

Early History of the Alamosa Carnegie Library

May 11, 1946

Alamosa had a Library in the early 1900's. It was maintained in a room over the fire house and was supported by membership fees and quarterly dues. Members of the Current Events Club and other town women volunteered their services as Librarians, keeping the reading room open every afternoon from two to five and every evening except Sunday.

Early in 1908 a movement was started to obtain a Library building. Mr. George S Darley, Presbyterian Minister, and the Reverend Harrison, rector of the Episcopal Church, were appointed to choose a site for the Library building. Andrew Carnegie had agreed to erect a \$6,000 library building in Alamosa as shown in the following resolution recorded in the files of the City Clerk of Alamosa under date of July 1, 1908.

Resolution

Be it Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Alamosa that whereas the Hon. Andrew Carnegie has signified his willingness to erect and construct a Library in the Town of Alamosa, Colorado, to cost \$6,000.00, provided the town will levy tax of 10 per cent ~~xxx~~ of the cost of the building, annually, to maintain same.

WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the town of ~~the town~~ of Alamosa that said Town shall levy a tax of two mills for its maintenance for the year of 1908 which said two mills is equal to the sum of \$600 and that said Town pledges itself to make a levy each and every year thereafter for the said

*Tommy Smith of Del Norte  
did the plastering*