

WORTHINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY (OHIO)

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*The Worthington Public
Library Is People*



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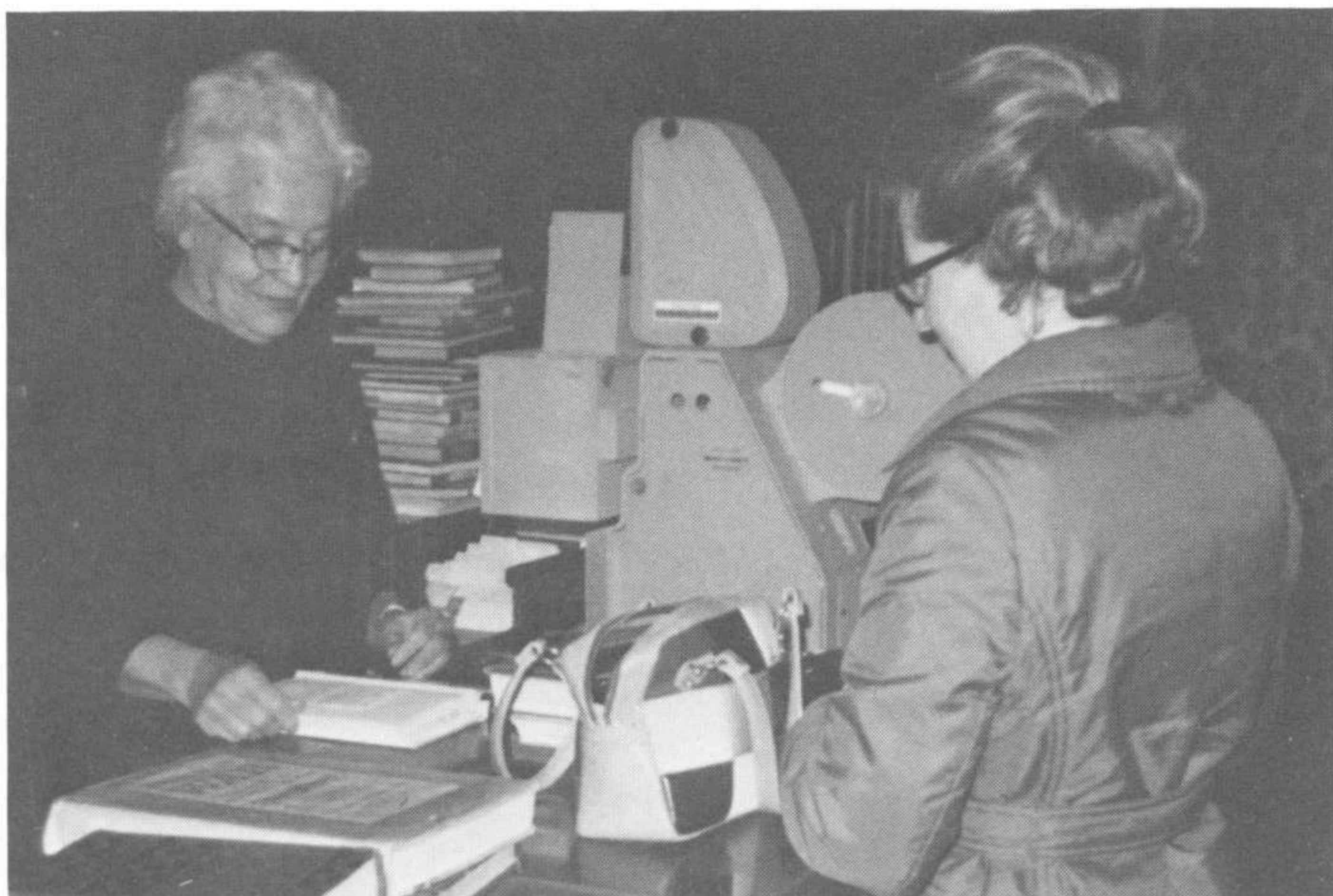
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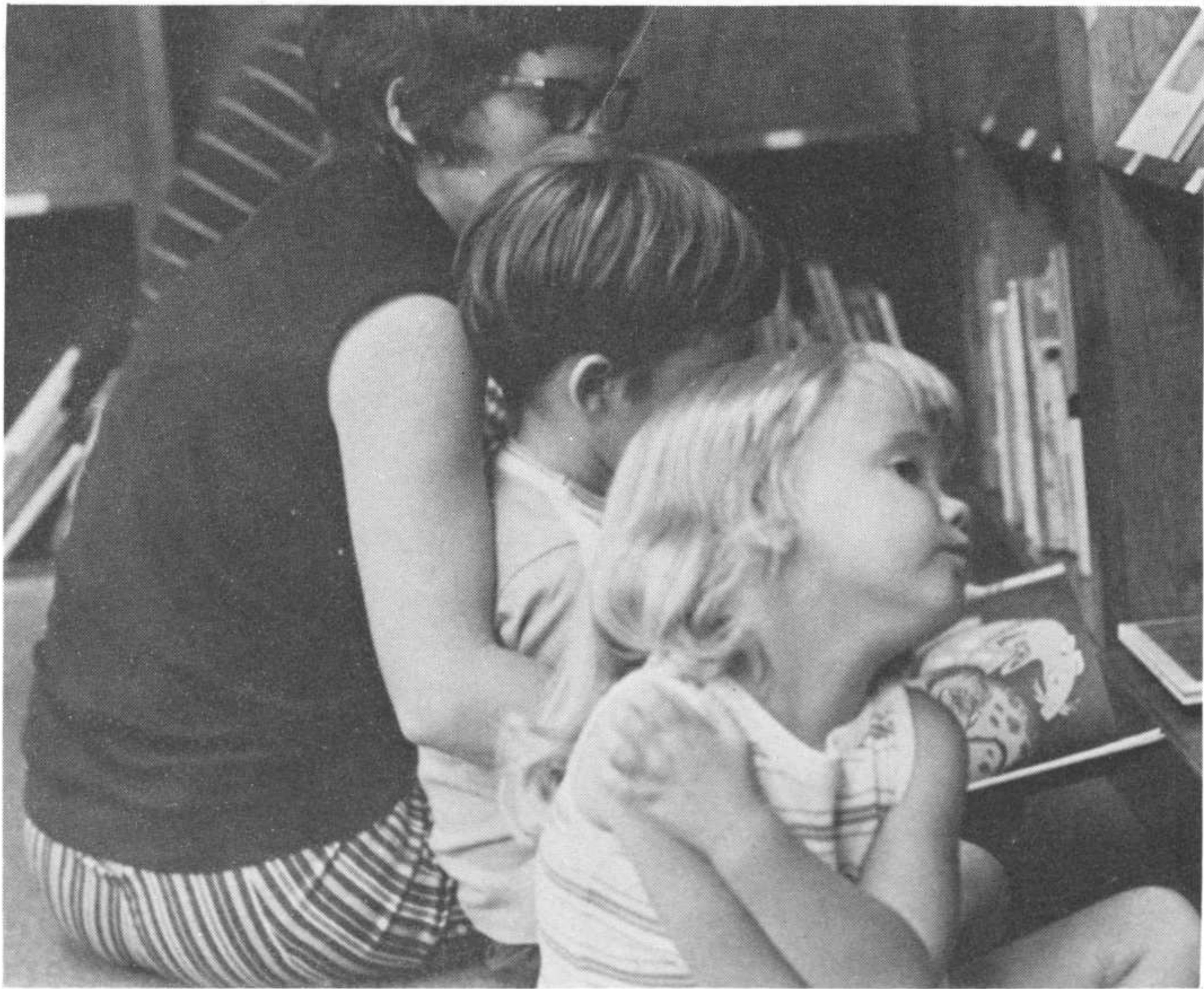
In 1971 these people, inveterate library users, borrowed 306,613 books, art prints, phonograph records, 8mm films and periodicals. They asked thousands of reference questions, in person or by telephone, and spent uncounted hours in the library reading books, magazines and newspapers.



Pre-school youngsters attended 138 story programs. During the summer seventeen puppet shows drew 1,430 children of all ages who cheered Gretel's courage when she pushed the wicked witch into the oven and sang along with Punch as he outmaneuvered all his foes.

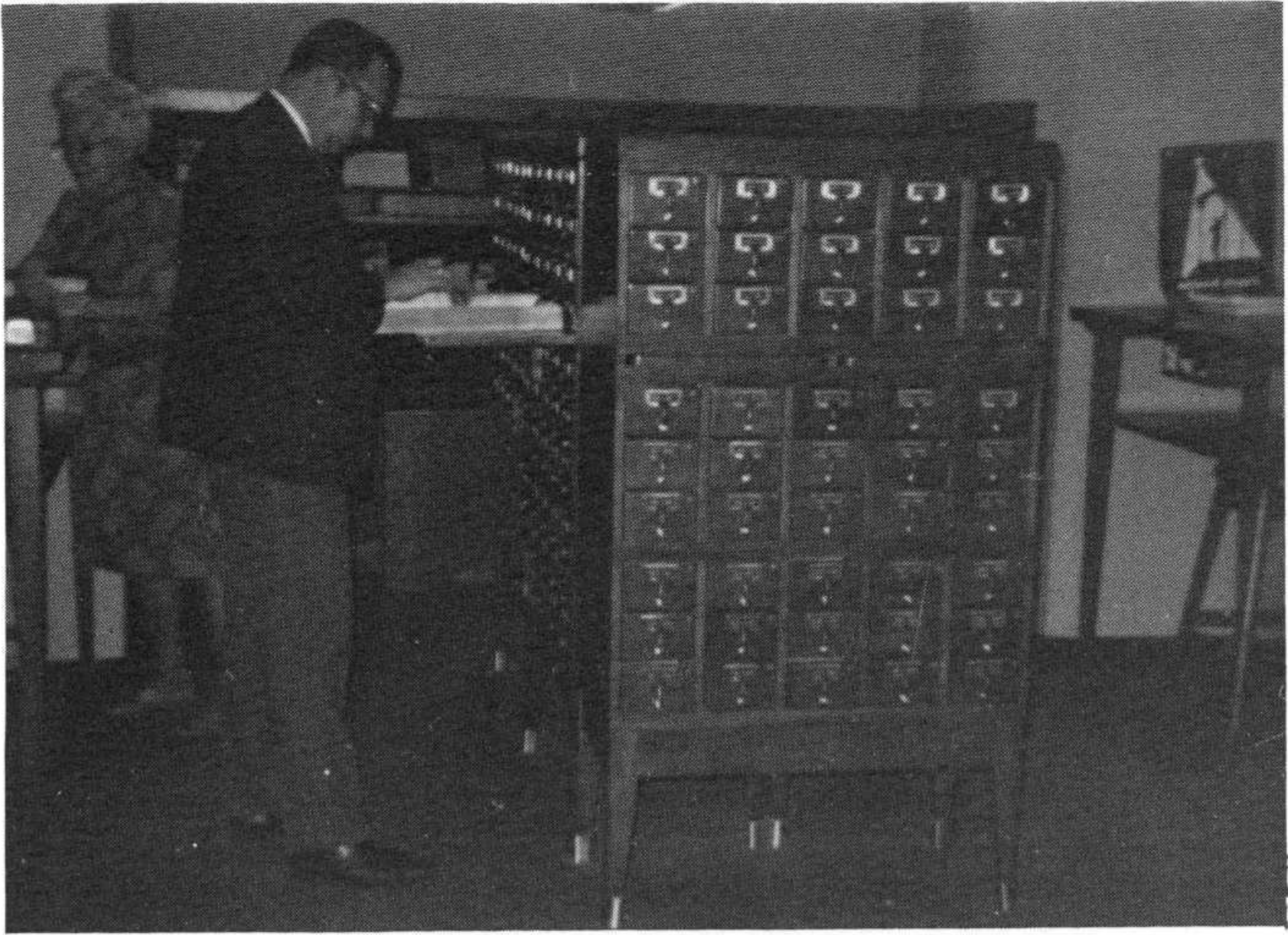


Our patrons came to the library singly and in groups. The library's Sunday afternoon hours, from September-May were popular with many. Families found special pleasure in using the library together. Twenty-nine young people, ranging in sophistication, from first graders thrilled with getting their "very own" library card to the eight graders who were developing their skill in using library resources. On a more informal basis high school teachers brought small groups of students to work on individual projects.

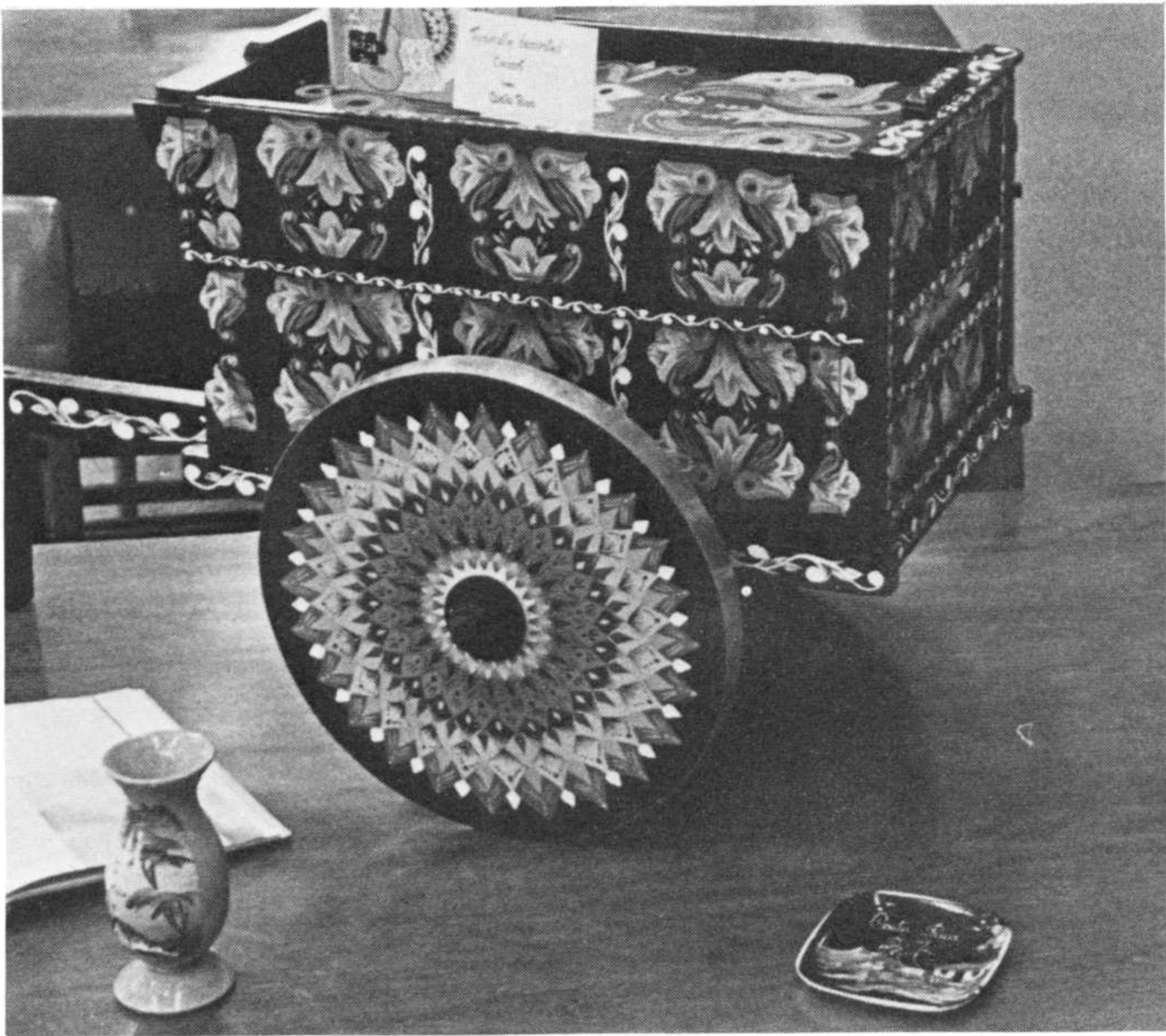


In April, "A Family Afternoon At the Library" highlighted National Library Week. Approximately 200 people enjoyed a puppet show and various art and craft projects demonstrated by children of the community.





The Worthington Public Library made available to the people of its district a collection of 69,005 books, 217 magazines and newspapers, 210 8mm films and 178 framed art prints.



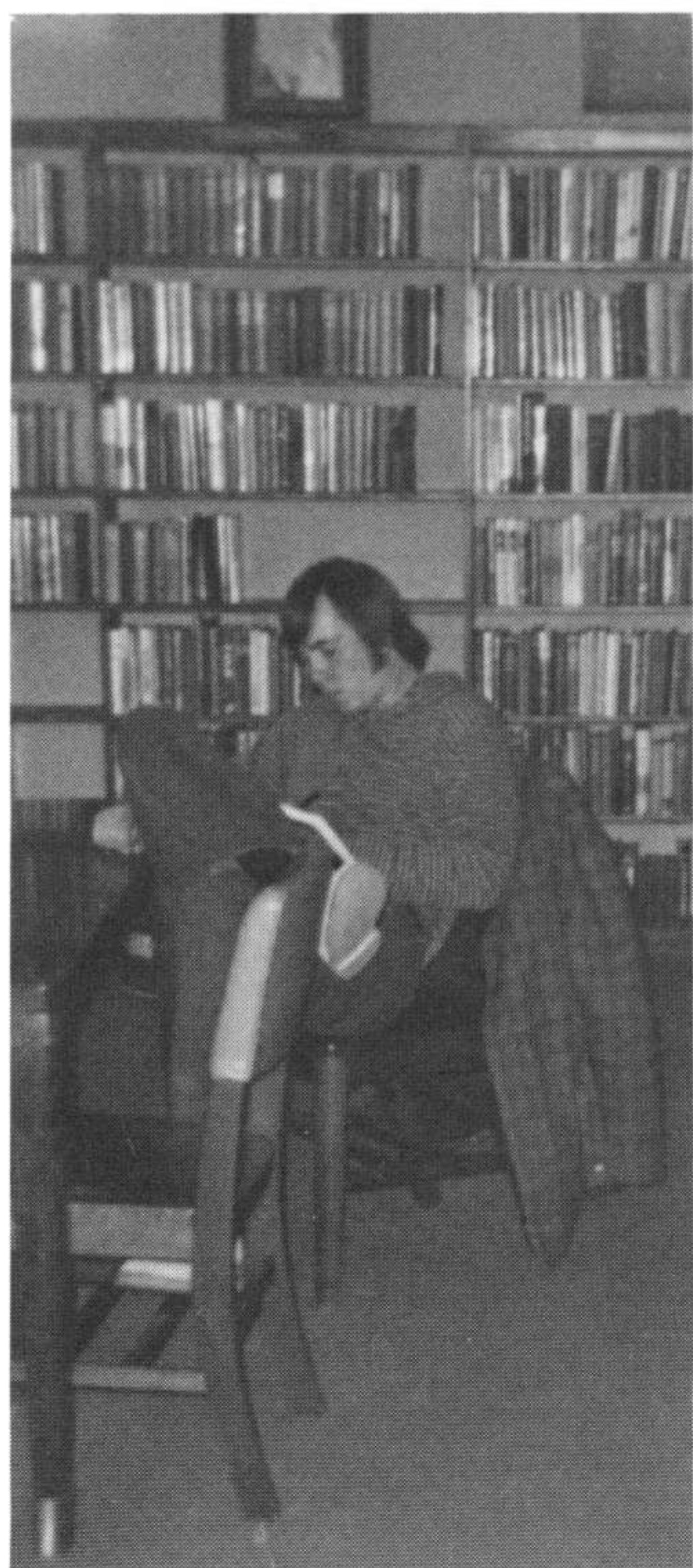
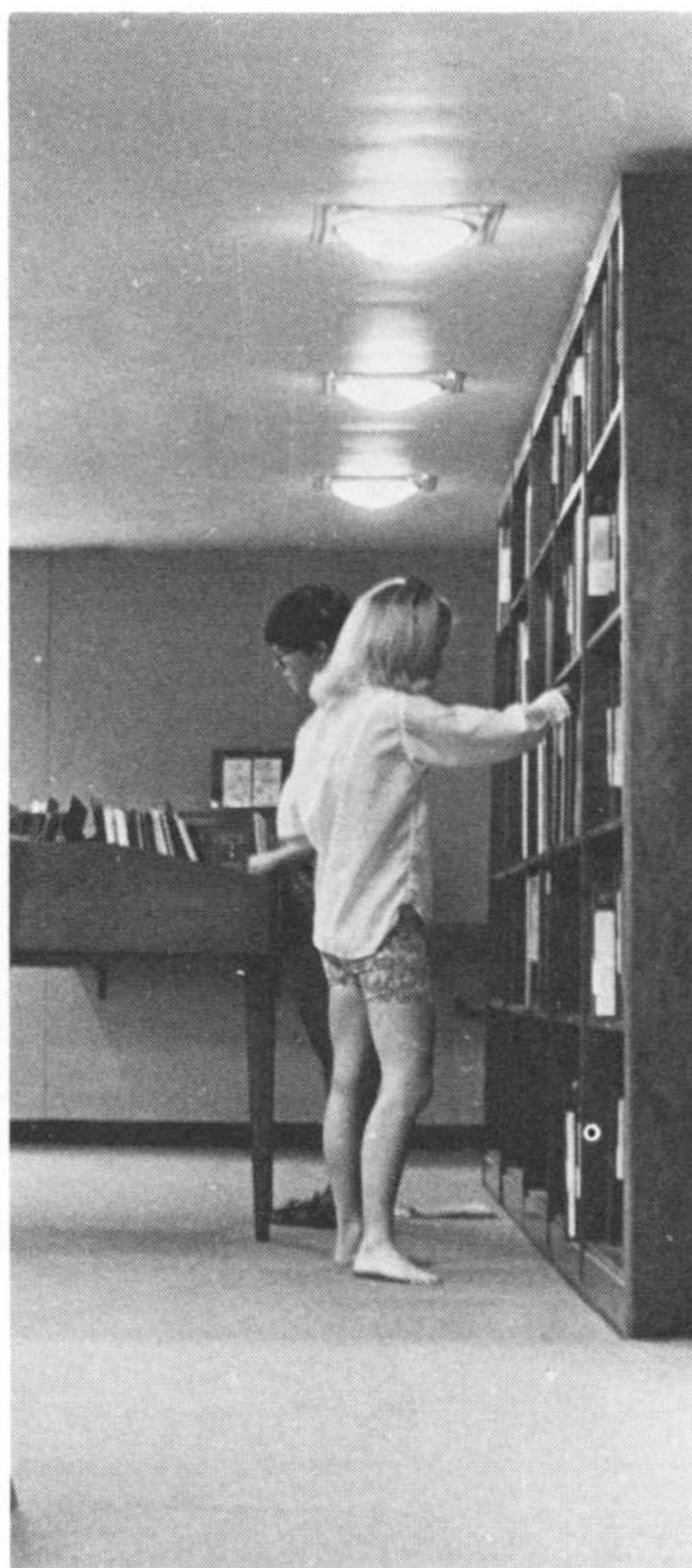
Talented members of the community exhibited their art projects at the library. The exhibit case held a variety of interesting collections which their owners generously shared with library patrons.

Reaching out into the community to encourage ever greater numbers of people to avail themselves of its resources, the library, in its Homebound Program, provided a trained librarian who selected and delivered materials for persons not physically able to leave their homes.

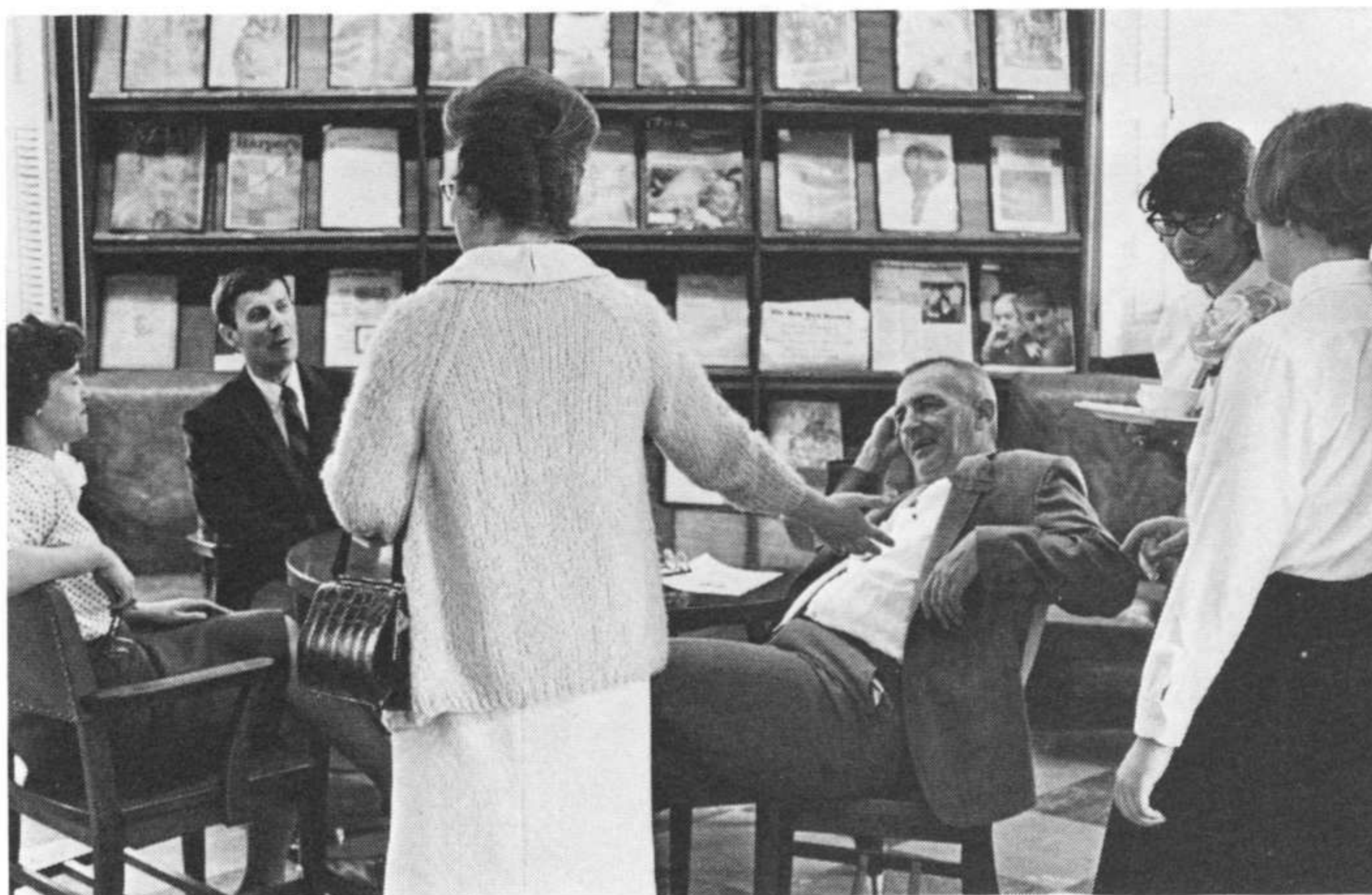


A story-telling team shared the treasures of books with 661 children at the Recreation Department's summer playgrounds and told them of the vast resources available in the library. School buses provided the transportation for a "Hitch a Ride to the Library" program, bringing 502 youngsters from the out-lying areas of the district to the library to choose books and view the puppet shows.

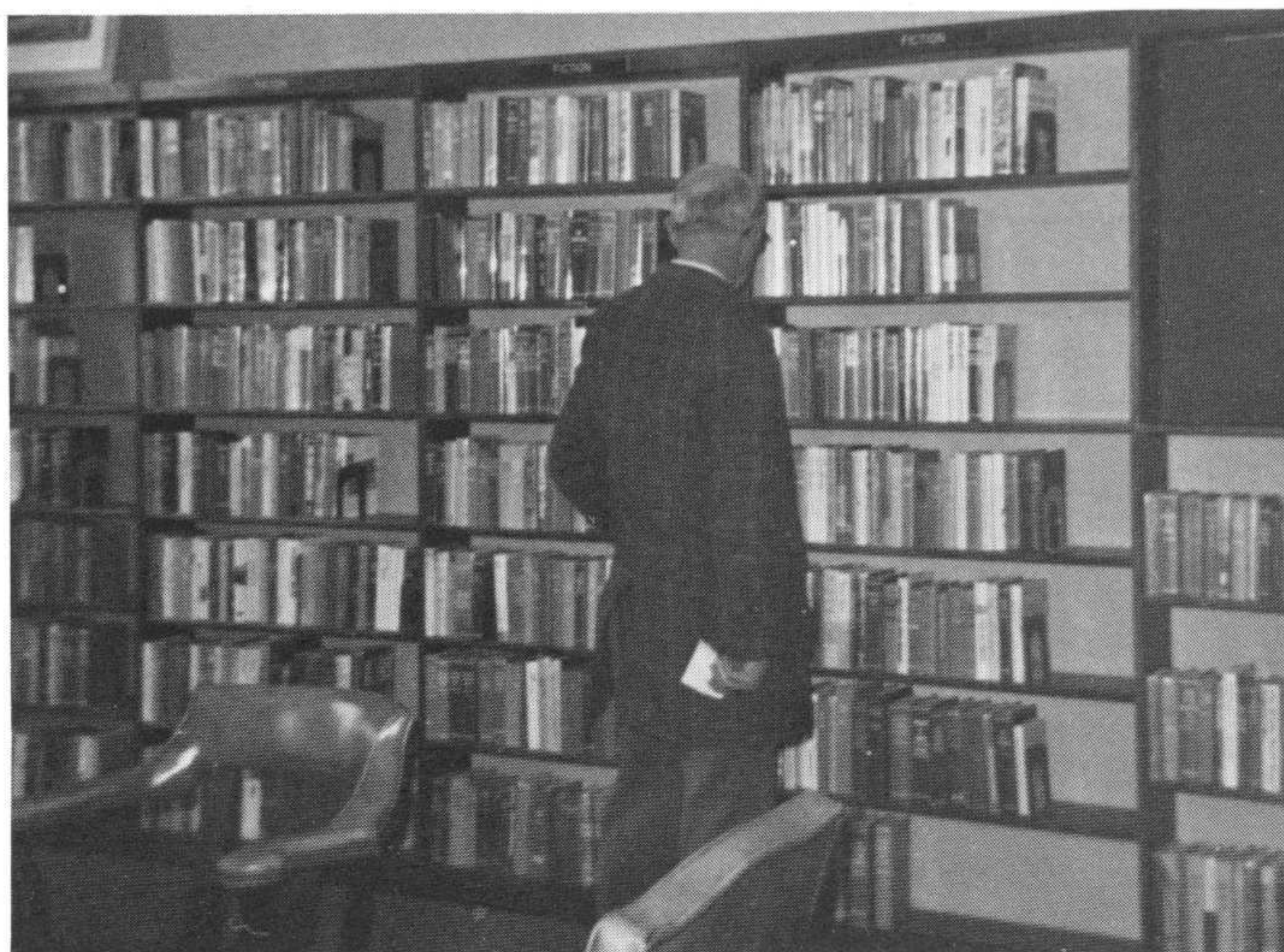




Librarians met with community groups to talk about books and libraries. Participation in professional library organizations and workshops afforded them an opportunity to exchange ideas and techniques with other librarians.

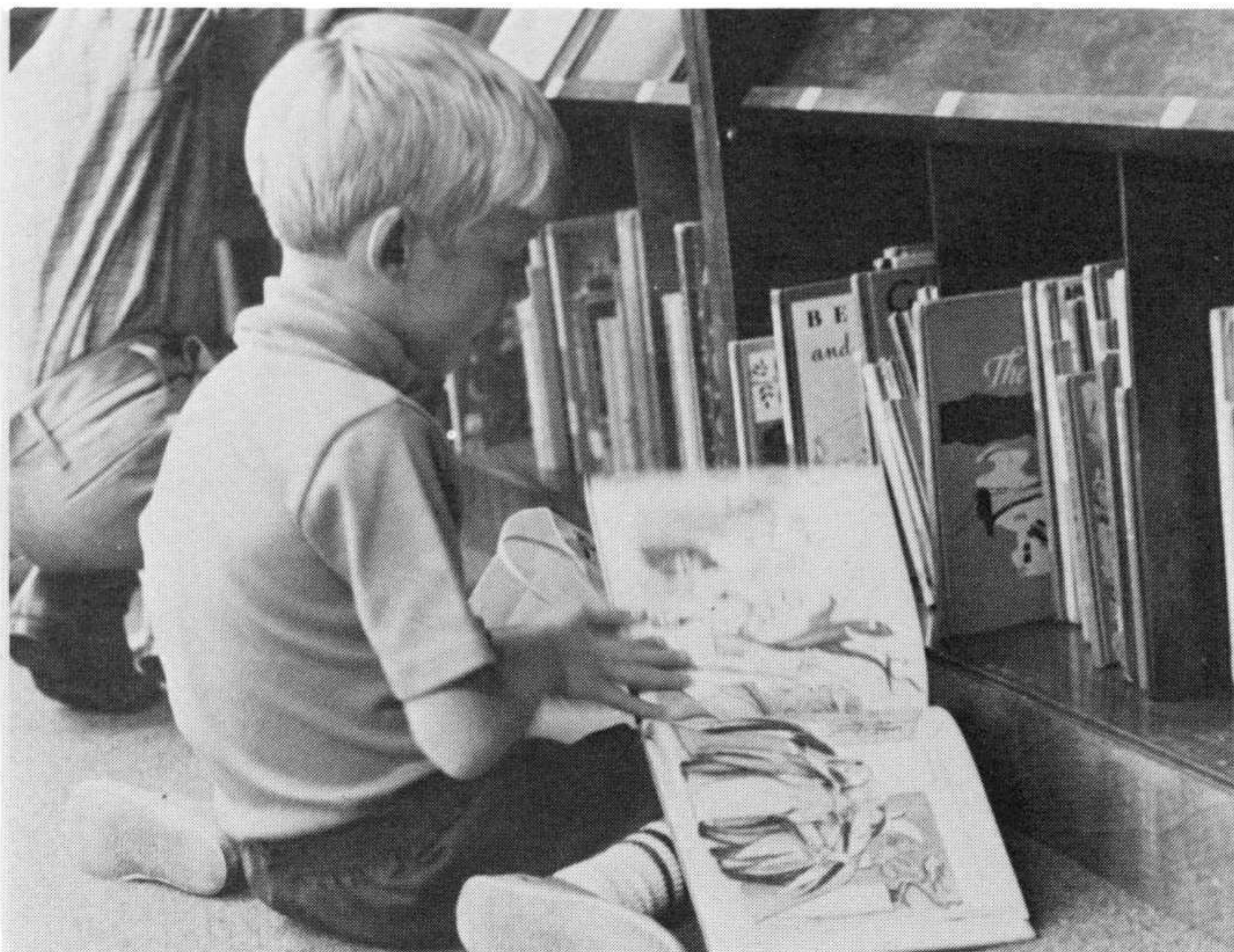


The funds for the library operation were provided by the intangible tax, collected by the county and allocated by the County Budget Commission (auditor, treasurer and prosecuting attorney). Franklin County has seven library districts who share these funds and unfortunately, for Worthington, its percentage share has not kept pace with its growth.





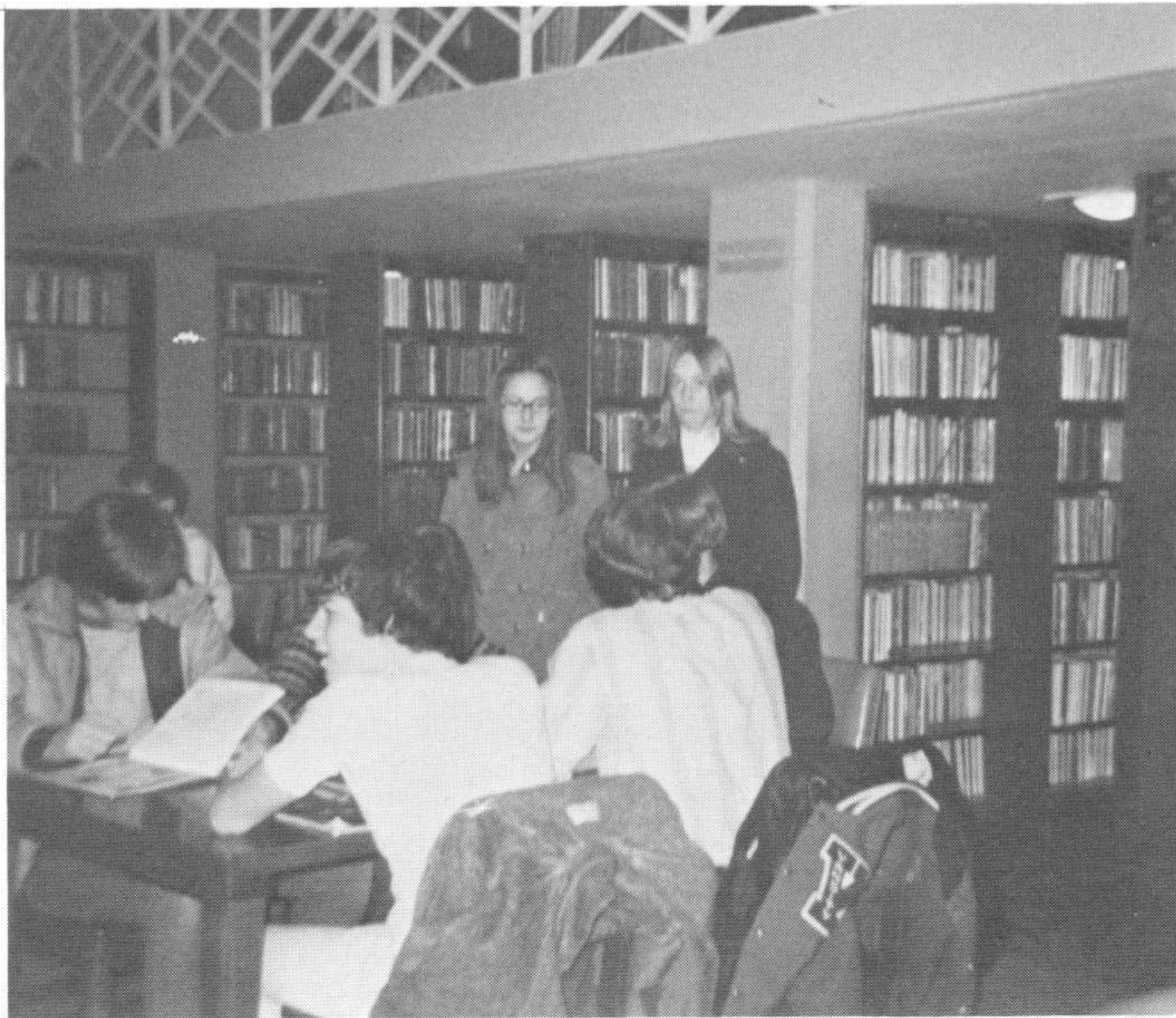
The Worthington Public Library legal service area is the same as that of the school district with a population of approximately 25,000. However, because of the county-wide tax collection, all libraries in the county must serve any of its residents, and Worthington patrons include many from outside the school district.



Long range plans are vital to continued high quality service. The present library, located on the northeast corner of the Village Green, is suffering growing pains. Realizing that the space problem is rapidly becoming acute, the Board of Trustees has been considering various solutions.



In 1971 they retained the architectural firm of Lawrence and Snouffer to determine the feasibility of adding to the present structure, a solution that would have been most desirable because of its central location. However, preliminary studies indicate that the present site is not adequate to contain a building of the size and arrangement needed to carry out the work of the library in the community of the future. The inflated per square footage cost of adding to the present structure proved to be another prohibiting factor.





It is obvious by the high rate of usage that the library plays a vital role in the lives of Worthington people. With the fields of knowledge and communication expanding at an exponential rate and the vista of more leisure hours on the near horizon, libraries can provide information and pleasure for even greater numbers. The Worthington Public Library Board of Trustees and staff have committed themselves to this goal.



“You hold in your hand a key, a bullet, a spy-glass, a kiss. What is this thing which can be all things to you?

It is a book.”

MacKinley Kantor in
Hamilton County