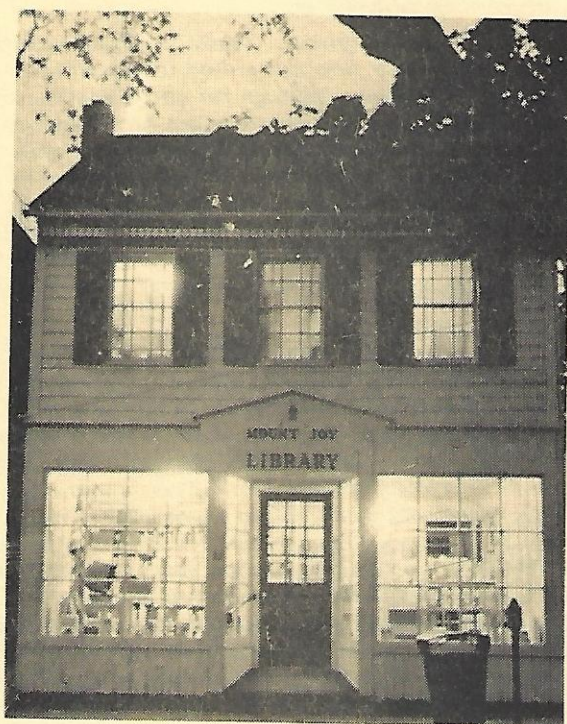


Celebration

Mount Joy Library
Celebrating
25 years of Growth



Open House

Sunday December 3, 1989

2:00 - 5:00 P.M.

HISTORY OF THE LIBRARY

Twenty-five years ago, a library in Mount Joy was a dream. This dream became a reality because of the interest and labors of many people in the community.

In 1959 members of the local Senior Girl Scout troop discussed their five point program, which included a community service project. They wanted to start a library but were unable to fulfill their idea. The following year a new Senior Girl Scout troop picked the same idea. At a planning meeting one girl explained "Heavens we don't even have a Bookmobile". That statement was the basis for a new approach to the void existing in Mount Joy. The girls made their first contact with the Lancaster Free Public Library officials in December, 1960.

After the troop had received favorable comments from the city librarians, a new service was begun on February 13, 1962, when the Bookmobile made it's first stop in town, which included stops at six different locations, a total of 455 books had been lent. These visits to Mount Joy continued monthly, and by the summer of 1963 the librarians were lending about 800 books per visit. Eventually, instead of six stops the vehicle stopped for one long visit in one place. The Mount Joy Memorial Park was chosen for this spot.

As a result of local citizens' growing interest in library facilities, Sarah Roberts realized that the proper time had arrived for action to be taken to establish a permanent local library. Through her efforts she was able to get Community Council interested in the proposed project. All the organizations that are members of Community Council expressed interest in the project. When the Mount Joy Lions Club, on November 26, 1963, pledged one half of its proceeds from the forthcoming spring play, financial assistance was initiated. Not only were the local organizations and individuals behind the project, but the Lancaster Free Public Library was also in accord with the idea after information had been released that Mount Joy had become the "strongest" Bookmobile stop in Lancaster County.

Community Council named Ms. Roberts chairman of the library committee. Under the chairmanship committee members began their assigned tasks. By July 1, 1964, donations for the new center started to arrive; volunteer librarians were secured and were being trained; the finance committee was ready to canvass business and individuals for cash donations and pledges; and a home for new venture was obtained. The Library Board was formally organized in August of the same year. Frank B. Walter, local mayor, signed a proclamation recognizing the week of September 14 as Library Week in Mount Joy. Events began happening much faster than they had happened in the past four years, and in the same month the Library Center was granted a non-profit corporation charter by the Lancaster County Court. Furniture, equipment, and books started to arrive at 22 East Main Street. By November 23, 1964, the five-year project had reached fulfillment when the doors of the Mount Joy Library Center were opened to the public. With the Library Center in operation, another service was added on February 9, 1965, when the first children's story hour was held.

The library building was rented until February 1978, when it was donated to Mount Joy Borough by Anna May Newcomer in memory of Henry Carpenter.

One of the library's most popular programs-story hour, was first headed by Gloria Straub, and then by Dorothy Heilig for the past 23 years.

Through the years the library has grown in patrons, book collection, and services. Hopefully, the next 25 years will show that the dream of 1964 continues.

We appreciate your attendance today to help us celebrate. We are currently in the process of looking for larger quarters because we do need to have more room for people and for services. Please take a minute to check off the items on the small information request form which we hope will help us make a decision concerning a fund drive, a friend's group, and level of dedication and concern on the part of our patrons.

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Of the original volunteers, 3 continue to give of their time as Story Hour volunteers. They are Dorothy Heilig, Ruth Schwartz, and Anne Milanof.

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Today Our Library Staff Consists of 3 Part-Time People:

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