

# **LIBRARY**

## **The Founding of the New City Public Library**

**April, 1936**

In April 1936 we were asked to form a Library Committee to extend service to the community. A supervisor (Mrs. Edith Switz), was sent from the Library Extension Division, of the State Education Dept., at Albany to tell us about the plan.

A National Growth Administration employee would be supplied to take care of the library under the direction of the committee.

We then organized a committee of seven & started a collection of books, had a "tag day," in May, to raise funds for new books, & opened the Library to the public in June with an afternoon tea, & a musical program, with two speakers—Mrs. Edith Switz District Supervisor & Mrs. Mary Mowbray Clarke Rockland County Chairman. Miss Rita Pantol was put in charge as librarian, & we attribute a great measure of our success to her good work.

The library was opened at first only one afternoon a weekly from 2 till 5—but later on it was open two afternoons weekly.

We have held Card Parties, & illustrated lectures to raise funds for new books, & were fortunate in receiving a large donation of money, & a great many books from residents of New City & the community.

We hope our library will continue to grow & have the support of the people.

[Submitted by Sophia M. Youmans, Acting Secretary]