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- Fax Machine Send/Receive and Notary\*
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- Adult Computer Classes
- Coming soon: eBooks, Video Games, Ancestry.com, Tumble-Book Library and World Book Online Resources.

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<http://waterfordtwplibrary.org>

## Library Hours:

Monday—Thursday  
10:00 AM—8:00 PM

Friday  
10:00 AM—5:00 PM

Saturday  
10:00 AM—3:00PM

## Who may use the library?

Services are free to residents of Waterford Township. Nonresidents can obtain a library card for an annual fee of \$10. Contact the library for more information.

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## About Waterford Township Public Library

Waterford Township Public Library (WTPL) is a small municipal library, which serves the Township of Waterford. As reported in the 2010 Census the total population is 10,649. The library had 6,055 members at the end of December 2011.

## History

Work on the library began in November 1964 when a public referendum was established. About that time, the original Atco School building on Front Street had been decommissioned as an educational facility. The structure was repurposed as the township's municipal building; as a result, the previous municipal building at 2204 Atco Avenue became available for use as a library.

On June 22, 1965, the first meeting of the library Commission of Waterford Township was held in the old Municipal Hall. The following year The Board of Trustees was formed, which acted as both a governing body and a steering committee to remodel the old school building and select needed equipment.

At 3:00pm on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1966, the free public library officially opened. Sixteen women from the community volunteered their services to staff the library for eight hours a week, with a volume of 500 books.

In the fall of 1967 The Preschool Children's Story Hour program was started, and continues to this day.

In 1971 WTPL sponsored its first Arts & Sciences Exhibit in conjunction with National Library Week, with a total of 180 entries.

Ten years later in 1981 the library kicked off National Library Week with the unveiling of the new logo - the pine cone - designed by Patrick Shafer.

In 1982 a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$35,000 was used to renovate the first floor. That same year also saw the formation of The Friends of the Library, a group of volunteers in support of programs, new materials, and new services for WTPL.

In 1983 The Board of Trustees announced that the library won first place in the National Library Public Relations Council for the best newsletter in the country for a library serving a population under 50,000. It was the library's first submission.

Through a matching grant received from the New Jersey State Library in 1984, WTPL was able to purchase and loan out computers (TRS-80 color computer 2's), cassette drives, and a variety of software, books and magazines on computers to the public.

In 1991, the New Jersey Library Association presented the Friends of the Library with a Library Service Award.

In 1995, the card catalog was converted to an electronic format.

In November 2008, a public referendum was held to dissolve the municipal library, with the intent of joining with the Camden County Library System. However, a majority of citizens voted to retain the local independent community library.

In 2011, thirty-one evening programs were held for adults, including home and personal care, quilting, and other crafts. The popular Knitting/Crochet Club continues to meet monthly. In addition, 161 programs were held for children, including summer reading programs, Kids Kamp, Craft Club, and Kara's Kooking Klass.

## Present

Today, WTPL has a full-time Director, full-time and part-time employees.

As of January, 2013 the library expanded its hours to include opening on Mondays during the summer.

On Monday, May 20th WTPL went live with a new Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC). The new OPAC is an open source product developed by Koha and supported by ByWater Solutions which allows patrons to access the library's collections and manage their account online.

Also in May 2013, WTPL launched its new Drupal-based website on [waterfordtwplibrary.org/](http://waterfordtwplibrary.org/) Created in-house, the new site provides improved navigation, searching, and an overall clean design.

The library now contains over 23,000 volumes in a wide range of collections, such as: Best sellers, literary titles, biographies, DVDs/Blu-Rays, Music CDs, audiobooks and periodicals. In addition, two new collections have been introduced: Graphic Novels and TV Series on DVD.

An array of services are also available, such as: Reference, faxing, notary, copying, laptops, WiFi, Inter-library loans, and public access computers.

WTPL now offers two new, free online services for library cardholders: **Learning Express** and **Mango Languages** online language-learning system.

Plans are underway to introduce eBooks and Video Games, as well as three electronic resources: WorldBook Online, Ancestry.com, and TumbleBook Library for children.

And coming in 2014 the library will have a new look ....so stay tuned!

## Mission Statement

The purpose of the Waterford Township Public Library is to provide information services on a free and equitable basis to all individuals and groups in the community. Though established as a general, multi-purpose library, the Waterford Township Public Library strives to coordinate other sources of information and ideas, avoid unnecessary duplication of effort, and fill in gaps in the intellectual resources available.