

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 9:00 am:** Library opens for business  
 Friends of the Library serve coffee, juice and cookies - Foyer  
 Library history display - Nash Room
- 10:00 am:** **Burkina Yacouba** (African music) - Reading Lounge
- 10:30-11:30 am:** Face Painting with Kathi - Nash Room
- 11:00 am:** **Joe's Backyard Band** (Sixties music) - Nash Room
- 12:00 pm:** Guest Speakers - Reading Lounge
- 12:30 pm:** **Kent County Chorus** (Happy Birthday) - Reading Lounge
- 1:00 pm:** Library closes for business  
 Birthday cake to be served  
**Superchief Trio** (Jump-blues and swing) - Reading Lounge
- 2:30 pm:** Door Prize drawing - Foyer
- 3:00 pm:** Party wraps - Library closes for the day

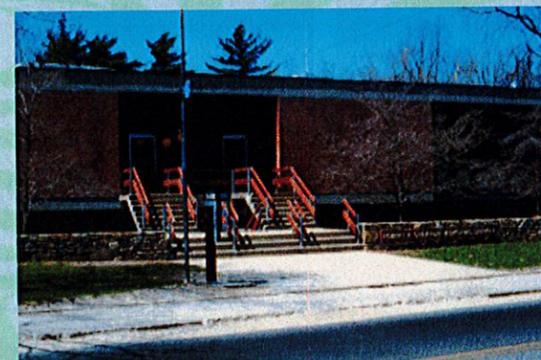
# TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS: PAST & PRESENT

Albrekton, Evelyn	1973-1994	Lamb, Lawrence	1967-1983
Baris, Sue Leilani	1992-1995	Lamothe, Larry	2011-2015
Bertrand, Roger J.	1983-1992	Lemoi, Dr. Leo J.	1967-1979
Bettez, Louise	1982-1986	Levesque, Gloria P.	1990-1999
Brindamour, David C.	1967-1990	Marsella, Joan F.	1967-1970
Burns, Nancy	2006-2010	Masciarelli, Carmine	1979-1982
Callaghan, Patricia	2003-2006	Moorhead, Robert B.	1992-1998
Condon, Monique	2006-2009	Nagel, Eileen	1999-2002
Cote, Cyrille W.	1994-2006	Parker, Rev. Donald	2001-2006
DeCiantis, Judge Michael	1967-1972	<b>Plaziak, Andrea</b>	<b>2009-current</b>
Demers, Irene S.	1970-1973	<b>Podgurski, Nadine</b>	<b>2003-current</b>
DiNunzio-Hall, Barbara	2006-2009	<b>Rice, Lee</b>	<b>2006-current</b>
<b>Goldman, Linda J.</b>	<b>1994-current</b>	Rousselle, Janice	1974-2006
Green, Marylee A.	1992-1992	Sassi, Carol	1986-1989
Jawczak, Jacqueline	1980-1986	<b>Shapiro, Nathan</b>	<b>1998-current</b>
Jordan, Michael	1989-2001	<b>Silva, Marissa</b>	<b>2009-current</b>
Kane, Jane Butler	1972-1974	Trivett, Kathryn M.	1986-1990
Kelly, John J.	1967-1980	Tucker, Anna	1967-1980
Kullberg, Carolyn	1995-2003	White, Joseph R.	1980-1992
Kullberg, Glenn L.	1990-1994		

**Paul Crane 1966-1974**   **Jean Nash 1974-1994**   **Frances Farrell-Bergeron 1994-2011**  
**Brigitte Hopkins 2012-2014**   **Thomas O'Donnell 2014-current**

# LIBRARY OPENS: FEBRUARY 1967

The day began with a little light snow - 1.4 inches to be exact. As the day warmed up and the snow turned to light rain, people began to line up for the long-awaited grand opening of the Champlin Memorial Public Library.



Champlin Memorial Library

Delia DeCesare stood ready at her post at the new automatic microfilm book charging machine and would issue hundreds of library cards that day. Paul Crane, the librarian, would run literally "all over the place" showing off the shiny new building that boasted wall-to-wall carpeting, air conditioning, and a 40,000 book capacity.

Crowds of people, including children out of school on mid-winter break, would jam the stacks on the upper level, searching for a little piece of adventure, mystery or romance to brighten up their February lives.

The building that appeared, as if by magic, at 1043 Main Street was actually the result of many years of hard work and determination. Groundbreaking had taken place exactly a year and four days earlier. Lawrence Lamb, Library Board Chairman, and the other board members had already served on the board for several years, during which they planned optimistically for the future library. One of the board members, Irene Demers, reflects on those early years:

*In January of 1962, fifteen of us were selected by the Junior Chamber of Commerce to serve as Directors of the West Warwick Central Library Association; by extension we were charged with finding ways and means of building the library.*

*In slow early steps we reached a tiny milestone - we were ready to start specific funding plans. Brainstorming produced some interesting ideas including that of selling bricks for one dollar each. It was when we had raised a bit over one hundred dollars that we learned of Mr. Champlin's bequest of over two hundred thousand dollars. How long would it have taken us, one brick at a time, to raise that kind of money?*

It would have taken a very long time indeed. But there is no doubt that no matter how long it took, the people of West Warwick were determined to have a new library. And on that day, February 20, 1967, they would proudly realize that dream.

On that day in West Warwick you could still:

- Buy a split ranch, 5 1/2 rooms, 3 bedrooms, for \$19,900
- Pick up a great torpedo for lunch from Roger's Lounge
- Buy a Volkswagen Beetle for \$1,639 at Kent County Motors
- Buy a new dress at Maxine's or Seena's, or a new suit at St. Onge's
- Get a good breakfast and catch up on local gossip at the Do-Nut Kettle or downstairs at Arctic News
- Stop and pick up one of Mrs. Barret's homemade French meat pies for 29 cents
- Meet a friend for lunch at Cardin's Drugstore or get a great ice-cream sundae at Palm's

*Written by Jill (Sperlak) Payette for the thirty year anniversary of the Library in 1997*