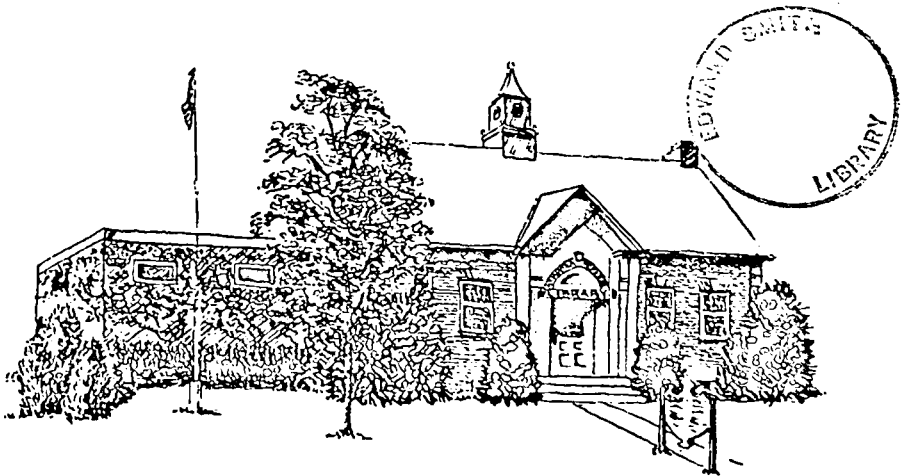




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# NORTH BRANFORD LIBRARY



The NORTH BRANFORD LIBRARY SYSTEM is one of our town's principal assets. This is your guide to making the best use of its services.

North Branford has two libraries. Their exact location is shown on the map. These libraries form the NORTH BRANFORD LIBRARY SYSTEM.

Both buildings are open every day, Monday through Saturday. The exact hours are shown on the back side of this pamphlet. Library service is free.

A single card is used for the System, and requests will be filled if the book desired is available in either library. On the patron's request, books not included in the local collection will be obtained through the inter-library loan arrangement of which we are a part.

There is no limit on the number of books which may be taken out at one time, generally speaking. Fiction and non-fiction books are loaned for a two week period and can be renewed by phone, provided they are not on a waiting list. Most reference books and materials can be loaned for 2 to 7 days, but cannot be renewed.

The Childrens Library contains a well-balanced and up-to-date collection of over eleven thousand volumes. Materials range from preschool through junior high school level in a wide variety of categories. Children who are able to print their first and last names are entitled to register for their own card.

Atwater Memorial Library houses most of the reference materials along with the non-fiction collection. The Edward Smith Library houses primarily fiction.

Telephone Number 488-8353

The NORTH BRANFORD LIBRARY SYSTEM currently receives over 74 periodicals. All, except those over one year old, may be borrowed. No renewals are allowed on periodicals and only four may be borrowed at any one time.

Six different newspapers are received. Present publications are: New York Times, Christian Science Monitor, Catholic Transcript, New Haven Register, New Haven Journal Courier and Branford Review.

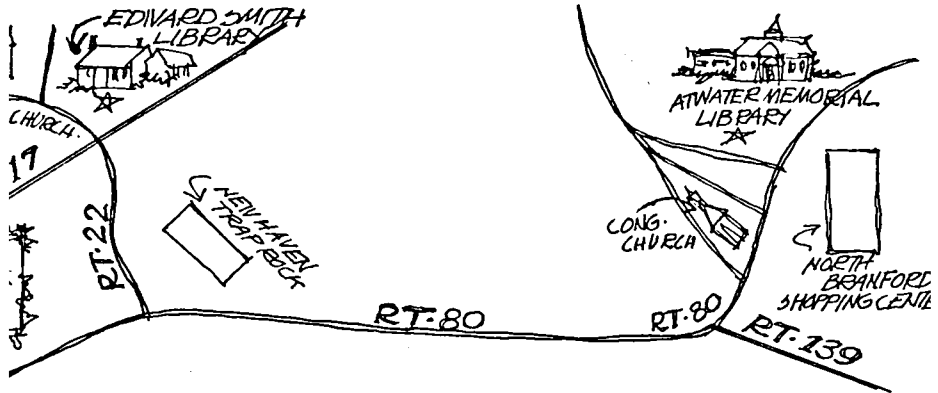
A photocopying machine is available for your use that will produce copies of any reference materials, up to legal size, for ten cents per copy.

Library Associates is a volunteer organization which serves the libraries in various ways and assists the NORTH BRANFORD LIBRARY SYSTEM assume its role as a focus for the community's cultural life.

Membership in Library Associates is invited. For more information please contact a library staff member.

North Branford Library service originated in "the little red school house" on May 24, 1933. This original building is now located on Old Post Road near the Edward Smith Library.

The Atwater Library in North Branford was built in 1943, and dedicated to the memory of Charles Atwater, minister of the North Branford Congregational Church from 1809 to 1825. The building was a gift of Reverend Atwater's son James who also left a trust fund to help maintain the library.



A new library was opened in Northford in 1956. Part of the funds for constructing the building were given by Dr. Clara Smith in memory of her father, Edward Smith, local inventor and farmer.

Additions to both buildings in 1967 increased the floor capacity to 6,297 square feet. The Library System is now open 70 hours a week and houses a collection of some 25,000 volumes.

Our Library System is supported primarily by local taxes voted in the annual town budget meeting, and only to a limited extent by trust funds and state grants. The System is governed by a nine member Library Board appointed by the Town Council and administered by a Director/Head Librarian.

**ATWATER MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
Route 80, North Branford

Monday and Friday	12-5
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday	12-8
Saturday	10-4

**EDWARD SMITH LIBRARY**  
Old Post Road, Northford

Monday and Friday	12-8
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday	12-5
Saturday	10-1

