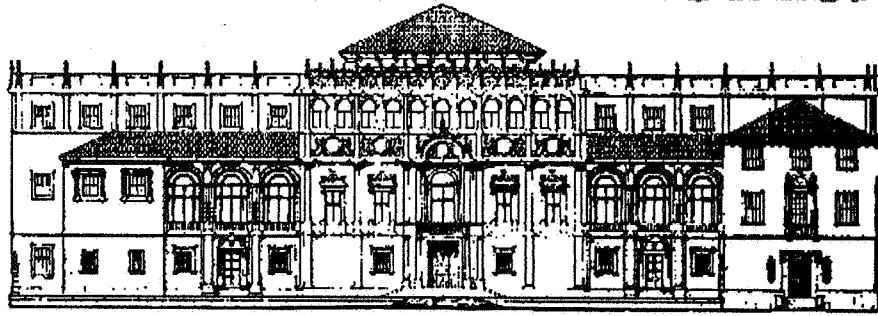


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# Between Friends



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## Christmas Storytelling Party on December 2, 1990!

Jolly ole St. Nicholas will be lending his ear to the annual Friends of the HPL Storytelling Party. Look for him on Sunday, December 2, between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm at the home of Sally and Nathan Avery, 3456 Inwood Drive.

This year's storytellers are Leila Parrish from the Meyer Branch and Sally Bates-Goodroe from the Looscan Branch. Children and parents will be enthralled by their stories and can enjoy crafts, moon-walks and refreshments. There are even rumors of a clown visiting as well!

Invitations will be in the mail to the Friends around the second week of November. If you're not already a Friend, please apply for membership *now*—one of the many benefits of membership is the storytelling event which is one you won't want to miss!

Rose Mary Mooney is the chair of this year's event and she promises it will be an unforgettable day for children and adults alike. . .



## "Through the Looking Glass" Exhibit Probes Headache Pain

"Through the Looking Glass," a provocative collection of headache-inspired art, will be on display December 7-29 at the Houston Public Library, Jesse H. Jones Building, 500 McKinney.

The collection is touring the United States as the cornerstone of the first national public exhibition campaign to focus on the headache. Approximately 45 million Americans suffer frequent, severe headache.

The tour began at the National Museum of Health and Medicine in Washington, D.C. Its purpose is to break

through the informational and attitudinal barriers that prevent millions of headache sufferers from seeking help for their pain.

Of the millions who suffer headaches, more than half never seek a doctor's care, even though 90 percent can be successfully treated.

The artists whose work will be on display are headache sufferers themselves. They have created riveting images in paintings and drawings in an effort to express a level of pain and suffering that words alone cannot convey.

Each piece offers a profound and sometimes disturbing view into what it is like to suffer the recurring pain of a severe headache.

"Through the Looking Glass" makes the headache experience tangible for all to see. The art's ability to enlighten and inform is championed by former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. C. Everett Koop, perhaps this country's most noted and accomplished advocate of better health and improved health awareness.

## Annual Staff Recognition Program Set for February 1991

The Friends of the HPL are pleased to again sponsor the annual Staff Recognition Program which is scheduled for the middle of February, 1991. Because we want to make this the best awards program ever, we are calling upon all members to contribute some of the following items:

1. Pairs of play or concert tickets (if you have season tickets, you can contribute for one performance).
2. A pair of tickets for sporting events (you can donate one game to the Friends which will be given to an outstanding and highly deserving member of the library staff).
3. Dinner for two at a nice restaurant.

4. Free hotel accommodations for one night or even a week-end.

Any one of the listed contributions will be deeply appreciated, and it would send a positive message to all those employees who perform their jobs in an exemplary manner and in so doing, provide a vital service to the citizens of our city.

If you would like to participate in this special program, please contact Mrs. Sue Abbott at the following address:

Houston Public Library  
500 McKinney  
Houston, TX 77002  
or call at (713) 224-2492

## Gubbin To Serve as State Convention Delegate



Barbara Gubbin, assistant library director, HPL, will serve as a delegate to the Texas Conference on Libraries and Information Services, January 4-5, in Austin.

The 160 conference delegates will vote on resolutions drafted by Texas regional groups concerning the library's role in literacy, productivity and democracy. The District 8 regional consensus meeting, held October 13 in Houston, included perspectives on these

issues from Texas State Representative Sylvester Turner, Houston City Controller George Greanias and Leonel Castillo, Chairman of the Hermann Hospital Board of Trustees.

Barbara joined the Houston Public Library System in 1985 and served until 1989 as Coordinator of the Houston Area Library System (HALS). She administered a \$1.8 million budget and consulted with 66 public libraries that serve a 4.5 million population.

Prior to coming to Houston, she was coordinator for six years of the San Antonio Area Library System.

Barbara received a B.A. from the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom; a Master of Library and Information Studies from the University of London; and an M.A. of Library and Information Studies; Oriental and African Bibliography from the University of London.

## Computer-Based Catalog Offers New Era in Information Access

In a landmark improvement in public access, HPL will soon begin replacing its 12-year-old catalog on microfilm readers with a new computer-based system. This has been made feasible thanks to the \$8.1 million Enhancement Campaign.

The improved technology will phase in throughout HPL's 37 service locations over eight months, beginning in December.

The public access catalog (PAC) will operate on personal computer workstations at each library site.

Library users will employ a computer keyboard to find sought-for titles in HPL's collection. Three basic searching strategies, each activated by a clearly labeled function key or a choice from the on-screen menus, will query the public access catalog.

**Find Anything** prompts a search by keyword. Matches to the keyed-in word or phrase are displayed on-screen and can be narrowed to a list of specific titles associated with the key board.

The **View Catalog** function activates a dictionary catalog which searches by assigned title, author and subject headings. Searches can be done using a single heading or any combination of the three access points.

**Browse Topics** allows the user to browse the catalog by Dewey Decimal call number, in much the same way a browser would stroll through the book stacks.

"Of enormous benefit to the public," says director of libraries David M. Henington, "will be this catalog's wonderful improvement in the speed, ease and accuracy with which library materials may be identified and located."

The new public access catalog will debut at Montrose Branch, 4100 Montrose, for a two-week demonstration period scheduled to start after Thanksgiving.

