



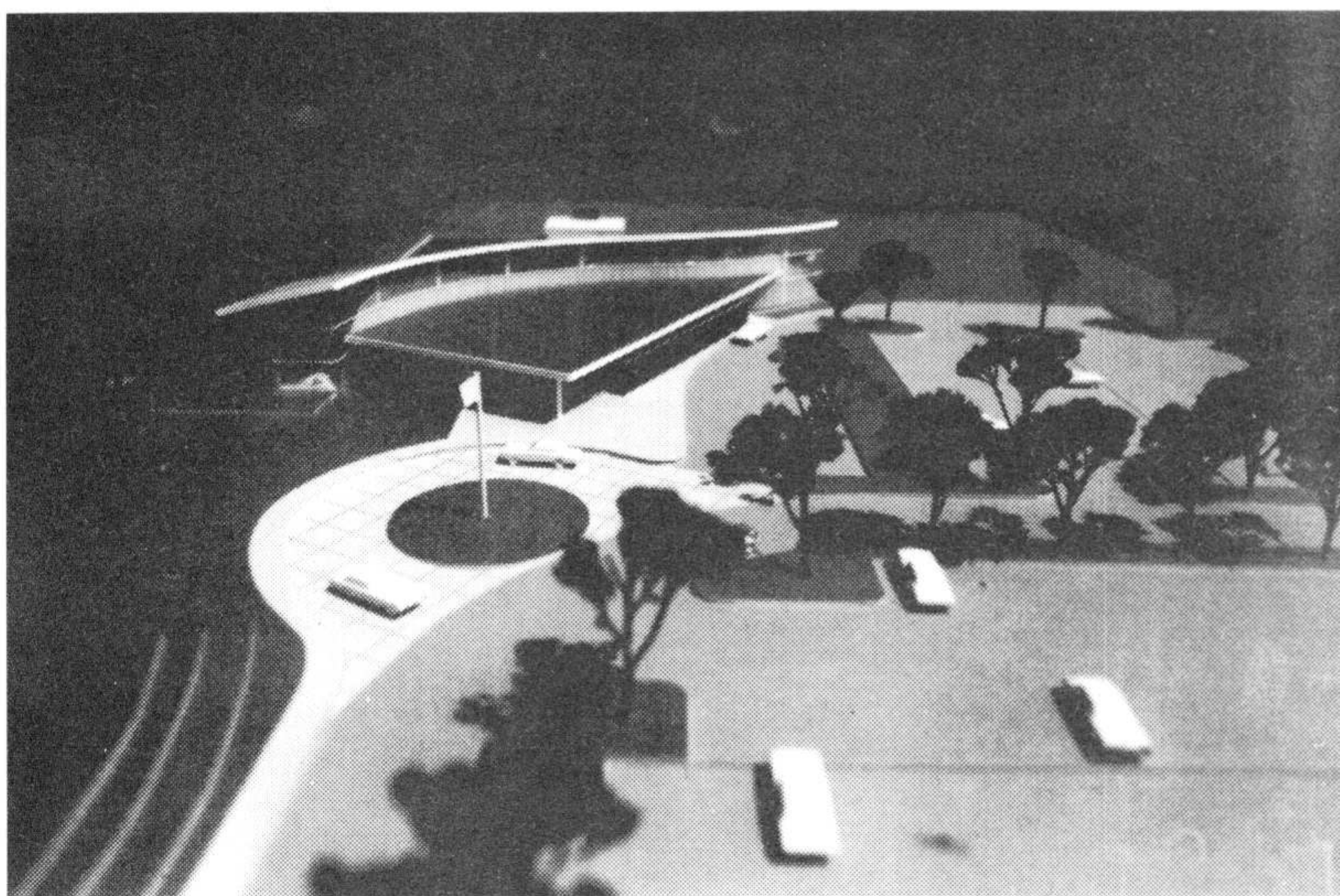
WELCOME TO THE

GROUNDBREAKING

FOR THE

NORTHWEST LIBRARY

Tuesday,
September 13, 1994
7 p.m.



PROGRAM

The Star-Spangled Banner
performed by Worthington Kilbourne
High School Steppin' Wolves

Masters of Ceremonies

W. Charles Curley, President, Board of Trustees,
Worthington Public Library & Charlotte Kessler, President,
Board of Trustees, Columbus Metropolitan Library

Invocation

Pastor Thomas Schiefer
Smoky Row Brethren Church

Pledge of Allegiance

Dublin & Worthington Girl Scouts

Welcome

Larry Black, Director
Columbus Metropolitan Library
Meribah Mansfield, Director
Worthington Public Library

Guest Speaker

The Honorable Pat Tiberi
Representative, 26th Ohio House District

Remarks

Bonnie Beth Mitchell, Manager
Northwest Library

Groundbreaking

Benediction

Pastor Michael Sayre
Fellowship Lutheran Church

Reception

Refreshments provided by the
Friends of the Worthington Public Library &
Friends of the Columbus Metropolitan Library

Northwest Library

The Northwest Library is being built at 2280 Hard Road, opposite Foxboro Lane and between Smoky Row and Sawmill roads. The land was originally owned by pioneer George Hard, who built a log cabin there. Except for the cabin, the site was unimproved until 1944, when Aaron Hard enclosed his father's rustic cabin inside a larger house and added several out buildings, including a barn and a chicken coop. Eventually, a factory was built to manufacture brooms from homegrown straw.

The Northwest Library will serve the area between the Olentangy and Scioto rivers, extending from the Delaware County line south to Henderson Road. This area remained largely agricultural until the early 1970s, when a period of rapid growth began. Between 1980 and 1990, population grew from 34,312 to 67,896, stimulated by extensive housing and road improvements, transforming the area into a densely populated suburban community.

In recognition of this growth, the Columbus City Council adopted a "Northwest Plan" in 1991 recommending the establishment of a joint library in the area. The Northwest Library, a cooperative project of the Worthington Public Library and the Columbus Metropolitan Library, resulted from discussions between library board members from the two systems which began early in 1992. With approval from the State Library of Ohio to operate a facility which would cross library service boundaries, the two library boards signed a "Joint Development Agreement for the Construction and Operation of a New Library Facility" in October, 1993, and began planning the Northwest Library.

This will be the first library in Ohio and only the second in the entire nation to be built and operated by two library systems. Construction and furnishing of the 23,000 square foot, single level Northwest Library will take about 16 months and cost \$3.6 million, with completion targeted for December, 1995. The facility will be managed by the Worthington Public Library.

The Northwest Library will open with 100,000 books and 7,000 audio-visual items. Among its many notable features will be a large children's area, a state-of-the-art information and technology area, a reading lounge with a fireplace, an enclosed study area, and a spacious meeting room for both library and community use. Drive-up book and video returns and approximately 180 parking spaces will provide convenience to patrons. The building will offer complete accessibility for persons with disabilities.

Architect: Design Group, Inc.

THE COLUMBUS METROPOLITAN LIBRARY

includes the Main Library, Outreach Services including the Bookmobile, and the Driving Park, Dublin, Franklinton, Gahanna, Hilliard, Hilltonia, Hilltop, Karl Road, Linden, Livingston, Martin Luther King, Northern Lights, Northside, Parsons, Reynoldsburg, Shepard, Southeast, South High, Whetstone and Whitehall branches.

THE WORTHINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

serves residents of the Worthington School District with its Hartford Street Library and the future Northwest Library.

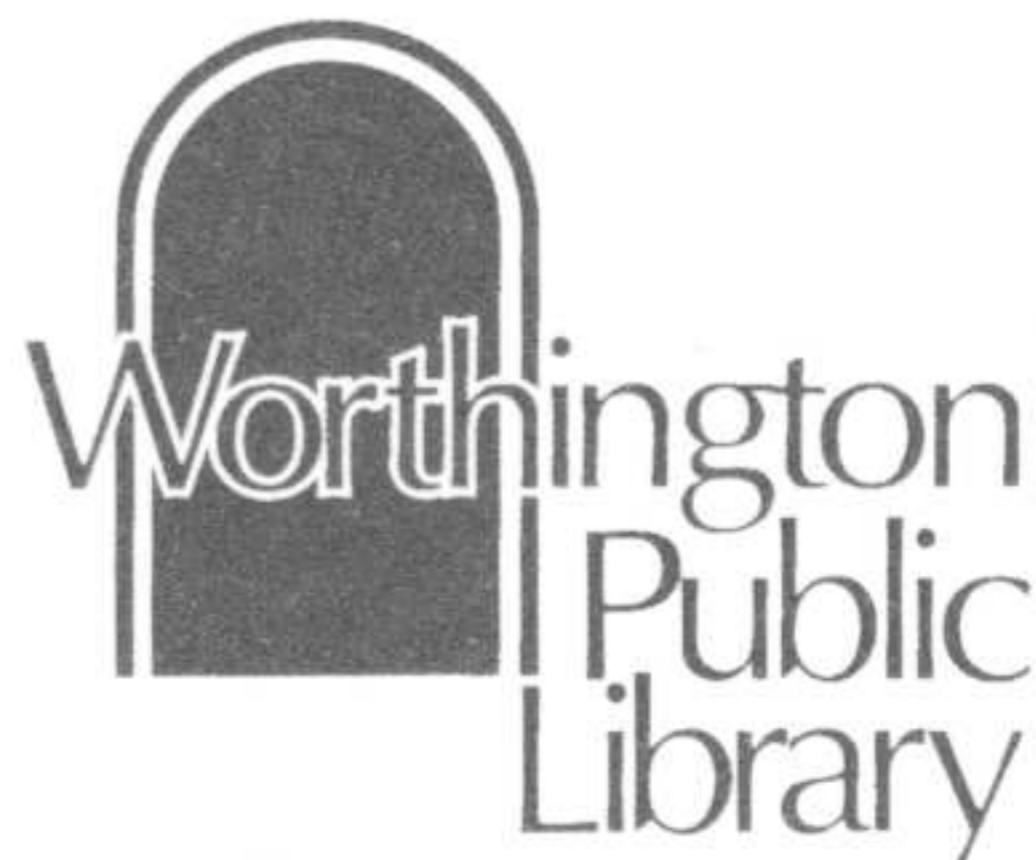
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Special thanks to these former trustees who were involved in the original agreement between the two library boards: Mr. William A. McNutt, Mr. Thomas S. Moser, Mr. Drew T. Parobek (Worthington Public Library) and Dr. Cynthia Hardy and Mr. Robert N. Wistner (Columbus Metropolitan Library).



The Northwest Library is a joint project of the Columbus Metropolitan Library and the Worthington Public Library.