

GREGORY HEIGHTS BRANCH REPORT

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To Miss Downey:

Development of the book collection for Gregory Heights Branch is well underway, and the incentive for intensive planning increases as the building appears to take shape and meaning.

The Gregory Heights community is not one I have had opportunity to know in the past, but I have been selecting the basic books which would be needed for any branch the size anticipated for that area. The bookmobile staff have been helpful in describing the type of borrower reading interest they have been serving. Before the branch opens, I hope to go on these bookmobile runs to meet some of the borrowers and to gain a little "feeling" of the community. I have done some map study and have driven around some of the streets to learn that it is an area of single unit homes, many with lovely yards. Several of the schools are being enlarged. Miss Post, the Park Rose high school librarian, told me she expects to have one wall of the library removed any day this winter since it was not done last summer as planned. It is obvious the east end of the county is growing, and it will be interesting to see what the library needs to do to keep apace with the development. At present few apartments have appeared as they have in the Rockwood district, but they may come.

Mrs. Richardson has been assigned to work on the juvenile book collection three days a week at present. She and I have concentrated on ordering books, filing catalog cards, and assigning category classifications.

We have done some talking about the Young People's collection, plans for school visits, and other possible community contacts. After we get our large book orders out we expect to do more concrete planning; by that time, too, the date of opening may be more definite.

The opportunity to build a library collection and to develop branch library service in a new area are a tremendous challenge. I trust I can meet it!

Respectfully submitted,

Branch Librarian