

GULFPORT LIBRARY

THE FIRST PUBLIC LIBRARY

Original Material

Card Holders at the Gulfport Public Library (9 volumes), 1935-1995

Catalog of Library book purchases, nos. 1-9690, 1935-1946

Newspaper Articles

"Gulfport to Vote On Acceptance of New City Library," 1935, photocopy

"Library Officials Okehed by Council," April 23, 1936

"\$1,000 Gift Given Building Fund For New Gulfport Library Wing," *Gulfport Tribune*, November 14, 1952, photocopy

"Library Resolution Passed," *Gulfport Tribune*, April 2, 1943

"\$1,735 in Library Building Fund," *Gulfport Tribune*, April 9, 1948

article by Lillian Blackstone, *St. Petersburg Times*, May 7, 1948, photocopy

"Gulfport Library Growing Pains To Be Eased by \$4,000 Addition," undated, photo

"Library Wing Cost Reported," undated, 1950s

photo, *Gulfport Tribune*, July 17, 1942, photocopy

"Public Library At Gulfport Given \$1,000," *St. Petersburg Times*, November 10, 1952

"\$1,000 Gift Given Building Fund For New Gulfport Library Wing," *Gulfport Tribune*, November 14, 1952

"Library Fund Nears \$2,000 Goal As Friends of Library Urge People To use Coupon in Mailing Donation," *Gulfport Tribune*, November 21, 1952

"Gulfport Library Gets Encyclopedias," November 29, 1952, photo

"Legion and auxiliary Give Encyclopedia Set to Gulfport Library," *Gulfport Tribune*, December 5, 1952

"Legion Gives Library Set Of Reference Books," *St. Petersburg Times*, December 7, 1952 (2 copies)

"Valentine Benefit Dance on February 17," *Gulfport Tribune*, January 30, 1953

"Gulfport Then and Now," by Inez Jones Nuhn, *Gulfport Citizen*, September, 1953, photocopy

"\$4,000 Library Wing Dedicated at Gulfport," *St. Petersburg Times*, September 13, 1953

"Dedication of Gulfport Library Wing," *Gulfport Citizen*, September 18, 1953

"Gulfport Library New Addition Is Completed," *Gulfport Citizen*, September 25, 1953

"A History of the Development of the Gulfport Public Library," by Margaret Long, *Gulfport Tribune*, May 14, 1954

"Library Board Pres. Guest Speaker at St. Pete Optimist Club," *Gulfport Citizen*, October 1, 1954

"Optimists Praised For Library Aid," *St. Petersburg Times*, October 1, 1954

"Gulfport City Council Okays \$226,770 Budget," *St. Petersburg Times*, October 20, 1954

"Gulfport Puts Okay on Budget," *St. Petersburg Independent*, October 21, 1954

"Library Praised as Council Rejects Budget Increase," *Gulfport Tribune*, October 22, 1954

"Council Promises More Funds for Library After Nov.," *Gulfport Citizen*, October 22, 1954

“The Gulfport Library Budget,” by Harvey P. Rockow, *St. Petersburg Independent*,
 October 25, 1954
 section of article on council actions concerning repairing the library, *Gulfport Citizen*,
 October 29, 1954
 “Action Deferred on Library, Lions Club Lease,” *Gulfport Citizen*, November 5, 1954
 “Council Recess Permits Present Administration Last Minute Authority,” *Gulfport
 Tribune*, November 5, 1954
 “Anniversary Tea Of City Library Planned May 15,” *Gulfport Tribune*, May 6, 1955
 “Library’s 20th Anniversary Tea Slated May 15,” *Gulfport Citizen*, May 6, 1955
 “Public Library Of Gulfport To Celebrate,” *St. Petersburg Independent*, May 11, 1955
 photo of Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Potter, *St. Petersburg Independent*, May 14, 1955
 “Gulfport Library Anniversary Tea Attracts Crowd,” *Gulfport Citizen*, May 18, 1955
 “Tea Marks Gulfport Library’s 20th Anniversary,” *St. Petersburg Times*, May 18, 1955,
 photo
 “Guests Enjoy Library Tea,” *St. Petersburg Independent*, May 20, 1955
 “Gulfport Council Adopts Record Budget of \$311,421 on 4-1 Vote,” *Gulfport Tribune*,
 July 15, 1955
 “City Library Established 1935; Served Gulfport for Twenty Years,” *Gulfport Citizen*,
 August 5, 1955
 section of article on council actions concerning repairing the library, *Gulfport Citizen*,
 September 23, 1955
 “New Library Wing Assured,” *St. Petersburg Independent*, October 10, 1955
 “Library Project Ready for Bids,” *Gulfport Tribune*, October 21, 1955
 “Council Okays Public Library Reconstruction,” *Gulfport Citizen*, October 21, 1955
 “Library Receives Great Books Set,” *Gulfport Citizen*, January 20, 1956
 “Gulfport to Receive ‘Great Books’ Gift,” *St. Petersburg Times*, 1956
 “An Invitation to the Citizens,” *Gulfport Citizen*, February 3, 1956
 “Rebuilt Library To Open In Gulfport This Saturday,” *St. Petersburg Times*, February
 10, 1956
 “New Library To Be Opened At Gulfport,” *St. Petersburg Independent*, February 10,
 1956
 “Dedication of Library Wing to be Saturday,” *Gulfport Citizen*, February 10, 1956
 “Library Ceremonies,” photo, *St. Petersburg Times*, February 13, 1956
 “Gulfport Library Wing Dedicated” and photo of those Attending Library Dedication,
Gulfport Citizen, February 17, 1956
 “The City Manager’s Report” by C. Joseph Babineau, April 15, 1960
 “Books Still Her Magnet,” (Marion Hodgson), *St. Petersburg Independent*, undated
 Photo of Elaine Sampson and William Jopson donating books on sailing and seamanship,
Gulfport Gabber, undated
 “Gulfport Seeks Library Chief,” *St. Petersburg Independent*, April 22, 1966
 “A Library Isn’t Just Books,” by Roger Turner, *Gulfport Gabber*, November 22-28,
 2001

Mrs. Bryan

“Library Work Full of Joy for Mrs. Bryan,” undated
 “People You Know,” *St. Petersburg Times*, December 1, 1953

photo of Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Potter, *St. Petersburg Independent*, May 14, 1955 (see below)

photo of Mrs. Bryan with Great Books, *Gulfport Citizen*, January 27, 1956

Text of plaque in memory of Marie Elizabeth Bryan, March, 1966

“Library Director Mrs. Marie Bryan Dies,” *St. Petersburg Times*, March 22, 1966

“Mrs. Bart E. Bryan, 71, Dies After Long Illness,” *St. Petersburg Independent*, March, 1966, photocopy



Mrs. Bryan receiving plaque in appreciation of her service, March 3 1964

photo of Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Potter from *Independent*

Correspondence

Telegram to A.E. Potter, Mayor, from A.B. Wells, February 16, 1935

To A.B. Weld from Mayor of Gulfport, January 26, 1935

To A.B. Weld from Mayor of Gulfport, February 12, 1935

To A.B. Weld from Mayor of Gulfport, April 8, 1935

To A.B. Weld from John Holsapple, Town Clerk, May 15, 1940

To Fisher & Sauls from Ray E. Green, Clerk of the Circuit Court, June 12, 1940

To John Holsapple, town Clerk, from Fisher and Sauls, June 14, 1940

To A.B. Weld from John F. Holsapple, Town Clerk, July 17, 1940

To Library Board from Joseph W. Kane, December 10, 1940

To J.W. Kane from Gulfport Council, December 17, 1940

To Andrew Potter, Mayor, from Ellen G. Kane, December 17, 1940

To Chas. A. Wilcox, Tax Assessor, from John Holsapple, Town Clerk, December 20, 1940

To Chas. A. Wilcox, Tax Assessor, from John Holsapple, Town Clerk, June 22, 1942

To John Holsapple, Town Clerk, from Chas. A. Wilcox, Tax Assessor, June 23, 1942

To Miss Alice Wilson from Board of Directors of Gulfport Library, November 14, 1952

To Miss Alice Wilson from U. U. Nkamara, March 3, 1955

Documents

Assessments for Reynolds Replat, Lot 1, 1936-1939

Statement from Clerk of Circuit Court, showing State and County taxes owed on Lot 1 of Reynold's Replat, September 25, 1940.

Notice of Application for Tax Deed, October 4, 1940
Tax Receipt for 1940, Pinellas County, December 27, 1942
Bill from Burnett & Beck House Moving Contractors
Bill from Town of Gulfport, Florida for paving Delett Ave., March 14, 1946
“What We Do: The Friends of the Library” membership application
Request for subscription to pay for proper cabinets, undated
Photocopies of first 100 names of library members, May, 1935
Photocopies of names and addresses of guests at Dedication, May, 1935

Informational Material

Gulfport Public Library History, typewritten, undated and unsigned
Friends of the Library of Gulfport: Who We Are, typewritten, undated and unsigned
The Gulfport Public Library, text from Story of Gulfport, typewritten, undated and unsigned
Notes and summaries of information on history of library, LB, 1990s
Script and images from power point presentation on the history of the library, given by Lynne Brown c. 2001-2002

Photos



Shack Mrs. Lucky used for first library



Original library building



Front addition



After both additions





1950s city council at library



30th Anniversary in 1965





Marion Hodgson, Chris Renick, Norma Lamb (director 1966-1989)



Interiors, about 1962. Several other 8 x 10 photos from same time period, showing children studying



Old library building in the 1990s when used as a rehearsal hall for the Community Players

NEW LIBRARY ON 28TH AVENUE

Informational Material

- Letter from Councilman William Brokaw to Mrs. Katherine Baker, thanking her for the efforts of the Friends of the Library in raising funds for the construction of the new library
- Memo from John Oross, City Manager, to Mayor and Council re completion of the Gulfport Public Library, January 6, 1971
- Letter from John Oross, City Manager, to all city employees inviting them to attend the dedication ceremony on March 21, 1971
- Resolution of the City of Gulfport expressing thanks of the citizens to Lucille I. Potter, October 16, 1973, photocopy
- The Gulfport Public Library, typewritten text for Story of Gulfport, by Ruby Walker, typewritten, undated
- A Brief History of the Friends of the Gulfport Public Library, by Frances Purdy, typewritten text for Story of Gulfport, 1983
- Friends of the Library of Gulfport: Who We Are, typewritten, undated and unsigned
- The Gulfport Public Library Foundation brochure
- 1993 Gulfport Public Library Expansion Kick Off brochure
- Friends of the Gulfport Public Library, Inc., Newsletter, Vol. 20, October 1994

Newspaper and Magazine Articles

- “Ground Breaking for Marie E. Bryan Memorial Library,” *Gulfport Gabber*, January 29, 1970
- “Gulfport Library,” announcing donation from Bryan family, undated, photocopy
- “Gulfport Event To Start Work On Library,” *St. Petersburg Times*, undated, 1970
- Photo of Miss Marion Hodgson, “Library Dedication Sunday,” *St. Petersburg Independent*, March 20, 1971
- Photo of Bart Bryan, “New Gulfport Library Dedicated,” March 21, 1971
- “Gulfport Public Library: Marie E. Bryan Memorial,” *Suncoast Living*, March, 1971
- Photo of donating shelves from old library to Free Clinic, May, 1971
- “Voracious Gulfport readers soon may need an expanded library,” by Deanna Silberman, *St. Petersburg Times*, January 17, 1980
- “Eder Honored on Retirement,” *Gulfport Gabber*, November 19, 1987
- “Little Gulfport public library houses big Russian collection,” by Susan Eastman, *St. Petersburg Times*, November 14, 1989
- “Library gets more space, services,” by Nichole Christian, *St. Petersburg Times*, October 24, 1994
- “Gulfport Library Director Retires,” *Gulfport Gabber*, March 16, 1995
- “Open House for New Library Administrator,” *Gulfport Gabber*, August 31, 1995
- “Friends of Gulfport Library” celebrating 25th anniversary, *Gulfport Gabber*, April 11, 1996
- “Library offers large Russian language collection,” by Fran Schattenberg, *Gulfport Gabber*, March 4, 1999, photocopy
- “A Library Isn’t Just Books,” by Roger Turner, *Gulfport Gabber*, November 22-28, 2001

Programs

Marie E. Bryan Memorial Library Dedication Ceremony, March 21, 1971 (plus invitation)

The Gulfport Public Library Bicentennial Edition by Kay Baker, President, Friends of the Library

The New Gulfport Public Library Marie E. Bryan Memorial, Opening Ceremony, October 13, 1994 (plus invitation)

The Frances Purdy Friends Room Dedication, February 5, 2009

Photos



Architect's rendering



Groundbreaking for new library: Councilman J.P. Clymer, Bart Bryan, Councilman D.E. Skinner, Mayor E.S. Markham, Mrs. Harry Thorne, Mrs. Andrew Potter. Councilman Joseph Perry is behind Mrs. Potter.

20 - 3 x 3 color photos from dedication



Construction photos



Library on May 6, 1971



Interior