

For a number of years, the branch gave book awards to outstanding students in English and foreign language at area high schools. Currently, donations are given to the libraries of George Williams and Illinois Benedictine College.

The group has also sponsored classes for teachers who needed to pass the Constitution Test for certification in Illinois, as well as working for the establishment of a Day Care Center at the Congregational Church and supporting the needs of the Downers Grove Youth Center.

In 1974, the branch initiated a Women in History project. Interested members did research on women throughout history, and wrote profiles on them which were published in the Reporter. The next year, the branch sponsored an ERA essay contest in area schools, and local winner Pam Johnson went on to be one of the top five finalists in the state contest.

Since the mid 70's, the branch has compiled and published a preschool booklet with information on local preschools and day care centers, and in May, 1978, the Downers Grove Area Branch was honored to serve as hosts for the Illinois State Convention held in Oakbrook.