

# The Fremont Library: then and now

**1931**

- Amelia and Frank Neuschafer lent out books from their front parlor (through Winnebago Extension) at the Tustin Road farmhouse

- Dr. Walter Neuschafer lent out books from his dental office above the corner of Wolf River Drive and Main Street

**1958**

- Library moved to a 170-square foot jail cell which was open 2 days a week
- Dr. Neuschafer would drive to Oshkosh Library each month and fill up the trunk with books for the Fremont Library

**1938**

- Representatives from the Women's Improvement Club, Legion Auxillary, Chamber of Commerce, Grade school principal, Fremont Library Club, Legion Post 391, Volunteer Fire Department, and Conservation League met to start a library in Fremont.
- New Library was set up in the Village Hall Council Room with 7 bookcases with locks.
- Mildred Verdon 1st Librarian

**1976**

- Joined the Outagamie/Waupaca Library System (OWLS)

**1969**

- Linda Neuschafer worked in the library to keep it open and retired 49 years later

**1991**

- Dr. and Mrs. Neuschafer donated a \$100,000 Stock Certificate for a free-standing library in the village (which became \$108,000)

**1987**

- Margie Dearth became the librarian which allowed the library to be open 4 days a week

**1992**

- 5 acres on the corner of Jefferson and Fillmore was purchased for new library site



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**2021**

- Melissa Krause becomes Director
- Library held a rededication ceremony honoring Dr. and Mrs. Neuschafer and Taylor/Wohlt for generous gifts to the



**2019**

- Natalie Snyder becomes Director

**1999**

- Carol Toeple becomes Director

**1995**

- Village Board named Library after Dr. Walter Neuschafer
- Neuschafer Community Library opens on February 9, 1995

**1993**

- Lynn Sallee takes over as librarian
- The library moved to the stage in Village Hall due to roof leaking
- Village Board voted to demolish the 1932 building and build a Village Hall, Library, and Community Center

**2022**

- Strategic Plan was completed and adopted by the Library Board

**2020**

- The covid pandemic closed the library but remained operational with curbside service
- Friends of the Neuschafer Community Library received a \$100,000 grant from the Marilyn Taylor/Wohlt Creamery Fund through the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region for a library renovation. With additional help from patrons, Friends of the Library, and the Library Board, the total renovation cost was \$125,000

**2002**

- Susan Frick becomes Director

**1998**

- Beth Edwards becomes interim director on April 1, 1998
- Lisa Smith becomes Director on July 1, 1998

**1994**

- 1932 Village Hall demolished
- Groundbreaking held for Fremont Village Hall, Library, Community Center

