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The Past **YAKIMA CITY LIBRARY**

The Library Association of Yakima was started in 1892 by women's clubs and interested citizens and was supported by membership dues, fines and solicitation of funds.



1904 In 1904 the Library Association turned over the library to the city and it became the North Yakima Public Library, tax supported, with the first library board appointed by the mayor. The population of Yakima then was 1,482.

1906 The cornerstone for the present Carnegie building was laid. It was built by a Carnegie grant of \$15,000, on property purchased by interested citizens, at Third and A Streets. The first librarian was Miss Bessie Hall (Mrs. Jasper G. Flanary).

BOOKS 1906 The library had a stock of 3,000 books supplied by gifts and the proceeds from an annual ball.

THE COUNTY LIBRARY

1945 In 1945 the Rural County Library District was established by vote of the rural residents of the County. The County Library headquarters was at 116 East A Street.

1951 In 1951 the two libraries merged to form the Yakima Valley Regional Library, serving both city and county. The entire resources of both libraries were pooled and operations coordinated for more efficient and wider service to city and county residents.

Five library trustees are appointed from the city and county boards to serve on the regional library board and operate the Regional Library.