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Holiday Happenings

Santa's Workshop

Alexandria Main Street will host Santa's Workshop on Sunday, December 7 from 3 to 5:15 p.m. (prior to the Christmas Parade) in Harrison Square and the former Bakery Lot at the corners of Church and Harrison Streets.

The event includes hot cocoa and cookies, ornament decorating, meet the Grinch, a Joy photo op, Frosty the Snowman Scavenger Hunt, a snowball fight and more.

Circle City Ringers

Alexandria First Baptist Church, 2107 Park Avenue, will host the Circle City Ringers of Indianapolis in concert on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.).

Light refreshments will be served following the concert.

Christmas Bazaar

Madison County 4H will host a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 6 beginning from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Madison County 4H Building, 12 E. 4th Street.

The event includes over 60 vendors and Santa raffles. Chicken & Noodles, Beef & Noodles and Chili will be available to purchase on Saturday; Sloppy Joes, Coney Dogs, and Nachos will be available to purchase on Sunday.

AMPL Holiday Open House

The Alexandria-Monroe Public Library, 117 E. Church Street, will host a Holiday Open House during the 2025 Alexandria Christmas Parade on Sunday, Dec. 7 from 5:15 to 7 p.m.

The event will include behind the scenes access, historical documents, hot beverages, and more.

Alexandria Christmas Parade

Organization and The Alexandria Toy Drive will host the annual Alexandria Christmas Parade: Anything Christmas (except Santa), on Sunday December 7.

Historical Society to serve hot dogs

The Alexandria-Monroe Historical Society will serve hot dogs, a dessert and drink for \$5 from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 7.

Lil'Entrepreneur Holiday Market

The McCurry'sosity Shop, 224 N. Harrison Street, will host a Lil'entrepreneur Holiday Market on Sunday, Dec. 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Santa House

Santa will arrive in Alexandria at the conclusion of the 2025 Alexandria Christmas Parade on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 5:30 p.m.

The Alexandria Toy Drive will sponsor Santa at his house, at the corner of Harrison and Church Streets, for visits and photo opportunities on the following dates in addition to following the parade:

Tuesday, Dec. 9 - 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 10 - 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 15 - 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Breakfast with Santa

The Alexandria Community Center will hosts its annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 13 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. in the Madison County 4H Building.

The event includes pancakes, sausage, and fruit, crafts for children, exciting giveaways, and a visit with Santa.

For additional information call 765-724-7728 or email alexandriacommunitycenter@gmail.com.

Living Nativity

First Christian Church will host



December 20 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Sloppy Joes, Chips and Homemade cookies will be available to purchase.

Guests are invited to drive through or walk up to pet the animals including sheep, a donkey and cow.

Behold the Lamb Ministries Christmas Concerts

Behold the Lamb Ministries, Inc., an independent 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, announces its 2025 Christmas Concert season. The BTLM Soli Deo Gloria Community Concert Choir, featured annually in the Hamilton County Passion Play, will present GLORY TOUCHING EARTH (a worshipful blend of new plus cherished Christmas arrangements) in three concerts. Admission is free. Tickets are not required.

The 2025 Indiana concerts will be:

- Carmel Christkindlmarkt on Friday, December 5 at 4 p.m. (outdoor concert)

- Arcadia Christmas Tree Lighting (mini concert) on Saturday, December 6 at 6:45 p.m. (outdoor concert)

- Hope Bible Fellowship, 772 N 10th Street, Noblesville on Sunday, December 7 at 6 p.m. (indoor concert in the HBF Worship Center)

Under the direction of Lisa Jennings, the 55-voice community choir represents churches and communities from across central Indiana.

For additional information, please visit www.beholdthelamb.com or beamb129@gmail.com.

◆ Thank You for Celebrating With Us! ◆

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate our Open House at the library! We loved sharing our Memory Trail with you, giving you a little peek into our everyday life, and celebrating our exciting Carnegie Corporation gift together.

Thank you for taking the time to explore our archives and the rich history of the library—your interest helps keep our story alive.

Your smiles, stories, and support mean so much to us. Thank you for being a part of our community—and our memories.

On December 7, 2025 the Alexandria-Monroe Public Library hosted a Holiday Open House to celebrate the good news of our recent Carnegie Corporation gift. The flyer you have received was handed out to our guests on that evening. Included in its pages are a list of local persons and businesses that the library would like to thank for their support. If you have received this flyer, it is because you are listed among those who donated to us in some way over the year.

Thank you again

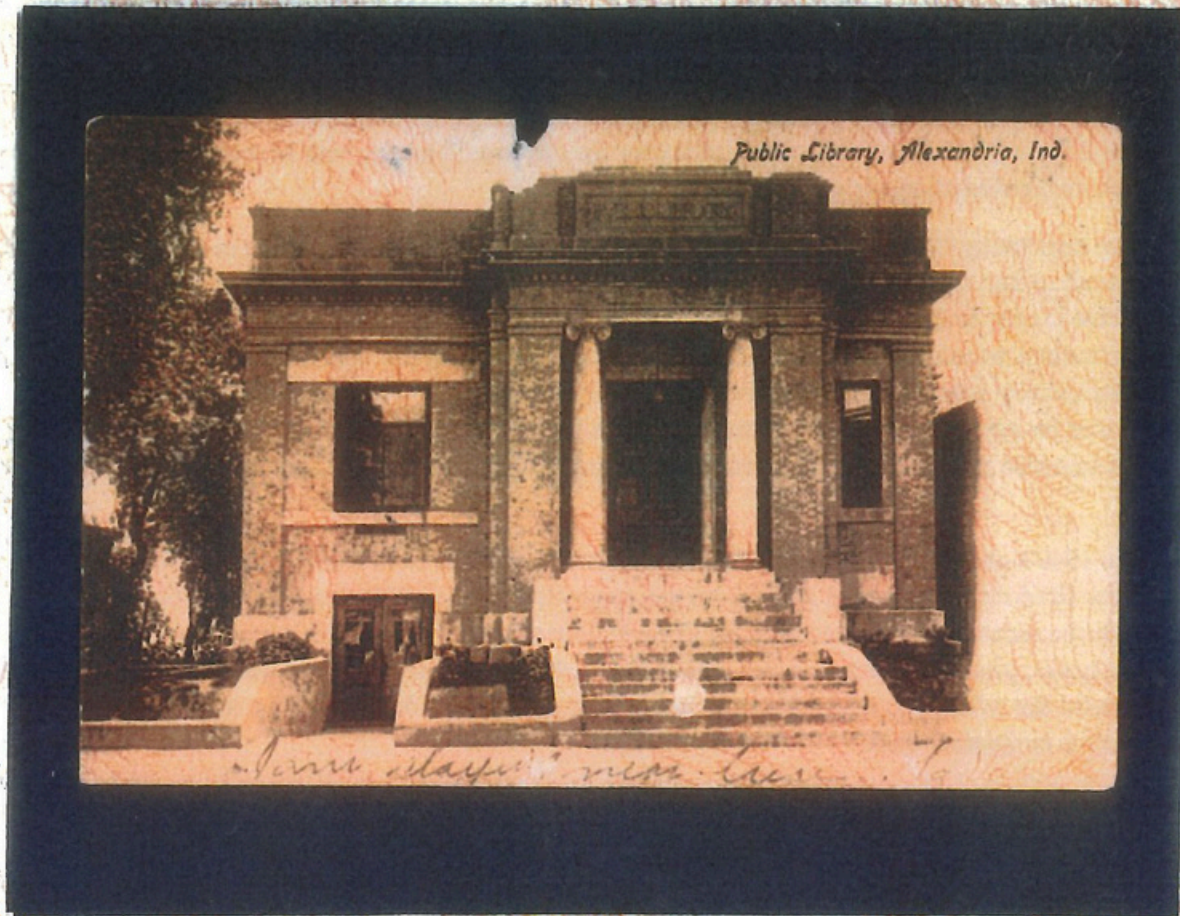
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*Program handout written and researched in September – December 2025 by Terri Smith,
Alexandria-Monroe Public Library.

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Holiday Open House



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Sunday December 7, 2025

5:15 -7:00 p.m.



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December 7, 2025

Holiday Open House

In December 1903 the library held its first open house. At that time, we had hundreds of guests and it seems the entire city came to celebrate with us. After all, we had just completed a monumental achievement courtesy of Andrew Carnegie. The city had its first public library! On that day we proudly became the Alexandria Public Library. Decades later the city would merge with Monroe Township and we would become the Alexandria-Monroe Public Library.

There have been many Christmas celebrations in the library since 1903. The articles in the Times Tribune newspaper tell us that the library had a very successful Christmas Story Hour lead by the librarians. All children were invited to the Christmas parties of games and music with oranges and candy canes for treats. Decorations were simple as well. The large windows were painted with holiday greetings or depicted the nativity scene. Greenery and candles were used throughout and the fireplace mantle had a gum drop tree for its centerpiece. At that time the fireplace was part of the main floor and could be easily enjoyed. It provided wingback chairs, tables with magazines and a chance to warm by the fire while reading.

During the 1940's and 50's the Garden Club donated two Christmas trees each December. One was placed in the children's department and one on the upper floor of the adult area. The local Girl Scout troops made the ornaments and decorated the trees. Nature was their inspiration when using shells, nuts, seeds, corn husks, pinecones, popcorn and cranberries. After the holiday the trees were placed in the small library park for the wildlife to enjoy. Then, as today, Poinsettias were donated by the local businesses and placed near the circulation desk.

The Garden Club continued to donate trees to the library into the 1970's and 80's. The Times Tribune relates that the Lioness Club joined them in supplying handmade decorations several times over the years.

By the 2000's the staff began to decorate the library themselves. Christmas theme discussions begin soon after the summer reading program ends in July. In August we are offering suggestions and by September, we narrow the ideas and confirm our plans. In October we begin to construct and paint the smaller items leaving room for the larger displays to be built in early November. During this we are also creating the props for the library float in the annual Christmas parade. Each year all the displays come together and the library is fully decorated within a few days after the Thanksgiving holiday.

This year the library invites you to look back with us as we appreciate a simpler time and a quieter pace. Slow down a bit, walk through the photos on our Memory Trail, enjoy the decorations, have a warm drink and most of all, take time to chat with our staff. We love the memories you make with us!

Happy Holidays
From The Alexandria-Monroe Public Library

A Few Facts About Carnegie Libraries

- 1) There were 164 Carnegie Libraries built in Indiana between 1901-1922. Indiana also received the largest number of grants, more than any other state, from the Carnegie Corporation. This resulted in over \$2.6 million from the corporation between 1901-1918.
- 2) Not one library who received a Carnegie grant has ever defaulted on their pledge to support the library by tax levy funding once the building was constructed.
- 3) The first Carnegie Library built in Indiana was the Goshen Public Library which opened in 1903, the same year that our Alexandria library opened.
- 4) The Indiana General Assembly created the Mummert Library Law in 1901 which gave local government the ability to apply a perpetual tax levy to maintain the Carnegie built libraries in Indiana.
- 5) The most popular building styles of Indiana's Carnegie Libraries are Craftsman- Prairie or Greek and Roman Neoclassic which our Alexandria library is.
- 6) Carnegie Libraries were intentionally built with raised steps that passed between columns similar to a temple entrance. This fit with Mr. Carnegie's view that libraries are 'temples of learning'.
- 7) Carnegie's library grants ended in November 1917, the day that the United States entered World War I. The communities that had received their grants just prior to the war had their construction plans placed on hold until after the war.
- 8) The last Indiana library to receive Carnegie funding was the Lowell Public Library in 1918. The last to be completed was the North Judson Public Library in 1922. Both are still functioning libraries.
- 9) Over 100 of the 164 Indiana Carnegie Libraries are still functioning as library's today.
- 10) In April 1915 the Alexandria Public Library sent a telegram to Mr. Carnegie in New York wishing him a happy his 80th birthday.
- 11) Although Mr. Carnegie received numerous invitations to new library openings, he did not attend any of them.

*See

Alan McPherson, "Temples of Knowledge: Andrew Carnegie's Gift to Indiana", 2003.

Laura Jones, "Indiana's Carnegie Libraries", posted August 5, 2021, Indiana State Library website. Laura Jones, Northwest Regional Coordinator, Indiana State Library.

Staff of the Alexandria-Monroe Public Library

Director-

Brad Sowinsky 2016

Administrative Assistant and Homebound Services-

Loretta Linfoot 2017

Technical Services Manager-

Rachael Neese 2005

Technical Services Assistant-

Trystan Condon 2015

Youth Services Manager-

Stacy Stiltner 2022

Youth Service Assistant-

Adrienne 'Addy' Murrey 2023

Librarian Assistants-

Melissa Hexamer 2011

Jodi Ferguson 2016

Terri Smith 2015, Local Historian 2023

Carol Mosbaugh 2024

Jamie Porter 2024

Cleaning crew-

Sue Elbert 2004

Maintenance-

Dave Wise 2022

Teamwork

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to attain uncommon results.

Andrew Carnegie

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Staff Highlights and Accomplishments

Taken from the board minutes of the Alexandria Monroe Public Library

JANUARY

Loretta, Dave and Terri began the task of relocating the Highschool yearbooks and historical reference information downstairs to the main floor. They also relocated bookcases, the card catalog, Mr. Carnegies portrait and a painting by local artist Ben Baker. The historic Carnegie letters were made available for public viewing as well two antique book displays by Indiana authors.

All staff participates in an in-service training day.

FEBRUARY

Furnace number five of six library furnaces was replaced after a faulty heat exchange.

Melissa was nominated for the American Library Association's, 'I Love My Librarian' award. Although not chosen, we consider her nomination an honor.

Carol reintroduced a book club that has been absent from the library since 2011. With the new name of 'Grace & Pages' the Christian book club meets for an hour in the library on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Here they discuss their thought on the current months book and offer suggestion for future reading. For a list of each month's title, see Carol.

Terri began to inventory all of the libraries historical items that have been held in storage. This will be the first time that each item has been described, measured and recorded for written documentation. Eventually the items will be scanned and added to the Library-History page on our website.

Local history research by Terri resulted in a \$50.00 donation from an out-of-town request.

MARCH

Rachael and Trystan continue with the deconstruction of weeded and damaged books. Those that cannot be reused for crafts, programs or decorations are taken to the local recycling center.

Everyone's favorite custodian Dave Wise will be out for six weeks after knee surgery. Rachael's dad, Bill Hirst, will be filling in until Dave returns.

Funded through a patron's donation the children's department purchases and installs a sensory wall.

APRIL

Rachael represents the libraries information table during the Easter party at the Baptist Church.

This was Jamie's first Care Day and she did an outstanding job planting flowers in our Butterfly Garden. The garden was created in 2023 from donations made in memory of former patron Shelly Tatman. It is located on the south side of the library along the alley.

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Terri begins scanning our collection of yearbooks that were inexplicably removed from the library website. To date Loretta has added the years 1899 -1928 to our site for viewing.

Brad, Stacy and Addie visited the statehouse in support of library legislation bills.

MAY

The 'Leave a Puzzle- Take a Puzzle' feature that was suggested by board member Laura Jean Rowe has been a very successful addition to the library. The puzzles have no due date and no need to be returned. We are grateful for the many puzzles that patrons have donated.

The 2025 Art Showcase ran from the second week of April until May 4th. This was a very successful year with 41 pieces from local artist of all skill levels who displayed in all creative mediums.

Terri recently completed another binder for the history area shelf. 'They Left Us Suddenly', Volume II is a companion to, 'Alex Vice'. Both are a chronological compilation of microfilm articles on vice, crime and unusual deaths in Alexandria.

The Times Tribune featured Stacy in a front-page article highlighting her accomplishment in bringing, '1,000 Books Before Kindergarten' to the Children's Department. Currently, (10/2025) 15 children have participated in the program.

Brad and Addie visited the high school during lunch hour to promote Mental Health Awareness Month. They will also share this information with middle school and promote signing up for the libraries summer reading program.

Terri gave an interview to the magazine Homes.com to promote how the community benefits from the library and she answered a few questions about Alexandria's history.

Brad worked with student teacher Trey Whitted's class on a project concerning the history of local buildings. Terri provided several binders of Times Tribune microfilm articles for the research.

Loretta begins fine tuning the library website by adding additional pages. The Library History page has been expanded, a Local History page and a Historical Newspapers page have been added. Terri has written the content to many historical articles which include pictures and microfilm where possible. Each subject has its own tab and new ones will be added to the pages each month.

Dave returns to light duty work following knee surgery in March.

JUNE

Meredith Nichols begins as a seasonal employee for the Children's and Youth Services department to help out with the summer reading programs.

A big thank you to all the staff for serving in another summer reading program!

JULY

Brad applied to ILF to participate in Management Series for Directors and Aspiring Directors. He will be in classes from August- December.

The library replaces another of the buildings six furnaces/central air units.

Terri attended the installation of a historical marker at I.O.O.F Cemetery. This is the second phase of a two-year long project. She has worked in conjunction with the Monroe Township Trustee's Office to

identify and document a previously unknown African American burial area within the cemetery. The Times Tribune carries a front-page story about the marker installation. Currently, she's working on the third phase, writing short biographies on each of the individuals interred there. They will be added to our Local History tab on the library's website.

Brad, Addie, Loretta, Meredith, Dave his wife Lisa and Terri represented the library in the July 4th parade. Dave and Lisa's son Wesley offered to drive his truck and trailer for the float. The staff decorated the float and threw many pounds of candy to the crowd. Wesley is also the driver for the annual Christmas parade.

Youth Services attended the Back-to-School Rallies at the Baptist and St. Mary's Churches.

AUGUST

Brad enrolled in the Leadership Academy of Madison County and will be attending it until December.

Youth Services/Outreach and Jojo attend Back to School Bash at the local schools.

All staff participated in an in-service training day.

Staff begin planning and gathering ideas on library decorations for Christmas season and the Holiday Open House.

SEPTEMBER

Brad, Addie, Carol and Loretta attended the 4-day Book Fair at the elementary school.

Carol and Addie hosted adult bingo at the Y.M.C.A.

Terri interviewed with several high school students who had questions about the history of the library and early Alexandria history.

The motor on the outside vestibule doors will no longer automatically open the door and will need to be replaced. During business hours the door is set on OPEN daily.

Terri begins framing many of the pieces that she documented when taking the historical inventory. These will be eventually placed for public viewing in the library.

OCTOBER

Addie and Rachael hosted adult bingo at the Y.M.C.A.

The library participated in Monster Bash at Beulah Park with Addie, Rachael and Trystan.

To date Terri has added 22 subject themed binders of printed microfilm to our local history area. She has also began writing the handout for the Holiday Open House in December.

Outside consultant Leticia begins accessing all aspects of the library to help us develop a five-year plan.

Staff begin creating holiday decorations that will be used throughout the library for the season.

NOVEMBER

Brad, Melissa and Rachael attended the annual ILF conference in Indianapolis on the 10th & 11th.

Door on the vestibule is finally repaired and able to close.

*The November and December board minute highlights are not included here due to being released at the following months board meeting.



AND ONE MORE THING-

In addition to our regular positions, we would like to recognize special contributions that the staff makes

Loretta is our Administrative Assistant and Homebound Services coordinator. She delivers books, audio and DVDs to patrons who cannot make it into the library. She does this in all types weather, every week and occasionally on her unscheduled time! She also works behind the scenes upgrading our website and creating additional pages so that extra historical content can be added. She has a knack for small office details and is often a staff mediator.

A little-known fact- Loretta loves tea! Ironically, her husband is from the UK and they travel there about every two years.

Loretta's hidden skills? She serves as an online DJ, she's an online 'gamer' and is super creative. She sells her work in craft shows on her off weekends.

Rachael and Trystan are the Technical Services staff who work in the upstairs offices. Aside from intake and cataloging they take on projects that require a larger space with a longer time commitment. After 'weeding' a particular collection they remove the book covers and deconstruct books that can no longer be used. What is left is taken to the local recycling center. This is very time consuming and can take several months before the collection is disposed of.

During the Christmas season Rachael offers free giftwrapping as a library service. She is very skilled and does beautiful work. Rachael, Loretta, Stacy, Jojo and Addie are the creative team behind the library's seasonal decorations.

A widely known fact- she is an expert on Christmas.

Surprising fact- Cajun cheese will not let you down.

Rachels hidden talent? She can clog dance at any moment!

Brad has taken on an extraordinary amount of responsibility in a very short time to become our director. In addition to taking college classes and joining the Leadership Academy he attends many of the after-hours library functions and the Madison County roundtables. In the summer he maintains the libraries space in the community garden. He has also represented the libraries interest at the Indiana State House on two occasions.

Far behind the scenes facts- he's known as 'Sauce Sowinski' to the staff, he's a groupie for the band PHISH, is occasionally on a local radio program and he loves cheese!

Brads hidden talent? His ability to apply a Seinfeld quote to ANY situation!

Carol recently began a welcome addition back to our library programs with her Christian Book Club. The group meets once a month to discuss the current volume. She is very dedicated to each month's book selection and can offer a good recommendation for Christian authors. She also loves creative writing and has a small blog, 'The Barefoot Gypsy'.

A little-known fact- Carol attended online classes for the institute of Children's Literature in Washington state.

Unknown fact- cheese lover who leans toward Swiss or Provolone.

Her hidden skill? Latch hooking!

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Historical Monographs

Jamie is our 'go to gal' for reading suggestions on true crime and murder mysteries. For several years she has served as a clerk for the Madison County voting centers. Recently she took a daring ride on the Dragons Tail in Tennessee. She also likes the thrill of riding rollercoasters!
Unconfirmed fact- her feelings about cheese are ambiguous.
Little known fact- loves to fitness walk and has a goal of five miles a day.
Her hidden talent? She is a cross-word puzzle wizard!

Dave is the library renaissance man. In addition to keeping our building looking sharp he is our sense of security. He arrives before the staff does and each morning, he is the first face we see. He is our door man and escort into the building. He keeps our sidewalks snow free and our parking lots salted. In the summer he cares for our flowers and does an excellent job with the Butterfly Garden. He can also run a mean leaf blower!

His hidden talent? Dave is a Civil War buff and has the ability to remember many battles in detail.

Jojo is the creator of the clever reelz that you see on our library Facebook page. She promotes the newest historical content that Terri and Loretta have added to the library's website. She often collaborates with Loretta on the seasonal window displays and is the creator of all the free bookmarks that are available on the main floor.

A little-known fact- it is estimated that Jojo travels so often with her husband and that she is on the road 378 days a year??

Absolute fact- her cheese of choice is pepperjack.

JoJo's hidden skill? She recently completed training to become a travel agent!

Stacy as the Youth Services Manager schedules, coordinates and maintains the program calendar for all children's, youth and adult activities. She shops for all crafts, food and art supplies needed for each of the programs. Her outreach represents the library by reading to senior residents at the Alexandria Care Center. In late summer she participates with Addie and Brad in the Back-to-School rallies and the Back-to-School Bash as well as the Scholastic Book Fair.

Stacy shares generously with her coworkers from her abundance of coffee, coffee pods and coffee related accessories. She shamelessly caters to our connoisseurship of cheese-particularly dill.

Obvious fact- she is a fellow dill cheese lover!

Another fact- she attended Wilton cake decorating school in Chicago.

Her hidden talent? She can vaguely play the clarinet.

Melissa, like Jamie, is a specialist in true crime and is a horror film junkie. She also monitors the libraries Facebook and Instagram accounts. Melissa loves vintage Halloween décor and collects first addition antique books. One of her most treasured possessions is an autographed photo of actor Vincent Price. She has a deep love for animals and cares for a feral cat colony in her neighborhood.

Unknown fact? She nondiscriminatory in her love of cheese.

Another fact- she writes short stories.

Super skill? Melissa is a Goodwill Ninja that can scout a fine deal anywhere between here and California!

Addie, along with Stacy, is the energy behind the extensive amount of youth and adult programs the library offers. Her homeschool programs have been extremely well attended since they began last fall.

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She also attends the library functions held after hours such as hosting bingo and many of the school events. Addie has a huge heart for the disadvantaged and volunteers several hours a week with local charities. She is multi- skilled, super creative and has a flair for decorating.

Hidden talent: she has far-reaching connections in a variety of locations. She is the library pipeline for hard to locate items.

Absolute fact- will pick cheese over chocolate any day.

Little known fact- Addie has generously shared many of the pictures that are featured on the libraries Local History tab.

Terri is the Local Historian in the library. She has participated in many long-term historical research projects in and outside of the community. She also researches and writes the content for the history articles and photos on the Library History and Local History tabs of the library's website.

Unknown fact- she coined the phrase, 'cheese is where it's at'!

Hidden skill- she has somewhat of a mental rolodex and can write multiple articles at one time.

Very hidden fact- Terri is an artist who studied Fine Arts in college. Her home décor is a 1970's time capsule.

More Fun Facts

***As of November 6, 2025**

1,065 adults attended programs

898 adults attended outreach programs

182 teens attended programs

385 teens attended outreach programs

2,075 juveniles attended programs

702 juveniles attended outreach programs

4,893 questions were answered by phone or in person

Staff has a combined experience totaling 85 years of library service!

***January 1, 2025 thru November 14, 2025- Total amount of items circulated 52,515!**

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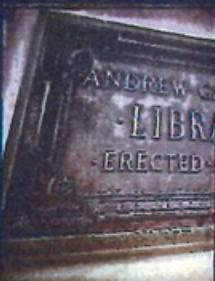
In no particular order:

A big thank you to all of the coworkers who shared their photos every time I asked ALL YEAR LONG, Deborah Hale of the DAR and Tri-Kappa for the sweet treats, Danielle, Leon, Forrest and River Damerrich for unbelievably good chocolate chip cookies, Mike Whisler for many the many cakes, cupcakes and cookies, Pam Blake for cookies, fruit baskets and more cookies, Jerry Hughes for being the rich voice behind our Christmas audio programs, Lindsey Cuneo and State Farm Insurance for surprising us with unexpected, but much appreciated, pizzas, Lon Brown Insurance for the gorgeous Poinsettias you hand deliver each holiday season, Pizza King because, well, your pizza is fantastic, Susan and Judy Fowler who brought us flowers 'just because', Christy Kilgore for sharing historical information about her time in the Bertsche home, Kimberly Gull brought us puzzles and fed us when we were hungry, Marjorie Record sent a long distance donation, Booktroverted Momma donated high school spectrums that were hard to locate, the Monroe Township Trustees Office for answering every call and question concerning historical research, Mrs. Peggy who donates her fabric, craft supplies and Christmas ornaments so generously, Gloria LeMaster for library photos, children's coloring pages and for answering my many questions about her time here as a former librarian, Melissa Donahue who donated several puzzles, Frankton Middle School Life Skills class, Carlos Sauri who also donated puzzles, Belinda Mullins who has given us so many different things from cardigans to cookies, Wesley Murrey and his side kick who has been our driver and float decorating coordinator for several parades over the last few years.

Wes has also pre-donated a pool to be used on next year's 4th of July float, Barbara Williams for sweet treats, party plates, cups and napkins, board member Laura Jean Rowe who donated puzzles, Diane Terry for pictures and the property documents that you let me copy for historical purposes, Shelby Thomas who gifted us with a Poinsettia and a few cactus, Ruby Closser gifted an Aloe Vera plant, Matt Ellis who kept us on our toes with his big basket of CDs, the gentleman who donated several puzzles on the evening of 11/6- sorry I didn't get your name, Christian Congregation Church who deliver chicken & noodle dinners to the library, Jill Haron for cool writing pens, Jody Baker for the Peace Lilly plants, Stephanie Collins for cookies and banana bread in the break room, the unnamed person who sends a large tin of flavored popcorn each Christmas, Sharon Farr who sent two large pizzas, Jen Graves brought in a 'ton' of tomatoes, Elayna Cuneo donated puzzles, the Harrison Restaurant for a delightful bag of cookies, all the men who worked on the 'Washington Street Project' – seriously, thank you for winding it up.

And finally, Chip McFerran who gave us nothing but a hard time.

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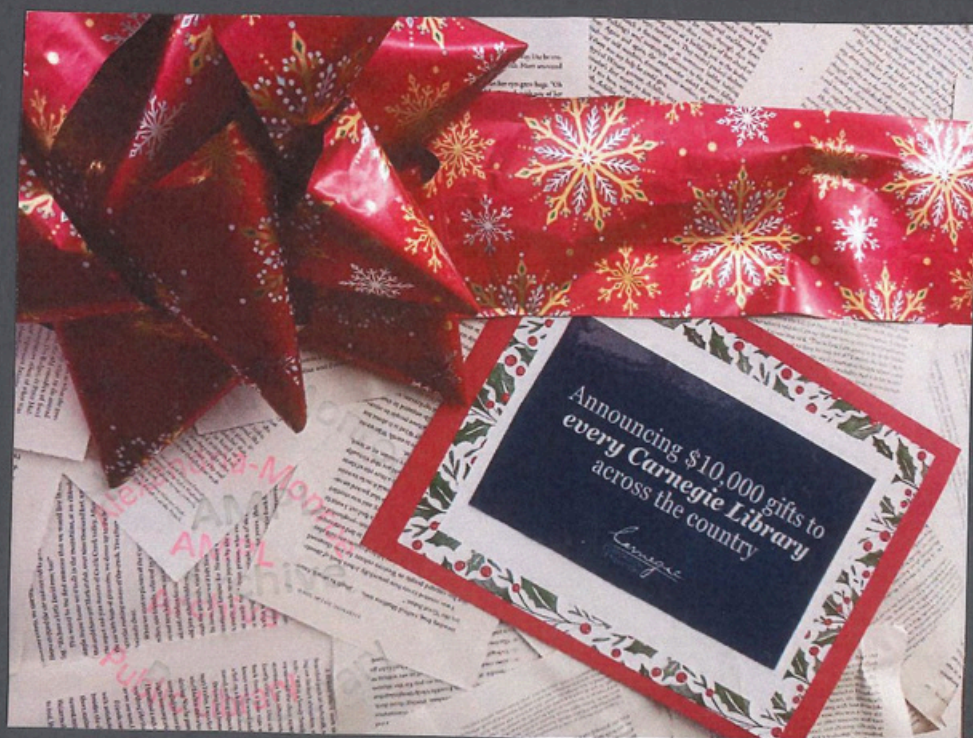
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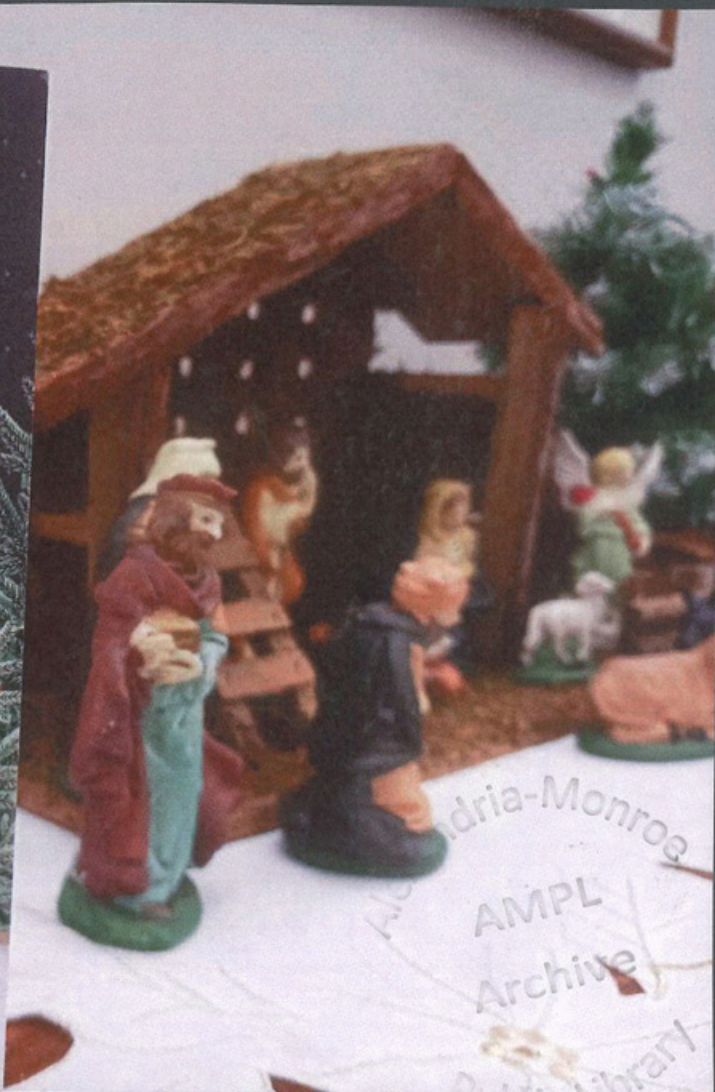
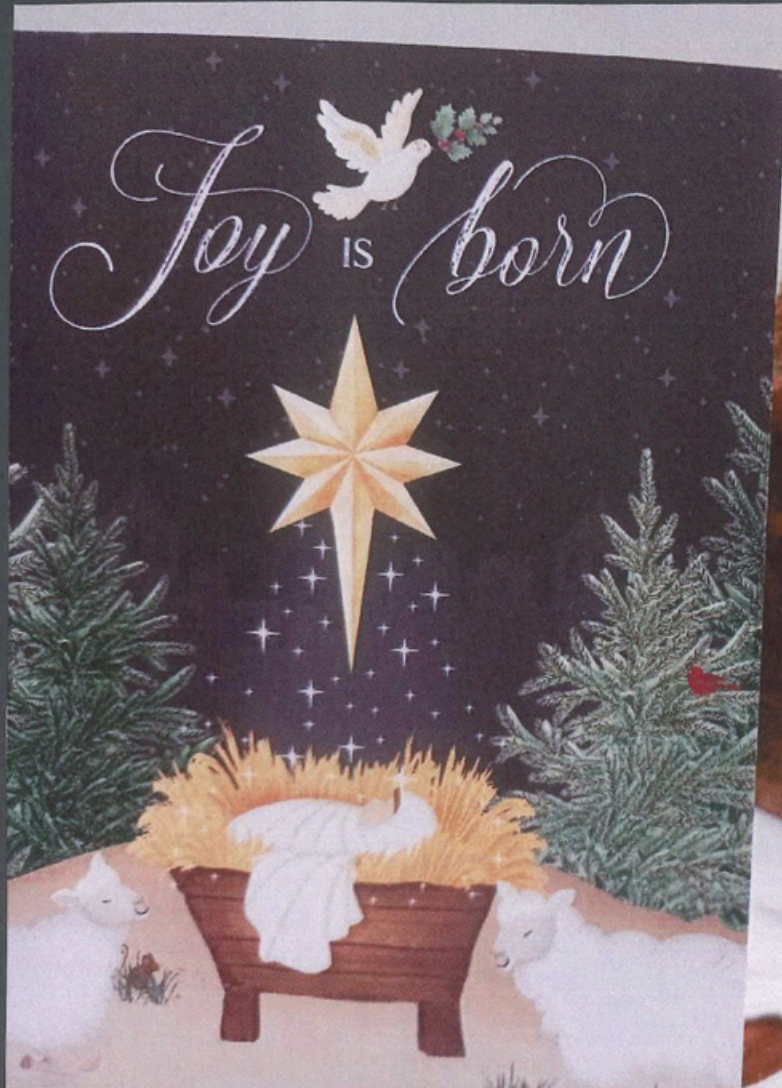
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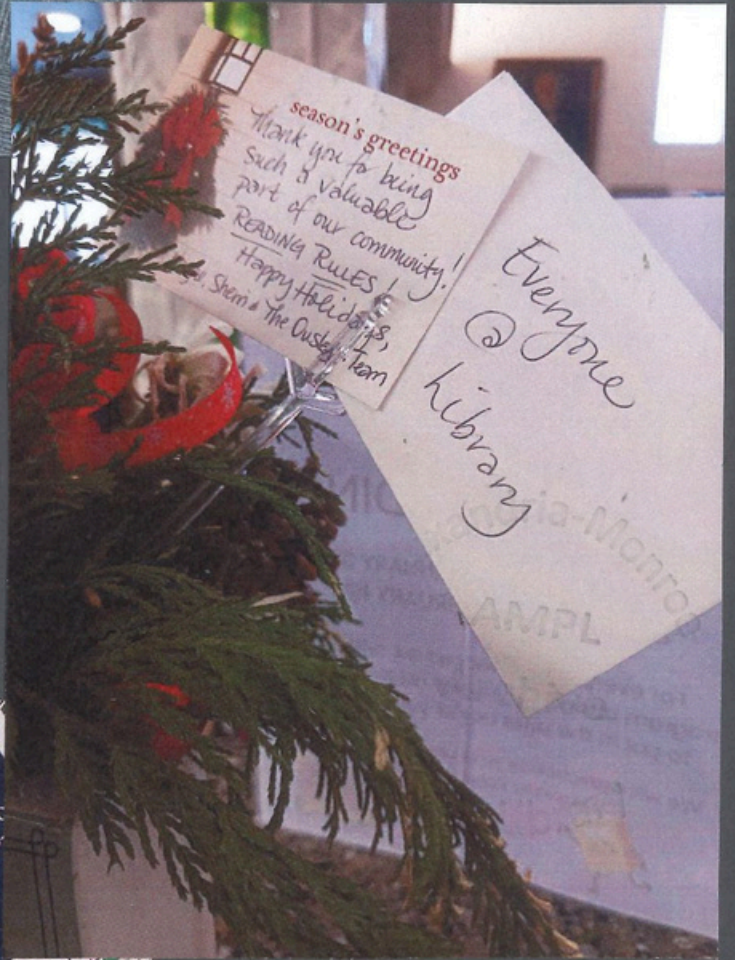
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I Heard The Bells

On Christmas Day

... And in despair I bowed my head;

"There is no peace on earth", I said;

"For hate is strong,

And mocks the song

Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

*Then pealed the bells more loud and
deep.*

"God is not dead nor doth he sleep!

The wrong shall fail,

The right prevail,

With peace on earth, good-will to men!

-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, 1864







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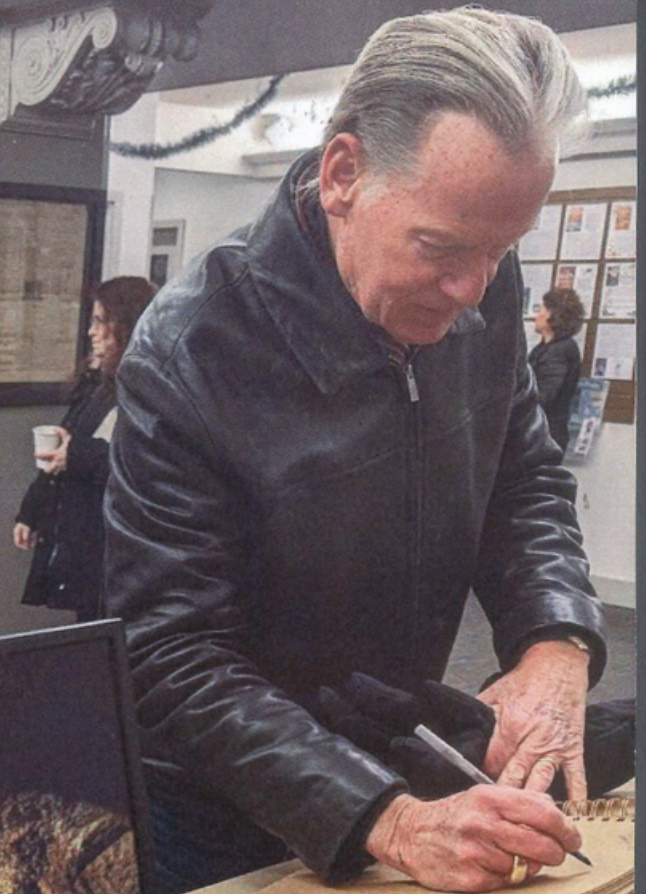




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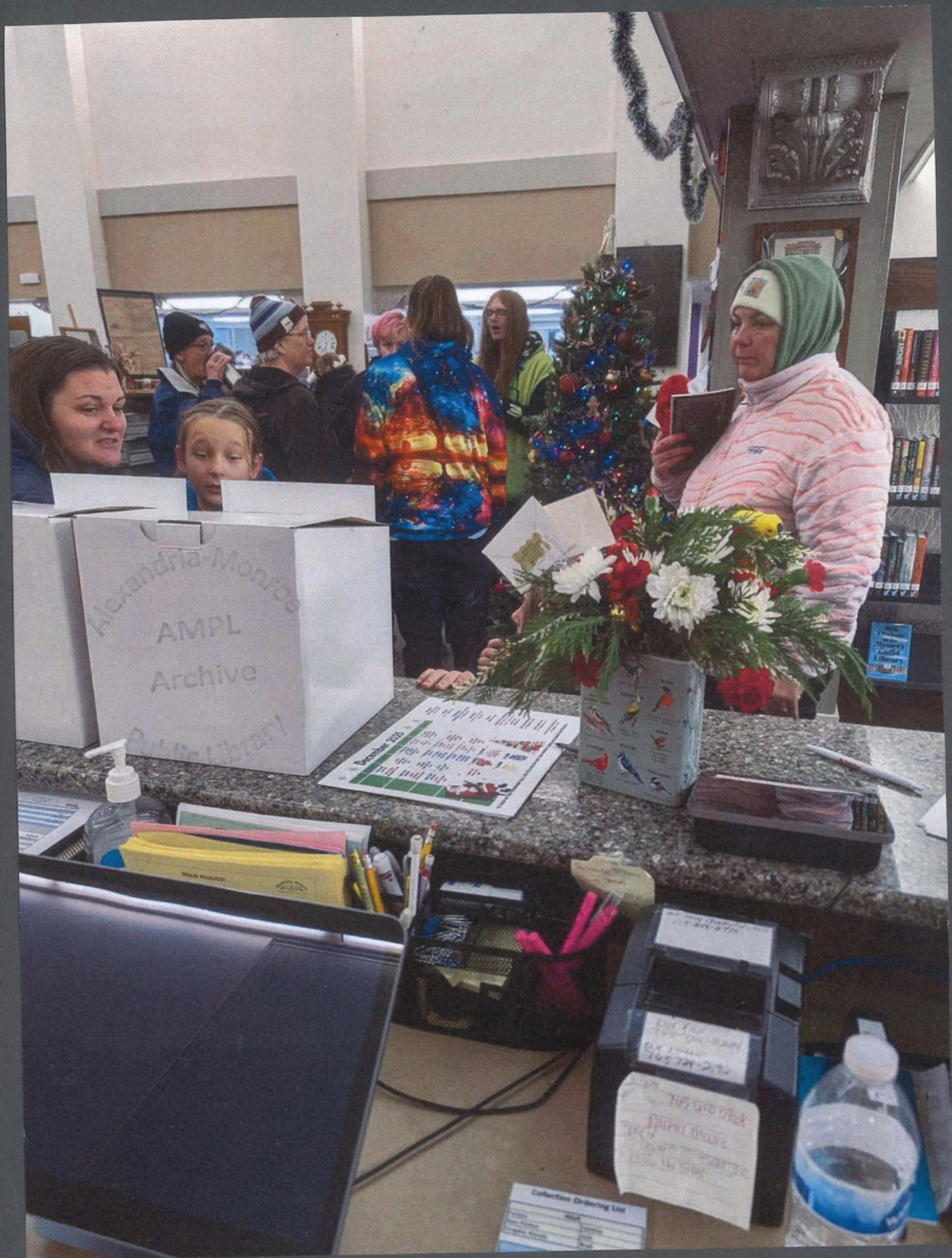




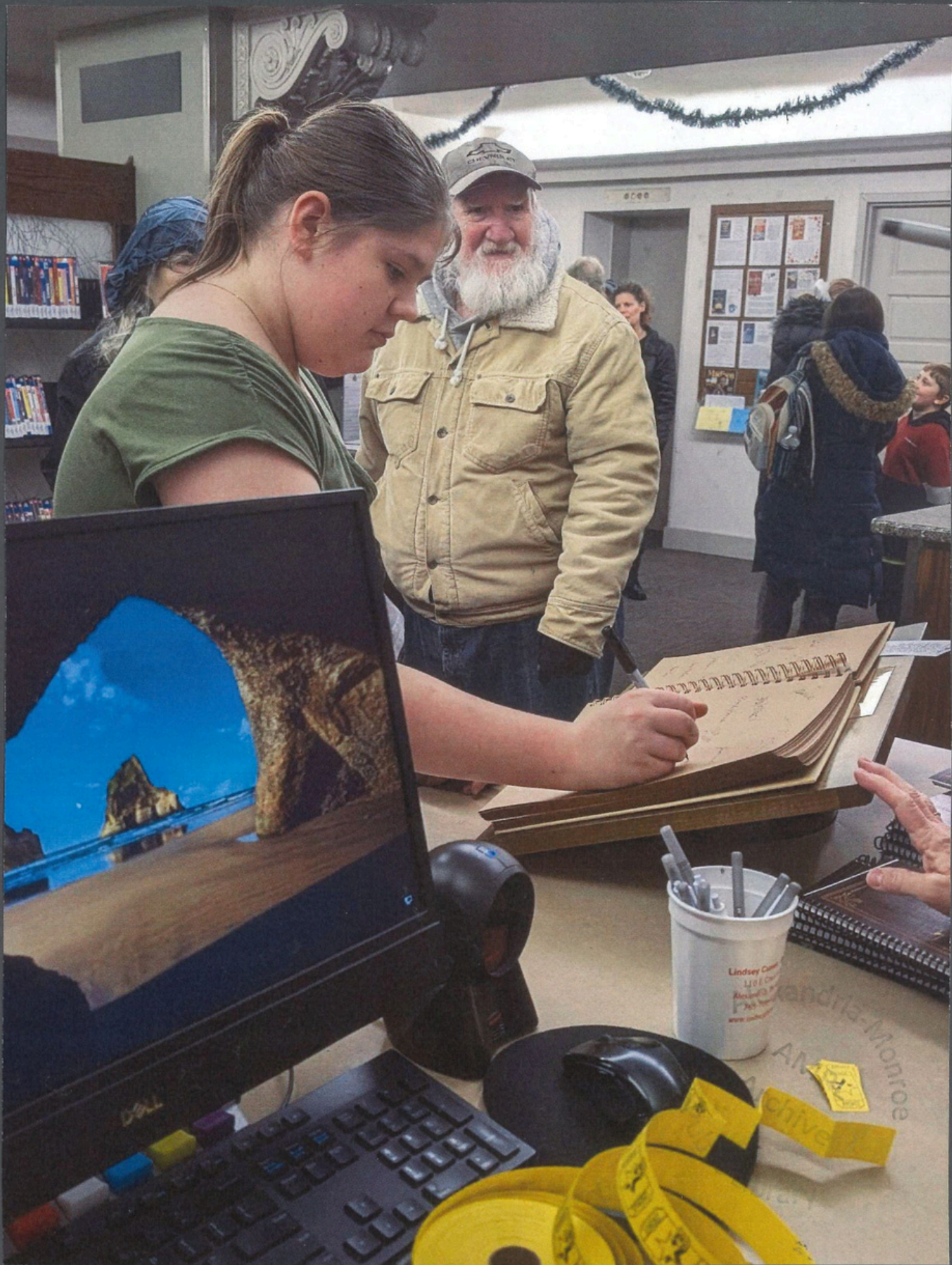














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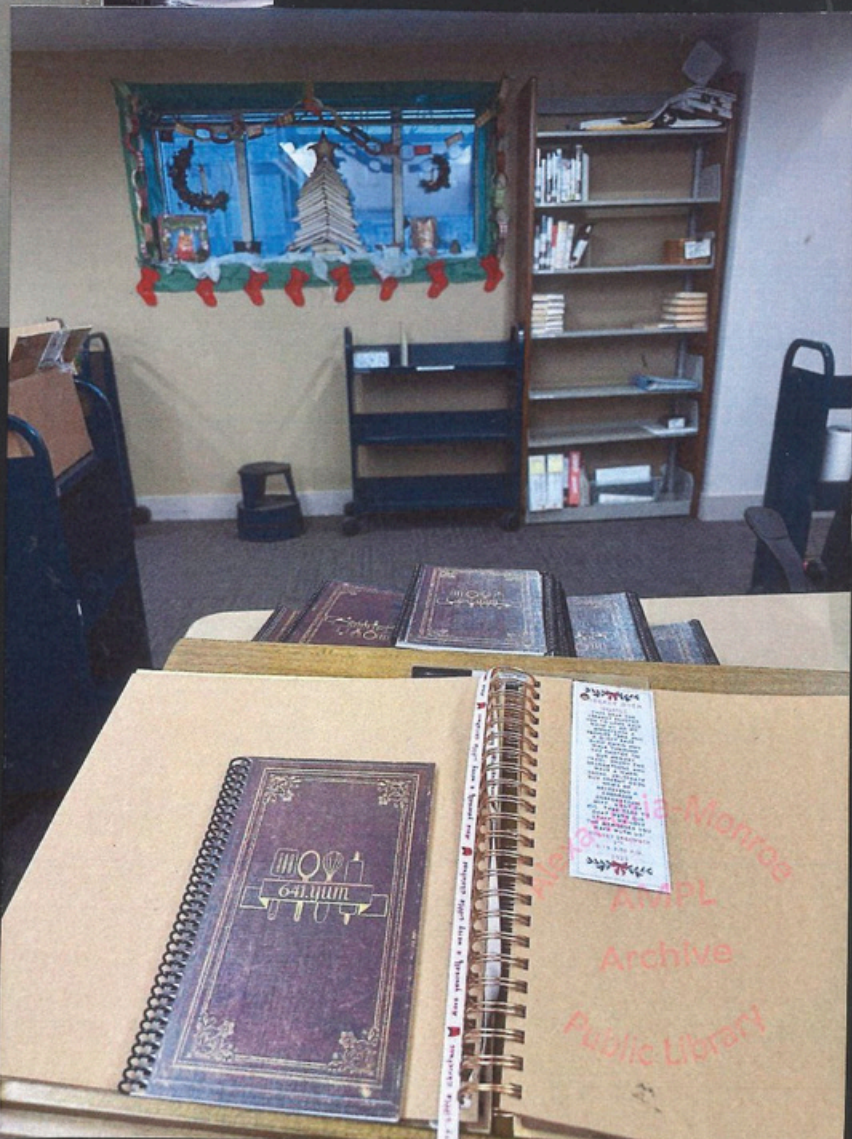












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Foot Blankets... \$2.00 up
Cotton Blankets... \$1.00 up
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garment, we are sell-
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Any kind you want. See what we are showing in India and Oriental patterns. A large selection of Art Squares and built pattern Rugs.

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For a good winter wrap see us. A wrap for Ladies, Misses and Children. We have good styles, good goods and low prices. A visit to this department will convince you that we are doing the business in Cloaks.

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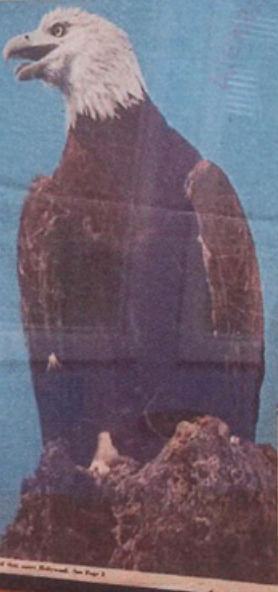
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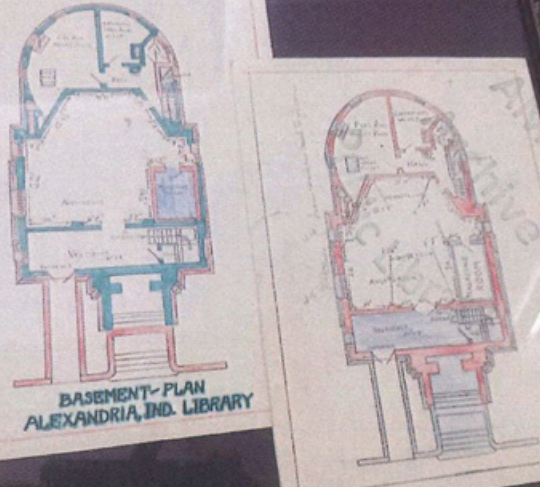
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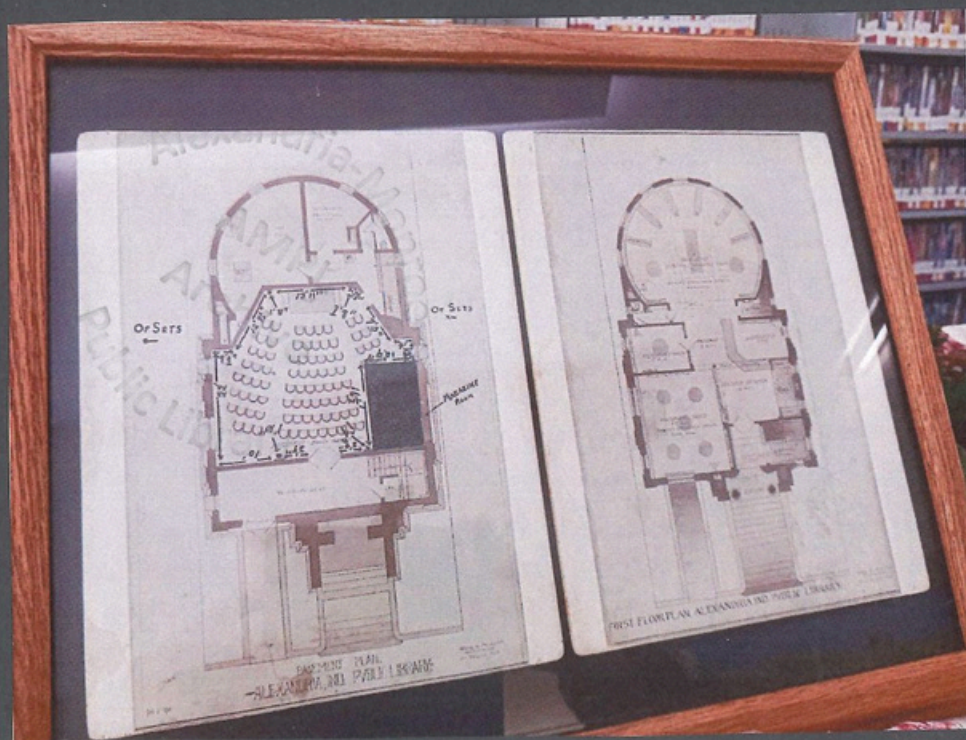
Who Ever Heard OF ALEXANDRIA?
 BY CLARENCE WOODBURY

 OFF TO BATTLE: Six hundred of the town's best boys have gone to war, while home folks work and wait.
 Few people in the U. S. — but this Indiana town is known to millions in other lands. Here we introduce it to America...
 Every cluster of houses in America has had to get its name on the map. But Alexandria, Ind., did not get its name until the globe without even trying. Alexandria attained global fame when the Office of War Information selected it as the ideal town to be a booklet called "Small Town, U.S.A." The idea was to show foreigners what America is really like.
 Thanks to the OWI, millions of Europeans and Orientals are now told you about Alexandria. But the booklet has not been distributed here at home, and every American duty boy who has been sent abroad has to tell them why the office of This Week went to find out.
 You can get to Alexandria by train, but it's not in a hurry, you have a bus to Indianapolis and travel 20 miles northwest. When I got off the bus, I asked one of Alexandria's citizens, Harry Daugherty, for the address of a hotel. He said to simply, "The lady that used to run one got into a fight with the city council and sold 'em." It was a humorous way to guide you.
 I left my bag at Mrs. Mary May's tourist home and went out to hunt for Mayor Harry Childen.
 I found the Mayor, a brick man of all, in his hardware store.
Pocket-Sized America
 Alexandria's fame, he agreed, he didn't mind one bit of the grab bag. The OWI booklet is supported equally by agricultural Americans here. It has 600 men in the United States Army in war industry. All Alexandria has a wide main street, planted with trees, a few high schools, a dandy city hall, new churches, almost no more than most people work hard. Some are, others spend wild. War has brought the town prosperity and bustle. It has also brought hardship and sorrow. Alexandria is, in fact, America in pocket-size.
 All kinds of people are doing jobs they never dreamed of. The superintendent of schools operates a drill press in his spare time. Farm women run tractors, while their own work in war plants.
 Old Sam Phillips, 67, is releasing a young man to fight the Japanese by bringing books right over about it that he won't wear on overseas except on the oddest days.
 There is the 12-year-old waitress who brought me my steak at the Cory Cafe. The Joseph Carothers, who is the proprietor, Mr. and the waitress, was glad to have help in a woman of 65. Her rock is 64, her father paid 60 — and they are getting well paid for it.
 Harry Adams, president of the Commercial three years. Few workers are cashing in their war bonds. This indicates that a lot of products are being sent to their money.
 But, I got a different picture, at Bert Han's. There I got a different picture. The bar was jammed there deep with working men and the

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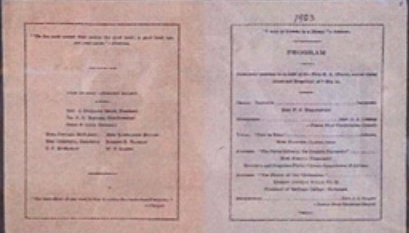
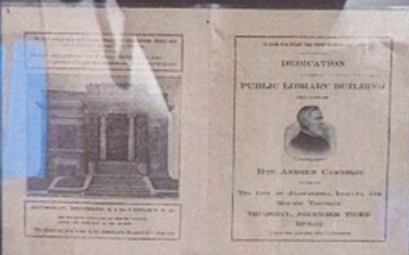


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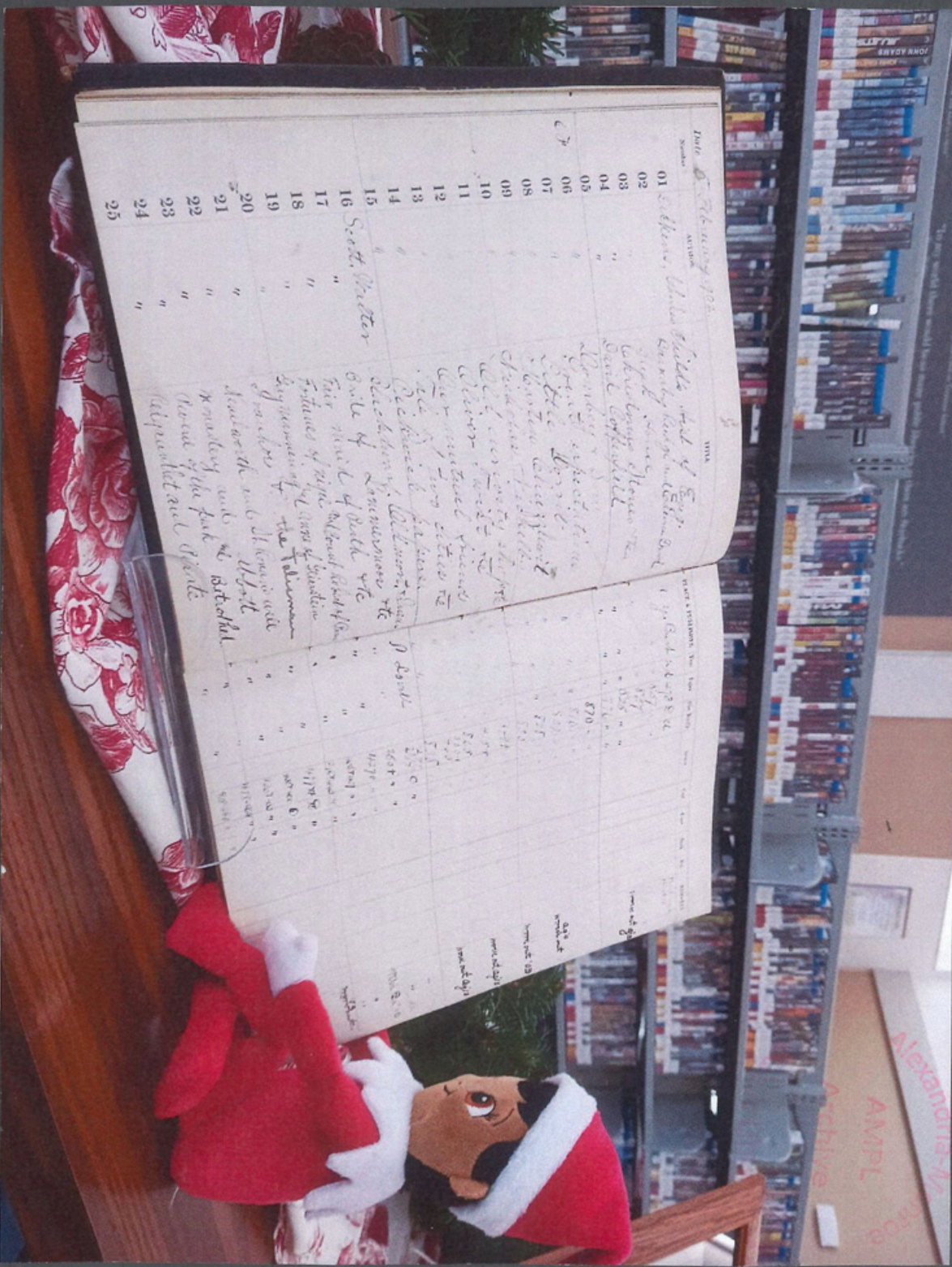
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1. Early photo taken by the photographer Dewey. Likely taken from his studio opposite the library
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3. Two early post cards of the library
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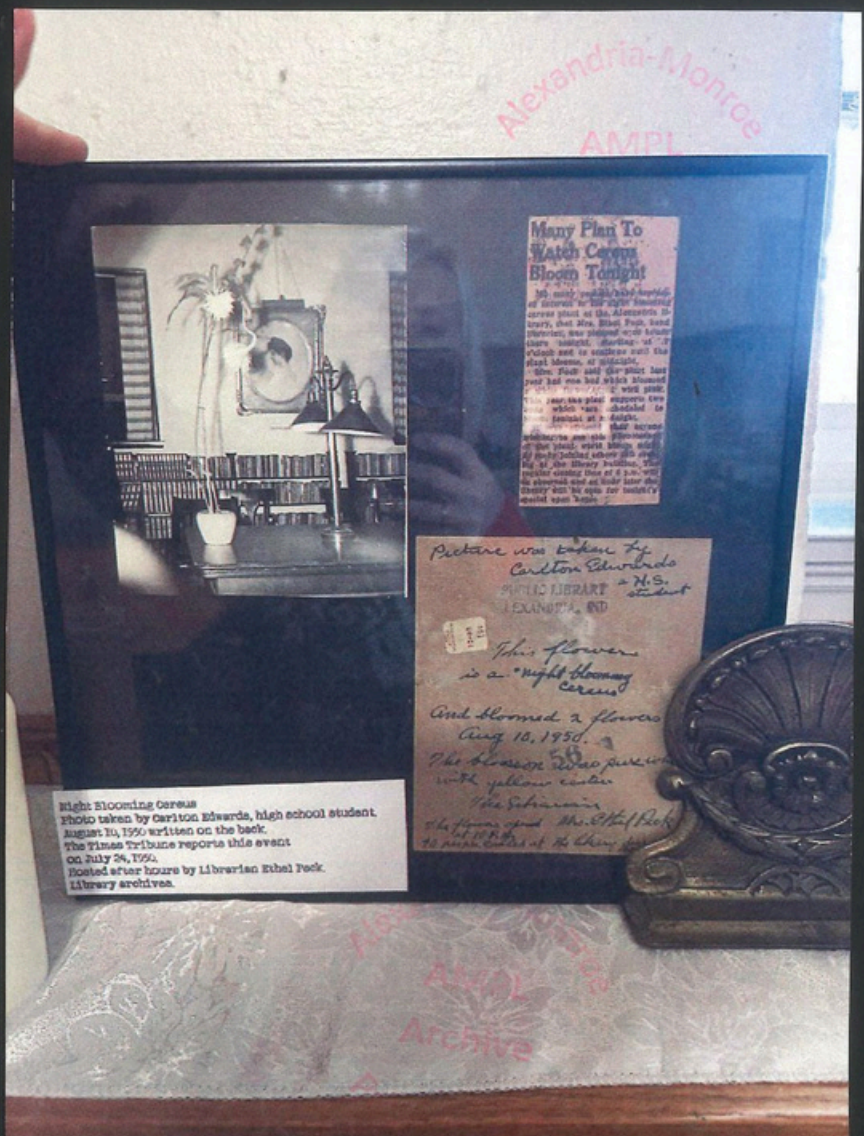
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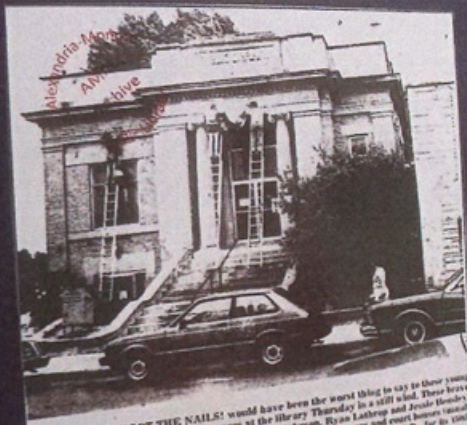




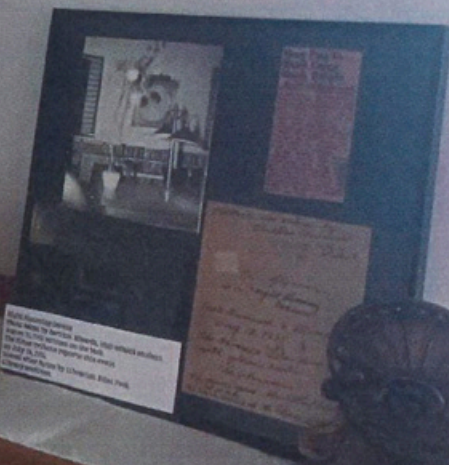
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HANG ON, I FORGOT THE NAILS! I would have been the worst thing to say to those young men who hung Besenquist memorial banners at the library Thursday in a stiff wind. Their brave souls from Old Glory Decorators, 1-87 Allen Waterborn, Ryan Lathrop and Joelle Housley, water towers and coast houses must travel the country hanging decorations on businesses. The Palace in Merrill, S.D., far to south by the hardest reaches. Old Glory decorated the City Palace in Toronto and will mark its anniversary in 1988. (photo by Diana Pierce)



Right: *Accounting journal*
Music: Adagio for Strings, Albinoni, 17th-century minuet
Pages 13, 192: Sentences on the wall
The other: Various papers, this one on
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