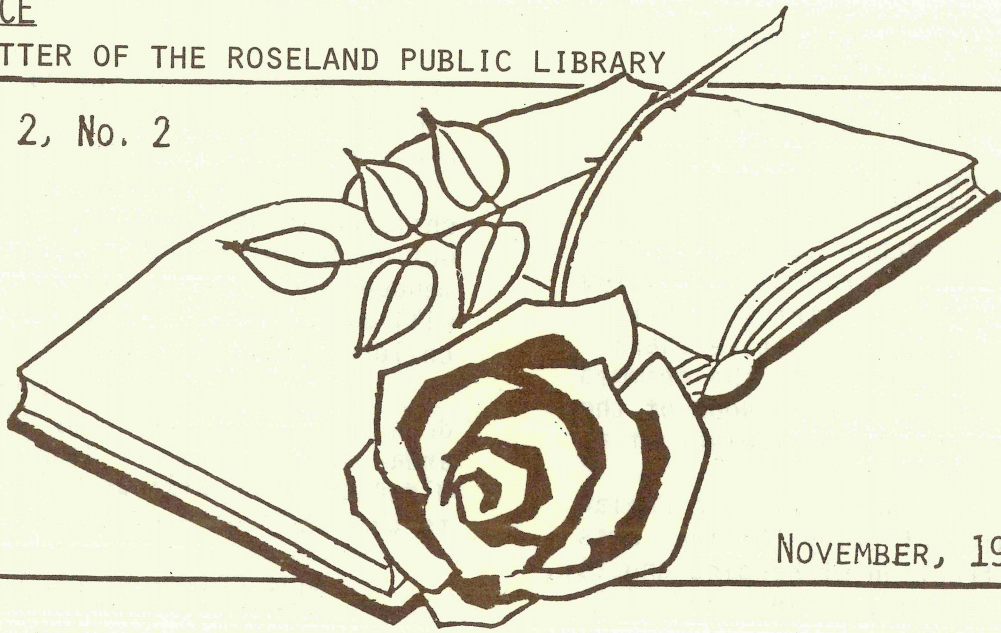


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NEW BUILDING UPDATE

from the Director

As each day passes, Roseland's first Library building nears its physical completion, thanks to the help of a growing number of dedicated citizens, organizations, and businesses. The Roseland Borough Council continues its strong support with its go-aheads for site preparation and its funding of the overall Project Manager/General Contractor, whose first bills have been paid out of capital account.

On November 4, the Roseland Planning Board approved the new Library's site plan, developed and presented by Charlie Stewart, whose firm donated the engineering service. The site plan includes grading for proper drainage, parking for fifty-one cars, parking lot lighting, the maintenance of woodland, an entrance from Fells Road, and routing for all utilities.

Expectations have generated the excitement which Roselanders have channelled into two major efforts: the Resources Committee's approach to business donors; and the Groundbreaking Ceremony. The two culminate on Sunday, November 17, 2 to 4 p.m.

On November 17, at 2 p.m., on the crescent shaped clearing off of Fells Road where the new Library site looks toward the baseball field, golden shovels will sink into historic soil. This will mark the beginning of Library construction.

A musical prelude and the National

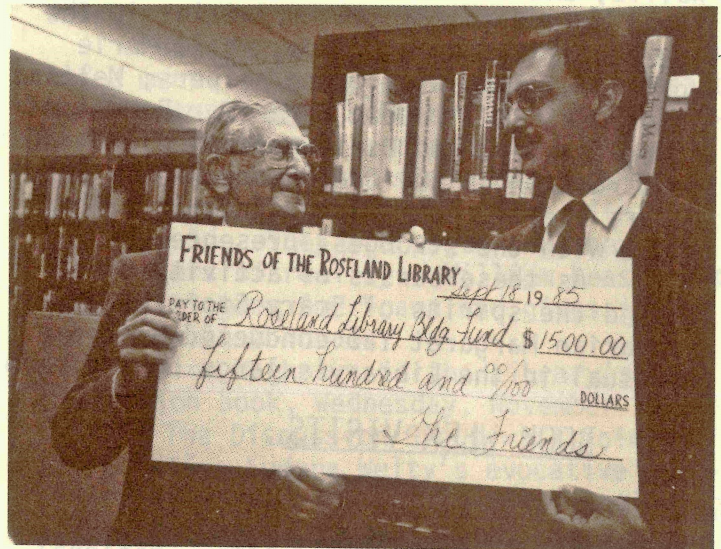
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LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION:

BLUE HIGHWAYS

"American history is parking lots," William Least Heat Moon writes, transcribing words heard toward the end of his journey in a bar in Rhode Island. In Blue Highways: A Journey into America, Heat Moon weaves im-

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Jerome Sherman, President of the Friends of the Library presents Library Director Rob Neufeld with a donation of \$1,500 for the Building Fund. Over the years the Friends have donated money which has gone toward books and furnishings, much of which will go with the Library to the new building.

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THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

SCARY STORY NIGHT

The 23rd of October was Scary Story Night at the Roseland Library, celebrating Halloween a week early. Spirits of all descriptions and mostly diminutive shapes streamed through Roseland into the crammed Children's Room and Conference Room of the Library, shaking with the excitement of a cultural happening.

Children's Librarian Estelle Phelan arranged an evening of story-telling, arts and crafts (construction of hanging ghosts), games, parading, eating, posing, and visits by famous fictional characters. In response, one hundred children and a third as many parents arrived like Pilgrims at the first harvest. Parents exclaimed, "We need a new Library."

Director Rob Neufeld appeared as Mickey Mouse's father looking for Mickey (too long away in Hollywood). Mickey Mouse (Diane Wolffe donning a paper maché head constructed by Jeff Onuschak) materialized, whereupon the Mouses led the children in parade form down the hall and to the Crafts program.

Linda Rogers, Kay McCormack, Diane Wolffe, and Sue Rosen (in harlequin costume) helped coordinate activities in the overpacked Children's Room, while Marie Yorlano, along with young helpers, Melissa McCormack, Jill Pruden, Jennifer Romano, Aimee Shakoor, and DoriAnn Young aided ghost construction in the Conference Room. Chad Rogers created what was judged to be the ghost with the strongest presence.

As these bursts of activity preoccupied the spirits of Scary Story Night, Librarian Margaret Yao conducted business as usual in the Library's large central room.

BOOK WEEK VISITS

Civilizations and technologies come and go, and the written word remains the basic element of civilized life. National Book Week, November 11 through November 17 this year, enables the Library to increase awareness about books and libraries.

The Children's Department has planned to give tours of the Library to Roseland primary school children. Classes from Noecker School, after visiting Jean Wells' School Library, will visit the Public Library during

the week of November 11. Harrison Avenue School and Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament are arranging later visits.

Estelle Phelan will greet the children in the Children's Room and will hand out copies of a list of personally recommended books for various grade levels. She will also distribute ballots on which the children will vote for their favorite books.

Rob Neufeld will then lead the children into the adult room, demystifying that area, and showing off display cabinets. Older children will be briefly introduced to the adult game of research.

NEW FOR 2-YEAR-OLDS

By popular request, a new program for two-year-olds will be introduced in the Children's Department. "Toddler Time" will commence on Thursday, November 21, 10 a.m. All children must be registered. For further information, call Mrs. Phelan, 226-8636.

ENVIRONMENTAL VISIT

On November 13, both pre-school classes will visit the Environmental Center, a function of the Essex County Department of Parks and Recreation, for a special program on colors.

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pressions and conversations absorbed from life along the secondary roads of the U.S. into a picture of the lost-and-to-be-refound American dream.

Heat Moon's report is both tragic and optimistic. "The pendulum is swinging toward the extinction of man," says the old historian of Greenwich, New Jersey. But, the old man tells the author, he is not worried because he knows of the supremacy of nature and of the ability of humans to transform and adapt at the last necessary moment. The old man and Heat Moon recognize each other as being of the same mind. What is the name for this state of mind?

In so many words, Heat Moon makes his position clear. All over the U.S., he

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Anthem precede introductions of dignitaries; brief, commemorative speeches; and the ceremonial diggings. A procession of business donations is then followed by a procession to a reception in Roseland Council Chambers, where commemorative wood key-chains will be offered. Mayor Richard Leonard presides. Many will be recognized.

The Resources Committee, headed by Elise Blum and Bud Strauss, include twelve hard-working solicitors: Santo Barretta, Dr. Robert Briggs, Brant Cali, Bunny Dockrell, David Fox, Alan Gordon, Bob Miller, George Minish, Mike Pacio, Norman Raymond, Charles Rosen, and Joe Squadrito. The Groundbreaking Ceremony, organized by Connie Filippello, Special Events Subcommittee Chairperson, depends upon members: Chris Briggs, Judy Holtz, Kathie Kaczynski, Kay McCormack, Leone Mack, Olivia Minervino, Terri Minish, Connie O'Connell, Mary Paton and Thomas Paton.

Aside from all this, fundraising through special events, solicitations, and grantsmanship continues apace. The Roseland/Caldwell Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 2619, through its Country/Western Jamboree September 22, raised money for the Building Fund. The Friends of the Library have earmarked this year's contribution, \$1,500.00, for the Building Fund. Nob Hill has, so far, made a collective donation of \$1,656.00 in an early show of support.

The Home and School Association of Roseland held its Annual Fall Fair, November 25 in the Noecker gymnasium. Eager Roseland youngsters played game after game, knowing that their quarters were accumulating in the Building Fund's piggybank. At a future time, the H.S.A. will present a check that combines proceeds from this Fair with that from a later event.

Meanwhile, in the office, in-depth descriptions of new Library facilities and services fill a report that now goes to the New Jersey State Library. The State will decide how to divide one million dollars to partially fund new library construction in communities committed to building.

BOOK DISCUSSION

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perceives, the modern world of technology and materialism is wiping out unique subcultures with traditions married to nature. He begins to get the feeling he is time-travelling, seeking pockets of historic America. "Americans are losing confidence in the future because they are losing sight of the past," Heat Moon theorizes. Heat Moon is one who believes the answer to the future is a return to the past.

Except for a few brief portions, Blue Highways is not a philosophy book. It is a book of accurately and exquisitely worded observations. They are the observations of a man with a pre-formed world view (or bias) and a mostly unexplained impulse.

Does Heat Moon see and hear only those things which support his case, or is he documenting a long-needed picture of reality? Why, after opening his book with an explanation of his journey-making idea (a loss of a teaching job and a separation from his adulterous wife), does he return to the subject only once, briefly, over 300 pages into the book? Why is our author in such a rush, rarely staying in one place more than a day; and does he begin to slow down after his revelation about his failed marriage?

Once, Heat Moon had thought of becoming a monk. His Bible is Leaves of Grass by Walt Whitman, whom scholars have called bisexual, omnisexual, and asexual. Whitman and Heat Moon are mystical; they desire a transcendental, non-sexual union with the whole world. They are poets and they are cataloguers of reality. William Least Heat Moon catalogues Americana and gives it the aura of a lost ideal.

Blue Highways is the Library's Book Discussion book, Wednesday, November 13, 1 p.m. The Discussion Group will join in appreciating Eudora Welty's evocative autobiographical memoir, One Writer's Beginnings, Wednesday, December 11, 1 p.m. Multiple copies of all discussed books are available for Book Discussion participants. No one need attend regularly to participate. For further information, call Rob Neufeld, 226-8636.

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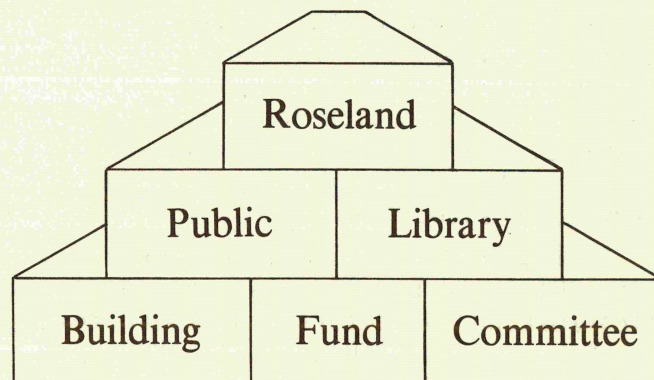
Mendel Seagull, Feature Editor, will review literature from a wide range of sources that the Library has collected on the critical subject of "Strategic Defense Initiative," commonly called "Star Wars. "

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