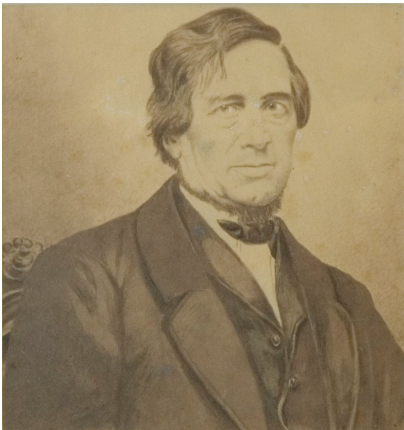


"The public library is an excellent model of government at its best. A locally controlled public good, it serves every individual freely in as much or as little depth as he or she wants." John N. Berry III, "A Model for the Public Sector," 2011.

BELLEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY PROUD HISTORY. BRIGHT FUTURE. 175 YEARS



Dr. Anton Schott

The Belleville Public Library has the distinction of being one of the oldest libraries in the State of Illinois. Founded in 1836 at the home of a German immigrant, the library began when Dr. Schott and his fellow scholars met in his parlor and combined their books. Today, that small collection of 93 volumes has grown to over 139,000 books and other materials and is housed on Washington Street in the heart of Belleville, Illinois.

Though the library's location and collection have changed throughout the years, the Belleville Public Library's purpose has remained the same - to serve those in search of learning resources, information services, and community spirit. In 2011, the library's dedication to the community is even more important as the ways people access information continue to evolve. Dr. Schott would be stunned to realize that his small collection has multiplied many times over and that we can now reach more people through the use of the Internet. We now welcome visitors to www.bellevillepubliclibrary.org from all over the state, the nation, and the world.

Photograph taken by Sierra Voss. Courtesy of the Belleville Historical Society.



Belleville Public Library - A Carnegie Library

1836-2011

In 1913, at the request of Belleville's city leaders, the Carnegie Foundation donated the funds for a new library building. As the Belleville Public Library celebrates 175 years of history, the Carnegie Foundation celebrates 100 years of promoting knowledge and understanding. Andrew Carnegie dedicated his foundation to "the goal of doing real and permanent good in this world by aiding technical schools, institutions of higher learning, and libraries, and by bringing books and information to all people."

Please join us in celebrating our anniversary by participating in the renovation of our Carnegie Library building with a tax-deductible donation.

Help us write the future of the Belleville Public Library. Opportunities are offered at the following levels.

Book - \$1000 and above

Gifts at this level will receive:

- ☐ Sponsorship listed on our website, www.bellevillepubliclibrary.org, and in the Belleville City Quarterly Newsletter;
 - ☐ Recognition signage during the Sponsors' Reception;
 - ☐ Framed photograph of the Belleville Public Library taken by Sierra Voss, a contestant in the 2011 Belleville Historical Society Photo Contest;
 - ☐ Permanent Recognition of your support to be placed at the Belleville Public Library.
- For information on sponsorship of significant sections of the refurbishment, please contact Carol Keeley, President of the Library Board of Trustees.

Chapter - \$500

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Page - \$250

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Paragraph - \$100

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Please enclose your check made payable to "Belleville Public Library" in the envelope provided. Donations are tax-deductible.

Thank you for your support!