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In 1911, a group of 14 Lynn Haven women formed The Lynn Haven Literary Club. With an admission fee of 15 cents and weekly dues of three cents, the library began to grow beyond its small beginnings of one book and three magazines to a 500 volume collection in only three years.

The Lynn Haven Literary Club originally began meeting in private homes, until, in 1913 the Lynn Haven Bank gave permission for the club to use a back room in the bank building for a permanent location. In 1922 the McMullin family donated a house and land to be used as for the city library. In 1970, a new library building was dedicated and was expanded in 1988 for a total area of 7,692 square feet. The Library now has a collection of almost 20,000 volumes, and can boast Internet and computer technology for advanced reference and research assistance.

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