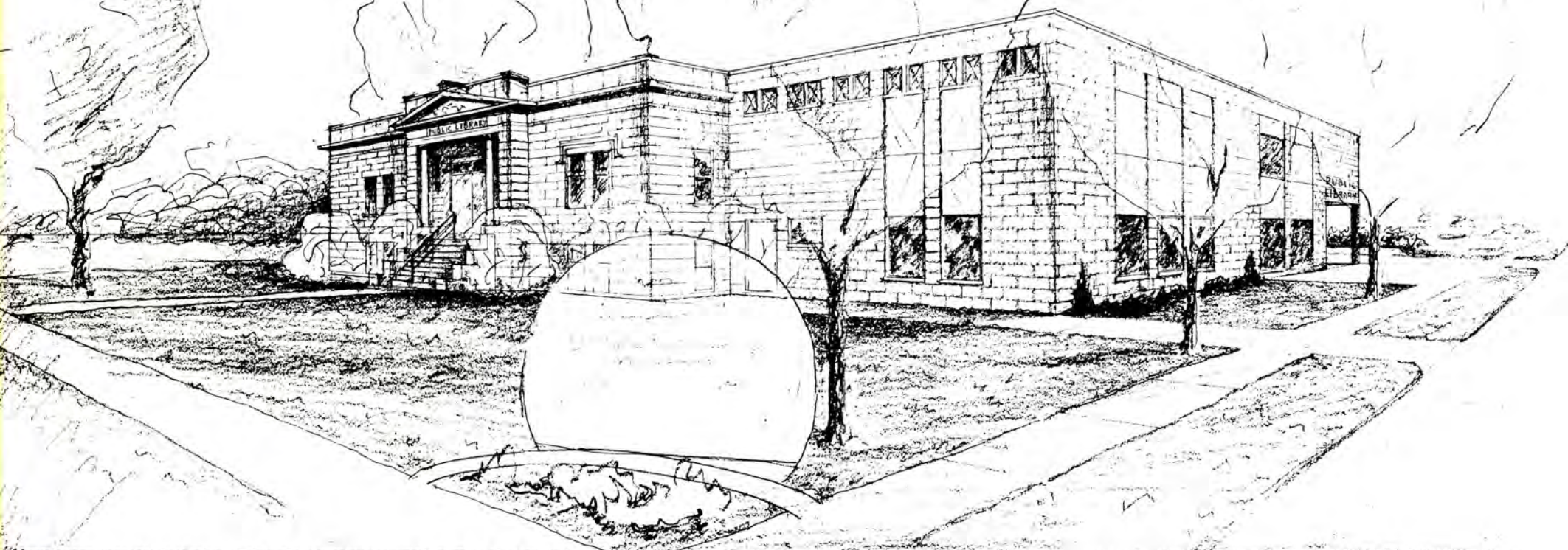
**POSTER CONTEST WINNERS FOR THE Amherst Library Bond Issue** campaign are, from left: Ingrid Janzik, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Janzik, 124 Cherry Valley Drive [fifth and sixth grade]; Laurel Nickel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nickel, 918 Michael Lane [seventh and eighth grades]; Mark Lutz, son of Dr. and Mrs. Stan Lutz, 613 Greenlawn Drive [third and fourth grade]; and Amy Lutz, Mark's sister [first and second grade]. Each winner was presented a book by Mrs. Jean Wahl, chairman of the poster contest. It was sponsored by the Citizens Committee for the Amherst Public Library Bond Issue. Posters are on display in store windows in the downtown business area.

*News Times - 5/2/74*

#### ARCHITECT'S SKETCH

Copies were made of the architect's sketch of the proposed addition to the Amherst Public Library for use in table center pieces and promotional displays. Some were even used as place mats for a Lions' Club dinner.





AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY WITH  
PROPOSED ADDITION

1974  
A. L. FAUVER, ARCHITECT

## NEWSPAPER STORIES

Information about the Amherst Public Library and about the proposed library addition was constantly released to the two local, daily newspapers and the one weekly paper.

Major points which were emphasized included:

- Cost of the bond issue to the average homeowner
- What is wrong with the present library facility
- What are the services of the library
- How could service be improved with new facility
- How many people are actively supporting the library bond issue
- Whenever possible, pictures were used in conjunction with stories.



11/21/73 Lorain Journal  
**Amherst  
Library  
Levy**

By MARK ELLIS  
Staff Writer

AMHERST — A six-mill levy to cover a proposed \$450,000 library expansion will be placed on a special ballot May 7 after the Board of Education last night agreed "to proceed with the election."

The library, controlled by the school panel under state law because Amherst is an exempted village, hopes to double in circulation.

Equipment purchases will require \$50,000 and the remainder of the money will be used for book purchases and construction south of the library on the Park Avenue lot.

To cover issuance of bonds for \$450,000 .6869 mills per dollar or \$6.86 per tax evaluated \$1,000 is needed.

"This is something we need, education-wise," Gene Kennedy, board member observed.

**IN OTHER ACTION**, the panel reappointed Mrs. Evelyn Smead to the Library Board of Trustees for two years.

The Board will seek a replacement for trustee James White who resigned because of an employment transfer. White's year-long unexpired seat will be filled by the new school board in 1974.

Lorain Journal 11/21/73  
**Amherst  
To Expand  
Library**

AMHERST — The Amherst Public Library took a first step toward doubling in size with a unanimous Board of Education resolution last night to begin procedure for placing a May bond issue on the ballot to raise \$450,000.

The Library, 428 Park Ave., Amherst, "a school district library" with Board of Education appointed trustees, seeks "enlarging, remodeling, and improving," according to Head Librarian Mrs. Donald Wittenbrook.

"We currently have 54,000 books in circulation. 80,000 or 90,000 should be adequate," Mrs. Wittenbrook said after the meeting.

"I'm optimistic. This is the first time we've asked for a bond levy."

The school board must now meet with the Lorain County Auditor and determine millage.

At the December meeting the board will make a final "resolution to proceed" and place the levy on the May primary ballot.

## <sup>11/21</sup> Library issue put on ballot in Amherst

AMHERST — A bond issue for \$450,000 to provide an addition to the Amherst Public Library will be put on the May 7 primary ballot.

The board of education last night authorized the bond issue. The board has responsibilities for controlling business of the library and will process papers for the bond issue.

According to a resolution prepared by the Amherst Library Board of Trustees the additional cost is estimated at \$400,000 and the extra \$50,000 will be used for furnishing and site improvement.

The addition would be built onto the present library on Park Avenue. The new facility would extend onto property to the rear of the present library on property which has been deeded to the library by the Nordson Corporation.



CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER - March 8, 1974

## Amherst schools seek library levy

Amherst Schools are seeking passage May 7 of a \$450,000 bond issue for enlargement and equipping of the public library. The library comes under the school district's jurisdiction.

Other issues filed this week in Lorain County were:

- Wellington: A \$400,000 bond issue for improvement of the sewerage system and construction of storm sewers.

- A proposed charter amendment on the Oberlin ballot to eliminate the two-year residency requirement for candidates for municipal office.

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## Library Issue Drive Entering High Gear

By MARK ELLIS  
Staff Writer

AMHERST — The Citizens' Committee pushing passage of the upcoming .6869 mill bond issue for a \$450,000 Amherst Library expansion is moving into high gear after recruiting about 200 volunteers for an ambitious "neighborhood campaign."

Publicity Director Fran Bostwick yesterday countered the objections of civic activist Fred Leimbach that the Committee is ignoring the loss of trees and a \$75,000 revenue sharing gift while advertising the lowest possible tax as an average.

Bostwick explained these points:

— **FEDERAL REVENUE** sharing funds awarded last year will be parceled to the library over a five year period and will be used for the

building program. "It has to be used for capital improvements," Bostwick said. Architect's fees and preliminary drawings for the proposed addition absorbed most of \$15,000 revenue sharing money allocated for 1973, Bostwick added.

— **THE AVERAGE** cost per taxpayer for the bond is estimated by the Citizens' group to range from three to six dollars annually. The estimate comes from Fred Berger, of Lorain County Savings and Trust in Amherst, Bostwick reported. "We're not trying to put anything over on the public. We were surprised how low it was, too," Bostwick said. Her explanation for the low fee is the age of Amherst homes. "More than half of the houses here are older and their evaluation decreases." The cost would be 70 cents per \$1,000 property evaluation.

— **TWO TREES** will be lost. Bostwick said a valuable Ginkgo Pine tree "may be transplanted." She said the proposed addition will be staked out to show voters the addition's size. Bostwick added that the Amherst Women's League is "already talking about planting more trees."

**THE CITIZENS'** Committee is seeking the endorsement of over 40 clubs and organizations in the community. "We have a speakers committee and a slide presentation. This is kind of a big push."

Other plans include evening "get togethers and coffees," extensive use of flyers and postcards, and an elementary and junior high school poster contest with an April 13 deadline.

Leimbach yesterday demanded a "financial statement with itemized cost figures" expected for the expansion from the library board of directors.



Elyria, O., Wed., April 10, 1974 Chronicle-Telegram B-5



## Amherst Women's League promoting better library

Amherst Women's League is spearheading a drive in support of a bond issue for .6869 mills that would raise \$450,000 for expansion and modernization of Amherst Public Library.

The 50-member league, which has actively worked for numerous civic projects in Amherst in past years, established a citizen's committee of 14 members last fall to organize the campaign.

Meeting weekly since January, the league sponsored a kick-off dinner on March 14 for representatives of various Amherst civic organizations and other community leaders.

Dinner speakers from the league were Peg Hicks, citizen's committee chairman, and Fran Bostwick, publicity chairman. Other participants, not members of the league, were Valerie Jenkins, member of the

library board, and Dale Rosenkranz, master of ceremonies.

Eileen Ryan is committee chairman for the neighborhood campaign to contact people in every area of Amherst, distributing flyers, erecting signs, handling mailings and sponsoring coffee sessions.

The committee has established a speakers' bureau and prepared a slide presentation for showing to Amherst groups and clubs. A brochure, written by the league, is being circulated, providing information on the library's history and needs.

Built in 1906 with the help of a grant from the Carnegie Foundation, Amherst Public Library has had no major remodeling and is one of the smallest libraries in Lorain County.

Facilities, equipment and resources are below state library standards and inadequate for present needs of the Am-

herst community, says Mrs. Hicks.

The league's campaign slogan, "Help Your Library Grow," is repeated on signs, buttons and patches and is the theme for a poster contest being sponsored for Amherst pupils in grades first through eighth, ending Saturday.

Other members of the citizen's committee are Faith Barchfeld, speaker's bureau; Sue Danne, finances; Joanne Norheim, Carolyn Fullington and Janet King, kick-off dinner; Helen Kirkpatrick, Pearl Heilman, Marilyn Bechtel, Judy Polansky, Cathy Conrady, Jean Wahl and Sheron Getty.

**SIGNS** prepared by Amherst Women's League in support of a bond issue for Amherst Public Library are given the finishing touch by members of the league's citizen's committee: from left, Mrs. Richard Heilman, Mrs. Donald Hicks, chairman, Mrs. Howard Smead and Mrs. Patrick Ryan, neighborhood chairman. (C-T photo by John Fazio)



LORAIN JOURNAL - April 13, 1974

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## Many Local Issues in Primary

By RICK ZARBAUGH  
Elyria Bureau Chief

—CLARIFY the language and simplify the wording of constitutional amendments on the ballot.

Here is a summary of other issues:

### AMHERST

A \$450,000 bond issue which would raise taxes .6869 mills for 20 years to enlarge the library. Because of a state law the library is controlled by the schools. A plan is being developed to double the circulation of books.



Elyria, O., Fri., April 26, 1974 Chronicle-Telegram 17

## Amherst voters face library bond issue

By ALICE LUDDINGTON

AMHERST — A \$450,000 bond issue for construction of an addition to the 68-year-old Amherst Public Library will be on the May ballot.

The planned addition would provide space for books and study areas for adults and young people, a community meeting room, a processing room and reading lounge.

With more space, the present children's library would be moved from the ground floor to the second floor, according to Librarian Mrs. Elna Wittenbrook.

**COST OF THE BOND** issue will be about seven-tenths of a mill, or 70 cents for each \$1,000 of assessed property valuation per year, for 20 years.

Working in support of the bond issue is the Citizens

Committee for Amherst Public Library Bond Issue, chaired by Mrs. Don Hicks, 823 S. Main St.

The Amherst Public Library was originally set up as a school system library. Its trustees are still appointed by the Amherst Board of Education, which has placed the bond issue on the ballot at the trustees' request.

**LIBRARY SERVICES** include a statewide interlibrary loan system; a telephone reference information service; sen-

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ior citizen programs; a summer reading program for school children; a pre-school children's story hour on Fridays; and the lending of books, records and eight-millimeter films.

Plans call for the proposed addition to be one story, with an open balcony area, according to Mrs. Wittenbrook. The library now contains about 16,000 books.

**"THE PRESENT** library was built in 1906 when the population of Amherst was about 2,100. Now the city population has grown to about 10,000 and the school district to 17,300," Mrs. Wittenbrook said.

"We've just outgrown our present facility. We have no more room for books, for seating or for study. We're in very crowded quarters," she said.

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## Library Plans Told

Voters in Amherst Exempted Village School District will decide the fate of a bond issue for \$450,000 for the Amherst Public Library expansion on May 7. Preliminary plans developed by the library board envision an addition to the present structure which would more than triple the floor space of the library and allow for increased services, provide more books and make the possible addition of audio-visual aids.

Plans call for 12 off-street parking places and a drive which would swing from the Spring Street entrance around the building to Park Avenue.

A ground level entrance to the library's adult area would mean easier, more convenient accessibility for the elderly and handicapped people.

The proposed addition would contain 9,300 square feet of space -- adequate to serve the needs of a growing community. The adult area would have ample room for bookshelving, reference books, displays, reading and study areas and storage space.

A community room, with kitchen facilities, would be available for book study groups, meetings of the historical society (which already overflows the present library facility) and other community groups. This community room could someday

become part of the adult library area when a need for further library expansion is necessary. It would have a separate entrance off the parking area.

A second floor mezzanine, which will overlook the present adult reading and Reference Department, would house all magazines, newspapers, and audio-visual aids and be useful for quiet study away from the main stream of library traffic.

The Children's Department would be moved to the present adult library area and would be connected to the mezzanine with an archway. It could be expanded onto the mezzanine when need arises.

This expansion would make the Amherst Public Library a center of cultural interest and continuing education.

The bond issue and revenue sharing funds allocated by City Council will cover the cost of construction, furnishings, equipment and site improvement.



CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER - May 4, 1974

## Amherst has library issue

Lorain County Bureau

Passage of a \$450,000 bond issue for additions to the Amherst library would bring the facility into the 1970s, according to proponents.

The present building, 68 years old, holds only 16,000 volumes, according to Mrs. Robert J. Bostwick, publicity chairman of the library drive. The State Library Association says the city of 11,000 population should have a 30,000-volume capacity library, Mrs. Bostwick said.

An option on nearby property would provide additional parking, she said.

The issue is opposed by zoning appeals board member F. D. Leimbach, who maintains there are fewer parking spaces than city laws require.

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ELYRIA CHRONICLE-TELEGRAM - May 6, 1974



### **Amherst Library proposed addition**

Construction of an addition to the Amherst Library (at right in this sketch), would be financed by a .7 of a mill bond issue on the May ballot. The bond issue would bring in \$450,000 over 20 years for the two story addition.



## POSTERS

Three hundred posters were printed by the Nordson Corporation and were placed in every appropriate spot around the city. These were indoor posters. A special committee of five girls distributed the posters to stores, gas stations, banks, businesses, schools, and every other conceivable place.

### WINDOW DISPLAYS

Special displays about the library were placed in four store windows in downtown Amherst. One dealt specifically with the bond issue, another showed books about travel, another dealt with plants and gardening, and another presented the posters from the poster contest.

### STREET SIGNS

Eight large street signs with the slogan and encouraging people to vote for the bond issue were placed strategically around the city.

### YARD SIGNS

One hundred fifty yard signs were displayed throughout the Amherst School District (these residents voted on the bond issue.). Locations were carefully chosen to make sure all areas were covered.

### THANK YOU SIGNS

Two large signs saying "Thank You" were placed in the front yard of the library the day after the passage of the bond issue.





WHAT ARE THEY DOING? SEE PAGE 10



WHAT ARE THEY DOING? Making Amherst Library Bond Issue signs of course. Pictured from left are: Mrs. Don [Peg] Hicks, chairman; Mrs. Patrick [Eileen] Ryan, neighborhood chairman; Mrs. Warren [Carolyn] Wiggins; Mrs. Richard [Pearl] Heilman; and Mrs. Paul [Lois] Keefeld.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Local prominent people were contacted and asked to write letters to the editor encouraging support of the library bond issue. Several of these were featured on the front page of the Amherst News-Times. Some appeared in the Lorain Journal and the Elyria Chronical Telegram as well. Two were unsolicited; one was in opposition to the library bond issue.



## *Letters To The Editor* Attacks Library Expansion

Dear Sir:

A "hard sell" campaign is underway to promote the 20 year .6869 mill bond issue for a proposed \$450,000 addition to the Amherst Public Library. I am urging all taxpayers to examine information presented by the promoters of the levy and to carefully consider the necessity, prudence and wisdom of the proposal **BEFORE VOTING** on May 7, 1974.

The ".70 cents per \$1,000 of property evaluation" and cost per average taxpayer figures being quoted (as circulated by the library committee) do **NOT** represent official figures prepared by, or obtained from the Appraiser's Department of the County Auditor's Office -- which is the authority recognized by taxpayers for setting all official property tax valuations in the City of Amherst. Obviously, the library committee has chosen to use a set of **UNOFFICIAL** estimated figures as prepared by Fred Berger of The Lorain County Savings & Trust Bank!

The library proposal offers an additional 9,300 square feet of floor space and features a "community room" with seating for 105. The same proposal only provides for eight (8) off-street parking spaces for patrons and four (4) for staff parking. What kind of logic and planning is this? Certainly the plans contained in this proposal being submitted to the taxpayers has not been first reviewed by the State for approval! Such discrepancies could never meet either State or local codes necessary for a construction permit! As proposed, the library addition would not be a bargain for the taxpayers at any cost without the proper in-line off-street patron parking spaces as spelled out in the prescribed ratio formula code.

In this very uncertain inflated economic period, especially, taxpayers must resist tax-increasing issues which are unsound. Priority judgment must be exercised in voting for essentials - not luxury.

Respectfully,  
F.D. Leimbach



## Bond Attack Answered

Dear Sir:

I'm writing in regarding the letter "Attacks Library Expansion".

Our library is in desperate need of an addition to meet local and state standards. Have you even been to Amherst Public Library to check out a newly listed novel and find they didn't have it? This is due to a lack of space. How many times have you made a trip to the Lorain Public Library or one of its branches to borrow a book Amherst didn't have? Amherst is a growing community. We have many fine merchants. Churches and organizations. Also various public programs for participants of all ages. One thing we are lacking is a referable library.

Parking space planned in the lay-outs of our "hopeful" library is adequate enough. Seeing is how most of borrowers are pedestrians and if not there's a church parking lot and public parking spaces located directly west on the library.

The amount of tax paid by the taxpayers will be \$3.00 to \$5.00 (if not less), as figured by City officials. This figure will match our county auditors. This is very inexpensive considering that everyone uses a library, even if it's just once in awhile. No money can ever buy the pleasure and educational value of a good book. If you want to see your library grow, vote "yes" on May 7th.

With Respect,  
Lisa Wagner

April 18, 1974

## Supports Bond Issue

Dear Editor:

April 18, 1974

I am writing to you to take this opportunity to express my whole-hearted support for the Amherst Public Library Expansion Program. To fail to grow is to fall backwards. The reading public of Amherst and surrounding areas includes, from my observations, the very young pre-schooler to the golden ager and many people in between. A friendly, well-supplied and healthy public library is a mainstay of our American Republic form of government.

Our library has served Amherst well for many years and this continued and dedicated information service needs and deserves the support of Amherst's voters in the May Primary.

Sincerely,  
*Amherst News-Times* Richard R. Geduldig



# Word Of Power

To the Editor:

4/18/74

News Times

We old-timers have to watch our steps. A few decades build up many memories--and a few more added to the first few build up a lot more. No wonder we wind up every now and then accused of talking too much, I'll try to remember that.

Those excellent little pamphlets you see around town telling about the fine addition we're making to the Amherst Public Library set me thinking and remembering and dreaming. The year that fine, Amherst-stone building, our Carnegie-Amherst Public Library, was built, my Class of 1906 was up in the second story of the Town Hall graduating from North Amherst High School. This was not Amherst then and that auditorium over at the Town Hall was the place where we held our big school events, Lyceum Course entertainments, and brought in some wonderfully fine talent to make the old Town Hall a real community center.

Amherst folks were talking of the need for a library in the community. Charles Ebbs wrote the letter to Andrew Carnegie--and we got a library

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that has served wonderfully well now for 68 years. Prof. Azariah Root, head of the Library at Oberlin College, came over and gave the dedication address. That was a memorable occasion--as such events should be in a community. The operating costs of the library for years were met by support from the two Boards of Education, The Amherst Township Board and The Amherst Village Board.

Let's look back at an achievement and record of which we can all be proud. Interestingly, Oberlin College is just completing a new library building that will be one of the best among the colleges of the country. Our dedication speaker, Prof. Azariah Root, would be pleased to know that--maybe he does.

Don't underestimate things as they were. They were good. And let's not be blind to things as they are. It could be easy for us to agree that, finely as the Amherst Public Library has served us, after all these 68 years, it's time for us to lend a hand and some financial support, to make that center serve better the needs of our Amherst today and tomorrow and even, maybe, the next day.

Fred R. Powers



Letter To Editor

## DePaola Speaks Up

To The Editor:

I am always reluctant to ask or tell the voters how to spend their money, and more so in this period of runaway inflation. However, the Amherst Exempted School District has on the ballot an issue that I personally consider most important to **YOU**. It is a bond issue to run for 20 years and cost only 69 cents for every \$1,000.00 of taxable value on your home. In my own case it will cost me \$7.03 per year.

The money from this bond issue will go towards the expansion of Amherst Public Library along with the internal rehabilitation of the existing building and the furnishing of the library.

**In order to keep the cost to you as low as possible, the City of Amherst has contributed 30 per cent of its Revenue Sharing money to this Library expansion project. This is a savings to you of 11 cents per \$1,000.00 of taxable value on your home.**

Of all the money requests that are made upon you, the taxpayer, this is one of the very few in which **YOU** receive the **GREATEST** return on your tax dollar.

The Public Library is the only place that I know of that you can have **FREE** access and use to so much diverse reading and visual material for all ages and reading "tastes" at such a ridiculously low cost.

**I am asking you the voters of the Amherst Exempted School District to vote FOR the Bond Issue for the expansion of the Amherst Public Library on May 7 - you can't lose.**

Very truly yours,  
Anthony J. DePaola  
Mayor of Amherst

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*4/25/74*

## Library Expansion Approved

To the Editor:

*4/25/74*  
*Gerald Moore*  
The Executive Board of the Amherst Athletic Association, would like to take this opportunity to wholeheartedly endorse and support the levy for the expansion of the Amherst Public Library.

On Tuesday, May 7, 1974, the voters of the Amherst School District will have a rare opportunity - an opportunity to pass the levy for the much needed expansion of the library. This expansion will not only benefit the boys and girls of our community, but our adults as well.

On behalf of the Executive Board of the Amherst Athletic Association, vote YES on May 7th.

We urge your support of the Expansion of the Amherst Library.

Gerald Moore, Pres.  
Amherst Athletic Association



*Journal - April 30*

## Letters

**Letter Writers: Be Brief, Include your name,  
address and telephone number.**

### Amherst Library Issue

#### *Mayor Supports the Levy*

To the Editor: I am always reluctant to ask or tell the voters how to spend their money, and more so in this period of runaway inflation. However, the Amherst Exempted School District has on the ballot an issue that I personally consider most important to YOU. It is a bond issue to run for 20 years and cost only 69 cents for every \$1000 of taxable value on your home. In my own case it will cost me \$7.03 per year.

The money from this bond issue will go towards the expansion of Amherst Public Library along with the internal rehabilitation of the existing building and the furnishing of the library.

In order to keep the cost to you as low as possible, the City of Amherst has contributed 30% of its Revenue Sharing money to this Library expansion project. This is a savings to you of 11 cents per \$1000.00 of taxable value on your home.

Of all the money requests that are made upon you, the taxpayer, this is one of the very few in which you receive the greatest return on your tax dollar.

The Public Library is the only place that I know of that you can have FREE access and use to so much diverse reading and visual material for all ages and reading "tastes" at such a ridiculously low cost.

I am asking you the voters of the Amherst Exempted School District to vote FOR the Bond Issue for the expansion of the Amherst Public Library on May 7 — you can't lose.

**ANTHONY J. DePaola**  
Mayor of Amherst



## .....Letters To The Editor

### Mrs. Marty Points Up Bond Issue's Value

Dear Sir:

I would like to urge the voters in the Amherst districts to get to the polls on May 7th and vote

**YES** on the Amherst Public Library bond issue. It is true that I have a deep personal interest, because I am one of the library trustees - but I have always loved to read and libraries have been an important part of my life!

The life of a library is good only as long as it ably serves the public, and the only way our library can fulfill its obligation to the people in the surrounding areas is to grow - not only in size, but in services offered. Is the price, per year, of a medium priced book too much to pay for a world of information and entertainment?

Hope to see you at the Polls  
Mrs. Hubert H. Marty  
150 Woodhill Dr.

5/2/74

### Ladies On Issue 12

To the Editor:

Tuesday, the voters of the Amherst area will have an opportunity to vote for the Amherst Public Library bond issue. Passage of this issue will finance a building expansion and elevate the Amherst Public Library from the smallest, most inadequate library in the county to one that will provide all the services which our community requires.

The success of this bond issue is entirely dependent upon everyone going to the polls on Tuesday and voting **FOR** the Amherst Public Library bond issue.

Please, help your library grow.

Citizens Committee for the Amherst Public Library Bond Issue

Peg Hicks, chairman; Faith Barchfeld, Marilyn Bechtel, Fran Bostwick, Ruth Clary, Sue Danne, Carolyn Fullington, Sharon Getty, Pearl Heilman, Janet King, Helen Kirkpatrick, Joann Northheim, Judy Polansky, Eileen Ryan, Cathy Conrady and Jean Wahl

5/2/74



### ***City Resident Opposes It***

To the Editor: A "hard sell" campaign is underway in Amherst to promote passage of the 20-year .6869 mill bond issue for a proposed \$450,000 addition to the Amherst public library. I am urging all taxpayers to examine the information being presented by the promoters of the levy and to carefully consider the necessity, prudence and wisdom of the proposal before voting on May 7, 1974.

The library proposal offers an additional 9,300 square feet of floor space and features a staff lounge, an adult lounge, several offices, a kitchen and a "community room" with seating for 105. The same proposal only provides for eight (8) off-street parking for patrons and four (4) spaces for staff parking. Logic and planning is this? It does not comply with such discrepancies could never meet City of Amherst Codified Ordinances necessary for a construction permit! The proper in-line off-street parking spaces as spelled out in the prescribed ratio formula of the Codified Ordinances is one (1) off-street parking space for each four (4) seats. The total lack of off-street parking is the library's present main great problem.

The library plans could be subject to a series of revisions and would have to meet state and Local codes. Once the plans would be approved, the Library Board would have to advertise for bids from several contractors. Even if the \$450,000 provides for a contingency to cope with inflation, construction costs recently were increased by 20 percent and there is no guarantee labor costs won't be increased by the time any actual library construction would begun.

As an alternative, I suggest the Library Board Members vote to use the \$75,000 in Federal Revenue sharing money allocated by City Council to tear down the home The Nordsons donated to the Library and put in a parking lot. Perhaps with a little redecorating and a change in operating hours to 10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily the library will then begin to build up an attendance that sometime in the future may warrant enlargement.

*Journal 4/30/74*

F.D. Leimbach, Amherst

186 Edgewood Drive  
Amherst, OH 44001  
April 15, 1974

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing to you to take this opportunity to express my whole-hearted support for the Amherst Public Library Expansion Program. To fail to grow is to fall backwards. The reading public of Amherst and surrounding areas includes from my observations the very young pre-schooler to the golden ager and many people in between. A friendly, well-supplied and healthy public library is a mainstay of our American Republic form of government.

Our library has served Amherst well for many years and this continued and dedicated information service needs and deserves the support of Amherst's voters in the May Primary.

Sincerely,

Richard R. Geduldig

RRG/t

4/15/74

Dear Fran:

This letter was sent to  
News-Times, Journal &  
Chronicle.

I hope it helps!

Best wishes  
Dick G.





## CITY OF AMHERST, OHIO

ANTHONY J. DEPAOLA  
MAYOR

206 SOUTH MAIN STREET 44001  
PHONE (216) 984-2127

April 22, 1974

Amherst News Times  
280 Church Street  
Amherst, Ohio 44001

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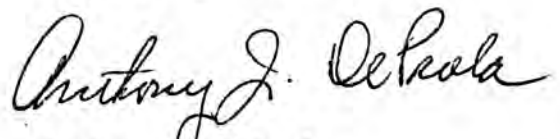
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Very truly yours,



Anthony J. DePaola  
Mayor of Amherst

AJD/sf

### LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE

One day at the end of National Library Week was set aside as a library open house. Members of the Citizens' Committee were on hand from noon to 5 p.m. to answer questions and to talk to people about the bond issue. Coffee and home-made cookies were served. Turn-out was light.



## Open House Set

*Amherst News Times 4/25/74*  
A special "Open House" in Amherst Public Library will be Saturday from 12 noon to 5 p.m. for the public to browse through the building and ask questions about the need for an expansion.

The "Open House" will conclude National Library Week. It is

being planned by the Citizens Committee for the Amherst Public Library Bond Issue. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Members of the citizens group, library board members and library staff will be on hand to answer questions.

LORAIN JOURNAL - April 26, 1974

*Lorain Journal* 4/26/74  
OPEN HOUSE: Amherst Public Library, Park Ave. and  
Spring St., has scheduled tours, noon to 5 p.m. tomorrow, with  
the public to be escorted by hostesses and staffers.



# CHURCH BULLETINS

Local ministers and priests were contacted about putting a note about the library bond issue in the church bulletin on the Sunday before the election.



## Old Stone Church Methodist

TUESDAY - ELECTION DAY! Exercise your right to vote!  
We hope you will SUPPORT the LIBRARY BOND  
ISSUE!

- Please have any rummage you wish to donate to the UMW Garage Sale on Thurs, Fri, Sat, at Mecera's by today.

10:00 a.m. Elyria Home Trustees meeting

4:00-5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts

7:30 p.m. Board of Administration

### WEDNESDAY

7:30 p.m. Midweek service of prayer and Bible study

### THURSDAY

12:00 noon - 8:00 p.m. First day of United Methodist Women's GARAGE SALE at Mecera's, 941 Sharondale Drive. Besides the rummage there will also be flowering plants, talent projects, cookies and cupcakes for sale.

4:00-4:45 p.m. Junior Choir rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

### FRIDAY

12:00-8:00 p.m. UMW Garage Sale

### SATURDAY

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### NEXT SUNDAY

1:00-5:00 p.m. BENEFIT SMORGASBORD for KRISTI SMITH (hospital and medical expenses). At the South Amherst High School's Old Gym. Adults \$3.50; Children (under 12) \$1.50. EAT ALL YOU LIKE!

### LAST WEEK'S REPORT:

Attendance:	Church School -	83	
	Worship - - - -	118	
Receipts:	Current Budget - - -	\$444.80	<u>NEEDED</u> \$645.54
	Special Programs - -	36.20	31.73
	Building Fund - - -	94.00	121.94
	Camp Echoing Hills -	10.00	
	Lily Fund - - - - -	10.00	

"...We listen to the love songs of our choice."

-Jesse Stuart

Insert in Sunday Program 5/5/74



### OPPORTUNITIES FOR US

Today                    CAMPING SUNDAY. Register now for summer camping. Special guest today: Rev. Stan Turdum of Wesley.

                          2:45 pm District Training on Copeland Oaks Project.

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*United Methodist Church  
Monthly News Bulletin*



OPPORTUNITIES (cont.)

Tue 6:00 am Election Day. Church is polling  
to 6:00 pm place. (C.O.M. reminds you to give  
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7:30 pm Couples to go to Workshop Players

HIGHLIGHTS OF MAY 1st Meetings

Finance Committee

Reviewed April income/disbursements  
Divided Lenten Offering  
Ordered 1975 offering envelopes/statements  
Reviewed new Workmen's Compensation Law  
Turned down request for ad space on FOP brochure

COM

Established Job description/salaries for Choir  
Director/Organist  
Approved Softball participation  
Completed survey for District on needs  
Approved Worship plans for Pastoral Vacation  
Sundays (Aug. 11 & 18)  
Invited representative from Ecumenical Institute

Administrative Board

Approved plans for Trustees to expand parking and  
authorized Church Conference to consider financial  
matters  
Adjusted 1974 budget for  
Travel assistance for Choir Director  
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*Park Ave. United Methodist Church*





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*United Methodist Church*





Discharged from Amherst Hospital:  
Larry Jackson

Discharged from Lorain Community:  
Cheryl Canfield, following tests  
Betty Lee, following surgery  
Danita Yochheim, following surgery

Born to Frank & Diane (Hart) Spatharos,  
a son

DEATH:

Russell Soliday of Sharpsville, Pa.,  
father of Mrs. Aldine Rocher.

NEWS OF THE PARISH

Frank and June Hreha have recently begun to "fight it out in public"! They were featured on stage in Midway Mall with Aikido demonstrations (self defense).

Members of the AA group meeting in the church basement mopped and waxed the basement floor before Easter.

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## EDITORIALS

The Amherst News-Times editorially supported the Amherst Public Library Bond Issue. They used a block of copy on the front page on several issues prior to the campaign which emphasized the small cost to the homeowner of a modern library facility. In addition, the News-Times printed small blocks with "Did You Know" items about the library.

All in all, the coverage from the News-Times helped create much enthusiasm and a favorable attitude toward the library bond issue.

March 28, 1974

## Amherst's Best Buy!

It's unbelievable but true! The annual cost to have available for your personal use all the latest fiction and non-fiction will cost from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per year -- depending on your property's tax valuation. That means you can enjoy this annual bountiful of pleasure for the cost of six to ten

packs of cigarettes a year -- less than a cigarette every four days.

In addition the city will have a new and spacious library facility to serve citizens. Quite a buy? Don't you agree? Well prove it -- vote yes May 7 on the library expansion bond issue.

*Vote Yes For Library Expansion*

### DID YOU KNOW?

Amherst Public Library is one of the smallest -- if not the smallest, library in Lorain County.

*3/25/74*



AMHERST NEWS-TIMES - April 4, 1974

The Amherst News-Times

April 4, 1974

## Amherst's Best Buy!

A steak dinner at most Lorain County restaurants cost from \$6.50 to \$7.95. A year's cost for the average Amherst homeowner to pay for a \$450,000 library expansion costs from \$3.00 to \$5.00. That \$3.00 to \$5.00 buys

you a beautiful, spacious new library addition and for dessert you'll have your choice of all the latest fiction and non-fiction at no extra charge. You better believe it! It's Amherst's best buy.

*Vote Yes For Library Expansion*

April 4, 1974

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Library Bond Issue would have been \$525,000 instead of \$450,000 had it not been for the Revenue Sharing money which the city has allocated to Amherst Library, according to Mayor Anthony J. DePaola.

*Amherst News-Times*

*Amherst News-Times 4/18/74*

## Amherst's Best Buy!

The ever popular five cent Hershey bar now costs 15 cents. That's what inflation has done to a favorite candy bar. However, inflation or no, you can have a new \$450,000 library expansion for less than the cost of a Hershey bar a day. That's not

inflation! That's Amherst's best buy because in addition to buying an expanded facility, it buys all the wonderfully entertaining and educational books you want to read. Yes, the cost is low -- \$3.00 to \$5.00 per year for the average home owner.

*Vote Yes For Library Expansion*



AMHERST NEWS-TIMES - April 25, 1974

4/25/74  
**Amherst's Best Buy!**

A Coke a day costs more than Amherst voters are being asked to spend for a \$450,000 library expansion. And we're talking about a ten cent Coke, which is practically impossible to find these days. This is just another reason why we consider a YES

vote on the library expansion bond issue Amherst's best dollar buy during the days of inflation. Tell your friends what a great buy Amherst residents have the opportunity to make and urge them to vote for library expansion.

***Vote Yes For Library Expansion***

*Amherst News-Times*

## Amherst's Best Buy!

The average retail price of a hard bound book is \$8.95. Residents of Amherst Exempted Village School District now have an opportunity to get all the best in fiction, non-fiction and reference material for the

ridiculously low price of only \$3.00 to \$5.00 per year. . . depending on the tax valuation of their property. All you have to do is vote yes, May 7 on the Library Bond Issue. Yes, it's truly today's best buy for you so get out and

*Vote Yes For Library Expansion*

*News-Times 5/2/74*



## ADVERTISEMENTS IN NEWSPAPERS

Two quarter-page ads about the library bond issue ran in the April 25 issue of the Amherst News-Times; in addition, Higgins Pharmacy donated a quarter-page ad which ran the same issue.

In the May 1 issue, the committee ran one quarter-page ad and a second one was donated by the newspaper.

A signature page ad which contained about two hundred signatures of Amherst people also ran in the May 1 issue. The ad was underwritten by the Nordson Corporation. People were asked to donate \$1 to sign the ad. Also in the May 1 issue, headlines supporting the library bond issue were placed on the downtown Amherst ad after getting permission from the 16 advertisers on the page.

All other local advertisers in the Amherst News-Times were contacted and asked to endorse the library bond issue in their ad. Some responded to this; several said they could not do this, and others were left out by newspaper officials inadvertently. This was only partially successful.

An eighth-page advertisement was purchased by the committee in the Lorain Journal, and many felt this was worth the money and was effective.

AMHERST NEWS-TIMES

April 25, 1974

# HELP YOUR LIBRARY GROW

## PLEASE VOTE FOR The Amherst Public Library Bond Issue on May 7

Your library is the only institution that offers a FREE source of continuing education beyond high school.

### WHAT IS WRONG?

No expansion since 1906.  
NO ROOM for more books.  
CRAMPED conditions.  
Exposed pipes.  
Inadequate storage.  
Children in basement.  
Dangerous entrance.  
Wooden floors rotting.  
Out-dated wiring — fire hazard.  
Only one rest room.

### LIBRARY SERVICES

Books available on all subjects.  
Storehouse of magazines and newspapers.  
Current best sellers available.  
Resource and reference materials.  
Long-playing records.  
Pre-school story hour.  
Travel information.  
Large print books available.  
Open for study and leisure reading.  
Books ordered from other libraries.

FOR AGAINST

BOND ISSUE — Majority Required For Passage  
BENEFIT: Amherst Exempted Village School District  
PURPOSE: Enlarging, remodeling and improving the present PUBLIC Library building and providing furnishings, equipment, and site improvements therefore.  
RATE: .6869 Mills YEARS: 20 AMOUNT: \$450,000

### PROPOSED EXPANSION

Sheltered, street level entrance.  
Off-street parking.  
Community room.  
Ample rest room facilities.  
Leisure reading and study areas.  
Room for more books.  
Abundant storage areas.  
Pleasant, updated adult and children's areas.

YOUR LIBRARY IS FREE  
TO EVERYONE

**Come to Higgins Pharmacy  
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Where the parking is easy!**

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Phone 988-4366



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The Amherst News-Times

5/2/74

# DOWNTOWN AMHERST

These Amherst Businessmen Urge Your Support Of

The Amherst Public Library Bond Issue

**Vote YES May 7th**

Help Your Library Grow

*Spring Specials*

Complete Selection

**ALL NEW**

**SPRING**

**RAINCOATS**

**25% off**

Park Ave. Fashion Shop

176 Park Ave.

Ph. 988-5022



Won't you join us on May 7 and vote YES on Issue No. 12. It'll cost the average home owner about \$3.00 to \$5.00, some slightly more -- depending on the tax valuation of your property. But it'll buy a new and much needed expansion of Amherst Public Library.

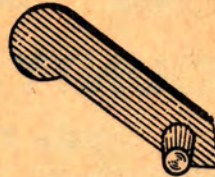
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# Amherst Public Library Bond Issue

## Sample Ballot



**12**  
**FOR**

**12**  
**AGAINST**

### BOND ISSUE

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**BENEFIT:** Amherst Exempted Village School District

**PURPOSE:** Enlarging, Remodeling and Improving the Present  
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**RATE:** .6869 Mills

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**Vote For Your  
Public Library  
MAY 7TH**

**PLEASE VOTE FOR**

**The Amherst Public Library Bond Issue on May 7**



AMHERST NEWS-TIMES - May 2, 1974

**Vote for library  
expansion May 7**

*News-Times 5/2/74*

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NATIONWIDE Insurance rates for women are substantially lower than for men. Why? Because women live longer. Ask about retirement and *triple* benefit features. Call today.



**Dale Spiegelberg**

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# Amherst Public Library Bond Issue

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Current best sellers available.  
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# HELP YOUR LIBRARY GROW

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Community room.  
Ample rest room facilities.  
Leisure reading and study areas.  
Room for more books.  
Abundant storage areas.  
Pleasant, updated adult and children's areas.

## YOUR LIBRARY IS FREE TO EVERYONE . . .

. . . Students  
. . . Preschoolers  
. . . Golden agers  
. . . Housewives  
. . . Businessmen and women  
. . . Professional people  
. . . Leisure readers

The average homeowner will pay from \$3.50 — \$5.00 a year for the library expansion. Where else can you get so much for so little?

**PLEASE VOTE FOR**

**The Amherst Public Library Bond Issue on May 7**

Citizens Committee for the  
Amherst Public Library Bond Issue  
Peg Hicks, Chairman, 428 Park Avenue.

*News-Times 5/2/74*



LORAIN JOURNAL - May 6, 1974

# **HELP YOUR LIBRARY GROW**

**VOTE FOR THE AMHERST PUBLIC  
LIBRARY BOND ISSUE TOMORROW**

Paid for by the Citizens Committee for the Amherst Public Library Bond Issue

Mrs. Peg Hicks, Chairma 20 The Journal. Lorain. ~~Chie~~ Monday, May 6, 1974



## RESULTS

The Amherst Public Library Bond Issue passed with a 57 per cent pleurality, on May 7, 1974, primary election. Official figures revealed that 1,501 voted FOR the bond issue while 1,131 voted against it.

At the this election in the state of Ohio there were five public library bond issues on the ballots: Amherst, Cleveland, Lancaster, Toledo, and Warrensville. Amherst is the ONLY ONE WHICH PASSED.

# ELECTION RESULTS

May 7, 1974

## Amherst Township

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
1	39	64
2	43	38
3	46	29
4	23	17
5	<u>18</u>	<u>42</u>
	169	190

## Amherst City

Precinct - 1A	Ward One	57	63
1B		59	50
1C		70	47
1D		72	35
2A	Ward Two	75	48
2B		58	65
2C		87	44
3A	Ward Three	99	51
3B		68	56
3C		86	40
4A	Ward Four	89	39
4B		78	54
4C		59	36
4D		83	49
4E		47	55
4F		<u>82</u>	<u>28</u>
		1169	760

## Lorain City

Precinct 4-N	14	39
4-P	36	49
4-Q	32	35
8-G	16	9
8-H	33	30
8-Q	<u>32</u>	<u>19</u>
	163	181

TOTAL

1,501

1,131



# Amherst Library to Triple

By MARK ELLIS  
Staff Writer

AMHERST — The Amherst Public Library will triple in size — possibly before the year ends — as a result of the passage yesterday of a .6869 mill bond issue.

The \$450,000 expansion does not provide for purchase of new books for the old sandstone library at 428 Park Ave., Amherst, but adds 9,300 square feet of space. It is currently the smallest municipal library in Lorain County.

The unofficial vote revealed 1,479 in favor of the bond issue and 1,133 opposed.

"It's just great," Mrs. Don Wittenbrook, head librarian, said last night. "This will bring us up with other libraries in cities our size. It's wonderful!"

A vigorous campaign conducted by the Amherst Women's League through a "Citizen's Committee" directed by Mrs. Don Hicks pushed the bond issue to success. The cost for landowners amounts to 70 cents for \$1,000 of property evaluation.

"WE'RE ELATED. We think this is fantastic. It's a great step forward," Mrs. Hicks said last night at a victory celebration of about 50 at Emerald Valley Night Club.

The Committee's Publicity Director Fran Bostwick predicted that construction may begin by late summer.

"The Library Board will move as quickly as possible," Mrs. Hicks explained. Engineering plans have not been prepared.

The Library Board must now seek property for additional off street parking. The Nordson Foundation is prepared to make a gift of a house adjoining library land currently leased to the library.

The addition will provide shelf space for double the current book circulation of 53,000, according to Mrs. Wittenbrook.

**THERE IS PROPOSED** a ground level entrance off Spring Street and a new "adult area" with bookshelving, reference stacks, study areas and storage space.

**The old library building will become the children's area. A community room with kitchen facilities is also envisioned.**

Preliminary plans drawn up by the library board call for a second floor mezzanine for magazines, newspapers and audio-visual aids.

Federal Revenue Sharing Funds of \$75,000 to be distributed to the library over five years for "capital improvements" will be added to the building funds.

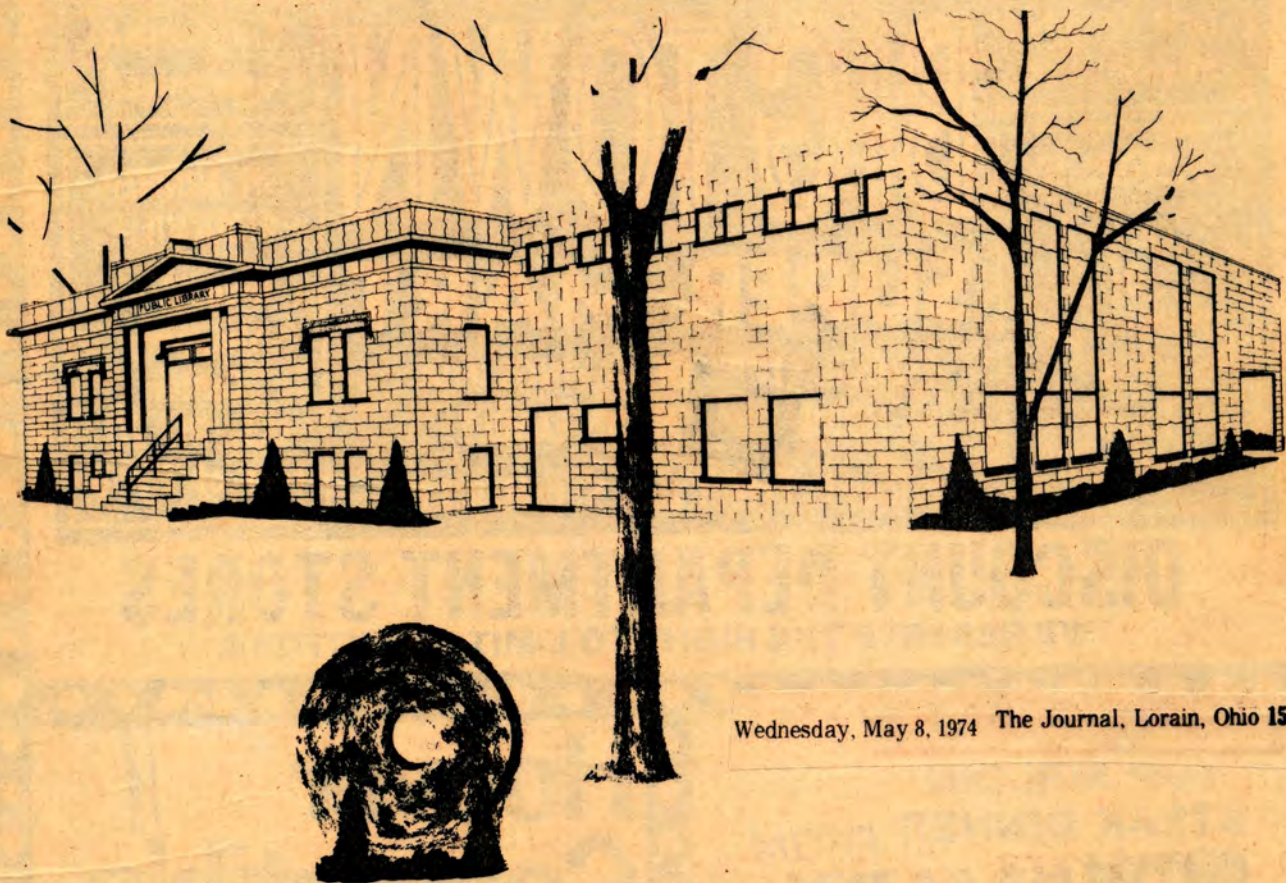
The Amherst Women's League gathered the endorsements of 21 civic groups, organized neighborhood stumping, and prepared campaign literature. The League concentrated on statistics which showed the Library lagging behind state recommendations.

"The expansion will make the Amherst Public Library a center of cultural interest and continuing education," Mrs. Bostwick added.



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# in Size as Bond Issue Passes



Wednesday, May 8, 1974 The Journal, Lorain, Ohio 15

**THIS IS HOW** the Amherst Library will look after an expansion is completed. The sketch was drawn by Amherst student Bill Boesel.



*Amherst Votes 'Yes' to Enlarge Library---Page 15*

# THE JOURNAL

*The exciting paper in Ohio's Golden Crescent*

LORAIN, OHIO, WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1974

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LORAIN JOURNAL - May 8, 1974

*5/8/74 Elyria Chronicle Telegram*

## Amherst Library expansion OK'd

By ALICE LUDDINGTON

AMHERST — A \$450,000 bond issue for construction of an addition to the Amherst Public Library was approved by more than 300 votes in yesterday's primary.

Unofficial returns from the Lorain County Board of Elec-

tions showed 1,479 voting for the bond issue and 1,133 against.

PLANS CALL for the addition to the 68-year-old library to be one story, with an open balcony area, according to Librarian Mrs. Elna Wittenbrook. The library now contains about 16,000 books.

Cost of the bond issue will be about seven-tenths of a mill, or 70 cents for each \$1,000 of assessed property valuation per year for 20 years.

The planned addition will provide space for books and study areas for adults and young people, a community reading room, a processing room and a reading lounge.

With more space, the present children's library is to be moved from the ground floor to the second floor, according to Mrs. Wittenbrook.



CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER - May 8, 1974

*5/8/74 Plain Dealer*  
**Lorain County**

**Amherst schools**

Voters in the Amherst Exempted Village School District approved a \$450,000 bond issue to enlarge and equip a public library.

With 22 of 27 polling places counted, the measure was passing, 1,314 to 871.

The 20-year bond issue was put up to voters because the library board is under school district jurisdiction.

AMHERST NEWS-TIMES - May 16, 1974



**VICTORY CELEBRATION.** Members and Amherst Public Library Board and committee members of the Citizens' Committee for the Amherst Public Library Bond Issue are elated at the news that the \$450,000 bond issue passed by more than 300 votes. Pictured from left, are: Mrs. Donald Wittenbrook, librarian; Mrs. Valerie Jenkins, library board; Richard Bert, library board; Jim Doughman; Mrs. Howard Smead, president of the library board; Wade Hubbard and Peg Hicks, chairman of the Citizens' Committee.



## Historical Import Noted

Dear Editor and Fellow Amherst Citizens:

On July 1, 1967 the Dominion of Canada celebrated the centennial anniversary of its sovereignty from Great Britain. On July 4, 1976, the United States celebrates its bi-centennial.

I make this statement as I look back and also look ahead. In 1969 I took an extended tour of our northern neighbors and was amazed at the very fine centennial projects that the large cities and even the very remote hamlets had constructed. Even way out west in British Columbia I saw a new sports arena, a civic center, a new village park with a beautiful mosaic fountain that depicted the earliest settlers arriving in their canoes to modern factories and even the Mac Bride Museum in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, that was dedicated by Her Royal Highness, Princess Alexandra.

What I am getting to is that on election day, May 7, the residents of Amherst passed a bond issue to construct a \$450,000 addition to the Library. Since all of us will be contributing to this project we should make it our bi-centennial project - in the design of it (keeping in mind what the Amherst Historical Society is trying to do with keeping the town in the decor of the turn of the century - yet functionally modern) and when the dedication comes, to have a modern pioneer, such as John Glenn whose name just happened to be on the same ballot and then if the Amherst Women's League would like to finish their project - get a book donated from each family in the city of Amherst.

I was totally surprised that this bond issue passed but I think it could be a very big event for our city. For within the walls of a library the path to any goal may be found - from ancient time to the most modern - of a person takes the time to grasp the knowledge available there. I feel that if a person can absorb what he reads, then there is nothing in this world that he cannot achieve.

I hope that the Amherst Board of Education, Library Board, City Officials, Women's League

and citizens of Amherst make this a really [REALLY] big event.

After all - there aren't very many of us that will be around to celebrate the tri-centennial of the U.S. in 2076.

Thanks for listening,  
George H. Roling  
6120 North Dewey Road

# *Amherst Public Library*

428 PARK AVENUE...AMHERST, OHIO 44001

May 9, 1974

Mrs. Peg Hicks  
823 South Main Street  
Amherst, Ohio 44001

Dear Mrs. Hicks,

The members of the board of trustees of the Amherst Public Library thank you and your committee for all the time and effort which you have contributed to make the Amherst Public Library bond issue campaign a success. We are most grateful to you for your capable direction of the campaign.

With your help, the first goal has been achieved which will make an enlarged library a reality.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Howard Smead, President  
Board of Trustees

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## *Letters To The Editor*

### Appreciation Expressed

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Citizens' Committee for the Amherst Public Library Bond Issue, we express our heartfelt thanks to the citizens who went to the polls on May 7 and made our great dream a reality. A more tangible form of thanks will come with the completion of a modern library facility which can be shared and enjoyed by all the residents of Amherst and the surrounding communities.

May we also express special thanks to those of you who did even more to help bring the issue to the attention of the public: Mayor Anthony DePaola for his enthusiastic support of the project; Mr. J. Hull Wilson for his enormous help and support through **The Amherst News-Times**; the community volunteers who displayed signs in their yards and who helped by passing out flyers in the various neighborhoods. Certainly a big thanks goes to the Amherst Women's League and those others who gave not only their financial support but also their time and cooperation, without which the passage of the bond issue could not have been accomplished.

We all look forward to seeing "Our Library Grow" in the near future.

Sincerely,  
Peg Hicks, Chairman  
Citizens' Committee for the Amherst Public  
Library Bond Issue



FOR BETTER WAYS TO APPLY COATINGS AND ADHESIVES

NORDSON CORPORATION / Amherst, Ohio 44001 / Area Code 216 / 988-4473

May 22, 1974

Mrs. Robert E. Northeim  
President  
Amherst Womens' League  
148 Rainbow Drive  
Amherst, Ohio 44001

Dear Mrs. Northeim:

I just wanted to drop you a short note of congratulations on the job your organization did on the library levy. I don't think I've ever seen as much enthusiasm, hard work and cooperation with such a large group of volunteers. Peg Hicks, the overall chairman, and the other ladies who served as committee leaders did just great on the very difficult task of organizing (and educating as well) the community.

I'm not sure you all realized just how hard it is to get this type of levy passed in Lorain County, but if you follow each election you'll find most fail. I'm sure the only reason we can look forward to a beautiful new library expansion is because of the leadership and the hundreds of volunteer hours (and dollars too) the Amherst Womens' League devoted to this project.

Again congratulations.

Very truly yours,

NORDSON CORPORATION

James C. Doughman  
Assistant to the President



AMHERST NEWS-TIMES - May 23, 1974

## **A Warm Thank You**

**Dear Editor:**

The trustees of the Amherst Public Library wish to publicly express their thanks to the members of the Amherst Women's League for conducting the campaign in behalf of the Library Bond Issue. The trustees are also grateful to you, Mr. J. Hull Wilson of The Amherst News-Times and Mayor Anthony DePaola for the public support of the bond issue. Many other interested persons and groups supported the library expansion issue in

various ways. To them go our heartfelt thanks.

Members of the Amherst Public Library Board pledge that they will move forward with all speed to make an enlarged library building a reality at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Smead, president  
Amherst Public Library Board of Trustees



**GROUNDBREAKING FOR the \$450,000 Amherst Public Library addition was held Saturday. The addition is being funded by bonds and \$75,000 federal revenue sharing. Participating in the ceremonies are, from left: Charlotte Marty, Richard Burt and Valerie Jenkins, all trustees of the library and Mrs. Howard Smead, past president of the board.**



















**RESEARCH AND STUDY AREA**



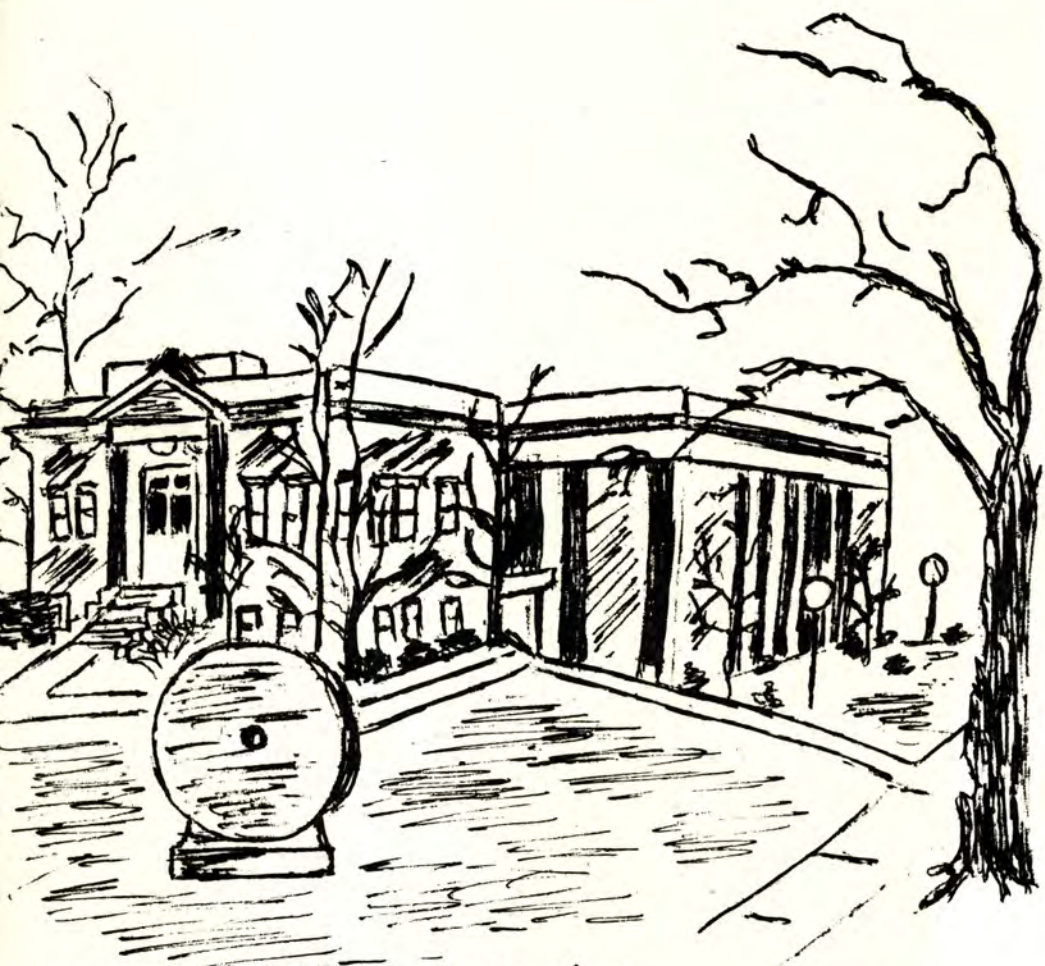


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THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT







1906 - Amherst Public Library - 1976

AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY

May 2, 1976

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Mrs. Elizabeth Radcliff	Children's Librarian



## PROGRAM

Presentation of the Flag	Girl Scout Troop 355
Invocation	Rev. Jerry E. Paul
Introduction of Guests	Alix Kummant
Presentation of Building	Robert Post
Accepting Key	Wade Hubbard
Short History of the Library	Valerie Jenkins
City's Recognition of Library	Mayor Anthony DePaola

## OPEN HOUSE

2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Refreshments	Mrs. Jane Koss
Amherst Women's League	

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Wishes to Thank the following groups,  
for their help in making the new  
Library a reality:

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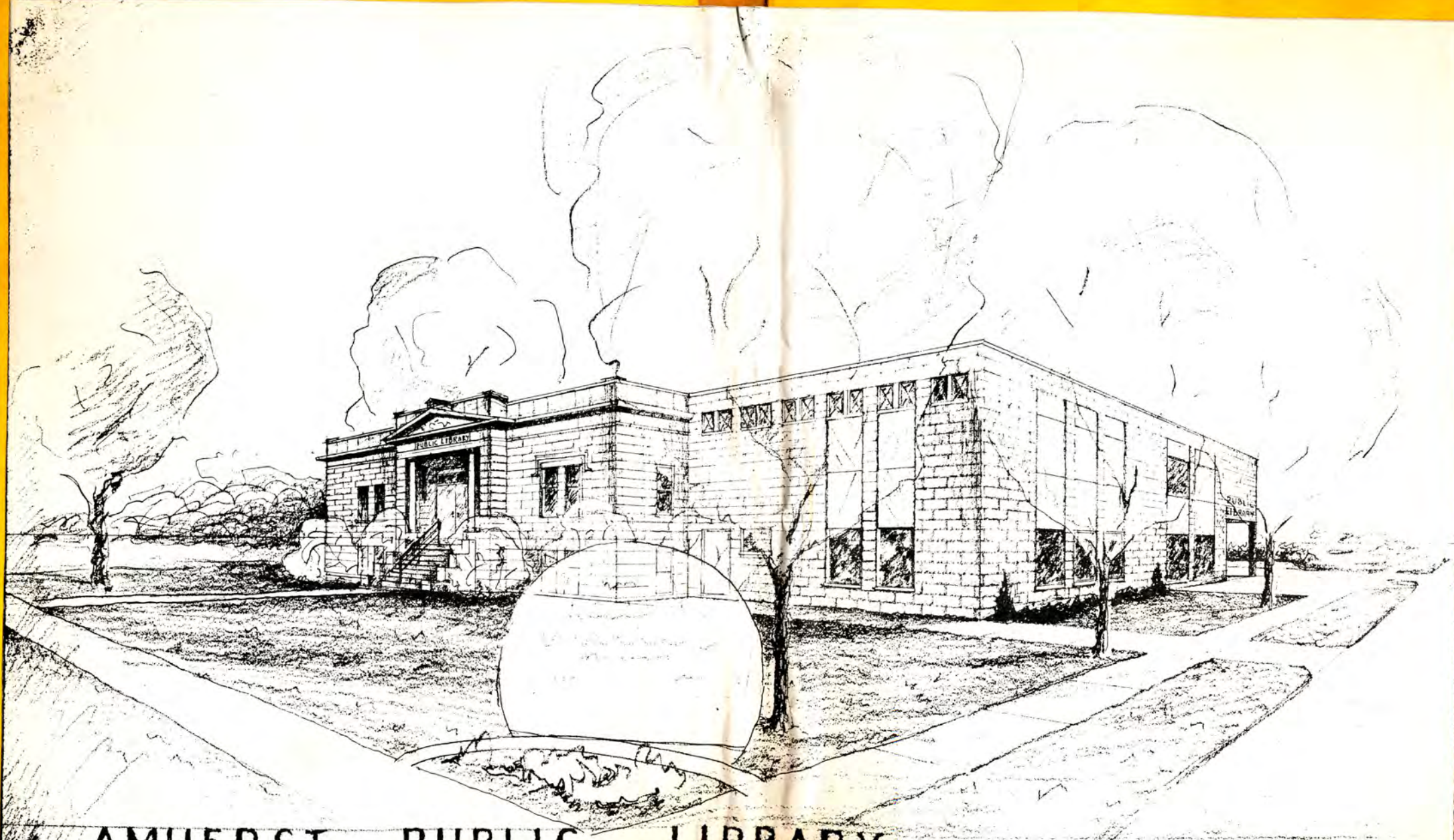
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AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY WITH  
PROPOSED ADDITION

1874  
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# OFFICIAL SUMMARY REPORT FORM

1974-76 Community Improvement Program

General Federation of Women's Clubs/Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Date February 25, 1976

Club Name Amherst Womens League

Number of Members 50

(If this is a joint entry, list all participating federated clubs. Each club president must sign the report. Use back of form.)

State Ohio County Lorain

Federation District Central Lake Erie  
(Name & Number)

City Amherst Population about 10,000

Type of Community small town-suburban  
(i.e. rural, urban, suburban, agricultural, industrial, etc.)

Type of entry: ☒ Single ☐ Joint

For guidance in completing this report check CIP Guidebook and reporting aids, available from CIP Office, D/703, SEARS TOWER, 40/7, CHICAGO, IL 60684. Use additional sheets if necessary.

## BRIEFLY DESCRIBE PROJECT(S)

Amherst Women's League undertook the project of spearheading a district-wide campaign to gain support for a bond issue to raise \$450,000 and expand and remodel the Amherst Public Library. The league organized a citizen's committee from its membership, raised \$1,300 for the campaign, and provided ideas, hard work, and leadership to carry out the campaign over a six-month period.

### 1. State reason for choice of project(s)

The Amherst Public Library was build in 1906, and no major remodeling or expansion had taken place since then. The city has more than tripled in population since that time. Therefore, the league agreed that modernization and expansion of the library was essential. In addition, the league was convinced that the proposed library addition could become the cultural activity center for the community.

### 2. Tell extent of community cooperation

The community became involved in the project first as contributors to the campaign fund, secondly by publicly endorsing the project as clubs and individuals, thirdly, by helping with the various facets of the enthusiastic campaign, and finally, by a majority of the voters casting favorable votes for the Amherst Public Library bond issue.

### 3. Outline permanent results (tangible and intangible)

The Amherst Public Library bond issue passed with a 57 percent pleurality on May 7, 1974. Five public libraries in the state had bond issues on the ballot in that election, but Amherst is the only one which passed. The handsome and spacious addition, complete with community room, is completed and open to the public. Remodeling of the old section is underway and is expected to be completed in April of this year. Amherst Women's League has been asked to plan the openhouse for the public to view the library in April and is in the process of creating a Friends of the Library organization.

Distribute the four copies of report form as follows:

1. State address designated by state leaders.  
(If a narrative or scrapbook report is submitted, attach this form to first page.)
2. District President or District CIP Chairman.
3. CIP Office, D/703, SEARS TOWER, 40/7, CHICAGO, IL 60684.
4. Club files.

REPORT BY MARCH 1, 1976

Mrs. Carolyn Affolder

Club President's Name

R. F.D. #1, Leavitt Road

Street or RFD, Box Number

Amherst Ohio 44001

City State Zip

988-9041

Telephone Number

Signature

Carolyn E. Affolder  
(Club President)



# *Certificate of Appreciation*

From the Members of the Board  
of the Amherst Public Library.  
To **Amherst Women's League**

In appreciation for past and  
continuing support of the  
*Amherst Public Library*

Signed

*Alix Kussman*

President

*Wade P. Hubbard*

Vice President