

## DOUGLASS CENTER LIBRARY

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The following statement is submitted for the month of September, 1971.

The month of September, like the months of June, July, and August, these being the months that I have served here as project director, was a significant step in our successful growth and development.

It has become increasingly clear however that the definition of successful growth and development may not necessarily reflect those same terms as defined by others.

I have defined success in terms of people: Human beings with needs, some of which we have be able to meet. People who have not here to fore communicated, having an opportunity to begin to do that - not always in a positive fashion - but at least a beginning.

People who have admitted not ever having been inside a public library coming in regularly to check out books, newspapers, and magazines.

People who last year taught little or nothing about blacks in their class rooms, coming in for information - bring in class rooms of young people to receive something they had not received before - knowledge of a people.

And most importantly a people who for various asundry reasons had never had an opportunity to read, listen, and learn so much about their own people now have this place. Elderly people having a comfortable place to meet and talk and exchange ideas and teach others and read things about themselves they have lived sixty or more years not knowing.

Young people who come to color in coloring books pictures of black people they have never heard of. Young adults who come to listen to records, rap, listen, and learn. People learning that we can, indeed, share all that we have with other people.

My past reports have attempted to describe our success in terms of these people.



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