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LOCAL HISTORY

Milestone Reached At Library

Yakima's Library Building passed a milestone Friday.

The library was dedicated and officially opened 45 years ago with a musical program and talks. The Rev. H. M. Bartlett, who had been a leader in getting the \$15,000 building, was the main speaker.

According to The Yakima Daily Republic for April 26, 1907, the building was "substantial, nobby and citified." Work had started a year earlier and money had been donated by Andrew Carnegie.

Library board members, who had worked to get the building, were H. P. James, president; F. C. Hall, D. C. Reed, Mrs. W. W. Robertson, J. J. Rudkin and N. Campbell. Mrs. Elizabeth C. Hall was librarian.

The Yakima Library then had 2,000 books and loaned books to county residents for \$1 a year as well as giving free service to city residents.

Today the Regional Library covering Yakima County has 110,000 volumes in the old Public Library Building, the City Hall and Regional Library Headquarters.