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Oct-Dec 1911

Public Meetings

Citizen groups & public first meet to discuss creation of public library

Library Commission appointed (Dec. 1911)

Jan-May 1912

Signature Petition

Petition for public signatures circulated

Mooresville Town Board adopted resolution to levy tax to build library (May 1912)
1st Library Board appointed (May 1912)

June 1912

Brown Township Support

Brown Twp. invited to support Mooresville library

July 1912

Carnegie Grant

\$10,000 Grant application to Andrew Carnegie Foundation

Feb-Apr 1913

Land Purchase

Furor over Town plan to purchase old M.E. Church site (next to Old Cemetery) as new library site (Feb 1913)

Library lot purchase 30 W. Main St. public donations & large donations by Arthur Newby & Judge Smith MacPherson (NO tax money used to buy land)

Temporary library reading room in I.O.O.F. Building (2nd floor) (March 1913)

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May 1944

Standardized Practices

Adoption of standardized practices for materials withdrawal

July 1944-Jan. 1945

Madison, Clay & Monroe Townships

Library board meets with Township Trustees of Madison, Clay, & Monroe Twps to expand services to their residents

Nov. 1945

Teen Social Center

1st designated use of library basement as Teen Social Center (among other uses)

Feb. 1947

Standardized Practices

Standardized system for donating withdrawn materials (especially children's) to schools or other libraries

Nov.-Dec. 1947

Early Childhood Literacy

1st Kindergarten classes offered in library basement (early childhood literacy programs) (continuing into the 1960s)

Magazine holdings dramatically increase

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Early 1960s

Early to Mid-1960s

Mid- to Late-1960s

1970s

1972

Building Renovations

Program Innovations

50 Year Anniversary

Outreach Programs

Pioneer Room Renovations

Renovations to building:
New heating & A/C,
Expanded kitchen,
Basement floor replaced,
New front entry & stairs

Year-round children's
story-times scheduled

Expanded programs
(summer reading,
movies, arts & crafts)

Library celebrates half a
century of continuous
operation (1966)

Staff & volunteers
increases

Development of outreach
library programs to the
community

Pioneer Room (children's
collections) (basement)
renovated

Auditorium (basement)
converted to Pioneer
Room (full-time "young
people's library" area)

Substantial increase
in materials and patrons
(during 1960s)

Library collection: 14,500
(1969)

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2002

Got Access & Databases

MPL launches its ACCESS library card campaign promotes Library & local businesses

Legacy Links online obituary database created

2003

Library Treatise & Playaways

MPL Director Lynn Jurewicz co-authors treatise, "High Tech, High Touch: Library Customer Service Through Technology" (American Library Association, 2003) which becomes a standard library school textbook & public library reference book on this subject

Library introduces playaways & DVDs to media collections

2004

ILF Outstanding Library Award

Indiana Library Federation awards MPL Outstanding Library of the Year Award for its ACCESS Campaign

2005

Construction of New Addition

MPL constructs new addition (24,500 sq. ft.)

Key New Features:
18-station computer lab & 6-station computer mini-lab

Local Area Network (LAN) wireless computer access

Significantly expanded shelving for all collections

Study Rooms & Community Room added

Young Adult & Indiana Rooms
Youth Services Area

2006

Grand Opening New Addition

February 27, 2006:
Grand Opening of New Library Addition

Youth Services occupies most of 1988 building

Basement & Ground Floor

Community Room available for public reservation & use

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Mar-Aug 1913	January 27, 1916	1917	1920-1928	1930s
<i>First Librarians appointed</i>	<i>Library Dedication</i>	<i>Library Basement Use</i>	<i>Madison Township</i>	<i>Great Depression</i>
<p>Sarah Scott Edwards appointed first librarian (March 1913)</p> <p>Helen Hadley Ward appointed head librarian (Aug. 1913)</p>	<p>Mooresville Public Library opens to the public</p> <p>Library collections: 1,143 (1916)</p> <p>4,000 sq. ft. building (Space for 6,000 books on 1st floor)</p>	<p>Library basement begins use for community and organizational meetings & banquets</p>	<p>Madison Township patrons use & support Mooresville Library</p>	<p>Library continues to add materials and patrons despite funding losses</p> <p>Library collections: 8,400 [1937]</p> <p>Borrowers: 2245 [1937]</p> <p>Withdrawn materials donated to school libraries</p> <p>Staff & volunteers increased</p>

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June 18, 1948

First Class Library

Library board votes to upgrade MPL from Class III to Class I public library under new Indiana Library Law (Acts of 1947)

Summer/Fall 1951

Standardized Practices

Library board allows donation of discarded materials to charities
Mrs. Marguerite Fields (Asst. Librarian, later Head Librarian) is 1st MPL employee to take library school courses at Indiana University (graduate degree program)

Dec. 1951

School Book Talks

1st library book talks at Mooresville schools (Mrs. Fields)

July 1957

Collection Classifications

Children's collection rearranged alphabetically by subject (until 1960)

Oct. 1957

Expanded Parking

Paved rear parking lot planned behind library

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1980s	1988	1990s	2000	2001
<i>New Equipment & Resources</i>	<i>New Library Building</i>	<i>Technologies & Expansion</i>	<i>Library Direct Marketing</i>	<i>Radio Frequency Identification</i>
<p>Increase in collections size</p> <p>Purchase of microfilm & microfiche reading machines (early 1980s)</p> <p>Mooresville Library District merged with Brown Twp. (June 4, 1985)</p>	<p>12,000 sq. ft. facility constructed & opens to public (at 220 West Harrison Street) Cost: \$800,000</p> <p>Library collections: 32,000 volumes</p>	<p>Library installs public computers & OPAC (online public access catalog) (Mid-1990s)</p> <p>Library board holds first public meetings to construct library expansion project (1998)</p> <p>Cook Endowment (Claire & Helen Cook) for MPL Youth Services programs & collections</p>	<p>Library pioneers early "push" technologies to keep patrons informed via email about Library acquisitions, programs, and topics of interest</p>	<p>MPL becomes one of the first public libraries in Indiana to install RFID (Radio-Frequency Identification) in collection security, circulation & inventory</p>

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2007

Kinder Garden Construction

Construction begins on Outdoor Kinder Garden (outside nature retreat for children's programs & special events)

2008

Evergreen Indiana

MPL becomes one of the first five public libraries in Indiana to join the E.I. (Evergreen Indiana) Open-Source Integrated Library System (ILS)

2009

Outdoor Courtyard

Construction begins on Outdoor Courtyard behind Library for outdoor programs & special events

2010

Social Media & Global Footprint

Library embarks on extensive use of online social media (videos, blogs, instant messages, Internet materials) to create global marketing footprint & serve patrons worldwide

2011

E-Books, Tech Upgrades

MPL is pioneer in statewide consortium of public libraries offering e-books & automated online readers' advisories

Library upgrades computer resources throughout library

Streamlined wireless Internet access

Digital Microform Scanner/Reader is purchased with grant \$