

## Newport Public Library

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### NEWPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Newport public library was organized June 8, 1898, the members of the original board of trustees being: James M. Arnold, John Burke, William A. Paterson, Edward C. Remme and Albert Silva. In February, 1899, the library was opened to the public on the second floor of the building located at the northwest corner of Fourth and Monmouth streets, with Miss Lucy A. Remme as librarian. In 1900 a gift of twenty-five thousand dollars by Andrew Carnegie for a library building, together with a lot purchased by subscriptions by the citizens of Newport, made possible the beautiful structure which is now located at the southeast corner of Fourth and Monmouth streets. The building was completed June 25, 1902, and the library has been a source of pleasure and profit to the community. The volumes cover practically the entire range of literature, and well selected additions are constantly being made, so that it is entirely satisfactory both as a circulating and reference library. The present board of trustees is composed of the following: Dr. Marcus C. Reardon, president; A. W. Craig, secretary; Chester A. Silva, treasurer; Mrs. T. P. Carothers and Mrs. August Helmboldt. The staff consists of Miss Henrietta Litzendorff, librarian, and Mrs. Edith Bennett and Miss Lydia Wall, assistant librarians.

Miss Henrietta Litzendorff, who so capably supervises the operation of the library, was born in Newport and is a daughter of William and Emma (Bergman) Litzendorff. Her father, who is deceased, was a native of Baltimore, Maryland. He eventually located in Newport, where he spent the remaining years of his life. The mother, who still lives in this city, is a native of Germany. Miss Litzendorff was reared in Newport and secured her education in the public schools, graduating from high school. She served many years as assistant librarian of the public library and in 1914 was appointed to her present position as librarian, in which capacity she has rendered faithful, able and appreciated service. Under her management the library has grown to be one of the leading public libraries of the state, and the patrons of the institution have long since recognized in her one who earnestly desires at all times to be of practical service to the community. For this reason and because of her splendid personality she has long held a high place in the esteem and good will of the citizens of Newport.

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