

SNAPSHOT OF 1933 - 1942



1942

City Population: 12,023
 New Library Cards Added: 193
 Total Registered Borrowers: 7,033
 Book Collection:
 Adult = 1,008
 CS = 633
 Circulation: 116,541
 This was an increase in 4,976 books over the previous year!
 Total Circulation went up 50% from 1935 to 1942!

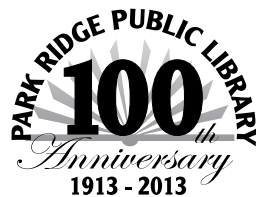
LIBRARY OVERFLOW

The Park Ridge Library began to reach its capacity in the mid 1930's. Remodeling was one method used to combat the increasing space issues. In 1934, during the Great Depression, the library hired CWA* workers to remodel and redecorate the Library building. The walls were repainted, new lighting fixtures added, and, most importantly, the basement was turned into the Children's Room. Moving the children's materials to the basement created more space for adult materials and work tables.

In 1936, the library shelves were once again overflowing. The space issues, coupled with the desire to extend Library service to the South end of the City, led the library to open a branch library. The South Library Branch opened October 29th 1937 at 618 Devon Avenue. Mel Tierney Unit 247 of the American Legion Auxiliary helped the Library save money by furnishing the South Branch with colonial American furniture.

The South Branch was well received by library patrons. In the first six months the Branch was open, 7,744 items were checked out! Along with pleasing patrons on the South side of town, the distribution of materials helped to ease space issues for a few years.

**During the Great Depression the Civil Works Administration was established to create manual labor jobs for millions of unemployed workers.*



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SIGNIFICANT DATES

Mar. 7th 1933: Charles Darrow creates and trademarks the game of Monopoly.

July 22nd 1934: Outside Chicago's Biograph Theater, "Public Enemy No. 1" John Dillinger is shot and killed by FBI agents.

Apr 2nd 1935: Sir Richard Watson-Watt patents RADAR.

Mar 7th 1936: Hitler breaks Treaty of Versailles and sends troops to Rhineland.

Sep. 21st 1937: J. R. R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit* is published.

Oct. 30th 1938: Orson Welles panics a nation by broadcasting "War of the Worlds."

Sep. 1st 1939: Germany invades Poland.

Jul. 27th 1940: Bugs Bunny debuts in Wild Hare.

Dec 7th 1941: Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor.

May 29th 1942: Bing Crosby records "White Christmas," which is the greatest selling single to date.



Popular Films

1933: *King Kong*
Preserved in the National Film Registry

1934: *It Happened One Night*
Starring Claudette Colbert

1935: *Top Hat*
Starring Fred Astaire

1936: *The Great Ziegfeld*
Starring William Powell

1937: *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*
First full length animated film

1938: *You Can't Take it With You*
Starring Jean Arthur

1939: *Gone with the Wind*
Starring Vivien Leigh

1940: *Rebecca*
Starring Lawrence Olivier

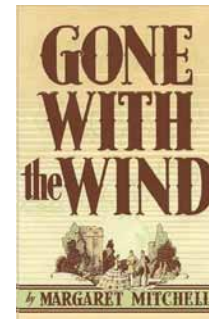
1941: *How Green Was My Valley*
Starring Maureen O'Hara

1942: *Mrs. Miniver*
Novel by Jan Struther

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POPULAR BOOKS



1933: *Anthony Adverse*
by Hervey Allen

1934: *Lamb in His Bosom*
by Caroline Miller

1935: *Green Light*
by Lloyd C. Douglas

1936: *Gone with the Wind*
by Margaret Mitchell

1937: *Northwest Passage*
by Kenneth Roberts

1938: *The Yearling*
by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

1939: *The Grapes of Wrath*
by John Steinbeck

1940: *How Green Was My Valley*
by Richard Llewellyn

1941: *The Keys of the Kingdom*
by A. J. Cronin

1942: *The Song of Bernadette*
by Franz Werfel

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POPULAR SONGS

1933: *Stormy Weather*
Performed by Ethel Waters

1934: *Honeysuckle Rose*
by Fats Waller

1935: *Baby, Please Don't Go*
Performed by Big Joe Williams

1936: *Cross Road Blues*
by Robert Johnson

1937: *Sing, Sing, Sing*
Performed by Benny Goodman

1938: *God Bless America*
Performed by Kate Smith

1939: *Over the Rainbow*
Performed by Judy Garland

1940: *Midnight Special*
Performed by Lead Belly

1941: *Take the 'A' Train*
Performed by Duke Ellington

1942: *White Christmas*
Performed by Bing Crosby

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