



## Public library offers many services

By Sean Nelson

Of the Emerald

The Eugene Public Library, located at 100 W. 13th Ave., offers a variety of services and many different kinds of literature to its patrons.

"There is basically something for everyone, from small children to elderly people," according to Michael McCarthy, director of circulation.

The library checks out materials such as books, records, cassettes, art prints, hand puppets, magazines, and smaller items such as pamphlets, maps, and videos, McCarthy said.

"One of the most important

special services that we offer is business information in the form of stock information: We have a subscription called Value Line, which gives detailed information about stocks and the corporations which sell them," he said.

"There are a lot of people interested in business," he added.

The library has a business section with general information on products produced, names and addresses of company officers, whether a company is still in existence and where they would be located for purchases or repairs on both older and new products, McCarthy said.

It has a "decent-sized" phonebook collection which is "heavily used," he said.

The collection covers cities "from Ames, Iowa to Yakima Valley, Wash.," he said.

The library operates an interlibrary loan service offering books "from almost any library in the country," McCarthy said.

"If necessary we can also get books from foreign countries," he added.

"Last year we received an interlibrary loan request from Leningrad, Russia," McCarthy said with disbelief.

"We were surprised to say the least."

A series of programs are offered for children at the library, too.

Every summer, the library participates in a reading program "intended to provide incentive for kids to read," McCarthy said.

It offers a series of story times, movies, craft programs and display cases for children's collections, he added.

Extension services offer a program providing library services for people at retirement centers and nursing homes who are unable to get to the library, he said.

The program also will go to areas on the outskirts of the city limits, McCarthy added.

"The person who takes the books to the elderly individual often selects the material for that particular individual," he said.

"The service adds a human element to the library programs," he added.

The library will assist people in genealogy as well, McCarthy said.

"The reference section offers information on patron's family history," he added.

The library has access to many government documents

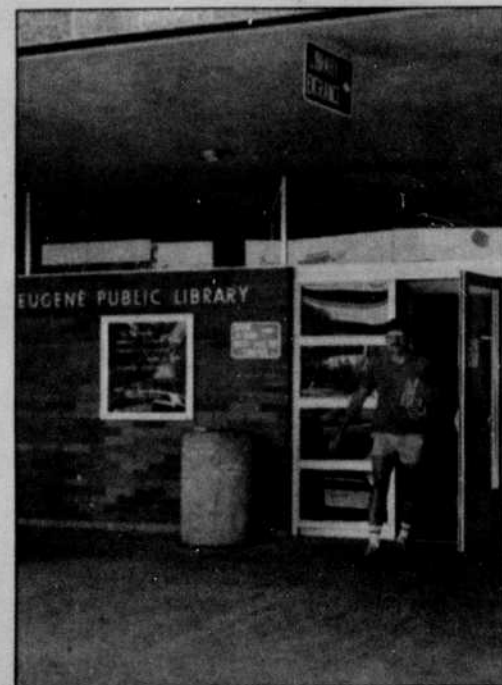


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The Eugene Public Library, located at 100 W. 13th Ave., offers an assortment of magazines, tapes, periodicals and other literary services.

including listings of governmental agencies that print such documents and particular agencies to contact regarding obtaining those documents.

"We have complete records of each year's (legislative session) including bills, statutes, laws and amendments," he said.

The library also has county information from various commissions such as city councils,

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