



# Bartholomew County Public Library



## Hope Branch Library

Architect and Building Contractor for the 1998 library The Hope Branch Library building was designed by architect Deborah Berke (New York, NY) during the years 1994-1998. The Dedication Ceremony was held on June 28, 1998. General Contractor was Repp and Mundt, Inc.(Columbus, IN). The architect's fee was paid in part by the Cummins Engine Foundation.

**1922** Library service extended from the Columbus Public Library to all Bartholomew County residents.

**1923 - 1966** Various businesses in the town of Hope served as library "stations" from this time until 1966.

**June 1966** Hope Branch Library acquired rented space on the west side of the Hope Town Square.

**October 1994** Planning began for a new Hope Branch Library. Deborah Berke was hired as the architect.

**June 1998** Hope Branch Library on the east side of the Town Square was dedicated on June 28.

**July 1998** The new Hope Branch Library began service to the public on July 13.

**Today** Hope Branch circulates more than 30,000 books, CDs, DVDs, magazines, and newspapers as well as downloadable books, audios, videos, and music. Storytimes, crafts, book discussions, reading clubs and other programming are offered for all ages at the Hope Library and the Hope Annex.