

Eighth (Final) Home: Present Building



Around 2003, the Pine Plains International Order of Odd Fellows No. 903 donated land on South Main Street where their old lodge was located for the construction of a combined library and community center.

The Foundation for The Pine Plains Community Center and Library, Inc. was also formed at that time to manage a capital-raising project to raise the money for the new building.

With the donations of many organizations, ground breaking began in 2008, and on May 15, 2009 the library moved into its new quarters on the first floor. It opened to the public on June 1.

Finally, after 211 years, the library had found a permanent home where it could continue to serve the community for another hundred or more years.

Unfortunately, the Foundation went bankrupt and in 2013 the bank was going to foreclose on the property. Facing eviction, the library was forced to move back to the “Old Library” in May of 2014, with much of its collection going into storage. Unlike the troubles of the late 1860s, however, the library remained open during this entire time, only closing briefly while it moved from one location to the other.

Thankfully, in December of 2015, the town bought the new building and the library was able to move back on February 20, 2016, opening on March 1. Today, the library is here to stay and leases the space on the first floor from the town.