

Library Funding History

1930

Fund to build a new library began with the formation of the Library Building Association. The town voted to accept a \$5,000 bequest from Ada Byron Brampton Tremaine in 1929. Camden Herald Jan 26, 1984

1930-32

Fund raising events for a new building in these years raised around \$1,000. Camden Herald Jan 26, 1984

1933

The town voted to accept \$3,400 from the estate of Emma J Shepard for the construction of a new library building. Camden Herald Jan 26, 1984

1943

Land was given by Mary Louise Bok to be used for the library lot. Camden Herald Jan 26, 1984

Captain John Harkness donated \$1,000 to the Library Building Association. Camden Herald Jan 26, 1984

1943-1949

Small donations raised the rest of the money and in 1949 with \$11,884 construction began with no tax money or town appropriations. Camden Herald Jan 26, 1984

1963

Money began to be raised for a new addition with a bequest from Clifford Smith of \$1,836. Camden Herald Jan 26, 1984

1967

The Non-Fiction Room was added on to the library with funds raised by the community. The new room cost \$6,830. Camden Herald Jan 26, 1984

1977

The Elinor Clark Apollonio Room (the Children's Room) was added. This room was funded with in large part by community members with the Apollonio family giving \$7,341. Camden Herald Jan 26, 1984

Books sales from 1975 to 1977 made up \$818 of the funds needed. Camden Herald Jan 26, 1984

For the first time the town appropriated tax money for the library. The town gave \$3,418 toward painting, light, carpeting and book shelves. Camden Herald Jan 26, 1984

Fund Drives made up the rest of the \$20,974 need for the addition. Camden Herald Jan 26, 1984

1978

The painting "Sugaring Off at the Camp" was sold netting \$240,000. This money was used to set up a library trust fund at Maine National Bank. Camden Herald Jan 26, 1984

The following information was gathered from the Annual Reports of the Town of Rockport.

1980

\$124 was spend on small repairs to the building paid for by the Trust.

1981

\$200 was spend on small repairs to the building paid for by the Trust.

1982

\$186 was spend on small repairs to the building paid for by the Trust.

1983

\$1,676 was spend on maintenance and repairs to the building paid for by the Trust.

1984

\$1,777 was spend on maintenance and repairs to the building paid for by the Trust.

1985

No repairs or maintenance mentioned in the town report.

1986

\$831 was spent on maintenance.

1987

Renovations are mentioned. The second floor was finished. I am assuming the renovation was paid for with the money from the building fund which was \$1,226. This was also the first time that getting the basement and new heating system installed is talked about.

1988

The addition to the first floor was almost done in 1988. This addition included a new bathroom, Librarian's office, handicapped entrance and a basement with a new furnace. Again, I am assuming this paid for with the building fund. However, the building fund is only mentioned in the 1988 town report once with a donation of \$500 being added to it.

1989

The Building Expansion Project Summary 1987-1989

INCOME

1987: Contributions	\$29,674.22
Interest	\$159.46

1988: Contributions	\$30,495.19
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The new renovations were completed adding a new handicapped accessible front entrance, an enlarged children's room and the Marjorie B. Dodge Room a 24x30 room for adult nonfiction.

Building Fund

1/1/94 Balance	\$54,104
Donations	\$75,626
Interest	\$1,313
Deposit from the Trust Fund	\$40,000
Construction Costs	(\$156,650)
12/31/94 Balance	\$14,393

The town didn't pay any money for this new addition. It was all paid for from the Trust, the Building Fund, and community donations.

1995-1996

Note circulation up 35% and patron visits up 43% due in large part to the new additions. The major cost this year for the landscaping and the stone and brick steps. The Building Fund also started to pay back the money it borrowed from the Trust Fund for the expansion.

1996-1997

The Building Fund continued to pay back the money borrowed from the Trust. \$6,041 was spend on undefined building project.

1997-1998

\$727 was spent out of the Building Fund for building improvements.

1998-1999

\$4,551 was spent out the Building Fund for building improvements. These improvements were not described.

1999-2000

\$2,715 was spent out the Building Fund for building improvements. These improvements were not described.

2000-2001

\$5,013 was spent out the Building Fund for building improvements. These improvements were not described.

2001-2002

\$2,000 was spent out the Building Fund for building improvements. These improvements were not described.

2002-2003

\$1,984 was spent out the Building Fund for building improvements. These improvements were not described.

2003-2004

ZERO dollars were spent on building improvements

2004-2005

The library spent \$52,544 on exterior renovations. These renovations consisted of replacing parts of the roof, painting the building, clapboards were replaced and the front entrance was refinished. This money was spent out of the building fund.

2010

Money was raised by the library to fund needed repairs to the roof of the building. \$2,377.50 was raised with a 50/50 Birthday Challenge and \$2,458.26 was raised with other fundraising activities. The Library was also awarded a Stephen and Tabitha King Grant for \$25,000. The repairs cost \$7,350. Which left \$22,485.76 still to be used from the King Grant.

2011

A carpeting project was completed with money from the King Grant. Money from this grant was also used to repair and update the electrical system.

Another grant from the Cascade Foundation for \$15,000 was used to set up a A/V equipment, update the electric and A/V wiring in the Children's Room. In addition to the A/V work moveable shelving was acquired and new shades.

2012

Thanks to the Town (aka Taxpayers) air conditioning was added to the building.