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THE LEGACY OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN NORTH CAROLINA

Historical Facts about the New Bern-Craven County Public Library

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Library Established

1906

Notable Librarians

Frances Jones Howerton was the first library's first librarian. She began her work in 1902.

First Bookmobile

The county's first bookmobile was established in 1939. It was sponsored by the Craven County Board of Education.

Important Facts

In 1895 the New Bern chapter of the International Order of the Kings' Daughters and Sons purchased a building known as the New Bern Yacht Club, located on the Neuse River, for use as a library. The library rented out row boats.

Special Collections

Local history and genealogy.