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Due to popular demand one Saturday each month will be set aside for volunteers to visit the library and put in a few hours helping to work through our many tasks and piles of literature. The third Saturday of each month will be Volunteer Day. Here are the dates for 2012.

May 17
 June 21
 July 19
 August 16
 September 20
 October 18
 November 15

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Deceased
 Robert W. Lyman

Moved

New

Book Returns

The WPL exists as a resource for everyone. The lending policy is very lenient for anyone borrowing books or other items. Most members appreciate this service and use it well, including returning the items in a timely manner. However, a few overextend their borrowing time and stretch it to the limit. It makes more work and problems to the few volunteers that we have who need to chase down delinquent borrowers and call them for returns that are sometimes **years** old. Please check any of your borrowed books and return them so others might benefit from them. The alternative is one we don't like: the limiting of borrowers who are chronic extenders, by denying their borrowing privilege.

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Editor's Corner

Richard M. Hanchett, Editor

Well, another fine WESTPEX show passes into the record books. I had, as always, a wonderful. If you had a chance to attend, I certainly hope that you did so.

If you haven't attended, maybe you don't know that the WPL has a room at the show each year where you can purchase, at very reasonable prices, book, periodicals and tear sheets. There is also a table outside the room with free material for the taking. Can't get a better price than free.

See you there next year?

Richard M. Hanchett
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Ongoing Library Support

The Sunnyvale Public Library provides all of our facilities at the Raynor Activity Center at no charge to the FWPL or patrons using the library. This is a major factor in our ability to stay in operation and enables us to devote the funds of FWPL to maintaining and building the collection itself.

BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Board Meetings are open to all FWPL members. Meetings begin at 4PM the fourth Wednesday of each month at the WPL at the Raynor Activity Center. Feel free to drop in and see what is going on. You might call President Stuart Leven, (408) 978-0193 beforehand to confirm details of location, time and date.

Mission Statement

The Western Philatelic Library exists to enhance the preservation and dissemination of philatelic knowledge by acquiring, organizing, interpreting and distributing information resources in a globally networked community.

WPL Vision Statement

We will be known as setting the standard for providing a responsive, convenient gateway to philatelic knowledge.

Our Commitments:

- To build and conserve a world-class collection of printed, electronic and other media;
- To support, extend and enrich the pursuit of knowledge and enjoyment through stamp collecting;
- To provide access and support for beginners, hobbyists, specialists, writers and postal historians;
- To promote knowledge through public educational events and displays; and
- To collaborate and cooperate with other libraries.

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We welcome Dario Diez as a new Life Member. Dario Diez was awarded The Margaret Munda Memorial Award of Merit, a Life Membership to the Friends of the Western Philatelic Library, given by the San Francisco Pacific Philatelic Society for his exhibit "The United States of Colombia National Cubiertas".

We also congratulate the following members of the Friends of the Western Philatelic Library; Dale Forster, Edward J. Laveroni, William H. Lenarz, Michael Mahler, Henry Marquez, Robert D. Rawlins and George V. Shalimoff on receiving awards for their exhibits at WESTPEX 2014.

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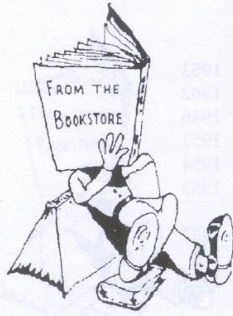
Your continuing support of the library is greatly appreciated. Many Thanks!

Help needed

As you know the WPL has recently moved into new quarters. There are a huge number of boxes containing books, periodicals, tear sheets plus accessories that still need to be unpacked and put into their proper locations.

There is a list of dates on page 1 for doing volunteer work at WPL. **YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR THOSE DATES TO VOLUNTEER.** Just show up. Roger will be more than happy to put you to work.

I'm sorry that I have nothing else to go on this page. I would have enjoyed having your book review or article to place here, but you haven't sent it to me yet. Why not do it now while you are thinking about it?



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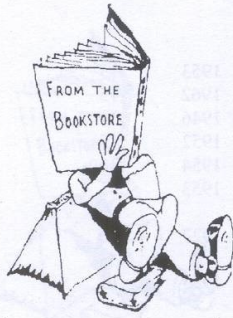
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ANTIGUA							
16029	KG VI Study Circle. Antigua-KG VI.	Potter, W.J.	1pp	ill	1951		.50
AUSTRALIA							
16057	Australia's Aboriginals.	Kehr, E.A.	1pp	ill	1950		.50
16086	Australia's First Engraved One Penny Definitive.	Poole, B.W.	1pp	ill	1975		.50
16087	State Stationery Gave Way to Aussie Beauties.	Wickens, R.H.	2pp	ill	1994		1.00
16058	Through the Magnifying Glass. Australia. Changes in Postage Dues.	Rang, C.P.	1pp	ill	1960		.50
AUSTRALIA - NEW SOUTH WALES							
16088	New South Wales Stamps Used Abroad.	Dovey, J.W.	4pp	ill	1950		2.00
16056	New South Wales. The 8d Diadem Imperforate.	Hutson, G.J.	3pp		1957		1.50
16089	The Forgery of the New South Wales 2d Emu.	Gibbons, R.	2pp	ill	1951-52		1.00
16090	The Jeffries' Forgery of the One Penny Sydney View.	Gibbons, R.	3pp	ill	1950		1.50
AUSTRALIA - QUEENSLAND							
16091	Queensland Railway Stamps.	Presgrave, A.D.	2pp	ill	1980		1.00
AUSTRALIA - VICTORIA							
16030	Victoria Current Stamp Duty. (June 1982)	Hayes, M.	1pp	ill	1982		.50
BELIZE							
16076	The Cayes of Belize Stamp Issues.	Bylen, P.	2pp	ill	1987		1.00
BURMA							
16031	Chronology for Burma. & A Dialogue With Yano's Deputy.		11pp	ill	1974		5.25
CANADA							
16034	Canada's Centenary—1 st Adhesive Postage.	Holmes, L.S.	2pp	ill	1951		1.00
16059	Canada's First Commemorative.		2pp	ill	1972		1.00
16036	Canada's Private Air Post.	Zweifach, I.	3pp	ill	1982		1.50
16061		Canada's 'Tagged' Stamps.	2pp		1972		1.00
16093	Canadian Law Stamps Overprinted "In Prize". Case No. 3-The Weser. Zaluski, E.		4pp	ill	1977		2.00
16060	Canadian Revenue War Tax Stamps.		1pp		1950		.50
16035	Canadian T.P.O.'s.	Spalding, J.T.	1pp	ill	1951		.50
16033	Country Post Office Histories.	Campbell, F.W.	1pp	ill	1947		.50
16062	Engravers Numbers.		1pp		1947		.50
16032	Hanover (Ontario) Post Office Has Interesting History.		1pp		1947		.50
16092	Notes on Problems of Canadian Stamps. Hurst, P.J.		2pp	ill	1952		1.00
16063	Secret Marks on Revenues. Fletcher, T.		9pp		1947-48		4.50
16077	Stamp of the Month. 1898 Map Stamp. Scott 85-86.		3pp	ill	1971		1.50
CANADA - NEWFOUNDLAND							
16044	Further Information on the Stamps of Newfoundland 1911-1928.	Strange, A.M.	14pp		1958-59		6.00
16043	Sir Humphrey Gilbert's Voyage.	Cagy, A.	1pp		1948		.50
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE							
16064	Cape of Good Hope. Triangulars. Coloured Lines Through 'One Shilling' Varieties.	Cater, J.	1pp	ill	1958		.50
16037	The Zambesi Expedition 1858-62.	Lowe, R.	4pp	ill	1959		2.00
16065	This Week in Philately-47. Sept 1, 1853. Cape of Good Hope Triangulars Issued.	Williams, L.N. & M.	1pp	ill	1951		.50
COOK ISLANDS							
16078	The Printings of the "Seven Stars Provisional Issues" 1892-93.	Burge, A.R.	3pp	ill	1963		1.50
FALKLAND ISLANDS							
16038	Stamp War in the Falklands.	Lewis, B.	4pp	ill	1982		2.00
FIJI							
16094	The First Stamps of Fiji.	McFarlane, V.	4pp	ill	1963		2.00

GREAT BRITAIN						
16027	A Die Was Born. (First issues of Great Britain bearing the head of King George V.)	Stanton, J.B.	14pp	ill	1960	6.00
16054	'A Question & An Answer.' (Color Trials of Penny Lilac 1881)	Rogers-Tillstone, B.J.	1pp		1957	.50
16085	An Introduction to the Plating of 1840-41 Issues of Great Britain.	Irwin, D.J.	4pp	ill	1958	2.00
16028	British Royalty.	Woodside, D.J.	1pp	ill	1967	.50
16048	Great Britain Stamp Subjects. An Index to Stamp Designs by Scott Catalog Numbers. (to 1975)		1pp		1975	.50
16024	Great Britain 1912-24/ Types of the "Simple" Cypher Watermark.	Gardner, F.C.	1pp	ill	1953	.50
16049	Interesting if Correct, or Not! (The double of King Edward VII)		1pp		1948	.50
16023	Letters From the Lower Deck.		2pp	ill	1986	1.00
16055	Machin. Multivalue Coils & the 12p Experimental Phosphor Saga.	Watton, A.	3pp	ill	1986	1.50
16052	Pioneers of British Postal Reform. VI John Palmer.	Piggott, W.	1pp	ill	1956	.50
16050	Postage Stamps. (Great Britain O.U.S. Overprint)	Buckland, H.	1pp		1948	.50
16025	Putting Back the Clock to 1782.	Morton, C.S.	3pp		1929	1.50
16074	The Azemar Cancellations.	Holland, F.C. & Crouch, G.R.	8pp	ill	1947-48	4.00
16026	The De La Rue Recess-Printed Issues.	Purves, J.R.	2pp	ill	1953	1.00
16075	The Duty on Cocoa.	Schonfled, J.	4pp	ill	1982	2.00
16051	The Newspaper Tax Stamps of Great Britain. (Excluding Ireland)	Eltringham, G.V.	17pp	ill	1956-57	6.75
16053	Through the Magnifying Glass. G.B. 3d With Phantom "R" Retouched. Gibbons 575.	Rang, C.P.	1pp	ill	1960	.50
HONG KONG						
16079	The 1891 Hong Kong Jubilee Overprint.	Webb, F.W.	1pp	ill	1958	.50
INDIA						
16039	Commemorative Trio Honors Personalities. Scott 796-798.	Bantwal, L.	1pp	ill	1978	.50
16041	Focus on Forgeries. Azad Hind. (Free India) 1943 Anna Value Unissued Series. Michel I-VI, VIII-X.	Tyler, V.E.	1pp	ill	2000	.50
16096	India. Four Annas Lithographs 1854-55. The Third Printing.	Smythies, E.A.	8pp	ill	1949	4.00
16095	The British Indian 1903-1936 King Edward VII & King George V Gray Paper Hundi Series.	Ross, F.	6pp	ill	1985	3.00
16040	Women Contribute to Nation's Development.	Bantwal, L.	2pp	ill	1978	1.00
IRELAND						
16017	Pioneers of Postal Reform. Charles Bianconi, Benefactor of Ireland.	Piggott, W.	1pp		1959	.50
LEEWARD ISLANDS						
16018	The Leeward Islands One Pound K.G. VI.	Potter, W.J.	1pp		1953	.50
MONTERRAT						
16042	Colonial Device of Montserrat.	Kraemer, J.E.	1pp		1947	.50
NEW GUINEA						
16080	Port of Kieta.	Voyce, A.H.	4pp	ill	1966	2.00
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16071	A Pioneer Postman. (Thomas Scott)	Watts, C.W.	1pp		1966	.50
16046	Closed Base Made Things Interesting. (Scott Base-Antarctica)	Pendleton, S.	2pp	ill	1996	1.00
16045	New Zealand, Colonial New issue Information. (May 22, 1950)		2pp		1950	1.00
16067	New Zealand—First Issues.	Beaumont, K.M.	2pp		1959	1.00
16066	Provisional Stamp Issued in New Zealand Emergency. Scott 273.		1pp		1950	.50
16083	St. Cuthbert's Paper.	Goodier, V.	4pp	ill	1963	2.00
16068	The Advertisement Stamps of New Zealand, 1893-94.	McNaught, K.J.	4pp		1947	2.00
16070	The Great Barrier Island Pigeon Post.	Walker, J.R.	5pp		1966	2.50
16069	The Half Penny "Second Type" Postage Due.	Samuel, R.D.	3pp	ill	1966	1.50
16082	The Penny Kiwi Booklet.	Course, F.W.	3pp		1966	1.50
16097	The Telegraph Centenary 3d. Scott 356	Campbell, I.D.	2pp	ill	1963	1.00
16084	Triple Perforations.	Samuel, R.D.	1pp		1966	.50
16098	Unusual Comb Perforating Machine.	Collins, R.J.	2pp	ill	1963	1.00
16099	Varieties of the Pictorials of New Zealand Dependencies.	"The Pixies"	3pp		1957	1.50
16081	1 S. George V Yellow.		1pp		1966	.50
NIGERIA						
16047	Nigerian Stamps Teach Lesson in African Art.	Walker, R.	2pp	ill	1973	1.00
PAKISTAN						
16019	The Dominion of Pakistan & Its Stamps.		2pp	ill	1951	1.00
PITCAIRN ISLANDS						
16100	Pitcairn's Philatelic Flames.	Delaney, A.A.	3pp	ill	1972	1.50



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ALBANIA - KORIZA						
14907	Focus on Forgeries. Albania-Republic of Koritza. Double Eagle Issues of 1917-18. (Revised) Scott 54-61, 62-68.	Tyler, V.E.	1pp	ill	1989	.50
ARGENTINA						
14908	Argentina. The Internal Duties. The Tobacco Duties.	Akerman, G.C.	7pp	ill	1985	3.50
14934	The Stamps & Posts of the Province of Cordoba.	Jewell, C.	2pp	ill	1950	1.00
AZERBAIJAN						
14911	Focus on Forgeries. Azerbaijan. 25 Ruble & 50 Rub Temple of Eternal Fires Definitives of 1919. Scott 9-10.	Tyler, V.E.	1pp	ill	1992	.50
14910	Focus on Forgeries. Azerbaijan. 1918 Farmer at Sunset. Issues. Scott 3-5.	Tyler, V.E.	1pp	ill	1990	.50
14909	Focus on Forgeries. Azerbaijan. 1918 20 Kopeck Standard Bearer. Scott 2.	Tyler, V.E.	1pp	ill	1989	.50
BELGIUM						
14935	"Special Delivery" in Belgium. Telegraph Stamps Used for Express Correspondence.		1pp		1892	.50
BOLIVIA						
14912	The Chaco War: Bolivian Military Censor Labels.	Moorhouse, B.	3pp	ill	1989	1.50
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA						
14913	Focus on Forgeries. Bosnia & Herzegovina. Krone Varieties of The 1900 Arms Issue. Scott 22-24.	Tyler, V.E.	1pp	ill	1989	.50
CHILE						
14937	Book Review. Chile: The First Issues of Postage Stamps 1853-1867. By Gerhard Blank.	Fosbery, J.	2pp		1989	1.00
14936	Chilian Envelopes.		2pp		1892	1.00
CHINA						
14938	Pilatelomania. (Letter from American Consul at Amoy, China, 1893.)	Rogers, S.E.	1pp		1970	.50
COLOMBIA						
14939	Colombia Manuscript Cancels Alphabetical List of Towns.	Negus, J.	6pp		1989	3.00
CUBA						
14914	Focus on Forgeries. Cuba. 1 Peseta King Alfonso XII of 1878. Scott 81.	Tyler, V.E.	1pp	ill	1991	.50
14940	Focus on Forgeries. Cuba. 1898 King Alfonso XIII Issue. Scott 172.	Tyler, V.E.	1pp	ill	1990	.50
DANISH WEST INDIES						
14941	Focus on Forgeries. St. Thomas-La Guiara-Puerto Cabello (Venezuela) 1864 Ship Local Issue. Hurt-Williams (La Guiara) 15-17.	Tyler, V.E.	1pp	ill	1989	.50
DENMARK						
14942	Denmark Well Represented in Musical Stamp Collections.	Scott, W.P.	2pp	ill	1950	1.00
ECUADOR						
14915	The Numeral Killers of Ecuador.	D'Elia, R.A.	3pp	ill	1987-88	1.50
EGYPT						
14944	A God & a Dem-God. (Thoth & Imhotep)	Peebles, E.R.	1pp	ill	1941	.50
14943	Egyptian Revenues. Scott 01.		1pp		1941	.50
FINLAND						
14945	The Philately of Finland. The Nineteenth Century Reprints.	Baker, B.	1pp		1950	.50
GERMANY						
14946	Printing & Plate Number Data on AMG Stamps of Germany.	Cass, H.	2pp	ill	1950	1.00
ISRAEL						
14947	Israel's Ancient Coin Issues Interest. Israel P.O. Covers.		2pp	ill	1954	1.00
14948	Israel's Emergency Stamps.	Loeb, H.	1pp	ill	1981	.50

ITALY						
14949	Cover From Turin to Borgoratto, Nov. 10, 1864 Franked With an 1864 Revenue Stamp of Italy.		1pp	ill	1957	.50
14950	Marco Polo Honored. Scott 655-656.		1pp	ill	1954	.50
JAPAN						
14917	Boy Scouts of Nippon. Scott 1130.		2pp	ill	1972	1.00
14919	Card For Okinawa Reversion Afforestation Festival. (Nov. 25, 1972)		2pp	ill	1972	1.00
14918	Centenary of Customs Service. Scott 1131.		2pp	ill	1972	1.00
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KOREA, SOUTH						
14931	Focus on Forgeries. South Korea. 1946 5 Cheun U.S. Military Rule Surcharge on 5 Sen Japanese Definitive. Scott 55.	Tyler, V.E.	1pp	ill	1997	.50
14930	Focus on Forgeries. South Korea. 1963 40 Won Buddhist Library Regular Issue. Scott 370.	Tyler, V.E.	1pp	ill	1995	.50
LATIN AMERICA						
14921	"Use The Colombian Airmail". SCADTA Agencies in Central & South America.	Harris, E.W.	2pp	ill	1987	1.00
LATVIA						
14922	Focus on Forgeries. Latvia. 1919-20 Liberation of Kurland Commemoratives. Scott 64-67.	Tyler, V.E.	1pp	ill	1992	.50
MEXICO						
14923	The Royal Mail Steam Packet Company Postal Service to Mexico in 1848-49. An Eye-witness Account.	Heath J.M.	5pp		1989	2.50
14951	Unlisted Mexico Renta Interior Varieties.	Duston, D.	1pp	ill	1985	.50
MOROCCO						
14924	Focus on Forgeries. Morocco. Tangier-Fez Local Issue of 1892. Post of Gautsch & Co. Hurt-Williams Catalog. No. 1-7.	Tyler, V.E.	1pp	ill	1988	.50
NETHERLANDS						
14952	Rhine Navigation Stamps. & Rhine Fleet Revenues.		2pp	ill	1981,85	1.00
PANAMA						
14926	Panama—The Scarcity of the 19 Cent Values. (1986-1988)	Kiener, J.F.	2pp	ill	1988	1.00
PERU						
14927	Peru: The Parcel Post Stamps.	Bargholtz, P.	3pp		1987	1.50
14928	Peru. The 1902 Overprints on Postal Stationery Cards.	Fox, E.	5pp	ill	1988	2.50
14953	Peru Used in Ecuador—October 1941.		1pp	ill	1989	.50
PHILIPPINES						
14954	From the Philippines 1898-1902 Columbians.	Burnett, W.D.	5pp	ill	1998	2.50
RUSSIA						
14929	Focus on Forgeries. Russia. Symbols of Agriculture Issue of 1921. Scott 177-178.	Tyler, V.E.	1pp	ill	1988	.50
SPAIN						
14900	Focus on Forgeries. Spain. 1920 1 Centimo Numeral Design Regular Issue. Scott 314.	Tyler, V.E.	1pp	ill	1998	.50
14901	Focus on Forgeries. Spain. 1938 Republic Allegory Definitive Issue. Scott 598-601.	Tyler, V.E.	1pp	ill	1995	.50
SURINAM						
14925	Focus on Forgeries. Surinam. 1892-93 Issues. Scott 25-30.	Tyler, V.E.	1pp	ill	1990	.50
SWITZERLAND						
14902	Franco-Swiss Postal Treaties of 1828-29.	Caldwell, G.W.	3pp		1961	1.50
TANNA TOUVA						
14903	Some Notes on Tannou Tuva.	Cronin, A.	7pp	ill	1954	3.50
UKRAINE						
14932	The Scourge of Poland. (Bogdan Chmielnicki 1593-1657)	Lawrence, J.	1pp		1941	.50
14904	1993 Poltava Provisional & Its Forgery.	Bylen, P.	3pp	ill	1994	1.50
UNITED NATIONS						
14933	Palais des Nations, Geneva, on U.N. Stamp.	Tvedt, R.	1pp	ill	1954	.50
VENEZUELA						
14905	Focus on Forgeries. Venezuela. 1893 25 Centime Discovery Of South America Commemorative. Scott 136.	Tyler, V.E.	1pp	ill	1995	.50
14906	The Formula Cards of Venezuela.	Stjernholck, F.	8pp	ill	1987	4.00

Book Review: Maybe We Need a Letter from God: The Star Trek Stamp by Bill Kraft

The idea of a stamp to honor *Star Trek* originated sometime in the 1980s with several attempts by fans to enlist public support. The idea first came to my attention during the summer of 1985. It seemed only fitting that a show which had so pervaded the public consciousness, had left such an enduring impact on popular culture, and had steered some of our youth toward careers in the sciences should be honored on a stamp. Also, “Beam me up, Scotty,” warp speed, the final frontier, to boldly go, and “Live long and prosper” entered the lexicon decades ago.

A stamp bearing the image of the starship *Enterprise* would pay proper homage to the pioneering spirit of space travel and represent the perfect synergy between science fiction and science fact. Another link between fiction and fact would be the juxtaposition of NASA’s space shuttle *Enterprise* with the fictional *Enterprise* of *Star Trek* on the same stamp. Either of those options for a stamp would have been most acceptable.

The *Star Trek* Stamp Committee took root with an item about the stamp campaign in *USA Today*, which listed my phone number. Volunteers from across the country called to come aboard. A three-pronged strategy of petition signing, letter writing, and appeals to the media commenced immediately. Flooded with calls from 42 states and three foreign countries, the campaign was off to a rousing start. A responsive media got onboard, too, with a series of stories in the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Denver Post*, *The Chicago Sun-Times*, *The Kansas City Times*, and *The Bismarck Tribune*.

That momentum grew with letters of support from some of the most renowned and recognizable names in science, science fiction, education and government. Lending a voice were Ray Bradbury, Isaac Asimov, Arthur C. Clarke, NASA, Caltech, MIT, members of Congress, current and former governors, the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium, Dr. Frank Drake, founder of SETI, and numerous individuals from a cross section of academic disciplines. Eighty of those endorsement letters grace the pages of *Maybe We Need Letter from God: The Star Trek Stamp*. Those letters were the spontaneous expression of conviction and passion, to the exclusion of the generic form letter so often discarded as the token afterthought.

However, we were confronted with the bureaucratic barrier of the Citizens’ Stamp Advisory Committee, a group of private individuals representing a variety of cultural and academic disciplines, charged with the responsibility of recommending stamp proposals for approval to the postmaster general. That committee felt bound by bureaucratic regulations and by-the-book restrictions to reject our proposal because *Star Trek* was a commercial enterprise and, therefore, ineligible. We contested that argument in a “rhetorical wrangle” that endured for 13 years. In 1998, the Postal Service put forth an unprecedented initiative. Its Celebrate the Century Initiative invited the public to vote for the stamps it really wanted. The 257,000 votes for *Star Trek* put our proposal in the winner’s column.

When the news of our victory broke, a rallying cry that had sustained us for those 13 years sounded again. It was Captain Kirk’s defiant declaration against precarious odds in *The Wrath of Khan*, “I don’t believe in a no win scenario.” Neither did we. Sometimes a defiant faith can work small wonders.

Star Trek book finds home in Smithsonian

Kraft launched campaign to create postage stamp



he watched the ending of "Star Trek: The Motion Picture," which finished optimistically with the creation — instead of the destruction — of a new life form.

"Star Trek has fired the imagination of a whole generation of young people, and it continues to do so," Kraft said. "And it has had an educational impact on our schools."

Kraft said he believed his book would be included in the NPM Library's collections when he donated a copy.

"There are endorsement letters in that book from Dr. Martin Harwit, former director of the National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian," he said. "That connection may have been a factor in our favor in the book's acceptance."

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is the preservation, study and presentation of postal history and philately through stamps and objects," NPM Librarian Basil Wilder wrote in his letter to Kraft after receiving his book.

"Your generosity helps to achieve this goal and is very much appreciated by all of us."

"Maybe We Need a Letter from God: The Star Trek Stamp" by Kraft includes more than 80 letters of support for the commemorative stamp from prominent

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SAUK RAPIDS — Bill Kraft's book about Star Trek has boldly gone where no book about the sci-fi series' memories' commemorative postage stamp has before, he thinks —



the Smithsonian.

The retired English teacher from Sauk Rapids wrote about his effort to commemorate Star Trek on a stamp; his book has been added to the library collections of the Smithsonian's National Postal Museum in Washington, D.C.

"It was a long shot, but the whole stamp cam-

paign was a long shot," Kraft said. "It's the sort of validation that makes it all worth the effort."

The National Postal Museum Library is one of 20 specialized libraries in the Smithsonian Institution Libraries system and was established in 1933. It has more than 40,000 books, journals, catalogs and archival documents; it is among the world's largest postal history and philatelic research facilities.

"The mission of the National Postal Museum

Bill Kraft's book about the campaign for a stamp commemorating Star Trek.

names in science fiction, science, education and government.

"It's an eclectic representation of people ... so I think maybe that is why the museum accepted my book," Kraft said. His self-published book about the 13-year campaign to honor Star Trek on a postage stamp is available at Amazon.com.

The 73-year-old became a Trekkie in 1979 as

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