

more traditional approach. The second vote was successful and construction began.

The **Joseph Y. Resnick Memorial Building** was dedicated by the **Ellenville Public Library & Museum** on January 19, 1975, and opened for service the next morning in a facility that offered four times as much space as the Library had had at **Hunt Memorial**, and all on one floor. The bond issue theme had been "Be All You Can Be." Having space meant that the Library could begin to be all IT could be.

The Library grew and grew...open space was available for monthly art exhibits of work by local artists, under the guiding hand of Library Trustee Nadia Shepard.

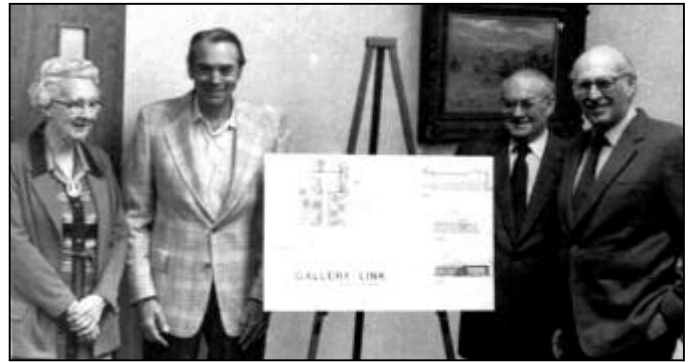
As a cost cutting measure, the Library Board had decided to leave the local history collection at **Hunt Memorial** in the section deeded to the Library in 1928. Unfortunately, the WCTU did not agree with the decision and instituted legal proceedings to have the Library evicted from that location. When the case finally went to court, a New York State Supreme Court decision acknowledged that the inclusion of historical maps, documents, artifacts and other museum items was a logical expansion of library service. In the library world, this was a landmark decision.

At approximately the same time, the Resnicks had been able to negotiate the purchase of the Campbell house on the corner of **Childs & Canal Streets**, thus "squaring" the combined parcels. Operating the local history museum at **Hunt Memorial** had been a less than efficient use of personnel and the availability of the turn-of-the-century dwelling next door to the new Library building seemed fortuitous to the Library Board (*photo below*). The house was named **Terwilliger House** in recognition of Town of Wawarsing Historian Katharine T. Terwilliger's years of commitment to the preservation of local history and KT's unstinting, unwavering cooperation with the Library. After months of renovation and restoration, **Terwilliger House** became the home of the Library's local history collection and the **Hunt Memorial** section was deeded back to the WCTU.



The Library grew and grew...volunteer literacy tutors came on board and a small, but badly needed, one-on-one literacy program developed.

Only a few years later, the Resnicks again came to the Library's aid, giving the funds to construct the **Gallery Link** which not only linked the Library and the **Museum**



Above: KT, Harry Resnick, Louis Resnick, and Library Board President Irwin M. Stern with plans for the proposed Gallery Link. Below: At September 25, 1983 Dedication Ceremonies for new Link; Library Director Marion M. Dumond and David Jargowsky at left, KT at lectern, Justin Resnick and Irwin Stern at right. Opposite top: part of the new Link.



under one continuous roof, but opened space for additional showcases, art exhibits, and floor exhibits of a **Motor Museum** car from Harry Resnick, and other large items.

Objective #2 had been completed and, without any fanfare, the third goal had quietly been achieved, that of increasing the **Ellenville Public Library's** prestige. By the mid-1980s, the **Ellenville Public Library & Museum** was recognized for its leadership in library services, a strong, diversified collection of books and other library materials, expanded hours, responsiveness to the needs and wishes of its clientele, book discussions, local history programs, hugely successful summer reading programs and regular story hours, and a willingness to move forward in new technologies.

As part of the small group of Ramapo Catskill Library System libraries who had banded together as ANSER (Automated Network SERVICES), the **Ellenville Public Library & Museum** was the second RCLS library to go online with its circulation. The card catalog, which had replaced the book catalogue fifty years earlier, was itself replaced by a system-wide database accessed by the use of computer terminals.

The Library grew and grew... celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1993 with six months of special events. A logo designed by Library Trustee Gladys S. Miller had been adopted, a luxuriantly leafed tree (of knowledge) rooted in an open book, with the legend, "Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow, Ever Forward," and it was used on all publicity and stationery. The celebration culminated in a birthday party on October 3, 1993, which commemorated the history of this wonderful public service agency by 