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Making More Room for Books

(The following article by Edward Gunts appeared in the January 13, 2000 edition of The Baltimore Sun)

Revitalization efforts for the Roland Park community in North Baltimore are moving ahead with the selection of an architectural team to design a \$1 million expansion and renovation of the Roland Park branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

After considering several design teams, a city panel has selected a partnership of Alexander Design Studio and McLain Associates, both of Ellicott City, and Probst-Mason Inc. of Baltimore. Rick Kingsbury is the team's landscape architect.

The project includes an addition that will double the capacity of the library at 5108 Roland Ave., as well as restoration of the interior of the

original building, which dates from 1924.

The program also calls for a new main entrance and for making all areas of the library accessible to disabled patrons.

The library expansion is part of a larger revitalization plan developed by the Roland Park Civic League, including replacing curbing, improving the street and sidewalks, and planting trees in the grass median.

The 5100 block of Roland Ave. is a focus of the plan because it is a primary gathering spot for the community, the library on one side of the street and retailers on the other.

Designed by Buckler and Fenhagen, the

Farewell Ray - Wellcome Sylvia

CML thanks former board member Ray Fry of Bethesda who completed a three-year term of service last fall. Ray chaired CML's Legislative Committee for one year and the Membership Committee for two years.

Our newest board member is Sylvia Betts Dodd, who was elected to a three-year term on our Board of Directors at last fall's Annual Meeting. A native Delawarean, Sylvia has been a resident of Baltimore for many years, following her graduation from the Peabody Conservatory of Music of the Johns Hopkins University. She has taught class piano in Baltimore County schools and privately up to the present time.

ALA/ALTA National Advocacy Honor Roll

In response to a request from the Association for Library Trustees and Advocates, a division of the American Library Association, the Maryland Division of Library Development and Services (DLDS) has submitted the names of ten Marylanders for special recognition of their extraordinary contributions to Maryland's public libraries during the 20th century.

The five living honorees are as follows:

Donald Wm. Bradley of Hurlock, who has served as a political leader in forming public policy under three Maryland governors and who was particularly influential in securing support

for legislation that provides a formula for funding The State Library Resource Center and the Sailor network; **Judge Josef Burton Brown** of Greenbelt, who has served continuously on the Board of Trustees of the Prince Georges County Memorial Library System since 1979, and who has served as chair of the Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries for eight years; **Offie Clark** of Aberdeen, who has been a leading advocate for Maryland libraries for three decades, having served on the Harford Co. Public Library Board of Trustees, the Maryland Advocacy Council on Libraries, the White House Conference on

Libraries and Information Task Force, and as president of the Citizens for Maryland Libraries; **Mary Lou Dewey** of Westminster, who has served libraries with enthusiasm and devoted interest since 1955, having helped to establish a county-wide library for Carroll County and having served as president of Citizens for Maryland Libraries, to name but two of her many contributions over the past five decades; and **Nettie B. Taylor** of Baltimore, who led Maryland library development from 1948 until her retirement in 1988 as Assistant State Superintendent for Libraries, working actively to develop public library service in all



Many Thanks to Fran McClure

CML's superb executive secretary, Frances L. McClure, tendered her resignation as of January 15, 2000, citing her increasing difficulty with keeping up with her CML work, the growth of her landscape design business and the other things that she enjoys in life. Fran had served our organization as executive secretary for nearly three years, and during that time she provided CML with the kind and quality of professional support most organizations can only dream of receiving.

The following letter from CML President Maurice Rindskopf expresses well our sincere appreciation of Fran and her wonderful contribution to CML.

"It is with sincere regret, regret expressed by me and the entire CML Board and membership, that we bid you farewell.

CML & the IRS !!!

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modest operating budget funded to a great extent by membership dues. Each year CML awards its Citizens Support of Libraries grant in the amount of \$1,000 to organizations proposing to involve

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CML President Maurice Rindskopf presented Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening with the White House Conference for Library and Information Services Task Force

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