

TERRELL HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC

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Carnegie Library Building celebrates 120 years!

In September of 1903, the cornerstone was laid at Frances and High to start the construction of the first public library in Kaufman County. Six short months later on March 15, 1904, the Carnegie Public Library opened its doors to the people of Terrell and the community of Kaufman County as a whole.

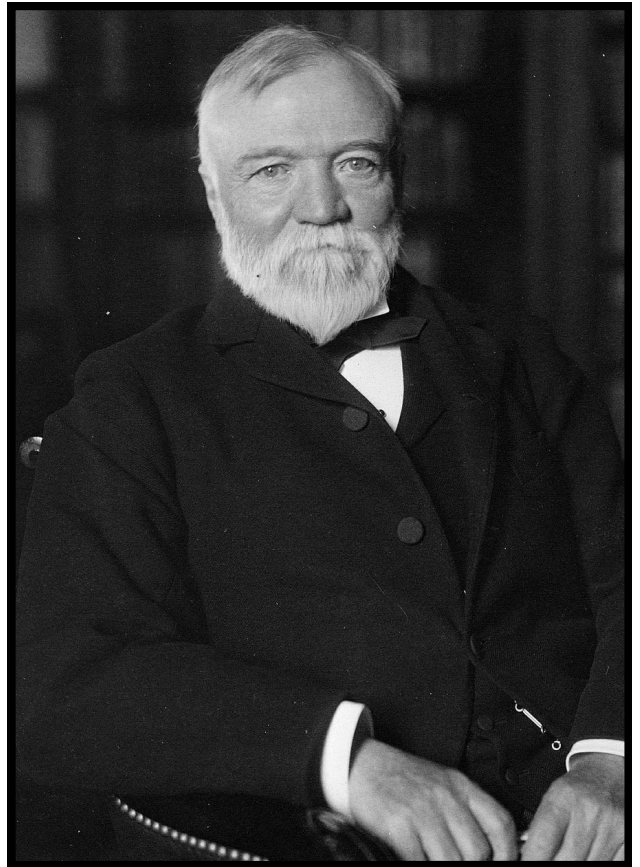
Boasting over 3000 books, donated by the citizens of Terrell, a grand stair case that led to study rooms, and a public auditorium, the Terrell Carnegie Library was an amazing addition to a growing and prosperous town.

Many local civic groups were responsible for securing the grant of \$10,000 from Andrew Carnegie.

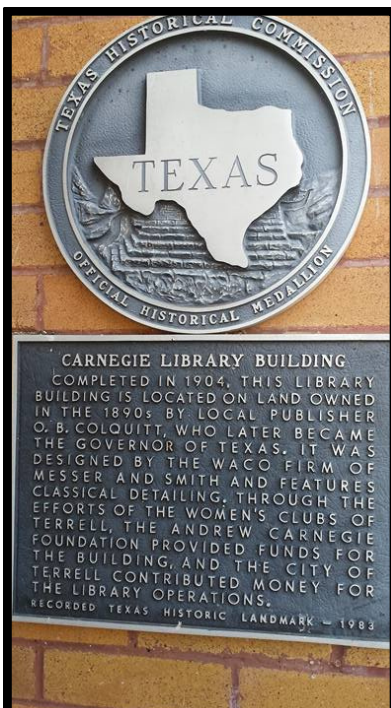
The library served the city of Terrell through the 1980s until it was transitioned to the Terrell Heritage Museum.

Make sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date with events happening this year at the library.

Don't have Facebook? No worries! Join our email list by going to www.terrellheritage.org



Did You Know?





- Andrew Carnegie built 2,509 libraries worldwide between 1883 and 1929.
- Of those, 1,795 were in the United States: 1,687 public libraries and 108 academic.
- 32 Carnegie Libraries built in Texas.
- Only 13 Carnegie Libraries still stand in Texas with Terrell being one of them.

'The History of Terrell Schools' Exhibit Continues through February

The Terrell Heritage Museum's current featured exhibit, "The History of Terrell Schools" is wrapping up its run with an amazingly exciting presentation from Dr. Georgeanne Warnock, TISD Superintendent of Schools scheduled for Thursday, February 1st @ 6pm.


The exhibit will close on Saturday, March 2nd so don't forget to stop by and see all the history our schools have to offer.







THE HISTORY OF TERRELL SCHOOLS


Join us for a historical presentation about Terrell's education and where it all started.


**Thursday**
February 1, 2024

**Start At**
6:00pm



Dr. Georgeanne Warnock
Superintendent



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Cap'n Terrell's Town Comes to Life



E.H.R. Green, Robert Terrell, Norma Talmadge, Bonnie Parker, and many more historical figures were brought to life in, "Cap't Terrell's Town," this past November.

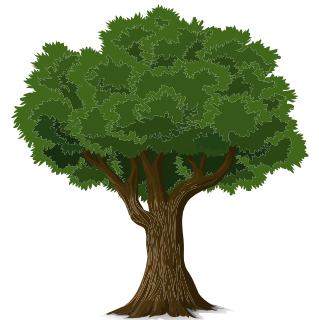
The three night special showing was produced by the Vagabond Players as a fundraiser for the Terrell Heritage Society in support of upcoming projects and preservation efforts.

For more information about the Vagabond Players, check out their Facebook page - "The Vagabond Players Fan Page".

Texas Arbor Day Celebration & Dedication

In celebration of the Terrell Garden Club's 70th anniversary, as well as the Carnegie Library building's 120th anniversary, and Texas Arbor Day, the Terrell Heritage Society hosted an Arbor Day event with a special dedication of the new crepe myrtle tree planted by the Terrell Garden Club.

The Terrell Heritage Society and the Terrell Garden Club would like to extend a special, "Thank you," to The Green Branch Nursery for the donation of the tree.



Christmas Tour of Homes

The Terrell Heritage Museum was honored to be a part of the annual Christmas Tour of Homes, hosted by the Social Science Club of Terrell.

The Social Science Club of Terrell was founded in 1894 and will be celebrating 130 years of service to this community this year. They have hosted the Christmas Tour of Homes for 25 years and have awarded numerous grants and scholarships throughout their years of operation.

With over 300 tour participants stopping by, the museum was bustling with activity and excitement over all of the changes taking place in the last few months.

Stop by the museum to view their special exhibit celebrating their 130th anniversary.



“Partnering with the Social Science Club was absolutely amazing, and I was so excited to have the museum on the tour this year since they played such an important role in getting the funding to build the library in 1904.”

- Jessica King
Museum Administrator





Our Stories, Our History

In a sonic celebration of Terrell's heritage, the newly launched podcast, "Terrell Tales," promises to be more than just a stroll down memory lane. With its debut episode, the podcast embarks on a mission to uncover the layers of history that have shaped Terrell, TX, into the community it is today.

"Terrell Tales" delves into the heart of the town, exploring its humble beginnings and tracing the trajectory of growth, challenges, and triumphs. From the early settlers to pivotal historical moments, each episode serves as a time capsule, allowing listeners to experience Terrell's evolution firsthand.

What makes "Terrell Tales" truly enchanting is its commitment to uncovering hidden gems and sharing remarkable anecdotes. Local experts, historians, and residents join the podcast host to narrate stories that might have otherwise been lost to time. Listeners can expect to hear about the characters who left an indelible mark on Terrell and the events that shaped the town's identity.

As the town undergoes modern transformations, "Terrell Tales" serves as a medium to preserve the essence of Terrell. Through interviews with community leaders, discussions about architectural heritage, and reflections on cultural influences, the podcast offers a holistic view of the town's past, present, and future.

Listeners are encouraged to actively engage with "Terrell Tales" by sharing their own stories, memories, and insights. The podcast aims to foster a sense of community and connection, bridging generational gaps and creating a collective narrative that reflects the diverse experiences within Terrell.

For those eager to embark on this historical journey, "Terrell Tales" invites you to subscribe and become a part of the storytelling experience. The podcast is available on major platforms, promising a blend of education, entertainment, and nostalgia.

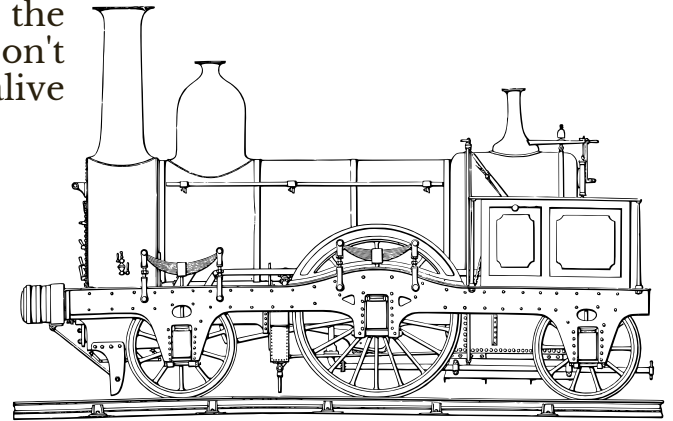
As "Terrell Tales" unfolds its first chapter, it beckons residents, history enthusiasts, and curious minds alike to rediscover the town's soul. Through the power of storytelling, this podcast aims to weave Terrell's history into the fabric of our collective consciousness, ensuring that the tales of this Texan gem endure for generations to come.

The Railroad that Built Terrell

Embark on a journey through the annals of history as we unveil "Rails of Time: Terrell's Railroad Roots" – a captivating museum exhibit that chronicles the profound impact of the railroad on the birth and growth of our beloved city.

Discover the iron veins that shaped Terrell, from the inaugural whistle stop to the bustling hub it is today.

Join us in celebrating the spirit of innovation, progress, and the enduring legacy of the Midland Railroad. All aboard for an immersive experience that transports you through time, unveiling the heart and soul of Terrell's railroad heritage. Don't miss the grand opening – where history comes alive on the tracks!



As we embark on the exciting journey of creating "Rails of Time: Terrell's Railroad Roots," we invite you to be an integral part of this historic exhibit by contributing artifacts that encapsulate the rich tapestry of our city's railroad heritage.

What We're Looking For:

- Vintage photographs depicting Terrell's early days with the Midland Railroad.
- Original railroad equipment or memorabilia.
- Personal stories, anecdotes, or letters related to the Midland Railroad.
- Any artifacts that showcase the evolution of rail technology in Terrell.

How to Contribute:

If you have artifacts you'd like to donate or loan for the exhibit, we would be honored to include them in "Rails of Time." Please reach out to us through the following channels:

Email: terrellheritage@gmail.com

Phone: (972) 524-6082

Visit: 207 N. Frances St. Terrell, TX 75160

Stay in Touch!

With all of the exciting changes and events that are taking place at the museum this year, we want to make sure you have the most updated information.



You can follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

Terrell Heritage Museum



Interested in volunteering?

Visit our website at www.terrellheritage.org for more information!

