

## NATIONAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY LIBRARY : MILESTONES

<u>SEASON</u> <u>YEAR</u>	<u>No. OF</u> <u>USERS</u>	<u>No. OF</u> <u>LOANS</u>
1990/1	662	567
1991/2	804	478
1992/3	782	458
1993/4	690	512
1994/5	532	467
1995/6	535	402
1996/7	533	408

### **1990**

#### **Patrick J Frost librarian.**

1991

Patrick J Frost Librarian. Resigned in September 1991. Work commitments prevented his continuing in position.

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### **1991**

#### **Ian D Crane appointed librarian in September 1991.**

- Library Policy Document produced by Ian Crane.

Dec Large Stamp Magazine donation of philatelic literature received.

Dec Proposal to extend library into outer office area.

1992

- Precious 'Brown' Index microfilmed.

Feb Library Five Year Plan prepared by Library Committee.

Ian D Crane hands over the reigns at September AGM.

Apr Library Rules displayed in library.

Apr Day library usage fee raised to £2 from £1.50. £10 still for society bookings.

Jul Camden libraries (Holborn) donation of around one ton of books!

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### **1992**

#### **Glenn H Morgan appointed Librarian in September 1992.**

Nov Mr H Whittaker awarded Honorary Life Membership of the NPS.

The precious BROWN index to periodicals was microfilmed.

### **1993**

May Structural changes to library outer office undertaken.

Jul Mrs Elizabeth Graham offers her services. Ex UCL cataloguer.

Aug Newspaper Bay created in Stack Room.

Mr Whittaker made Honorary Life Member in recognition of his work in the library over many years.

### **1994**

Jan Offsite store in Tabernacle Street vacated. Balance donated to BPT at Basingstoke.

Apr Decision taken not to open library on Mondays.

Apr NPM granted OK for its staff to use the library for its research.

Apr (20<sup>th</sup>) Literature auction. Brian Sylvester auctioneer on the day.

Dec Library security an issue. Some items 'missing'. Many subsequently found misplaced.

Dec Warning notice displayed regarding theft and resultant prosecution if caught.

## 1995

- Mar Periodical binding sponsorship scheme initiated. 13 members responded immediately.  
Apr (Tues 25<sup>th</sup>) Second NPSL literature auction.  
Apr Shelving all adjusted to take A4 publications (previously all different heights).  
Apr Artificial split of Commonwealth and Foreign for books abolished. GB still separate. Single A-Z run instituted, with projecting divider cards to help users.  
Apr Concern over lack of space and shelving.  
May Literature auction grosses £2,500 approx.  
May Library security issues discussed.  
May Library questionnaire on services produced.  
Jun £1,500 p.a. periodical binding grant from BPT awarded for three years.  
Aug Re-shelving of all English language periodicals undertaken as a single run.  
Aug (Mrs H A) Alma Lee donates index cabinet to library to mark resignation from Council.  
Oct Brass plaque affixed to The Alma Lee Cabinet.  
Oct First supply of library information sheets produced.  
Nov 80 boxes of duplicates prepared for 1996 literature sale.  
Nov NPS added to BL directory of national lending libraries.  
Nov PO Bureau material finally sorted and added to shelving. Brian Austin filled his estate car with the material that GHM had sorted at home over many months.  
Dec Library Procedure Manual produced.  
Dec 100 book request letters written.  
Dec Quote for shelving for end wall £1442+VAT. Left wall £732+VAT from Serrotta.  
Dec Formulation of library staff duty rota.  
Dec Bureau materials sorted for first time in years and shelved in Bureau bay.

## 1996

- Jan 50 more book request letters written.  
Jan Duty librarian attendance fee set at £5 – deemed too little. Reviewed.  
Jan 20 page A4 listing of periodical titles held produced. Provided to APRL and BL.  
Feb Stampex multi-media show involved NPS library items loaned to show.  
May President concerned at volume of duplicate periodicals held.  
May Mr De Bono was expelled from NPS for library theft.  
May 100 more letters for books sent.  
May First consignment of periodicals for binding sent to new bindery.  
May GHM was invited to talk to European Philatelic Trusts. Cancelled!  
Jun Foreign periodical duplicates offered on fixed price sheet in Stamp Lover.  
Jun The “Alma Lee Cabinet” was donated by Alma Lee following her resignation from Council and as a mark of her thanks for her time with the society. £300 value.  
Jun 16 boxes of philatelic literature donated by Richard West.  
Jun CAPEX IPLA meeting attended by 20 librarians, including GHM + IDC+DRB.  
Jun William Parmenter donates £125 for Mexicana binding.  
Jun 50 more letters for books sent. 180 additions to library by scheme to this date.  
Jun Periodicals sorted into strict A-Z order by Ted Halliday.  
Jul Back and left-hand walls shelving installed by Serrotta.  
Oct (19<sup>th</sup>) saw 3<sup>rd</sup> literature auction.  
The three glazed cabinets moved from inside library to outer office.

## 1997

- Nov Stack room vacated by BPT. Strong room vacated by NPS.  
Nov Nine boxes of literature donated by LNW and BL.  
Missing periodicals listing circulated to all NPS members with huge response from members.  
GHM represented NPSL at IPLA meeting at Pacifica 97.

## 1998

- Jan In a few months, the Missing Periodicals exercise had netted 1280 additions to our holdings at a cost of £120. 35 titles had their runs completed.  
Jan 2,885 books on computer at this stage. Developing well.  
Jan Council agrees to give library £1,500 p.a., towards binding, from membership subs source.

Feb Mr Whittaker resigned after 17 (approx) years. Card, radio/cassette and book token sent.  
Feb GHM interview in Philatelic Bulletin. Highlighted library.  
Flood in library outer office and basement. Not serious.  
The NPSL library team were nominated as finalists in the Royal Mail Rowland Hill Awards ceremony at BAFTA.

## **1999**

“NPSL” coined by GHM as a more modern name for the library.  
April Negotiations began with GBPS via Ian Harvey for them to donate their library to NPSL.  
May Argyll Etkin made a donation of their exhibitions and periodicals collections. These amounted to circa 185 linear feet of shelving. A preliminary sort revealed at least 50 new titles to be added to our collections. No strings attached to acquisition. Peter, Ted W and Dick P undertook removal.  
May NPS to run Stamp Show 2000 literature area. Potential for 300/500 new items for our holdings. Michael Furnell in charge of operation.  
May Decision made to produce a CD-ROM of holdings in time for Stamp Show 2000.  
May Negotiations began with China PSL via Dick Pratt for them to donate their extensive library to NPSL.  
June Display at RPSL for centenary resulted in closer liaison with NPS

## **2000**

Jan 150 Half height A4 boxes donated by Charisma Colourprint for NPSL.  
Feb Major “donation” made to a recycling plant of duplicate holding that had refused to shift.  
Mch HSBC donated a £250 binding machine for NPSL use.  
Mch HSBC Creative studio redesigned NPS leaflet ready for TSS2000.  
April Charisma Colourprint generously donated 15,000 application forms for NPS use at TSS2000.  
May TSS2000. Major involvement of GHM precluded him from much other work.  
June Ten large boxes of books donated by BPT from TSS2000 for NPSL.  
June Donations to BL resulted in them being able to bind 36 volumes that were incomplete.

## **2001**

Sep Ron Wood volunteered to be Periodicals Acquisitions Manager.  
Len Barnes working volunteered to help in library. Initially packing foreign language materials.  
Sep Literature Auction cleared £434.43. Mike Thomson was auctioneer.  
Sep Minor “flood” in basement. Nothing of value lost to the torrent.  
Sep Binding Grant of £2,500 from BPT (Grant 6).  
Sep Council agreed to GHMs request that £500 per annum be given to NPSL from subscription income.

## **2002**

## **2003 CENTENARY OF NPSL.**