

Library News

Celebrating Our 20th Anniversary!

1998-2018



nce upon a time,

1996 to be exact, a group of mothers in the village of Fredericksburg expressed concern for the community's children. What oh what could they do to provide the children with worthwhile activities in a safe place? They talked to community leaders; they talked to neighboring towns; they conducted surveys; they held meetings; and they talked some more.

From all this talking arose the idea to create their own local, community, volunteer library! Could they do it? With the help of many people, they thought they could; they thought they could; they thought they could!

Where could this library be housed? As the plans developed, the old, sturdy, yellow brick building on the square seemed the perfect home. It had been, among other things, a drug store, a fabric store, an antique store. Why not a cozy library?

A building alone wasn't enough to create a library. Oh the things they would need! Of course, books, books, and more books. Donations of money and grants, labor and supplies, legal advice and bank accounts, and most important of all, many willing volunteers. In one year's time, things came together, and the Fredericksburg Community Library officially opened November 9th, 1998.

So, for 20 years, our library has served as a resource center, an area facility, a historical repository, a friend to the community, still completely staffed by volunteers. May it continue to provide its services far into the future. May it continue to live happily ever after.



The library, November 1998

Please join us to celebrate
our 20th Anniversary
with an OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, November 10, 1-3 p.m.

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1998 Library Start-up Contributors

Ivan and Clara Weaver: Provided the building, a trailer to load books, and a place to store them; donated renovation of the building, including all library shelving.

Ron Holtman: Donated legal services

Paul and Julene Tope: Donated printing of letterheads and stationery



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