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THE COMMISSIONERS HELP RECOGNIZE 50 YEARS FOR BLAIR COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

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BCLS Board President Dorothy Stahl presents a certificate of appreciation to Commissioners Terry Tomassetti, Diane Meling and Ted Beam Jr.

On January 13, 1965, Blair County Commissioners agreed to support the development of a countywide library system. The launch of the Blair County Library System started 50 years of growth in services and technological innovation. For the next 50 years, through perilous times and through recessions, the commissioners have continued to support the BCLS, County funds provide the libraries with the ability to maintain high quality services and a sustainable source of funding on which to plan for the future

BELLWOOD CELEBRATES A PROUD FIFTY YEARS!

BCLS LIBRARIES

- ALTOONA AREA PL**
TEL: 946-0417
- BELLWOOD-ANTIS PL**
TEL: 742-8234
- CLAYSBURG AREA PL**
TEL: 239-2782
- HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA PL**
TEL: 695-5961
- MARTINSBURG CL**
TEL: 793-3335
- ROARING SPRING CL**
TEL: 224-2994
- TYRONE-SNYDER TWP. PL**
TEL: 684-1133
- WILLIAMSBURG PL**
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State Representative Judy Ward presents a Pa. House Citation to Tobias Nagle, Bellwood Antis Board President and Library Director Hazel Bilka

In February, 1965 a group of citizens with a dream to sponsor and create a public library for their community. After much work, the Bellwood-Antis Public Library opened its doors on August 20 in the former Cook Building on Main Street. The library continued to grow at such a pace and the Board members knew they needed to look for a new home. These forward-looking individuals purchased the property at 526 Main Street on August 18, 1980.

A new addition has been added along with a dedicated children's room which created a family

friendly environment that encourages visits and regular library usage by families with young children. Currently in its 50th year, the library is proud to offer a true community center with 24 computers and an electronic card catalog, two large meeting rooms, a PA History Room and a well-used Children's room. The founders would be proud!



2015 Bellwood-Antis PL

CLAYSBURG CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

State Representative Judy Ward presents a Pa. House Citation



Commissioner Bruce Erb, State Rep. Judy Ward, Bonnie Schultz, Board V.P., Library Director Jane, Knisely and Tim Salony BCLS Systems Administrator

Since its small beginning in 1965, the Claysburg Area Public Library has grown steadily. Organized by Miss Pauline Dannels' High School Library Club and volunteers, the Library opened its doors to the public in November in one small, rented room in the oldest existing building in Claysburg at Mauk's Gas Station.

A small group of volunteers had a vision to make plans to establish a free library that would leave a legacy for their children and future generations.

Since its start in that small room with donated furniture and 1,200 donated books, the Library has grown along with the children who visited the Library through the years and it continues to flourish and become an integral part of its community and the surrounding area.

On September 13, the Claysburg Area Public Library celebrated its 50th anniversary. Judy Ward presented a citation from the State House of Representatives honor on the occasion.

Senator John Eichelberger was unable to attend but sent a citation from the Pennsylvania State Senate



2015 Claysburg Aare PL

TYRONE LIBRARY GRATEFUL FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT OVER 50 YEARS



Senator John Eichelberger presents Jessica Ford Cameron and the Tyrone-Snyder Township Public Library with a commemorative citation for their 50th year celebra-



State Representative Judy Ward presents Library Director Jessica Ford Cameron and Tyrone Mayor Bill Fink with Pa. House Citation.

The Tyrone-Snyder public library opened its doors in 1965 and served about 700 patrons during its first year. The present location now serves about 6,500 patrons/year and celebrated it's 50th year with commemorative citations, presented

by Senator John Eichelberger and State Representative Judy Ward. Longtime faithful volunteer Adda Frye spoke to guests about what the library has meant to her over the years. She recalled when the library opened in 1965, she had been saving her money for Nancy Drew books and was "overjoyed" when the library opened in her hometown and she could now borrow the books.

Thanks to the support of the local community, the Tyrone Snyder library has been able to cut the mortgage owed on their new building, opened in 2004, exactly in half. "Thanks to our patrons, Friends and supporters", Library Director Jessica Ford Cameron said, " We couldn't have made it to 50 without you!"



2015 Tyrone-Snyder PL