Ethel Everhard Memorial Library



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*C*Libraries bring value as community builders and can be champions of youth — they are about more than just information — more than just books and banks of computers — libraries are still places where individuals gather to explore, interact and imagine.

Thank you to Ethel & Mahel Everbard for their gift to help build our library in 1972 and for their vision in making this gift sustainable to help with the interior renovation in 2022 — 50 years later!

## August 10, 1883 - September 12, 1965

Ethel Everhard was born to Reuben and Lucy Hunting Everhard on August 10, 1883. The Everhard's were Pennsylvania Dutch — that is, Germans who settled early in Pennsylvania. Later the family moved to northern Ohio where Reuben was born. When a young man, the family moved to Wisconsin and settled in Adams County, about seven miles northwest of Westfield. Lucy Hunting was born in the state of New York. Her family moved 'west' from New England and later moved to Wisconsin where Lucy grew



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up on a farm near Waupun.

Ethel Everhard

Three daughters were born to Reuben and Lucy Hunting Everhard: Bess, Ethel and Mabel. The three little girls began their education in the Diamond School in Adams County, a one-room rural school which stood just across the road from their farm home.

The Everhard family moved to Westfield from the farm in the 1880s and the father, Reuben, died shortly thereafter. The mother Lucy lived in Westfield, except for a few years, for the remainder of her life. She passed away in 1944. Both Reuben and Lucy Everhard are buried in the cemetery of the former New Chester Church. Ethel graduated from high school in Westfield in 1896 and then from what was once called Stevens Point

Normal, now the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Later she graduated from the Art Institute of Chicago and from the University of Chicago with a Master's degree. Ethel was an Art teacher in Sheboygan for several years. In 1923 she taught at the Sheboygan Art Institute. Following that she was an Art teacher and Supervisor in Marshall High School in Chicago. She loved her subject and was always enthusiastic about teaching it.

She retired in 1947 and moved to Sheboygan where she lived with her sister Mabel.

## Mabel Everhard

## September 15, 1885 - November 12, 1965

Mabel was the youngest of the three daughters and she, too, attended the one-room school in Adams County along with her older sisters and she also graduated from Westfield High School. She continued her education at the Stevens Point Normal, now the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Mabel especially enjoyed teaching at the primary level, second grade being her favorite. She taught for a few years in small towns in northern Wisconsin and attended and graduated from the University of Minnesota. In 1915, Mabel was a staff member at the Burroughs School in Minneapolis. She continued teaching there until her retirement in 1949.

After her retirement she moved to Sheboygan where she lived with her sister, Ethel.

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In 1935, at the suggestion of the Women's Study Club, organized in 1908, the Village formed a library — first in rented space, and later in the Village Halls in 1949 and 1961. In 1971, news of a forthcoming gift from Ethel Everhard and her sister Mabel, allowed the Village and Library Boards to move forward with land acquisition and plans for what is now known as the Ethel Everhard Memorial Library.



The Library, which was dedicated in 1972, is soon approaching its 50th Anniversary. In celebration of this milestone, we are embarking on a renovation, slated to be completed in 2022, using funds from the Village and Ethel Everhard Trust. This will allow the Library to serve patrons more efficiently, provide more offerings, and foster new connections with the expanded multi-purpose area as an active community hub.



The Library offers numerous services to local patrons. You can have copies made, send and receive faxes, and scan and email documents at the library. You can read the latest issues of magazines and newspapers and special-order books. You can check out the latest movies, use easily accessible Wi-Fi, and have a reliable open space that is quiet and cool! The library offers varied and timely programming for children and adults — book clubs, storytime, LEGO club and others!



The cost-sharing for the renovation covers only the interior



space. The library will reuse existing bookcases and, with your help, would like to purchase updated seating and tables for community use.

Illustrations are suggested architectural renderings only

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