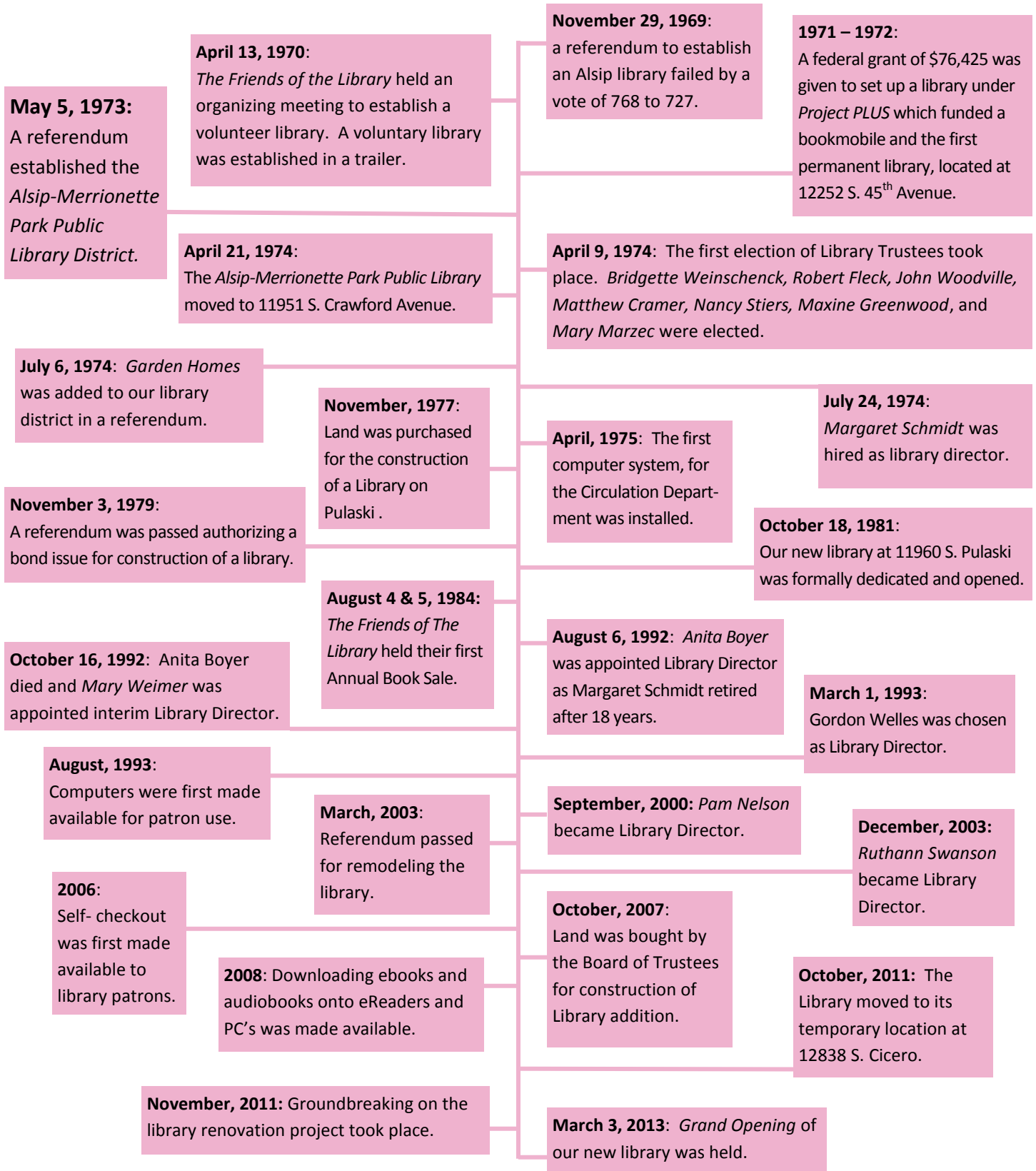


Timeline of your library

This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library. As you can see, the history of our library actually began more than forty ago.



- November 29, 1969 A referendum to establish an Alsip library failed by a vote of 768 to 727.
- April 13, 1970: *The Friends of the Library* held an organizing meeting to establish a volunteer library. A voluntary library was established in a trailer. Volunteers ran the library.
- 1971 – 1972: A federal grant of \$76,425 was given to set up a library under *Project PLUS* which funded a bookmobile and the first permanent library, located at 12252 S. 45th Avenue.
- May 5, 1973: A referendum established the Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library District.
- April 9, 1974: The first election of Library Trustees took place. Bridgette Weinschenck, Robert Fleck, John Woodville, Matthew Cramer, Nancy Stiers, Maxine Greenwood, and Mary Marzec were elected.
- April 21, 1974: The Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library moved to 11951 S. Crawford Ave.
- July 6, 1974: Garden Homes was added to our library district in a referendum.
- July 24, 1974: Margaret Schmidt was hired as library director.
- April, 1975: The first computer system (for the Circulation Department) was installed.
- November, 1977: Land was purchased for the construction of a Library on Pulaski .
- November 3, 1979: A referendum was passed authorizing a bond issue for construction of a library.
- October 18, 1981: Our new library at 11960 S. Pulaski was formally dedicated and opened.
- August 4 & 5, 1984: The Friends of The Library held their first Annual Book Sale.
- August 6, 1992: Anita Boyer was appointed Library Director as Margaret Schmidt retired after 18 years.
- October 16, 1992: Anita Boyer died and Mary Weimer was appointed interim Library Director.
- March 1, 1993: Gordon Welles was chosen as Library Director.
- August, 1993: Computers were first made available for patron use.
- September, 2000: Pam Nelson became Library Director.
- March, 2003: Referendum passed for remodeling the library.
- December, 2003: Ruthann Swanson became Library Director.
- 2006: Self- checkout was first made available to library patrons.
- October, 2007: Land was bought by the Board of Trustees for construction of Library addition.
- 2008: Downloading digital books and videos to pc's was made available.
- October, 2011: The Library moved to its temporary location at 12838 S. Cicero.
- November, 2011: Groundbreaking on the library renovation project took place.
- March 3, 2013: Grand Opening of our new library was held.