

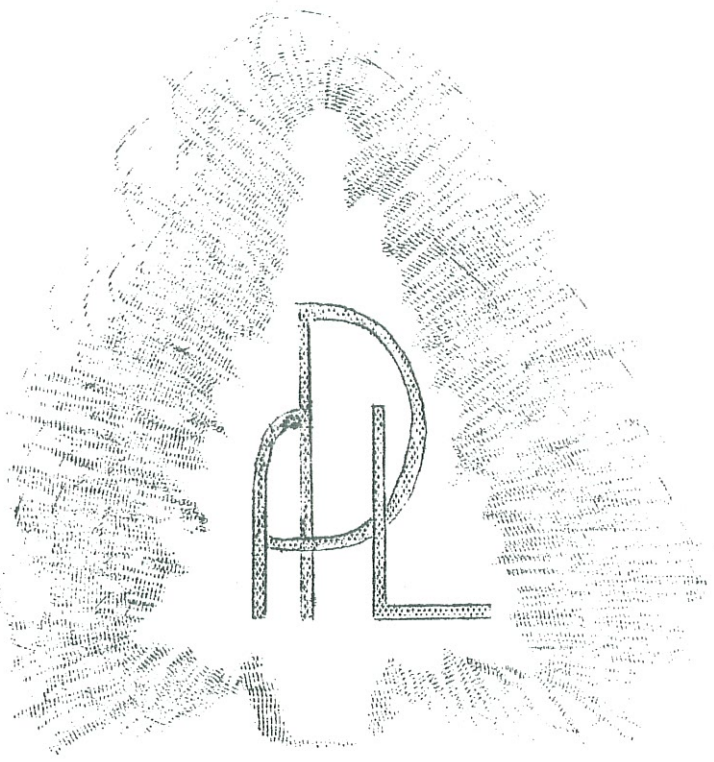
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A GUIDED TOUR  
of the  
ALBERTSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

This building that has stood here forty years will soon be torn down to make room for our new building.

Not long ago, a librarian who had worked here many years came back for one last visit, and Miss Wendel showed her around.

The following is a transcript of that visit:



Miss W: Why, hello. It's so nice to see you back again.

Visitor: I just wanted to have a look around the building one more time before they tear it down. It's such a shame to see it go. They don't build them like this any more.

Miss W: Won't you come in? If you'll just give me a hand with the door, you'd better put your shoulder against it and shove. Then run quick when it opens. If you get caught, it takes several people to get you out, and we're rather understaffed now. Ready? Heave!

There now. You'll find it's just like it always was, only more so. We have some new people in the Circulation Department. The tall blonde is Nancy Jordan and the cute little one is Kay Jones. Say hello to the nice lady, girls.

Nancy: The Albertson Public Library is owned and operated by the City of Orlando.

Kay: Since the County does not contribute to its support, County residents are required to pay a fee.

Miss W: Um, they do take their work seriously. And of course you remember Caroline Childs and Pat Brockman.

Caroline: The fee is \$3.00 now, but if you paid a \$12.00 fee before that, you will get a \$9.00 refund, and if you paid \$3.00 before that, you can pay \$3.00 now or wait until October, 1964, when the card will be free, UNLESS you live in Winter Park, Maitland, or another county, in which case. . . .

Miss W: Well, really! Pat. . . . ?

Pat: But you will be required to pay a deposit if you have been here less than six months. This is a recording.

Miss W: You'll have to excuse them. They've had rather a difficult time of it lately. You probably know most of our Adult Services librarians. Why, Eileen, what's wrong?

Eileen: There's a man on the phone asking for a book called "THE GREAT GIRAFFE"! Sir, who wrote the book? John Steinbeck? About the Okies? Oh, you mean "THE GRAPES OF WRATH"!

Visitor: Who's the young lady clipping newspapers?

Miss W: This is Barbara McIlvaine. Oh my, just look at the awful headlines in the papers. Isn't the world in a mess?

Barbara: Everywhere but in Philadelphia.

Miss W: You'll notice we've made some changes in the Fiction Room.

Visitor: You seem to have changed everything but the patrons. I'm sure this same group was sitting here when I left seven years ago.

Miss W: Yes, I'm afraid we're going to have to pay to have them moved with the rest of the furnishings. And that's Aleena's office over in the corner.

Visitor: How do you get her to sit still long enough to stay in it?

Miss W: We haven't figured that out yet.