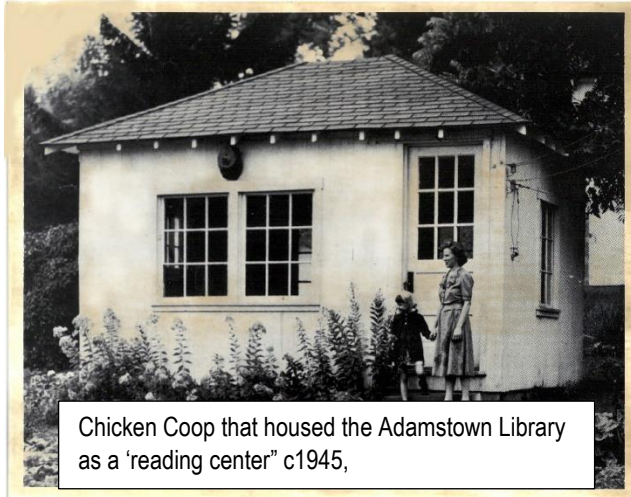


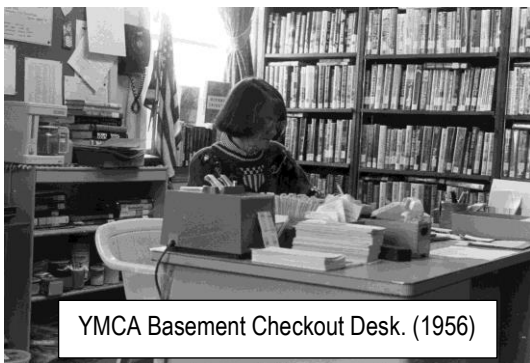
Adamstown Area Library History 1945 – 2018



Chicken Coop that housed the Adamstown Library as a 'reading center' c1945,

In 1945, The Adamstown Area Library started in a chicken coop that was cleaned and scrubbed by the Adamstown Area Women's Club. At that time, the library was not yet a part of the Lancaster County Library System. It was run entirely by the Women's Club and was open just a few hours a week. Books were purchased and donated by members of the community.

In 1956 the library moved to larger quarters in the Adamstown YMCA basement. Knowing that they had to extend hours, volunteers from the community were recruited. Practically all the members of the Women's Club took a part in volunteering. Later, the library became part of the extension service of the Lancaster County Library (currently Lancaster Public Library) and was called the Adamstown Library Center.



YMCA Basement Checkout Desk. (1956)



Table and chairs for library patrons.



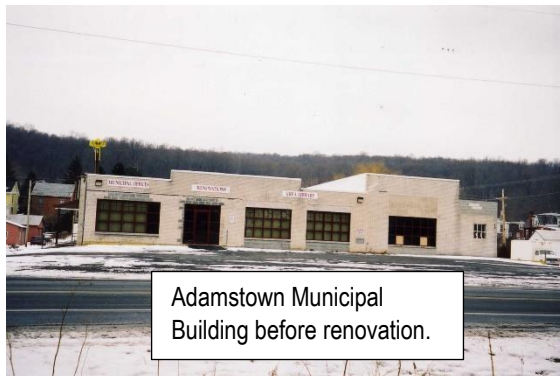
Arrow shows side door entrance to the basement.



View from the front door of the 'library room'.

In 1990, the Adamstown Women's Club relinquished much of their involvement in the library and instead created the "The Friends of the Adamstown Area Library", which is a very active, supportive group today. This group holds a number of fundraisers that benefit the library today: Bucks for Books Auction; Basket Bingo; and Annual Book Sale---to name a few of their fundraising endeavors that support the library.

In 1996, the Adamstown Area Library became an official public library. At that time they also became members of the Library System of Lancaster County. A Board of Trustees was formed; and finally in 1998, the library moved to a lovely new renovated facility within the Adamstown Borough building. Now open 56 hours a week, the library is run by an MLS-degreed Librarian, several staff members...and of course, a robust volunteer staff.



Adamstown Municipal Building before renovation.



Adamstown Area Library after renovation. It is often referred to as a BIG Library in a **small** building!

A Plan for the future...



Adamstown Area Library
New Design
Front View

Adamstown Area Library
New Design Parking Lot view

