

THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY

Florence Township Public Library has roots back to John A. Roebling & Sons Company. Roebling established a library for his town above the theater on Seventh Avenue and Main Street in the early 1900s. When the company sold the town's houses in 1947, the American Legion was willing to take over the running of the library and it was moved to Fourth Avenue. After a fire at the American Legion in 1969, the mayor appointed a committee to investigate a future site for the library. The committee worked diligently to restock the holdings of the library from scratch. The library returned to its prior location above the theater (which by then had become the fire house). In 1974, the United Steelworkers of America building was acquired for use as a library.

Since that time, the library has expanded its holdings, added a children's room and embraced the computer age. Located in the historic Village of Roebling, the library continues to serve Florence Township.