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Campbellsport Public Library

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CAMBELLSPORT, WISCONSIN 53010
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In the early years the public library was located in the home of Mr. Johnstone Weld, 203 E. Main Street, A project of the Mother's Club. In 1922, January 19, the Campbellsport Community Center Public Library was established above the First State Bank, 101 W. Main St., by Albert Schwandt, high school director, and George R. McKenny, high school principal. In 1926 it was moved to the Campbellsport Mutual Fire Insurance Co., 146 E. Main St.

In 1928 the county library system established a borrowing of books for small communities. In 1931 the library was moved to the Campbellsport Village hall, 177 E. Main st, on the second floor of the building which was built late in the fall of 1904. This building was torn down and replaced by a new village hall in 1953. A Library room was included in the new building on the North East corner. In 1972 the library was moved to a room on the South West corner, formerly used by the village board as its meeting room. This was needed because of crowding of books and equipment.

Member of the Mothers' Club took turns servicing the library especially Mrs. Charles (Dorothy) Van De Zande. There was no appropriation from the village but the library relied entirely on donations of used books and borrowing from the county system. IN early 1937 Mrs. Ed (Adela) Baumhardt was the librarian with a very meager salary paid by the Mothers' Club. At this time, Mrs. Art (Marge) Berge and Mrs. Harlow (Mickey) Roate with the supervision of Mrs. C. Van De Zande, made some improvements in regard to service, cataloguing, etc. The village board voted \$500 toward its expense per year.

In 1971 an official library board was appointed by the Woman's Club and the village was asked for \$1400 for operation. Mrs. Myrthle Spoerl was the librarian at a salary of \$20 per month. Mrs.C. Van De Zande, Mrs. Mickey Roate, Meta Terlinden Marge Berge and Lorraine Danielson comprised the board. Mrs. John (Beulah) Collier replaced Mrs. Danielson in 1972. Lewis Smith began as the treasurer in 1973, replacing Meta Terlinden. Library hours were increased to 20 hours per week. Mrs. Roate served as served as president of the library board since 1971. Mrs. Spoerl who moved to Texas was replaced by Mrs. Lilly Braatz. In 1973 she resigned by request

and was replaced by Vincve Holobwitz, a teacher at St. Matthew's. Miss Virginia Trapp succeeded him in 1979. Upon her death Barb Witte was the librarian for 1 year when Mrs. Stan (Dorothea) Hodge was hired in the fall of 1981.

In 1968 a county library study committee was organized which resulted in 1974 of a Mid Wisconsin Library System which the Campbellsport library joined. This relieved the village board of a county library tax. The Campbellsport Library, however, kept its own identity. Mrs. Harlow (Mickey) Roate was a member of this study group and has served on the System Board since that time.

Upon the move from one room to a larger room, a new charging desk, 3 tables, 20 chairs, book truck and display table were obtained, primarily from proceeds of the recycling committee. The System donated a hi fi, movie projector, and table and all of the resources at the headquarters Library in Fond du Lac for use by Campbellsport, also use of tapes, records and a record cabinet. In 1974 for the first time, the public library received a donation of \$1, 000 from the estate of Lucile Hilbert who had also donated many fiction books. The money was used for a new catalogue cabinet. Money was also received from the estate of Robert Haushalter, which used for a set of career books. Universal Foods gave the sum of \$600 in 1982 to purchase a TV and video disc. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Woman's Club have donated books as memorial to departed members, as well as individuals for various reasons. The Firemen's Auxiliary purchased a stand for the TV in 1982. The Library has also used CETA workers to assist in shelving, cleaning, filing, etc. with their salary being paid by the Federal government. Helpers were high school students, whose families were poverty level, thus qualifying for assistance. In 1979 an air conditioner was installed.

Mr. Hilton Danielson became a board member in 1978; Mrs. Jerry (Monica) La Fleur joined in 1977 and Mrs. Bob (Dolly) Lindsley in 1979.

As of 1983 the Library Board consists of Mickey Roate, President; Lewis Smith, treasurer; Monica LaFleur, secretary; Corky Danielson and Dolly Lindsley, members and Dorothea Hodge, librarian.

By belonging to the Mid W. Library System, a Gaylord charging machine was given and books are ordered thru the System. The cost to the library is \$500 for \$1400 worth of books. Also the library is re-imbursed for allowing anyone in the county to use our library.

Mrs. Glen Oeschner (Julie) served as librarian following the death of Mrs. Stan Hodge (Dorothea) in 1987. On September 1, 1990 Mrs. Dave (Luann Nims replaced Julie and an assistant, Mrs. April Ebert) was hired also.

On August 26, 1996 Mrs. LuAnn Nims resigned her position as director. On October 21, 1996 Linda Long was hired as her replacement. In September 1996 a referendum for a new library was passed.

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On January 19, 1922 the Campbellsport Community Library was organized on the second floor of the First State Bank by Albert Schwandt, a high school director, and George R. McKenney, Campbellsport High School principal. It was located on the southwest corner of Main Street and Fond du Lac Ave., 101 W. Main St. In 1926 it was moved to the Campbellsport Mutual Fire Insurance Company office, 146 E. Main St.

Mrs. Charles Vande Zande was the primary mover throughout the years to promote the formation of and use of the library.

In 1928 the County Library System established a turn-over fo books for small communities beginning January 1st.

In 1931 the library was moved to the Campbellsport Village hall and Firehouse, corner of Main and Poplar Streets, 177 E. Main St. The library was upstairs which was also used for election days. It was open only for a couple afternoons.

In 1953, the old village hall and firehouse was razed to make way for a new building. The library occupied the northeast corner of the new building. In 1974 the library and council room exchanged places due to the need for more space at the library. It was still being serviced by the County Library system.

The Mothers Club continued its support of the library and in 1946 became affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Club. Financial assistance was received from the Village Board, the first check being \$100 for the year. Librarians were paid about \$20 per month for the few afternoons the library was open.

Librarians throughout the years were: Mrs. Ed Baumhardt, who was receiving village assistance; Mrs. Ed Spoerl, a former teacher; Mrs. Wally Braatz who took over when the Spoerls moved to Texas; Vincent Holobowitz, a St Matthew School teacher; Miss Virginia Trapp a retired elementary school teacher; Margaret Whitty who took over following after the sudden death of Miss Trapp; Mrs. Stan (Dorothea) (1981) Hodge, a retired executive secretary from the West Bend Company?, and Mrs. Julie Oeschner, the present librarian (1987 ? 90) who has qualified for an A-50 course required by all public libraries.

Mrs. Mickey Roate has been involved with the library since moving into the Village in 1937. She qualified for an A-50 course from the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, served on the formation of the county library board, as its first secretary, served as president of the Mid Wisconsin Public Library Board for two terms and in the interim from one librarian to another, maintained the library.

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Upon becoming a member of the Mid Wisconsin Fed. Library, the library received assistance in various categories; namely, records, tapes, art prints, 16MM film projector, Microfiche, computer and printer. Another contributor to library equipment was the early recycling committee who donated money for various library projects, such as tables, chairs, desks, etc.

The village board has continued its meager support of the library budget and for the sum of over \$900 charges rent for the library room, furnishes the phone, heat, light and air conditioning. The library is open only two days, on Wednesday and Friday, 3 to 9 PM and on Saturday 9AM to 4 PM. (1990)

Present library board members are (1990) Mickey Roate, President; Lewis Smith, Treasurer; Mrs. Monica LaFleur, secretary; Ron Gussick, member, and Mrs. Charlene Lindsley, member. All have served several 3-year terms without salary for many years.

As of January 1, 1990 the library has 10,000 volumes, excluding over 1,000 paperback books, donated and not catalogued.

Upon the resignation of Mrs. Julie Oeschner on September 1, 1990, Mrs. LuAnn Nims was hired as her replacement. Able assistance is also given by Mrs. April Ebert. Library hours are for 19 per week.

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