

Personal

1. What was your role in the start of LCL?
2. Tell me about the first time you went to the library?
3. What was your personal motivation in starting a library?
4. What was the first book you checked out?
5. Tell me about your childhood library?
6. Why were you willing to spend so much time on the library project?
7. Who got you involved?
8. How is the library now versus how you envisioned it?
9. What is your wish for the future of the library?
10. Are there things we no longer do that you wish the library would bring back? Annual events or programming?
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Timeline related

1. How was money raised to start the reading room and the subsequent renovations?
2. The reading room was run for eight (?) years by volunteers. How did that work?
3. Did the founders know what they wanted when they started?
4. When was the Friends group formed?
5. Where did the books come from for the reading room? Susie shared how they used to make weekly trips to TCPL to pick out books – they were allowed 500 which they chose semi-randomly and rotated.
6. Why/how did it change from a reading room to a library?
7. When did we start the first summer reading program? Storytime? Other programs?
8. When did we first start the Arts Council and hosting Art Shows at LCL?
9. What other “projects were going on in Lansing at the time the library got started? What was the climate that made this effort viable?
10. When did LCL start keeping track of patron/library cards, measuring growth/increased use (maybe when LCL became digital)?
11. When did LCL put the catalog online, join Polaris? County/common cards?
12. Who donated the Red Saab for the block party that raised \$25,000?
13. At what point did the founders decide they had the critical mass to grow from a reading room to a library?
14. How did the founders deal with the mixed reaction to the library becoming funded as a school district public library (there were three votes to make LCL funding part of the tax levy for the school district.
15. Who was opposed to the library becoming funded through the school district tax levy?
16. Who are the longest serving volunteers (we should avoid highlighting any single person above others)?
17. When was the first library program and what was it?
18. Who developed the campaign to mobilize voters for the various library votes? What pieces were part of the campaign?
19. When did LCL join the FLLS card system (March 19, 2009 according to Susie G.)?
20. When did LC get its first public computers?
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How we want to express the history:

Use the timeline – maybe painted on the wall upstairs as a foundation and then have pop-out displays with images/charts/graphics (see additions below)

Should be a living document with room to grow/be added to

Develop a picture library – post links on website

Interviews – oral history, again with links to files

Student documentary or video

Digitize the timeline so people can see it

Recruit LCSD superintendent to consult on filming – who did their SMART video for the school capital projects

Create a book or packet for each year going forward with highlights (still need to be determined)

Student project contribution – work with Susie, Marilyn, Katie Turner, focus on capturing peoples recollections of their contributions

Additions to basic timeline, maybe separate chart/graph/picture or other visual

What is the growth in the size of the collection, year to year?

Growth in number of patrons?

Dates and pictures of history of building (built in 1929 as a school – Steve Farkas attended 1st grade there in 1948, Rick Darfler, Chuck Benson, Skip Hardy – 1930’s or 40s, to town hall to reading room to library). Check with Louise Bement, check deed

Summer reading program dates and themes with pictures

How LCL is chartered, eg. NYS Board of Regents is our governing body but FLLS is our system, etc. (how that works)
 Friends Boards, Trustee Boards, year to year
 Capture roving book mobile route, to reading room to library past (history of book support in Lansing)
 Comment on relationship with Town Board (Steve Farkas, town supervisor very supportive)
 State support (initial \$100,000 state grant secured by Sen. Michael Nozzolio and Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton and subsequent grants)

People to include in interviews and mine for information:

Kathy Miller	Started petition to save Town Hall and use as a library, Capital campaign committee
Lyle Wadell	
Rick Darfler	Facilities consultant, fundraiser, contributor
Marlaine Darfler	Early Friend, fundraising campaign chair, 1 st board of trustees
Bert Fortner	Designed 2005 renovations
Cal Warren	Deceased, but wife might have info
Cliff Buck	Now lives in Florida, was treasurer for LCLC, Capital campaign committee
Kathy Buck	Capital campaign committee
Katrina Binkowitz	
Donna Scott	Capital campaign committee, Friend
Melissa Stephenson	Capital campaign committee
Deb Harper	
Susan Miller	
Mark Wheeler	Capital campaign committee
Hollie Hardie	
Judy Scott	Friend
Melissa Ferris	Capital campaign committee
Greg Dende	Donated supports for upper floor construction
Diane Lauzun	Husbands firm is Parkitechs
Suzie Hinderliter	Friend
Sandy Dhimitri	Capital campaign committee, Friend
Janet Steiner	Former head of TCPL – helped form reading room
Karen Greenan	Former head of FLLS at time of start
Bobbi Wasenko	
AnnMarie Hautenami	Volunteer scheduling
Andra Benson	Board member, Treasurer
Susan Rosenkotter	Deceased but Lyle or June Martin might have some info about her contribution
Joan Hardie	Deceased, Capital campaign committee
Steve and Alice Farkas	Town Supervisor/supporter
Debbie Wells-Clinton	Volunteer librarian, board member