



On Sunday, March 8, Allentown celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the incorporation of their Library Association. The Allentown Library Association is a non-profit organization which owns and operates the historic building that currently houses the Allentown Library. The Allentown Library is a branch of the Monmouth County Library system and has been since it joined in 1965. Allentown has had a library in one form or another since 1874 when several residents got together and were looking for a place to gather to read and share books.

Current and past members of the Library Association, their families and members of the community attended. Freeholder Lillian Burry presented a proclamation from the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders that declared Sunday, March 8, 2015 “Allentown Library Day.” Renee B. Swartz, Chair of the Monmouth County Library Commission presented Library Association president Roxanne Robinson with a citation from the Monmouth County Library Commission recognizing the significant contributions the Library Association has made to the Allentown Library.

Lifelong friend of the Allentown Library Joan Ruddiman spoke about the history of the library and the visionary people who started and kept the library going since its inception. The Library moved into its current home in a former church in 1974. The Allentown Post Office is hand-canceling mail for the rest of the month with a special Allentown Public Library stamp in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Library Association.