

## Gatesville Public Library

- 1893 -- Gatesville Library Club formed, under leadership of Mrs. Edward Rotan of Waco, to create interest in a circulating library in Gatesville.
- 1901 -- Gatesville Library Club chartered.
- 1910 -- Morris League organized by Miss Mollie Bishop to promote literary and theatrical arts in Gatesville.
- 1913 -- Music Club, organized by Mrs. Frank B. (Frieda Voss) Saunders to promote musical arts, merged with Morris League, becoming the Morris Federation, leading women's organization in Gatesville. Meets in library.
- 1934 -- Construction begins on new City Hall.
- 1936 -- Space in new City Hall allocated for creation of Public Library (space now occupied by offices of City Manager and City Treasurer)  
Books were donated by citizens from home libraries.
- 1937 -- Actual opening of Gatesville's first public library in March. Aided by WPA
- 1940- Library aided in its collection by the USO and the U.S.  
1945 - Army
- 1964 -- Library in City Hall remodeled and refurbished.
- 1966 -- Library policy of operation adopted by Library Board, 1 February.
- 1967 -- Gatesville Public Library established as City Department by ordinance of City Council, on 10 January.
- 1967 -- Chamlee Building, city owned garage, designated to be remodeled into Gatesville Public Library. (During 1920's, second floor of building was used as a basketball court; in the 1940's, it was used as a skating rink; Second floor razed in remodeling.)
- 1970 -- On 2 August, Gatesville Public Library was dedicated as first event in celebration of Gatesville Centennial.

### Librarians:

Mrs. Genella Post	Jewel Whigham (4/70 - c. 1978)
Mrs. Marguerite Bates	Barbara Rosser (c.1978 - 4/83)
Mrs. Kippie Saunders	Eleanor McCuiston (4/83-10/87)
Mrs. E.B.McMordie (ret.9/1/63)	Barbara Rosser (4/88 - 5/95)
Mrs. Mollie Sadler (12/20/63-6/66)	Faye Nichols (5/95 - present)
Mrs. Mabel Bailey (6/66-7/12/68)	