



DOUGLASS CENTER LIBRARY

512 EAST GROVE STREET
CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS 61820
Telephone (217) 356-4455

Page II

After an initial series of meetings an all Black advisory group was formed and a proposal (appendix I) was developed to be presented to the State Library to initiate library services at Douglass Center. Before the proposal was submitted, approvals were sought and received from the various bodies which had to guarantee continued library services after the initial two year period of funding requested in the proposal. These bodies were: the Champaign and Urbana Public Libraries, the Lincoln Trails Library System and the Champaign Park District. (appendix II) The proposal was then submitted and accepted (appendix III).

Physical Facility

The library is located in a room of some 900 square feet at Douglass Community Center. The space is leased from the Champaign Park District (appendix IV). It was renovated for library services. Included in the renovation was painting, new lighting, carpeting, heating and air-conditioning. Office furniture for the staff, seating for patrons and shelving for a maximum collection of 3,500 volumes were added (appendixes V and VI).

Project Director
MARIAN N. BUTLER

Clerk
CATHERINE WILLIAMS

Charter Members
ANTHONY BALDAROTTA
ALEX BOYD
MRS. EDWIN BUTLER
MRS. NETTIE CLAIBORNE
S. GEORGE CLARKE
JOHN CLEMENTS
RUSSELL DANKERT
MRS. ELSIE EASLEY
MRS. LORETHA HARMON
MR. EDGAR McKNIGHT
MRS. HENRY MEARES
MR. PETER NIEMI
MR. JOEL ROSENFELD
MR. HENRY SLAUGHTER
MRS. WANDA SMITH
MR. TERRY TOWNSEND
MRS. LINCOLN WESLEY