

St. Paul Library History

1978-Sister Mary Clare and Sister Mary Rose proposes that the room intended to be a library at St. Paul School start to function as such

1981-Val Baumann starts with a collection of 1,000 hard covers and 600 paper backs-many which Val and husband, Earl bought at the Milwaukee Public Library Friends sale. Card catalog and book truck also purchased. First hands on inventory done and has been done every May since.

1983-Jan Eppers replaces Val Baumann as volunteer library chairperson. Barb Berner starts volunteering in library. Watkins Sale fundraiser starts and is still held. Dominic Ferrito is principal.

1985-Library Club formed by B. Berner and is now in its 24th year. Judy Engel and B. Berner begin "Cash for Coupons" refunding project to generate library funds.

1988-B. Berner replaces Jan Eppers as volunteer library chairperson.

1989-present check-out desk designed by B. Berner is installed.

Fall 1991-Mr. Frommgen, principal, has Home and School fund \$3,000 annually to the library, refunding comes to an end. First Scholastic Book Fair chaired by B. Berner and has chaired every year since.

1992- Sister Martha is shared principal with St. Bruno for one year followed by Ms Karl.

1994-Jennifer Harder starts volunteering to process books and is still processing along with Barb Dugan.

Spring 1998-library (what is now the 5th grade classroom) thoroughly cleaned and painted by B. Dugan, J. Harder and B. Berner. Two double-faced shelving units, area state rug, new mini-blinds, back jack floor chairs, pillows and new children's height tables and chairs are added. Collection is weeded during inventory to prepare for computerization.

August 1998-Audrey Riesing, processing volunteer from the library's start now takes up processing books in heaven.

Dec. 1998-May 1999-Card catalog computerized on site, working 5 to 6 hours a day by B. Berner and J. Harder. Collection display table makes its debut built from the base of the old card catalog.

Fall 1999-Circulation computerized. Sister KD is principal for one year.

Summer 2000-Library moves down the hall to its present location.

Fall 2000-Part time 2 day a week paid librarian position established. Collection stands at approx. 9,300. Ms. Cooney becomes principal.

Summer 2001-Check-out desk moves to reconfigure computer lab layout. Dial up internet connection is added to utilize Follett Alliance Plus software to catalog books using MARC records.

Fall 2003-The National Geographic Bee starts to be held during class library times for grades 4 – 8. Scholastic Reading Counts software is installed in computer lab.

August 2005-Additional lighting in back aisle, two new wall shelving units added and new computers.

Collection stands at approx. 10,000 titles. Library club has 70 members.

October 2005-The Reader's Digest Word Power Challenge is held during class library times for grades 4-8.

November 2006-Four sided wood shelving/display unit added using Book Fair resource catalog bonus points.

November 2007- National Scripps Spelling Bee held during class library times for grades 4-8.

Fall '08-Wild For Books rug + wall hanging obtained with Book Fair bonus points. Collection stands at 11,450. Mrs. Sanford becomes principal.