

A BRIEF HISTORY OF

NAPPANEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

- 1916**
The Thursday Club donates \$31.50 for a library in Nappanee
- 1920**
The Library Corporation Board bought the Keller Residence at 157 N. Main Street
- FEBRUARY 5, 1921**
The Nappanee Public Library opened!
- 1930**
Only opened Wednesdays and Saturdays during depression
- 1936**
The original building (Keller Residence) moved to W. Walnut St. and the current library was built
- 1964**
Boy Scouts of Troop 33 helped move the Children's Department to the basement.
- 1971**
Evelyn Culp opened the Heritage Collection Room at the Library
- 1985**
West Library addition completed, adding the structure around the original building.
- 2001**
East Library addition completed, adding a new circulation area, kids area, meeting rooms, and offices.
- 2007**
The Heritage Collection moves to the Nappanee Center
- 2015**
The Cube Makerspace opens at the Library
- 2017**
Community donated over 1000 books to create a new children's library in Sierra Leone, Africa
- 2020**
The Evelyn Lehman Culp Heritage Collection at the Nappanee Center becomes an official branch of NPL
- 2021**
The Nappanee Public Library celebrates 100 Years!

