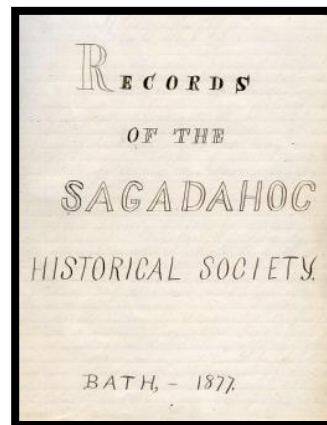


THE ERA OF BARBARA KING

It was not until 1977 that the first professional librarian was hired as Director of the Library. When Barbara King arrived in 1977, there were only 4 part-time employees in the library, no periodicals, and few reference books. Director King brought art shows, purchased microfilm readers, expanded library hours, and developed new and varied programming to attract visitors. She also was responsible for apparently the first Patten Library cat. Squiggles was not only a friend to young and old patrons, but provided Dahlov Ipcar with inspiration.



Also during Barbara King's tenure in 1978, a local-history space was re-established in the tower of Patten Free Library, 101 years after the creation of the Sagadahoc Historical Society. A History Room in the early 1980s. established in 1989 to "preserve Bath, Maine." The Historical Sagadahoc History & Genealogy one way to accomplish that addition, the History Room was floor of the new addition in a protect the extensive and varied Library, where it also houses the Society and West Bath Historical



After the creation of the librarian began staffing the Bath Historical Society was the history and heritage of Society helps to support the Room of Patten Free Library as mission. After the latest accommodated on the second climate-controlled space to collection of Patten Free collections of Bath Historical Society.

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