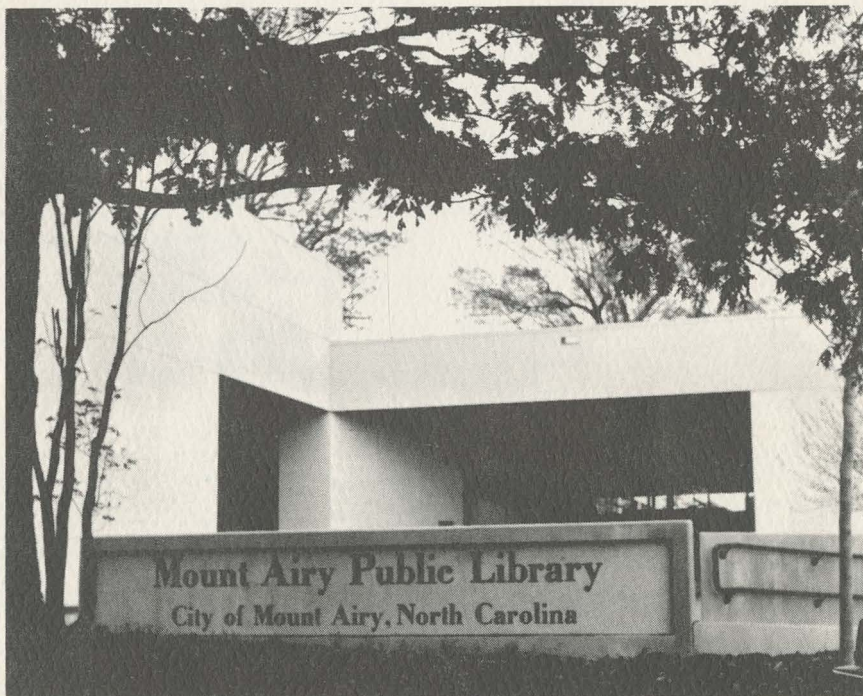


# Dedication Program

May 16, 1982



MOUNT AIRY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Mount Airy, North Carolina



# CITY OF MOUNT AIRY

P. O. Box 70

North Carolina 27030

OFFICE OF THE  
MAYOR

May 16, 1982

Dear Fellow Citizens:

In 1930 the original Woman's Club of Mount Airy made a proud and ambitious step to provide Mount Airy with a library. The first efforts were very successful and demonstrated the interest of the community in having a public library.

After several years of fund raising efforts, the Woman's Club acquired a building on Rockford Street to house the library. They operated a library there very successfully. In 1938 the Woman's Club proudly made a gift of the library property to the Town of Mount Airy for continued use as a library, to be operated by the Town as a public service. Many citizens, civic organizations and businesses contributed to the progress and growth of the library throughout the years, using the building which had been donated by the Woman's Club. Our community is proud of the growth and opportunities the library has experienced.

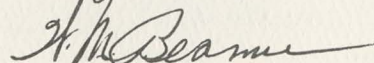
In 1971 Mrs. E. H. Kochtitzky, a member of the original Woman's Club and a library enthusiast, gave her elegant home on Pine Street to the Town for library use. The library was relocated from Rockford Street to Pine Street by a proud and interested citizenship.

With pride and appreciation for all of the past library accomplishments, and determined to meet future needs, the Mount Airy Board of Commissioners on March 3, 1981, adopted a resolution authorizing the construction of our new public library which we dedicate today. We are proud of this new library and look forward to the many opportunities which it will bring to Mount Airy and its citizens.

In a conversation with N. C. House Representative Bill Hiatt about our new library he made this comment, "A person who can read and doesn't is no better than one who can't read at all."

All of the pride, effort and ambition of the past are well justified and bring us to this accomplishment. Our real pride and ambition can best be justified through the use of this facility. I urge all of you present and all who will follow to take advantage of this public library and the knowledge and opportunity it provides.

Very truly yours,



W. M. Beamer  
Mayor

WMB/db

Dedication Ceremony  
Mount Airy Public Library  
May 16, 1982  
2:00 p.m.  
The Andy Griffith Playhouse

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W. MAYNARD BEAMER  
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## INTRODUCTION

TOM G. WEBB  
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JOHN VEIGEL  
Executive Director,  
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## INTRODUCTION

R. BOWMAN GEORGE  
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## REMARKS

HONORABLE STEPHEN L. NEAL  
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## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DR. ALFRED MILLER  
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## CLOSING REMARKS

W. MAYNARD BEAMER  
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Open House  
Mount Airy Public Library  
Immediately following the Dedication



## History of the Mount Airy Public Library

The Mount Airy Public Library was started in 1930 by a group of persevering and enthusiastic Woman's Club members and has grown from a small beginning of 2300 books to its present collection of around 20,000, as well as being enriched by many technical facilities and public service programs.

The library began in a small brick building bought by the original Mount Airy Woman's Club in 1926. After fifty-one years, it is now moving into this magnificent edifice just across the street from its original home.

The opening of the Mount Airy Public Library on May 12, 1930, was the crowning achievement of the 194 Mount Airy Woman's Club members who spearheaded the idea and led it to completion with the help of such people as the Club's first president, Mrs. R. R. Jackson; Mrs. George Marshall and other Club members; the Kiwanis, Lion's and Junior Woman's Clubs; the town's two newspapers; the city government; the State Library Commission; and, not the least, the supportive public.

For forty-one years the library was housed in the small brick building on Rockford Street. The first librarian, Mrs. J. R. Poindexter and her successors — Estelle Earp Sides, Mrs. Dillon Simpson, Mrs. Charlie Ball, Miss Betty Lovill, and Mrs. Bruce Tharrington — together with their efficient assistants, built the Mount Airy library into an enterprise with unusually high reader participation.

In 1962, more services and expert help were obtained when the local library joined the Northwestern Regional Library.

In 1971, the town, which had taken over the operation of the library in 1938, fell heir to a generous bequest from Mrs. E. H. Kochitzky, a charter member of the original Woman's Club and an ardent library supporter, in the gift of her elegant and spacious home, into which the library immediately moved.

With added services and space, and under the guidance of librarians Mrs. James Combs and the present Mrs. P. M. Sharpe and their loyal assistants, the Regional Library staff, the Mount Airy Library Board, the city government, and with the support of the newly formed Friends of the Library, and an appreciative public, the Mount Airy Public Library will continue to be the excellent and efficient source for all of us who need the help of its many and varied services.

Compiled and written by Ruth Minick

## THE MOUNT AIRY PUBLIC LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND

In the interest of providing an additional supplement to the Mount Airy Public Library operating budget, the City Board of Commissioners created the Mount Airy Public Library Endowment Fund on April 15, 1982.

Gifts or bequests to the Endowment Fund will be invested by the City Finance Committee to obtain the maximum rate of return.

Ninety percent of the income from the Endowment Fund will be made available to the Mount Airy Library Board for the purchase of books, program materials, program supplies and related equipment and program assistance, including fees and expenses. Ten percent of the income from the fund will be retained and added to the principal. No salary or salary related expenses will be paid by the fund.

The annual income from the Endowment Fund will not reduce the City, County or Regional appropriation to the public library.

Any gift or bequest to the Endowment Fund may be converted to cash and invested by the Finance Committee. An audit of the Endowment Fund will be made by a Certified Public Accountant on an annual basis.

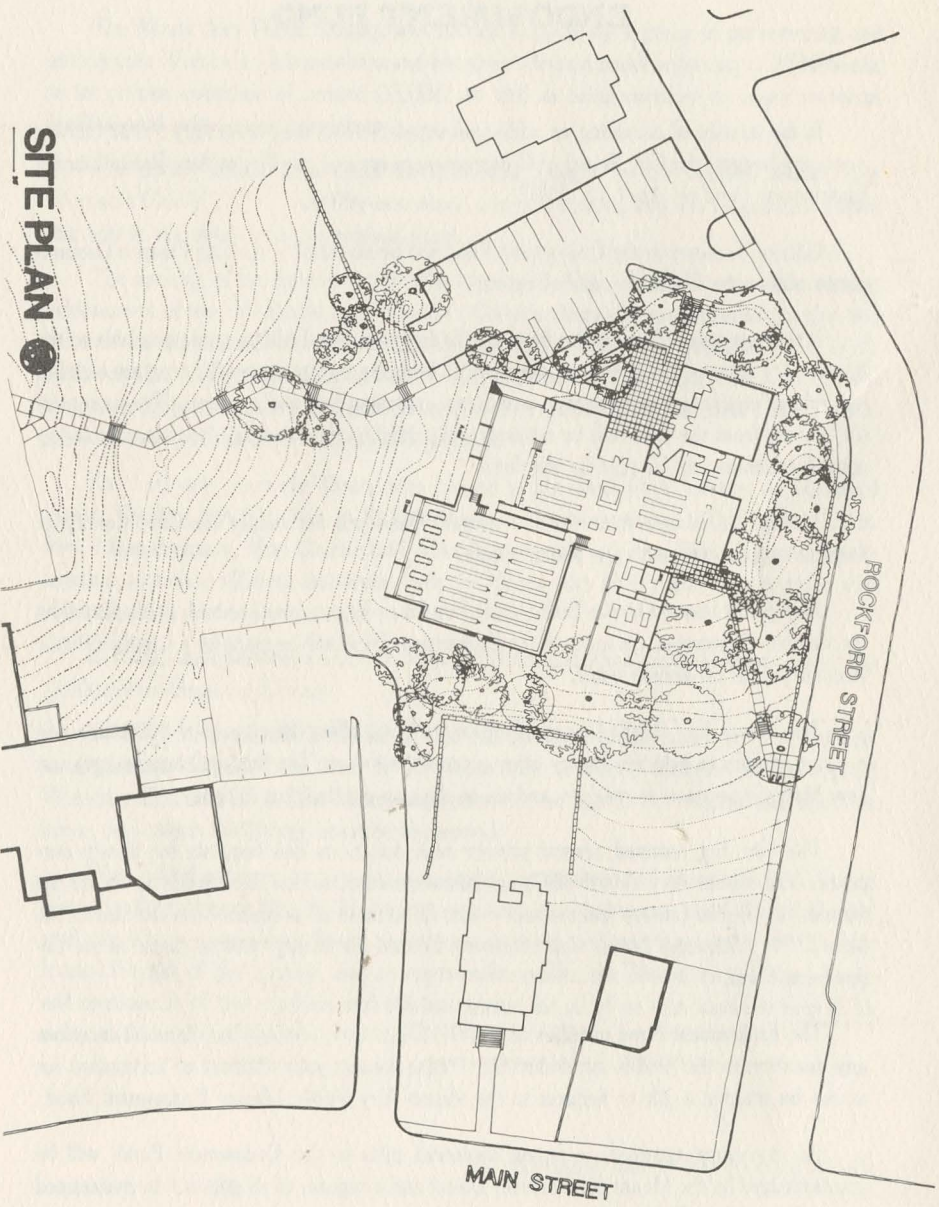
The Mount Airy Public Library Endowment Fund offers the citizens of this area a unique opportunity to help the library offer expanded services. The fund will help to keep our new library's services as modern and up to date as our building is today.

The City has received several private cash donations and bequests for library purposes. The Mount Airy Board of Commissioners elected to use these funds to create the Mount Airy Public Library Endowment Fund. In addition all proceeds from the sale of the Mrs. E. H. Kochitzky home, which formerly housed the library, will be placed in the Endowment Fund.

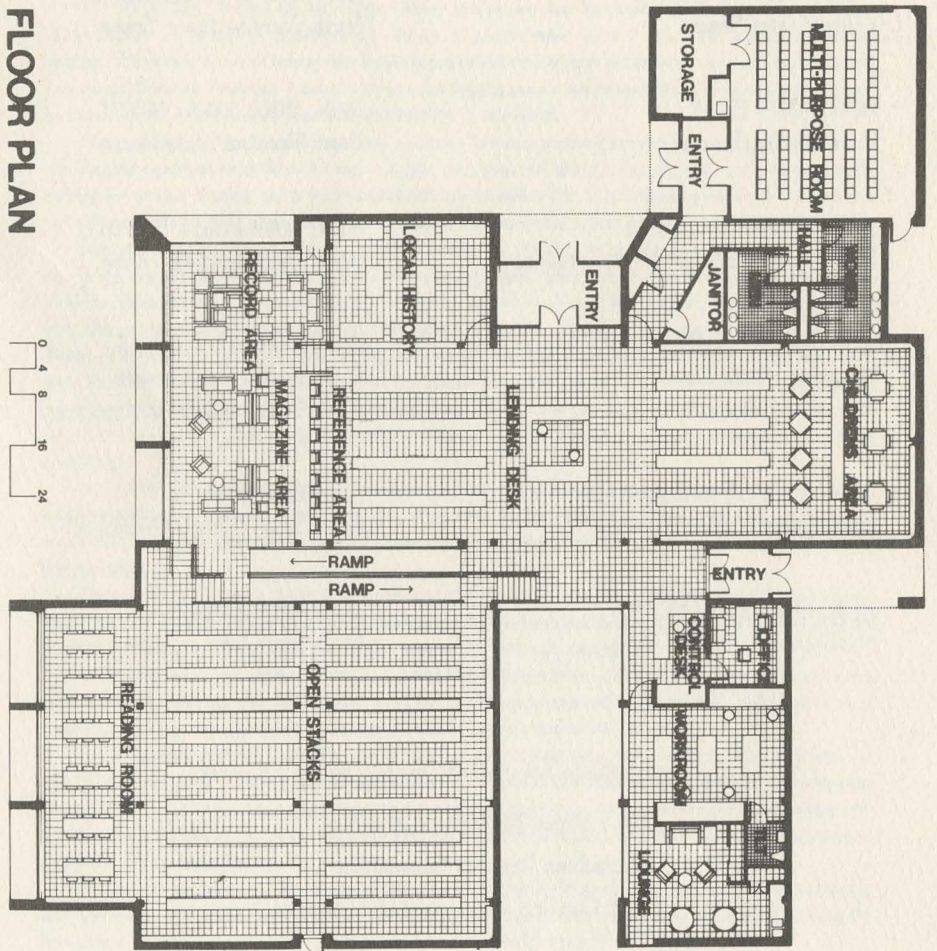
The Endowment Fund qualifies as a (501)(3)(c) tax exempt foundation and therefore any donation to the fund is tax deductible. Please contact your attorney or accountant for advice on making a gift or bequest to the Mount Airy Public Library Endowment Fund.

All donations received, including memorial gifts to the Endowment Fund, will be acknowledged by the Mount Airy Library Board and a register of all gifts will be maintained at the Mount Airy Public Library.





### FLOOR PLAN





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## MOUNT AIRY PUBLIC LIBRARY A passive solar design

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The Mount Airy, North Carolina, Public Library is a project that has been partially funded by the United States Department of Energy to demonstrate the use of passive solar design techniques in a public/commercial building. The library is one of twenty-four buildings nationwide taking part in the Department of Energy Passive Commercial Buildings Program. A data acquisition and logging system will be installed to monitor the energy performance of the design for one year after construction is completed.

The proposed site was carefully analyzed to employ best any potential existing solar energy features at the site. Several deciduous trees 40 to 50 feet in height were preserved along the north, west, and east sides of the building for summer shading, and a south-sloping hillside was utilized for its solar-heating potential. The library is partially bermed along the north elevation for wind protection during winter months.

The architectural concept includes 14,000 square feet of floor area and uses extensive amounts of daylighting throughout the three floor levels to create an "open space" interior environment. A multipurpose room has been incorporated into the design and will be available for library functions or public use during hours when the remainder of the library is closed. The children's area is separated from the remainder of the library by shelves of books. The shelves also provide good acoustic separation from the adult areas of the library. Staff work areas are located in a "wing" separated from the remainder of the library.

Areas for reading and other tasks requiring higher levels of illumination are strategically located under clerestories or light shelves along the southern edge of the building for maximum optimization of natural daylighting.

A ramp for the handicapped and for book carts provides easy access to the three levels and assists in the visual surveillance of the lower levels from the lending desk, located adjacent to the two main entrances. An exterior entry court has been created to allow space for group assembly before and after meetings in the multipurpose room.

The passive solar scheme required large amounts of thermal mass in order to stabilize the building's interior temperatures. The architectural concept was integrated with the structural design in order to expose many of the poured-in-place columns and beams required to support the sawtooth clerestory.

All exterior walls are twelve-inch thick concrete masonry, grouted solid to provide the additional thermal mass within the building. The building skin is native white granite quarried in Mount Airy. Additional thermal mass is provided in the quarry tile floor used throughout most areas of the library.

The mechanical system is not elaborate. It uses five rooftop heat pump units ranging in size from 5 to 7.5 tons. These units condition spaces which might be operated in conjunction with, or separately from, the remainder of the library. For example, the multipurpose room can be used at night and air conditioned or heated without conditioning the remainder of the library. Operable windows along the northern and southern elevations provide cross ventilation during favorable seasons.

The heat pumps utilize outside air for cooling whenever possible. Programmable thermostats are used during the "warm-up" period after night setback and will bring the interior of the building up to temperature using the heat pumps.

Since the library is predominantly used during daylight hours, no attempt was made to store heat for long periods of time. The use of extensive daylighting not only reduces the lighting load but also reduces the heating load during the winter months. During the summer months, less cooling is required since overhangs block the sun's penetration into the building.

The combination of all design elements contributes toward the total building performance, and will provide a state of the art energy-efficient passive solar building for many years.

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