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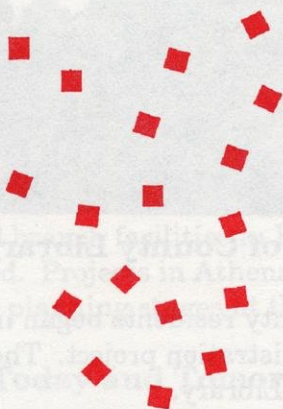
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# Grand Opening of the Marathon County Public Library

Headquarters Library  
300 North First Street  
Wausau, Wisconsin



# **History of the Marathon County Public Library**

## **Beginnings of City Library Service**

The Pine Knot Library was established in 1870. It was privately funded and operated by the Pine Knot Library Association and Ladies Literary Society until 1897, when the Wausau City Council began annual library appropriations.

In 1905, the Wausau City Library was established. The library building was funded by philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. Land for the library was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Alexander. Construction of the library building was completed in 1907.

As the library's collection grew, additions were made to the original building in 1929 and again in 1968.



## **Beginnings of County Library Service**

Library service for county residents began in 1937 through a Works Progress Administration project. The operation was housed in the Wausau Library.

The Marathon County Board established the Marathon County Library in 1948. Branch libraries were set up at 15 sites throughout the county. The first bookmobile was purchased in 1949.

In 1954, the Marathon County Library operation relocated to the county courthouse.



## **Creation of the Marathon County Public Library**

In the early 1970s, city, county and library board officials agreed to consolidate city and county library operations in one library system serving all residents.

The Marathon County Public Library was created in 1974. The former city library became the headquarters facility serving the 11 branch libraries. The county materials collection and staff moved into the new headquarters.

### **System Growth**

By 1992, lack of space and physical deterioration at the headquarters and several branches prompted the Marathon County Board and Wausau City Council to take action. The city and county jointly appropriated \$4.5 million to reconstruct the headquarters. A fundraising campaign to fund an additional floor for future expansion raised over \$800,000. In addition, the Marathon County Board appropriated \$750,000 to improve existing branches.

Renovation of the headquarters facility began in August 1993. The materials collection and public service staff relocated to temporary quarters. Work on the new facility was completed in December 1994.

New and remodeled branch facilities in Edgar and Marathon have been completed. Projects in Athens, Mosinee and Stratford are in the planning stages at this time.

### **Today and Tomorrow**

The public library in Marathon County is nearing its 90th year of service. From humble beginnings it has evolved into a county-wide system with a large modern central headquarters, 10 branches, 2 bookmobiles with over 30 stops throughout the county and a collection of over 250,000 items. The new headquarters symbolizes the public library's role in providing open access to information and materials and its ongoing commitment to excellence.

# GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

## Dedication Ceremony January 15, 1995 1:30pm

Masters of Ceremonies

Marjorie Sogn, Library Board President, 1994

Robert See, Past Library Board President

Invocation

Reverend Fred Damgaard

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Library Board

Marjorie Sogn

Remarks from Special Guests

Mort McBain, County Administrator

John Hess, Mayor of Wausau

Aaron Baumgardt, President, Wausau City Council

Ted Tellekson, Past Chair, Marathon County Board of Supervisors

Robert See, Former Library Board Member

Presentation of the Flag

Congressman Dave Obey

Keynote Address

James Stetina, Library Director



Special thanks to the following individuals and businesses that contributed to this celebration:

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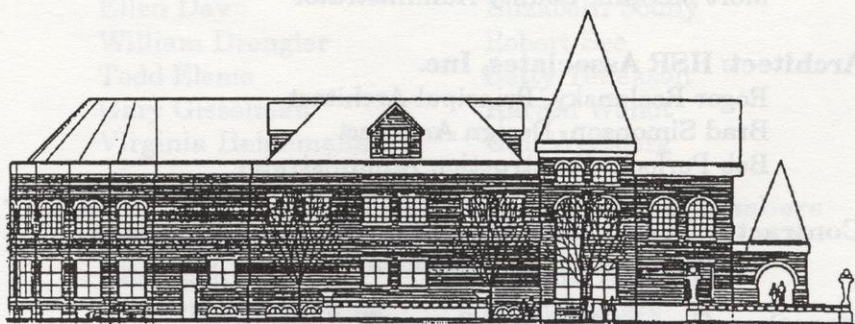
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**Marathon County Officials**

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