

ROCKWOOD BRANCH REPORT
April 1963

Miss Downey:

Open House at Rockwood was well attended and the branch's reception into the community has been heartening. Several have remarked, "This is the nicest thing that has happened to Rockwood". Mrs. Tuttle and I both received planters for our desks from the Rockwood Teachers' Association. Dr. and Mrs. Daack sent a warm welcoming note along with a beautiful fern. The manager of the Rockwood Branch of the First National Bank came to the Branch on Monday preceding Open House and offered to be of service any time-"Just call and we will bring change if you need it". The Bank sent a large philodendron, the Neilson Construction Co. a rubber plant, D. A. Wax a pink azalea, the Arleta staff a planter and the Rockwood Parent Teacher Association a planter. Since Open House, the Pedal Pusher Garden Club has brought three lovely arrangements and have promised to bring others from time to time.

Everyone comments on the beauty of the building. Several parents have inquired about a Story Hour. Each evening the tables and chairs are filled with students. We are keeping the space with the one table and the four easy chairs for "our parents" and the young people have been very nice and seem to understand that parents should have a corner, too. Several parents have come to check to see "if they really study" and we have had favorable comments because they have found it orderly and conducive to study and reading. Registration has been very heavy in spite of the fact that we are not transferring unless they have moved or

lost their card or they just plain insist! We are having many who claim they have never had library cards before. The transfer of 8th graders to adult has been especially heavy. It is strange but we seem to have more 7th and 8th grade boys than we have any other group!

Circulation the first day was exactly 1,000. We limited juvenile books to 2 for over a week and adult books to 5 for a few days. These limits held down circulation but we wanted to be sure our supply of books would last. Juvenile circulation leads the adult but the adult has averaged 290 a day. So far this month we have averaged 667 circulation a day. This has been just right to handle with so many of our staff being new and registration running so very heavy.

We are sorry to report that we are losing Carole Berr, our full time page. She had applied at the Gresham Bank in December. Now they have offered her a position with more pay than she is receiving and she won't have a transportation problem. She is a good worker and we would liked to have kept her. We are going to give more hours to our four student assistants and wait until next fall to secure another full time page.

The staff is working together very well and we feel Rockwood Branch is off to a good start due to the help given us by the Extension staff and the Gresham, Belmont and Midland Branches.