

The New Tillsonburg Library:
A Scrapbook History Part 2

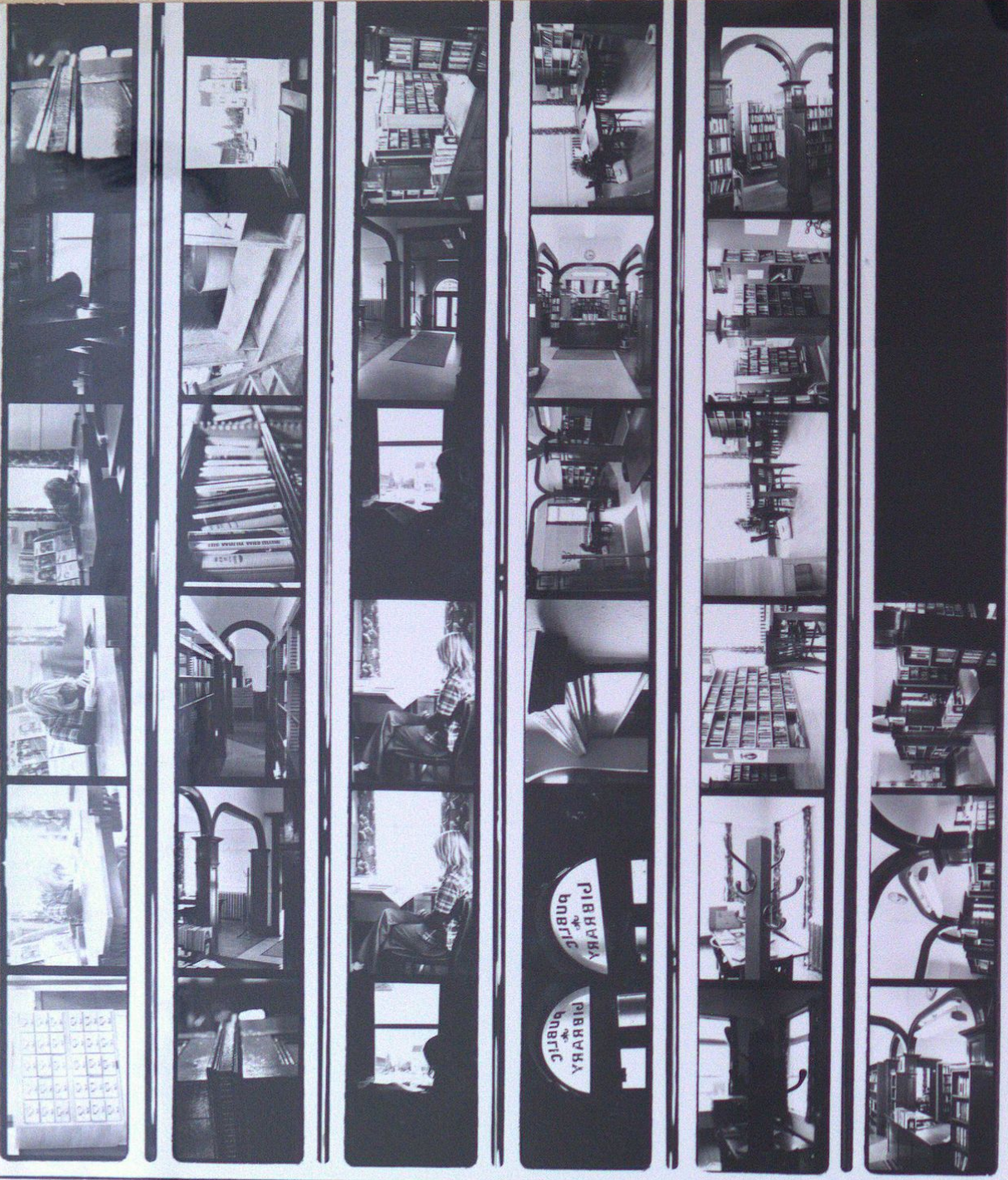


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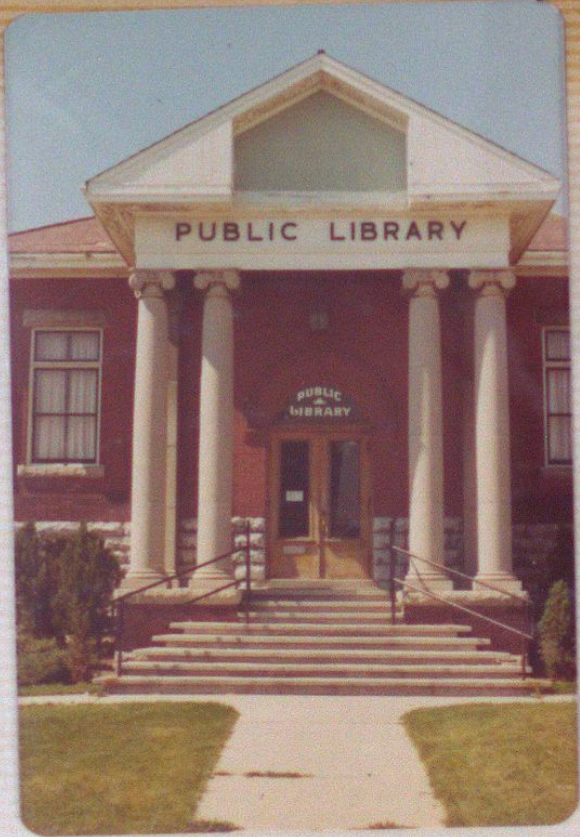
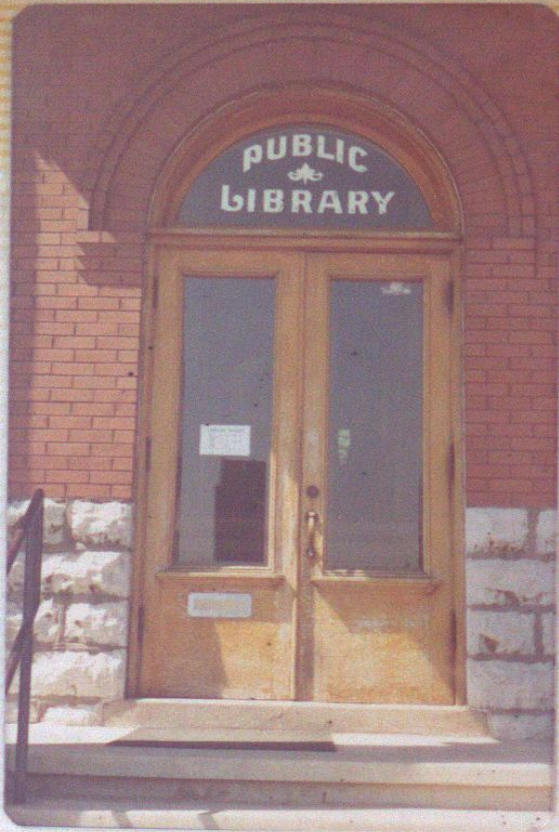


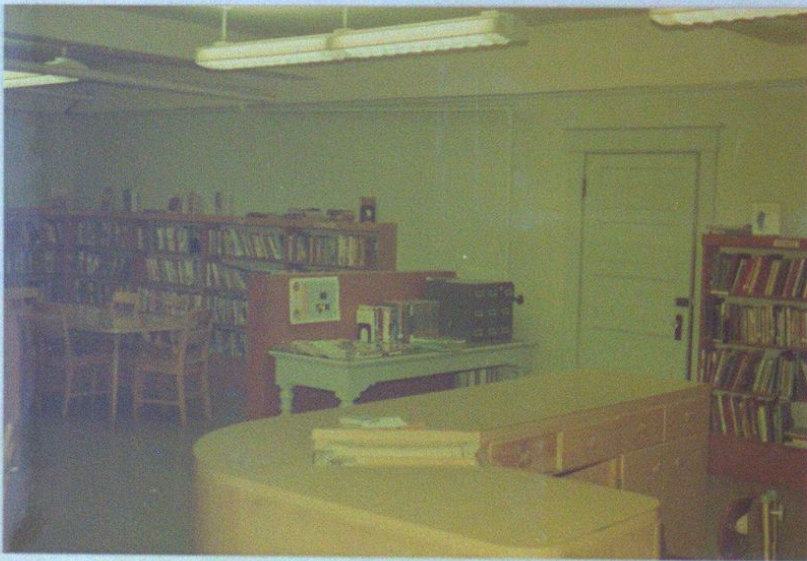
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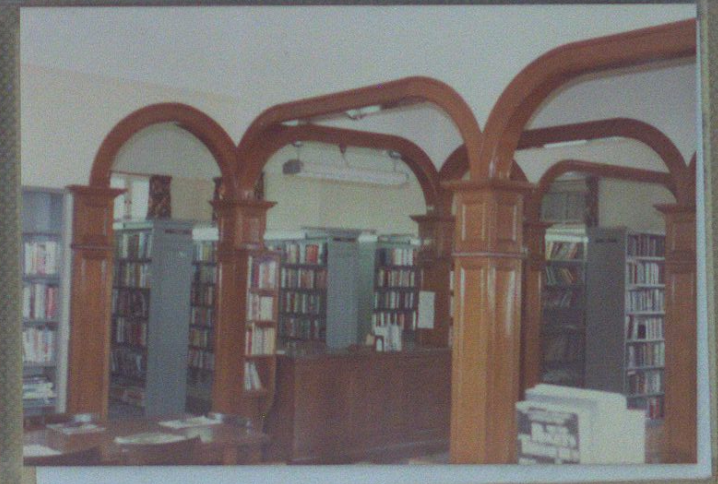
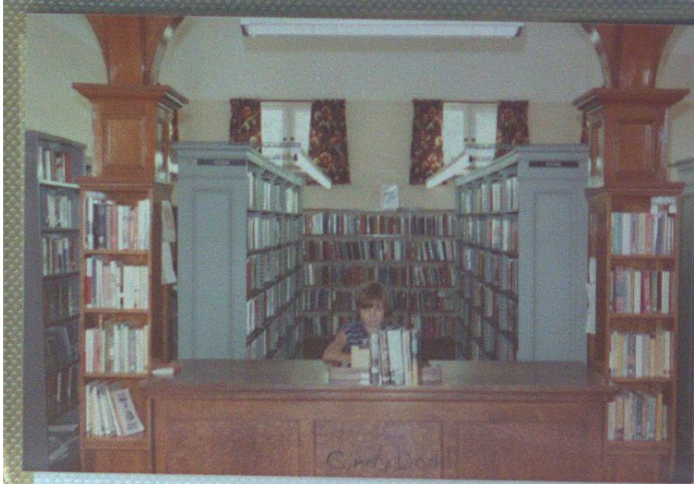
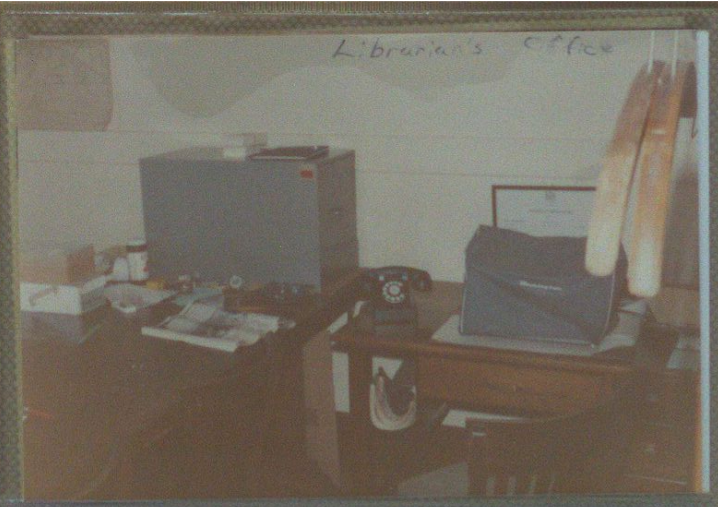
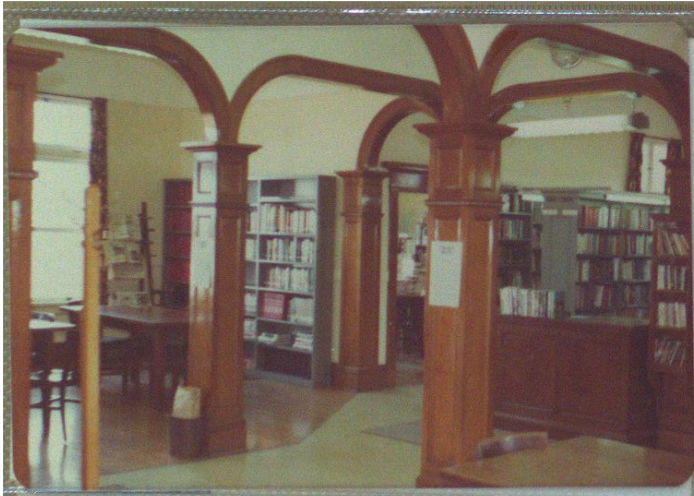
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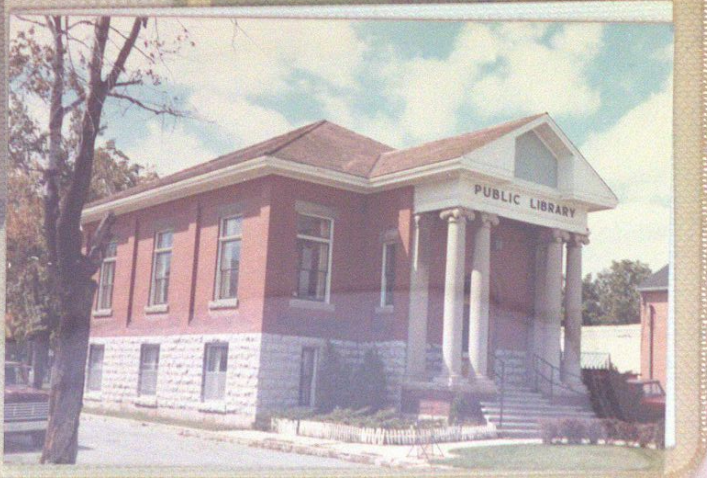
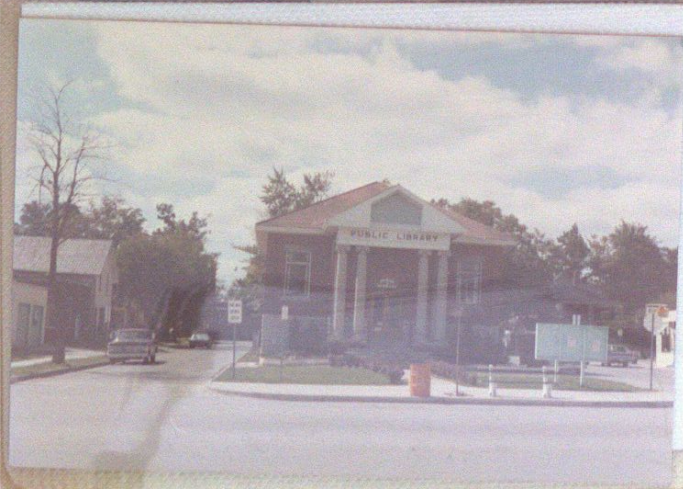
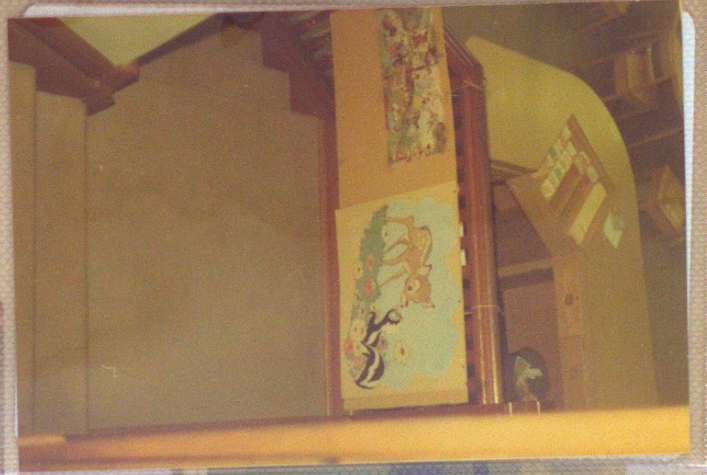
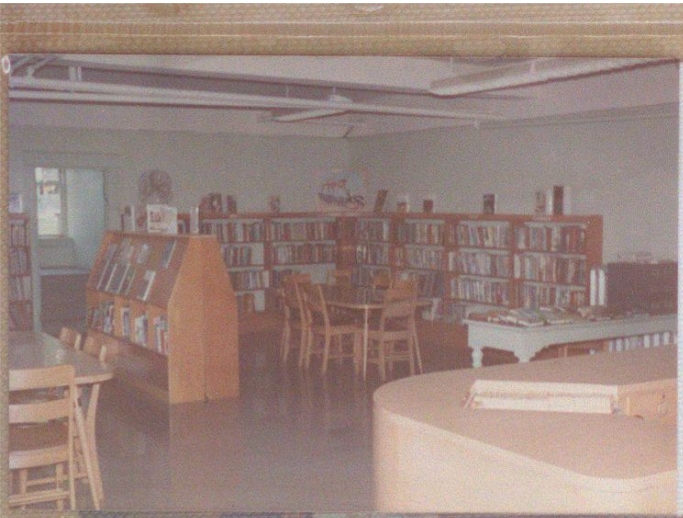
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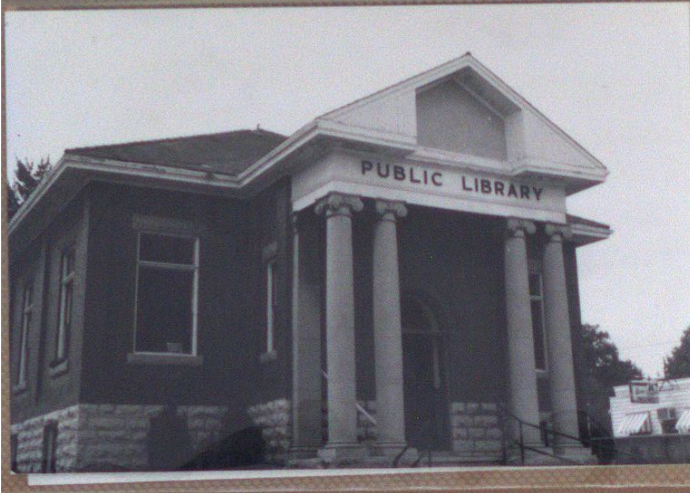
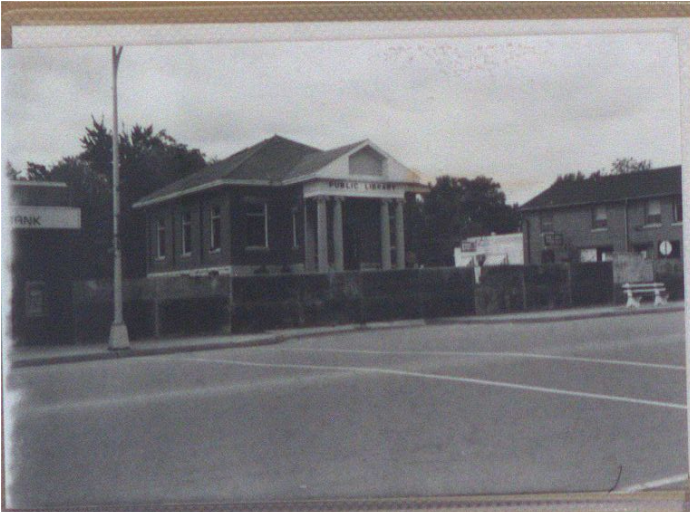
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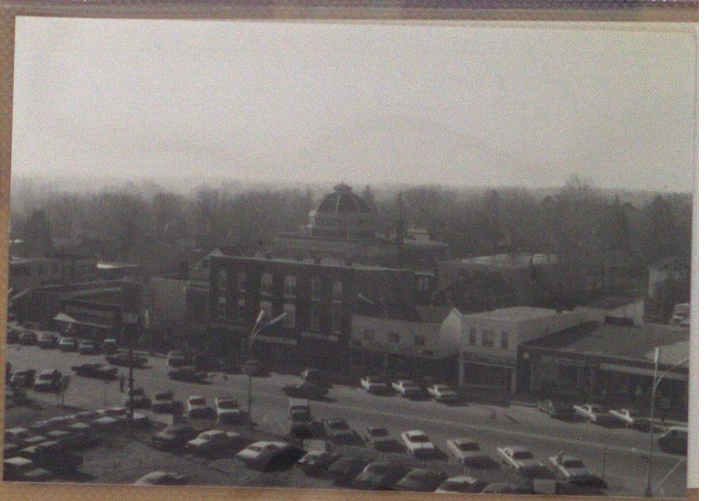
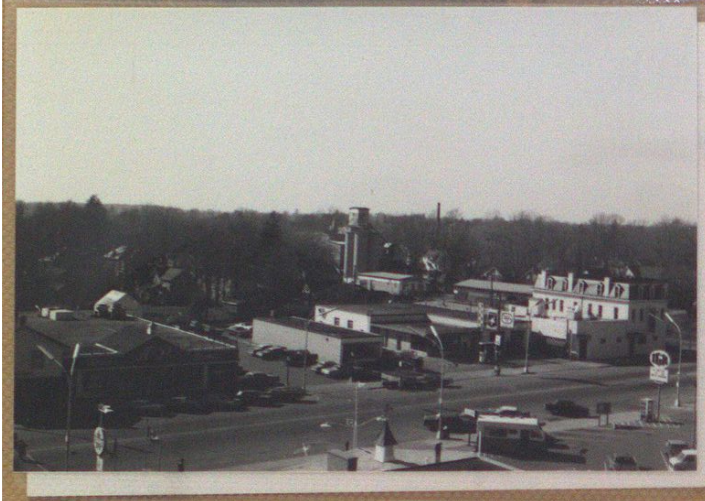
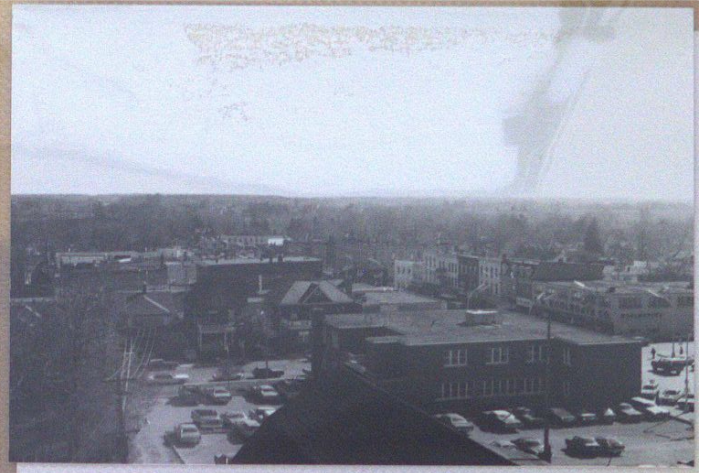


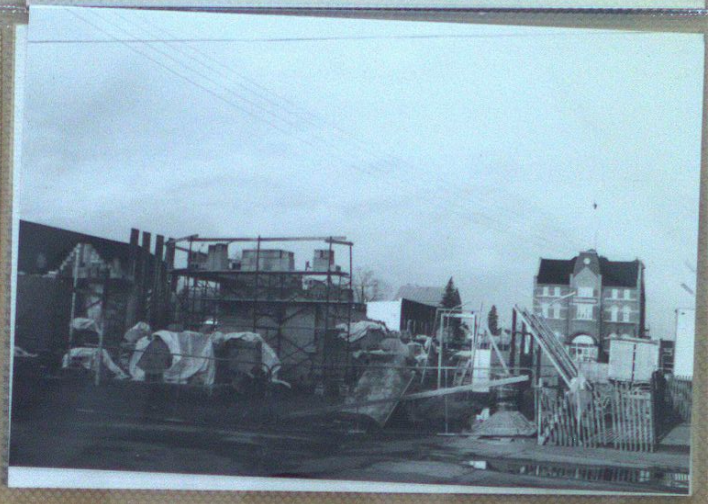
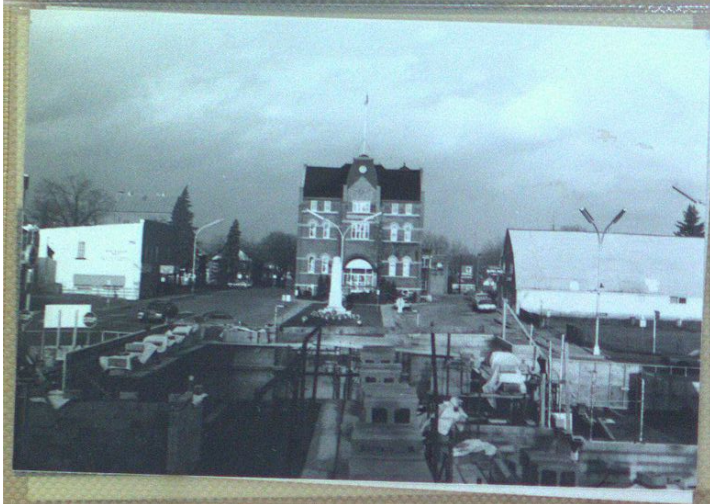
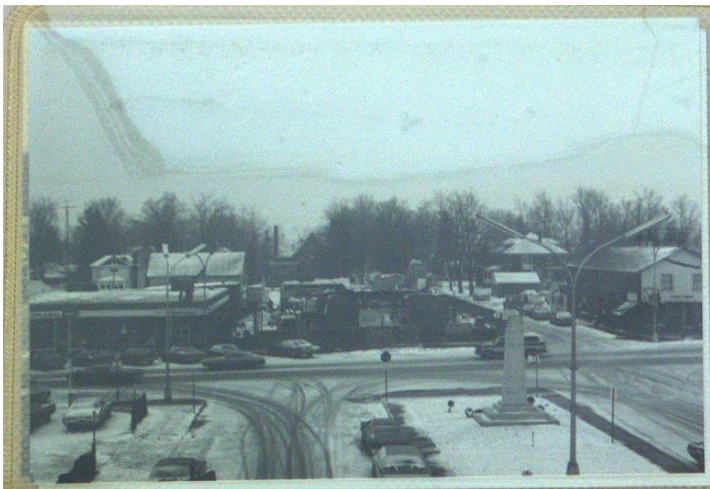


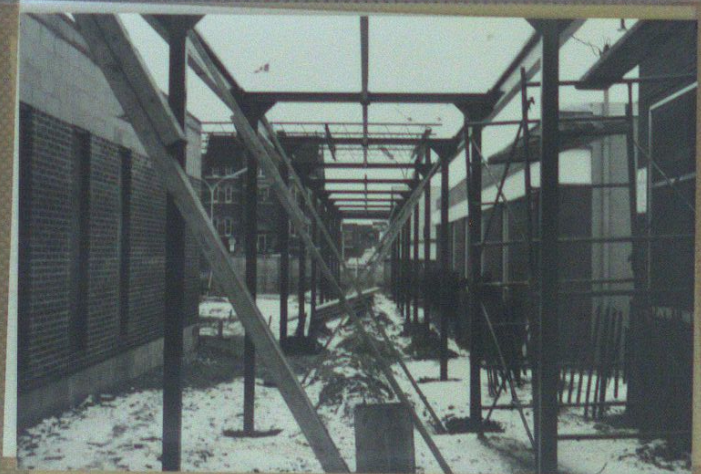
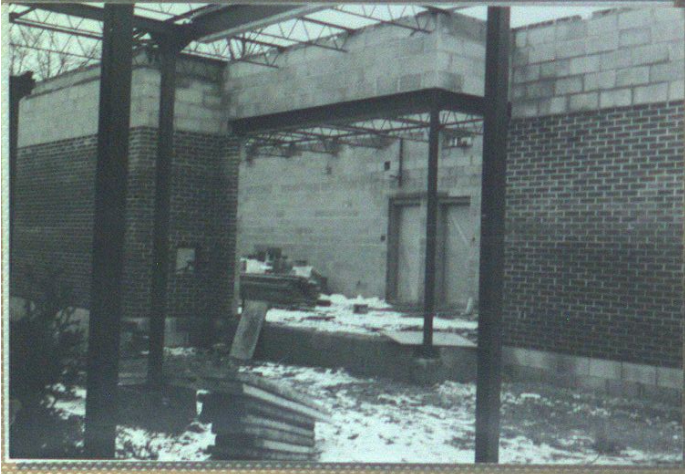
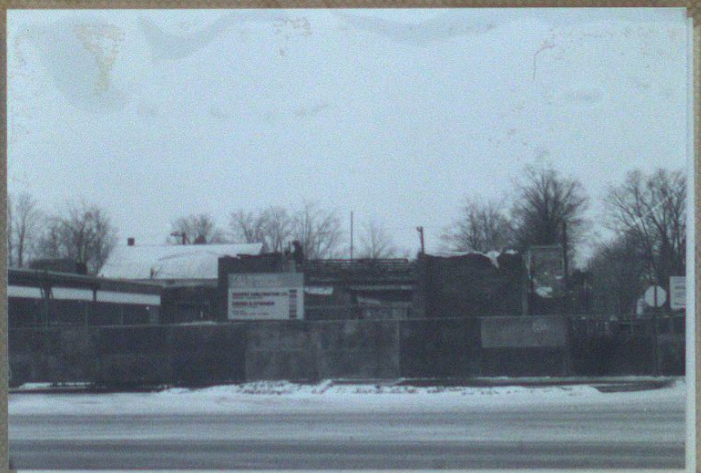
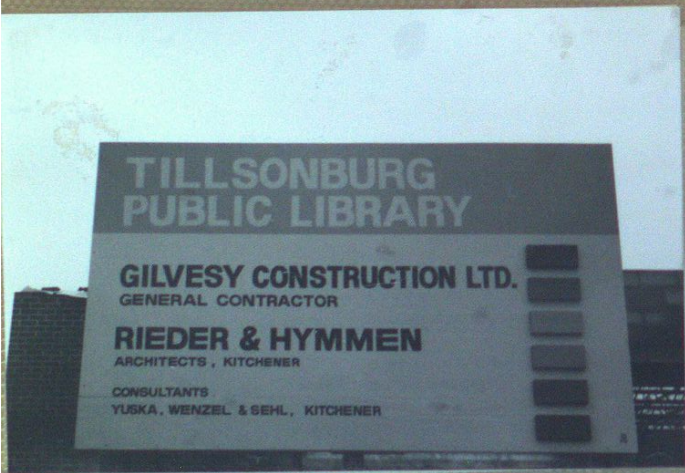


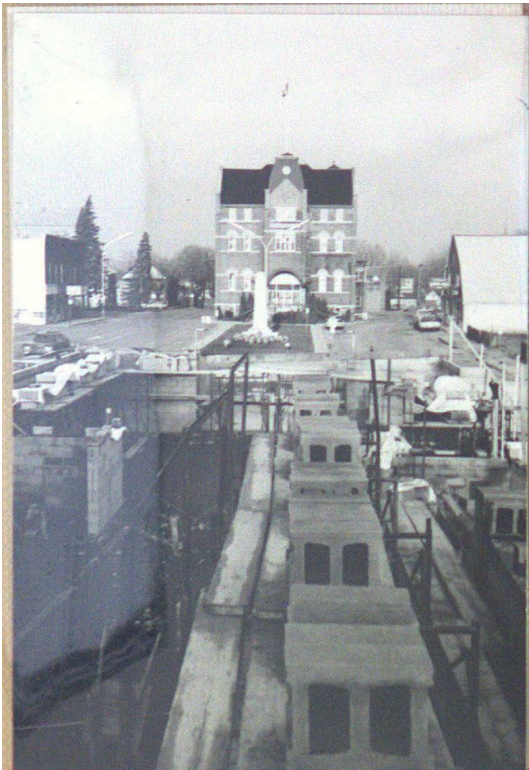
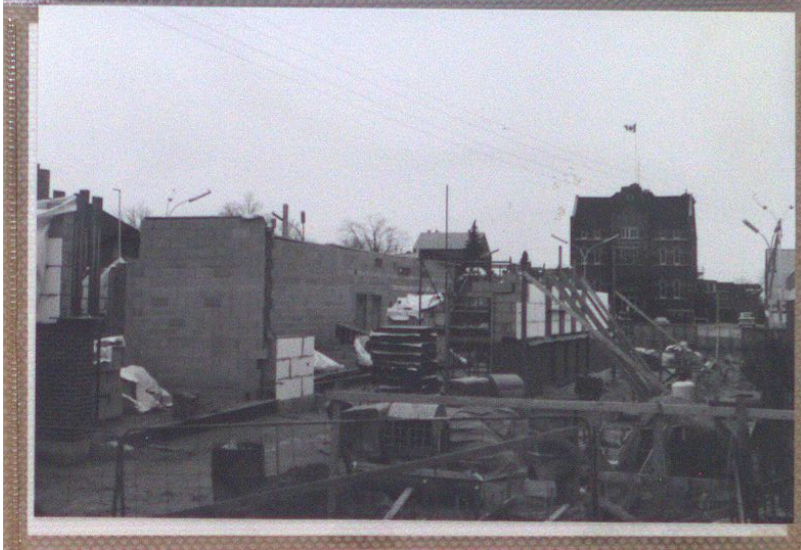


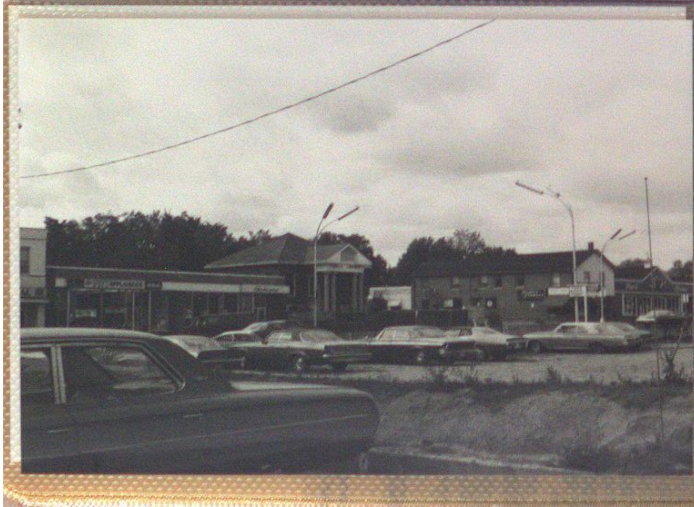
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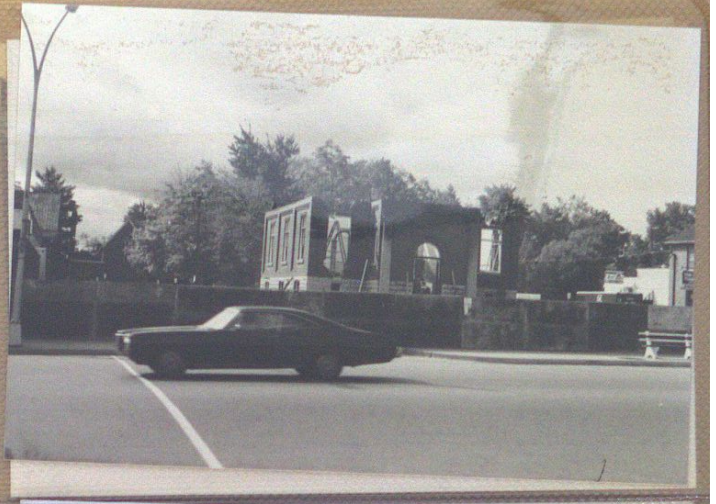
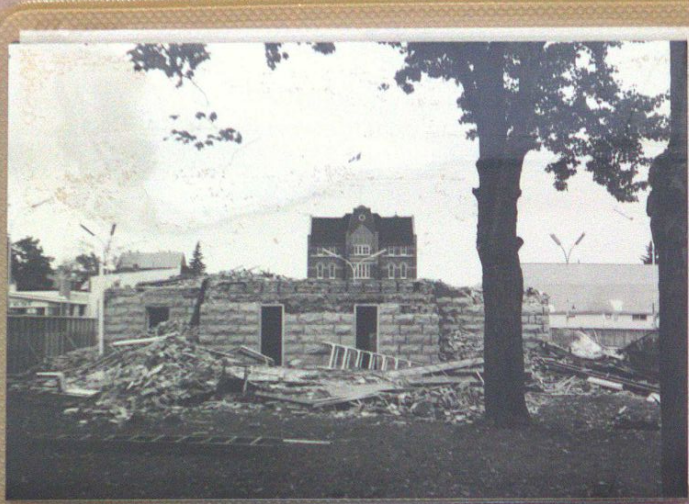


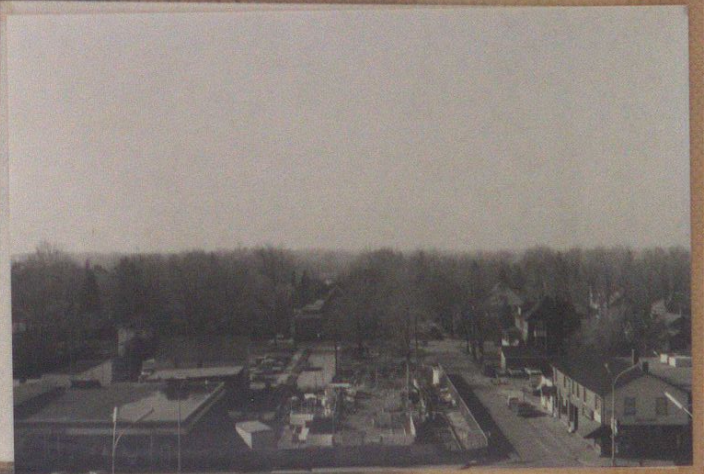
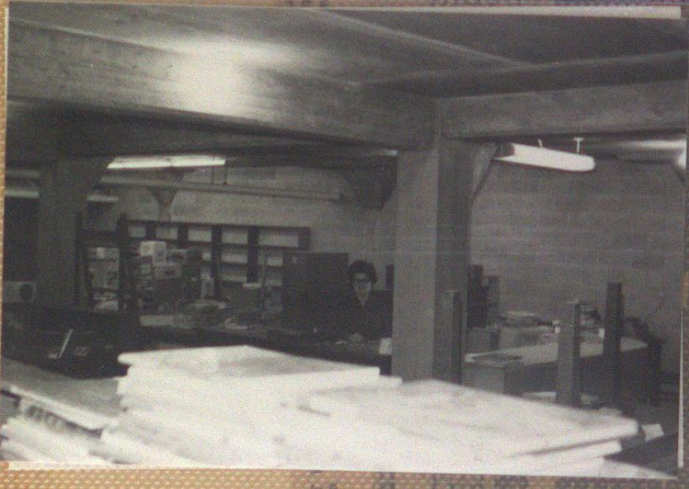


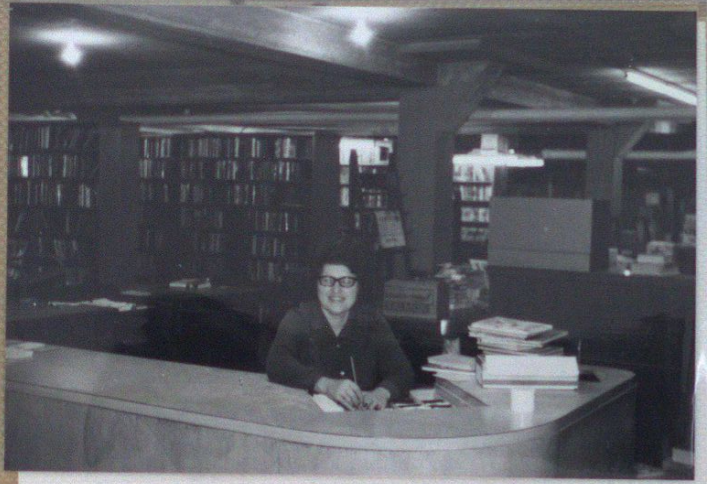
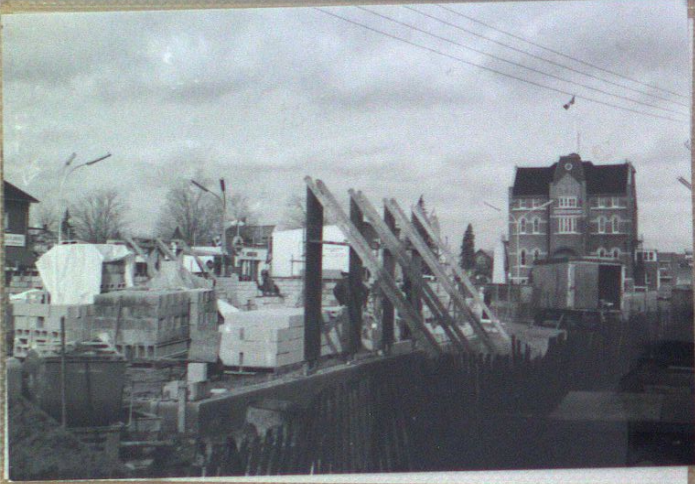




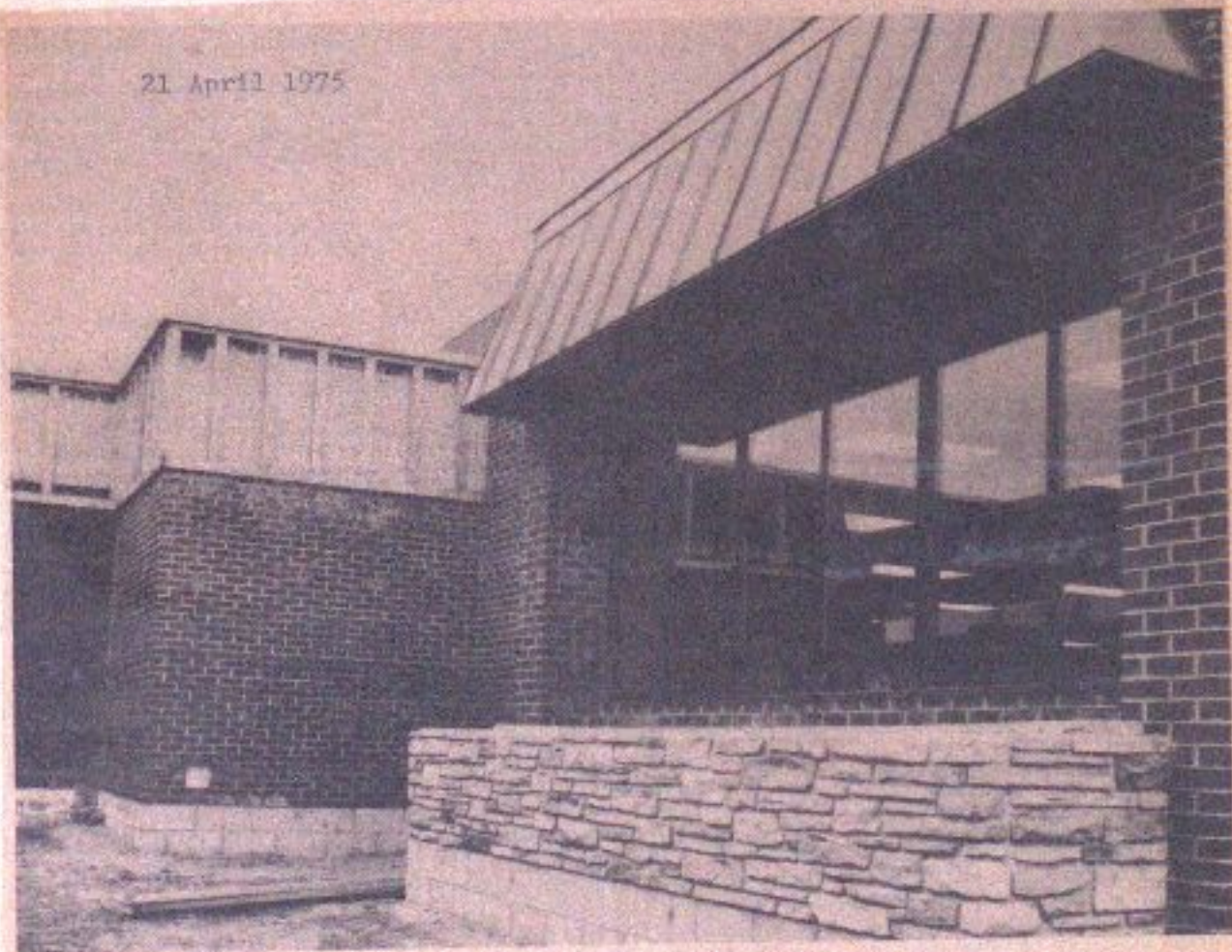








21 April 1975



With at least the side fences down, Tillsburg residents can get their first unimpeded look at the new Tillsburg Public Library. Plans are already being made to move the temporarily-quartered

library to the new facility. The popular "long-loan" program is again in effect, as books can be borrowed until June 1, to facilitate the move.

25 April 1975



Tillsonburg and area residents can finally get a good look at what has been going on behind the fences over the winter, as the boarding around the new Tillsonburg Public Library came down this week. Outside finishing touches, like the front sidewalk, are

now being completed, and the shelving will finish off the interior next week. Local librarian Matt Scholtz and his crew are busily preparing to move back into their new library, and hope to have it open near the end of May.

Stroll down Library Lane

26 May '75

A letter has been sent to Tillsonburg Town Council suggesting that the walkway leading to the entrance to the new library be given a name such as Library Lane or Library Avenue.

The request was initiated by the Library Promotional Committee of the Tillsonburg Business Association, chaired by George Payne.

Two businesses fronting onto the walkway will be without street addresses if no designation is made for the path. The walkway runs parallel to what was the southern arm of Washington Grand Avenue.

Town Clerk Ken Holland says that the matter will be discussed at the next session of town council on June 3. If council sees fit to do so, a name could be chosen immediately and a sign could go up as soon as it can be prepared.

Library opening plans progress

The new Tillsonburg Public Library, which should be in actual operation by the end of May, will officially be opened on June 18. Guest speaker at the opening is Nicholas Leluk, Parliamentary Assistant to the Right Honourable Minister of Culture and Recreation, Robert Welch.

Mr. Leluk is the M.P.P. for Humber. The opening will take place at 3 p.m. on June 18, with a number of local and area dignitaries also present.

All interior work and inspection is finished at the new library. Some outside work, such as sidewalks and landscaping, is still to be done, and the shelving is not yet in.

Librarian Matt Scholtz reports that the library will close at its temporary location, in the Post Office building on May 5, to reopen in the new building near the end of the month.

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May '75

The Tillsonburg Public Library will officially open on June 18, but the library is now open for public use. The library, in its new home across from the Town Hall, is in its third location in the past

year, but should be here to stay for many years to come. Top library staffers include, from left, Mrs. Madge Graydon; chief librarian Matt Scholtz; and Mrs. Fran Hutchinson.

FRIENDS OF THE TILLSONBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY

In recognition of a contribution to the Library Building Fund, the bearer of this card

is entitled to lifetime membership in the Tillsonburg Public Library, dedicated June 18, 1975.

May '75

Do you want a bookshelf?

If you happen to be in the market for used bookshelves, you may be in luck. The Tillsonburg Public Library's 1000 feet of wooden shelving cannot be used in the new library, and is therefore up for sale.

As well, about 50 sections of fluorescent light units are for sale, as long as the buyer takes responsibility for removal of the units.

The shelving and lighting fixtures will be sold by sealed bid, says librarian Matt Scholtz. Appointments can be made by contacting Mr. Scholtz at 842-5571; and 842-5584, to view the pieces up for sale.

He said that potential buyers can bid on all or part of the shelving. Sale will be cash-and-carry, and, as they say, all sales are final.

Most of the old library furniture and fixtures have become new library furniture and fixtures. All of the metal shelving will be used in the new library; the furniture has all been refinished; the children's library circulation desk will be taken to the new library; and the main circulation desk is going to the Tillsonburg museum.

The actual moving of the T.P.L. is taking place today, as the library in the temporary location in the federal building is moved out, to the new building on Broadway.

Mr. Scholtz says that the new library will be open for business on May 20, "with a lot of luck." Official opening is June 18.

Library funds sought

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The Tillsonburg Public Library Board has started a fund-raising campaign in an effort to raise money to complete the funding of the new Tillsonburg library.

The new library is actually virtually paid for, with government grants and loans, and the Tillsonburg council allocation,

paying for the bulk of the cost. As well, construction costs have actually come in well under estimates.

However, the library board has set a target figure of \$18,000 for this campaign, to cover the cost of essential items not covered by the government financing or in the capital budget.

The fund-raising drive has been spurred by the announcement this week by Oxford M.P.P. Harry Parrott, who says he is supporting the retention of the three library boards in Oxford County, for the time being, at least, instead of an amalgamation of the boards as proposed by Oxford County Council.

Harry Parrott's proposal has gone to the Honorable Harry McKeough, Minister of Treasury, Economics, and Inter-Governmental Affairs, who is faced with the final decision in the issue.

The library board is asking friends of the library... business, clubs, and interested citizens, to make donations to help supply the library with items such as trees and shrubs for landscaping; a photo copier; a 16-mm projector; and other audio-visual and electronics supplies.

All people making donations will become life-time members of the Tillsonburg Public Library, and will receive a card designating them as such.

The campaign will run through the month of June. Official opening of the Tillsonburg Public Library has been set for June 18. Donations may be made either at the library, or by mail, to town clerk Ken Holland, who is secretary-treasurer of the

library board. Mail donations to Mr. Holland, c/o Tillsonburg Town Hall, marked "Library Fund."

All donors will receive a tax receipt. Library board members are extremely pleased with the response of the public to the new library... they have collected \$3,625

already, without seeking any funds.

These donors have included: Lowe Limited, \$500; Glen Anderson, \$100; John McOse, \$100; Maple Lane Public School, \$75; St. Joseph's Separate School, \$100; the Tillsonburg Kinetha Club, \$2,500; and Ralph Street Public School \$250.



The Tillsonburg Public Library is on the move again. With help from the two high schools, who have provided manpower, library staff members are packing up books and trucking them off to the newly completed building. Librarian Matt Scholtz says that 12,000 books will be moved and he guesses that the new facility

will open for business on the last Monday of May. Pictured above with the librarian are José Erensd, Jim White, Bob Beckl, Chuck Davis and Ernie Schwarz, all students at Glendale High School. Transportation for the move is being provided by a truck owned by the Oxford County Library System.

The New Library



Presented to the Tillsonburg Library fund was a cheque for \$100, part of the proceeds from a musical concert staged by the Glendale High School Band and the Rolph Street school choir recently. The cheque was presented by Bill Wade, a member of the Glendale senior band, to Mrs. Ruth Gibson, library board chairman. Librarian Matt Scholtz is in centre with Rolph Street choir members Alison Linton and Randy Bayne. *June '75*

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Ceremonies at library *16 June '75*

The official opening of the Tillsonburg Public Library in its new home across from the Town Hall will be stage on Wednesday afternoon, at 3 p.m.

Cutting the ribbon during the ceremonies will be M.P.P. Nicholas Leluk, Parliamentary Assistant to Robert Welch, Minister of Culture and Recreation in Ontario.

Many other government dignitaries and local people will be taking part in the ceremonies, including Oxford County M.P.P. Harry Parrott; Tillsonburg Mayor Seldon Wilkinson; and Library Board chairman Ruth Gibson.

Everyone is invited to the opening. Mrs. Gibson told The News that the library project would have been impossible to complete without the co-operation and contributions of the people of Tillsonburg and area.

Everyone that attends the opening will also be able to tour the library facilities, and have refreshments during the open house. The chairman said that the celebrations will run from 3 p.m. into the early evening.

The library is now open for use, and has been for several weeks.

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Classics
Reference Department
Periodicals and Magazines

Children's Library
Story Hour
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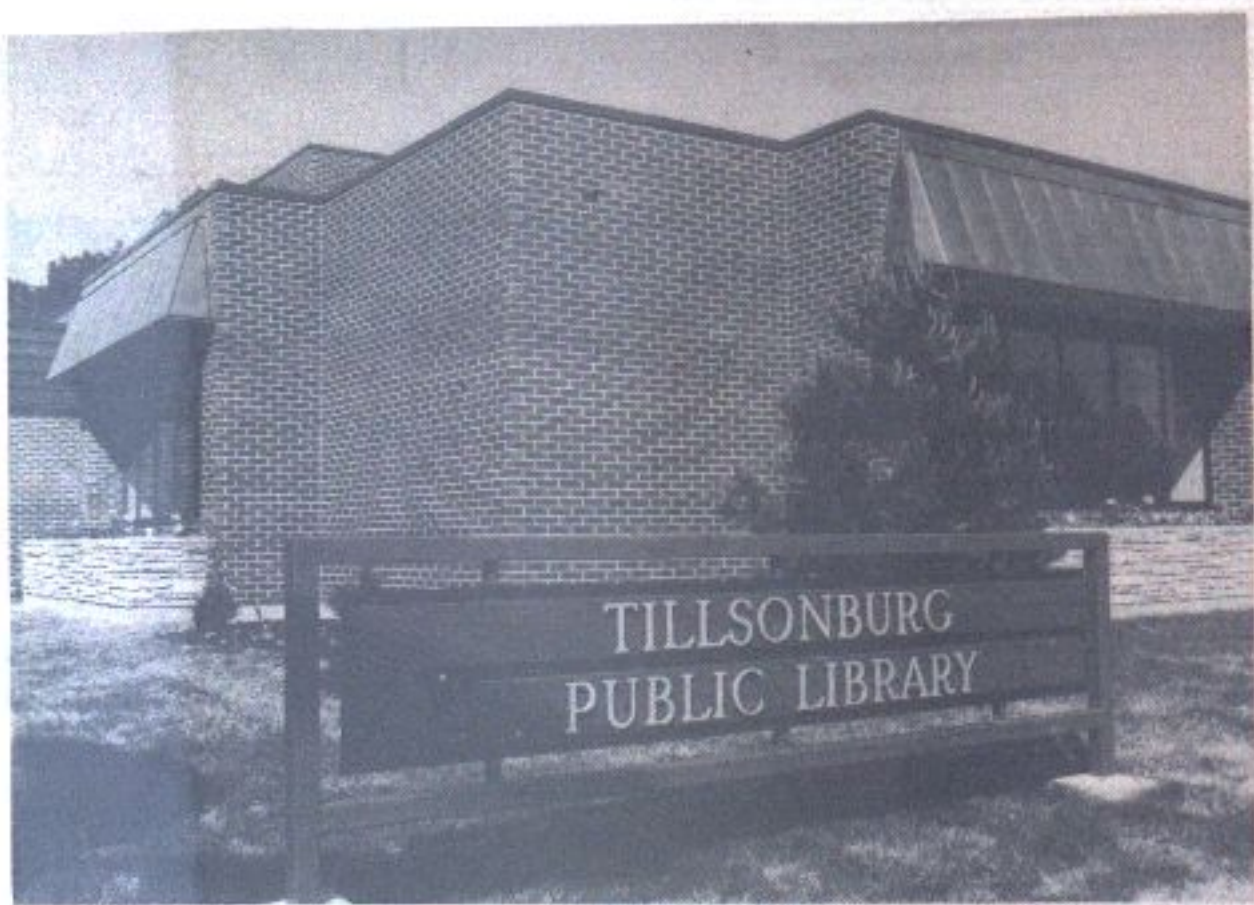
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Meeting Room
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CONGRATULATIONS

Frank Rabie photo

News Editorial

Well done!

Two additions to the many services offered in the community were officially opened this week.

To those responsible for the new and expanded library facilities and the developmental centre for handicapped children go our congratulations. Both are welcome and worthwhile contributions. From idea stage to completion, both have involved considerable effort by interested persons to make them realities.

The new library, of course, is not a new idea. It has been talked about for some time as it became more and more difficult to provide service from the old building. Over the years, town council had wisely set aside some money for construction of the new facilities.

The developmental centre has come as an outgrowth of the excellent program developed over the years for the mentally handicapped. Again, thanks to people who cared enough to do something, the facilities and program developed are outstanding—shining examples to other communities of what can be done. While in recent years there has been greater govern-

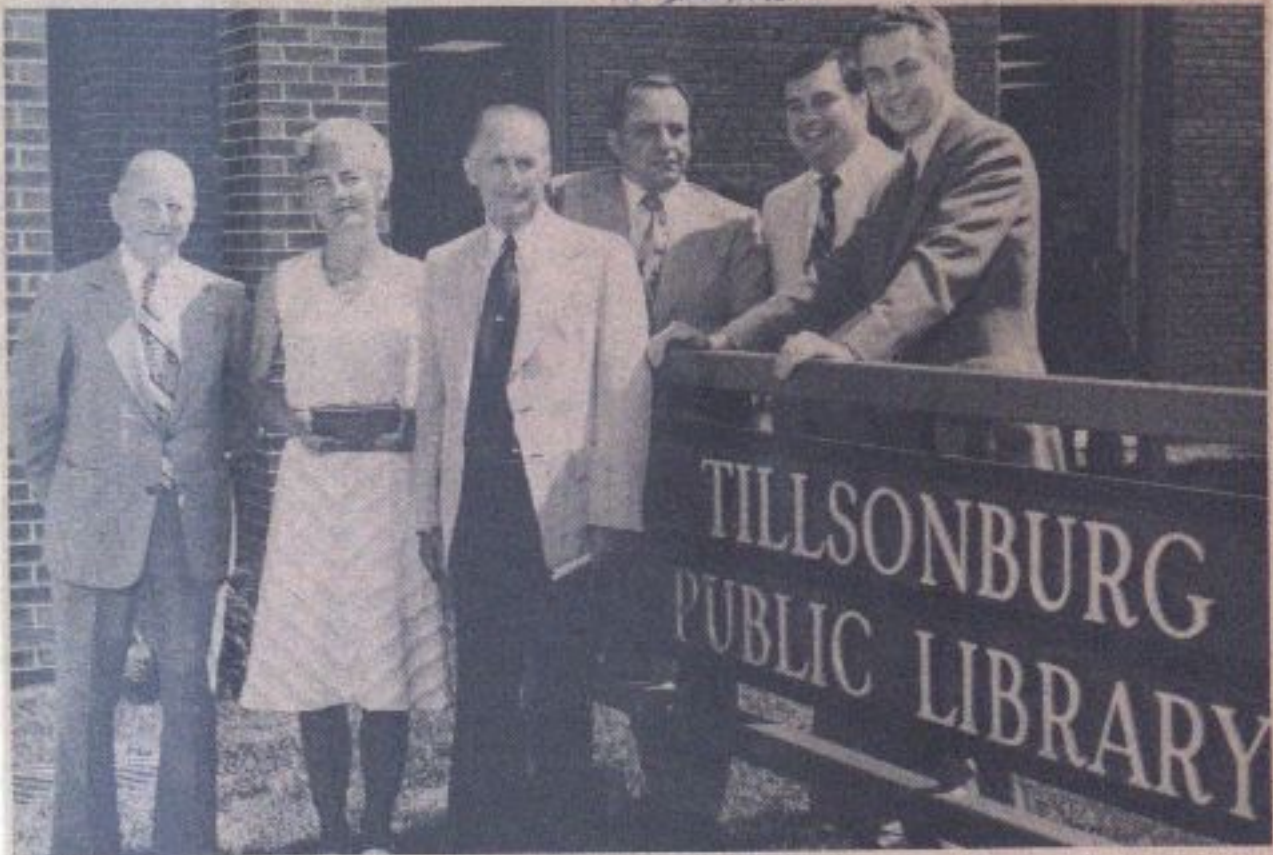
ment involvement in such programs, initially the program was the result of the efforts of local people working to meet community needs. The developmental centre has carried the effort further into work with younger children with handicaps of any kind.

Meanwhile, up in the community centre area, finishing touches are being put to additions to the community sporting facilities—the Optimist tennis courts and the Kiwanis ball diamond. And again, when a need was seen, someone just went ahead and did something about it.

You can go on and on listing facilities in the community that came about in the same way. You can pick up newspapers from other communities and read the wrangling that goes on to get some small improvement started. Once again you are impressed with the fact that you live in a wonderful community—made so because people care, and, more important, do something about the things they care about.

We're pretty proud!

12 June 1975



The Tillsonburg Public Library, which has been functional for several weeks, is now officially open. That was accomplished at a dignitary-packed ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday afternoon. Included in those taking part were, from left, architect Eric Hymmen; Tillsonburg Public Library Board chairman

Ruth Gibson; Mayor Seldon Wilkinson; contractor John Gilvesy; M.P.P. Nick Lebak, Parliamentary Assistant in the Ministry of Culture and Recreation, who officially cut the ribbon; and Oxford M.P.P. Harry Parrott, Parliamentary Assistant in the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

Ribbon cutting for library

By Paul Knowles

Two provincial Parliamentary Assistants and a pretty four year old girl combined to help open the new \$330,000 Tillsonburg Public Library on Wednesday afternoon. It was an ideal day for the opening, lacking nothing except one of the key participants...chief librarian Matt Scholtz, at home for several weeks with pneumonia.

The ribbon was offically cut by M.P.P. Nick Leluk, Parliamentary Assistant to Robert Welch, Minister of Culture and Recreation. He was introduced by Oxford M.P.P. Harry Parrott, Parliamentary Assistant to James Auld, Minister of Colleges and Universities.

The little girl was Karen Charlton, daughter of Kinetite Club president Sue

Charlton. The Kinettes have made sizable contributions to the new library, leading the way for community groups, and Karen was invited to present the scissors to Mr. Leluk.

The list of dignitaries present was lengthy, as people from the federal level through provincial, county, and municipal, turned out to lend an official hand to the opening.

About 250 interested Tillsonburg and area residents also came along, filling the area under the new "Library Lane" walkway, and sitting through considerable heat waiting their turn to take a look at the new library, and sip a glass of punch.

Taking part in the ceremonies were two local ministers - Rev. James Taylor of First Baptist Church, and Rev. William

Skelly of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Bringing greetings to the library board and Tillsonburg residents were Deane Kent, of the Lake Erie Region Library System; Harry Armstrong, chairman of that system, and the Oxford County Library Board, who on behalf of the Lake Erie board presented a painting by local artist Helen Shearing to the library; and William Roede, of the provincial library service.

First to speak was Tillsonburg Mayor Seldon Wilkinson, who welcomed the assorted guests, and gave credit to the Tillsonburg Public Library Board for their work on the new facility. "They really have put a lot of hours in here," he said.

Oxford M.P.P. Harry Parrott, introducing Mr. Leluk, noted that Tillsonburg is a town of "pride, spirit, and an ability to get a job done."

Nick Leluk, in offically opening the new T.P.L., told the audience that the services of libraries must continue to expend in the community. He said that "this new building which we are opening today will allow your library board to expand the services to the residents of Tillsonburg, and introduce new cultural resources to the community."

Speaking on behalf of the five-month-old Ministry of Culture and Recreation, Mr. Leluk said "we are anxious to encourage and support your work. As you know, we have increased the level of grants and we want to see this money used to enhance and expand library programs, and not to reduce taxes or offset the municipal support to which libraries are entitled."

He added that "Tillsonburg is particularly fortunate in this regard and this new building is evidence of the well-

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