

## Help Fund City Library with Books on L/G Topics

As a Lesbian, I would like to encourage our community to contribute to the Buy a Book Campaign sponsored by the (Burlington) Fletcher Free Library. Although I am not one who usually participates in the clamor of mainstream fund drives, I am making an exception and speaking out passionately for this campaign for several important reasons.

First, this fund drive is of special importance to us as lesbians and gay men because it is structured to allow contributors to specify which category of books to which the money will apply. This means that we can specify the purchase of lesbian and gay books, fiction or nonfiction on the form provided by the library (found at check out counter or call 863-3403 to have one sent to you). We need only check the box marked 'other.' If one wishes to reinforce the reality of our multi-faceted existence, (s)he could be very specific, writing in lesbian herstory, gay health, etc.

Furthermore, the source of my passion for this project is the fact that the City of

Burlington will match individual donations 2:3. A contribution of 6 dollars will hence translate into nine dollars of lesbian/gay buying power. Even a small donation of \$2 will yield \$3, enough to buy a pamphlet, or be pooled with other small monies to buy one larger book. (It is possible that small donations may have tremendous symbolic impact.) This plan provides a unique opportunity for us to increase the holding of the lesbian/gay section, to be partially funded from city money. It is rare that we can get such direct service from the lavender tax dollar.

If we as lesbians and gays undertake this project of filling the stacks with books relevant and representative of our lives, we not only increase our presence, but also prove our strength to ourselves as well as the heterosexual community. As the (general) heterosexual community continually under-estimates our numbers and activity, we can hereby assert ourselves as a force in the community, not to be wished away. Beyond this, the presence of affirming books

purchased by our efforts, will provide support and hopeful role models for our sisters and brothers looking for validation on the library shelves. Such visibility may well facilitate the coming out of those isolated in youth or heterosexuality. All of us, regardless of where we find ourselves, will gain access to new worlds and ideas through the acquisition of positive materials. Let us build a public library accounting for us, the lesbians, the gays of this public. We have an opportunity to assert ourselves in a visible realm and in a permanent way. Every positive image is an affirmation of ourselves. Let us be this gift.

Thank you.

## U.U. to Hold Seder

On Tuesday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m., the Unitarian/Universalist Church in Burlington will hold a Passover Seder for members of its congregation. Kay Stambler and Gene Bergman will lead the Haggadah part of the Seder. All are welcome. The menu is potluck and has been prearranged. If you want more information or are interested in attending and bringing something, please call the church at 862-5630 to make arrangements.

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Out in the Mountains regrets to announce the departure of one of its favorite editors. Her professionalism, creativity, and vigilant eye for typos will be sorely missed!

GOOF BYE SUZI!! We'll miff you!!  
Shalon....

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