

The History of Public Libraries in the United States



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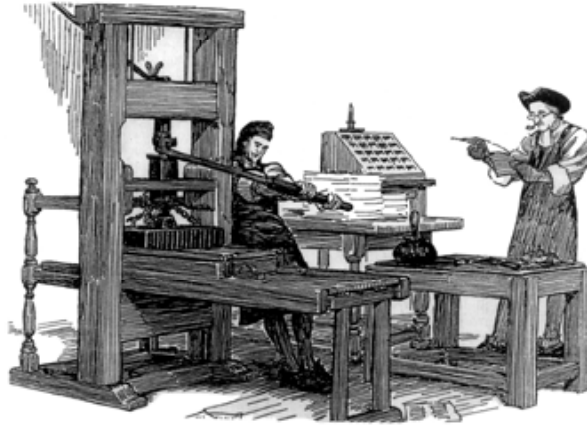
Books in the New World



PURITANS GOING TO CHURCH

From the painting by G. H. Boughton

The Printing Press in the Colonies



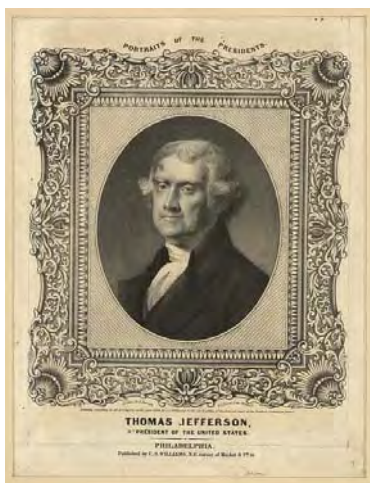
The Establishment of the Library of Congress



The Library of Congress and the War of 1812



Recreating the Library of Congress



The Rise of the American Public Library



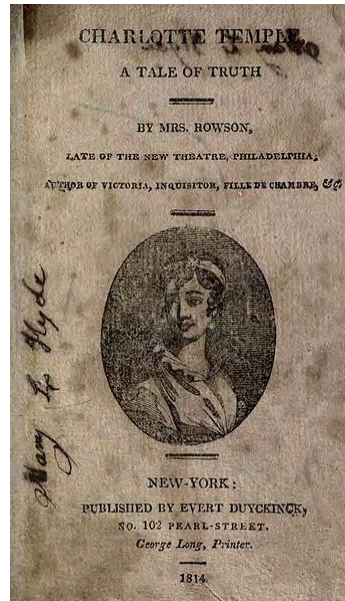
Social Libraries

Mid 18th century



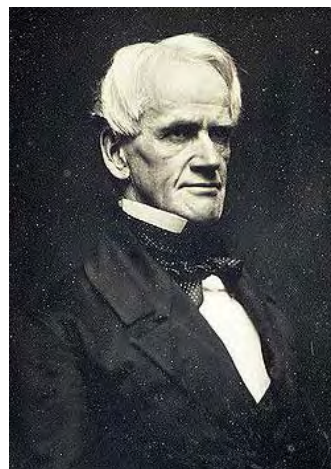
Circulating Libraries

Late 18th century



School District Libraries

Mid 19th century



Public Libraries

- ✓ Supported by public funds (taxes)
- ✓ Free and open to any citizen who desires to use it
- ✓ Contains a wide range of material, including popular

Peterborough Town Library



Melvil Dewey

New York State Librarian from 1888-1905



(1851-1931)

Travelling Libraries



Self-Improvement Through Education



The Public Library Movement



Change Was In The Air.....



79% to 21%

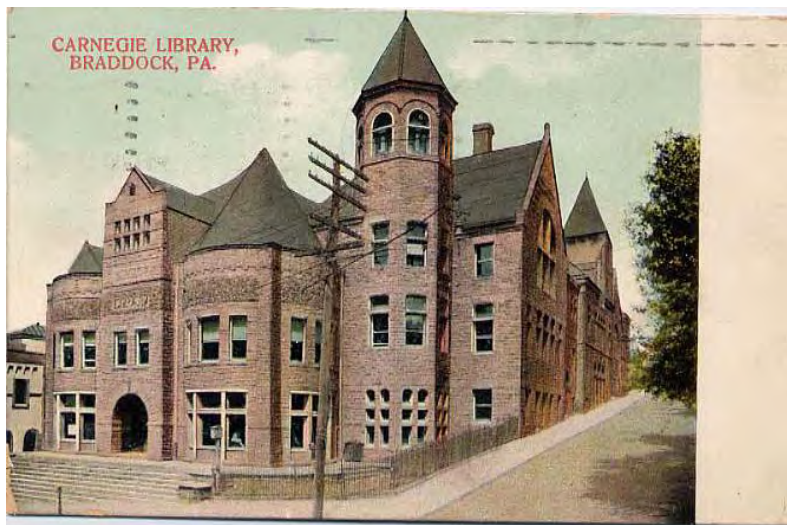


Andrew Carnegie



1835-1919

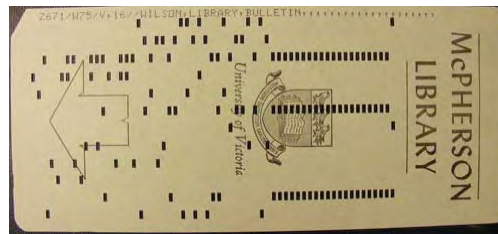
Carnegie Library, Braddock, PA



PLS Carnegie Libraries



20th Century



21st Century



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LIBRARIES AT A CROSSROADS

WITH FEWER DOLLARS TO SPEND, LIBRARIES FACE TOUGH CHOICES ABOUT WHETHER TO BUY BOOKS OR GO DIGITAL

By CHARITY VOGEL / STAFF REPORTER

You want the Justin Bieber CD, and "Mad Men" on DVD. You'd like to scoop up every new vampire novel that comes out in paperback, download a few literary classics onto your iPad, and still keep your subscriptions to Martha Stewart Living and Rolling Stone.

But there's only so much money to go around when it comes to buying books and media - even though there are more formats than ever to spend it on.

Think those are problems just in your own household? Think again. That dilemma - multiplied a thousandfold - is the situation currently facing public libraries across Western New York, as well as around the nation.

In a tough economic climate in which budgets for government and cultural entities have flattened or shrunk, public libraries have been for a few years now busily trying to reinvent the look and feel of their services - chiefly through the range and variety of materials they choose to provide. Downloadable audio books and eBooks, CDs and DVDs. Hardcover best sellers and children's picture books. Magazines and

What are libraries buying to stock those shelves?

A look at recent spending by the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library system shows that money going to printed books in the 37 branches is down over the past three years, while spending on downloadable books has risen dramatically in that time.

Category	2010 Spending	Percent change 2009-2010
Print material	\$1.3 million	-21 percent
Media (CDs, DVDs, etc.)	\$768,000	+16 percent
Serials (magazines, etc.)	\$514,000	+2 1/2 percent
Databases	\$570,000	-12 1/2 percent
Downloadables	\$145,000	+446 percent

Source: Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, budget statistics. Figures for 2010 spending are projected.

Chris Copland of Buffalo books over the CDs at the downtown library. CDs and DVDs account for the nearly half of the materials checked out of county libraries.

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What Hasn't Changed

- ✓ Neutral
- ✓ Free
- ✓ Filter
- ✓ The Third Place
- ✓ Local
- ✓ Personalized, human interaction

technology | people
when | when
you | you
want it | don't™