

SNAPSHOT OF 1923 – 1932



1931-1932

New Library Cards Added: 842
Total Registered Borrowers: 3960
Books Added: 1475
Total Book Collection: 8882
Circulation 83,145
This was an increase in 22,928 books over the previous year!
Hours: 1 pm – 9pm daily except on Sunday

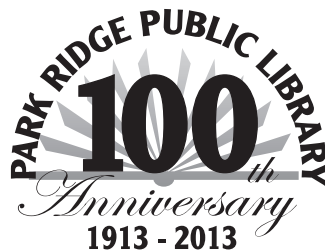
THE FIRST TWENTY YEARS

As the 20th anniversary of the Park Ridge Library approached, the library showed substantial gains over each preceding year in equipment and services. Miss Frances Holbrook, who was appointed as the second head librarian of the library in 1920, helped grow the library through new programs and outreach services.

One method the library used to attract patrons was through the local newspaper. A weekly column in the Park Ridge Herald called "Library Notes" gave important library news and showcased the newest materials at the library.

In 1928, an extension service to Maine Center School was added. Once a week librarians brought books to the school, and children were given an opportunity to exchange their books. This increased outreach circulation and helped build lifelong readers.

One of the most popular and long lasting services added was the Summer Reading Club. Called the Vacation Reading Club when it started in 1924, this club started small but grew quickly. In 1928 400 children joined the club, in 1930 478 children participated, and in 1932 over 600 signed up! This program became a yearly fixture and is still growing in popularity today!



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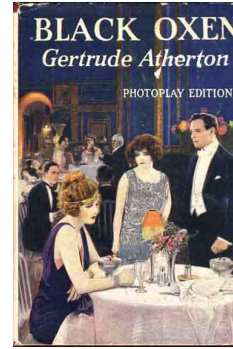
- Aug 2nd 1923: President Warren G. Harding dies in office and is succeeded by Vice President Calvin Coolidge.
- Mar 4th 1924: "Happy Birthday To You" is published by Claydon Sunny.
- Nov. 22nd 1925: Red Grange signs with the Chicago Bears directly out of college.
- Oct 14th 1926: A.A. Milne's book *Winnie the Poo* is published.
- Nov 13th, 1927: The Holland Tunnel opens connecting the island of Manhattan with Jersey City.
- Nov 18th 1928: Mickey Mouse debuts in the animated short *Steamboat Willie*.
- Oct 29th 1929: On "Black Tuesday" the stock market crashes triggering the "Great Depression."
- Mar 28th 1930: Constantinople & Angora change names to become Istanbul & Ankara
- Oct 17th 1931: Al Capone is convicted of tax evasion and sentence to 11 years in prison
- Mar 1st 1932: Charles Lindbergh Jr. is kidnapped. (Park Ridge had excitement on Mar. 11th when someone falsely reported the baby was in a Chevrolet at 621 Talcott Rd.)



Popular Music

- 1923 *Charleston*
by James P. Johnson
- 1924 *Oh Lady, Be Good*
by George and Ira Gershwin
- 1925 *If You Knew Susie*
Performed by Eddie Cantor
- 1926 *Valencia*
Performed by Paul Whiteman
- 1927 *My Blue Heaven*
Performed by Gene Austin
- 1928 *Sonny Boy*
Performed by Al Jolson
- 1929 *Tip Toe Through the Tulips*
Performed by Nick Lucas
- 1930 *Little White Lies*
Performed by Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians
- 1931 *At Your Command*
By Bing Crosby
- 1932 *In a Shanty in Old Shanty Town*
Performed by Ted Lewis & His Band

POPULAR FICTION



- 1923: *Black Oxen*
by Gertrude Atherton
- 1924: *So Big*
by Edna Ferber
- 1925: *Soundings*
by A. Hamilton Gibbs
- 1926: *The Private Life of Helen of Troy*
by John Erskine
- 1927: *Elmer Gantry*
by Sinclair Lewis
- 1928: *The Bridge of San Luis Rey*
by Thornton Wilder
- 1929: *All Quiet on the Western Front*
by Erich Maria Remarque
- 1930: *Cimarron*
by Edna Ferber
- 1931: *The Good Earth*
by Pearl S. Buck
- 1932: *The Fountain*
by Charles Morgan

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POPULAR FILMS

- 1923: *Safety Last!*
Staring Harold Lloyd
- 1924: *Sherlock Jr.*
Staring Buster Keaton
- 1925: *The Gold Rush*
Staring Charles Chaplin
- 1926: *Aloma of the South Seas*
The Highest grossing film of 1926
- 1927: *The Jazz Singer*
First film with synchronized dialogue sequences, or first "talkie"
- 1928: *Wings*
Staring Clara Bow
- 1929: *The Broadway Melody*
Staring Anita Page
- 1930: *All Quiet on the Western Front*
Based on the novel by Erich Remarque
- 1931: *Cimarron*
Staring Irene Dunne
- 1932: *Grand Hotel*
Staring Greta Garbo

