

Ascension Parish Library Celebrates Fifty Years of Service

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JFA Past President Pie Lanoux and Librarian Dana Rodrigue.

Library Features Festival Display

By: Pie Lanoux
The Louisiana Libraries celebrate a "Festival of Reading" and this 1990 summer reading program begins Monday, June 4th. In keeping with the "Festival" theme the Jambalaya Festival Association was invited to display festival materials at the library by Mrs. Dana Rodrigue and Miss Earline Decoteaux. JFA committee Pie Lanoux, Chairman, Anita Young, Co-Chairman and 1989 Queen Paula Bourque were appointed and the display arranged this week. Included in the festival materials are photographs by Rhett Bourgeois of many of the 45 cooks entered in the World Champion Contest during the last festival. Visit your local library for a "Festival of Reading" and a "Jambalaya Festival."

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Library Appreciation Day



Ascension Parish participants at Library Appreciation Day activities in Baton Rouge recently were (from left in photo) Beula Hutchinson, Juanita Dandridge, Mazy /Aiou Aydell, Amy Aldridge, and Willa Aldridge. The center banner in the background was designed by Lacey Ishmael of Ascension Catholic Middle School in Donaldsonville.



At the Library Appreciation Day luncheon held in Baton Rouge recently, Mrs. Willa M. Aldridge received a certificate of appreciation from Ascension Parish Library Board Chairman Mary Alice Aydell for her volunteer services at the Ascension Parish Library in Gonzales.

UDC Presents Books To Library



Anita Young (left), & Dana Rodrigue (right).

"Through the Kitchen Window" a cookbook compiled by the New River Rangers UDC Chapter #2514 was presented to Dana Rodrigue at the library last week. The beautiful cookbook has a cover of grey and red with cover recipes illustrated by Jeanie Landry of Prairieville. Pictures of the UDC members in the Tee Joe Gonzales Museum were taken by Randolph J. Lanoux of Baton Rouge. The book was printed by Plantation Printing of Prairieville. The spiral binding was completed by the members who used the library conference room to compile and complete the book. UDC President Anita Young also presented the library with a UDC book "Footprints" by Lt. Gen. Claire L. Chennault Award by Belle Oliver Hart-Coveil. The award memorializes the achievements of hero Lt. Gen. Claire L. Chennault, whose "Flying Tigers", flying the hump conquered the treacherous Himalayas, most awesome mountains in the world, to bring over the only way available, the war materials and supplies to provide for the US 14th Army in the Burma-China-India operation during World War II.



LOCAL LIBRARY WINS AWARD - Dorrinne Alland (center) receives an Award of Merit on the National Federation of Music Clubs at the Ascension Parish Library's participation in National Music Club Week celebrated in May each year. Also pictured with Alland are Mrs. Pam Gregoire (on left) music club president and Miss Claire Paneyk, chairperson for Music Club Week. CHIEF 10-4-90



Look what the library has planned this summer.

August 16, 1991 ... Gonzales Weekly ... Reading Program Members Honored ... Summer Treasure, Find It At Your Library was the theme for summer 1991.

1,183 children were enrolled in this summer reading program. Receiving certificates are (just a few chosen at random) Jessica Armond, Jamie Braud, Amy Cox, Raley Denham, Amanda Elisar, Beverly Fugler, Nicholas Gueldner, Freddie Hurst, Jr., Charity Jackson, Brad Landry, Derick Moses, Candace Nickens, Katie Ourso, Peter Pasqua, Monica Quasdorf, James Richardson, Shelly Shexnayder, Krista Tripp, Asha Vyas, Scott Waggenpack, Brandi Woodman, and Rita Yaun.

December 27, 1991 ... Gonzales Weekly ... Library Christmas Tree Decorated by Girl Scouts ...

The Ascension Parish Library in Gonzales has on display a Christmas tree decorated with ornaments, handmade by area Daisy and Brownie Girl Scout troops # 59, #61, # 137, #210, #234, #442, and #467. The tree features a cookie cutter ornament, candy cane mice, eyelet

lace, yarn and beaded wreaths, and yarn angels.

April 17, 1992 ... Gonzales Weekly ... Library Has Football Films for Gonzales and East Ascension High Schools ...

In 1984 the East Ascension Senior High Athletics Department donated over 300 reels of vintage football films to the Ascension Parish Library. The 16mm films were repaired and processed by the Films Department of the State Library. The collection contains footage of games played by the Gonzales High School football team from the late 1950's and middle 1960's. Films which chronicle the history of East Ascension High School football are also available, spanning the years 1967-1980. The black and white films are action only, with no sound effects or narration.

June 12, 1992 ... Gonzales Weekly ... Ascension Parish Library Galvez Grand Opening ...

Over 150 persons gathered on May 24 to celebrate the Grand Opening of the Ascension Parish Library Galvez. Master of ceremonies for the event was Library Board Chairman Juanita Dandridge. Rev. John Carrigan, pastor of the Oak Grove Baptist Church, delivered the invocation. The Flag Salute was led by Boy Scouts of Galvez Troop 769, Timothy A. Damon, Scoutmaster. Band Director Stephanie Musso and students of Prairieville Elementary School provided the stirring music of our national anthem, the *Star Spangled Banner*.

Mrs. Mary Alice Aydell, Parliamentarian and Past Chairman of the Library Board, recognized architect Henry Chauvin, general contractor Stafford Construction, furniture contractor Architectural Alliance Interiors, Inc., landscape architect Henry Bruins and landscape contractor, Outdoor Living for professional services rendered.

Initial funds for the new building were available as a result of the bond issue election of 1977, and interest on savings. The building project was partially funded by the Library Services and Construction Act, Title II, State Library of Louisiana.

There was an open house tour of the 10,000 sq. ft. facility and refreshments provided through the courtesy of Mr. Derral Jones, Piggly Wiggly Supermarket.