

KEARNY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY



HNDREW CARNEGIE, millionaire steel man and philanthropist, contributed the \$27,000 which built the original building of the Kearny Free Public Library, located at Kearny and Garfield Avenues. The cornerstone was laid on October 27, 1906, and less than a year later, on July 29, 1907, the library was officially opened. Former Councilman John B. Davidson and former Mayor Eugene H. Goldberg were in a great measure responsible for securing this cultural addition to the town's property, since it was

through their efforts that the idea of a library was bronchi before the town council. In 1928 an addition, consisting of two stories and a basement, and costing \$135,000, precisely five times the cost of the original building, was erected by the town. This more than doubled the floor space. Since the opening of the library, it has been under the supervision of members of the same family. Miss F. Edna KilGour was librarian until September 1910. She was succeeded by her sister, Miss M. Belle KilGour, the present head librarian.