

PUBLIC LIBRARY CERTIFICATION

This certifies that our library

Glacier County Library
(library name)

qualifies as a "public library"
formed under either Title 7 or
MCA § 22-1-303 through 22-1-317

Attached is the legal documentation
establishing our library under the above.

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Date

THE GLACIER COUNTY LIBRARY

The Glacier County Library was established in November of 1944, by the action of the County Commissioners who were: A. L. Michaels, Hugh Black and Fred Gerard Sr. The library was the outgrowth of the activities of the women of the Cut Bank Woman's Club who had for years given free service with their library. As the community grew and prospered, they saw the need for broader areas of service and it was through their efforts that petitions were circulated and action taken to inaugurate a library as a tax supported institution.

As the library increased its holdings and its services to the county, it became evident that it had outgrown its free quarters in the basement of the City Hall. First try in 1950 for a bond issue was unsuccessful, but in 1954, a large majority voted favorably and the present attractive buildings in Cut Bank and Browning are a lasting testament to a fine community enterprise.

Both spacious modern library buildings were designed by Page and Werner, Architects, of Great Falls, to meet the needs of the county. Not only are the buildings planned for unusual efficiency for all library purposes but they are beautiful examples of contemporary design, aesthetically pleasing inside and out.

A generous community has supplemented the modest amount of \$99,000 appropriated for the two buildings. In Cut Bank, the Elks Club has furnished the Young People's Reading Area, the Woman's club, the Primary Area, and the Soroptimists contributed the attractive Adult Lounge Area. In Browning, the friends and family of the late Joseph L. Sherburne have furnished the Children's and Young People's Room.

A memorial to Bill Linder adds a final touch of beauty to the exterior of the Cut Bank building. A colorful ceramic relief, a 4x12 panel, graces the front of the building. The element was executed by Rudy Autio, one of Montana's finest and most promising young artists.

A permanent record of the many other delightful gifts will be kept in a book especially provided for that purpose.