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## **The Union County Public Library Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First-Built Library of the County!**

**April 20, 2016, Monroe, NC** – Join us, Sunday, May 1 between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. at the Monroe Library as we remember the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of a brand new library building at 316 E. Windsor Street.

"It was a proud day for Union County, as this was the first built public library for us," says Patricia Poland, Genealogy & Local History Librarian. "Our prior two locations were spaces intended for other purposes. We began in a room on the upper floor of the Historic Courthouse (1930-1954). Later, we occupied a home known as the "Laney House" at 200 E. Windsor Street (1954-1966)."

Visitors will be able to sign the same guest register used 50 years ago and watch a slide show created by our Genealogy & Local History Department looking back at the 1966 Library. Special activities for children include helping create a giant anniversary card and a scavenger hunt related to three children's books published in 1966. Teens can join in by sharing their favorite memory of our library on the Teen bulletin board. Refreshments will be provided by The Friends of the Union County Public Library.

For more information, contact the Genealogy & Local History Department at 704-283-8184, x224.

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