

About the Youth Services Department

My Social Story at the Library

An in-house story illustrating how to use the Highland Park Public Library

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A Brief History of the Youth Services Department

In 1960, an addition was built on the west side of the library forming the Children's Wing (later renamed the Youth Services Department). Originally the preschool area was at the front of the department and the young adult area was at the back. A 1991 renovation improved the lighting and flipped the department so that the young adults were now at the front of the department and the preschoolers were at the back in their own room. During the 1991 renovation a section of the original library's exterior wall was uncovered, complete with ivy. A window was added to the Inger Boye Children's Room so that our patrons could see this historic relic. In 2005 the Youth Services Department got a makeover with new paint, carpet and millwork. [A slideshow of this renovation can be viewed here.](#)

Who is...

Inger Boye was the Children's Librarian for many years. She seemed to know every child and their reading tastes and would often hold books aside for them.

Joseph Eisenberg was a shelver in the Youth Services Department for years. His shelves were always perfectly lined up. He loved to tease Carol T. Muir. After his death his family donated a large globe in his memory.

Carol T. Muir was a Youth Services aide for many years. She always wore peter pan collared shirts with little pins at the throat. Carol died shortly after Joseph Eisenberg. Family and friends donated money and designed the stained glass art piece in the Inger Boye Room.

Beth Shadur is an artist whose works have been shown in the United States and abroad. She has created many public murals in both the United States and Great Britain. She teaches at Carthage College in Kenosha, WI. Her murals are hand painted and were designed specifically for the spaces they beautify. She created the fantasy mural on the north east wall of the Inger Boye Children's Room in 1993, and added deer mural in our entry, the Inger Boye Children's Room entryway and the nursery rhyme mural on the north wall in the summer of 2006 as part of our renovation.

Chao Huei J. Wang was the father of Library patrons. They donated the electronic bulletin board in his memory.

Ruth Buhai was a long-time Library Board member and at one time Library Board President. Her family donated the funds for our Book Club Collection in her honor when she retired from The Board.

Rotary International is a service club organization. Club members volunteer locally, nationally and internationally and work to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education, and eradicate polio. In 2006 the Highland Park chapter donated some of the funds necessary to update the Youth Services Department and create our literacy area.

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