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Vintage Wares
by

Antique Mall



You are invited to STROLL
down Memory Lane
Monday-Saturday
10:00 AM-5 PM
Sundays Noon-5 PM
YELLOW MOON
8 West Main Street
831-8599

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Our Journey Begins . . .

- **Citizens groups & public first meet to discuss creation of Mooresville Public Library (October 1911)**
- **Library Commission created (December 1911)**
- **Petition for public signatures circulated**
- **Mooresville Town Board adopted resolution to levy tax to build library (May 1912)**
- **First library board appointed (May 1912)**
- **Brown Township residents are invited to support Mooresville Public Library (June 1912)**
- **\$10,000 Grant Application to Andrew Carnegie Foundation (July 1912)**



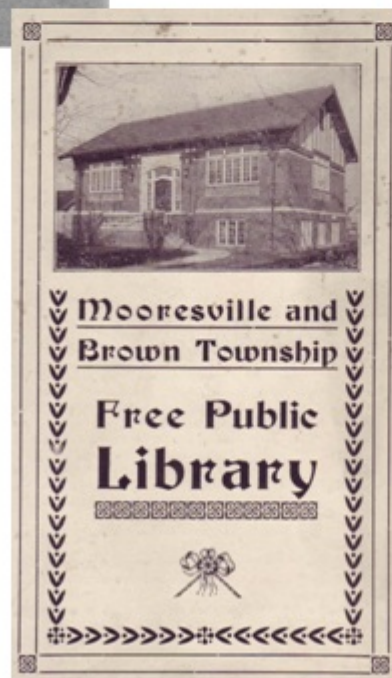
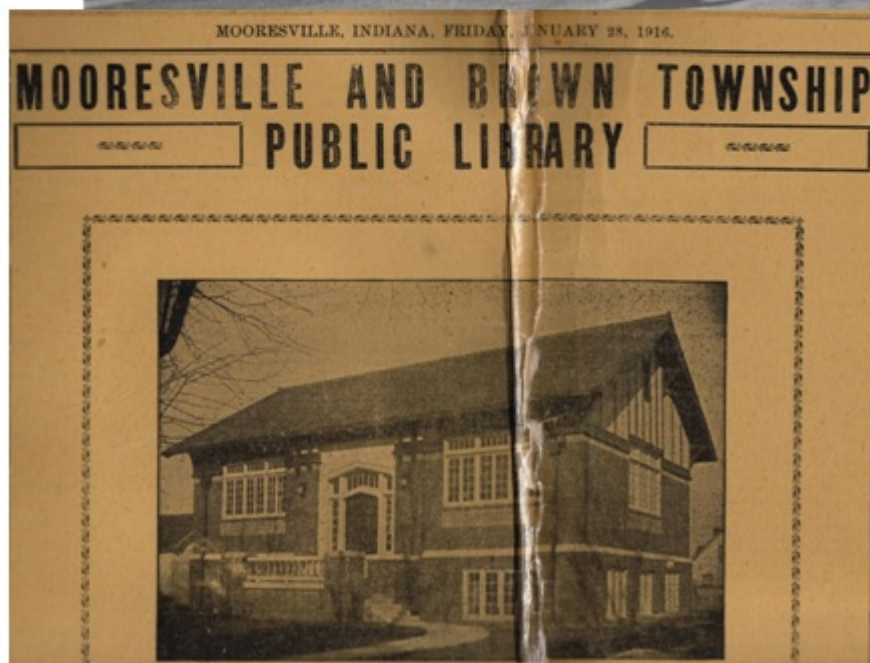
In March, 1913, a temporary library reading room was established on the 2nd floor of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) Building (1881-1989), located at the site of the Hadley mini-park downtown.

The IOOF Building was partially demolished during the mid-1960s. The remaining single-story structure (far left end, where people are standing in photo) was removed in 1989.





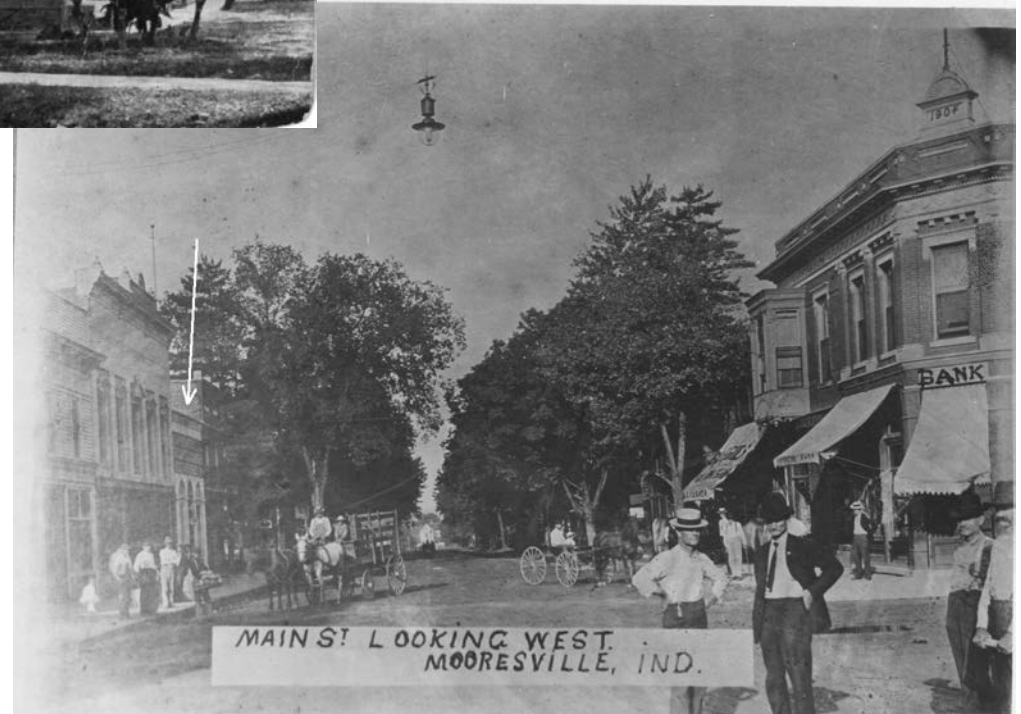
On January 27, 1916,
Moorsville Public Library
was dedicated. It was located
at 30 (later renumbered as 32)
West Main Street downtown.
The "Carnegie Library"
served the community
from 1916-1988.



MPL Policies
Brochure
(1916)



**1912 Photo of
Downtown Mooresville
Main & Indiana Streets
(Looking West on Main)**

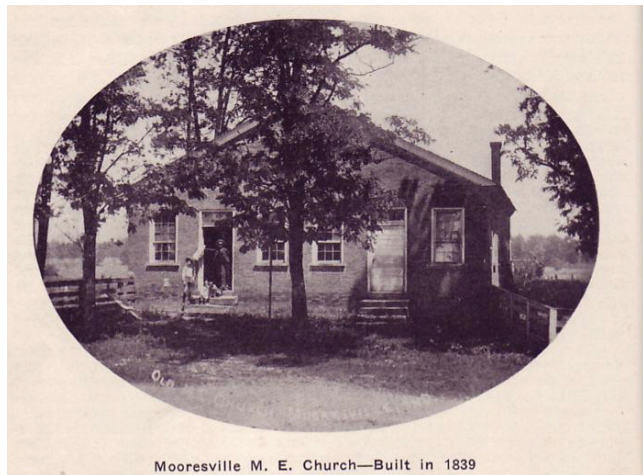


**↑
McCracken Hotel & Inn
(1912)
Across from the MPL
Carnegie Library**

Public Furor Over Proposed MPL Site (Spring, 1913)



**MV citizens were
strongly opposed to
building MPL at the
former M.E. Church &
“Old Cemetery” site**



Mooresville M. E. Church—Built in 1839

MPL's First Librarian/Director (1913)

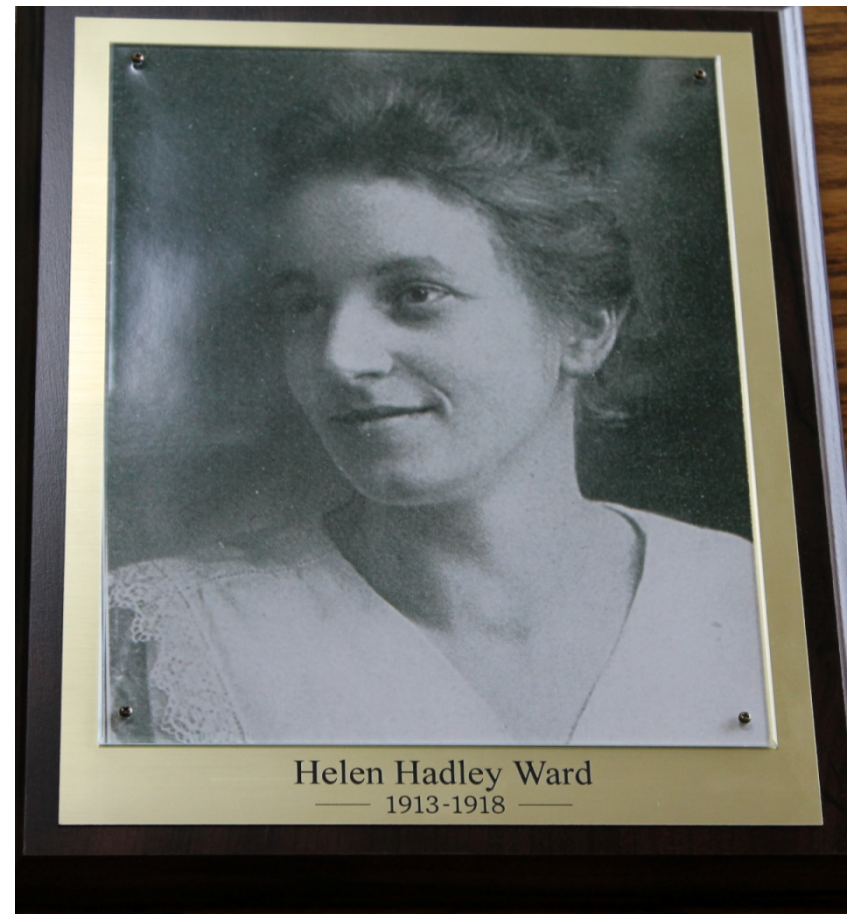


*Sarah Scott Edwards
Mooresville's First
Librarian
-1913-*



**MPL was constructed (1915)
thanks to a \$10,000 grant
from the Andrew Carnegie
Corporation**

Andrew Carnegie



**Helen Hadley Ward was MPL
Director when the Carnegie
Building was constructed
(1915) & opened (1916)**

Philanthropy Delivers the Dream

***Letter of Acknowledgement
of \$10,000 Carnegie
Grant Offer From
Dr. C. L. Hallam, Library
Board Secretary
(Later President)
January 17, 1913***

Mooreville, Ind., Jan. 17, 1913.

Mr. James Bertram, Esq.,
Carnegie Corporation,
2 E. 91st St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Your kind favor of January 9th received. The library board of Mooreville and Brown Township wish to thank you for the offer of \$10,000. with which to build a library building.

In our last letter to you we gave verified statements that Mooreville and Brown Township had levied a tax which gives a library income of \$1,542. a year. Our property valuation is not likely to decrease, as we are only sixteen miles from Indianapolis and the city is extending our way. With the minimum township tax we would have an income of \$1,100. per year. Would it be possible for Mr. Carnegie to give us the sum of \$12,500.? With this amount we can build a building which will adequately meet our needs. If this does not meet with your favor, we shall be glad to accept the \$10,000. and will mail to you the required resolution passed by the town board of trustees when we hear from you.

Yours very truly,

C. L. Hallam
Secretary

Library Accepts the Carnegie Grant (May 6, 1915)

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, the Carnegie Corporation of New York has offered to give ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to the Town of Mooresville and Brown Township of Morgan County, Indiana, for the purpose of erecting a Free Public Library on Lot four (4), Block three (3) in the town of Mooresville, Indiana.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we, the Town Board of Mooresville and Advisory Board of Brown Township, jointly accept the gift and pledge ourselves that the building will be erected on said lot at a cost not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), and read for occupancy.

Mooresville, Ind.
May 4th 1915

Mooresville Ind

May 6th 1915

Town Board

(President.

(Clerk.

(President.

(Secretary.

W. C. Shuffelbarger

Carl L. White

Edw. W. McMillan

G. E. Farmer



← 1916

ca. 1963



MPL Carnegie Library (1916-1988)



1916 MPL Board Welcomes Patrons

Library Board



DR. C. L. HALLAM, Pres.

REES COSTER, Vice-Pres.

D. B. JOHNSON Sec.

J. W. YORK

MRS. W. H. SAGE

MRS. ALMIRA HADLEY

MRS. W. H. HENDERSON

DR. W. L. THOMPSON

CHAS. B. SWEARENGIN

HELEN HADLEY, Librarian

MARGUERITE SAGE, Ass't Librarian

**These MPL Directors served for
three decades
(1922-1952)**



Helen Stone Keller
— 1922-1939 —

**Helen Stone Keller (1922-1939)
Lenna Sage (1939-1952)**



Lenna Sage
— 1939-1952 —

MPL Pioneering Librarians



Marguerite Fields
(MPL Director, 1952-1956) was the first
MPL librarian enrolled in courses at
Indiana University's Library School—She
was one of the first Hoosier librarians to
do book talks at local schools



**As MPL
Director,
Nora Carson
(1956-1961)
changed
collection
organization
to help
patrons
locate items**

An Era of Library Growth & Change (1961-1984)

Bonita Marley (MPL Director, 1961-1984) oversaw multiple renovations of the Carnegie Library, as well as the introduction of many innovative programs and resources



Bonita Marley (left) with MPL's First Librarian/Director, Helen Hadley Ward (right)



Bonita Marley
— 1961-1984 —



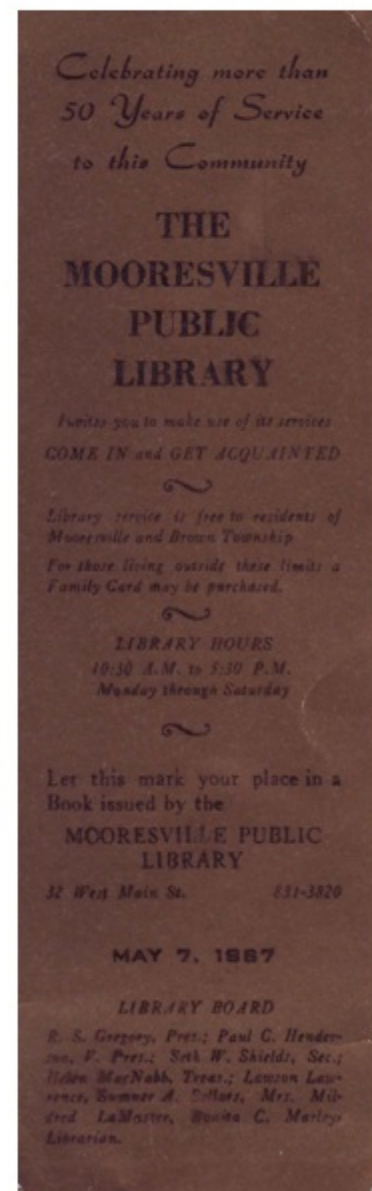
“Over 50” Library Anniversary Celebration (May 7, 1967)

MPL Librarians
Bonita Marley &
Myrtle Keller



Celebratory Punch

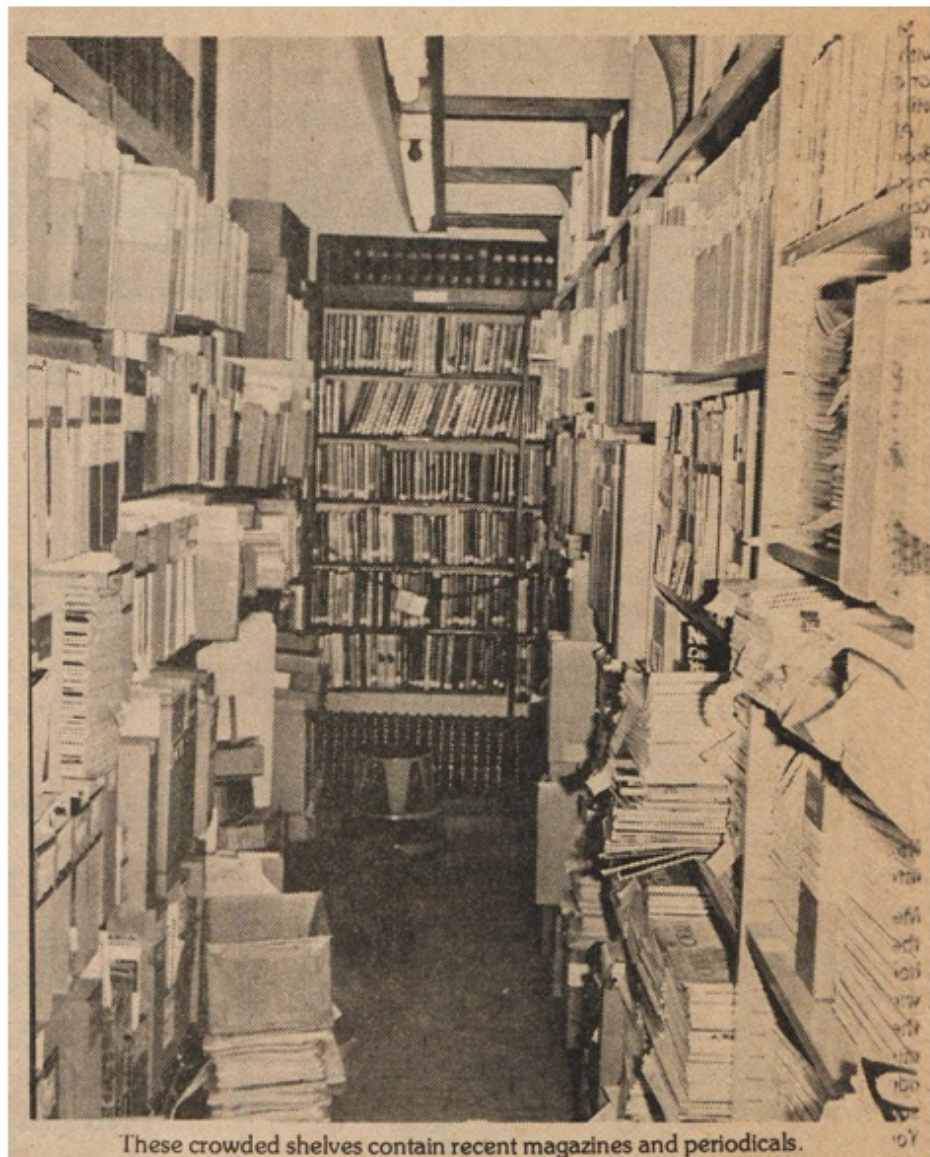
Anniversary Bookmark





Librarian Bonita Marley (left) has held her post since 1961 and Wanda Potts has been assistant librarian for 12 years.

By 1978, it became apparent that the “Carnegie Library” was running out of space. In the early 1980s, plans were outlined to construct a new building, which opened at 220 West Harrison Street in 1988.



These crowded shelves contain recent magazines and periodicals.

1987: Groundbreaking for the New Library Building



Jan. 1988: Last Day at MPL Carnegie



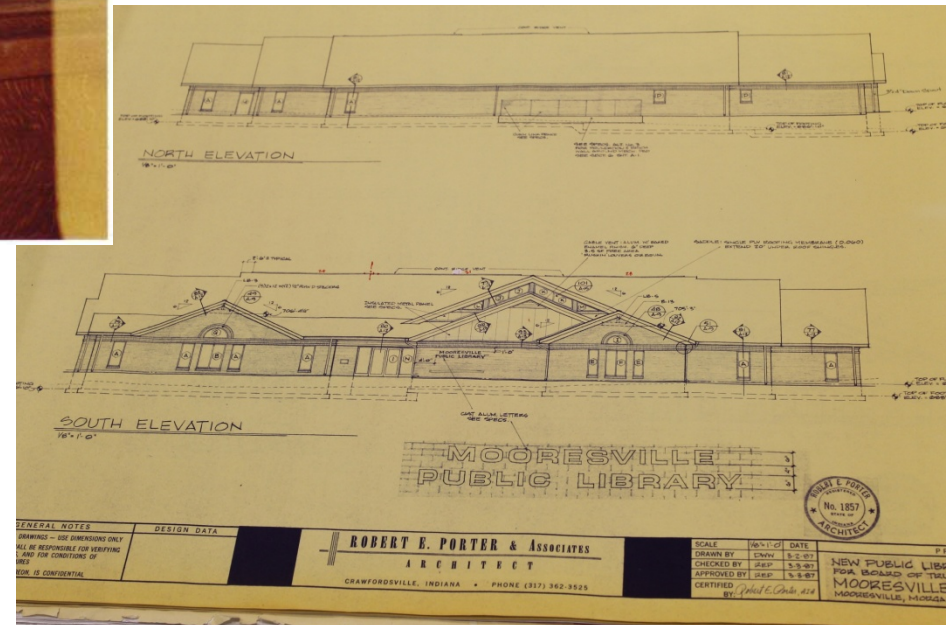
Staff Bids Fond Farewell to MPL Carnegie (Jan. 1988)



Looking Toward the Future
(New Building Blueprints)
(Summer 1987)

1988 Building:

- 12,000 sq. ft.
- Collection size: 32,000 items
- Cost: \$800,000



Packing Up the Carnegie (Jan. 1988)



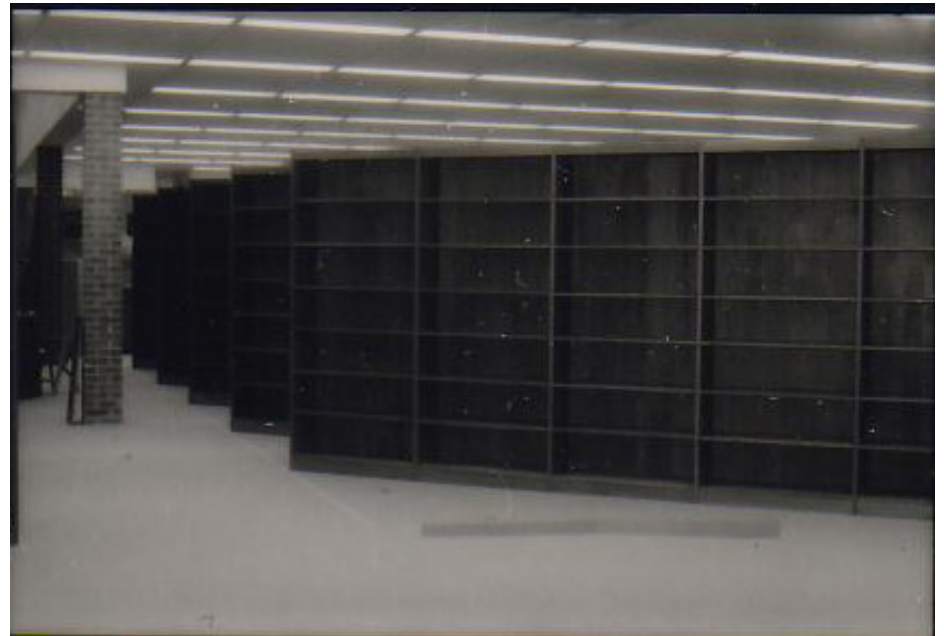
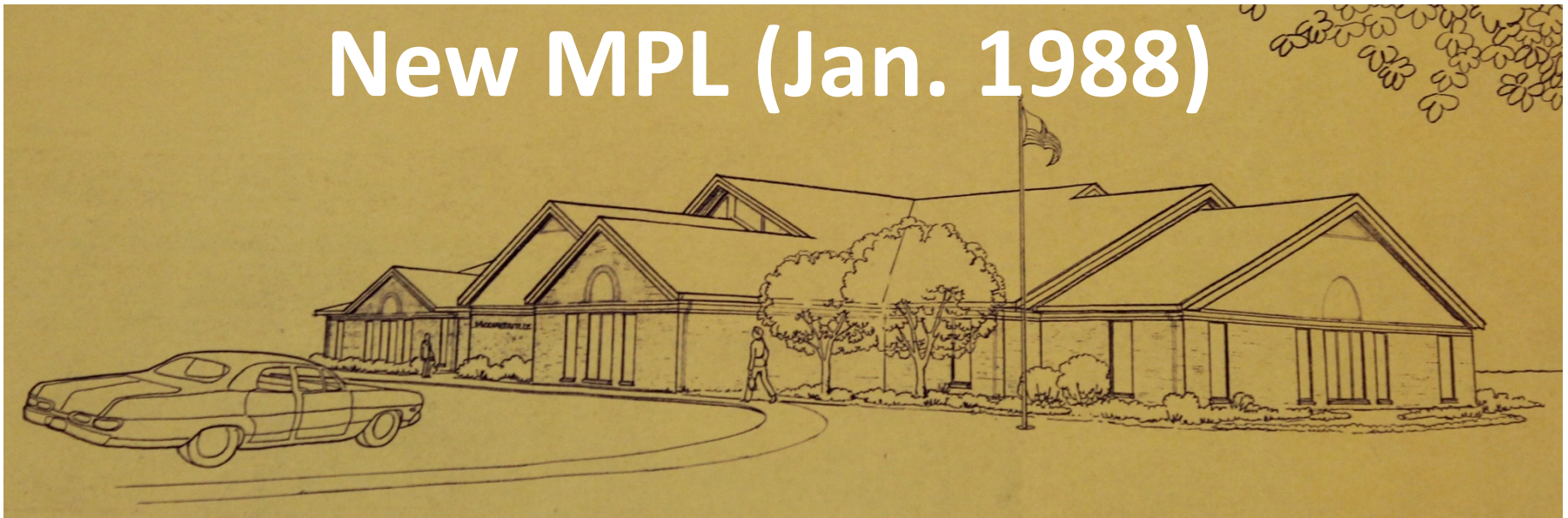
Jan. 1988: Moving Day



Moving Into the New Library (Jan. 1988)



New MPL (Jan. 1988)



New MPL (Jan. 1988)



Dedication Day (April 17, 1988)



Mooresville Public Library

220 West Harrison Street

Mooresville, Indiana 46158

Phone 831-READ

Mooresville Public Library

Mooresville, Indiana

DEDICATION

Sunday, April 17, 1988

2:00 p.m.

Ribbon Cutting

Invocation.....Rev. Duane Moss,
Pastor, First Christian Church

Welcome & Introductions.....Ronald Yates,
President, Board of Trustees

Presentation of Building.....Robert Porter,
Architect

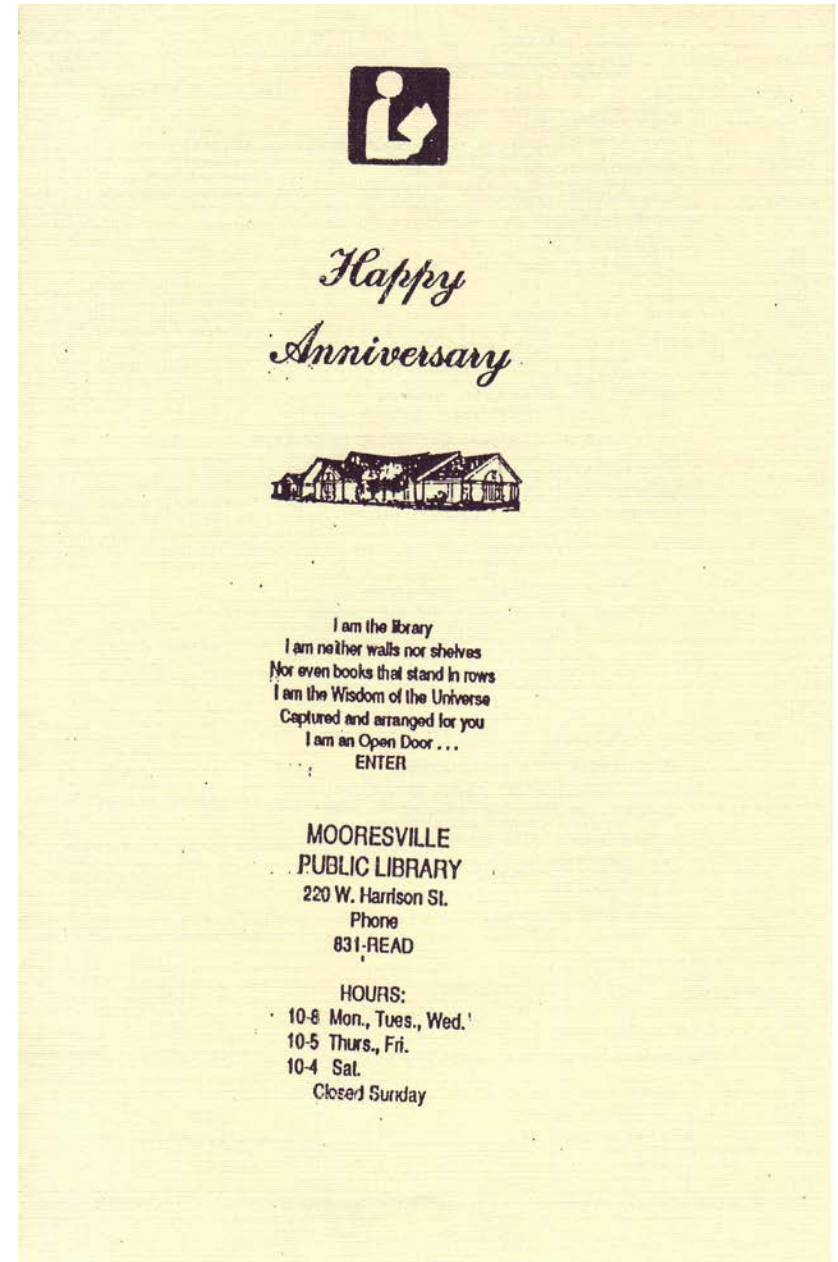
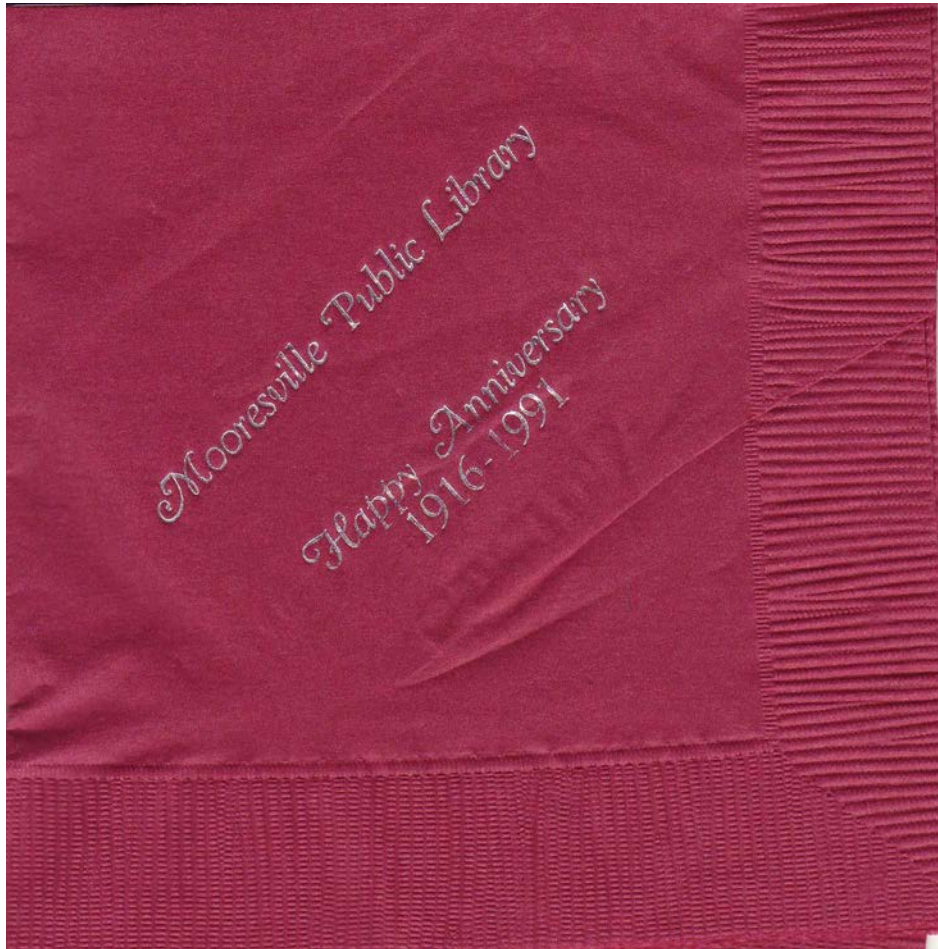
Acceptance of Building.....Ronald Yates
Patricia Vahey,
Librarian

Closing Remarks.....Ronald Yates

Balloon Launch to kick off National Library Week

Open House until 5:00 p.m.

Celebrating Our 75th Anniversary (1991)



The Technological Revolution Begins!



Lynn Jurewicz
— 1997-2004 —

MPL Director Lynn Jurewicz (1997-2004) spearheaded MPL's technological revolutions — including:

- **Radio frequency identification (RFID) for collections**
- **Early “push” technologies (email notifications to patrons)**
- **Legacy Links local obituary database (over 20,000 entries)**
- **GOT ACCESS library marketing campaign**
- **Playaways & DVDs added to media collections**

An Award-Winning Library (2004)

In 2004, the
ILF named
MPL
Outstanding
Library of the
Year for its
ACCESS
program

Indiana Library Federation

Outstanding Library Award

is presented to

Mooreville Public Library

For outstanding library service which consistently
exceeds the expectations of the users

Nancy McGriff
ILF President, Nancy McGriff

Linda Kolb
ILF Executive Director, Linda Kolb



Facility Expansion (2005)



**2005 Aerial Photo of Construction
(24,500 sq. ft. Addition)**



**MPL Director Diane Huerkamp
(2005-present)**

MPL's New Addition (2006)



New Interior Sampler (2006)



Outdoor Enhancements (2007-2008)



**MPL Kinder Garden
(outdoor youth programming area)**

MPL Joins Evergreen Indiana (2008)

**As of April, 2012:
100 Indiana
Libraries are
members of the
consortium**



MPL Courtyard (2009)



Legacy Lane & Pathway to Knowledge (2009-2010)



LED Sign (2010)



Latest Technological Upgrades (2010-2012)

- **Social Media (online videos, pictures, blogs, Twitter, Facebook)**
- **Streamlined wireless Internet access**
- **Digital Microform Scanner/Reader**
- **Computer enhancements throughout library**
- **E-books (MPL joined eIndiana Digital Library Consortium)**
- **New Website**
- **Voice-Over IP**
- **New Collection Tagging for More Self-Checks**



A Century of Public Service (1912-2012)

