

Alice Baker Library



Located at 117 Main St.
Eagle, WI



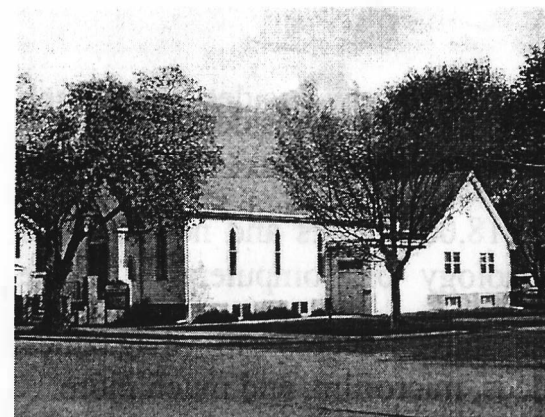
Alice Baker was born in Eagle, Wisconsin in 1883. Her parents were one of the Eagle's first pioneers. Some of her favorite past times were quilting and reading.

Alice Baker became a teacher in 1910. She used her love of reading to help her teach her students. She taught at several Eagle area schools during her career. She also taught American children while visiting her brother in China 1934 to 1936. When she came back to Eagle in 1936, she taught in the area until she retired.



Alice Baker's home

Since Alice had such a big part in starting the library, the committee chose the name Alice Baker Memorial Library. The library was located in the one room of Eagle Methodist Church.



Alice Baker Library established in 1974

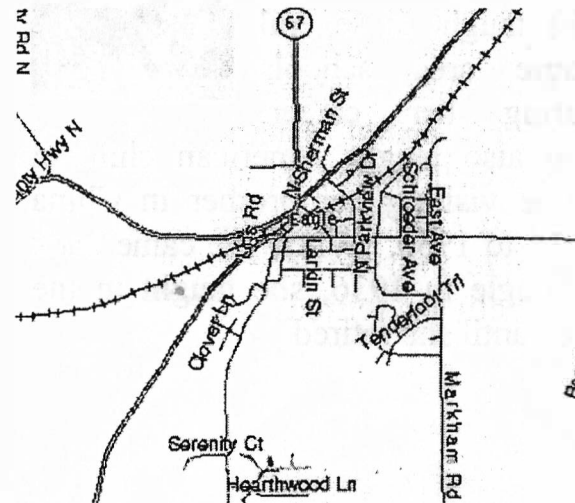
Alice wanted a library to be in Eagle for people to be able to go to. In 1972 a committee of people who lived in Eagle got together and collected books for a library. They collected 200 books. The library opened in 1974, one year after Alice Baker died.

Who gave them the sign?

The Lions club donated the library sign to the Alice Baker Memorial Library.



The library now resides in a much larger building next to Eagle's town/village hall and has grown to over 18,000 books and now has the technology of computers. People now have access to magazines, videos, microfilm, and much more.



We got our information from other people's reports, newspaper articles, Mrs. Gnatzig and from the Historical Society.

Created by: Matt Lamb & Brandon Lentz. We are ten years old and in Mrs. Greenberg's Fourth grade class.

The Life Of Alice Baker



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Alice Baker grew up in Eagle. She was born in 1883.



Frank Baker Alice Baker's family. *Alice's mother*
Alice is on the bottom right.

Who was Alice Baker?

That's a good question. She lived in this house on Waukesha Road next to the water tower.



Alice Baker liked to make quilts and sing songs in her spare time. Alice also liked to keep diaries of personal problems. In 1910, Alice graduated from Whitewater Normal School which is now called the University of Wisconsin - Whitewater.

After graduating, she taught at Eagleville School. Later she went to Montana and became a botany teacher. Then she went to visit her brother in China. She became a teacher there in the 1930's. Alice came back in 1932 and taught in Eagleville.

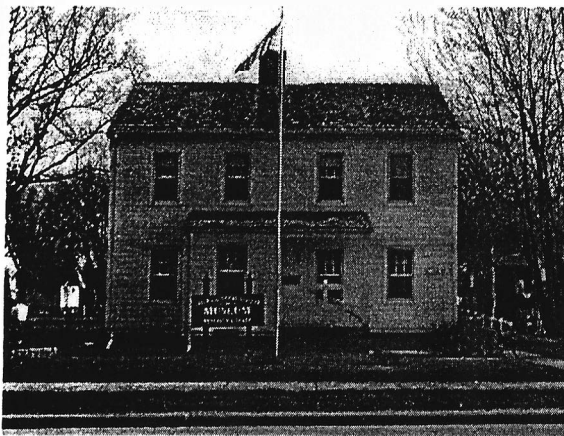
Alice went into substitute work, and then retired in 1945 after teaching in Shullsburg.

What Happened after Alice Retired?

Alice was dedicated to the need of a public library in Eagle and spent her time and effort into it.

The First Library

Before the first library was built, the library was held in the basement of the Methodist Church. Then Carl Zipprish donated this house for a library for Eagle in 1984.



The town put their effort into making it a good library. Alice died on April 15, 1974 at the age of 91. She never got to see the results of her hard work. The town named the library in her honor.



This is the current library.
It was built during the early 1990's.

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