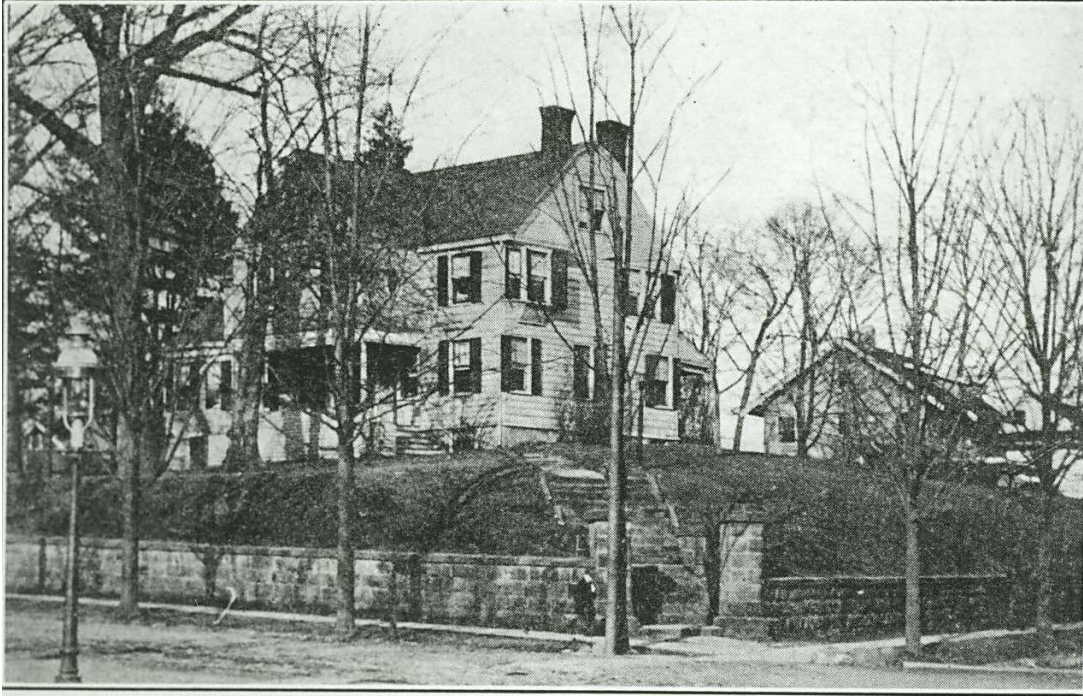
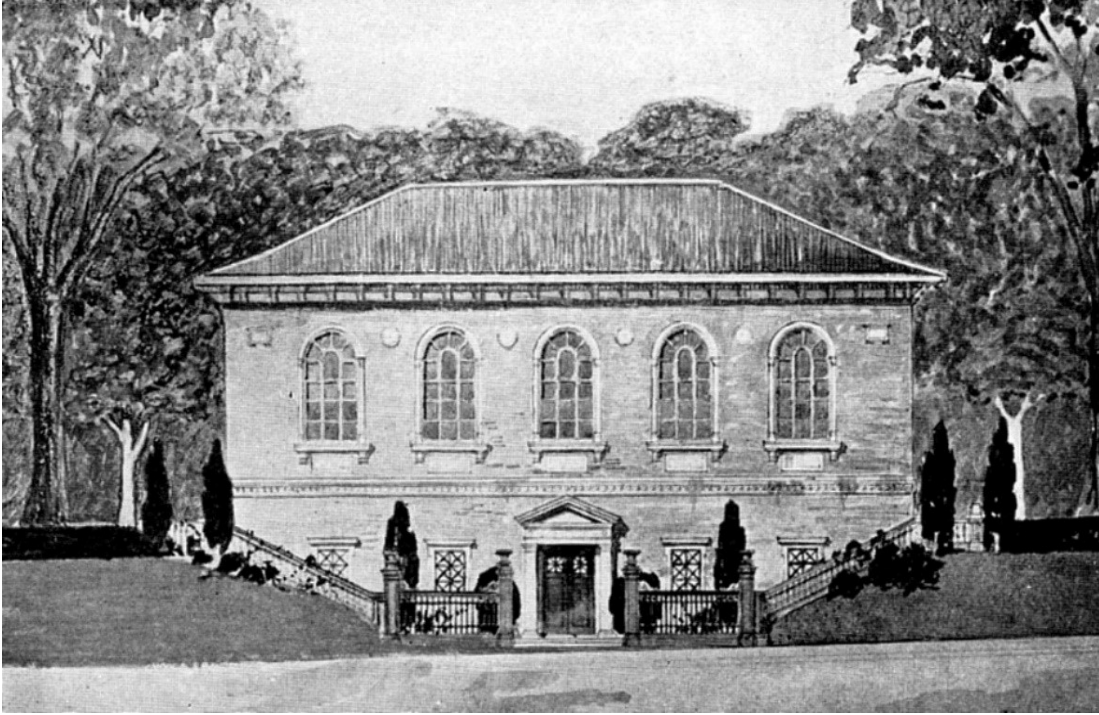


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Proposed site of the Glen Ridge Public Library at the corner of Bloomfield & Ridgewood Avenues, circa 1910. The house was the home of Dr. Joseph Dodd.

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Architectural rendering of the proposed library, circa 1916. William A. Boring was hired to draw the plans. Boring, in partnership with Edward L. Tipton, had previously designed the present day Ridgewood Avenue School.

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The library opened to the public in May, 1918 in the midst of the flu pandemic.

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This photo of the library was taken from the present day Ridgewood Avenue School, looking west, circa 1922.

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Before the opening of the municipal building in 1932, one could park in a lot behind the library and enter from the back. Its loss is still lamented today!

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By 1931, the girders for the new municipal building are in place, and the library has lost its parking lot in the rear of the building.

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The new municipal complex included the police and fire departments (left), the municipal building (center) and the library (right), circa 1932.

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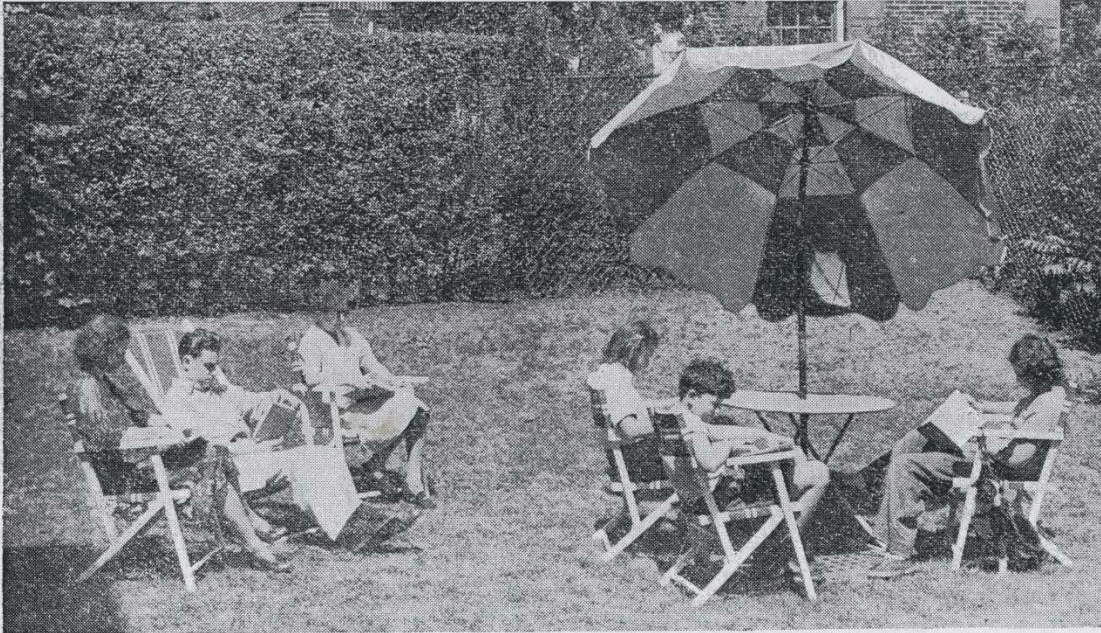


The parking lot leading to the library's back door became a courtyard and outdoor reading room, circa 1939.



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Glen Ridge Library's Outdoor "Reading Room" Attracts Many Boroughites



Glen Ridge Public Library's outside "reading room" furnishes a secluded attractive spot for summer reading. Now open, between the library and the Municipal Building, it draws many for an afternoon's perusal of a favorite book or to skim the latest magazines.

Photos (top & below) circa 1939

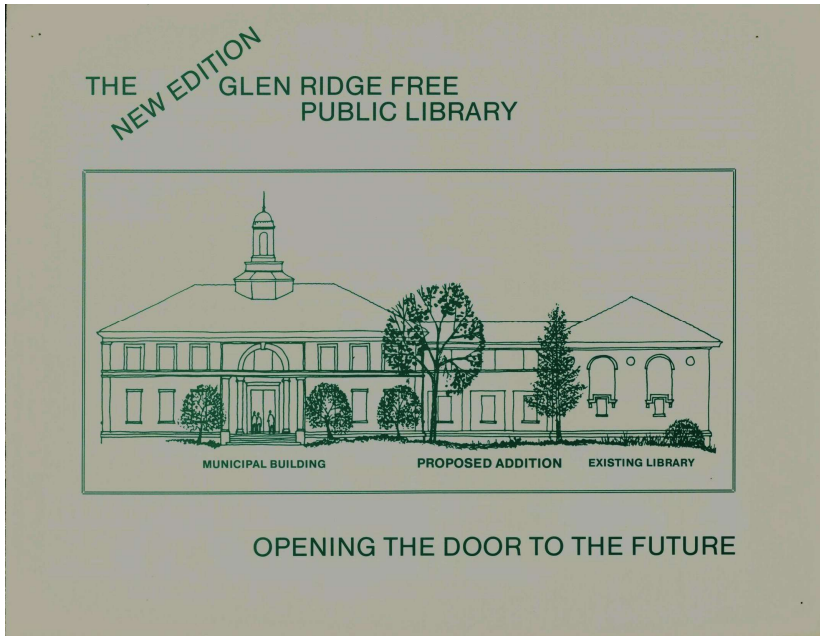


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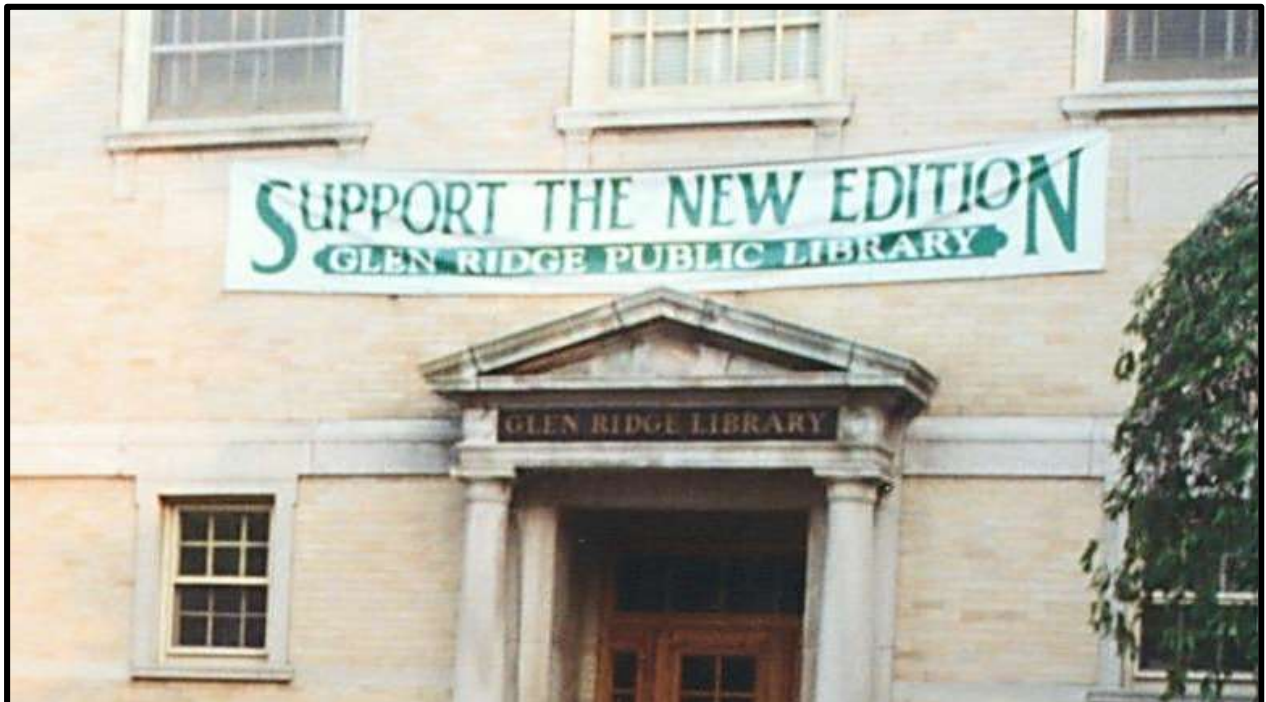
In a time before air conditioning, patrons found the library's front plaza a pleasant place to sit and talk, circa 1939.



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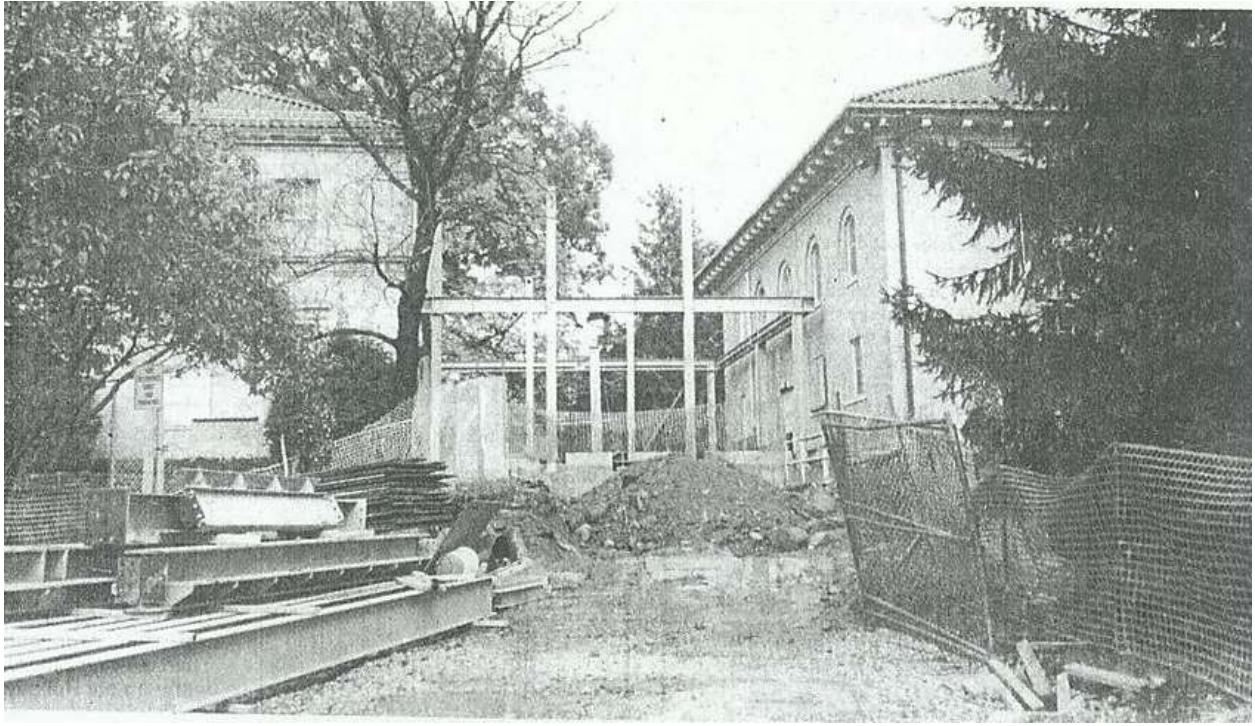


1990 marked the inauguration of a capital campaign chaired by Joan and Bob Hayes called "The New Edition." The campaign sought to raise \$750,000 for a three-story 4,500 square foot addition between the library and the municipal building (top and below). The goal was met through 914 gifts from families and friends, along with a generous bequest from the estate of Helen Terry (above), a Glen Ridge resident who had been the Director of the Nutley Library.



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The girders in place for the new addition, circa 1992. (top). The completed project, circa 1993 (below).



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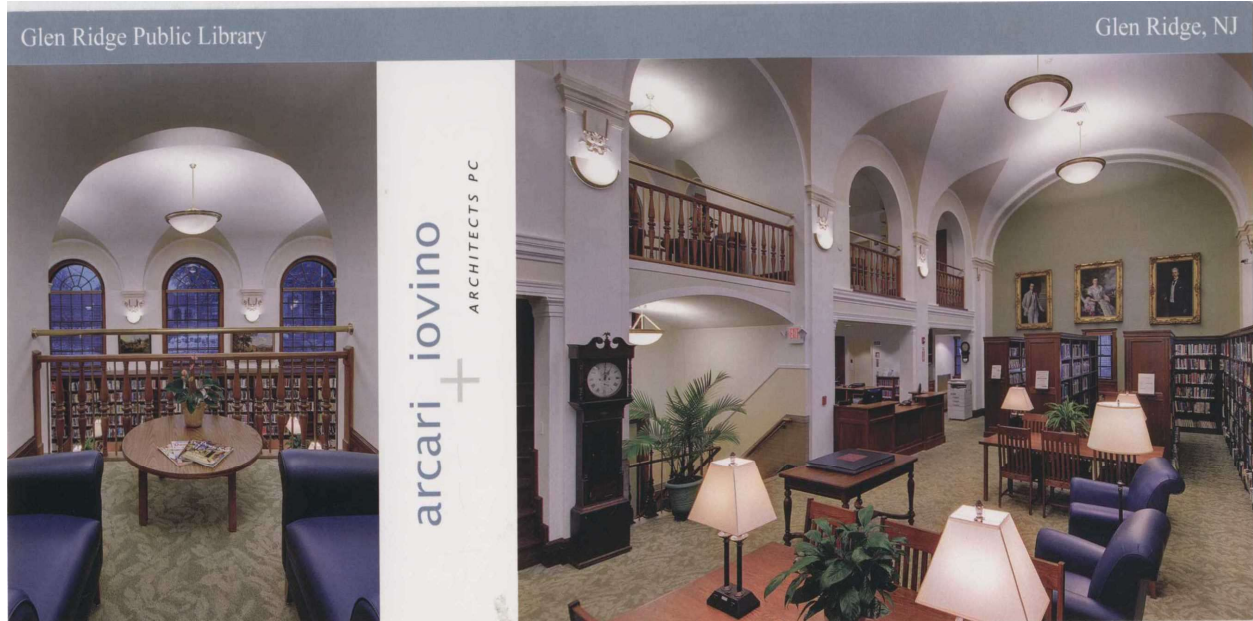
The library was closed for major renovations from November, 2007 to November, 2008. In March, 2008, off-site library services were set up in the basement of the Women's Club of Glen Ridge.

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The renovation project was all encompassing, but progressed quickly. The Main Reading Room in June, 2008.

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Architectural photograph of the newly renovated library interior, November, 2008.

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On November 8, 2008 the library building was rededicated to the community.

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Architectural rendering of the proposed library pick-up lockers, circa 2020. The project was initiated by Jennifer Breuer, former Director, and finalized by Tina Marie Doody, current Director, with enthusiastic support from Gordon Leavitt, President, Friends of the Glen Ridge Library, its officers and members.

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The completed brick enclosure on the north side of the library awaiting the arrival of the new pick-up lockers, November, 2022.

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The green library pick-up lockers installed in their brick enclosure, December, 2022. The construction and materials for this project were fully underwritten by the Friends of the Glen Ridge Library.

The library building as seen with its newest addition, January, 2023.

