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Eagle library looking at permanent home

By Rich Kirchen
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Eagle — The Library Board hopes to decide this summer whether it can afford to convert a donated Main St. building into the permanent home of the Alice Baker Memorial Library.

The gift was made last December by Carl Zipprich.

"By the end of summer we should be real close to something black and white about what we're going to do with it," said Lance Fanshaw, chairman of the board.

The building is a former residence that was in the process of conversion to retail use when the gift was made.

"Right now, it's pretty well gutted," Fanshaw said.

Preliminary plans for converting the building into a library have been reviewed by the board, but costs remain uncertain, the chairman said.

The Eagle library now operates out

of a rented classroom at Eagle United Methodist Church, 305 E. Main St. It is a member of the Waukesha County Federated Library System and serves residents of both the Town and Village of Eagle, about 900 of whom hold library cards.

The library now has about 10,000 books on the shelves and must keep another 5,000 books in storage, according to Betty Isleb, library director.

The library is open several hours Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

The future of the donated building will be on the agenda of the board's June 21 meeting, Fanshaw said.

Largely because of monetary considerations, Isleb seemed doubtful that the conversion could be made.

"I think we're not going to have a new library building for a long time," she said. "I'm afraid it just won't happen."

Renovation OK'd for Eagle library

Eagle — A 123-year-old vacant building at 215 E. Main St. will be renovated to become the home of the Alice Baker Memorial Library, the Library Board has decided.

The building was donated to the library last December. It was gutted a few years ago for conversion to a proposed retail store, but the store was never built.

The board hired Threshold Design of Pewaukee to develop an architectural and mechanical design and inspect the building during construction. The firm will be paid \$4,300 from the library building fund, said Lance Fanshaw, chairman of the board.

The library, which serves the village and the Town of Eagle, now operates out of the Eagle United Methodist Church, 305 E. Main St.

Fanshaw said the board might be able to review plans for the building at its July 19 meeting. He said the board would get a cost estimate on the renovation at the meeting.

The board directed Threshold to retain the historical appearance of the building's exterior, Fanshaw said. *Midwest Journal 6/24/83*

EAGLE IDEA — If a civic club took the leadership and others pitched in, the town and village of Eagle could refurbish a donated house into a permanent home for the Alice Baker Memorial Library. The house was generously donated by Carl Zipprich, but now volunteer labor and leadership is sorely needed.

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Eagle Village

Streets to be repaved

by Virginia Kranz

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The Eagle Village Board awarded a contract for street resurfacing to Wolf Paving at the board meeting August 5. Several bids were received to repair Homesteader St. and the tennis courts at the park. Total cost for the project will be \$13,761.

Mr. John Daggett reported on the growth of the library under the direction of Betty Isleb. "Betty is responsible for the success of the library and the volunteers," said Daggett. "We now have over 10,000 books with another 3000 to 4000 in storage," he continued. "We have no place to go with them." Over 800 library cards have been issued.

The library is part of the Federated system with funding from both Eagle Town and Eagle Village. A roving van makes any book requested available in a matter of days through the Federated Computer system. "Any book you want, we can get," exclaimed Daggett.

The summer reading program had 60 to 70 children participating. A new

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program "Through the Looking Glass" has been a success. Stories are read to the children. They either act it out or tell it back to the story teller.

New housing for the library is being considered to allow for expansion.

An extension of one year was granted P&H Development for black topping in Schroeder Acres. If a building permit is issued sooner, the job must be started at the time.

Library seeks funds

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By Virginia Kranz

The Alice Baker Memorial Library Board presented an appeal for additional funds to the Eagle Village Board October 6. Valued at approximately \$45,000, ~~the gift of the Partridge~~ property will need remodeling estimated at \$55,000 before it will be functional.

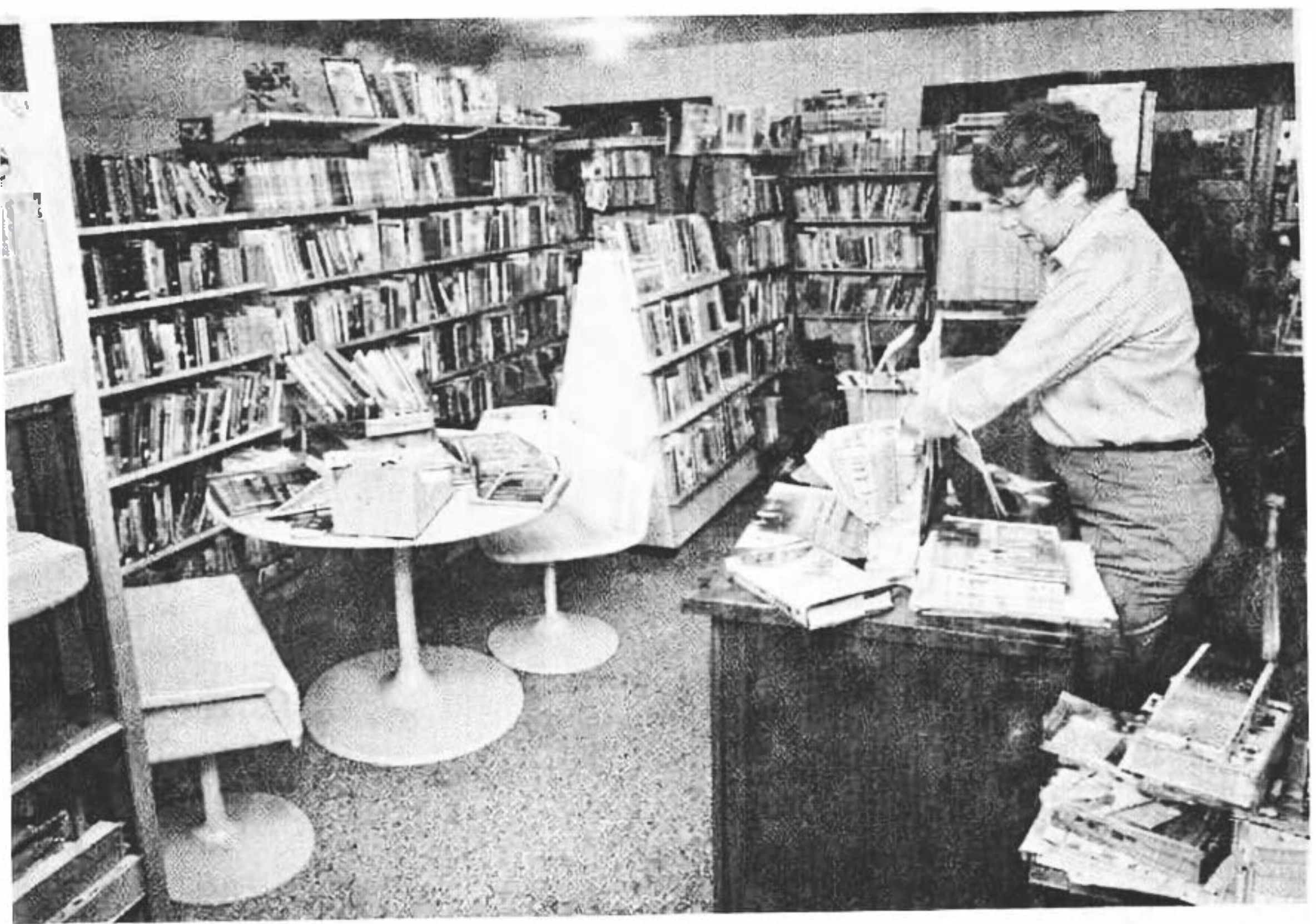
The library presently operates from borrowed space at the Eagle United Methodist Church. The church has grown to the point where the additional space is needed for Sunday School classrooms.

Newell Meyer, newly appointed library board chairman, reported 500 books were loaned out in 1974, the first year of operation. Since that time,

it has continued to grow with 12,000 plus books being loaned this year. As new books are added to the shelves, old ones are put on sale as shelf space is very limited. One student stated she had a hard time getting books off the shelf and when she asked for assistance, the librarian immediately put eighteen books up for sale. The student bought seven, but

insists her shelves at home are becoming congested as well. The letter continued to say the aisles at the library are so narrow that two normal sized people have problems passing each other.

Donations of money or labor can be made by contacting the librarian, village or town Board, or Newell Meyer.



Librarian Joanne Batzer worked at the checkout desk of Eagle's one-room library.

Eagle library is seeking \$55,000 for a new home

By Linda Piepenbrink
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Eagle — The Alice Baker Memorial Library could have a new home if the Eagle Village and Town Boards come up with \$55,000.

The Library Board is seeking the money to cover the cost of remodeling the historic Partridge House on Main St. near the Village Hall as a library.

The library is now housed in a back room of the United Methodist Church, 306 E. Main St.

Newell Meyer of the Library Board has told the Village Board:

"The Methodist church needs the space and would like to grow. This would seem to be a very logical time

to take some action on it."

The Village Board will make its recommendation this month. The Library Board will make the same request to the Town Board tonight.

When the library opened in 1974, it lent 335 books in the first six months, a figure that rose to more than 11,000 in 1982. About 12,000 books have been borrowed so far this year, Meyer reported.

Ralph Raduechel, a village trustee, endorsed the request for funds.

"You have to have an education for your kids," he said. "You have to do something for your kids. The circulation that comes out of that library is fantastic."

Partridge House, named after the family that built it in the early 1880s, was donated to the Library Board by owner Carl Zipprich in December 1982.

"It has very simple, classic lines," Meyer said. "It's one you would build and say, 'Now there's a building with real character.'"

The library was operated privately by the Methodist church from 1964 to 1980, when the Town and Village Boards jointly took over.

Arguing for a bigger library, Meyer said while the kids are reading, they're not getting into trouble.

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