

BRIELLE LIBRARY

Historical Highlights 1922 - 2019

1922	Brielle's library originated in the Longstreet Avenue home of Mrs. Mary J. W. Strong, which was opened to the public in 1922
	Mrs. Strong's home, Applewood, was built by one of the early Longstreets
	The library was located in Applewood's sun parlor and started with 50 books and a complete file of Century magazine
1941	Mrs. Strong paid for all library expenses for the first 18 years
	In 1941 the Borough finally voted a yearly library grant of \$250
1951	Library moved to two rooms in the old Rankin farmhouse on the Union Lane property the Board of Ed purchased in 1949 for a new school
1954	Library moved to the Assembly Hall in the basement of the old school house (current Town Hall) on Union Lane in 1954
	Mrs. Strong retires and replaced by Mrs. Myron (Betty) L. Taylor
	The old Rankin farmhouse was then moved to the corner of Union Lane and Union Avenue
1955	The Library Committee signed Articles of Incorporation in March 1955 and the library became an independent organization
	The first board president was Dr. Agnes R. Watson
	The library owned 900 books and had a first year budget of \$1,500
1988	Library moves to present location on the corner of South Street and Union Lane in 1988
	The library was built on the site of the old Loughran Gardens retail showroom
2007	The Library establishes a new Board of Trustees and a new agreement with the Boro of Brielle and re-opens its doors to the public.
2011	The Library is named the Best Library in Monmouth County by the Asbury Park Press.
2012	The Library celebrates its 90th Anniversary with a town-wide party and a joint resolution from the Senate and Assembly.
2018	The Library opens and dedicates its new Teen Area. This space is for the use and enjoyment of the children of Brielle and it features the newest technology.

Directors 1922-2019

1922 - 1954	Mrs. Mary J. W. Strong
1954 - 1972	Mrs. Myron (Betty) L. Taylor
1972 - 1987	Mrs. George (Ethel) W. Taylor
1987 - 1989	Mrs. Darby B. Fleming
1989 - 2006	Mr. Richard Bidnick
2007 - 2008	Ms. Kerry DiBrienizio
2008 - 2010	Ms. Kim Renaldi
2010 - Present	Ms. Leslie Naughton