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## Library serves community for twenty years

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The White Swan Library is celebrating its 20th year of service to the community of White Swan.

The first local library was established in 1947 and some 500 books were shelved that year in the home of Mrs. Nita Ransier.

In 1947 a library board was organized through the efforts of Joe Kosik, president of the White Swan Commercial Club. Three years later, Mrs. Nell Bartells became librarian and the library was moved into the front room of the old White Swan hotel. Later the library was housed in the front room of the Bartells home. At that time there were 800 books in the library.

Others serving as early day White Swan librarians are Mrs. Rose Teegarden, Mrs. Madge Barber and Mrs. Evelyn Spencer. Mrs. Ted Rosenfelt has served as librarian for the past seven years.

The library is now housed in a separate building on the Rosenfelt property. It has grown from the 500-book library to more than 2500 books. Each month more than 500 books are checked out. The library also has films, recordings and encyclopedias to lend.

White Swan Library board members are Mrs. Melvin Shrock, Mrs. Kenneth Harleman, Mrs. Henry Flander, Mrs. Clyde Ramsey, Mrs. Lloyd Sylling and Bill Clark.



White Swan Librarian Mrs. Ted Rosenfelt helps George Davis select a book from the more than 2,500 books in the local library.