Friends of the Library officers Rolfe Kerr, vice president; Lucy Cole, publicity, and Al Chappell, president, invite the public to open house next Sunday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Opal Johnson, secretary-treasurer, was absent.

Miss Virginia Hanson and Mrs. David A. Burgoyne, board member, inspect some of the gift books which will be on display next Sunday afternoon. Clubs and individuals have added to the shelves of the library since its beginning.

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# Cache County Library Open House Sunday March 15

Friends of the Library invite everyone in Cache County to an open house at the County Public Library on Sunday, March 15, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. This will be the only Friends of the Library meeting to be held this year. On display will be some interesting art work done by elementary school children of the valley, new books and new gift books. The library staff will be there to meet guests along with Friends of the Library officers, and to take them on tours of the building.

The library has an interesting history of better than 50 years. At first there was just a reading room at St. John's Church. A little later books donated by citizens were combined with MIA books of the LDS church organization and housed in the old Stake House.

Members of the first library board appointed in 1916, included Mayor P. A. Thatcher, Dr. Weston Vernon, Dr. George Thomas, Dr. O. H. Budge, Miss Mary Sorensen, Miss Edith Bowen, Miss Margaret Wilkinson, Rev. E. T. Lewis, and Joseph Odell.

Miss Mae Hansen was the first fulltime librarian and was hired in July of 1917 at a salary of $25 a month.

In the fall of 1920, property belonging to H. J. DeWitt on West 1st North was rented for $48 a month, and Miss Dora Wright was hired as head librarian, a position she held until 1944.

While at the old location she was assisted by Afton Ballard, Phyllis Mattson, Alberta Jensen, May Cowley, Edna Wilson, Annie Hawkins, Minnie Quayle, Erma Burgess and probably others.

The present library was dedicated on February 3, 1932.

At the "new" library, Miss Wright was assisted by Cyril McClellan, Morris Wright, Delia Oldham, Lucile Johnson, Erva Christensen, to name a few.

Subsequent members of the board were Roy Bullen, J. E. Shepard, W. W. Merrill, Joseph E. Cardon, W. M. Howell, W. W. Hall, W. R. Ballard, William Murray, W. E. Griffin, R. V. Larson, John A. Crockett, A. N. Sorensen, M. C. Rigby, G. A. Hogan.

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William Worley, J. M. Bernsisel, May McCarrey, Gunnar Rasmuson, A. D. Allen, J. J. Hendry, Mabel Murray, H. H. Cutler, Leon Mathews, B. M. Thompson, George O. Webb, Blanche Pittman, Vivian Bullen, William Evans Jr., Caroline Miner, J. W. Kirkbride, Lais Hales, A. J. Fuhriman, Parley G. Hall, Curtis L. Miner, LeRoy Jorgensen, C. B. Johnson, L. Ray Robinson, H. R. Adams, Lloyd M. Theurer, Lyle Holmgren, W. W. Owens, Conley Watts, Byron Snow, Glenn R. Winn, C. B. Stoddard, C. Perry Smith, T. Earl Hunsaker, Ace S. Raymond.

Present board members are Theral V. Bishop, Todd G. Weston, Virginia Hanson, Esther Paulsen, Allie Burgoyne, Pearl S. Budge, Louis Brenchley, Joseph Jacobsen, Bessie Brown, Kenneth Webb and John J. Stewart.

Miss Virginia Hanson was appointed librarian in 1944 and is serving at the present time.

Friends of the Library was organized on February 17, 1938, with Adrian Hatch as president; Blanche Pittman as secretary-treasurer and Dora Wright.

But long before there was an actual organization, the Cache County Library had a lot of good friends.

In 1923 Logan's Business and Professional Women proposed a fund of $3000 to establish a Library Equipment Fund. When the new library came into being, they had available a fund of $1000 which was used to establish and equip the Children's Room. Most of the present furnishings in this room were provided at that time, although because of the annual BPW one dollar membership fee which is set aside for the library, many additional gifts for this and other rooms in the library have been possible.

When the new library was dedicated members of Clio Club took a special interest in the foyer. The large charging desk was presented to the library by members of the club and later the tall mahogany clock and 24 volumes.

Another early Friend of the Library was Prof. Frank Russell Arnold, at that time member of the USU faculty. He sponsored three silver teas on different Sunday afternoons and supervised personal collections among potential Friends of the Library. The money was used to buy draperies for the reading room.

Wellsville Ladies Literary Club brought as their gifts many choice flowering plants and ferns.

Logan Women's Literary Club presented an upsolstered chair for the foyer.

Miss Dora Wright, Cache County librarian from 1920 to 1944.

The Rotarians in 1937 and again in 1938, gave the library gifts of 112 and 97 books, each gift approximately $100 in value.

A. C. Woman's Club gave a halltree, two heavy walnut tables and 12 matching chairs, as well as the magazine and newspaper rack in the souts alcove in the reading room.

L. Boyd Hatch established the Hatch Memorial gift in 1934 and during his life contributed many fine books.

These are only some of the many thoughtful and useful gifts that have come to the library from private citizens and organizations.

Today many clubs budget a sum each year as a donation toward improvement.

Sunday will be your day to see what has been done at the library and to see what still needs to be done and make plans.

Cheryl and Sheila Sunada, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Sunada, have been working at the library as part time assistants for a number of years. Both are students at Logan Senior High School.

Grant and Janice Bergsjo are after school and Saturday helpers and Beverly Blaylock, a student at Utah State University, manages to put in full time at the library in addition to her studies. Magazine rack contains current periodicals.