A decorative border with a double-line inner edge and a single-line outer edge, featuring ornate, scroll-like corner pieces.

IV.
ESTABLISHMENT
and
OPERATION
of the
LIBRARY

ESTABLISHMENT and OPERATION of the LIBRARY

The development of a library in Redmond was considered at several Nokomis meetings before it became a reality. The first mention of the potential project was at the Nokomis meeting on April 28, 1922, but still undergoing the effects of the Spanish Influenza epidemic, the club postponed any decision. Suggested instead on January 20, 1925, is the donation of books to the school library, but again no action is taken. During the meeting of May 28, 1926, members indicate they have raised a sizable amount of funds, and they seek projects that are beneficial to the community. By June 25th suggestions include a library or orthopedic work, and at the September 24, 1926, meeting the only project still under consideration is the establishment of a library. The decision is made by secret ballot at the March 25, 1927, meeting to establish a library, and a committee was appointed to determine a suitable location.

Officers who administered Nokomis Club from 1926 to 1928 and significant in the organization of the library were:



Lois Wolcker
Chief Counsel 1926-28



Mary Dwyer
Counsel 1926-28



Charlotte Earnheart
Clerk 1926-27



Margaret Buckley
Banker 1926-27



Evelyn Perrigo
Clerk 1927-28



Irene Brown
Banker 1927-28

During 1926-27, Chief Counsel Lois Wolcker led the club with an enthusiasm that provided inspiration to each member to plan and achieve the library project. Members cooperated on committees to perform the tasks necessary to organize all components of the library. When the library opened on October 29, 1927, it was celebrated by an open house at the library building. Light refreshments were served, and hostesses were Hattie Forrester, Martha Anderson, Minnie Hendricks, and Lizzie Walker. A highlight of the opening was the presentation of a fern donated by the Chamber of Commerce.*

Following is a first person account of the establishment of the library by Maude Quackenbush.

* Quackenbush, Maude McD., *The HISTORY of the REDMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY Sponsored by Nokomis Club*, Nokomis Archives, Unpublished: 1928.

In the fall of the year 1926, Nokomis club found itself in possession of several hundred dollars as a result of its labors in serving hot lunches at the first Consolidated Grange Fair held that year in Redmond on the old school grounds. After a suitable period had elapsed which gave opportunity for a thorough sifting of opinions and ideas, we find in the minutes of March 25th, 1927, the following notation:

“The question of how to spend our fortune was finally decided by the Club voting to start a library. A committee of Mrs. Anna Perrigo, Mrs. Buckley, Mrs. Hendricks and Mrs. Tom Perrigo, was asked to look up suitable locations for a library and report.”

Again under date of April 29th, 1927, we find

“Mrs. Anna Perrigo reported on suitable library locations and the Club voted to rent the small building between the Redmond Trading Co. and Mr. Lentz’ store, owned by H.S. Reed, for ten dollars per month.”

And so the work began. The following month the work went forward in earnest. Mrs. Buckley was made chairman of a general committee which made a house to house canvas in Redmond and vicinity soliciting contributions of books and magazines.

The following committees were appointed to get the library building ready for occupancy.

Painting,

Irene Brown
Mabel Winters
Lois Wolcker
Mary Skjarstad
Fay Lynn.
Iola Nordquist

Cleaning,

Edna Wallace
Mary Skjarstad
Hattie Forrester
Anna Perrigo
Amanda Lindstrom
Iola Nordquist

Decorating,

Blanche Norby
Martha Anderson
Charlotte Earnheart
Mary Dwyer

Quackenbush, Maude McD., *The HISTORY of the REDMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY Sponsored by Nokomis Club.*
Nokomis Archives. Unpublished: 1928.

Drapery,

Lillie Bergum
Lizzie Walker
Minnie Hendricks
Blanche Norby

The building in ship shape, the work of arranging the books was assigned to the following committees.

Cataloguing,

Evelyn Perrigo
Edna Wallace
Agnes Johnson

Sorting,

Margaret Buckley
Hattie Forrester
Mabel Winters
Fay Lynn

Purchasing,

Lois Wolcker
Irene Brown
Flora Walker
Maude Quackenbush
Myrtle Pope
Anna Perrigo
Lena Ottini

Furnishings,

Anna Johnson
Iola Nordquist
Mary Skjarstad
Luella Rosford

Co-operation was the key note of that busy summer. It is not possible to record the many hours of unselfish labor performed by these various committees. However each and all felt amply repaid for any effort when the library was finally opened.

The following is a list of various gifts and loans made to the library.

Books from Clubs and Fraternal Organizations.

<i>They Also Serve</i>	Happy Valley Grange
<i>We</i>	Happy Valley Grange
<i>Revolt of Asia</i>	Royal Neighbors of America
<i>Trader Horn</i>	Rebeccas
<i>Revolt in the Desert</i>	I.O.O.F.

Quackenbush, Maude McD., *The HISTORY of the REDMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY Sponsored by Nokomis Club.*
Nokomis Archives. Unpublished: 1928.

Story of Philosophy
Royal Road to Romance
Dictionary
Americanus Encyclopedia
Climax of a World Quest
Outline of History

Sammamish B. T. Club
Redmond Ladies Aid Society
S.G.C. Club
Dairymen's Assn (Disbanded)
* The Busy Bee Club
W. O. W.

* Note: The Busy Bee Club is composed of Joan, Ethel, and Olive Cotterill, Betty and Phyllis Davis, and Evelyn King. These little girls earned the money for this book by giving original programs for their parents and friends.

Furnishings,
Material for Tables and benches,
Book Case, and loan of clock,
Rocking Chair for Rest Room,
Chairs for rest room, loaned
Rugs,

Designing and painting sign,
Stove,
Labor on cupboards,
Book Case
Curtains
Load of wood
Shelves
Three months rent
Free water
Installation of stove,
Free hauling of papers, etc.
Painting front of building,

Columbia Lbr. Co.
Mrs. Agnes Johnson
Mrs. Irene Brown
Mrs. Mary Dwyer
Mrs. Irene Brown
Mrs. Mary Dwyer
Mrs. Evelyn Perrigo
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Fitzgerald
Mr. Jack Smith
Mrs. Frank Johnson
Mrs. Norby
Tom Perrigo
H.S. Reed
H.S. Reed
City Council
Mr. & Mrs. C. R. Pope
S. & S. Transfer
B. E. Kennedy



BOARD OF LIBRARY CONTROL



The Board of Library Control was established by amendment to the Nokomis Club Constitution on December 30, 1927.

- Article IV Section 3 of the Constitution reads:
 “A Board of Library Control consisting of four members shall be elected to have full charge of our Library Department. The first members of this board shall be elected to serve four, three, two years, and one year respectively the successor of each being elected annually to serve for four years. The Board of Library Control shall perfect its own organization and shall submit an annual report to the club. Should an emergency arise, the board may submit any of its problems to the club for consideration.”
- A further amendment was added to Article IV Section 3 on January 27, 1928, and stated, “President and Treasurer of Nokomis are *ex officio* members of the Library Control Board.”

1928-29

Lois Wolcker
Agnes Johnson
Evelyn Perrigo
Flora Walker

1929-30

Lois Wolcker
Agnes Johnson
Evelyn Perrigo
Irene Brown

1930-31

No Record

1931-32

No Record

1932-33

Lena Ottini
Irene Brown
Anna Perrigo
Margaret Buckley

1933-34

Anna Perrigo
Irene Brown
Margaret Buckley
Lois Wolcker

1934-35

Margaret Buckley
Anna Perrigo
Lois Wolcker
Edna Tolman

1935-36

Edna Tolman
Margaret Buckley
Lois Wolcker
Anna Johnson

1936-37

Lois Wolcker
Irene Brown
Lena Ottini
Anna Johnson

1937-38

Irene Brown
Lena Ottini
Anna Johnson
Hazel Anderson

1938-39

Irene Brown
Hazel Anderson
Anna Johnson
Margaret Buckley

1939-40

Hazel Anderson
Irene Brown
Margaret Buckley
Maude Quackenbush

1940-41

Hazel Anderson
Mary Buckley
Margaret Buckley
Maude Quackenbush

1941-42

Maude Quackenbush
Mary Buckley
Margaret Buckley
Lucille Erickson

1942-43

Lena Ottini
Mary Buckley
Irene Brown
Lucille Erickson

1943-44

Lucille Erickson
Mary Buckley
Irene Brown
Mary Skjarstad

1946-47

Margaret Buckley
Virginia Dougherty
Laurie Oman
Vera Mason

1949-50

Mamie Orr
Vera Mason
Virginia Dougherty

1952-53

Lena Ottini
Margaret Boyd
Anna Johnson

1955-56

No Record

1958-59

Hazle Anderson
Ella Flowers
Lena Ottini
Irene Brown

1961-62

Ella Flowers
Hazle Anderson
Edna Tolman
Lena Ottini

1964-65

Lena Ottini
Ella Flowers
Mamie Orr

1967-68

No Record

1944-45

Lucille Erickson
Anna Perrigo
Beth Colman
Mary Skjarstad

1947-48

Mamie Orr
Vera Mason
Virginia Dougherty

1950-51

Mamie Orr
Vera Mason
Virginia Dougherty

1953-54

Lena Ottini
Margaret Boyd
Anna Perrigo

1956-57

No Record

1959-60

Edna Tolman
Hazle Anderson
Ella Flowers
Lena Ottini

1962-63

Ella Flowers
Hazle Anderson
Edna Tolman
Jessie Norman

1965-66

Lena Ottini
Ella Flowers
Mamie Orr

1968-69

Mamie Orr
Ella Flowers
Vera McPhie
Louise Forrester

1945-46

Margaret Buckley
Anna Perrigo
Hattie Forrester
Mamie English

1948-49

Mamie Orr
Vera Mason
Virginia Dougherty

1951-52

Lena Ottini
Margaret Boyd
Anna Johnson

1954-55

Lena Ottini
Anna Perrigo
Vera Mason

1957-58

Ella Flowers
Lena Ottini
Irene Brown
Anna Perrigo

1960-61

Edna Tolman
Hazle Anderson
Ella Flowers
Lena Ottini

1963-64

Lena Ottini
Ella Flowers
Jessie Norman
Mamie Orr

1966-67

No Record

LIBRARY LOCATION #1

OCTOBER 29, 1927 to SEPTEMBER 1, 1929

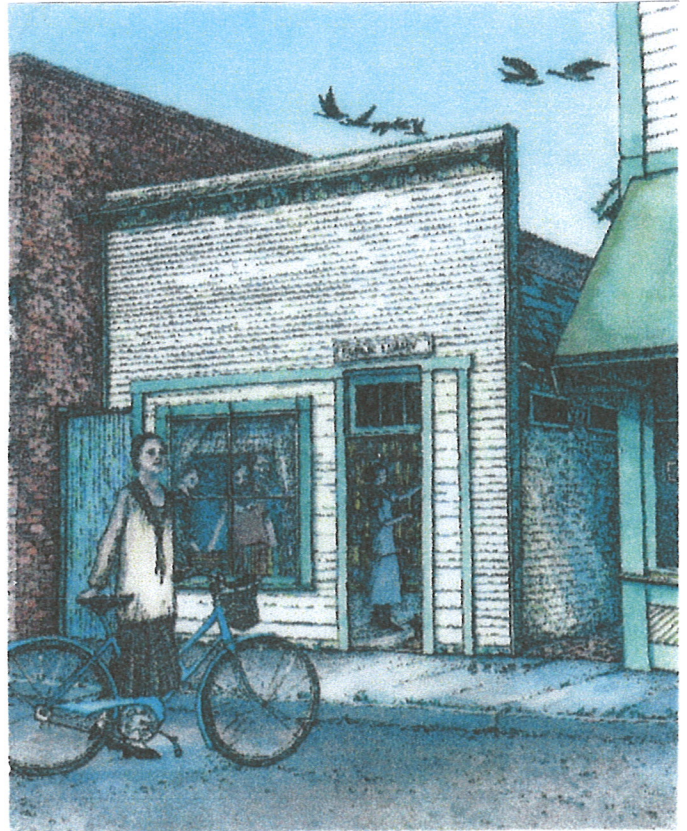
Hours: Wednesday and Saturday 2-5 PM; Tuesday and Thursday 7-9 PM



Redmond Historical Society

White window and door trim on the first building on the left identifies the location of the first Library in the two room storefront rented for \$10 per month from Herman Reed, who gave Nokomis three month's credit for painting the exterior. The view in this photo, circa 1930, looks north along Leary Way.

The first Library, busy with patrons selecting from among the over 500 available books, is complete with a patroness arriving on Redmond's symbol, the bicycle, as interpreted by artist Pat Dugan. No photo exists of the Library when it occupied Herman Reed's building.



Redmond Historical Society

Formerly the first Library, Herman Reed's building, located immediately north of the Redmond Trading Company (Half-Price Books in 2011) on the west side of Leary Way, is inhabited by a real estate agency in this advertising photo circa 1938.

LIBRARY LOCATION #2

SEPTEMBER 1929 to FEBRUARY 1933

Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 7-8:30 PM; Wednesday 12-4 PM; Saturday 2-4 PM

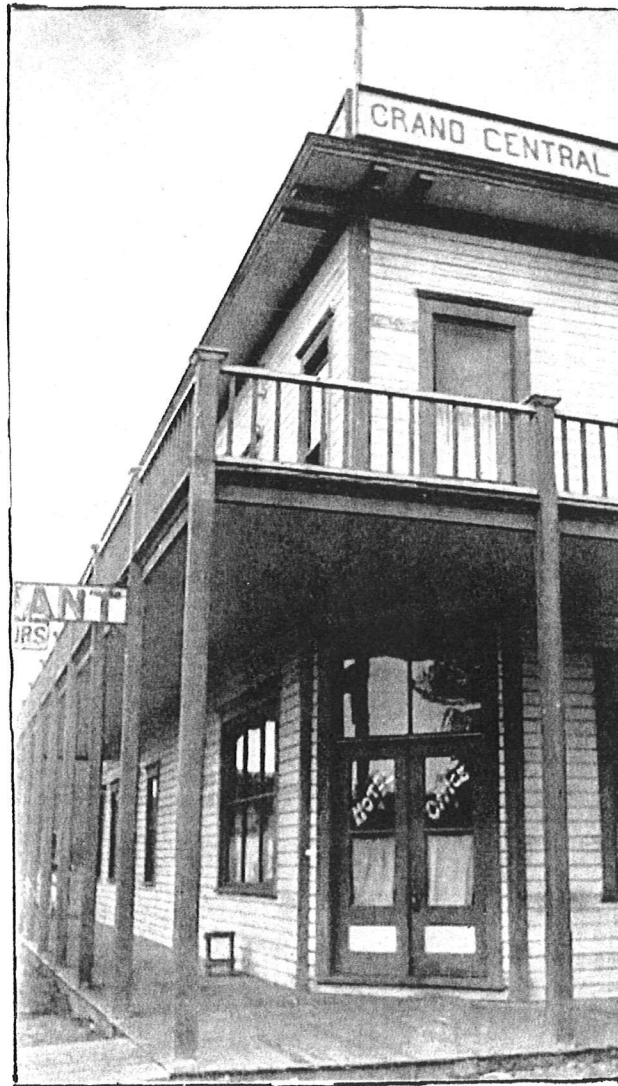


Photo courtesy of Margaret E Wiese

The Grand Central Hotel, at the northeast corner of Leary Way and Cleveland Street, houses the Library in their big room, spacious enough to meet the demands of increased patronage, and shelving to accommodate the book collection, that expanded in October 1929 with the arrival of the 300 books from the Washington State Traveling Library. Photo circa 1918.

After operating the Library in rented quarters for five years and five months, club members were experienced in Library operations and prepared to maintain a building specifically constructed for the Library. Remarks delivered by Chief Counsel Mabel Johnson at the January 29, 1932, Nokomis meeting expressed the desire to have a library building of their own, and inspired club members to thoroughly investigate the proposal. A Building Committee, composed of Irene Brown, Chair, Mary Dwyer, and Evelyn Perrigo, was appointed at the meeting on February 26 to propose a budget for construction costs which they estimated to be \$400.55 (\$8,123.15 in 2010 dollars). It was determined that the club would not incur any debt from the project, and the construction of a library building was approved. The Building Committee was also charged with locating an appropriate site. Because of its central location, the donation of property by Irene Brown and her husband, Alfred Nobel Brown, was accepted.

Filed on February 8, 1933, just four days before the dedication of the Library, was the first Warranty Deed (pgs. *DW-1a—DW-1b*). The Warranty Deed guarantees: 1) the seller (grantor) is the lawful property owner and has the right to sell (convey) the property; 2) the seller (grantor) guarantees the property is free for encumbrances or liens; and 3) the seller (grantor) defends the title so the buyer (grantee) has the power to transfer (convey) the property.*

In order to legally receive and execute the deed, a corporation was formed and a board of trustees organized on behalf of the newly incorporated entity, the Redmond Public Library. The trustees were Irene Brown, Ada Huffman, and Lena Ottini, and their first act dated February 24, 1933, was to sign an agreement to form a corporation named Redmond Public Library (pgs. *INC-1—INC-3*).

Meanwhile, the Library building was completed and with the effort of the members working together in committees, painting, moving, cleaning, drapery, entertainment, and dedication, the members prepared for the building dedication on February 12, 1933, that was complete with an address given by Mayor Bill Brown. A highlight of the dedication ceremony was the placement of a Historical Sketch of the Nokomis Club by June Bartow in the building cornerstone.

The Library opened to public in its new location on March 1, 1933, but the legal documents in support of the new Library were just beginning to be filed. As a signer of the initial agreement to form a corporation, Irene Brown delivers a notice to convene a meeting of the other trustees for March 4, 1933 (pg. *INC-4*). Prior to the meeting the fee required to obtain incorporation status was paid (pg. *DF-1*), and the Articles of Incorporation for the Redmond Public Library was issued on March 15, 1933 (pgs. *INC-5—INC-6*).

At the March 4th meeting officers Ada Huffman, President, Irene Brown, Vice-president, and Lena Ottini, Secretary-Treasurer were selected, and By-laws were determined. The minutes of the corporation record that on March 20th the trustees took an oath of office to faithfully and impartially discharge duties as a trustee (pgs. *INC-7—INC-10*).

The Trustees accepted on March 20th several documents (pg. *INC-13*) beginning with property Quit Claim Deeds #2752936 and #2752937 that sell to the Redmond Public Library for \$1 the two parcels of property for the Library (pgs. *DQ-2a—DQ-2b*). These Quit Claim Deeds “transfer (convey) to the buyer and buyer’s heirs, and assign in fees all of the legal or equitable rights the seller (grantor) has in the property that existed at the time of the transfer (conveyance).”^{*} Transferred to the Redmond Public Library for \$1 each are the two parcels of property with the clause that the purpose of the transfer is a “gift with the understanding the property is to be used for public library purposes, and if the property is used for another purpose “the title shall revert to the seller (grantor)” (pgs. *DQ-3a—DQ-4b*).⁺ The property is then conveyed to the Irene Brown, Ada Huffman, and Lena Ottini as trustees of Redmond Public Library who then transfer the property to the Redmond Public Library (pgs. *DQ-5a—DQ-5b*).

The President and Secretary of Nokomis Club assign by Bill of Sale to the Redmond Public Library “all books, magazines, equipment, furniture, furnishings, and personal property” of the public library in Redmond, Washington (pgs. *BS-1a—BS-1b*). This document is also accepted by the Trustees, and they agree to rent the library building for \$1 per year (pg. *INC-14*). The Trustees then request exemption that is granted to libraries from the federal taxes (pgs. *CE-1a—CE-1e*).

^{*} definitions.uslegal.com/r/real-estate-deeds/. Internet May 6, 2011: 2.

⁺ “Statutory Quit Claim Deed.” March 20, 1933.

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Warranty Deed

ALFRED M. BROWN and
 IRENE BROWN, his wife,
 To
 IRENE BROWN, ADA HUFFMAN
 and LENA OTTINI, etc.

Filed for record at request of

R. W. Edman

RECORDED
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 PAGE 113 REQUEST OF
 A. N. Brown

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GEORGE A. GRANT AUDITOR
 KING COUNTY, WASH.
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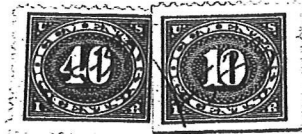
FILED for Record at Request of
A. N. Brown
Redmond, Wash

THE GRANTOR S, ALFRED N. BROWN and IRENE BROWN, his wife,

in consideration of Ten DOLLARS
in hand paid, convey and warrant to IRENE BROWN, ADA HUFFMAN, and LENA OTTINI, and
their successors as Trustees of the Redmond Public Library.
the following described Real Estate: Situated in the county of KING State of Washington

Commencing at a point 30 feet north and 463.7 feet West
of the corner common to sections 1, 2, 11, 12, in Township
25 North Range 5 East W.M., thence West 62.5 feet to point
of beginning, thence North 93.7 feet, thence West 50 feet
thence South 93.7 feet, thence East 50 feet to point of
beginning.

This conveyance is made to the grantees as a gift with
the understanding that the property is to be used for public
library purposes, and if at any time it shall cease to be so
used, the title shall revert to the grantors.



Dated this 5th day of January, 1933.

Alfred N. Brown [SEAL]

Irene W. Brown [SEAL]

STATE OF WASHINGTON, }
COUNTY OF KING. } ss.

THIS CERTIFIES that on this 5th day of January, 1933, personally appeared before me

ALFRED N. BROWN and IRENE BROWN, his wife,

to me known to be the individual s who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged same as their
free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

WITNESS my hand and official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

W. C. Owen

Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at Seattle.

As it grew to completion the "Building Committee" appointed the following committees:

Painting,

Lois Wolcker, Chairman
Mary Skjarstad
Margaret Boyd
Anna Johnson
Selma Tinglestad
Iola Nordquist
Ruth Pool

Moving,

Lena Ottini, Chairman
Irene Brown
Mary Dwyer
Evelyn Perrigo
Anna Perrigo
Audrey Johnson
Marada Johnson

Cleaning,

Ada Huffman, chairman
Luella Rosford
Martha Anderson

Drapery,

Helen Shinstrom
Mamie Orr
Myrtle Pope

Entertainment,

Margaret Buckley, Chairman
Ruby Johnson
Grace Thomas
Amelia Olafsen
Sylvia Neslund
Helen Pierce
Hattie Forrester
Karolina Johnson
Edna Wallace
Alice Swenson
May Gleason
Jennie Sikes

Dedication,

Mabel Johnson, Chairman
June Bartow

PROGRAM

Dedication of Redmond Public Library,

February 12th, 1933

Corner Kirkland Ave & Cedar St.

1. Invocation -----Rev. Nelson C. Pierce
2. Song, America the Beautiful, Assembly
3. Greetings, -----President Mabel Johnson
4. Address ----- Mayor Wm. Brown
5. Historical Sketch ----- Mrs. June Bartow
6. Laying of Corner Stone and Dedication----- Rev. Nelson C. Pierce

* C O P Y *

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Prepared by Mrs. June Bartow, and read at the formal dedication of the Redmond Public Library, corner of Kirkland Ave and Cedar St., on February 12th, 1933.

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This is an exact copy of the first minutes of the Nokomis Club:

Redmond, Wash.

“A number of the ladies were requested to meet at the home of Mrs. W. B. Williams, on Wednesday, June 3, 1909; the purpose of which was to organize some form of club. We there organized, named and also constructed the Laws and By-laws of the Nokomis Club.

The officers of the club were chosen as follows:

Commander-in-Chief - - - - -	Mrs. C. W. Huffman
Chief - - - - -	Mrs. W. B. Williams
Clerk - - - - -	Mrs. Hayes Huffman
Banker - - - - -	Mrs. Wm. Forrester
Advocate - - - - -	Mrs. Ernest Adams
Attendant - - - - -	Miss Mabel Adams”

Thus a group of seven or eight women started a small club which has grown until the membership is limited to thirty-five ladies.

On thru the years they worked. New members were admitted; old ones moved away, but always the members were striving to do good.

From the minutes, thru the years, we find them improving the school grounds, paying insurance on the church, and lending a helping hand wherever one was needed.

To the members of Nokomis club of the years 1926 and 1927 is due the credit of laboring faithfully and well to perfect the plan of giving to Redmond its own Library with all its attendant benefits.

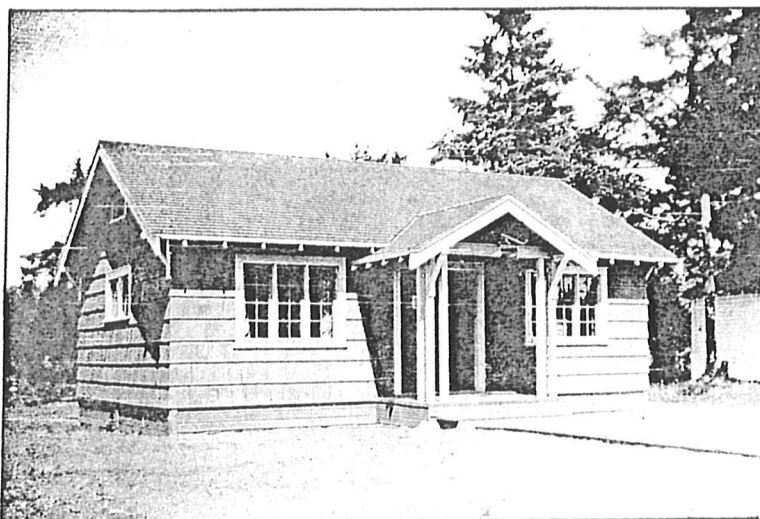
Ever striving, ever looking forward, during the term of Mabel P. Johnson, as President, 1931-32, we were urged to build our own Library building. This at first looked impossible, with the amount of funds on hand and not wishing to go into debt, was almost rejected but through the untiring efforts of the Building Committee appointed **Irene Brown, Chairman, Mary Dwyer, and Evelyn Perrigo—facts and figures were brought to us showing us that we could build with the available funds.

Then a location was next. Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sikes offered lots. The Brown lot was accepted as it was the better located. Finally the building was at last started

LIBRARY LOCATION #3

MARCH 1933 to JANUARY 1953

Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 7-8:30 PM; Wednesday 11:30 AM-4 PM; Saturday 2-4 PM



Dedication of the Nokomis Library Building took place in ceremonies held on Sunday, February 12, 1933. The Library opens March 1.

East Side Journal

February 16, 1933

CLUB HISTORY OF NOKOMIS IS LAID IN LIBRARY CORNERSTONE SUNDAY

An historical sketch of the Nokomis club written by Mrs. June Bartow, together with a personally signed membership of the club, was placed in the corner stone of the new Redmond library when it was dedicated last Sunday afternoon.

A goodly crowd attended the dedicatory exercises. The Reverend Nelson C. Pierce gave the invocation. This was followed by "America the Beautiful" sung by all in attendance. President Mabel Johnson represented the Nokomis club in her greetings. The address of the day was given by Mayor

William Brown, who in a concise forceful manner, told of the work accomplished by the club and of their efforts to give to Redmond a library, and of their ultimate accomplishment of this goal. An historical sketch of the club was read by Mrs. June Bartow. The Reverend Nelson Pierce, most forcefully and pleasingly delivered the dedication speech.

The ladies of the Nokomis club feel certain now that they will be all settled in the new library by March 1 and urge the community to make the most of the community's newest asset.

Article courtesy of Margaret E Wiese

THE LIBRARY IS YOURS—USE IT!

--Nokomis Motto

RECORDS and MINUTES
of the
MEETINGS
of
STOCKHOLDERS and TRUSTEES
of the
REDMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY

A G R E E M E N T

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into at Redmond, Washington,
this 24th day of February 1933,

WITNESSETH:

1. That it is the intention of all of us who have subscribed our names to this agreement to form a corporation for the purposes hereinafter specified and we, the undersigned, do hereby associate ourselves together with the intention of forming a corporation and we do hereby form ourselves into a corporation, the name of which shall be and is Redmond Public Library.

2. The purposes for which this corporation is formed shall be for the establishment and maintenance of places for reading rooms and libraries and to that end to purchase, lease, exchange, acquire by foreclosures or otherwise, real, personal, mixed, tangible and intangible property, assets, rights, claims, equities, franchises; business concerns and undertakings of every kind and character and to sell, assign, convey, deal in, lease, pledge, mortgage and dispose of all or any part thereof and to use, operate, continue, develop, improve and manage or otherwise turn to account all or any of the properties or rights of this corporation: to incur indebtedness, borrow or raise money with or without security, to evidence the same by proper instruments, and to secure the payment of money borrowed or raised when deemed expedient by the issue of debentures, bonds, chattel mortgages, real estate mortgages, deeds of trust, or the pledging of collateral or the giving of other security and upon such terms as to priority and discount, or otherwise as shall be thought fit and to purchase or redeem (at a premium if deemed expedient) any notes, debentures, bonds, mortgages or securities of this corporation: to do all such acts and

things as are incidental, conducive, necessary or permissible to or under the above objects in their broadest sense or which will aid the above objects.

3. The city in which said corporation shall be and is located in, as its principal place of business, is the town of Redmond, State of Washington.

4. This corporation shall have no capital stock and every member shall have the same interest therein as every other member, and the members of the corporation, subject to the provisions of the By-Laws, shall pay such initiation fees and such dues and assessments as shall be from time to time fixed in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws and any amendments thereto, and the membership of each member shall be subject to the provisions of the By-Laws and any amendments thereto relating to the expulsion, resignation or withdrawal of members.

5. The number of Trustees who shall manage the affairs of this corporation shall be not less than three nor more than nine in number which number shall be from time to time determined as provided in the By-Laws. The said Board of Trustees of this corporation shall exercise the management and control of the business and affairs of this corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands at Redmond, Washington, on the day and year first above written.

Erene Brown

Ada Huffman

Lena Ottini

State of Washington ss.
County of King

This is to certify that on February 24th, 1933, personally appeared before me Erene Brown, Ada Huffman, and Lena Ottini to me known to be the individuals who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged same as their free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Witness my hand and official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

P. C. Owe
Notary Public in and for the State of
Washington, residing at Redmond

A F F I D A V I T

STATE OF WASHINGTON : =
 : SS
COUNTY OF KING :

IRENE BROWN, being first duly sworn upon oath, says:

that she was one of the signers of the agreement for the incorporation of Redmond Public Library, and that she called a meeting of said signers by notice signed by herself, stating the time, place and purpose of said meeting to be the 4th day of March, 1933, at the hour of 3 o'clock PM. at the library in Redmond, Washington, for the purpose of completing the organization of the corporation, and that said notice was given at least seven (7) days before the day appointed for the meeting and was given to each subscriber personally; and that a copy of said notice is as follows:

"TO THE SUBSCRIBERS TO THE AGREEMENT TO ORGANIZE A CORPORATION TO BE KNOWN AS REDMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY:

"NOTICE is hereby given that at the hour of 3 o'clock on the 4th day of March, 1933, at the library in Redmond, Washington, the first meeting of such subscribers will be held for the purpose of completing the organization of the corporation."

" IRENE BROWN "

X Irene Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 4th day of March, 1933.

W. C. Swan

Notary Public in and for the State
of Washington, residing at Redmond.

Papers filed to-day
Proceed with business



No. 494
\$ 5.00

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Olympia, Washington, MAR 10 1933, 19

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Five Dollars

for fees as noted below.

Filing Articles of
Redmond Public
Library

Ernest F. Hartman
Secretary of State.

By Ray Johnson

Article No. 77159



DOMESTIC

Department of State
Olympia
OFFICE OF THE
Secretary of State

I, ERNEST N. HUTCHINSON, Secretary of State of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF THE

REDMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY

a Domestic Corporation, of Redmond, Washington, were, on the 10th day of March, A. D. 1933, at 9:06 o'clock A.M., filed for record in this office and now remain on file herein, being duly recorded in Book 176, at page 267-268, Domestic Corporations.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed hereto the Seal of the State of Washington.

Done at the Capitol, at Olympia, this 15th day of March, A. D. 1933.

ERNEST N. HUTCHINSON,
Secretary of State.

By 
Assistant Secretary of State.

B Y - L A W S
OF
REDMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY

ARTICLE I
OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this association shall consist of a Board of Trustees, and a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by the Board of Trustees and who may be removed by the Board at will and none of the officers need be members of the Board and one person may hold more than one office.

ARTICLE II
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1. The Board of Trustees shall be composed of three (3) persons who must be members, but the number of Trustees may at any time, or from time to time, be increased to any number not exceeding nine (9) or decreased to any number not less than three (3), by resolution of the Board of Trustees, duly passed to that effect; and the members of the Board shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of members, to serve until the next annual meeting or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Section 2. The business and property of the association shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Trustees, who shall exercise the corporate powers of the company.

Section 3. The Board of Trustees shall have power to call special meetings of the members when they deem it necessary, and the majority of the members of the Board shall have power to call a special meeting of the Board when they deem it necessary.

Section 4. The Board of Trustees may fill any vacancies that may occur on said Board by death, resignation, increase in the number of the Board, or other cause.

Section 5. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE III

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall have the duties and powers usual with such offices and shall have such other duties and powers as the Board of Trustees may from time to time provide.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of members shall be held on the second Tuesday in January of each year at the hour of 10.00 o'clock A. M. in the City of Redmond, Washington.

Section 2. At all meetings of members a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum and members may appear by proxy.

Section 3. Special meetings of the members may be called by the President or the Secretary or the majority of the Board of Trustees on ten (10) days notice delivered personally or given by mail sent to the last known post office address of each member.

Section 4. Meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called by the President or the Secretary or any two members by notice in writing delivered personally or mailed to each member of the Board at his last known post office address at least three (3) days before the day of meeting.

ARTICLE V.

DUES

Section 1. Members shall pay such dues as the Board of Trustees may determine upon.

ARTICLE VI

MEMBERS

Section 1. Trustees may admit such persons to membership as they may deem appropriate.

ARTICLE VII

SEAL

Section 1. The seal of the corporation shall bear the name of the corporation and the word "SEAL".

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the members or Board of Trustees or at any special meeting of the members or Board of Trustees called for that purpose.

FIRST MEETING OF SUBSCRIBERS

OF

REDMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Redmond, Washington

March 4, 1933

On this 4th day of March 1933, pursuant to notice, there was convened a meeting of those who had on February 24, 1933, entered into an agreement to form the Redmond Public Library as a corporation under Sections 3872 to 3883 of the Code of the State of Washington.

There were present all of those who had signed the said agreement.

There was presented to the meeting an affidavit of the giving of notice of this meeting, and the same was approved and ordered spread upon the record and is in this minute book as Page 5 thereof and is by this reference made a part hereof.

Lena Ottini was chosen as temporary Secretary.

By-laws were adopted and ordered spread upon the record and are in this minute book as Pages 6 to 8 thereof and are by this reference made a part hereof.

The following were unanimously elected to the offices indicated:

President

Ada Huffman

Vice-President

Irene W. Brown

Secretary

Lena Ottini

Treasurer

Lena Ottini

Trustees:

Irene Brown
Ada Huffman
Lena Ottini

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned.

Lena Ottini

Secretary

MEETING OF TRUSTEES
OF
REDMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Redmond, Washington

March 20, 1933

Pursuant to due and timely notice the meeting of Trustees of Redmond Public Library was convened this day at Redmond, Washington, and there were present:

TRUSTEES: Irene Brown

Ada Huffman

Lena Ottini

This constituted all the members of the Board and each of those present expressed her approval of the notice and her consent for the holding of a meeting for the transaction of any business.

It was brought to the attention of the meeting that the Oath of Office had been signed by each of the trustees and that it was in this MinuteBook as Page 16 thereof and the same is by this reference made a part hereof.

It was reported to the meeting that the Certificate of Incorporation had been filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Washington; that his receipt for the filing fee is in this Minute Book as Page 13 thereof and is by this reference made a part hereof; and that his certificate is in this Minute Book as Page 14 thereof and is by this reference made a part hereof.

It was reported further that the Certificate of Incorporation had been filed with the King County Auditor and that his receipt for the filing fee is in this Minute Book as Page 15 thereof, and is by this reference made a part hereof.

It appeared from the records of the corporation that the three (3) signers of the original agreement are members of this corporation and that no other persons have been admitted to membership

and accordingly it was found and declared that the members of this corporation at this time are the following:

MEMBERS: Irene Brown
Ada Huffman
Lena Ottini.

The By-Laws stipulate that the trustees may admit new members, but it was determined by the Board to take no steps in that direction at this time but to defer such matters to the future.

There were presented to the meeting two (2) deeds both conveying to this corporation the property which constituted the Redmond Library and copies of the said deeds were ordered spread upon the record and are in this Minute Book as Pages 20 to 21 thereof and are by this reference made a part hereof.

The following resolution was presented to the meeting and unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the deeds which have just been presented to this meeting as gifts to this corporation are accepted and the officers of this corporation are directed to cause the same to be recorded and to enter into possession of the premises described, for and on behalf of this corporation.

There was presented to the meeting as a gift the bill of sale of books and personal property in the Redmond Library and a copy thereof was ordered spread upon the records and is in this Minute Book as Page 22 thereof and is by this reference made a part hereof.

The following resolution was presented to the meeting and unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED that the bill of sale which has just been presented to this corporation as a gift be accepted and that the officers of this corporation take possession of said personal property and record the said bill of sale for and on behalf of this corporation.

It seemed best that the organization which has heretofore

been operating the Redmond Public Library be permitted to continue the same and accordingly the following resolution was presented to the meeting and unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED that the Nokomis Club shall be permitted to lease the Redmond Library and its contents on a month to month tenancy for a rental at the rate of \$1.00 per year with the further consideration that all books or other personal property which shall be added to the said library or its equipment shall forthwith and immediately belong to the corporation and the officers of this corporation are authorized to make such an arrangement orally, or in writing should they deem it expedient.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned.

Lena Ottini
Secretary

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES 1933 - 1954



Library Board of Trustees 1933 to 1942, left to right, are Ada Huffman, Irene Brown and Lena Ottini. Photo circa 1937.



Mabel Johnson, left, was appointed trustee to fill the vacancy left by the death of Ada Huffman in 1942. She served with Irene Brown and Lena Ottini as trustee until the incorporated entity changed to the Nokomis Club of Redmond, Washington, on March 8, 1954.

Instruments FILED in lieu of recording remain on file until formally released.
 Instruments Filed under "Registered Land Act" are a permanent County Record.

Seattle, Washington.....		Receiving Number	Amount Paid
<p>RECEIVED this day the following instru- ment as shown on Receiving Book of even date herewith.</p> <p>GEORGE A. GRANT AUDITOR, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON</p>		1048077	3 ✓
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		2752937	75 ✓
		2752938	75 ✓
		Fee.....	\$

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STATE OF WASHINGTON, }
County of King } ss.

On this day personally appeared before me Alfred N. Brown and Irene Brown, his wife,
to me known to be the individuals described in and who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and
acknowledged that they signed the same as their free and voluntary act and deed, for the
uses and purposes therein mentioned.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal this 20th day of March, 1933.

Reed C. Owen
Notary Public in and for the State of Washington,
residing at Redmond.

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Quit Claim Deed

Alfred N. Brown &
Irene Brown his wife
TO
Redmond Public Library
Redmond Wash

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FILED for Record at Request of
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Statutory Quit Claim Deed

THE GRANTORS, ALFRED N. BROWN and IRENE BROWN, his wife,

for and in consideration of -----ONE ----- Dollars

(\$ 1.00), convey and quit-claim to REDMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY, a corporation,

all interest in the following described real estate, situated in the County of King

State of Washington:

Commencing at a point 30 feet north and 463.7 feet West of the corner common to sections 1, 2, 11, 12, in Township 25 North Range, 5 East W.M., thence West 62.5 feet to point of beginning, thence North 93.7 feet, thence West 50 feet thence South 93.7 feet, thence East 50 feet to point of beginning.

This conveyance is made to the grantee as a gift with the understanding that the property is to be used for public library purposes, and if at any time it shall cease to be so used, the title shall revert to the grantors.

Heretofore, to-wit: on the 5th day of January 1933, the grantors conveyed the above described property to Irene Brown, Ada Huffman and Lena Ottini, and their successors, as Trustees of Redmond Public Library, which said conveyance was recorded in Volume 1543 of Deeds at Page 113, Records of the Auditor of King County, Washington, there being at the time of the giving of the said deed no organization under the name of Redmond Public Library other than the three (3) trustees mentioned, but since that time a corporation has been organized under that name and the said three (3) trustees are conveying the said property to the corporation and this quit claim deed is given as approval and confirmation thereof, subject always to the limited use of the said property above stipulated.

Dated this 20th day of March, A. D. 19 33.

Alfred N. Brown (SEAL)

Irene Brown (SEAL)

STATE OF WASHINGTON,

County of King

} ss.

On this day personally appeared before me Irene Brown, Ada Huffman, and Lena Ottini, as trustees of Redmond Public Library,

to me known to be the individual s described in and who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they signed the same as their free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal this 20th day of March, 1933.

Frederic C. Owa

Notary Public in and for the State of Washington,
residing at Redmond.

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Irene Brown
Redmond Wash

Statutory Quit Claim Deed

THE GRANTOR s, IRENE BROWN, ADA HUFFMAN and LENA OTTINI, as Trustees of the Redmond Public Library, as named in that certain warranty deed recorded in Volume 1543 of Deeds at Page 113, Records of the Auditor of King County, Washington,
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all interest in the following described real estate, situated in the County of King

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Dated this 20th day of March, A. D. 19 33.

✓ Irene Brown (SEAL)

✓ Ada Huffman (SEAL)

DQ-3b ✓ Lena Ottini (SEAL)

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Dated this 20 day of March , A. D. 19 33.

Alfred N. Brown (SEAL)

Irene Brown (SEAL)

County of King

} ss.

On this day personally appeared before me Irene Brown, Ada Huffman, and Lena Ottini, as trustees of Redmond Public Library,

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to me known to be the individual S described in and who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they signed the same as their free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal this 20 day of March, 1933.

Rex C. Swan
Notary Public in and for the State of Washington,
residing at *Redmond*

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TO

WASHINGTON TITLE INSURANCE
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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

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Dated this 20 day of March, A. D. 19 33.

Irene Brown (SEAL)

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Lena Ottini (SEAL)

State of Washington, } ss.
County of King } 22

On this 20th day of March A. D. 19 33
before me personally appeared Mable P Johnson & Auntra J Johnson
to me known
to be the Pres & Secy respectively

of the corporation that executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the said instrument to be the free and voluntary act and deed of said corporation, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and on oath stated that he w authorized to execute said instrument and that the seal affixed thereto is the corporate seal of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year first above written.

Rec C Swan

Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at Redmond

BILL OF SALE

BY CORPORATION

FROM

TO

Date, 19

Filed for record at request of

on the day of 19

at minutes past M

and recorded in Volume

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Records of

County, State of

COUNTY AUDITOR

By DEPUTY

Know All Men by These Presents, THAT, Nokomis

Club,

of Redmond County of King, State of Washington, the

first party, for and in consideration of the sum of ONE
----- (\$1.00) Dollars, lawful money of the United States of America,

to it in hand paid by Redmond Public Library of Redmond, King County,
Washington, the second party, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does by these presents grant,

bargain, sell and deliver unto the second party, the following described personal property now
located at _____ in the Town of Redmond

in the County of King and State of Washington, to-wit:

all books, magazines, equipment, furniture, furnishings and
personal property in and about the public library at Redmond,
Washington.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same to the second party, its executors, ad-
ministrators and assigns forever. And the first party, for itself, and its successors, covenants and
agrees to and with the second party, its executors, administrators and
assigns, that the first party is owner of the said property, goods and chattels and has good right and
authority to sell the same, and that it will warrant and defend the sale hereby made unto the
second party, its executors administrators and assigns, against all and every
person or persons whomsoever, lawfully claiming or to claim the same,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the first party has caused its corporate name and seal to be hereto
affixed by its officers thereto lawfully authorized on the _____ day of

March 20 1923.

Nokomis Club

Signed and Delivered in presence of

Gene Brown

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By Mabel P Johnson
President

Attest: Amelia J Johnson
Secretary

Description of property for which exemption is claimed:

That property in King Co., Wash., Described as follows:
Commencing at a point 30 feet north and 463.7 feet west of the corner
common to Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, in Twp. 25 No., Rg. 5, E.W.M. thence
West 62.5 feet to POB, thence North 93.7 feet, thence West 50 feet,
thence South 93.7 feet, thence East 50 feet to P.O.B.

This conveyance is made to the grantees as a gift with the
understanding that the property is to be used for public
library purposes, and if at any time it shall cease to be
so used, the title shall revert to the grantors.

The deed runs to the Redmond Public Library a Corp. and is filed
in the office of the County Auditor under date of March 21, 1933.
The above described is known as Tax Lot No. 57 on the records of the
County Assessor.

Under what section of exemption law and for what classification of property are you claiming exemption from
taxation?

(L. '33, ch. 115, p. 436.)

The fourth paragraph which relates to the exemption from taxation
of free public libraries.

The rule of law governing exemption of property from taxation is that statutes governing exemptions shall be
strictly construed. Therefore, it will be necessary, before exemption can be allowed, that you show that the prop-
erty complies with each and every requirement of the exemption law. Make such showing here:

The above described property and all thereof is used exclusively as a
free public library. Such institution is supported in whole or in part
by public donations or private charity and all of the income and profits
of the institution are devoted, after paying the expense thereof, to the
purposes of the institution and the grounds and the real and personal
property owned or used as part of the institution are used for it exclu-
sively and not otherwise.

The income and the receipts of the institution, including donations to it,
have been applied to the actual expenses of maintaining it and to no other
purpose.

(If this space is insufficient, please attach separate sheet.)

MELVIN S. WOOSTER
ASSESSOR
JOHN McEWAN
CHIEF DEPUTY

OFFICE OF
COUNTY ASSESSOR
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
SEATTLE

May 26, 1933.

Mrs. Irene W. Brown,
Redmond,
Washington,

Dear Madam:-

The application of the Redmond Public Library for exemption from taxation, has been received, and we are pleased to advise you that this claim has been allowed.

We are herewith returning the duplicate copy of the application for your records, as per your request.

HCB/M

Enc.

Yours very truly,

MELVIN S. WOOSTER, ASSESSOR,

By

John McEwan
Chief Deputy.

LAWS GOVERNING EXEMPTIONS

Proof Required

At the time of making the assessment of real property, the assessor shall enter each description of property exempt under the provisions of Section Seven of this act, and value and list the same in the manner and subject to the same rule as he is required to assess all other property, designating in each case to whom such property belongs, and for what purpose used, to entitle it to exemption, AND HE SHALL REQUIRE FROM EVERY PERSON CLAIMING SUCH EXEMPTION PROOF OF THE RIGHT TO SUCH EXEMPTION. (L. '25 E. S., ch. 130, sec. 9, p. 235.)

Penalty for Giving False or Fraudulent List

If any person or corporation shall give a FALSE or FRAUDULENT list, schedule or statement required by this act, or shall fail or refuse to deliver to the assessor, when called on for that purpose, a list of the taxable personal property which he is required to list under this act, he or it SHALL BE LIABLE TO A PENALTY OF NOT LESS THAN TEN DOLLARS NOR MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS, to be recovered in any proper form of action in the name of the State of Washington on the complaint of any person, such fine, when collected, to be paid into the county treasury to the credit of the current expense fund. (L. '25 E. S., ch. 130, sec. 51, p. 259.)

Exemptions

The following property, to the extent herein limited, shall be exempt from taxation:

Cemeteries

First. All lands used exclusively for public burying grounds or cemeteries, all churches built and supported by donations whose seats are free to all, and the ground whereon such churches are built, not exceeding five acres in area upon which any cathedral or church of any recognized religious denomination is or shall be built, together with a parsonage: *Provided*, That in any case the area exempted shall include all ground covered by such churches and parsonages and the structures and ground necessary for street access, light and ventilation, but the area of unoccupied ground exempted in connection with both church and parsonage under this proviso shall not exceed the equivalent of 120 x 120 feet, except as hereinabove mentioned. The parsonage need not be on land contiguous to the church property if the total area exempted does not exceed the area above designated: *Provided*, That such grounds are used wholly for church purposes and not otherwise; also the property of other non-sectarian organizations or associations, organized and conducted primarily and chiefly for religious purposes and not for profit, which shall be wholly used, or to the extent solely used for the religious purposes of such associations, or for the educational, benevolent, protective or social departments growing out of, or related to, the religious work of such associations; also the property of non-profit organizations or associations engaged in character building in boys and girls under twenty-one years of age, to the extent such property is necessarily employed and devoted solely to the said objects: *Provided*, Such purposes are for the general public good and such properties are devoted to the general public benefit; also all art, scientific or historical collections of associations, maintaining and exhibiting such collections for the benefit of the general public and not for profit; also all the property of all organizations and societies of veterans of any war of the United States recognized as such by the United States war department, which shall have national charters, and which shall have for their general purposes and objects, the preservation of the memories and associations incident to their war service and the consecration of the efforts of their members to mutual helpfulness and to patriotic and community service to state and nation, provided such property shall be primarily used in such manner as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes and objects of such societies.

Churches Parsonages

Non-sectarian Organizations for Religious Purposes

Non-Profit Organizations

Art, Scientific or Historical Collections

Property of War Veterans' Organizations

Public Property

Second. All property, whether real or personal, belonging exclusively to the United States, the state, any county or municipal corporation.

Fire Engine Houses and Equipment

Third. All fire engines and other implements used for the extinguishment of fires, with the building used exclusively for the safekeeping thereof, and for the meetings of fire companies, providing that such belongs to any town or fire company organized therein.

Libraries, Orphanages, Reformatories, Hospitals, Homes for Aged

Fourth. All free public libraries, orphanages, orphan asylums, institutions for the reformation of fallen women, homes for the aged and infirm, and hospitals for the care of the sick, including any portion of the hospital building or other buildings in connection therewith, used as a nurses' home or residence for persons engaged in the operation thereof, or employees, or being operated as a portion of the hospital unit, when such institutions are supported in whole or in part by public donations or private charity, and all of the income and profits of such institutions are devoted, after paying the expenses thereof, to the purposes of such institutions, and the grounds, together with all real and personal property owned or used as a part of such institutions, whenever such libraries, orphanages, institutions, homes and hospitals are built and when used

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*Schools and
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*Conditions
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Exemption*

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Property, Revenues,
Expenditures, etc.*

*Investigation by
County Assessor*

*Humane
Societies*

exclusively and not otherwise, for the purposes in this subdivision enumerated. In order to determine whether such libraries, orphanages, institutions, homes and hospitals are exempt from taxes within the true intent of this act, the state board of health shall have access to the books of such institutions and the superintendent or manager of the library, orphanage, institution, home or hospital claiming exemption from taxation under this act shall make oath before the assessor that the income and the receipts thereof, including donations to it, have been applied to the actual expenses of maintaining it, and to no other purpose. He shall also, under oath, make annual report to the state board of health of its receipts and disbursements, specifying in detail the sources from which the receipts have been derived, and the object to which disbursements have been applied, and shall furnish in said report full and complete vital statistics for the use and information of the state board of health, who may publish the same in its annual report.

Fifth. All property, real and personal, owned by or used for any school or college in this state, supported in whole or in part by gifts, endowments, or charity, the entire income of which said school or college, after paying the expenses thereof, is devoted to the purposes of such institution, and which is open to all persons upon equal terms: *Provided*, That said property is used solely for educational purposes (or the revenue therefrom be devoted exclusively to the support and maintenance of such institution): *And provided, further*, That the real property so exempt shall not exceed forty acres in extent and shall be used exclusively for college or campus purposes, or for dormitories or as a community residence for teachers or employees: *Except, however*, That any school of collegiate grade and accredited by the state board of education shall be entitled to an exemption of not more than forty acres of real property used exclusively for said purposes, but no corporation shall be entitled to more than one such larger exemption, and where the college is under the direction or control of any religious denomination such larger exemption shall be allowed to one college only directed or controlled by such religious denomination: *And provided, further*, That real property owned or controlled by such institution and/or leased or rented by them for the purpose of deriving revenue therefrom shall not be exempt from taxation under the provision of this section. Before any exemption provided for by this subdivision shall be allowed for any year, the institution claiming such exemption shall file with the county assessor of the county wherein such property is situated and subject to taxation, on or before the first day of March in such year, a statement verified by the oath of the president, treasurer, or other proper officer of such institution, containing a list of all property claimed to be exempt, the purpose for which the same is used, the revenue derived from the same for the preceding year, the use to which such revenue was applied, the number of students in attendance at such school or college, and the total revenues of the same with the source from which the same was derived, and the purposes to which such revenues were applied, giving the items of such revenues and expenditures in detail. The county assessor of the county wherein such property is subject to taxation and such exemption is claimed, shall at all times have access to the books and records of such institution in order to determine whether any property claimed to be exempt from taxation should be exempted under the provisions of this section.

Seventh. The property owned by humane societies in this state in actual use by such societies not exceeding ten thousand dollars in taxable value owned by any society. (L. '33, ch. 115, p. 436.)

March 31, 1933

Final Report of Building Committee of
Redmond Public Library

Labor			\$ 75.00	Mr. J. Smith
Lumber	(Est. 245.00)	add 13.85	258.85	Cottage Lake Lumber
Wiring	" 7.00		6.95	Mr. Smith
Hardware			14.35	Redmond Hardware Co.
Plumbing	" 45.75	add 4.98	50.73	" "
Painting	" 10.00	add .75	9.75	" "
Light Fixtures			alcohol 1.00	Redmond Drug Co.
			<u>3.50</u>	
			\$420.13	Total paid

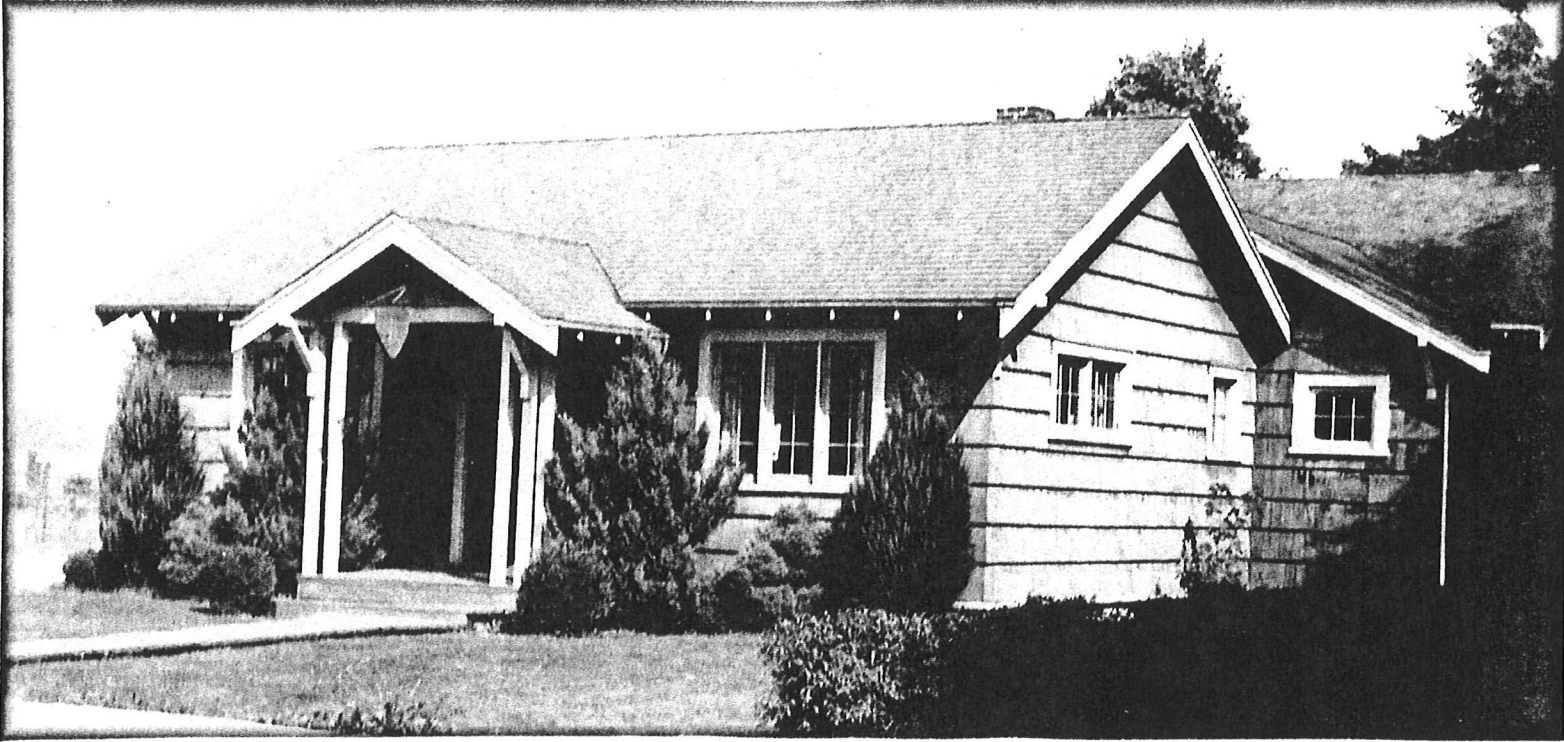
Water Meter and fittings donated by
Town of Redmond
Installation of same donated by Mr. Pope

Respectfully submitted

Irene Brown chairman
Mary Dwyer
Evelyn Perrigo

Building committee

THE CLUBHOUSE ADDITION



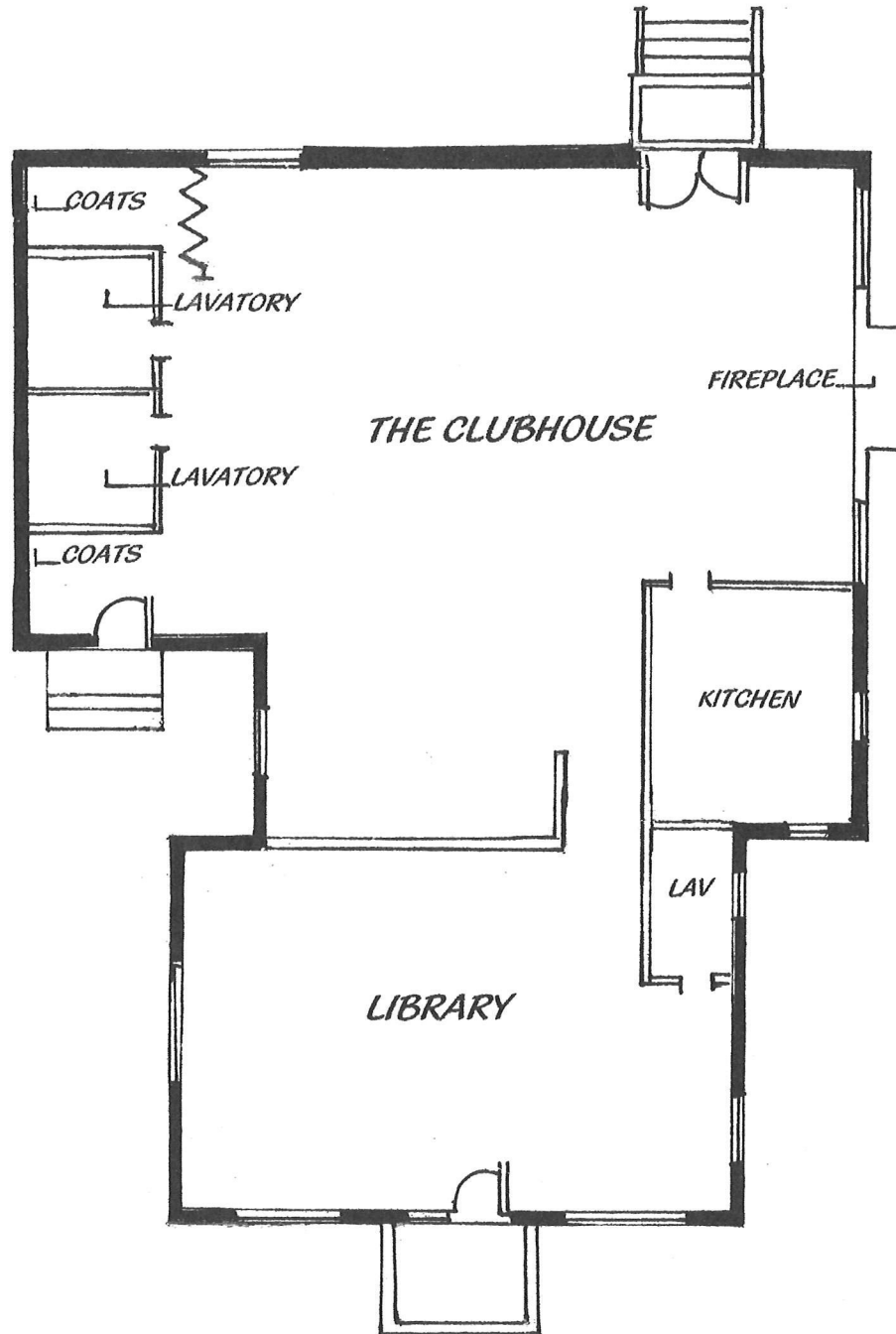
The dark wooded wall and expanded roofline on the right indicate the extent of the Clubhouse addition to the Library completed in November 1937. Roy Buckley took this photo in 1939.

A special meeting was held on January 20, 1936, to make a determination on the construction of a social hall possibly with Works Progress Administration (WPA) labor. At that meeting a proposal was made, but those in attendance felt the building would be too small. A committee of five was appointed to report at the regular meeting January 31, and they proposed building an addition with an entry hall; social room 22' x 38'; kitchen 10' x 15'; and 2 restrooms 6' x 9'. The estimated cost was \$1,050, and included plumbing, wiring, and fireplace. The committee's report was overwhelmingly accepted.

In September 1936 the club approved the purchase of the property adjacent to the Library from Irene and Fred Brown for \$50. By March 1937 construction was well under way, and Nokomis made a payment of \$200 on their note with Columbia Lumber Company. The new social hall was named *The Clubhouse* formally at the May 28th meeting, and was inaugurated at the Businessmen's Dinner served on Tuesday, November 2nd, 1937.

The Library Trustees on November 23, 1937 mortgaged the Library for \$1,200 with the First National Bank of Redmond to pay construction costs. The first Nokomis meeting in the Clubhouse was held November 26th, and during the meeting, rental rates were determined at \$1 for members for regular meetings; \$3 for afternoon parties; and \$5 for evening entertainment. The new facility could accommodate 100 people, and was available for rental by individuals, community, and church groups.

In 1938 it was noted that the city had not returned the deed needed to qualify for WPA assistance. By the November 27, 1942 club meeting, the clubhouse mortgage was paid in full and the note was passed to Irene Brown, who participated with the members in a burning ceremony.



NOKOMIS BUILDING

16210 NE 80th Street
Redmond, Washington

Floor Plan
1933 - 1972

Scale: 1" = 10'



Construction of a social hall provided the Nokomis Club with the opportunity to collect additional revenue to support the public library operations. Rental of the hall, and expansion of dinner service from one to four groups provided financial support for the public library operations and maintenance costs for the building. The collection of additional funds also enabled the club to pay the incorporation fee (pg. *INC-15*).

Dated on November 20, 1936 and filed on December 2, 1936 is the Warranty Deed that transferred additional property adjacent to the Library to the Nokomis Club for a payment of \$10 (pgs. *DW2a—DW2b*). The Warranty Deed transferred the property by the lawful property owner without liens or encumbrances, and transfers the right of the buyer to sell the property. This additional property allowed the construction of the Clubhouse, and the location of a parking lot behind the Library/Clubhouse building.

Even though the country was still in the Great Depression, the club did not hesitate to mortgage the property in order to build the new addition. The Trustees of the Redmond Public Library met on November 23, 1937, and drafted a resolution to mortgage the Nokomis property with The First National Bank of Redmond, Washington, for the sum of \$1,200 (*INC-16—INC-17 & REM-1—REM-3*). As evidenced by the liabilities listed on Internal Revenue Service Form 990 that request exemption from federal taxes for the year 1941, Nokomis owed \$200 on the mortgage in 1941 (pgs. *CE-2a—CE-2b*). The mortgage was paid in total by November 27, 1942—five years from the date the property was mortgaged.



Officers during 1940-41 are left to right, Lois Wolcker, President; Anna Johnson, Secretary; Lena Ottini, Treasurer, and Alice Swenson, Vice-president.

Instruments FILED in lieu of recording remain on file until formally released.
 Instruments Filed under "Registered Land Act" are a permanent County Record.

Seattle, Washington.....	FEB 27 1935	Receiving Number	Amount Paid
<p>RECEIVED this day the following instru- ment as shown on Receiving Book of even date herewith.</p> <p>EARL MILLIKIN AUDITOR, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON</p>		1180853	3 0
	<i>Articles of Incorporation</i>		
		Fee.....\$	

100M 1-35 Crescent 7896

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Warranty Deed

A. N. Brown et ux

To

Redmond Public Library

Filed for record at request of

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REQUEST OF

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EARL MILLIKIN AUDITOR
KING COUNTY, WASH.

A. Miller DEPUTY
R 85

LAW OFFICE
WETER & ROBERTS
LOWMAN BUILDING, SEATTLE
JAMES P. WETER

FILED for Record at Request of
Redmond Public Library
Redmond
Wash.

DW-2a

THE GRANTOR s, A. N. Brown and Irene W. Brown, his wife,

in consideration of Ten (10) DOLLARS
in hand paid, convey and warrant to Redmond Public Library, a corporation,

the following described Real Estate: Situated in the county of King State of Washington

Commencing at a point 30 feet North and 526.2 feet West of the corner common to Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12, in Township 25 North, Range 5 East W.M.; thence North 93.7 feet to the point of beginning; thence West 50 feet; thence North 100 feet; thence East 50 feet; thence South 100 feet to the point of beginning,--less any portion off the North end which may have heretofore been deeded to the Town of Redmond for water main or street purposes.

Dated this 20th day of November, 1936.

A. N. Brown [SEAL]

Irene W. Brown [SEAL]

STATE OF WASHINGTON, }
COUNTY OF KING. } ss.

THIS CERTIFIES that on this 20th day of November, 1936 personally appeared before me
A. N. Brown and Irene W. Brown, his wife,

to me known to be the individual s who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged same as their
free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

WITNESS my hand and official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.



J. M. Magness

Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at Seattle.

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Request of

Dec, 2, 1936

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Redmond Public Library

DW 2b

Redmond

MEETING OF TRUSTEES
OF
REDMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Redmond, Washington

November 23, 1937

Pursuant to due and timely notice the meeting of Trustees of Redmond Public Library was convened this day at Redmond, Washington, and there were present:

TRUSTEES: Irene Brown
Ada Huffman
Lena Ottini

This constituted all the members of the Board, and each of those present expressed her approval of the notice and her consent for the holding of a meeting for the transaction of any business.

It was brought to the attention of the meeting that it was necessary to formulate a resolution for the borrowing of money to cover mortgage for the new addition to the Redmond Public Library.

The following resolution was presented to the meeting and unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Redmond Public Library, a corporation, borrow of the First National Bank of Redmond, Washington, the sum of Twelve Hundred (\$1200.00) Dollars, and that Lena Ottini, Irene W. Brown, and Ada T. Huffman, its trustees, be and are hereby authorized to execute and deliver to the First National Bank of Redmond, Washington, on behalf and in the name of this corporation, a mortgage on the real property of this corporation to secure the payment of the above mentioned loan.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned.

Lena Ottini
Secretary

CERTIFICATE OF RESOLUTION FOR THE BORROWING OF MONEY

" Be it Resolved that the Redmond Public Library, a corporation, borrow of The First National Bank of Redmond, Washington, the sum of Twelve Hundred (1200) Dollars, and that Lena Ottini, Irene W. Brown, and Ada T. Huffman, its Board of Trustees, be and are hereby authorized to execute and deliver to The First National Bank of Redmond, Washington, on behalf and in the name of this corporation, a mortgage on the real property of this corporation to secure the payment of the above mentioned loan."

We, Ada T. Huffman, and Lena Ottini,

president and secretary of the Redmond Public Library, a corporation, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the board of trustees of said corporation at a special meeting of said board duly held on the 23rd day of November, 1937, and that said resolution is duly recorded and appears in the minutes of said corporation, and has not been revoked.

We have affixed hereto the seal of said corporation and affixed our hands this 23rd day of November, 1937.

Ada T. Huffman
President.

Lena Ottini
Secretary

STATE OF WASHINGTON, }
COUNTY OF KING } ss.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY: that on _____ personally appeared before me,

to me known to be the individual who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged same as _____ free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, the day and year in this Certificate first above written.

Notary Public in and for the State of Washington,
residing at Redmond

2045009
Nov 23, 1937

Real Estate Mortgage

Redmond Public Library

SATISFACTION ENTERED
ON MARGIN OF RECORD.

RECORDER
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EARL MILLIKIN AUDITOR
KING COUNTY, WASH.
DEPUTY

FILED for Record at Request of

FIRST NATIONAL BANK
OF REDMOND
REDMOND, WASHINGTON

THE MORTGAGOR Redmond Public Library, a corporation

MORTGAGE to The First National Bank of Redmond, Washington.

to secure the payment of Twelve Hundred (1200) Dollars,

according to the terms of one promissory note dated herewith, made by mortgagor

and payable to the order of the mortgagee, the following real estate situated in King County, Washington, to-wit:

Commencing at a point 30 feet North and 463.7 feet West of the corner common to sections 1, 2, 11, 12, in Township 25 North, Range 5 East W.M., thence west 62.5 feet to point of beginning, thence North 93.7 feet, thence West, 50 feet, thence South 93.7 feet, thence East 50 feet to point of beginning, - - - - -

It is agreed that all screens, chandeliers, lighting, heating, plumbing, toilet and other fixtures now or hereafter used in connection with the buildings on the above property shall be construed as part of the realty. The mortgagor agree \$ to pay before delinquency all taxes, liens, assessments and all interest or other charges on prior encumbrances upon said property, and to keep the buildings on said premises in good repair and insured in a company approved by the mortgagee, for not less than \$ 1200.00, with loss payable to mortgagee, the insurance policies to be deposited with the mortgagee. In case of failure to perform either of said covenants, or if default be made in payment of said note or the interest accruing thereon, or any part thereof, when same shall become due, then this mortgage may be at once foreclosed for the entire principal sum, accrued interest and costs, and in such foreclosure suit there shall be included in the judgment a reasonable sum as attorney fees, together with all sums paid by said mortgagee or assigns on account of taxes, liens, assessments, abstract or title insurance, charges, cost of searching records, interest, and fire insurance, with interest at ten per cent, per annum from date of payment.

Redmond, Washington, November 23, 1937

Redmond Public Library
By Ade T. Huffman (Seal)
By Irene W. Brown (Seal)
By Lena Ottini
Its Trustees.

State of Washington, }
County of King } ss.

On this 23rd day of November A. D. 1937

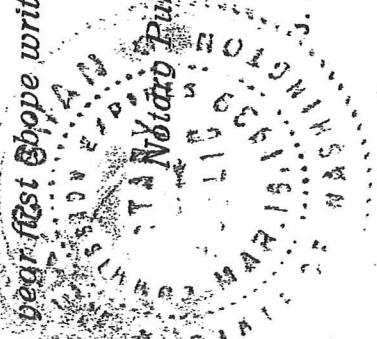
before me personally appeared Ada T. Huffman, Lena Ottini and Irene Brown
to be the Board of Trustees, to me known

of the corporation that executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the said instrument to be the free and voluntary act and deed of said corporation, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and on oath stated that they were authorized to execute said instrument and that the seal affixed thereto is the corporate seal of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and

W. C. Swann

Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at Redmond



INFORMATION RETURN OF ORGANIZATION EXEMPT OR CLAIMING EXEMPTION
 FROM INCOME TAX UNDER SUBSECTION (5), (6) EXCEPT EXCLUSIVELY
 RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, (7), (8), (9), OR (14) OF SECTION 101
 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, OR UNDER CORRESPONDING PROVISIONS
 OF PRIOR REVENUE ACTS.

(Required under provisions of Treasury Decision 5125, dated March 5, 1942.)

FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1941

or Fiscal Year begun _____, and ended _____.

For time and place of filing this return, see instruction on reverse side.	PRINT PLAINLY NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ORGANIZATION			File Code _____
	<u>Redmond Public Library</u> (Name)			Serial Number _____
	<u>Redmond</u> (Street and Number) <u>King</u> (County) <u>Wash</u> (State)			
	<u>Redmond</u> (Post Office)			District _____
Exemption under subsection _____ of section _____, Bureau ruling dated _____ Attach hereto a copy of such ruling.				
Nature of Activities of the Organization <u>Library maintenance</u>				

Item No.

- Have you undertaken any new activities since your last return was filed? no. If so, attach a detailed statement relative to such activities. (yes or no)
- Have your articles of incorporation or by-laws or other instruments of similar import been amended since your last return was filed? no. If so, attach a copy of such amendments. (yes or no)
- Have any distributions of corporate property been made to shareholders or members during the year? no. If so, attach a full explanation thereof. (yes or no)
- Fill in the statements on the reverse side of this form.

AFFIDAVIT

We, the undersigned, president (or vice president, or other principal officer) and treasurer (or assistant treasurer, or chief accounting officer) of the organization for which this return is made, being severally duly sworn, each for himself deposes and says that this return (including any accompanying schedules and statements) has been examined by him and is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true, correct, and complete return, made in good faith, for the year stated, pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations issued thereunder.

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 14th day of May, 1942

James W. Brown
 (President or other principal officer)
 (State title)

R. C. Swan
 (Signature and title of officer administering oath)

Alvin Ottis Soy
 (Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, or Chief Accounting Officer)
 (State title)

NOTARIAL
 SEAL

CORPORATE
 SEAL

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

RECEIPTS

Item No.		
1.	Interest from Federal, State, and municipal bonds.....	\$ _____
2.	Interest on loans, notes, mortgages, bonds, bank deposits, etc.	_____
3.	Dividends.....	_____
4.	Profit on sale of -	
	(a) Stocks, bonds, and other securities.....	_____
	(b) Other assets, not a part of inventory.....	_____
*5.	Gifts, grants, dues, assessments, contributions, pledges, offerings, etc. .	505.15
*6.	Other receipts -	
	(a) Gross sales (less returns and allowances).....\$ _____	
	Less: Cost of goods sold.....	_____
	Gross profits from sales.....	_____
	(b) Loans.....	287.35
	(c) Other receipts (state nature).....	157.00
7.	Total receipts.....	\$ 949.50

DISBURSEMENTS

*8.	Salaries, wages, commissions, etc.	353.50
*9.	Compensation of officers.....	130.45
*10.	Interest.....	21.00
*11.	Rent.....	34.54
*12.	Taxes.....	79.60
*13.	Other expenses.....	82.60
*14.	Dividend and other profit distributions to members or shareholders.....	_____
*15.	Other disbursements.....	225.00
16.	Total disbursements.....	\$ 926.69

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS

17.	Cash.....	\$ 22.81
18.	Notes and accounts receivable.....	_____
19.	Investments (government obligations):	
	(a) Obligations of a State, Territory, or political subdivision thereof, or the District of Columbia, or United States possessions	_____
	(b) Obligations of the United States.....	_____
	(c) Obligations of instrumentalities of the United States.....	_____
20.	Other investments:	
	(a) Stocks.....	_____
	(b) Bonds and other securities.....	_____
21.	Capital assets-land, buildings, and equipment (less reserve for depreciation).....	1500.00
22.	Other assets.....	1000.00
23.	Total assets.....	\$ 2522.81

LIABILITIES

24.	Accounts payable.....	\$ _____
25.	Notes, mortgages, and bonds payable:	
	(a) With original maturity of less than one year.....	_____
	(b) With original maturity of one year or more.....	200.00
26.	Other liabilities.....	_____
27.	Shareholders or members equity:	
	(a) Capital stock.....	_____
	(b) Memberships.....	_____
	(c) Surplus and undistributed profits.....	_____
28.	Total.....	\$ 200.00

* The totals entered as items 5, 6, and items 8 to 15, both inclusive, must be supported by itemized schedules showing the amount, and the name and address of each person, as defined by section 3797 of the Internal Revenue Code, from whom money or other property was received or to whom money or other property was paid or distributed, in all cases where the money or property received, paid or distributed amounted to \$4,000 or more during the year. (The term "person" as so defined includes, but is not limited to, individuals, corporations, partnerships, organizations, associations, and fiduciaries.) In addition, in cases of membership organizations, item 5 must be supported by a schedule showing (a) total number of members, (b) classes (if any) of membership, (c) number of members in each class, (d) assessments, dues, other charges, etc., applicable to each class.

Returns for years ending in 1941 must be filed on or before May 15, 1942. Returns for subsequent years must be filed on or before the first day of the third month following the close of the year. Returns must be filed with the collector of internal revenue for the district in which is located the principal place of business or principal office of the organization.

HISTORY OF THE REDMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Redmond Public Library, sponsored by Nokomis club, was formally opened to the public on October 29th, 1927. It was housed in the tiny building lying between the Redmond Trading Company and the E. O. Lentz store.

At that time there were about eight hundred books on the shelves. Of these, three hundred were loaned us by the Washington State Traveling Library. The remainder were donated by friends and various social and fraternal organizations of Redmond.

The duties of Librarian were then, as now, voluntarily performed by members of Nokomis Club.

The first month ninety-five cards were issued and five hundred sixty-seven books loaned.

The first Board of Library control consisted of Lois Wolcker, Agnes Johnson, Evelyn Perrigo, and Flora Walker.

After two years in that building, the library was moved into larger quarters in the Grand Central Hotel Building, where it remained for three years.

Sometime during 1932 it was decided to construct our own Library Building on a site presented to the Club by Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Brown and on February 12th, 1933, we dedicated our present building.

The Building Committee which guided the successful completion of the new building was composed of Irene Brown, Mary Dwyer, and Evelyn Perrigo.

We now have on the shelves three thousand eight hundred and ninety books, and serve one thousand four hundred patrons.

During 1940 the total number of books loaned was seven thousand six hundred ten.

Maude Quackenbush

(1940)



1940-41 Members of the Board of Library Control are left to right, Maude Quackenbush, Hazle Anderson, and Mary Buckley. Not pictured is Margaret Buckley.

Two events occurred in 1942 that impacted the administration of the Library. The first was the death of Ada Trimble Leeper Huffman who had served as a Trustee since the incorporation of the Library. The remaining Trustees, Irene Brown and Lena Ottini, appointed Mabel Perrigo Johnson to fill the vacancy left by her death (pg. *INC-18*).

The second event had a much greater though delayed effect on the Library. The voters of King County established the King County Rural Library District in the election of 1942. The purpose of the district was to provide library services to people in “rural” areas that were distant from any library service. With the creation of the district, a maximum tax on property of 50¢ per \$1,000 assessed valuation in the unincorporated areas could be levied to provide base funding for the libraries. Contracts with cities and towns for library service also supplied funds for the operation of the King County Rural Library District.*

Library representatives met with the Nokomis Club in August of 1946 to discuss the possibility of the Redmond Library joining the King County Rural Library District. Miss McDowell and Miss Sealoff from the rural library district met with the club at their regular meeting on the 30th, and presented a description of library activities and benefits to rural communities. At the September 27th meeting Mrs. Nelson, Member, Board of Trustees, King County Rural Library District, explained the library situation in Fall City and Snoqualmie, and detailed how the library district managed the libraries within those two communities.

The Nokomis members on October 25th gave approval for the rural library district to administer the library for one year. According to anecdotal evidence, several meetings occurred with the officials of the Town of Redmond before agreement was reached with the town to contract with the rural library district.+ The minutes of the Town Council dated December 4, 1946, record the approval to contract with the King County Rural Library District for Library purposes to begin on January 1, 1947 (pg. *RC-1*).

When the Library opened for business on January 1, 1947, the new Librarian was Mamie Orr, a member of the Nokomis Club who had joined in 1922. Librarian Orr reported to the club that 278 cards were issued and 1,098 items were loaned by January 31st. Pleased with the administration by the rural library district, the club in January 1948 requested the rural library district continue management of the Library for another three years, and the Board of Library Control in August 1948 donated all of the books owned by the Nokomis Club to the library district with the exception of the memorial books.

*Some books are to be tasted,
Others to be swallowed, and
Some few to be chewed and digested.*
~ Francis Bacon

* King County Library System. “About KCLS.” kcls.org/about/history/index.cfm. Internet: November 27, 2009.

+ Anderson, Barbara Y. “Library Was Nokomis Club Project for 37 Years; Started Back in 1927.” *Sammamish Valley News* May 7 & 13, 1964: 1+.

MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES
OF THE
REDMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY

May 14, 1942

Pursuant to due and timely notice the meeting of the Trustees of Redmond Public Library was convened this day at Redmond, Washington, and there were present:

Lena Ottini
Irene Brown

This constituted all the remaining members of the Board, each of whom expressed her approval of the notice and her consent for the holding of a meeting for the transaction of any business.

This meeting was called for the express purpose of electing a new President in place of Ada Huffman, deceased.

It was unanimously agreed to elect Irene Brown, the present Vice-President to the office of President.

It was then unânimously agreed to elect Mabel P. Johnson, a member of Nokomis Club to the office of Vice-President.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned.

Lena Ottini
Secretary.

Redmond, Wash. December 4th 1946

The regular meeting of the Town Council was called to order by Mayor, Wm. Brown, with the following councilmen present: F.W. Buckley, John Heiser, J.A. Smith, H.B. Iverson and Albert Anderson. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. The following bills were presented and referred to the finance committee.

Current Expense Fund		Water Fund	
J.W. Buckley, Fire Chief	10.00	Theo Sundblad, Meter rdr	13.80
Redmond Motor Sales Suppl	11.38	Redmond Lbr. Co. Suppl	17.96
F.W. Buckley Councilman	6.00	Cadman Gravel Co. Material	3.61
Albt. Anderson "	6.00	Olympic Foundry Co. Suppl.	43.46
J.A. Smith "	6.00	Rockwell Mfg. Co. Suppl.	680.83
John Heiser "	6.00	Redmond Hrdwre Co. Suppl.	11.05
H.B. Iverson "	6.00	A.N. Brown Labor	54.00
Wm. Brown Mayor	6.00	Nordquist Feeds Suppl.	1.55
L.R. Brummett Dep. Marshal	62.22	Wm. Brown Labor	21.25
Theo. Sundblad Marshal	133.33	F.A. Reil Collector	50.00
F.A. Reil Clk.	25.00	" " Suppl.	2.28
Impound 1 Dog	1.00		899.79
Postage	12.65		
Nelson Equip. Co Rental	38.65		
Asan. of Wash. Cities	51.50	Street Fund	
1947 Service Fee	37.50	Odine Elkem Labor	40.00
Rex C. Swan Treas.	15.00	W.L. Stephenson Bulldozing	31.50
Redmond Hrdwre Co Suppl.	2.37	C.L. Harding Co	
Acme Garb. Serv. Haul Garb.	30.00	Shovel work	96.00
Redmond Lbr. Co Suppl.	48.33	N.F. Morris Labor	86.25
P.S.P. & Lt. Co Str. Lts	31.00	A.N. Brown Labor	83.90
Kirkland Tel. Co. Tel Serv.	1.15	Jas M. Reilly Labor	30.00
Dr. H.C. McCorkle Disposal		Wm. Brown Labor	23.75
of Dogs	52.00		391.40
C.L. Harding Co Bulldozing	65.00		
State Treas. Ind. Ins	9.22		
	631.65		

The above bills having been approved, a motion was made by F.W. Buckley and seconded by H.B. Iverson, to allow the bills and have warrants drawn in payment thereof, said motion was carried.

A motion was made by Albert Anderson and seconded by J.A. Smith that the Town of Redmond affiliate with the Rural King County Library District for Library purposes and that the Town enter into a contract for said purpose, to take effect on January 1st 1947 Said motion was carried. A motion was made by Albert Anderson and seconded by H.B. Iverson that the Town have a garbage ordinance drawn up and upon its passage a contract be entered into with the Acme Garbage Service for the disposal of garbage in the Town of Redmond. The Council was polled and H.B. Iverson voted Aye, Albert Anderson voted Aye, J.A. Smith voted Here, F.W. Buckley voted No, John Heiser voted No, There being a tie vote, the Mayor voted Aye, the motion was carried.

No further business appearing, a motion was made by John Heiser and seconded by F.W. Buckley that the meeting adjourn, said motion was carried.

Wm. Brown
Mayor

F. A. Reil
Town Clerk.

August 25, 1948
Redmond, Washington

King County Public Library
Seattle, Washington

Attention: Miss Ella McDowell, Librarian

The Library Board of the Nokomis Club, at a meeting August 26th, voted to turn over to the King County Public Library all of the books now owned by the Nokomis Club, with the exception of the Memorial books.

It is understood that the King County Public Library will return to the Club those books which it does not wish to catalog, and that the remaining books will become a part of the King County Public Library collection.

If any of the books can be used by the Redmond Public Library they will be returned there for use as long as needed.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the City Council of Redmond.

NOKOMIS CLUB

Jesse M. Brown
President

Mamie Orr
Chrs Library Board

Vera Mason

Virginia M. Dougherty

Although the population of Redmond in 1950 was 573, patronage of the Redmond Library continued to expand. Circulation figures for 1952 indicated a total of 14,268 items were loaned. In order to meet reader demand, the Library was moved into the Clubhouse area of the Nokomis Building in late December 1952 to accommodate the collection of 6,000 books available to readers.*

The population of Redmond grew to 1,426 in 1960, and by 1964 additional space was needed for the Library that now housed 17,000 volumes.▪ The library system decided to move to 16425 NE 80th Street in May, and for the first time in 37 years the Nokomis Club no longer had any library responsibilities. A committee of members was formed that provided volunteer labor for the many tasks involved in the operation of a library with a circulation of almost 46,000 items.+

In response to a 1966 letter from the Librarian, Helen Cotterill, the club agreed to host National Library Week held in April each year. The Nokomis Club continued to host National Library Week for several years.

In recent years the Nokomis Club has supported the Library by donating funds for the purchase of books in memory of a deceased Nokomis member. Contributions to the Library's book collection include such titles as *Our Town, Redmond, Ring Out the Bells, Nature Diary, and The History of Valentines.*

Celebrated by the King County Library System and by the club is the founding of the Library on October 29, 1927. In commemoration of that event the library system installed a bronze plaque in 2003 on the right wall at the west library entrance.

Honoring the women who served as the first Redmond librarians, *Women of Vision*, was donated to the library by the Nokomis Club to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the club on June 3, 1909. The fused glass artwork by John Tapert incorporates a 1932 photo of Nokomis members, and is located on the brick wall at the east library entrance.

Books are men's hearts in other men's hands.

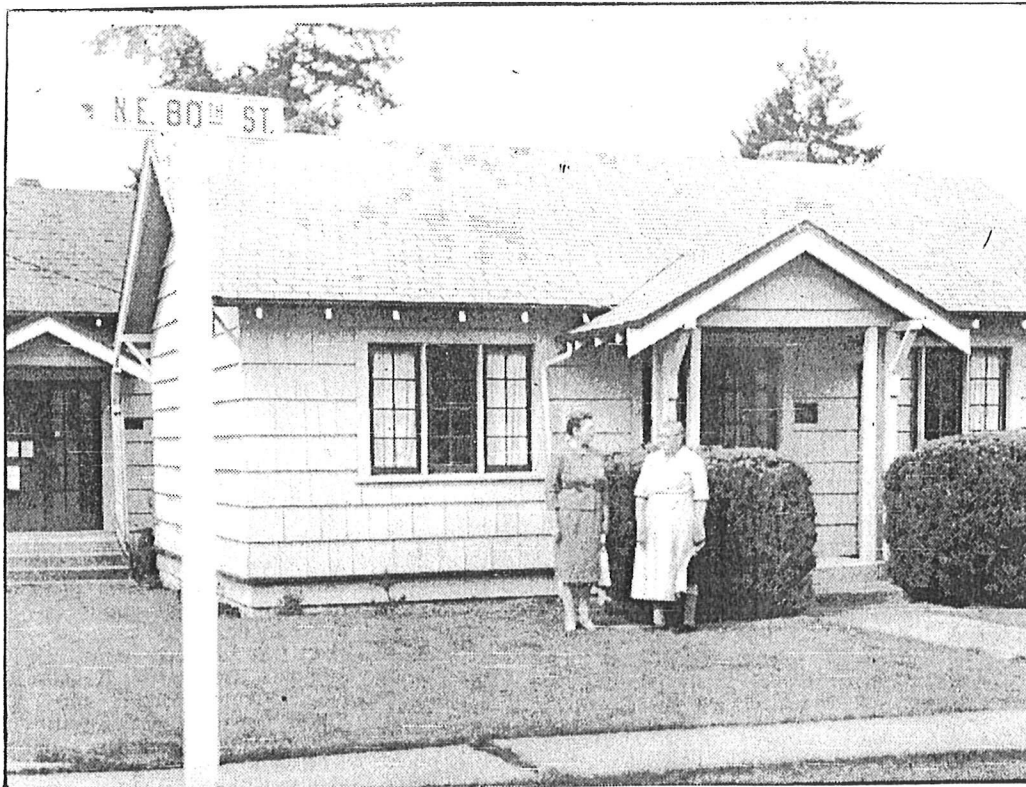
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LIBRARY LOCATION #4
JANUARY 1953 to MAY 1964

Hours: Monday 7-9 PM; Tuesday and Thursday 2-5 PM and 7-9 PM; Saturday 11 AM-4 PM



The doors at left are the entrance to the Redmond Library located in the back of the building. Long time Nokomis members, Lois Wolcker and Lena Ottini, discuss recent Library events as they talk on the lawn. —SVN Photo

CIRCULATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

Although records of the circulation of library materials were only sporadically recorded, those records available are an indication of the popularity of the library.

Redmond population 1930: 460

1927 (first month)

95 library cards issued

567 loaned

1934-35

Adult materials 7,122

Juvenile materials 1,529

Magazines 306

Total 8,957

1938-39

Adult materials 5,952

Juvenile materials 2,699

Totals 8,651

1939-40

Adult materials 6,702

Juvenile materials 1,942

8,644

Redmond population 1940: 530

1940-41

7,610 loaned

1941-42

Adult materials 6,003

Juvenile materials 2,671

Magazines 181

Total 8,675

1942-43

Adult materials 4,346

Juvenile materials 3,250

Magazines 193

Total 7,789

1944-45

Adult materials 2,641

Juvenile materials 991

Magazines 111

Total 3,743

1-31-1947 King County Library System administers Library

278 library cards issued

1,098 loaned

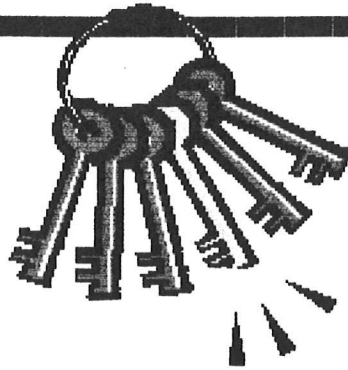
Redmond population 1950: 573

1952

circulation: 14,268

1-1947 to 12-1952

circulation: 113,899



MAY 1964

LIBRARY RELOCATES TO 16425 NE 80TH STREET



NOKOMIS CLUB, AFTER 37 YEARS OF SUPPLYING REDMOND WITH A LIBRARY, ACCEPTS KEYS AS LIBRARY MOVES TO NEW QUARTERS. Mrs. Helen Cotterill, librarian, right, returns library keys to Mrs. Lena Ottini, left, a past president and member of Nokomis Club for 54 years. Mrs. Lois Wolcker, center, was president of Nokomis Club when the first Redmond Library opened in 1927. — SVN Photo

Redmond Washington

March 24, 1966

Mrs. Lewis, President

Nokomis Club

Redmond, Wash.

Dear President::

In reply to the Nokomis Clubs generous offer to render a service to the library, I would like to make the following suggestions: As it is customary for libraries to commemorate National Book Week with an open house It would be beneficial to our community should the Nokomis Club assume the responsibility of this annual April event. This function would also serve as a reminder to the people of our area of the great service the Nokomis Club had so willingly and capably performed for so many years.

We also have a great need for a history of our city. King County library will be willing to assist with this project should the club be interested in collecting the material.

Your interest in the library will be appreciated by many.

Respectfully yours



Librarian

Our Library, 39 years old, observes its week

National Library Week has special significance for Redmond, for several reasons. Few cities can claim such a long and interesting history for their library.

And even fewer cities are able to point to such a highly-rated, thriving facility.

Redmond owns up to both, and will proudly celebrate National Library Week next Tuesday afternoon with an

Open House at the library. Tuesday hours are 1-9 p.m.

Hosting the Open House will be members of the Redmond Nokomis Club, oldest club on the Eastside and pioneers of the library in Redmond.

Mrs. Lena Ottini of Redmond, who has been a member of Nokomis for 56 years, remembers how the library came into being.

Faced with the problem of

what to do with money raised from sponsoring community functions, the club decided to start a library, she recalls.

It opened in 1927, in a little shop that used to stand between what are now the Outboard Center and Redmond Floors on Leary Way.

Rent then was \$10 a month. Today rent of the library building runs to over \$200 a month.

The library opened with 800 volumes. Last year's circulation at the Redmond Library was almost 46,000.

Two subsequent moves saw the library take up residence in the Nokomis building next to the post office in February, 1933. There it enjoyed a long and successful stay until its eventual move to the present building in May, 1964.

And still the library refuses to stop growing. Last year it received the highest rating in King County by the County Library system.

Second only to the Kent Library in increase in circulation last year, Redmond was among eight out of the 41 county libraries that showed any increase at all. Circulation here jumped from 43,400 to almost 46,000.

Much of the credit for such an outstanding increase must go to the capable and friendly administration of the library by Librarian Mrs. Helen Cotterill.

Mrs. Cotterill has kept a file on the history of the library, which illustrates how closely it has always been allied with the Nokomis Club.

It is altogether appropriate that the club should be in charge of the Open House Tuesday. Club members will be serving coffee to visitors.

Rummaging in old club records, Mrs. Ottini came up with the names of the Nokomis ladies still in Redmond who had a hand in the founding of the first library.

They are: Lena Ottini, Mary Skjarstad, Selma Tinglestad, Irene Brown, Mamie Orr, Margaret Buckley, Sylvia Neslund, Alice Swenson, Mabel Johnson, Anna Johnson, and Audrey Johnson. All still belong to the club.

Other ladies no longer members are Grace Thomas, Agnes Johnson, Margaret Boyd, and Amelia Olofson.

Also part of the Open House will be a Story Time for school children five years and older. Starting at 4 p.m. it will be conducted by Agnes Griffin, juvenile librarian for the County Library system.

Use your library. You don't even need to have a card anymore.



THE PAST AND PRESENT of the Redmond Library are represented by Mrs. Lena Ottini (right) and Mrs. Helen Cotterill, librarian. The library owes its founding to Mrs. Ottini (who helped pioneer it in Redmond in 1927) and its present excellence to Mrs. Cotterill, under whose administration the library has come to rank as one of the most popular in King County. The two "librarians" here recall the past among old records of the Redmond Nokomis Club. Open House will be celebrated Tuesday, during National Library Week. SVNews photo

1997 NOKOMIS CELEBRATION
of 70TH ANNIVERSARY of LIBRARY FOUNDING



Nokomis members celebrate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the library in 1997. Left to right are: Alice Lechner; Faye Sween; Marie Wood, President; Leona Rasmussen, Treasurer; Audrey Gorlick; and Jenny Bryden, Secretary.

The inscription on the cake reads: *October 29, 1927 Nokomis Gave Redmond a Library*

DEDICATION OF FOUNDER'S PLAQUE

REDMOND REGIONAL LIBRARY
15990 NE 85th Street

OCTOBER 2003

Photo courtesy City of Redmond



Clare "Amo" Marr expresses her delight at the plaque installation on the right wall of the west library entrance

October 29, 1927

The Ladies of the Nokomis Club
Founded the Redmond Library

Engrossed in remarks by Mayor Rosemarie Ives during the dedication ceremony are left to right, Audrey Gorlick; Rose Weiss, Vice President; Jennie Bryden; and Clare "Amo" Marr, President.



Photo courtesy City of Redmond

October 17, 2007

REDMOND LIBRARY*

The Redmond Library is a regional library serving east and north-east King County. More than a million items a year are checked out of the Redmond Library. Approximately 480,000 patrons visited the library last year.

A work honoring the women of Nokomis and the founding mothers of the library would be an appropriate piece of art for the library and would educate a great number of people. I'm sure that most people who use public libraries in this country are unaware that the public library movement was started by various women's organizations. When Carnegie made matching funds available to cities and towns across the country, it was almost always a women's group pressing town fathers to apply.

Christine Livingston

Managing Librarian,
Redmond Regional Library

* Email to Alexa Munoz while serving on committee to locate appropriate art for library installation in honor of Nokomis Club 100th anniversary.



Dedication & Celebration of “Nokomis Women of Vision”

Saturday, March 7, 2009 11am
Redmond Regional Library
Redmond, WA

“The Nokomis Club of Redmond, in celebration of 100 years of service to the community, presents this picture to honor the women of vision who founded Redmond’s first public library in 1927, built a library building in 1933 and funded and operated the library until it joined the King County System in 1947.”



John Tapert is a 72 year old glass artist, educated at Cranbrook Art Academy, University of Michigan and Wayne State University. In his career as an artist, he was created furniture, toys, jewelry, photography and glass for public installations. Numerous churches have commissioned him to bring his experience and understanding to the design and construction of sacred spaces. Mr. Tapert works out of his studio in Duvall, WA.

For the “Nokomis Women of Vision” project, Mr. Tapert used digital technology to convert a vintage photograph of the twelve Nokomis founders into a 20” X 50” colored painting with photographic qualities. Using computer technology, the black and white snapshot was taken apart pixel by pixel, restored and carefully reassembled. It was then painted and manipulated in impressionistic color and 22K gold. The resulting photo painting was imbedded into inch-thick slabs of softened glass.

Through this process, the colors and the depicted subjects come to life. The gold background reflects light through the brightly rendered homemade dresses and the twelve visionaries float weightlessly in a sea of heavenly clouds. They break through threatening skies to reveal a bright and positive future.

Mr. Tapert sees the Redmond Regional Library space as a perfect environment to showcase this unique glass image and is pleased to present this work in tribute to the Nokomis women of vision and to honor their lasting contribution to the community.

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Irene Brown
Selma Tinglestead
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown
Katherine Gwerder
Julie Bartow
Lena Otini
Margaret Buckley
Grace Thomas

Who were the Nokomis Women of Vision?

One hundred years ago, Redmond was a rugged logging village. Books and quiet time for reading were a luxury that few could afford. But a pioneering group of women believed that reading and the opportunity to explore ideas beyond those of daily life were important to the growth and development of a civil society. In 1909, twelve of these women sat down together. They named themselves “The Nokomis Club”, after the grandmother in Longfellow’s epic “Song of Hiawatha” and began meeting monthly to share books and eventually create and run their village’s first public library.

At first, they operated the library out of their homes. In 1927, a library was established in the Redmond Trading Company building on Leary Way (then the main street of the town). In 1933, the library moved into larger quarters, to what is now the Redmond Chamber of Commerce building on NE 80th Street. The Nokomis Club continued to finance and staff that library until January 1947, when the city joined the then-fledgling King County Rural Library District.

As the community grew, so did the library. It moved into a larger space in 1961 and again in 1975. Finally, in November 1999, the King County Library System opened the new 30,000-square-foot Redmond Regional Library on the corner of NE 85th and 160th Ave NE. At that opening ceremony, one of the ribbon cutters was Helen Usibelli, daughter of one of the original members of Nokomis.

In 2008, the Redmond Regional Library welcomed an average of 40,000 people very month and circulated over 920,000 items during the year. The vision of the Nokomis Club has been truly realized and the current library stands in tribute to their vision and civic ideals.