

# SUPER'S SIGNAL

A publication of Division 6, Mid-Central Region of The National Model Railroad Association, Inc.

December 2015



## Superintendent's Report

*Greg Short, Division 6 Super*

### November Super's Report

Hey everyone, hope everyone is ready for Turkey Day. I hope you all get to spend it with whom you wish. I myself will have to put it off for the better part of the day. The business of protecting the public does not take a day off, but that is what I must live with.

We had another Division 6 meeting this past weekend and once again the turnout was good. We have been getting about 25 to 30 division members per meeting which is more than we had been getting in past years. I don't know if it is the location of the meetings or the content, I just hope that it continues. This past meeting we tried a new program style thanks to the NMRA. We received a selection of video clinics over the summer, all on DVD. The programs are mainly of clinics that clinicians have presented during past National Conventions. The one chosen this time was one of the first the NMRA taped and two members of Division 6 presented it. The two are Dick Briggs and Howard Smith. Dick stated he thought the NMRA recorded the video sometime in the 90's? We can do this type of format whenever we wish. The division now has the needed tools to put this on thanks to a couple of equipment donations. I hope that our program chair will use this more in the next year. Hopefully the DVD collection will grow with new topics.

A couple of things that came up in the meeting. First, if there is a weather alert for inclement weather or weather emergency during a scheduled Division 6 meeting, we will cancel the meeting. It is not worth getting someone hurt or having a vehicle damaged to attend a meeting. Please also be aware that we will also use the Mail Chimp and Web Site for notifications.

Next, we had nominations for the offices of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Clerk and Paymaster. The members closed the nominations during the meeting. Only the offices of Superintendent and Clerk had nominations. Myself for the office of Superintendent and Pat Hreachmack for the office of Clerk. The division members present voted and elected Pat and I thru acclamation since there were no other

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### Upper Arlington Library

1:00: Upper Arlington Library room opens

1:15: Vic Ketcham's films of Columbus & Central Ohio

1:45: Contest submission closes

3:45: Division 6 Business Meeting, Raffle, Contest

4:00: Library room closes

**Model Contest:** Covered Hoppers.

**Photography Contest:** Covered Hoppers.

nominations for either office. My big worry is that no one has indicated they wish to have the office of Assistant Superintendent or Paymaster. It will now be up to the Steering Committee to find members to fill these offices. If you would like to hold one of these offices let any of the division officers know. If not we will be out twisting arms.

Onto a happier subject, Dick Briggs received our latest project. As most of you know, the division commissioned Accurail for a 41' gon lettered for Buckeye Steel. As of now the only way to get the cars will be to when you sign up for the Convention. The convention will offer the cars as part of the registration package. They will go on sale to everyone during the convention, at a higher price. After the convention we will offer the cars in the division company store. It is my hope that everyone will like the car as much as the ones who have seen the proofs.

One more thing, due to Dexter having to step away from his duties as Clerk I have appointed Pat Hreachmack as Deputy Clerk to fulfill Dexter's term. Please welcome Pat in his new duties as this helps out as I had been handling the task up until now.

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## Clerk's Report

Patrick Hreachmack, Deputy Clerk

### Minutes for the Division 6,

### Mid Central Region,

### NMRA Inc. Business Meeting for November 15, 2015

The Division 6 business meeting was called to order by Superintendent Greg Short at St. John's Lutheran Church, Grove City. There were 25 division members were in attendance.

#### Division 6 Officers in Attendance:

Superintendent	Greg Short
Assistant Superintendent	Dick Briggs
Deputy Clerk	Patrick Hreachmack
Paymaster	Paul Farley
Director	Jim Borcz
Director	John Retterer
Director	Donald Wilke

#### Division 6 Chairpersons Present:

Achievement Program	Dick Briggs
Contest	Bob Lee
Media	Matt Goodman
Membership	Matt Goodman
Program	Dick Briggs
Super's Signal Publisher	Don Wilke
Web Master	Don Wilke
2016 MCR Convention	Dick Briggs

The Superintendent asked the attendees to put their Division 6 meeting notice postcards in the meeting notice collection box.

**Clerk's Report:** Greg Short. The Super asked for any additions of corrections to the minutes as published. Being none, Motion for approval of prior meeting minutes was made by Craig Sonnen and seconded by Don Wilke. Approved by membership.

**Paymaster's Report:** Paul Farley. Paul pasted out a copy of the Paymaster's Report and it was discussed. A motion for approval was made by Darrell Logan and seconded by Don Wilke. The Paymaster's Report was approved by the membership.

**Program Report:** Dick Briggs. Dick said that the early stages of planning and development of the convention in 2016, is proceeding well. Half of the division meeting date for 2016 have been set and will be published in the next *Signal*.

**Achievement Program Report:** Dick Briggs. Dick announced that John Retterer earned his Master Builder Cars Certificate, which was awarded to John. (photo below)

**Website Report:** Don Wilke. Don stated that the new web page for Upper Arlington is going up, and to watch the *Signal* for additional information.

**Media Report:** Matt Goodman. Matt reported that the Facebook Page has seen over 600 "likes", many of which were from outside the continental USA. Emails may be posted to Facebook via a link to the *Super's Signal*. U-Tube channel has over 30 subscribers.

There are 162 emails listed for Division 6 members, but only 128 of these seem to be valid and have not bounced. Of these 128, 64% were opened and of that 64%, 80% clicked on the link to the *Super's Signal*. For the number crunchers, that means that only 65 Division 6

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#### DIVISION 6 OFFICERS

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##### Division 6 Pay Master

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##### Directors

Jim Borcz,

John Retterer,

Donald Wilke:

[Director@div6-mcr-nmra.org](mailto:Director@div6-mcr-nmra.org)

#### APPOINTED CHAIRS

**Achieve. Program:** Dick Briggs, MMR

**Contest:** Bob Lee

**Media:** Matt Goodman

**Members Aid:**

**Membership:** Matt Goodman

**Program:** Dick Briggs

**Raffle:** Lon Wilson

**Web Master:** Don Wilke

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##### NMRA Central District Director

Robert Beaty, MMR

Non-Credited Photos by Donald Wilke

members have actually opened the *Super's Signal*. Matt asked that if any member has not received the email version of the *Signal*, or knows of any email that needs to be corrected or changed, please let Matt know.

Craig Sonnen suggested that if there is a snow emergency declared, then the meeting should be postponed and members notified via email. Discussion followed, with members noting that snow emergencies can be different for different counties.



**John Retterer Receives his Certificate For  
Master Builder Cars From Achievement Chair  
Dick Briggs, MMR.**

**Super's Signal:** Don Wilke. Don reported that notices and other items for the next *Super's Signal* are due in by November 18.

**Membership:** Matt Goodman. Matt reported that current membership is 162, which is down by 10 from this time last year. He also said to check your NMRA magazine for your expiration date and be sure to renew prior to then. Also you may check your dates via the NMRA web site.

**2016 Convention:** Dick Briggs. Dick said the monthly goals have been met, and print materials are already heading to the printer's. The *KingPin* will be published by Christmas. Our division convention web site is nearly ready to go live. There was a brief discussion of the ability to pay on line for the convention, but Don Wilke stated investigation has shown this methodology is not worth the price nor time. Volunteers are still needed for the convention.

### OLD BUSINESS.

**Car Project:** Superintendent Greg Short. Greg reported that Accurail is doing an HO-Scale Buckeye Steel gondola for our convention car. These have been paid for and will soon be in route to Dick Briggs. The Registration Price of the cars will be \$20 each and can be picked up in the Company Store. The price during the convention at the Company Store will be \$23. Mail orders will include shipping charges of \$5.

**Name Tags:** Greg Short. This initiative is still under review.

**Changes to Regulations:** The Division 6 Regulations were updated two months ago to be in compliance with IRA requirements for Division 6 to be a 503 not-for-profit organization.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Dexter Hill:** Greg Short. An updated medical report was provided for Dexter Hill. The Division 6 membership wishes Dexter a speedy recovery.

However, Dexter's medical absence leaves the Division 6 Clerk position vacant. Patrick Hreachmack volunteered to assist Superintendent Greg, and has been appointed by the Superintendent to fill the vacancy for the remainder of Dexter's term as Deputy Clerk.

**Nominations:** Nominations were received from Greg Short to continue as Division 6 Superintendent. Patrick Hreachmack was nominated from the floor for the Division 6 Clerk position, and both nominations were approved by the membership.

A motion was made by Dick Briggs to close nominations and continue with the current slate of officers. Fred Rea seconded the motion and the membership approved of the three current officers plus Patrick Hreachmack as the new Clerk.

**Publication:** Robert Osburn. Robert produced a document *Servo Animation 101*, which was made available to Division 6 membership at the meeting.

### CLUB REPORTS

**Columbus Live Steam Club:** Dick Briggs. Dick stated that the Columbus Steam "O" scale club will be at COSI from Wednesday thru Sunday.

**Janis Junction Railroad Club:** Patrick Hreachmack. Pat stated that the Janis Club is facing the possibility of building closure sometime in 2016 as the current leadership of the City of Columbus Parks & Recreation has stated that the Janis building and other buildings are costing too much to maintain. The City would like to combine some of the buildings and services.

**The Central Ohio "N" Track Club:** Greg Sonnen. They will be staging presentations at the Marion Show in December, and the Buckeye Greenburg Show in mid-January.

**The Zanesville Club:** Greg Short. They are currently building a new yard and hopes to be operational by Christmas.

**The Coshocton Club:** Greg Short. The club is busy preparing for an upcoming Model Railroader Magazine photo shoot.

**North East Ohio Live Steamers Club:** Jim Borcz. They will close their operations for the season right after Thanksgiving.

### CONTEST RESULTS

Bob Lee presented certificates to those who were the Contest winners.

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## Contest Report

Bob Lee, Contest Chair

On November 15 the Division 6 Contest was held at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Grove City. The category was **Work in Progress** for both Model and Photo contests.

The first place Model winner was Darrell Logan for his **Ezra Cooper's Garage**. The second place Model winners were Lon Wilson for his **Wrecked Hopper Car** and John Retterer for his **Mill & Farm Supply Building**. Because we had a tie for second place, we had no third place winner.



**Model - First Place**  
**Ezra Cooper's Garage**  
**Darrel Logan.**

The first place Photo winner was Don Wilke for his **Conrail Dirt Buster**. The second place winners were Greg Short for his **Ohio Central Locomotive #6325** and Paul Smith for his **Building under Construction**. Because we had a tie for second place we had no third place winner.

**Remember to arrive early to submit your entries and vote!**

Our next contest will be at the Upper Arlington Library, Upper Arlington on December 6. The categories for Model and Photo will be **Covered Hopper**.

**Remember, Show up and Put up, models and pictures that is.**



**Photo - First Place**  
**Conrail "Dirt Buster"**  
**Don Wilke**

## Bring-N-Brag Contest Point Summary 15 November 2015

Bob Lee, Contest Chair

### Models

Dick Briggs, MMR	40	Eric Porch	12
Jim Kehn	34	Fred Rea	10
Bob Lee	27	Darrell Logan	8
Jim Borcz	25	Al Doddroe	7
Lon Wilson	19	Matt Goodman	6
Greg Short	18	Don Wilke	4
Pat Hreachmack	15	Howard Smith, MMR	3
John Retterer	15	Peggy Doerflein	2

### Photos

Paul Smith	54	Al Doddroe	5
Greg Short	45	Jim Borcz	2
Don Wilke	29		
Lon Wilson	28		
Dick Briggs, MMR	18		
Bob Lee	13		
Matt Goodman	8		
Eric Porch	8		

## Division 6 – 2015 Time Table

Date	Event	Location	Contest
11 Jan	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Saint John's Lutheran Church, Grove City Clinic: <i>Contest Winning Paperwork</i> , Dick Briggs, MMR	Model: Caboose Photo: Caboose
14 Jan	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
15 Feb	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Reynoldsburg Methodist Church, Reynoldsburg Clinic: <i>Midland RR</i> , Jim Kehn	Model: Diesel Locomotive Photo: Diesel Locomotive
15 Feb	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
8 Mar	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Saint John's Lutheran Church, Grove City Clinic: <i>Cheap Coal Loads</i> , by Howard Smith, MMR <i>Add DCC to Older Athearn Locos</i> , by Howard Smith, MMR <i>Mounting Tortoise Switch Machines</i> , by Howard Smith, MMR (OR <i>Why didn't I drill holes for throw rods before installing turnouts</i> )	Model: Freight Car Photo: Freight Car
18 Mar	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
19-20 Mar	Mini[Bunch Meeting/ Mid-West Narrow Gauge	Salem, Ohio	
12 April	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: B&O Station, Outville Clinic: <i>Rolling Stock</i> by Lon Wilson	Model: Steam Locomotives Photo: Steam Locomotives
14-17 May	<i>MCR Convention</i>	<i>Thoroughbred Limited</i> , Lexington, KY	Modeler's Choice
20 May	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
13 Jun (Sat)	Division 6-9 Joint Meeting	Business Meeting: Marion Union Station, Marion Clinics:	Model: Modelers Choice Photo: Modelers Choice
Jul	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
Jul/Aug	Division 6 Meeting	Meeting: Guy Thrums Layout Tour: Lexington/Mansfield	Model: Passenger Car Photo: Passenger Car
19 Aug	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
23-30 Aug	<i>NMRA Nation Convention</i>	<i>Portland Daylight Express</i> , Portland, OR	Modeler's Choice
13 Sep	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <b>St. John's Lutheran Church</b> , Grove City Layout Tour: SW Columbus Layout Tour	Model: None Photo: None
17 Sept	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
10 Oct (Sat)	Division 6-9 Joint Meeting	Joint Meeting: Division 9, Mark Maynard, Portsmouth, Ohio Layout: Crusty Mountain and Wiloby Springs Railroad	Model: Open Load Photo: Open Load
21 Oct	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
15 Nov	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Saint John's Lutheran Church, Grove City Clinic:	Model: Work in Progress Photo: Work in Progress
18 Nov	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
<b>6 Dec CHANGE</b>	Division 6 Meeting	Old Movie Day, Upper Arlington Library	Model: Covered Hopper Photo: Covered Hopper

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## Membership Report

Matt Goodman, Membership Chair

Recently, the division decided to stop including a list in the *Super's Signal* of members whose memberships were about to expire. This was done to address concerns about privacy issues that have apparently been raised in one of the divisions. While there have been no concerns expressed by members of our division, and while some of the division steering committee members think it is a reactionary response, it is nonetheless now an NMRA policy.

One disadvantage to removing this information is that there is one less "guardrail" to prevent / remind you that your membership is ready to expire. I personally was reminded of this in October when I went to the NMRA National website to find some photos when an alert popped up advising me to renew so I don't lose privileges to the "members only" section of the site.

I had to laugh at myself because I am the one that prepares the monthly membership report and have access to everyone's expiration date. My spreadsheet even highlights members whose expiration dates fall in the next three calendar months. After getting the alert on the NMRA site, I checked last month's spreadsheet and found that, sure enough, my name was highlighted. Because I no longer type out the names of "expiring members" (excuse that term...), I missed the fact that I was one of them. Since I was on the NMRA website anyway, I renewed online - two days before the deadline.

What if you don't have the luxury of a spreadsheet to check, and you've forgotten when you are due to renew? How can you find out when it's time to get another payment into the NMRA? Here's some ideas:

- If you get the NMRA magazine, check the expiration date on the mailing label. It's immediately above your name.
- Contact me. I can't process a renewal payment, but I can tell you when you're due.
- Contact the NMRA National. Their contact information (and mine) is in the Membership Report section of the *Super's Signal* newsletter.
- Go to [nmra.org](http://nmra.org). Log in and click the big orange "View Your NMRA Membership" button. This will list all of your membership details. While there, check that your email address is correct - virtually all of our direct communication is now done this way.
- Note: If you haven't yet set up an account on this site, you'll have to do that first.

If you need to renew, go to [nmra.org](http://nmra.org), and click on the "Membership" drop down, then "Renew Membership" option (or go directly to the membership application page at this link: <http://www.nmra.org/membership-application-and-renewal>). This will take you to a page on which you can print a renewal form to mail in or renew on line.

Thanks Matt

### Upcoming Expirations -

#### Check Your Membership Expiration Date!

October	1 memberships are expiring
November	2 memberships are expiring
December	3 memberships are expiring

#### New Members

We had no new members in October.

#### Renewals

October 2015 had thirteen renewals and one re-rails. Welcome back Phil R.!

#### Active Members:

October	162	August:	160
September:	161	October '15:	173

### Other Stuff

- Have you changed your address or other membership information?
- Are you not getting emails from the division?
- Not sure when your membership expires (or if it already has)? Notify headquarters by email: [nmrahq@aol.com](mailto:nmrahq@aol.com)

You can contact either the Buckeye Division membership chair, or the National Headquarters to give updates or get your questions answered:

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## Continued: **The Clerk's Report**

The winners of each are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Model to Darrell Logan for his Ezra Cooper Garage.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Model was a tie, Lon Wilson for his wrecked hopper car and John Retterer for his Farm Supply Building.  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Photo to Don Wilke for his Conrail "Dirtbuster."

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Photo was a tie, Greg Short for his Ohio Central #6325 and Paul Smith for his building under construction.

**Raffle:** Lon Wilson. Lon announced the winners: Fred Rea, Judy Logan, and Matt Goodman.

## Continued: **The Super's Report**

I can't let you go without putting a shout out for Dick and the upcoming 2016 Convention. We still need folks to volunteer, there is a good dedicated core group. But 6 to 10 division members can't put on a convention by themselves, we need many more members. Dick has several tasks he will need people to do in the upcoming months. Remember this will not reflect on the members putting it on but on

Division 6 as a whole. We have a chance to set the bar high next year and it is my wishes that we pull it off. I am confident that it is going to happen.

So, don't stuff yourself or overdose on football.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Greg

## JUSTIN

The Buckeye Steel Casting Accurail 41' Gondolas have arrived! The 2016 MCR Convention, that's us, will be selling the HO-Scale Gondolas lettered for Buckeye Steel Castings, a Columbus firm and manufacturers of the "Buckeye Trucks" used by many railroads, at the convention. The cars are black with white lettering cars and have been produced in two numbers, 20 and 16. Decals furnished to re-number additional gons are available.

**The Gons will NOT be sold before the convention!!!** The Gons will be \$20 each, 3 for \$55, if ordered WITH THE CONVENTION REGISTRATION and should be picked up at the Convention Company Store. Cost will be \$23 each if purchased at the Company Store during the convention.



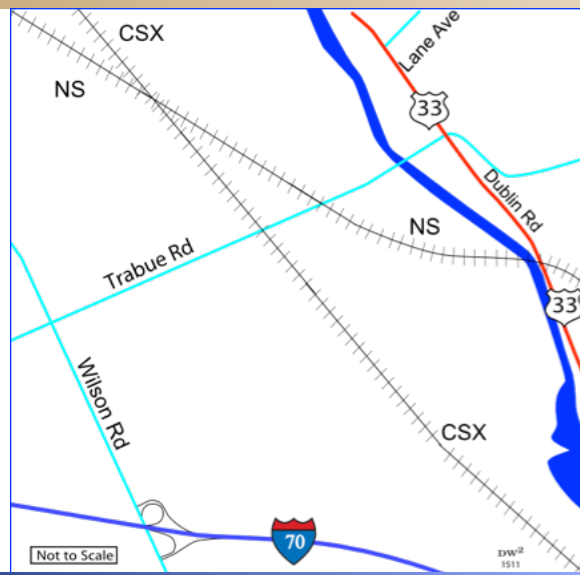
*Buckeye Steel Castings Gondola  
Photo by Dick Briggs.*

## COMING FROM SPRINGFIELD?

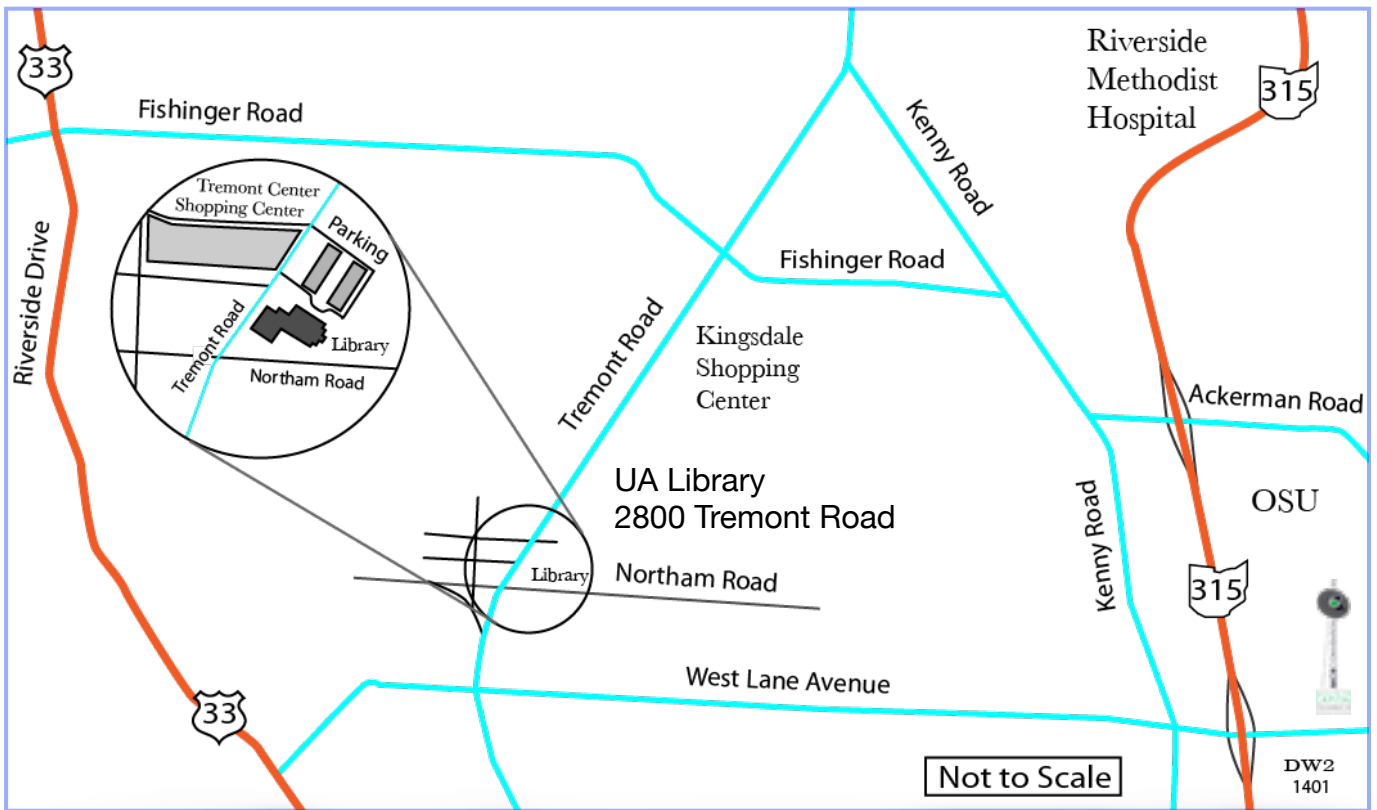
The drive from Springfield to the Upper Arlington Library takes about one hour. If you are coming from Springfield across I-70 pass I-270, turn north on Wilson Road, then east on Trabue Road, cross the CSX and NS tracks and the river, turn north on Dublin Road (US-33), east on Lane Avenue, and north on Tremont Road. to the Library.



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