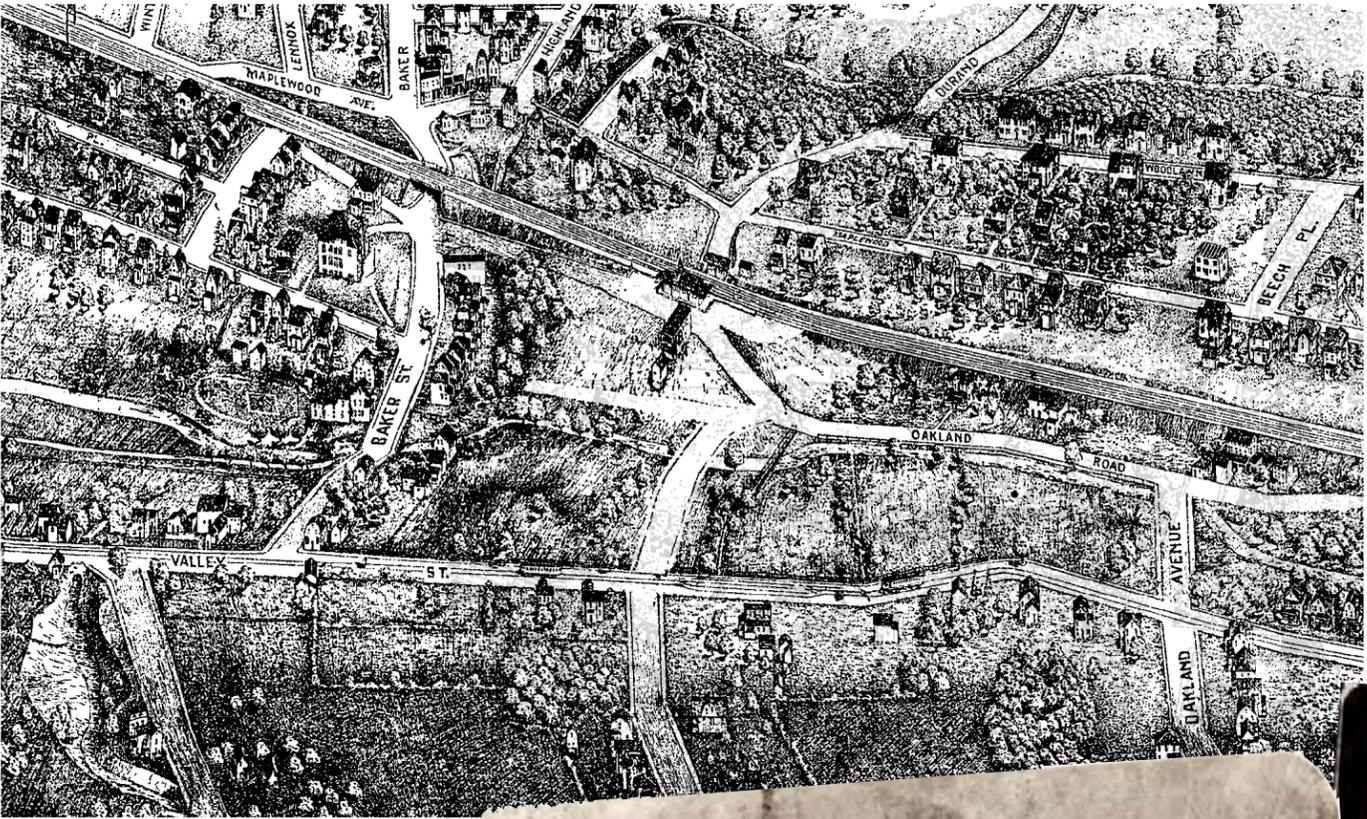


# Formation of the Maplewood Library

Maplewood in 1913



Students attended the Ricalton School and the newly-built Seth Boyden School. Town Hall was on Maplewood Avenue near the railroad station. Maplewood residents had formed civic organizations such as the Maplewood Improvement Association, the Home and School Association, and the Maplewood Field Club on Baker Street. In the Hilton area, strawberries were being grown commercially and Olympic Park was a popular amusement park.



View of Baker Street c1908

In 1913 what we now call Maplewood was officially South Orange Township and had about four thousand residents. The area was still very rural, with farms, woodlands, and just a few main streets, but suburban and residential development was beginning in several areas. What is now the Village business area included Fraentzel's Hardware Store, Garret Byrne's Pharmacy, Cracco's Shoe Store, and two grocery stores.



Home of Benjamin W Smith, circa 1910. Future site of today's Main Library



Baker Street before the library

# Formation of the Maplewood Library

In 1913, just prior to World War I, a group of women met at the home of Mrs. W.J. Morrison to discuss the formation of a public library. It was decided to hold a public meeting at the Ricalton School, under the auspices of the Home and School Association. At the meeting, a resolution was passed establishing the Maplewood Library Association, which held its first regular meeting on April 30, 1913.

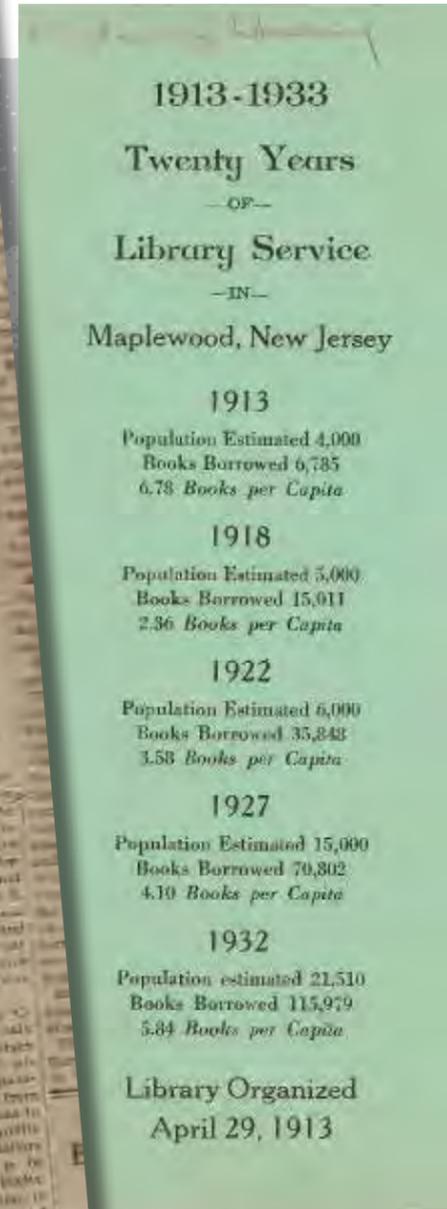
The first home of the library was on the third floor of the old school building (now part of the Maplewood Middle School). Miss Grace I. Pollard was appointed librarian at a salary of two dollars per week.

In January 1922, the library changed from a subscription library to a municipal library, and the name was changed to the Free Public Library of the Township of Maplewood.

“Founders and Officers of Maplewood Library,” South Orange Record, April 2, 1920



Bookmark “1913 - 1933  
Twenty Years of Library Service”



Ricalton School (now Maplewood Middle School), first home of the Maplewood Library. The library collection started with 600 books and about 300 members. The library grew quickly. By the end of the first year, there were 10 times as many books, and twice as many members.

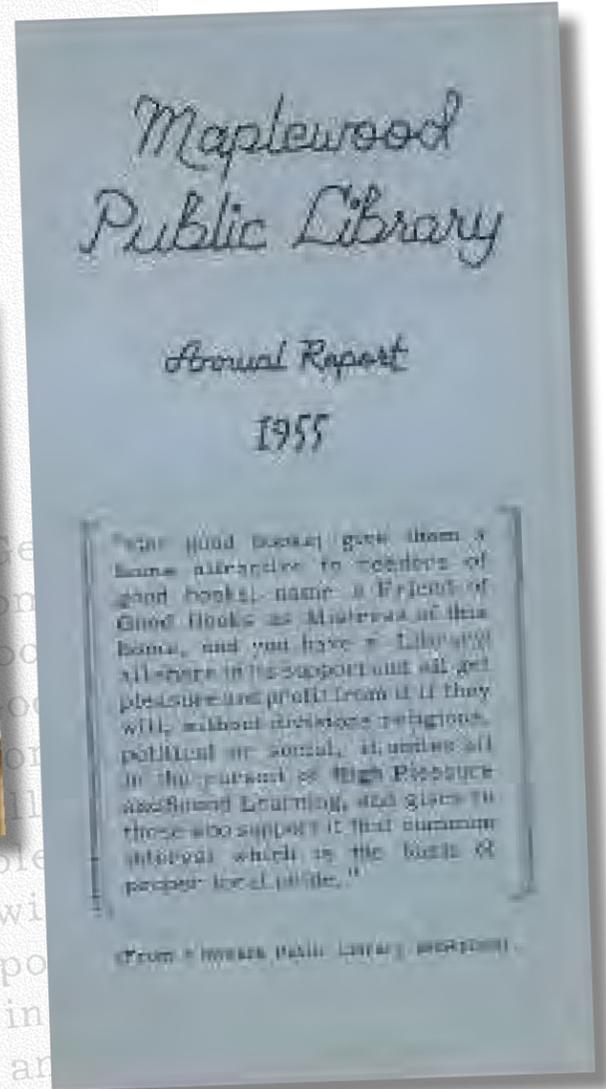
Postcard “Public School, Maplewood NJ”



PUBLIC SCHOOL, M

# Formation of the Maplewood Library

Maplewood Avenue Location



In 1932, the Maplewood Free Public Library moved to the old Township Hall at 162 Maplewood Avenue where it stayed until 1956. This building, built in 1869, started out as Maplewood School before becoming Maplewood's Town Hall in 1904. After the library moved to its current location on Baker Street, the old building was used as an Annex by the post office. In March 1958, the old building was torn down and the current post office erected on the site.

Maplewood Avenue building with Library  
Director E Carroll Trudeau, 1943

Interiors of the  
Maplewood Avenue  
library building

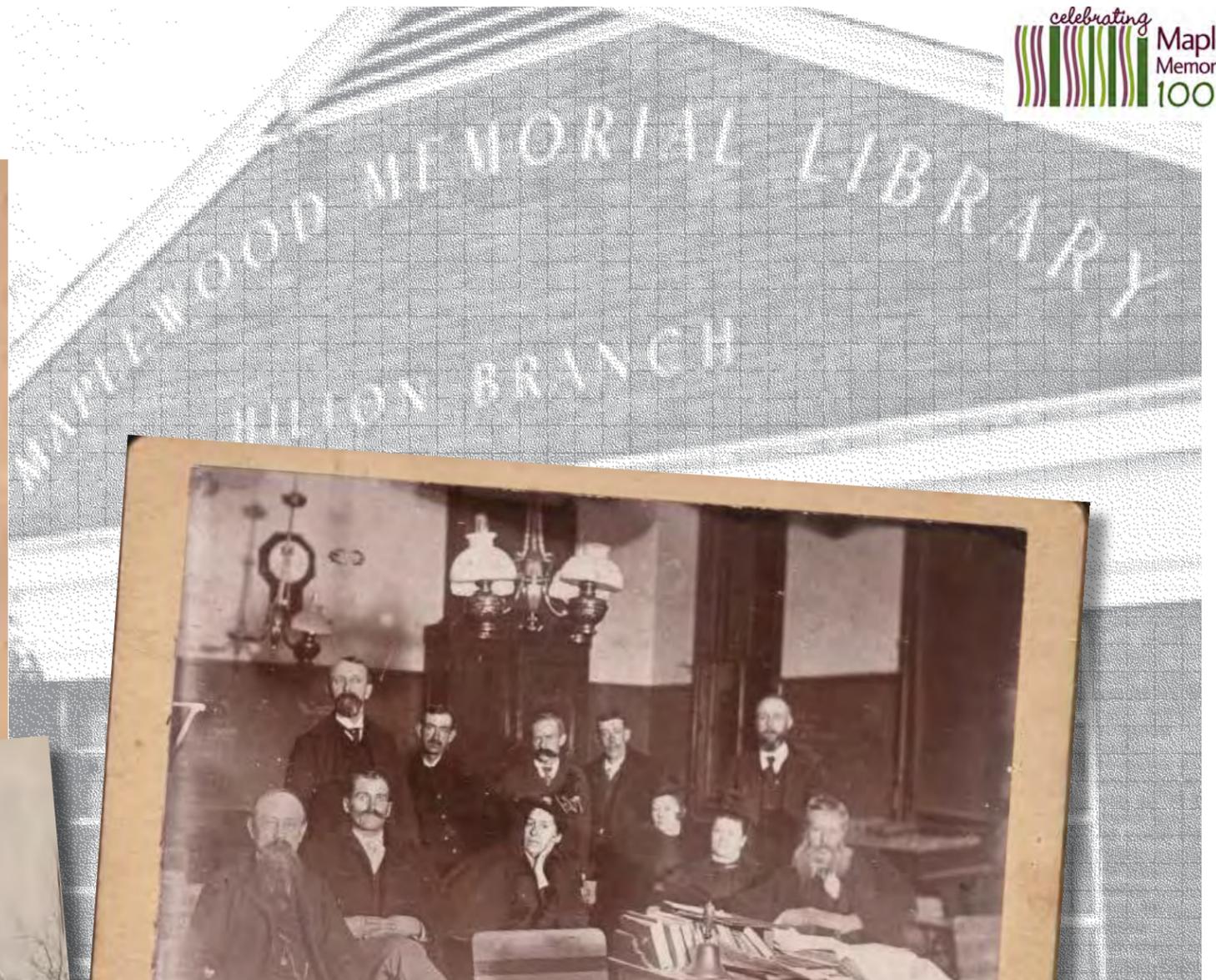
Last report from the  
old Maplewood Public  
Library

# Evolution of the Hilton Branch



Hilton Public School, on the corner of Boyden Avenue and Academy Street (later named Tuscan Road) was the first location of the Hilton Library.

The Hilton Branch began as a Reading Club, organized in March 1882. In 1889, the Reading Club established itself as the Hilton Public Library Association. Andrew J. Van Ness became the first librarian. Van Ness donated his personal collection of some 1,000 books. When the Township Library was incorporated in 1922, the Hilton Library became the Hilton Branch. Some of the original Van Ness collection can still be found at the library.



Hilton Library Board, 1880's. First librarian Andrew J. Van Ness is at far left.

In 1922 the Hilton Branch Library moved into the Hilton Firehouse building, built in 1911. Housed at first in the firemen's first floor recreation room, it was later moved to the second floor hall.



# The New Hilton Branch

On November 22, 1956, the Township Committee announced its decision to erect a new building for the Hilton Branch Library, at a cost of \$220,000. Ray O. Peck, architect of the main library building, designed the Hilton Branch as well. Ground was broken on January 31, 1958 on its location by Maplecrest Park. Opening day for the new building was January 28, 1959.



Hilton Branch charge desk



Hilton Branch ground breaking ceremony with Mayor Alan Kemp and Mr. Wigand



Hilton Branch Young People's Room, 1959, with Branch Librarian Mary Waddell



Hilton Branch Dedication, May 24, 1959 with George M Wallhauser, Library Trustee and building chairman



Adult stacks, Hilton Branch, 1959

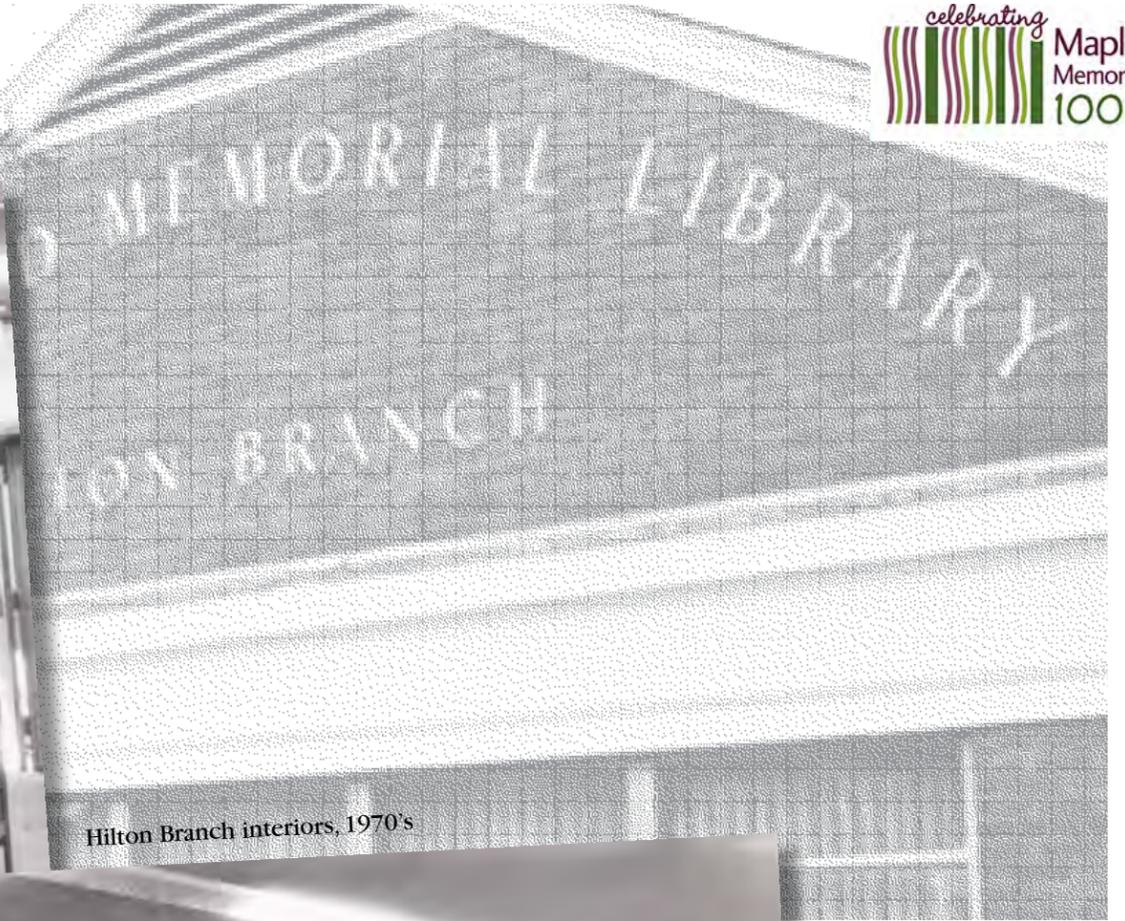
# The New Hilton Branch



Today's Hilton Branch



Hilton Branch interiors, 1970's



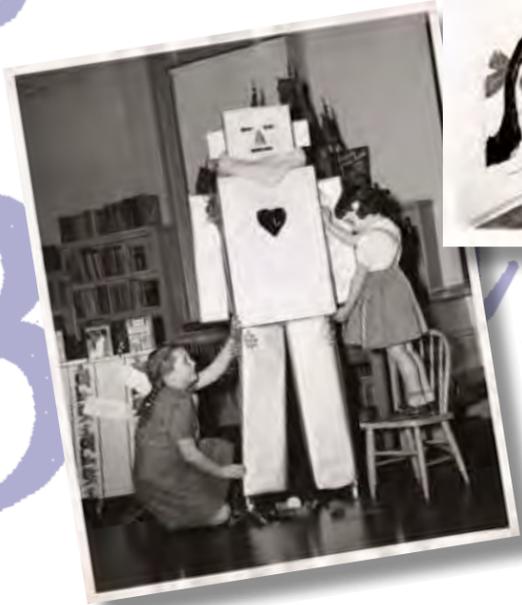
# A Tradition of Outstanding Children's Services

Services to children and youth are the cornerstone of the public library's mission. The library nurtures young readers, inspires questioning minds, and creates engaged citizens. Maplewood Library is known for its outstanding children's services, and has created many generations of life-long library users.

# Child



Art and Science in the Children's Room



Maplewood Library won an award from the Junior Literary Guild for its 1938 "Traveling Caravan" book exhibit.

# Children's Story Programs

Maplewood Library's story programs have always been extraordinarily popular, captivating all ages – from babies up to grandparents. Their appeal has remained undiminished throughout the years.

Summer Reading Club Party, 1949



In front of the  
Maplewood  
Avenue Library  
building



Story time in  
Orchard Park,  
1959



Picture Book Hour, 1952 (with puppies!)



Book Club at Maplewood  
Avenue Library building



Story Hour with Miss Calletto, 1959

Children's  
Building

# Kids and Books

Children's love for books and stories is as strong today as it was when the library began.

Main Library, 1974



Children at  
Hilton Branch  
with librarian  
Mrs Shure.  
1964



During 1964, over 2,000 Maplewood youngsters scampered through the Children's Room "Secret Door" into the magic world of books.



"Up the Reading Ladder with the Wise Old Owl"



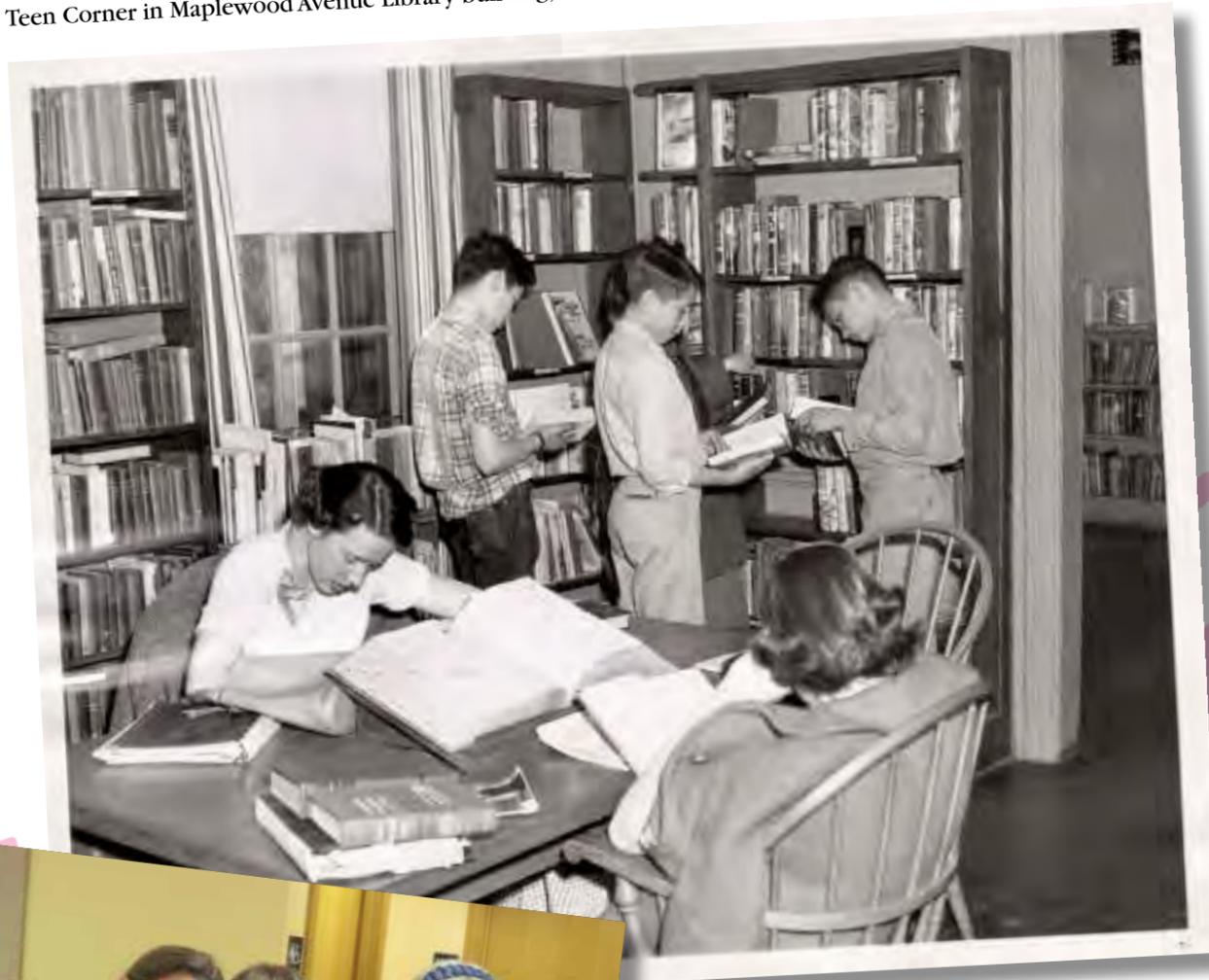
Library Director Helen Winter and Miss Calletto celebrate the Summer Reading Program, 1958



In the NEW Children's Room, 1970

# Teen Services

Teen Corner in Maplewood Avenue Library building, 1953



Young Adult Summit, 2013



Main Library Teen Zone, 2012



Teen string art craft program, 2013

The libraries have always been destinations for Maplewood's teenage population to hang out after school, learn, attend programs and socialize.



Teen Area, circa 1970's



Spaghetti tower, 2013



Teen reads to kids, 2011

# Children's Programs 1980s and 1990s

The popular Summer Reading Program fills the library with activity and enthusiasm every year. Craft and holiday programs are educational and fun.

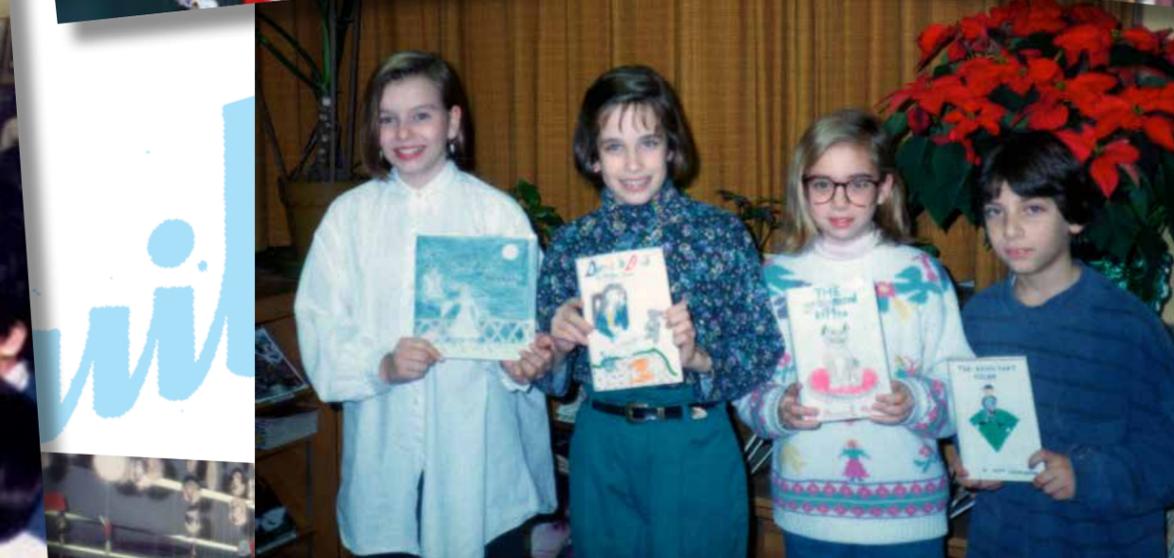
Halloween parade



Summer Reading Program



Craft program in Memorial Hall



A busy summer day



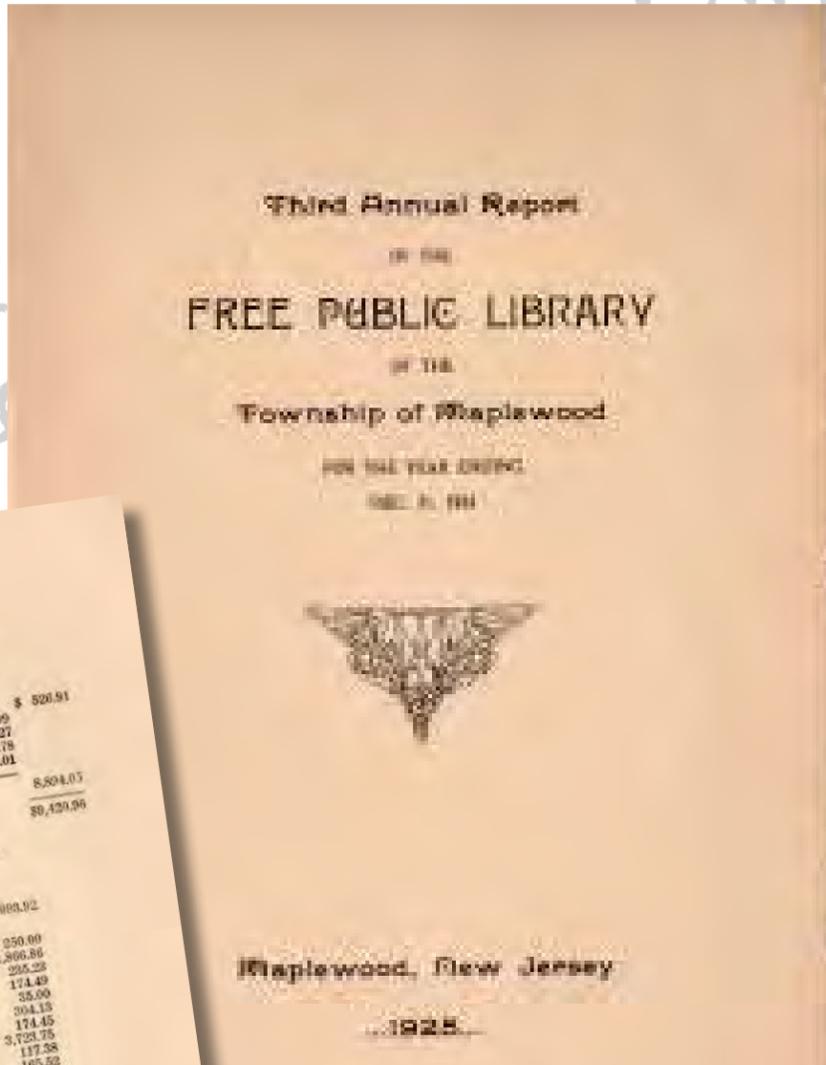
Halloween story hour with Children's Librarian Pam Gosner

# Annual Reports

Free Public Library



From its earliest years, the Maplewood Library published Annual Reports to keep the public informed of its programs and services.



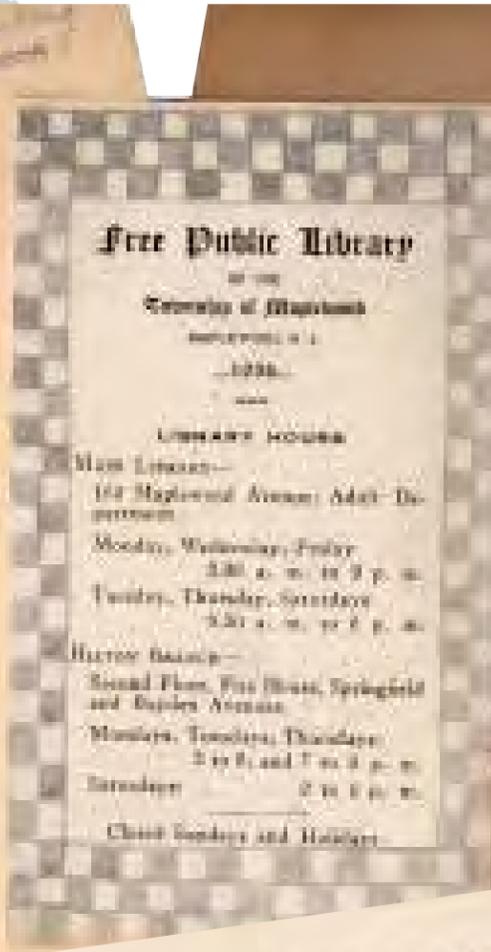
Annual Report of the Treasurer  
Maplewood Bank—

Checking Account	\$ 520.91
Receipts	
Balance January 1, 1924	\$7,668.99
Township Committee Appropriation	857.27
Fines and Pay Collections	20.78
Interest on Bank Savings Account	367.01
Transferred from Savings Account	8,804.03
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>8,804.03</b>
<b>Total Amount of Cash to be Accounted for</b>	<b>\$9,429.96</b>
<b>Total Amounts for the Following Purposes</b>	
Disbursements for the Following Purposes	
Township of Budget of 1923	\$ 520.91
Balance in Savings Account	
Difference Between Library Assn Balance and Free Public Library	267.01 \$ 808.92
Board of Education—Rent 1924	250.00
Books	1,266.86
Periodicals	295.22
Rebinding Books	174.49
Printing	35.00
Furnishing and Equipment	394.13
Supplies	174.45
Salaries	3,723.75
Substitutes	117.38
Librarian's Cash Account	165.52
Traveling and Taxi Service	85.00
Treasurer's Bond	15.00
Auditing Report of 1923	30.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>8,101.65</b>
<b>Balance—December 31, 1924</b>	<b>\$1,319.28</b>



FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
of the  
Township of Maplewood  
New Jersey  
1932

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SCHOOL BRANCH



**Registration and Borrower's Cards**  
Any resident or taxpayer of Maplewood or any person having a business address in the township, may obtain a reader's card by signing an application at the library.

**Non-resident's may borrow books on payment of \$2.00 for one year.**  
Each borrower is responsible for all books charged to his card number, and for all fines incurred.

**A lost card will be replaced two weeks after such loss has been reported to the library, on payment of five cents.**

**Lending Department**  
Any reasonable number of books may be borrowed, but one seven day book of fiction, 2 or more magazines, not the current issue. This rule does not apply to the Pay Collection. With the exception of seven day fiction, books are charged for two weeks from the date of issue. Non-fiction books more than a year old may be borrowed for one month.

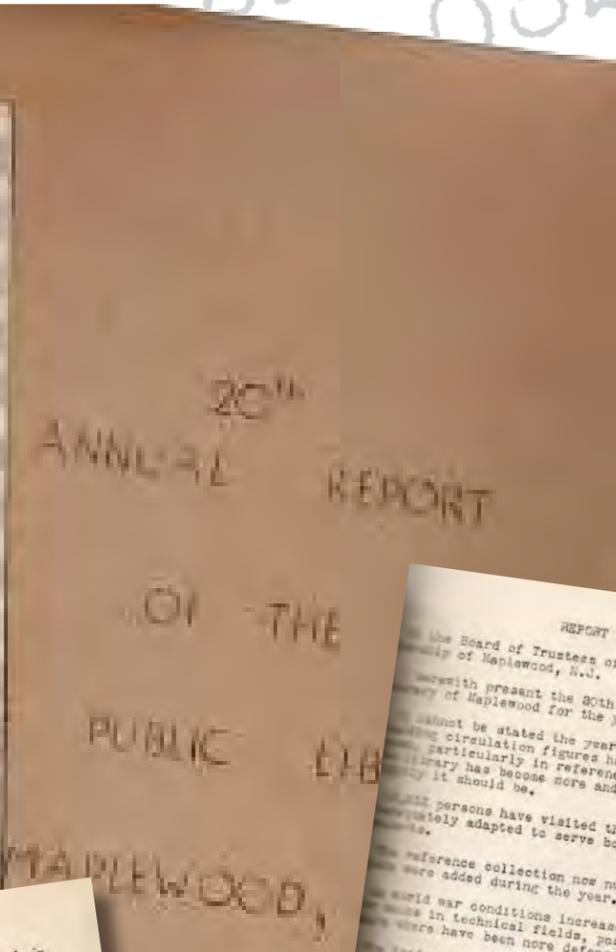
**Renewals**  
No seven day book may be renewed or transferred to another card.  
All two-week books may be renewed for another two weeks, unless needed by another borrower.

**Request for renewal may be made in person or by mail, but not by telephone.**  
In asking for renewal, it is necessary to give the full class number of the book (if not fiction), the author and title, the date taken out (as stamped at the back of the book), and the borrower's name and address.

**Fines**  
A fine of two cents a day, including Sundays and holidays, will be charged for every book kept overtime.

**Reserving Books**  
Any book may be reserved on payment of five cents.  
The borrower will be notified by post card that the book is being held for a specified time.  
All injuries to books, beyond reasonable wear, and all losses shall be made good to the satisfaction of the Librarian.

**Picture Collections**  
Prints from the picture collection may be borrowed for a period of two weeks. When there is a great demand for pictures on any subject, only a limited number may be borrowed by one person.



REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN  
to the Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library of the Township of Maplewood, N.J.

Herewith present the 30th annual report of the Free Public Library of Maplewood for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1941.

It cannot be stated the year closed has been an off year, not withstanding circulation figures have dropped; there has been such under-estimation particularly in reference work and service to the schools. The library has become more and more an information center and service to the community it should be.

1,000 persons have visited the Reading and Reference Room still no completely adapted to serve both adult readers and High school students.

The reference collection now numbers 1,005 volumes, 47 new reference books were added during the year.

World war conditions increase there will be frequent requests for books in technical fields, particularly at the Hilton Branch.

The inadequacy of library accommodations has become our yearly problem, and it is to this end that one of our library friends, a daily newspaper, offered to investigate the cost of erecting a temporary reading room for High School students. It was proposed the room be constructed of prefabricated material such as the government is erecting for defense workers. Since the winter season is upon us and the war the project has been deferred.

The total circulation was

Main Library - adult department	118,442
Children's Room	54,035
Hilton Branch - Adult	28,377
Hilton Branch - Juvenile	21,302
Piedling School Branch	19,002
	1,945
<b>Total</b>	<b>118,442</b>

During the past decade the book stock has increased by 18,361

**BOOK STOCK**

Number books beginning of year	29,530
Number books added during year	21,893
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,423</b>
Lost and withdrawn	1,087
<b>Net total</b>	<b>50,336</b>

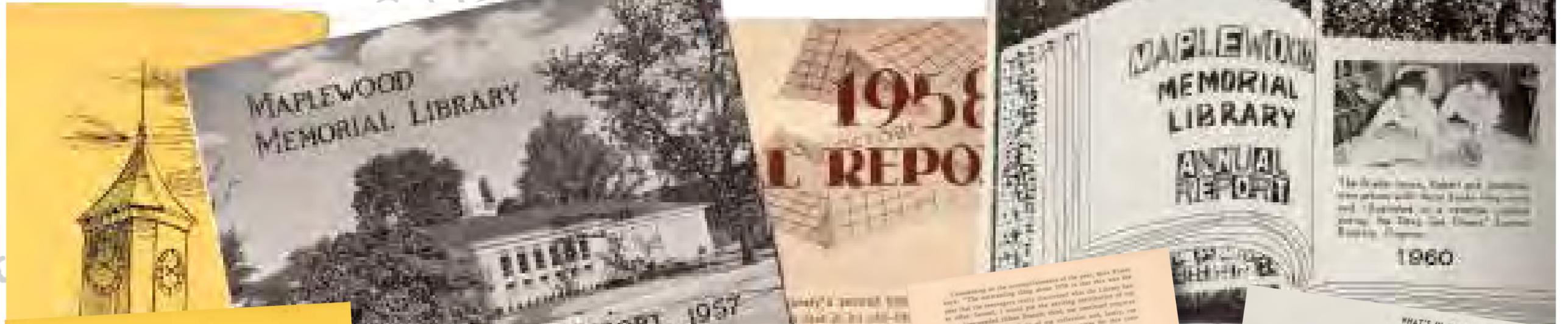
Number of new borrowers - Adult 551  
Number of new borrowers - Juvenile 406  
**Total** 957

# Annual Reports

Maplewood Public Library



The Annual Reports document the growth of the library's membership and collections over time. Each one provides a snapshot of the concerns, and style, of its era.



Circulation

### Maplewood Library Speaks for Itself

1952 ANNUAL REPORT

131,366 books circulated  
 93,984 adult  
 47,402 juvenile  
 6% gain over 1951  
 20% gain since 1947  
 4,600 juvenile gain over 1951  
 19% Hilton gain since 1947

4,000 books purchased  
 Main Library owns 30,000 books  
 Hilton Branch owns 16,000 books  
 For every 9 books purchased,  
 5 books discarded during past  
 5 years due to space shortage

8,400 borrowers  
 3,700 reference questions  
 25% increase over 1951

800 children attended  
 60 story hours  
 30 groups visited Library  
 10 book talks given.

Cost of service to Maplewood  
 \$2.00 per capita

Main Library open:  
 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Mon., Wed., Fri.  
 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tues., Thurs.  
 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sat.

Hilton Branch open:  
 1 p.m. - 9 p.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs.  
 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. Wed., Fri.  
 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sat.

A TAX-SUPPORTED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION  
 Free to those living or working in Maplewood  
 Non-Residents \$2.50 per year

"To the intellectual development of our citizens - and thus, to their ability to participate in the activities of this Republic - few habits are more important than reading."  
 President Eisenhower, 1953

Statistics, 1953 (estimated)

Circulation:	110,000
Main Library	33,000
Hilton Branch	77,000
Total Adult	90,000
Total Juvenile	53,000
Grand Total	143,000

Number of books added: 4,700

Total number of books:  
 Main Library: 32,000  
 Hilton Branch: 16,000

Number of borrowers: 8,650

- Library Board
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  - Mrs. James L. Turnbull, Secretary
  - Mrs. Irving F. Brown
  - Mr. Frank R. Sollows
  - Mr. Milo S. Borden, ex officio
  - Mr. Curtis H. Threlkeld, ex officio
  - Mrs. Batt L. Spain (2)
- (1) Resigned Nov. 1953 (2) Replaced Mrs. Spain
- Main Library: 160 Maplewood Ave. SO 2-1622  
 Hilton Branch: 1538 Springfield Ave. SO

### Statistics, 1954

Circulation	122,000	Collection of Books	4,800
Main Library	38,000	Total number of books	32,000
Hilton Branch	100,500	Main Library	17,000
Total Adults	59,500	Hilton Branch	15,000
Total Juvenile	100,000	Grand Total	49,000

### Library Board Members

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- Mrs. Batt L. Spain, Secretary
- Mr. Frank R. Sollows, Treasurer
- Mr. Norman C. Firth
- Mr. Thomas W. Sweeney, ex officio
- Mr. Curtis H. Threlkeld, ex officio

Helen Van Dyke Winter, Librarian

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 Hilton Branch: 1538 Springfield Ave. SO 2-3979

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Community Cooperation services enlarged their sphere. The Library offered book talks, special book lists, displays and counsel to several organizations not previously reached.

Registration of new borrowers also speeded up. Especially gratifying were the families just moved to Maplewood who came down for cards en masse as soon as they had unpacked.

STATISTICS (Estimated)

Circulation	200,000	Total Number of Books	56,000
Main Library	166,000	Main Library	39,000
Hilton Branch	34,000	Hilton Branch	17,000

TOTAL: 200,000 Circulation; 56,000 Total Number of Books

Total Adult: 126,000; Books Purchased: 5,400  
 Total Juvenile: 74,000; Records Purchased: 170

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  - Curtis H. Threlkeld, ex officio\*\*
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- \*Resigned Nov. 1, '57    \*\*Resigned June 30, '57
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  - Milena Pribramska, Assistant Reference Librarian
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  - Muriel M. Edward
  - Ernestine T. Satterfield
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  - John De Cicco
- Maplewood, N.J.

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STATISTICS (Estimated)

Circulation	227,000	Collection	44,000
Main Library	50,000	Main Library	18,000
Hilton Branch	177,000	Hilton Branch	26,000
TOTAL	227,000	TOTAL	64,000

Total Adult: 150,000; Books purchased: 9,700  
 Total Juvenile: 77,000; Records purchased: 110

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### WHAT'S IN A LIBRARY? BOOKS!

69,000 today in Maplewood Memorial Library and its Hilton Branch. 7,500 of these were added to the library's collection during 1960.

### WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?

Some were gifts from generous members. Some were replacements of older works. The others were carefully chosen, month by month from the new titles in fiction and non-fiction that were offered to the reading public by American publishers plus a few from firms in foreign lands.

### WHAT WERE THEY CHOSEN FROM?

A stream of 13,000 flowing from American presses this year. That's about double the number published in the U. S. at the turn of the century. Since then many new kinds of books have evolved. Who ever heard in 1900 of a how-to-do-it, a whydunnit (psychological suspense story), books just for teenagers or confusion, a book can become out of date even before it appears.

### WHY WERE THEY CHOSEN?

Because they seemed to your librarians to fit most nearly your interests and your needs whether you are a college student or a commuter, a busy homemaker or a retired executive or one of the other 24,000 urban citizens of all ages who make up our sub-

### 1960 ANNUAL REPORT

The 40th Anniversary of the Maplewood Memorial Library was celebrated on the 10th of October with a program of special events. The program was held in the Memorial Hall and was a most successful one. The program was held in the Memorial Hall and was a most successful one. The program was held in the Memorial Hall and was a most successful one.

40th Anniversary of the Maplewood Memorial Library

10th of October

Memorial Hall

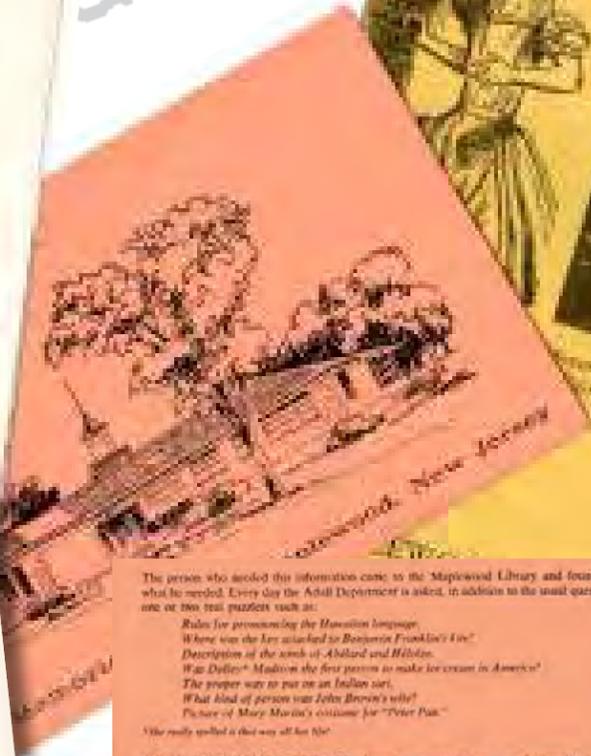
1960

# Annual Reports

Maplewood Memorial Library



Annual Reports from the 1960s show the dynamic growth and changing technology of that era, along with an emphasis on lively programming and excellent service.



### STATISTICS

Appropriation, 1966	\$167,290		
Circulation:			
Main Library	202,317		
Hilton Branch	75,669		
Total Circulation	277,986		
Book Collection:			
Adult	Children's	Total	
Main Library	45,162	12,408	57,570
Hilton Branch	16,697	10,252	26,949
Total Collection	61,859	22,660	84,519

### THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Caleb D. Hammond, President  
 Thomas W. Sweeney, Vice-President  
 (Deceased September 19, 1966)  
 Mrs. Clarence A. Isaac, Secretary  
 William E. McMullen, Treasurer  
 Mrs. John F. Kearney  
 O. Vincent McNany  
 (Appointed to fill Mr. Sweeney's unexpired term)  
 Edmund T. Hume, ex-officio  
 Herbert W. McDavit, ex-officio

(2) The estimated total circulation for 1962 is over 275,000—or about 15,000 more books borrowed than in 1961. Put another way, this means an average of 11 books a year were checked out per every man, woman, child in our community!

(3) The book collection now totals 76,000. The Main and Children's collections exceeded the 1,000 mark; its new Children's collection passed 100,000.

(4) Reference questions asked in person and by phone numbered more than 10,000. They revealed citizens' curiosity and information needs spanning all the way from synthetic to consumer advice on household appliances.

(5) A variety of programs, meetings, art exhibits, etc. were held at the two buildings, attracting many hundreds of people from our own and nearby communities.

(6) Generous gifts from citizens, whether in the form of books or funds, continued. Chief purchase from the 1961 Minnie C. Maxner Memorial Fund for Children's Room was the locked and lighted case for the display of books and rare books, original illustrations, etc.

(7) Reserves on fiction and non-fiction—new, old, popular or obscure—set a new high, 6,000, and reflected the variety of borrowers' interests.

(8) Besides our own residents there are now 90 non-resident borrowers from 16 communities in five counties. They pay an annual fee of \$5 for the family privilege of sharing your Library's resources.

### OR DO YOU LOOK AT A LIBRARY MORE FROM THE HUMAN ANGLE?

Then let's reminisce a bit about 1962... for instance, a favorite quote:

A Retired Businessman told a staff member, "I've just come back from a wonderful trip—books to the library!" Then he turned to Ivan Sanderson's "The Continent We Live On."

And did you hear about 13-year-old Bill Stevens who was away in June when he won a children's contest for the new Maxner Fund bookplate design, but was on the hand in August to receive another Library prize? The Memorial Hall held its first International prize show when the Newark Photo Salon filed it to overflowing with beautiful prints.

A forward step toward increased library efficiency was made by Isabel Galkic, the Assistant Director, while serving as President of the New Jersey Librarians' Association. Thanks to her proposals, all New Jersey librarians will be alerted to improved methods and modern equipment (both regular library and office machines) in use anywhere in the State.

Lastly, one of your librarians has joined the ranks of authors. Virginia J. Furlong's "Archaeology as a Hobby" was announced at the Library the day after its publication in November.

### HANDS ACROSS THE SEA:

Miss Galkic welcomed a visiting Scottish UN Association officer, Marshall J. North, to the Library.



The person who needed this information came to the Maplewood Library and found just what he needed. Every day the Adult Department is asked, in addition to the usual questions, one or two real puzzles such as:

Rules for pronouncing the Hawaiian language.  
 Where was the key awarded to Benjamin Franklin's life?  
 Description of the work of Abilard and Hilbert.  
 War Duffin's Madison the first person to make ice cream in America?  
 The proper way to put on an Indian suit.  
 What kind of person was John Brown's wife?  
 Picture of Mary Martin's costume for "Peter Pan."

### GOOD REFERENCE SERVICE

depends on two things: professionally trained librarians and an adequate supply of up-to-date books. It is a great satisfaction that the citizens of Maplewood provide the Library with sufficient funds to have both of these. Many borrowers continue to come to us from other communities.

### AREA LIBRARIES

were designated this year in New Jersey to fill unusual needs which local libraries are unable to meet. First Orange is our Area Library, and they have given us good service in supplying materials not available at our collection. Each community is still, of course, expected to fill the day-to-day needs of its own citizens.

### THE NEW YORK TIMES ON MICROFILM

is an important recent addition to our reference resources. It is now on file from January 1, 1964 to date, and a second microfilm reader is being purchased to make it more readily accessible to readers.

### THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

is ready and eager to help answer even the most perplexing questions put forth by young borrowers. Recent supplies include: The pre-schooler demanding a picturebook on dinosaurs. The fifth-grader planning to build a satellite-tracking station. The library student engaged to read "good" books. The Dea member searching for skits. The kindergarten teacher looking for "rhythm" recordings.

### THE HILTON BRANCH

is enjoying the new Branch Librarian, Mrs. Margaret Ansel, who joined the staff in April. Mrs. Ansel is a graduate of the University of California Library School and brings to us a fresh point of view. Since the opening of the new building in 1959, the use of the Branch has increased 25%, and it is still increasing.

### GIFTS

have been received during the past year from a number of Maplewood organizations and from several individuals. The Library has been greatly enriched by the unusual books and records which have been purchased with these thoughtful gifts.

### STATISTICS

Circulation:			
Main Library			204,126
Hilton Branch			117,221
Total Circulation			281,901
Book Collection:			
Main Library	44,387	11,472	55,862
Hilton Branch	13,765	9,430	25,195
Total	60,152	20,905	81,057

### FINANCING

\$375,000 has been allocated by ordinance to cover maximum construction cost and contingencies. This is reducible by \$17,500 immediately through the allocation of Federal funds. The remainder will probably represent an investment of less than one dollar per person per year for the next 20 years. A good investment in our future.

### MEMORIAL GIFTS WELCOMED

Believing that the concerned citizens of Maplewood may wish to contribute toward buildings and equipment, the Township Committee has established a special Memorial Gifts Fund, under the able guidance of Mr. Abram Rosen. Checks drawn to "Township of Maplewood Memorial Library Fund" may be sent to the Maplewood Bank and Trust Co., 101 Maplewood Avenue, Attention: Mr. Rosette. Contributions are tax deductible.

### STATISTICAL REPORT

Population served	23,200
Responsible citizens	11,500
Book Budget	
Adult	15,000
Children	22,500
Total	37,500
File Additions	
Adult	714
Children	1,680
Reference Collection	7,500
Books	5,620
Microfilm	120
Photograph Slides	1,200
Records	17,200
Clippings	9,000
Maps	70
Music	10
Gifts	100
Gifts	100

### HAPPENINGS AT THE LIBRARY IN 1968

Monthly Art Exhibits, Art Gallery of South Orange and Maplewood  
 Guest Books (2 sections)  
 Adult Miniature Film Festival  
 Needlepoint Embroidery Class sponsored by Adult School  
 Neighborhood Planning sponsored by Adult School  
 Estate and Financial Planning sponsored by Adult School  
 Italian Conversation Group  
 Tea for new teachers in school system  
 UNICEF collection depot  
 Guided tour for Junior High School students

### CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

"Classic and the Chocolate Factory" Vacation Reading Club  
 Creative Writing Club  
 Children's Miniature Film Festival  
 115 Story Hour Programs  
 25 Class Visits

### ORGANIZATIONS USING LIBRARY FACILITIES

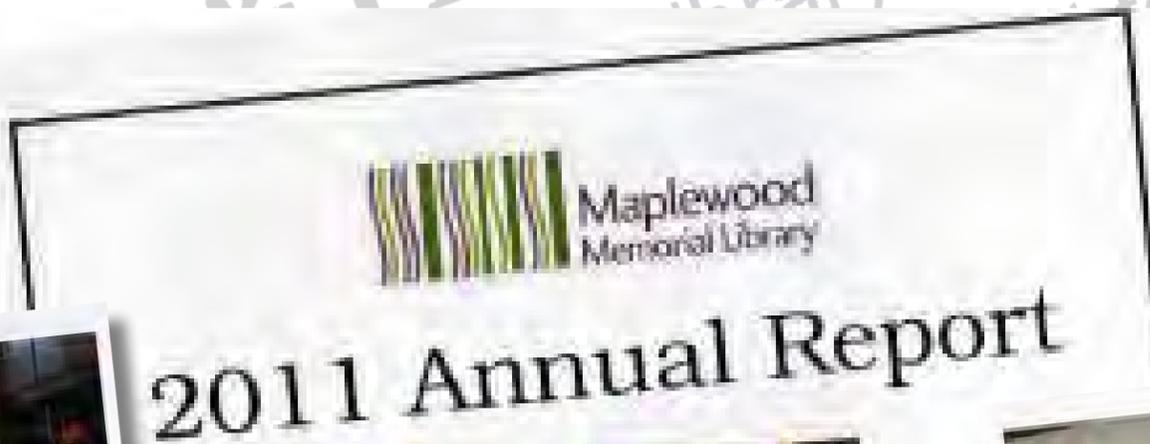
Art Gallery of South Orange and Maplewood  
 Junior Women's Club  
 Girl Scouts  
 College Club Board of Directors  
 Friends of Maplewood Memorial Library  
 Garden Club  
 Dickson Village Committee  
 Suburban Council for Equal Opportunity  
 Chamber of Commerce  
 United Nations Association  
 UNICEF Committee of Maplewood, South Orange and Millburn  
 Fair County Chapter of Historical Cultural Exchange  
 Peace Committee  
 Maplewood Democratic Club  
 Student Peace Group  
 Maplewood Republican Club  
 Maplewood-South Orange Concerned Democrats  
 Maplewood Committee for the Public Schools  
 YMCA "How-assembly-at-college" classes  
 Parkway Civic Association  
 Veterans of Foreign Wars

# Annual Reports

Maplewood Memorial Library



Maplewood Library ceased publishing Annual Reports after 1974. In 2011 library decided to revive this tradition. Look for our Annual Reports every year from now on!



### 2012 FACTS & FIGURES

- 935 people visited the library on an average day
- 227,754 items were checked out to Maplewood Library cardholders
- 666 library-sponsored programs were offered for adults, teens & children
- 21,259 adults, teens and children attended programs at the library
- 56,416 patrons used our public computers
- 1,928 adults, teens and children enrolled in Summer Reading Programs
- 32,291 reference questions were answered by our librarians
- 42,799 people accessed our databases
- 347,423 visits were made to our website
- 2,787 eBooks & eAudiobooks were accessed
- 157,485 items were available to library patrons
- 1655 people used our mobile app
- 23,876 people reside in Maplewood
- 20,806 residents have a Maplewood Library card. That's 87%



The Children's Room offered a host of reading activities for all ages.




Sambou Wilfreds from Senegal visited the Library as part of the Summer Reading Program.

Library Director Jane Kennedy retired after 8 years in Maplewood.




Maplewood Library held monthly art exhibits and receptions with live music.

# 2012 Annual Report



A new elevator and chair lift brought Main Library up to ADA standards.

### 2011 Library Trustees

### 2011 Facts & Figures

- 916 people visited the library on an average day
- 215,553 items were checked out to Maplewood Library cardholders
- 571 library-sponsored programs were offered for adults, teens and children
- 20,520 adults, teens and children attended library-sponsored programs
- 45,955 patrons used our public computers
- 2,049 adults, teens and children enrolled in the Summer Reading Program
- 28,932 reference questions were answered by our librarians
- 52,013 people accessed our databases
- 141,054 visits were made to our website
- 5,601 ebooks and audiobooks were accessed
- 147,485 items were available to library patrons

- 23,867 people reside in Maplewood
- 20,564 residents have a Maplewood Library card



Maplewoodlibrary.org  
 1000 St. 973-762-1622  
 Springfield Ave. 973-762-1622

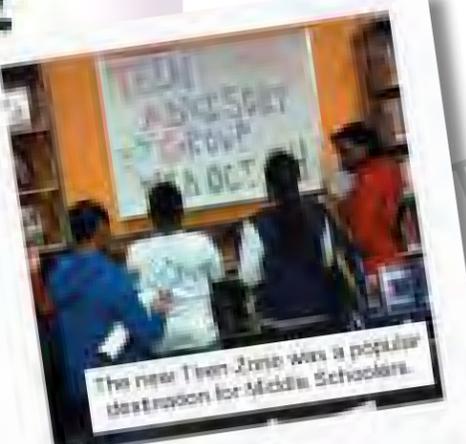


Dr. Seuss and your members visited Wilson Branch for Read Across America.

### 2012 Library Board of Trustees

President - Catherine Hill  
 Vice-President - Carol Suckman  
 Secretary - Katherine McCaffrey  
 Treasurer - David P. Almon  
 Trustees: Joseph Blum, Douglas Christy, Mover Moor De Luca, Dean G. Daniels, Corrie E. Miller, Robert S. Williams

Maplewood Library Director  
 1000 St. 973-762-1622  
 Springfield Ave. 973-762-1622



The new Tween Zone was a popular destination for Middle Schoolers.



High visit foot by all at Community Games Day, which offered board games, video gaming and more for all ages.

# A Heritage of Community Support

From the very beginning, Maplewood has shown strong support for its library. In addition to providing funding through tax revenues and bond issues, the citizens of Maplewood contributed generously to build and improve the library facilities and collections, a tradition which continues to this day.

*This is a cordial invitation to every library card holder, every citizen, and every organization in Maplewood to become a part of our new Memorial Library by making a gift—large or small—of a Special Memorial or a general Gift of Friendship.*

*Here is what your library will mean to you when it is completed:*

- A spacious, beautiful structure added to the functions of a modern library, rather than an antiquated building literally burning at the seams.
- Designed space for children, teen-agers and reference work and study, rather than just the children's area now available.
- Adequate, uncrowded modern shelving for our 11,000 and more volumes, rather than jam-packed, closely-bored stacks.
- Ample, restful adult casual reading rooms, carefully decorated rather than cramped, unattractive facilities.
- A fine room, with special lighting arrangements, for exhibits, lectures and meetings.

*Here is the financial picture:*

The structure and basic equipment has been provided for through a Municipal Bond issue of \$265,000. Since the issue of the bonds, an additional cost of a meeting and exhibit room has been approved, at an additional cost estimated to be \$21,000. Furthermore, to air-condition the building, a most desirable feature for the comfort of the users, will approximate the expenditure of an additional \$20,000. The Township has provided for underwriting the bulk of this to the extent of funds available.

Beyond basic equipment, the cost of supplemental and special furnishings and equipment will be met by Special Memorial Gifts or Gifts of Friendship. The goal for these is \$50,000.

We want all Citizens to have an opportunity to make a Gift of Friendship—large or small—toward the furnishings and equipment of the new building. We feel that every person who believes this new library will contribute much to make Maplewood a still more desirable and interesting place in which to live will be eager to make a contribution.

For those who wish to make a Special Memorial Gift, we suggest you drop a note to that effect into the enclosed envelope. A member of the Committee will gladly call to show you a list of special equipment needed, its cost, and assist you in completing your gift.

For those who wish to contribute to the general Gift of Friendship fund, the enclosed envelope can be used. These gifts may be made at the main or branch library. Checks or money orders should be made payable to Frank B. Allen, Treasurer.

All gifts will be gratefully received as evidence of your desire that our new Memorial Library shall be a most fitting memorial to those whom we seek to honor.

Sincerely yours,  
EVELYN BOLSOVER  
General Chairman, Gifts Committee



Invitations to contribute to the new buildings

MEMORIAL LIBRARY GIFTS COMMITTEE

WILLIAM J. BARNETT, Chairman	FRANK B. ALLEN, Treasurer
ALICE B. BROWN	WILLIAM J. BARNETT
JOHN J. BROWN	FRANK B. ALLEN
...	...

HILTON BRANCH, MAPLEWOOD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

LIBRARY TRUSTEES: WILLIAM J. BARNETT, Chairman; ALICE B. BROWN, Treasurer; FRANK B. ALLEN, Secretary; ...

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE: ALICE B. BROWN, Chairman; FRANK B. ALLEN, Secretary; ...

*This is a cordial invitation to every library card holder, every citizen, and every organization in Maplewood to become a part of this fine new cultural center to be completed in 1978 by making—large or small—a general Gift of Friendship.*

*Here is what the new Branch Library will mean to you when it is completed:*

- A spacious, beautiful air-conditioned structure added to the functions of a modern library.
- Especially designed space for children, teen-agers and reference work and study.
- Adequate, uncrowded modern shelving for our 10,000 and more volumes, rather than jam-packed, closely-bored stacks.
- Ample, restful adult casual reading rooms, carefully decorated rather than cramped, unattractive facilities.
- A fine room, with special lighting arrangements, for exhibits, lectures and meetings.

*Here is the financial picture:*

The structure, standard equipment, and furniture have been provided for through a Municipal Bond issue. Beyond this, the cost of supplemental and special equipment will be met by Gifts of Friendship or Memorial Gifts.

Such equipment would be a high quality motion picture projector, screen, slide projector, high-fidelity music system, four special high-fidelity listening speakers for children's area, book collections of a special nature, and other similar items.

Equipment of this kind would enrich the cultural services of this fine new Branch for young and old alike, hence the importance of your gift to make them possible.

We want all who wish to be a part of this project to have an opportunity to make a gift—large or small—toward this special equipment. We feel that every person who believes this new Branch will contribute much to make Maplewood a still more desirable and interesting place in which to live will be eager to make a gift.

For those who wish to make a Memorial Gift, we suggest you drop a note to that effect into the enclosed envelope. A member of the Committee will gladly call to show you a list of special equipment needed, its cost, and assist you in completing your gift.

For those who wish to make a Gift of Friendship, the enclosed envelope can be used. These gifts may be made at the Branch or Main Library. Checks or money orders should be made payable to Township of Maplewood Memorial Library Fund. (Your gift will be an allowable income tax deduction according to law.) Your name as a donor will be recorded in a Permanent Book of Public Record.

All gifts will be gratefully received, and we sincerely hope we may hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,  
JOHN V. COLLIER  
Chairman, Gifts Committee

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAPLEWOOD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE AS A CONTRIBUTOR TO THE NEW LIBRARY BUILDING FUND AT THE DEDICATION CEREMONY OF THE NEW BUILDING IN MEMORIAL PARK AT THREE FORTY FIVE SUNDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST TWELFTH

MAPLEWOOD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

1969 • With Addition

An Invitation....

## YOUR LIBRARY NEEDS YOUR HELP

One of the glories of Maplewood has been the warm, personal interest felt by its citizens in their Memorial Library. That word in the title underlines one of the abiding principles of the structure and its contents. The entire building is a memorial, and its furnishings and equipment speak eloquently of our fellow townspeople and their families. The gifts of friends and relatives, in their behalf, make a dignified and constructive contribution to the life of our Township and its citizens—truly a living memorial.

Now we citizens of Maplewood are offered another opportunity to remember relatives, friends, and neighbors. What more fitting memorial than a contribution to the furnishings and equipment for the new Library? The great and small will be remembered here; the local and the national will have a place in this living memorial—from a serviceman who gave his life for his country to a neighbor who gave his life for his family; from a former Mayor of Maplewood to our assassinated President.

Will you help us continue the tradition of our Memorial Library by giving as generously as you can? Will you read the list of gift opportunities and choose the one which best represents your own personal memorial? And please, do not overlook this opportunity because you feel your gift would be insignificant. No memorial gift is ever insignificant, and this one will contribute a great deal to the life of our community. The enclosed pledge card speaks for itself. Won't you mail it today?

Sincerely yours,  
Abram Rosen,  
General Chairman, Pledge Committee  
Mrs. Wm. F. B. Roddu,  
Vice Chairman

## BRIEF HISTORY

...tion of a reading club...  
...branch Library...  
...group of citizens meet...  
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...icals and reference works to astronomical proportions...  
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...demands for greater use of the Library and all its

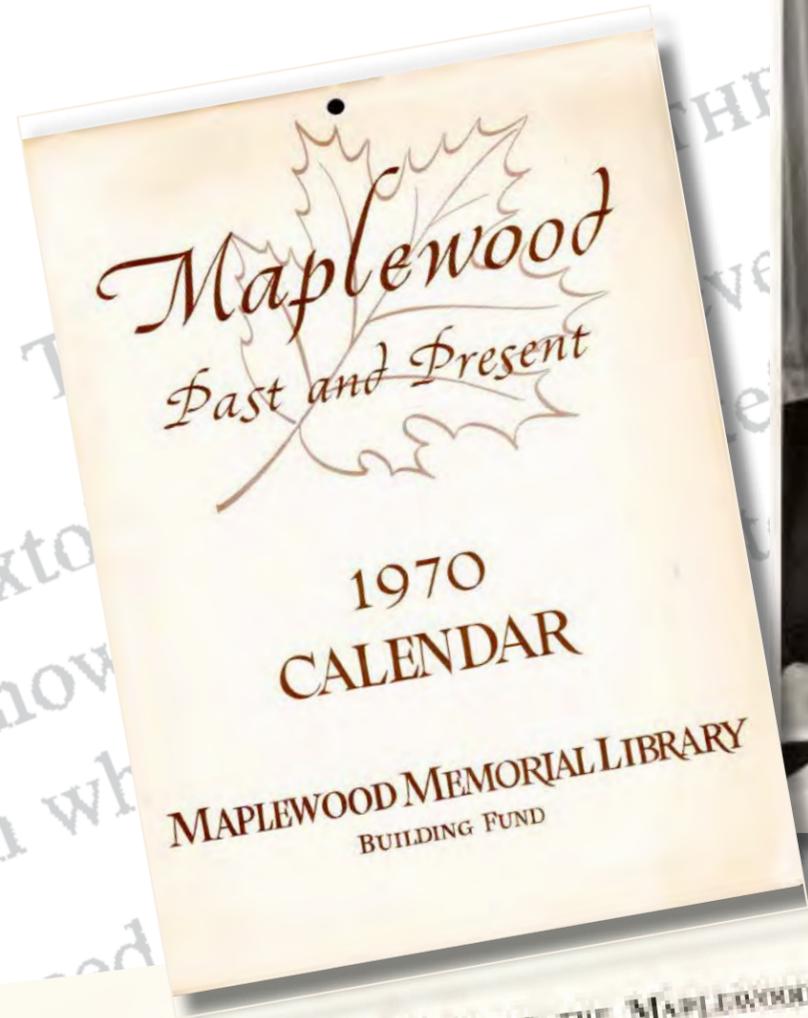
## SUGGESTED MEMORIALS

\$15,000	Microfilm Reader	8750
10,000	Amplified Power Lectern	
10,000	For Meeting Room	500
10,000	Portable Color TV	400
8,000	Motion Picture Screen—	
8,000	Cinemascope	150
5,000	Weather Vane	150
3,000	Tables—Formica top	125
3,000	Catalog Consultation Table	100
2,000	Motion Picture Screen—Regular	100
1,500	Individual Study Carrel	90
1,500	Unit Wood Shelving 48" high	85
	Unit Steel Shelving 90" high	75
	Unit Steel Shelving 60" high	55
	Decorative End for Steel Shelving	45
	Chairs	45
	Stools	25
	Children's Chairs	14
	Stools (Roll and Grip Type)	10
	Glass Display Case	
	Microfilm Reader Printer	
	New York Times on Microfilm	
	Civil War	425
	The Depression 1929-32	1,100
	World War I	850
	World War II	1,658
	Korean War	1,240

# A Heritage of Community Support

Gift Committee with calendars, 1970

“Maplewood Past and Present”  
calendar fundraiser for building fund



## THE STORY OF THE MAPLEWOOD LIBRARY

We cannot extol the proud achievements of Maplewood's present library without an acknowledging and grateful backward glance to the excellent foundations on which we continue to build.

Easily traced is the parallel growth of two privately-supported libraries from 1913 to 1923, when, as a result of a referendum vote, it incorporated into the Free Public Library of the Township of Maplewood.

The first of these two associations, the Hilltop Public Library Association, prospered well, and as early as 1898, the library was being "one of the best in the State". About 1914, the much-expanded

September 18, 1821 — The Phelan family took up in their new home, "Van Hall" built west of the mill, "but half a mile from the mill."  
 1822 — The site of Maplewood came into use when the first school was built at Baker Street (now known as Franklin Lane).  
 1823 — South Orange Township was created, including parts of Orange and Clinton.  
 1825 — Jefferson Village became a part of South Orange.  
 May 1, 1828 — David Hengford Chapman moved to Maplewood from New York City. He was a proponent of a new school building.  
 August 27, 1829 — A new school building was started on the site where the Hilltop Office now stands on Maplewood Avenue. This building was used as such for thirty-five years, becoming successively the Town Hall and the Main Library.  
 1830 — The name of Hilltop came into use for the area covering about Tenth Road and Springfield Avenue (formerly South Essex, then from 1870 to 1945 known as Middlefield).  
 March 12, 1831 — Maplewood was named under the "Blotting of '91".  
 January 6, 1837 — The Municipal Union which covered all Maplewood was established.  
 1838 — The Village of South Orange withdrew from the township.  
 July 4, 1841 — The first municipal Parks of July celebration was held.  
 1857 — The Civic Association was organized.  
 July 4, 1859 — Vice-president Thomas Marshall, serving under Abraham Lincoln, was born in the "Hall and home" building in the park.  
 1924 — Construction was begun on Columbia High School. The building was dedicated by the 1928 edition of Encyclopaedia Britannica as an outstanding example of a modern secondary school building.  
 December 22, 1929 — James Mahan, world traveler and collector, died at the age of 75. He was instrumental in the development of our early school system and in the establishment of the library.  
 1931 — Memorial Park was dedicated.  
 1932 — The Memorial Building was built.  
 1947 — A group formed the Friends of the Library.  
 June 15, 1950 — First historical marker at Maplewood from erected in the Municipal Building.  
 August 7, 1960 was the opening day of the Municipal Park. Its design was a gift made available for the first public pool design in the country.  
 October 27, 1968 — Maplewood was named one of the nation's "Model Cities" by the National Municipal League in recognition of its "All American City Award" by the National Municipal League in recognition with Lord magazine.

Of course you know...  
 During the Revolutionary War George Washington often visited his cousins, Timothy and Esther Ball in their home, now 425 Ridgewood Road, built 1743.  
 Asher Durand, famous painter and a founder of the Hudson River School of Art and one of the founders and president of the National Academy of Design, was born here, August 21, 1796, in a house which stood at the corner of Ridgewood and Durand Roads.  
 Ridgewood Road, once known as Grub Street, was originally an Indian trail used to go around the mountain from South Orange Avenue.  
 Durand Road was known as Artists' Lane at one time.  
 Deer and bears were seen from the doors of houses as late as the mid-19th century.

# A Heritage of Community Support

The libraries built in the 1950's resulted from the efforts of civic groups such as the Friends of the Library and the League of Women Voters, as well as the Library Trustees, Township Committee, and the contributions of some 800 citizens and organizations.



Library Board, 1955



Dedication of library display case, 1992



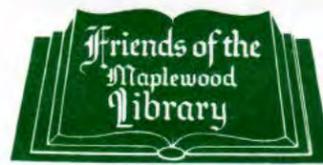
Today's Living, The Herald Tribune Magazine, March 15, 1959



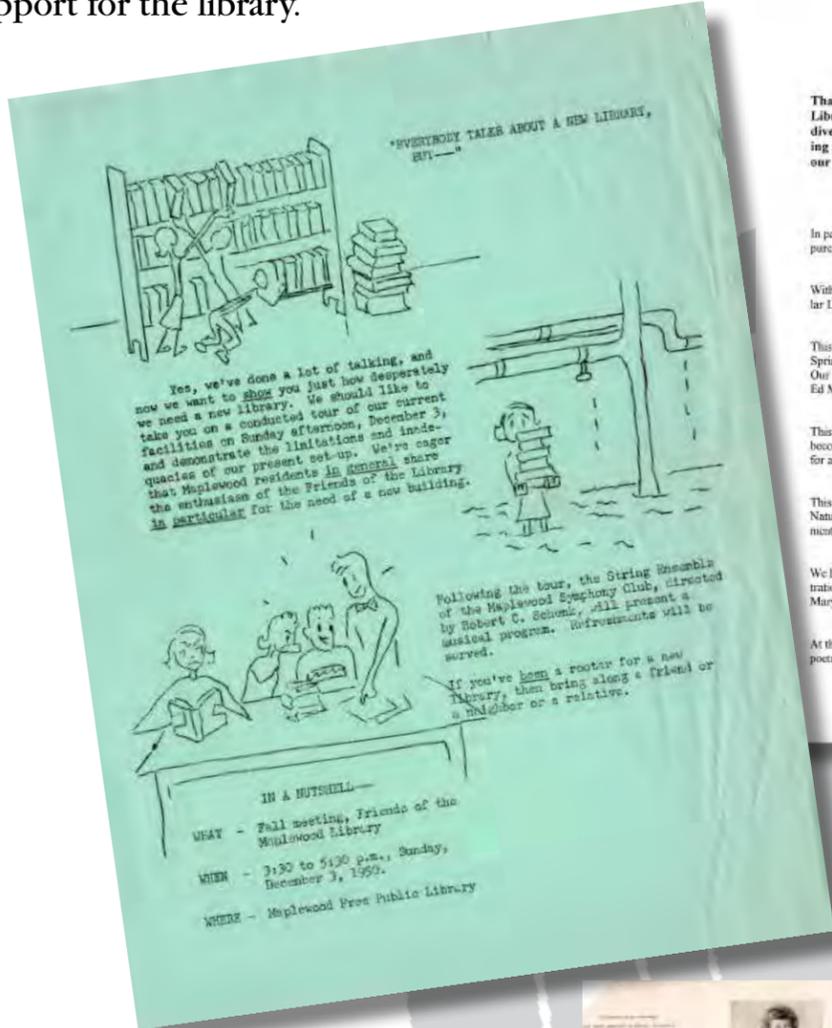
Maplewood Historical Society presents microfilm of Pierson Family diaries to Maplewood Library, 1981

# A Heritage of Community Support

Friends of the Library



The Friends of the Maplewood Library, founded in 1942, are an unwavering source of financial and community support for the library.



**Friends of the Maplewood Library**  
51 BAKER STREET, MAPLEWOOD, N.J. 07040

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

Thanks to community support, 1995 was a record year for the Friends of the Maplewood Library. Our membership ranks grew to over 330, the most in our history. The scope and diversity of our activities was also the most extensive in our history. In addition to continuing all of our successful and popular events, we added several new ones. We also expanded our book and computer acquisition programs.

**1995 HIGHLIGHTS**

- NEW CHILDREN'S LIBRARY COMPUTERS**  
In partnership with the Maplewood Fall Festival Committee, we will be contributing over \$5000 for the purchase of hardware and software for the Children's Library's first computer system.
- SUNDAY HOURS**  
With our support, the first year of Sunday library hours was a great success, and has now become a regular Library service.
- DISTINGUISHED LOCAL AUTHOR SERIES**  
This highly popular event offers a wide range of presentations by local literary professionals. Our Spring '95 program featured satirical stories by Lynn Caraganis Witherington, noted author and essayist. Our upcoming Fall '95 event (see enclosed flyer) will feature readings by novelist and story writer Ed Myers, a member of our Executive Committee.
- BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**  
This new group, conceived of and started by Executive Committee member, Marjorie Eiseman, has already become a great success, after only a few months. Each month, the group, led by one of its members, meets for a stimulating discussion of a major novel.
- CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM**  
This year, as part of our continued sponsorship of this wonderful program, we made a contribution to the Nature Conservancy on behalf of each of the over 700 children meeting the program's reading requirements. This worthwhile organization supports activities to preserve the Amazon Rain Forest.
- CHILDREN'S WINTER PROGRAM**  
We held our first winter event for children of all ages, with programs on children's bookwriting and illustration, taught by Executive Committee member Duncan Ewald, and Chinese origami paperfolding, led by Mary Kao, a local instructor.
- FIRST NIGHT**  
At the annual First Night festivities, held last New Year's Eve in Maplewood, we sponsored a well-received poetry reading program.

**FRIENDS OF THE MAPLEWOOD LIBRARY**  
Friends@maplewoodlibrary.org  
A 501(c)(3) Organization

- Book sales
- Book purchases
- Children's/young adult summer program
- Book discussion group
- Tribute program for purchase of books

The Maplewood Memorial Library Foundation, founded in 2011, does major fundraising for the library.



**It's Time to Celebrate!**

You Are Invited to the Grand Opening of the Redecorated, Refurbished, and Remarkably Beautiful

**Maplewood Library Memorial Hall**

The renovation is a gift from the Friends of Maplewood Library and was made possible by the pro bono design services of Tom and Mary Conway of The Rosen Group, a contribution from the Maplewood Garden Club, and the work of local contractors and suppliers.

Please join us in Memorial Hall  
2:00 PM, Sunday, February 27, 2005

Refreshments will be served. You are also invited to stay for the 3:00 PM performance of "Poet, Fan, Rhythm and Song," music for the whole family featuring Ahmondylla Best and Wogbledoe, part of the library's celebration of Black History Month.

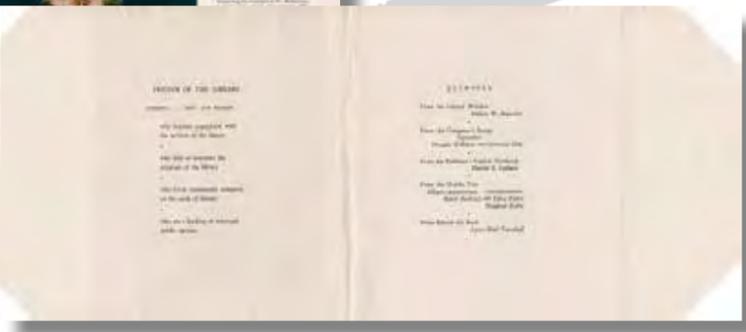
Sponsored by the Friends of Maplewood Library and the Maplewood Memorial Library Board of Trustees

The Friends of the Library constantly sponsor improvements to the library

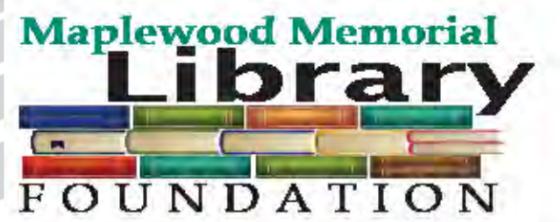
The Friends of the Library provided critical support for the creation of the current library buildings



Program of a dinner meeting of the Friends of the Library, Oct. 13, 1947. The meeting featured noted Maplewood author Agnes Sligh Turnbull, and was printed on the inside of one of her book jackets.



On January 1, 2009, the Township honored the Friends of the Library



# Maplewood Library – The Idea Place

In 1970, Rosemary W. Terry described her concept of the library as “The Idea Place.” Forty-three years later, this still sums up the library’s special role in the community.



News-Record Supplement, July 3, 1970, honoring the Main Library’s new addition.



## The library –

# The idea place

By Rosemary W. Terry

In connection with this supplement, someone asked me the question: What is your idea of a library? I think I would say that, more than anything else, it is a place where you go to follow up an idea.

Where else can 100 or 1000 people turn to pursue their individual interests, so varied, so personal? No one knows what your idea will be next month or next year, not even you yourself. But the library is working all the time to have material ready when you want it.

The books, records, pictures and magazines you find in a library are assembled by a process of continuous sorting and searching. The staff undertakes to explore all the sources of information, inspiration and recreation – weighing possible selections against one another in order to choose wisely. The library has to be a storehouse of

incredible diversity. It must have what is very, very old and what is very, very new; what is conservative, and what is liberal. Since it belongs to everyone, it must have books for everyone. It tries to provide as much freedom of reading as possible within the limits of its resources and with special emphasis on the interests of its borrowers.

Our Library has been able to accumulate many fine books because the people of Maplewood know good books and want them. I say this while blushing to think of some of the titles which have been in demand in the past few years. Nevertheless, in general, good books are appreciated. Readers go on quietly borrowing them long after the advertising has been forgotten.

It takes many years and many people to build a library. It is not empty rhetoric but the truth that a good library is a measure of the community which builds it.

# The New Memorial Library

Maplewood Memorial Library construction

Over the years, the library building on Maplewood Avenue and the Hilton Branch in the old firehouse became increasingly crowded and outmoded. By the late 1940's it was clear that new libraries were needed to serve what was now a prosperous, bustling suburban community.

In 1949, the Township Committee approved a planning survey to locate a new building on Baker Street by Memorial Park. In April 1954, the Township Committee passed an ordinance issuing bonds to finance a Memorial Library. More than 20 architects were interviewed, and Ray O. Peck, AIA, of Westfield, was selected to design the building. Built at a cost of \$265,000, Maplewood Memorial Library opened its doors on August 12, 1956.

From the 1940's onward, the desperate need for new library buildings was obvious, as attested to in this article from the Maplewood News, Feb 20, 1946.

**Books Stored In Jail Cells,  
Library Space Need Reported**

Because of the alleged inadequacy of existing library facilities for present library needs, Miss E. Carroll Trudeau is "vitaly interested in seeing new buildings constructed for the Maplewood Library."

At the present time when new books supplement the supply several dated ones must be stored in a damp basement where mildew destroys many of the bindings. Only current magazines are kept upstairs and others, built five years, are stored below. The rest have to be discarded.

Because of inadequate storage space historical material which should be saved cannot be kept on file. The two rooms which are in the basement at one time were cells of the town jail when the present main building was the Town Hall.

Aim of the librarian is to build up the business collection and the reference material. Books of that type come in large sets and in large size volumes and there is little room for them, she said, although there is a definite need for them.

In the buildings now in use the reference and reading room serves a dual purpose. Students have no separate room for research work. The main library, in two rooms, houses 20,000 books and one-half of the total space is used as a reading room.

Narrow aisles, over-crowded stacks and lack of space to display books are disadvantages which would be overcome by new buildings planned for library use. "It is my desire to see a building built which would have more efficient working conditions for both public and staff," said Miss Trudeau.

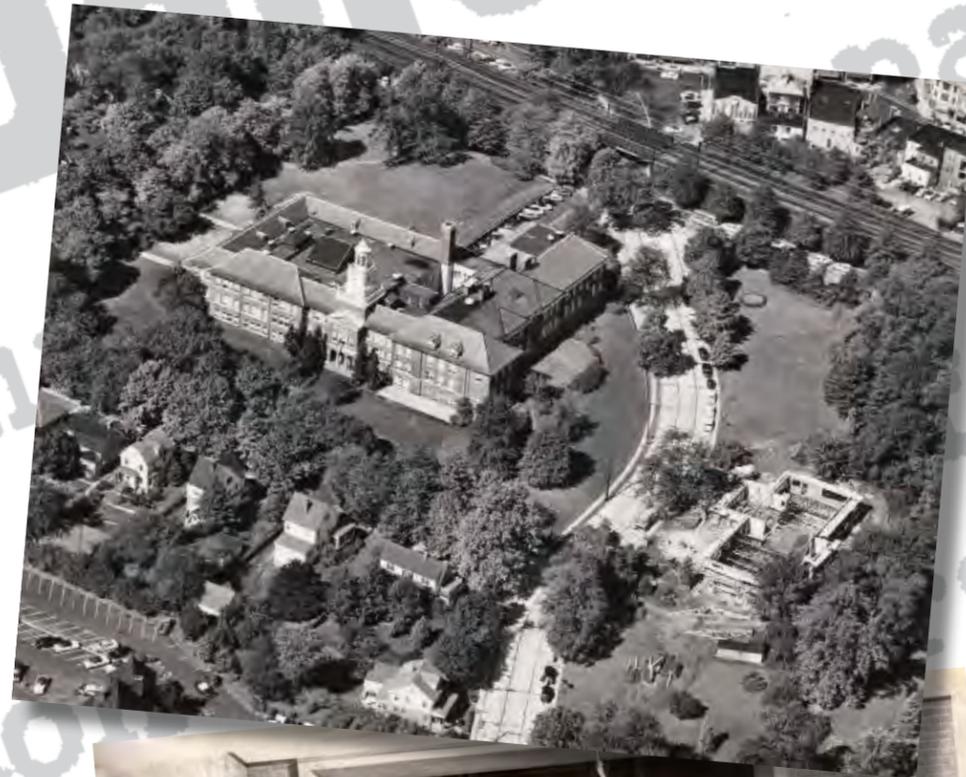
The main building is a re-modeled school house which was later used as the Maplewood Town Hall. (Continued on page 10)

**Books Jailed**  
(Continued from page 1)

Hill, Hilton branch of the library is now housed upstairs in the Fire House on Boyden and Springfield avenues.

Books which are on the lower shelves are seldom taken out, according to the librarian, because they are not easily accessible. When they are shifted in position several of them are taken out immediately, she said, because the authors and titles can be read.

Last year 544 books were discarded and at present 3,000 to 4,000 books and magazines are in the basement.



Aerial view of construction

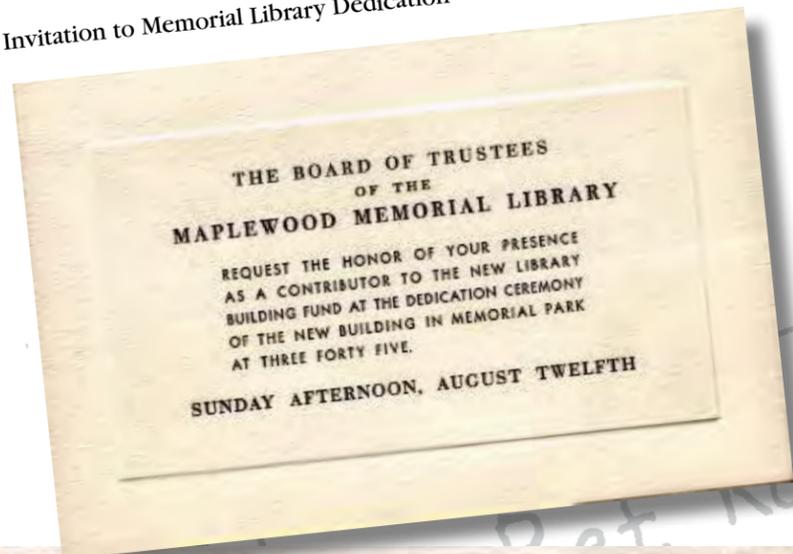


New entryway under construction. Library director Helen Winter in center

# The New Memorial Library

Maplewood Memorial Library dedication, August 12, 1956

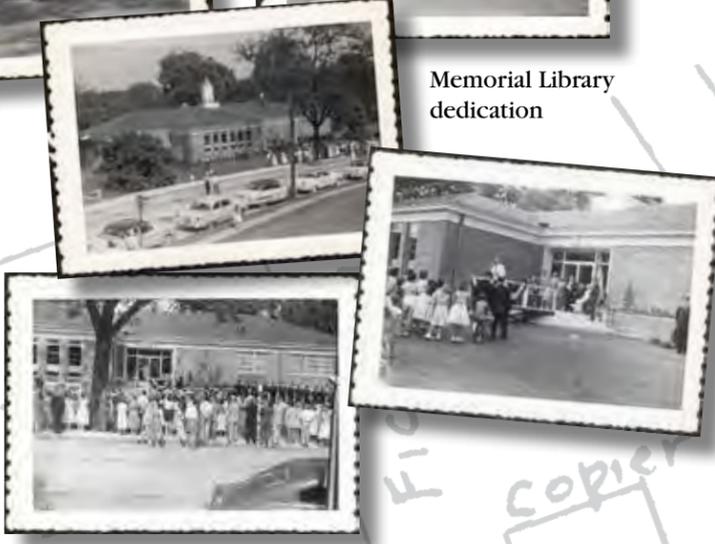
Invitation to Memorial Library Dedication



Memorial Library dedication



Postcard of Maplewood Memorial Library



Maplewood Memorial Library dedication, Mayor Thomas W Sweeney at microphone



War memorial plaques unveiled at new Maplewood Memorial Library, 1956 with Robert Grasmere and officials



Studying in the upper stacks, 1959



Book stacks, 1959



Teen Center in Memorial Hall, 1959

Stacks

# The New Memorial Library

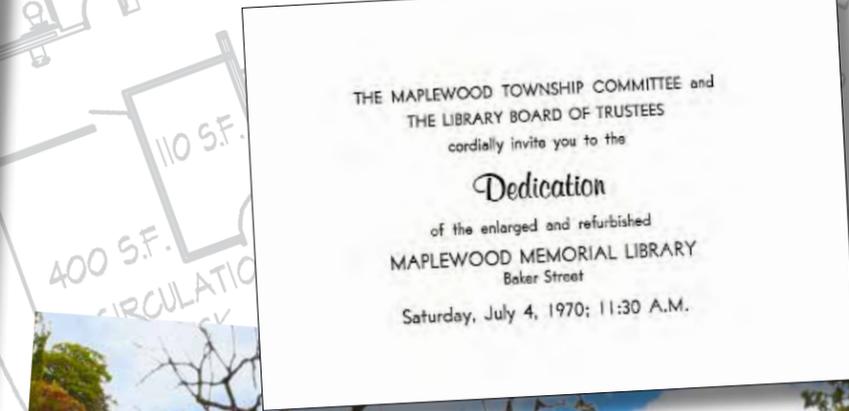
By 1967, the new building was already overcrowded, and planning began for an addition, designed by the architectural firm of William E. Lehman of Newark. The new addition was completed in December 1969, and dedicated on July 4, 1970.

Townpeople flocked to their libraries as never before and gave generously in the form of volunteer work and memorial gifts, including books, a hi-fi set, tape recorder, maps, movie and film-strip projector, a lighted display case, children's books in foreign languages, a circulating collection of children's records and others. Just over the horizon was the Russian spacecraft Sputnik, the knowledge explosion, mechanization, an unprecedented adult thirst for education and information, Vietnam, ecology and civil rights riots. The post-war babies hit the upper grades. School assignments "in depth" challenged the library to provide new materials. Periodicals proliferated. Seats in the reference room were in constant demand. Within the decade, a News-Record editorial would be pointing out, "It's not hard to see that the Maplewood Library is hurting for space."

Excerpt from July 2, 1970  
*Maplewood Memorial Library*  
Supplement to the News-Record of  
Maplewood and South Orange



Ground-breaking for library addition,  
Nov 11, 1968



Invitation to dedication  
of the Memorial Library  
expansion



Construction of the Memorial Library addition,  
1968 - 1970



# The New Memorial Library

The new addition doubled the size of the building, providing room for more book shelving, more reference books, a teen area and a brand new children's room.



Main Reading Room,  
 1970



CHILDREN'S  
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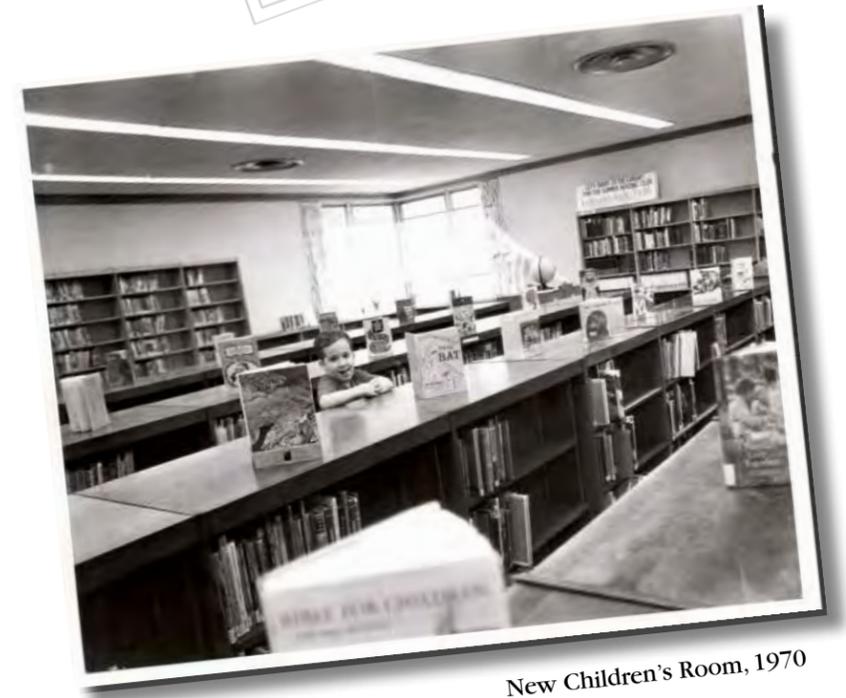
New Young Adult Area,  
 December, 1969



Circulation  
 Desk, 1976



New library  
 Reference Room,  
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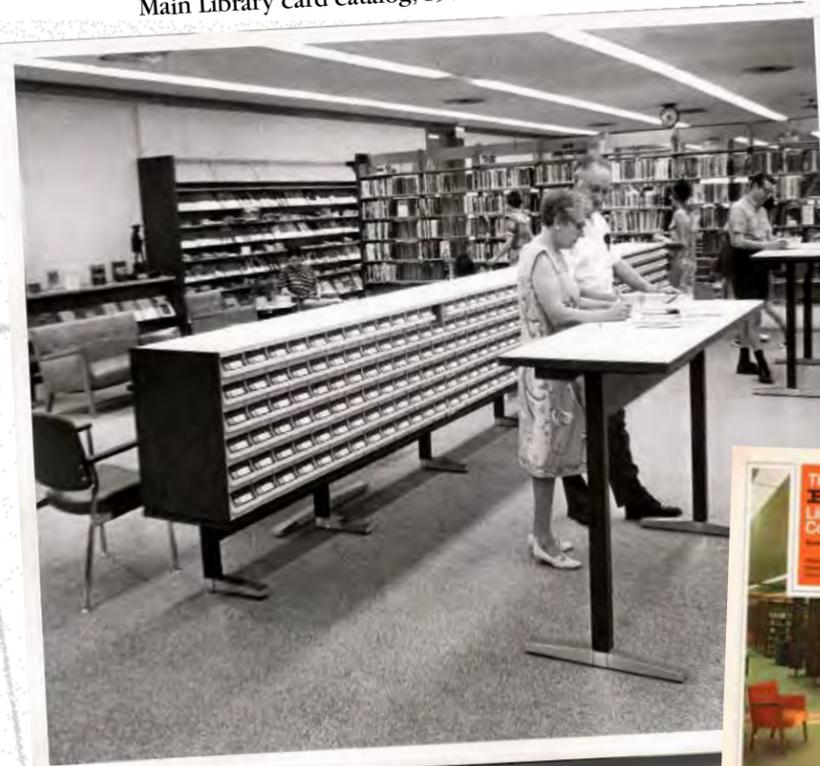


New Children's Room, 1970

# Library Technology Through the Years

For most of the library's history, patrons used the card catalog to look up books. Cards were filed by author, title, and subject.

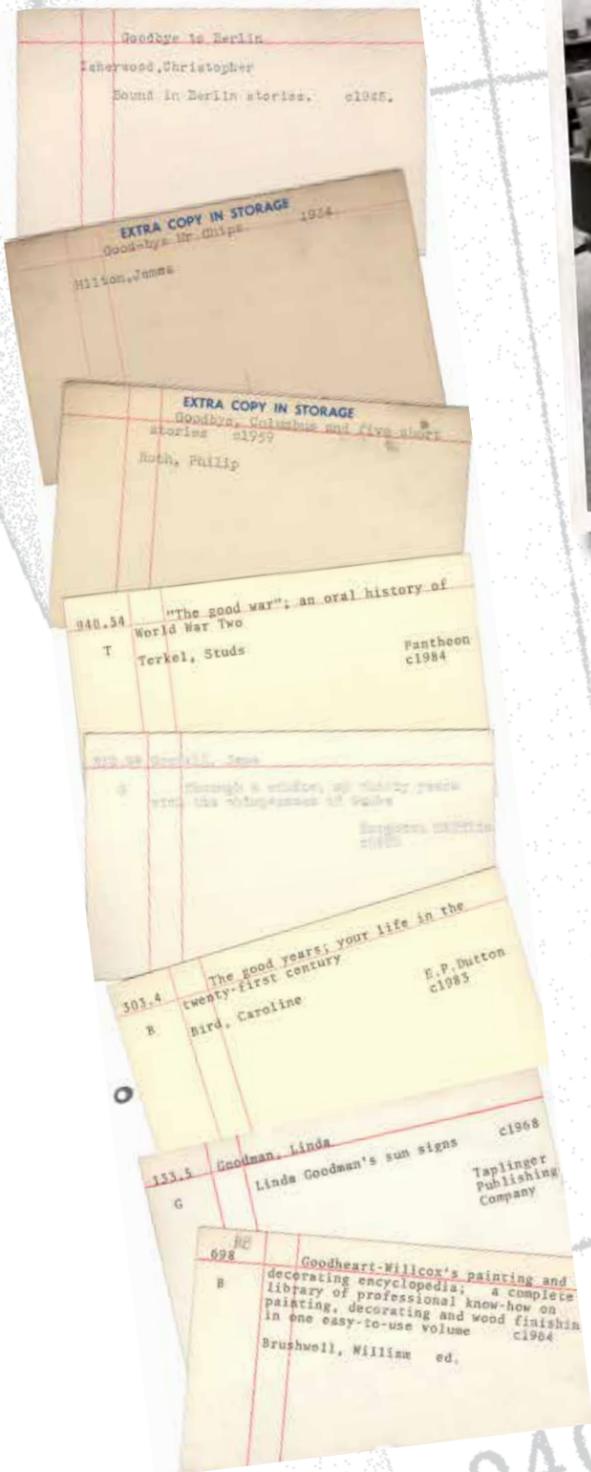
Main Library card catalog, 1970's



*"The catalog area compact in design, yet permitting free movement of patrons."*



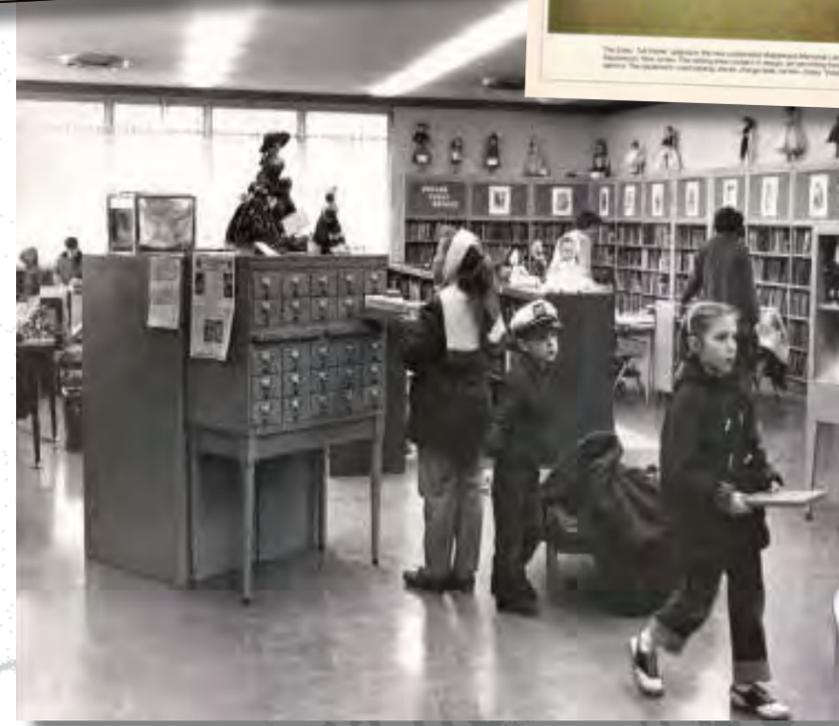
The library's back office in the 1970's



Microfilm reader, 1960's



The "Recordak" microfilm machine was used to keep track of book circulation, 1956



Children's Room, Main Library, 1959



First library photocopy machine, 1976

# Library Technology through the years

The new library buildings contained record collections and listening stations



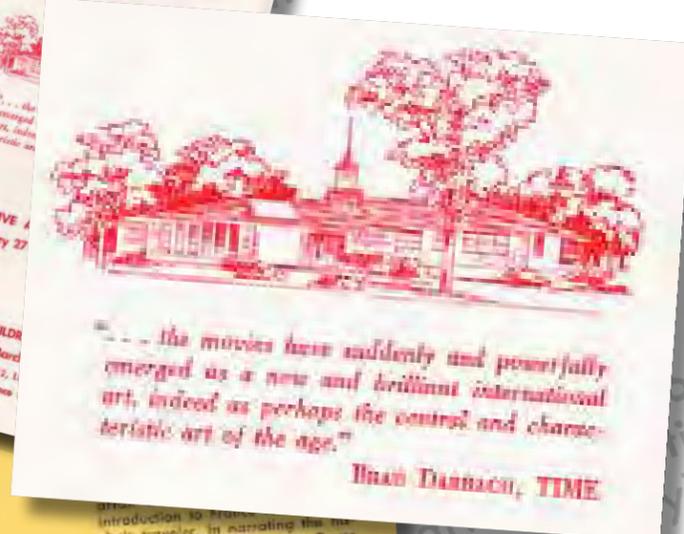
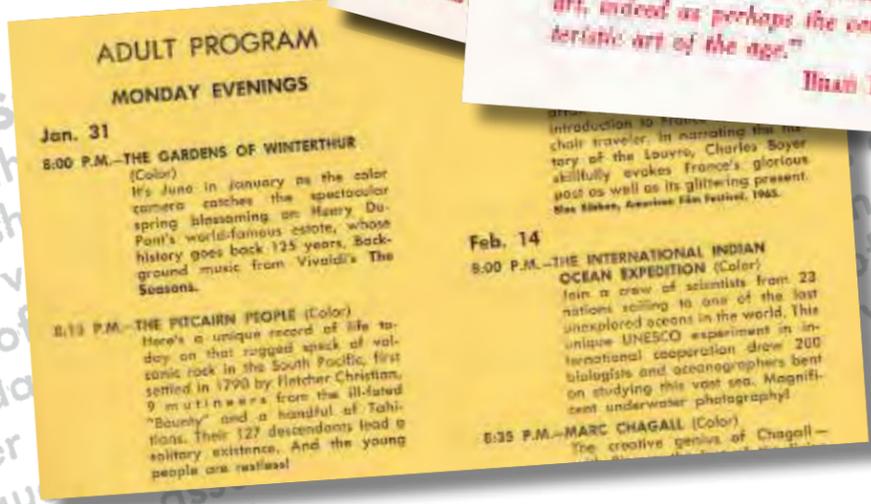
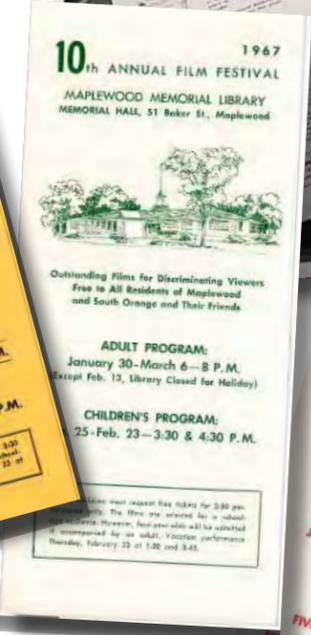
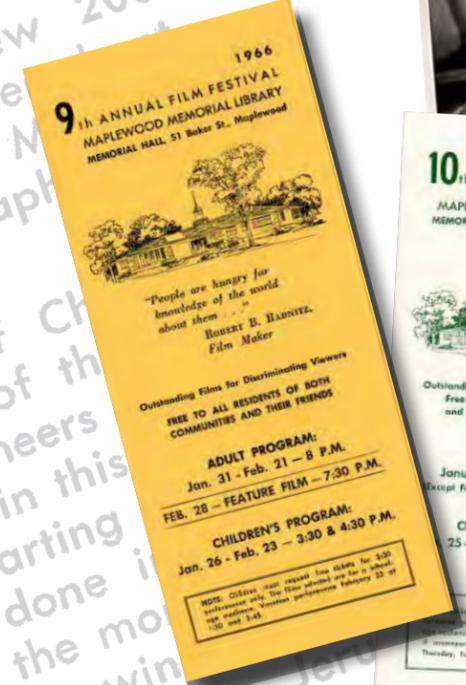
Mayor Robert Grasmere with record collection, 1974



This room where they can talk and visit has become the town's social center for teenagers. The \$2,000 record player may be used, with the library's records, by any person who knows how to operate it. 14 TODAY'S LIVING March 15, 1959

The large Memorial Hall in the basement has been a special boon to artists, music lovers, and teenagers. The Art Gallery of South Orange and Maplewood hangs an exhibit of a New Jersey artist's work once a month. Visitors who know how to handle high fidelity equipment may use the \$2,000 installation. Anyone may use the headsets in the music room.

The Library held a popular film festival series in the 1960's



# Library Technology through the years

In 2001, the card catalog was replaced with the current online catalog. In preparing to computerize the library's catalog, the collection was inventoried and a barcode was placed on each book.

## Library has ceremony to unveil its new computer system

*News Review November 1, 2001*  
By Dan O'Hara  
Staff Writer

"Welcome to the new Maplewood Public Library," said President of the library board of trustees Marianna Noto Sunday afternoon. Noto and other members of the board, as well as members of the Maplewood Township Committee and the public, were on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony unveiling the new computer system.

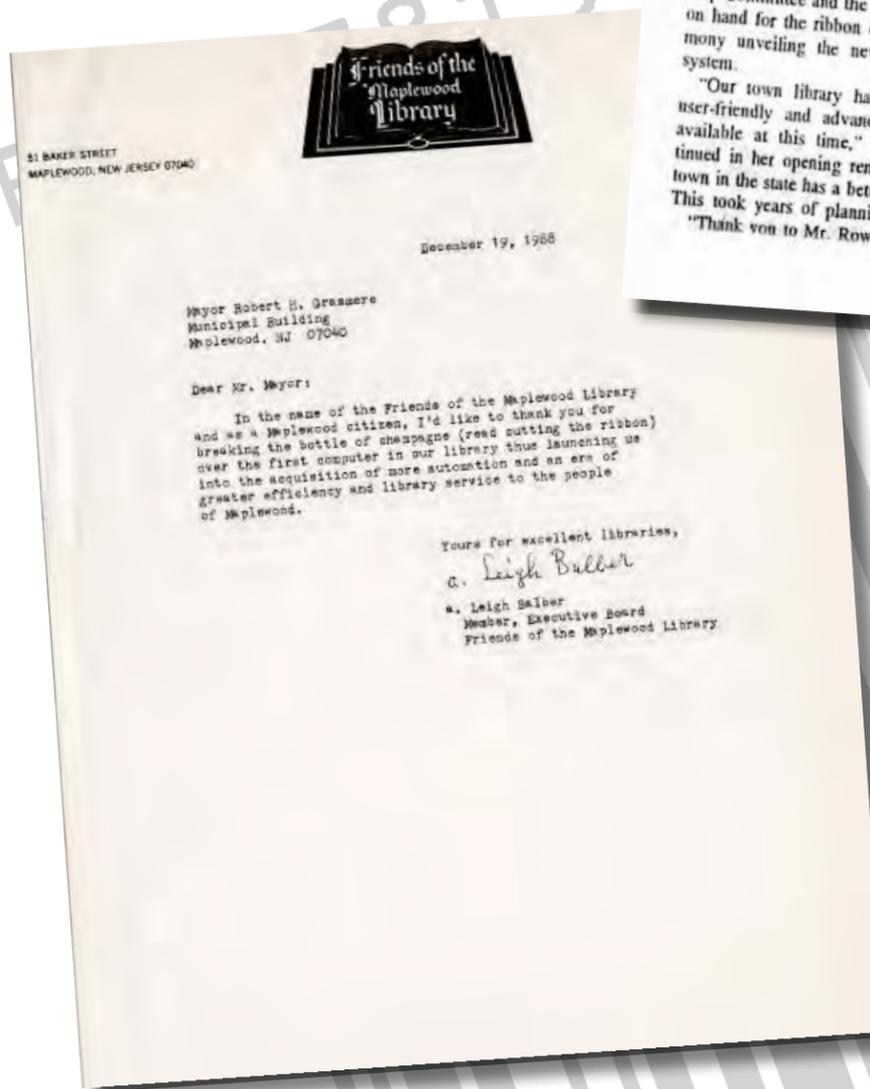
"Our town library has the most user-friendly and advanced system available at this time," Noto continued in her opening remarks. "No town in the state has a better system. This took years of planning. Thank you to Mr. Rowland Bennett, the library director. He and his staff also undertook a long-awaited refurbishing. The new furniture is comfortable and up-to-date. We express our gratitude to the Maplewood Township Committee, which has been a great supporter of the library. The citizens of Maplewood will enjoy this system for years to come."

The new library system is called OPAC and it is the modern equivalent of the card catalog. The new system allows the user to search the library's database for books on site or from home. Patrons also will be able to find out if they owe late fines or when a book they want will be returned. The software also generates statistics, allowing the library staff to look at trends in the types of books people are reading.

After Noto, Bennett addressed the crowd. "Thank you all for coming; this day has been long in coming. I love the new library and the public loves it, too. The town deserves credit for funding this project and I want you all to know that the card catalog is going to disappear and you won't miss it when it's gone."

Zelda West, the head of the Friends of the Maplewood Library, spoke next and officially presented the library with the new circulation desk. Bennett called the new desk "fabulous; everyone should note that before you leave." West also added the Friends of the Maplewood Library are responsible for buying and donating art, large-print and children's books to the library.

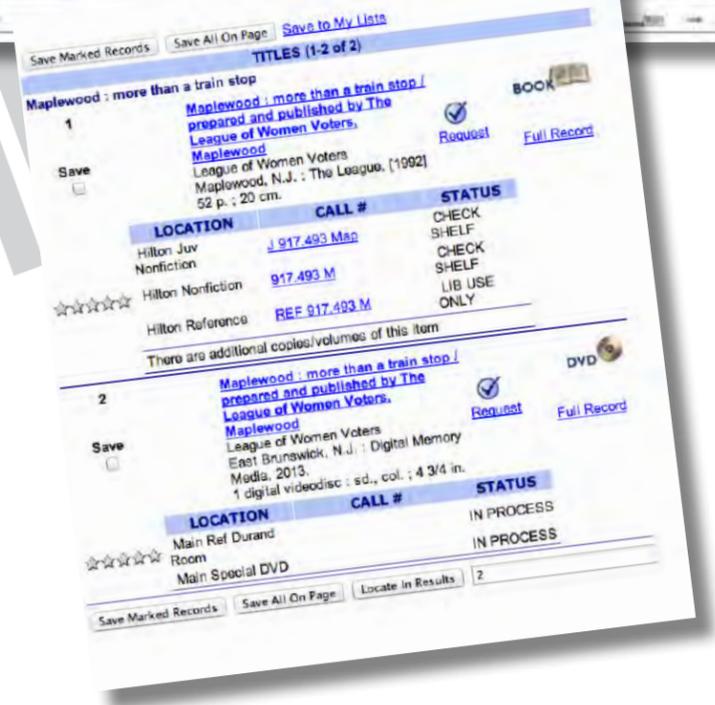
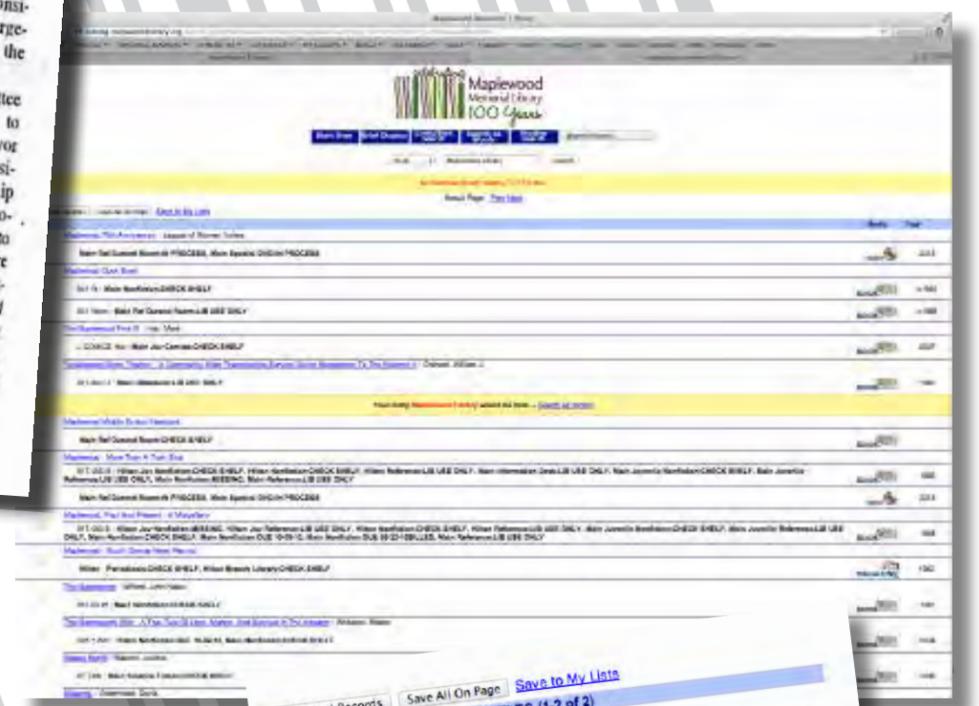
Maplewood Township Committee member Jerry Ryan was the last to speak. "I'm here representing Mayor DeLuca, who is out of town on business, and the rest of the Township Committee. There is a long list of people we could recognize, but I want to talk about how many people we are recognizing. We had a great professional staff working on this. It's all of us together; the government, the townspeople, the citizen volunteers. I'm very pleased to be here. I'm so glad this has finally come to fruition."



The Friends of the Library purchased the library's first computer in 1988.



Library staff working on computerization project



# The Maplewood Library Staff

A hallmark of the Maplewood Library has always been its excellent public service, provided by a dedicated and enthusiastic staff, many of whom lived in the community and served the library for many years. The Library has been led by a series of distinguished Library Directors.



**E. Carroll Trudeau**  
Librarian 1943-1948

Miss Trudeau, a graduate of the Library School at Pratt Institute, became Maplewood Library's Librarian after nineteen years at the East Orange Public Library. Known for her friendly personality and her efficiency, she passed away in 1948.



**Helen Van Dyke Winter**  
Director 1949-1973

A graduate of Columbia University's School of Library Service, Miss Winter came to the Maplewood Library after heading the Weequahic Branch of the Newark Public Library. Hired as Reference Librarian in 1945, she became the Library Director in 1949. A gifted speaker and a strong leader, she spearheaded the drive to replace Maplewood's two inadequate library buildings and oversaw the construction of three major building projects, the Maplewood Memorial Library, current Hilton Branch, and an addition to Memorial Library that doubled its size.

**Rowland Bennett**  
Director 1974-2003

Rowland Bennett became Maplewood Library's Director in 1974, after a stint as a Peace Corps volunteer in Malawi, a library degree from Case Western Reserve University, and seven years as Assistant Director at the Princeton Public Library. Under his leadership the library increased the diversity of its services and strengthened its role as a center of the community. He introduced computers to the library, established the library's website, and implemented a full-scale computerization of its operations in 2001, as well as renovating the interiors of both buildings.





**Jane Kennedy**

Director 2003-2011

Jane Kennedy was appointed as Library Director in 2003. With a library science degree from Rutgers, she had extensive experience in libraries throughout New Jersey, and was previously the Director at the Bound Brook and Flemington Libraries. Mrs. Kennedy modernized the library in many ways, introducing new programming for adults and teens, making the libraries more accessible with new entryways and an elevator, and fostering new technologies such as the computer lab at the Hilton Branch, wireless network, eBooks, and social media.



**Sarah Lester**

Director 2012-present

Maplewood Library's current director spent 16 years in the library field prior to her arrival, at major library systems in New York, San Francisco, and Marin County, and most recently as the Director of the Nutley Public Library. She has her master's degree in library science from San Jose State University. In her brief time here, she has opened the library to more art, music, and literary programs, secured grant funding to digitize Maplewood's hometown newspaper, and presided over a year-long celebration of Maplewood Library's Centennial .

**Librarians**

- 1913-?
- ?-1917
- 1917
- 1920-1943
- 1943-1948

- Miss Grace I. Pollard
- Miss Sophie Barrett
- Miss Ida M. Freer
- Miss Mabel F. Langton
- Miss E. Carroll Trudeau

(In 1959, title changed to Library Director)

- 1949-1973
- 1974-2003
- 2003-2011
- 2012-present

- Miss Helen Van Dyke Winter
- Mr. Rowland Francis Bennett
- Mrs. Jane Kennedy
- Ms. Sarah Lester

**Presidents of the Library Board of Trustees**

- ? -1922
- 1923-1926?
- 1944?-19??
- ????-1946
- 1947-1953
- 1954-1958
- 1959-1964
- 1965-1970
- 1971-1972
- 1972-1973
- 1974-1975
- 1976-1978
- 1982-1984
- 1990-1992
- 1979-1981
- 1985-1989
- 1993-1998
- 1999-2000
- 2001-2004
- 2005-2009
- 2010-present

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# The Maplewood Library Staff



Maplewood Librarians at NJLA (New Jersey Library Association) Convention, 1954. Helen Winter, front center



Staff in Main Library workroom, 1970's



Library staff, 1957



Main Library 20th Anniversary, Aug. 12, 1976. Rowland Bennett, center

# The Maplewood Library Staff in the 1990s



The Maplewood Library Staff  
in the 1990s



# The Maplewood Library Staff Today



Main Library Staff 2013



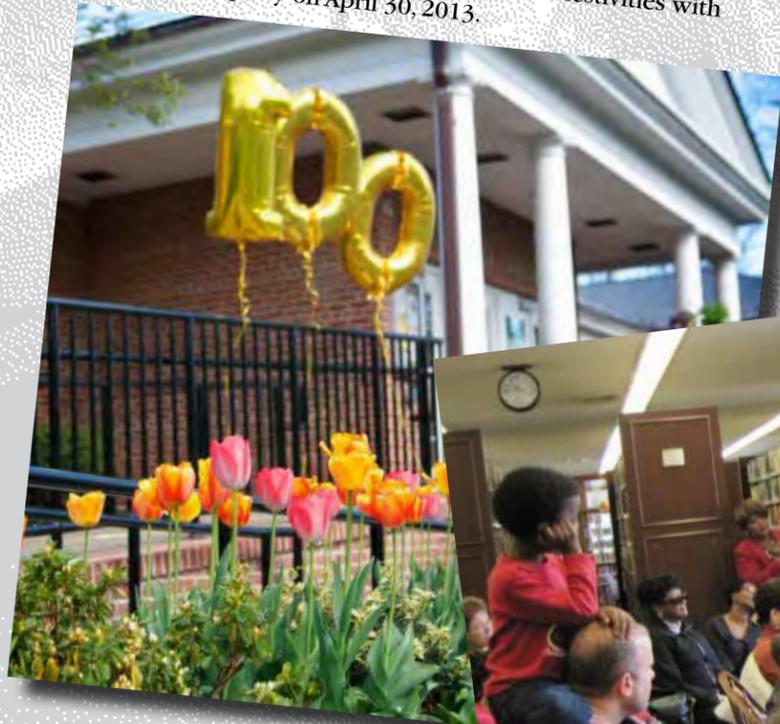
Hilton Branch Staff 2013

# The Library Today

After 100 years, the Library continues to be the heart of the community. Over 900 people visit the library every day to check out materials, attend programs, use the public computers and find quiet places to study.

Over the next 100 years, we look forward to building upon this tradition as we develop a 21st century library and embrace our role as a place to connect and learn, a hub for innovation and technology, an incubator for creativity, a sustainable community resource and a destination for community gathering that reflects the beauty, diversity and intellect of our town.

The Library kicks off a year of centennial festivities with a birthday party on April 30, 2013.



Cedric Miller and drumming students perform at one of the popular Art and Music programs.



Children make masks at a summer reading program at the Hilton Branch Library.



Quiet study areas at the Library are in great demand. Two students study at the Hilton Branch Library.



Patrons line up to enter the Main Library in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.



Just as they were 50 years ago, children are delighted to enter the "secret door" for story time.