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THE LEGACY OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN NORTH CAROLINA

Historical Facts about Hampton B. Allen Library

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Library Established

1905

Notable Librarians

Shepherd Pritchett was the library's first librarian in 1936.

First Bookmobile

The first bookmobile was an old discarded school bus rebuilt by Works Progress Administration (WPA) workers to accommodate a large collection of books. It began serving its users on June 1, 1937.

Important Facts

The Anson County library system had a shaky beginning and was only kept open because of the interest and determination of various interested citizens and groups. In 1936, the WPA began paying a librarian's salary. State and county aid in the 1940's made the library more stable.

Special Collections

History / research room.