

Lorain Public Library

AVON BRANCH

2432 Riddgeland Drive

P. O. Box 209

Avon, Ohio

44011

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HOURS OF SERVICE

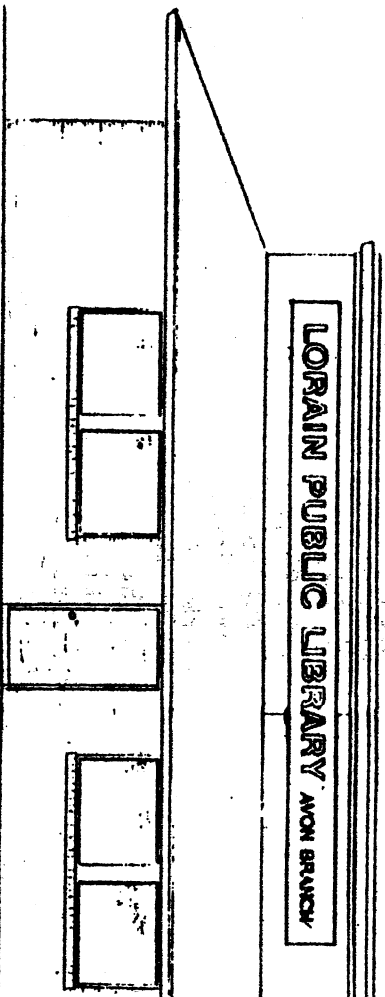
Monday, Thursday 2:00-5:00; 6:00-8:30

Tuesday, Friday, Saturday 10:00-1:00; 2:00-6:00

Wednesday 2:00-6:00

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HISTORICAL SKETCH OF AVON BRANCH

Avon Branch was first opened by Lorain Public Library in November, 1956 in the Old City Hall building at the corner of Detroit Road (Route 254) and Stoney Ridge Road. Although that original site was inadequate in many ways (no sanitary facilities were available), it was a very significant step toward improved library service. The branch was a more permanent and accessible presence of the public library in the community than the county bookmobile that had made stops in Avon for many years. In 1968, with encouragement and support from an interested group of citizens, led by the Avon Women's Club, the Lorain Public Library relocated the Avon Branch in a larger and more convenient facility in Avon Plaza, where it remained until its move to the present location on Ridgeland Drive on September 1, 1983. The Friends of the Avon Branch Library grew out of these earlier library support efforts and the Friends group played a major role in obtaining community support that passed the 1.5 mill tax levy for the Avon Branch in 1976 and its renewal in 1981. This tax levy, which supplements the county Intangibles tax (the primary source of funding for public libraries), enabled the library to increase book and other materials acquisitions, increase hours of service and provide more programs for children. By 1981, the growth in the book collection and the addition of new services to meet the Avon community's needs for information, recreation and educational resources demanded larger and more appropriate quarters for library operation.

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- Mrs. June Wollerman....Branch Librarian
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- Miss Janet Szabo.....Library Aide
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- Miss Pauline Demaree...Director, Lorain Public Library
- Mr. Kenneth L. Cromer..Assistant Director/
Supervisor of Branches

THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

The new Avon Branch facility at 2432 Ridgeland Drive, Avon provides 3,800 square feet of space, two and one-half times more than the previous facility occupied by the library. The major use of the additional space has been for user seating and a multi-purpose room for library programming and community use. 2,618 lineal feet of shelving provides 36% more room for books and other library materials.

The building is owned by ADG Partnership of Avon, Ohio and is leased to Lorain Public Library for five years and an optional five additional years. Clark & Post Architects, Inc. served as consultants to the library for the project. The building owner finished the building in accordance with library specifications at a cost of \$65,534.00. The library has expended approximately \$32,000.00 on architects fees, equipment and furnishings. The Friends of Avon Branch Library donated approximately 122 hours of volunteer time to assist the library staff in moving to the new location.

Architect.....Clark & Post Architects, Inc.
Lorain, Ohio
General Contractor.....The T.J. Hume Company
Lorain, Ohio
Equipment & Furnishings....Classic Equipment Co.
Talmadge, Ohio
Building Owners.....ADG Partnership of Avon

SELECTED SERVICES OF AVON BRANCH LIBRARY

LOAN OF MATERIALS

Books:	The Avon Branch has a book stock of 22,207 (12/31/82);
Records:	1,200 phonograph records;
Periodicals:	106 magazine and newspaper subscriptions;
Videocassettes:	access to a rotating collection of titles in this popular medium is made possible through Lorain Public Library's membership in the North Central Library Cooperative.

MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

A 400 square foot enclosed room provides space for library programs, meeting space for community groups and additional study space if needed.

READER SEATS

Study and seating space for 35 people is provided, more than double the available seating in the old facility.

ACCESSIBILITY BY THE HANDICAPPED

From the level, barrier-free entrance to the large restrooms with grab-bars, the new library facility will be much easier to use and more accessible to persons in wheelchairs.

PHOTOCOPIER

Copies up to 8½ by 14 inches can be made for 15¢ each.

INFORMATION

Branch staff are prepared to help each person who visits or telephones the library find the answer to their question, whether it is found in a branch reference book, in the Main Library, or in a national information network.