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On July 1, the City of Santa Cruz started the new 1967-68 fiscal year. During the past fiscal year the regular bi-monthly newsletter of the city has covered rather completely the major activities of the city during the past fiscal year. For this reason we are not going to issue the regular annual report summary for the full fiscal year as we have done in some previous years. This newsletter will comment on some of the highlights of the past year as well as upon the activities for the first two months of the new fiscal year.

Newsletter reports and other reports tend to concentrate upon the more spectacular and interesting aspects of city government such as the new programs and new construction projects which have been, and are, underway. These have been reported on from time to time. The day to day work of the city's employees, which provides the many services we expect are not particularly noted but everyone knows that without the support of these people, the high level of service to which we have become accustomed in the areas of sewage treatment, rubbish collection, library service, police and fire protection, recreation and parks, building inspection and many other programs would not be possible. All of these activities have been carried on in their regular manner during the year, in addition to the rather extensive new capital improvement programs which have been underway in the city.

The special article in this issue of the Newsletter is entitled "A Report on Santa Cruz Police Training", by Chief of Police Geno J. Pini.

LIBRARY

The 1966-67 fiscal year was a busy one for the Santa Cruz Public Library and its fourteen branches. In July of 1966, after several weeks of packing, the Central Library was moved to temporary quarters at the Grant School so that the old library could be demolished to make way for the new 43,000 square foot central library, which is well under construction at the present time. Shelving was taken down and reinstalled at Grant School and almost 100,000 books and other non-book material were moved, re-sorted and re-shelved. The Library was closed for about a month during this period. In December, the Freedom Branch was moved to newer and larger quarters. Over 1500 books were added to the collection.

A total of 588,592 books, periodicals, records, etc. were circulated in the library and the branches last year. Of this total 202,750 or 34.45% were borrowed by city residents and 385,842 or 65.55% were borrowed by County residents.

The Central Library had a decline of 55,592 in circulation, while the city branches increased by 15,017. The loss was due partially to the library being closed for a month and to the inaccessibility for many people of the Grant School location. An increase in circulation is expected