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Bonnie Wischmann
George McCone Memorial County Library
Box C / 300 Second Street
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Dear Bonnie Wischmann,

Congratulations! All the paperwork for the legal establishment of the George F. McCone County Library has been received and is on file at the Montana State Library. Thank you for all your efforts. Your resolution is great, it provides a little historical perspective as well as providing the legal establishment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darlene M. Staffeldt".

Darlene M. Staffeldt
Director, Statewide Library Resources

cc: Magi Malone, Statewide Technology Librarian

RESOLUTION # 98-05-26(a)

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Resolution to Recognize An Already Established Free County Library

Whereas, McCone County has had a county library for a number of years; and

Whereas, it has come to the attention of the Board of County Commissioners that the documentation creating the county library is incomplete or unavailable; and

Whereas, the library was formed before any of the current county officers were in office; and

Whereas, the County Commissioners desire to recognize the county library as such and to correct the oversight in the county records; and

Whereas, the history of the building and creation of the library is as follows. On July 1st, 1929 a petition was filed in the office of the McCone County Clerk & Recorder for the establishment of a county free library at the county seat. The petition contained the signatures of 308 resident taxpayers, which was more than 20% of the counties taxpayers. A petition requesting the immediate authorization of constructing a library building on lots donated by Mrs. A.W. Eynon was filed in the McCone County Clerk & Recorder's Office on July 10, 1931. It was stated in the petition that Senator George F. McCone bequeathed in his will \$10,000.00 for the purpose of erecting a building and establishing a free county library at Circle. The Circle Womens Club had taken on this project and had appointed a Library Committee. The Committee had circulated the first petition and then filed it with the McCone County Clerk & Recorder, complying with the state laws governing the establishment of County Public Libraries. The County Commissioners did then establish the George F. McCone Memorial Library and appointed a Library Board of five people. On March 2, 1931, the County Commissioners adopted a resolution that a library building be built at the county seat.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the McCone County Commissioners based on the petitions filed in 1929 and 1931 officially recognize the George F. McCone County Library as a free county library, and legally established under MCA 22-1-303.

Done in regular session this 26th day of May, 1998.

McCone County Commissioners

Aron King
Aron King, Chairman

Kent Larson
Kent Larson, Member

(absent)
Connie Eissinger, Member

Attest:

(SEAL)

Leanne K. Switzer
Leanne K. Switzer
Clerk & Recorder
Clerk of the Board