

PATTEN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ESTABLISHED

The 1799, Bath Social Library was absorbed by the Bath Public Library, which was incorporated in 1827 as a library open to the public by subscription. The Public Library received the book collection and honored the memberships issued by the Social Library. The Bath Public Library was, in turn, absorbed by the Patten Library Association in 1847. 132 people, including brothers John and George Patten, met to discuss the creation of this reading group in October of that year, meeting in the home office of Dr. Israel Putnam, now the Cosmopolitan Club. At the next meeting in November of 1847, 86 men and one woman formally became subscribers in the new joint-stock library.



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