

# WE'RE ON THE MOVE!

## The New Alexandria Lesbian Library Is Coming To Town

Starting September 1, NALL, a national Lesbian archive, will be located in Northampton. Founded in Chicago in 1974, NALL was the first public collection of Lesbian herstory in this country to open her doors to the Lesbian community. NALL settled in the Valley in 1979 and has been housed just outside of town for the past two years. Presently archiving over 1600 books, 350 periodical sets and a wealth of subject files, reference materials, personal items, papers and correspondence, art, buttons, cassette tapes, record albums, snapshots, slides and more, the collection continues to grow rapidly with tremendous support from the Northampton Lesbian community.

Physically, NALL has outgrown her present apartment space. More and more the need became clear for a house instead, big enough to allow the collection to spread out into several rooms. And with the move into town, there are other needs that will be met as well: more space for Lesbians to gather in inside the Library's home, a house with an entrance we can easily make wheelchair-accessible, rooms large enough to make the entire collection itself wheelchair-accessible, a location in close proximity to the greatest number of Lesbians NALL was created to serve. And instead of the Mill River flowing nearby, the Library will have the Connecticut River outside her door (a must for Bet).

In this time of homophobic backlash to Lesbian visibility in Northampton and nationwide, NALL's persistent growth and move into town is a proud and special affirmation ... a reason for hope and joy!

## Would You Like to Help?

If you want to be part of the Library's move and can help with packing, moving and setting up, call 584-7616 anytime and leave a message. NALL especially needs Lesbians with a van or truck to safely transport periodical boxes. And the collection always needs ongoing Library workers for a wide variety of tasks and projects.



## NALL Will Be Closed ...

... throughout August and September as we pack and unpack. Researchers and visitors will be welcome again in October. Look for a hot housewarming party near Hallomas!

## Mailing Address & Phone Will Stay the Same

Even though the Library will be housed in town, the mailing address will stay the same:

NEW ALEXANDRIA LESBIAN LIBRARY  
PO BOX 402  
FLORENCE, MA 01060

We'll try to keep the present phone number, too: 584-7616.

To contribute Lesbian herstory in any form to the Library, contact NALL by mail or phone. If you'd like to visit and need directions to NALL's new home, just give us a call.

