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Rutland Free Library

This Quarterly, devoted in its entirety to an informative article by Dawn H. Hence, celebrates the 100th Anniversary of Rutland's Free Library founded in 1886.

In 1792 the original Rutland Social Library was founded for those living within a limited area of the small town of Rutland chartered in 1761. Its intent was to promote the values of literature and provide a broader education to the community at large.

Due to its success, the Rutland Free Library was established in 1886, with an exhibition of articles of historical interest accompanied by orchestral entertainment, the rest, as they say, is history.

In addition to a complete description of the Library's growth and physical evolution, the article includes photographs of Minnie Gorton, Director from 1926-1943; Nella Grimm Fox who bequeathed funds for support of the library; Julia Caroline Ripley Dorr, the first president of the Library Association including a lengthy review of her contributions; and concludes with a complete list of Librarians from 1886 to 1963, eleven in all.

