

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE KNOX LIBRARY

Librarians/Directors:

1919 – 1922	Edith Beers
1922 – 1929	Amy Kelly
1929 – 1935	Jenny Jones
1935 – 1936	Mrs. Watham
1937 – 1958	Pearl Laramore
1959 – 1980	Bonnie Howe
1981 – 1983	Richard Sayers
1983 – 1984	Danny Gunnels
1984 – 1991	Sandy Chilcote / Florence Carlson
1992 – 1997	Michele Cunningham
1998 – 1999	Dave Pauli / Mich?
1999 -	John Brock

LOCATIONS:

		<u>Source</u>
1904	1 st Floor of Starke County Democrat,	Sanborn Map
1919 - 1932	Robbins Building on E. Washington St.	Sanborn Maps
1933 - 1951	Former Post Office Site on West Lake St.	Sanborn Maps
1952 - 1955	South side of Traveler's Hotel on S. Main St.	Newspaper
1956 - 1961	S. Pearl St.	
1962 – 1991	E. Washington St.	
1992 -	Culver Road	

Note: Dates are approximate

Initially the library in Knox was called the Knox and Center Township Library. The Starke County Public Library Board was organized in the early 1960's. A bookmobile was used to service Koontz Lake and San Pierre. The Hamlet and Davis Township Public Library had been organized in 1929.

In January 1970, all Starke County Townships, with the exception of Wayne and Jackson, were brought under a single director.

New libraries were built at Koontz Lake and San Pierre in 1973. And in 1981, a new library was built in Hamlet.