

# Highland Square Branch Library's 10-Year Anniversary Celebration

## with Guest Speaker Rosemary Reymann



**Saturday, August 5 11 am – 12 pm**

Inspired by a collection of photographs and post cards, Rosemary Reymann will share stories of how Highland Square has changed over time. Rosemary Reymann, a retired Akron Public Schools teacher, has lived in Highland Square since 1973, and grew up on West Hill across from Forest Lodge. While she was a fourth-grade teacher, Akron's history was part of her curriculum. Since living in Highland Square, the neighborhood's history has been a focus of her attention. Ms. Reymann has been involved in many community redevelopment, historic preservation, and cultural events that highlight and enrich the Highland Square neighborhood. For a few years, she answered questions about her neighborhood as "Dear Rosemary" on [www.highlandsquare.org](http://www.highlandsquare.org). She was head of a neighborhood liaison committee that worked with the city for the 1979-89 Redevelopment Block Grant program. At that time, her fellow committee member Don Drumm dubbed her "Queen of Highland Square," and it stuck! Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Highland Square Branch Library.

Please register for this event either by calling 330-376-2927 or stopping in to visit us at the Highland Square Branch Library.

1930 - 1943



789 West Market Street

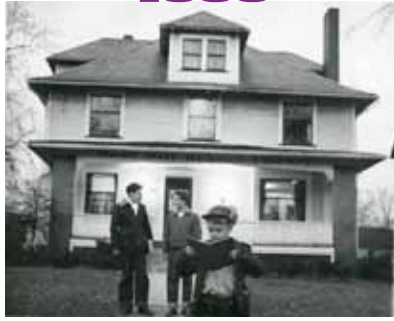
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Highland Square Branch Library  
807 W. Market St., Akron, Ohio 44303  
[www.akronlibrary.org](http://www.akronlibrary.org)

1953



687 West Market Street

1956



Moving materials to new location



807 West Market Street



Monday, August 27, 2007, the Highland Square Branch Library opened in its current location. Originally located in a house at 789 West Market Street from 1930-1943, then at 687 W. Market Street from 1943 until moving into it's next location, the West Hill Branch Library opened in its own building at 807 West Market Street

in March of 1956. For many years, this branch, designed by Tuchman and Canute, served the Highland Square community for its informational and recreational needs, and included a public meeting room.

With the passage of a bond issue in 1997, the West Hill Branch Library became the fourteenth branch library to be either renovated or rebuilt, and was designed by Marc Bittinger of CBLH Incorporated. Built on the site of the old location, the 12,000-square-foot building was three times the size of the old building, and designed to meet the increased needs for technology. With the new building, the library's name was changed to the Highland Square Branch Library. Artwork included a wire sculpture by LeRoy Flint and a tile art piece by Claudia Zeber, that had been housed in the original West Hill Branch Library. Also added was art by Lula Smith and Mark Soppeland. A sculpture called The Frog, was soon installed in the front of the building by P. R. Miller.

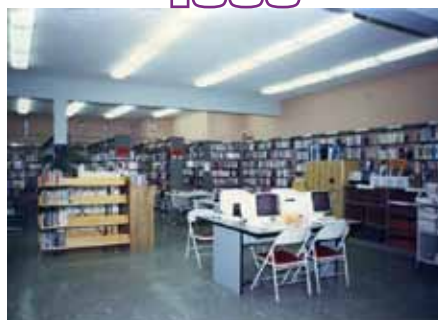
Since opening, The Highland Square Branch Library has continued to evolve to adapt to community needs, with newer computers, addition of wireless internet, databases, e-media, and mobile printing. Programs are offered for people of all ages, and the staff continues to help the public with their informational needs. Through partnership with the Highland Square Garden Club, and support by the Friends of the Highland Square Branch Library and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Wild School Site Project Grant, the outdoor spaces have evolved to include a bird feeder station, a pollinator garden, and sensory container gardens. The Highland Square Garden Club commissioned Don Drumm to create the benches, the dragon shaped bike rack, and the Write Me A Story sculpture that enhance the beauty of the property.

1985



West Hill Branch Library

2007



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