

Magna Library

- a short history -

The new Salt Lake County Library in Magna will be a great boon to Main Street, once again demonstrating the library's commitment to Magna residents in meeting their information needs, as well as respecting the great heritage and sense of community that Magna has always enjoyed. With the completion of the new library the dreams of many Magna library patrons will be fulfilled.



1915 – First library is established in Magna.

1920 – Ladies of the Magna Women's Club establish a library in their building.

1941 – The library partners with the Magna Times for the publication of booklists.



1952 - 1957

Kennecott Copper Corporation adds 190 square feet to the Magna Branch in the early 1950s. The entire Magna area, however, is feeling growing pains which precipitates the move of library services to the Brockbank Junior High School, a move opposed by the women of the Women's Club.

In 1957 a building originally constructed in Garfield is moved to a location between the Magna Elementary and Junior High Schools on a site donated by Granite School District. This becomes the new Magna Library.



1972 – The lease is approved by the Library Board for space in the Arbor Park Shopping Center at 8339 West 3500 South.

1974 – The new location is dedicated on January 31, increasing the space of the library by 2,000 square feet.



1972



1988 – The Arbor Park Shopping Center location is remodeled, tripling the size of the library. For three months during construction, the library operates out of a bookmobile.

The Cyprus High School *Spinnakers* perform at the Grand Re-opening.



1988

Past Magna Library Managers –

Sarah Guernsey, Viola Jones, Helen Fotheringham, Eleanor Hepworth, Bobbee Hepworth, Jane Peterson, Eleanor Green, Simi Cremer, Rusty Patterson, Mildred Partridge, Gaye Walter, Ruby Cheesman, Kent Johnson.

The current Library Manager is Trish Hull.

2008 – The location of the new library is proposed for the same site that housed the first library in the Magna Women's Club - a nice case of serendipity. The new stand-alone library will be twice as large as the present location in the Arbor Park Shopping Center.



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