



A Westfield resident selecting his weekly books.

About Us

Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

(Closed Saturdays: June, July & Aug.)

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*Donations are graciously accepted
and appreciated.*

Cover art: The beautiful watercolor rendering on the cover was painted by Father Guy Marie Oury from the Immaculate Heart of Mary Benedictine Monastery. Father Oury enjoyed sketching and painting scenery around Westfield.



Public Library

The Library is open to the public and books may be loaned to Vermont and summer residents. New books and movies are added to the collection quarterly.

A wide selection of fiction and non-fiction books are available as well as a DVD and VHS tape lending library. The Library also offers free WIFI both inside and outside in the parking area and has computer, printer and copier access.

Special programs are offered throughout the year.

The Library was the proud recipient of a 2015-2016 Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) Rural Libraries Grant which added \$2,000 worth of new children's books to the collection. As part of the grant CLiF Executive Director, Duncan McDougall, presented the Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary School with \$500 in new books, two interactive programs and each child received a free book. Thank you CLiF!



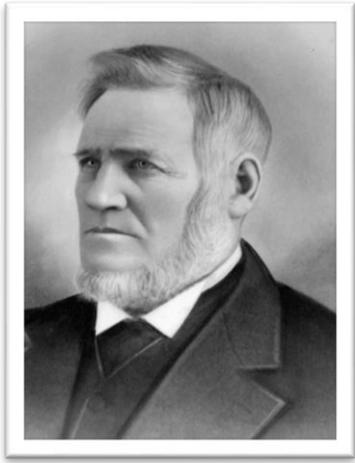
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Librarian: MaryLee Daigle

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*Aaron Charles Hitchcock
July 19, 1823-March 1, 1900*

History

Aaron Charles Hitchcock was born in Westfield, July 19, 1823, the son of Medad Smith and Patty (Hitchcock) Hitchcock. He received his education in area public schools. At the age of seventeen, his father died and many of the responsibilities rested on him as the oldest of six children. He devoted his life mainly to agricultural ventures and was a very successful farmer and businessman. He became a large owner of real estate in Orleans County and gave the land and the sum of \$10,000 to the Town of Westfield to erect a two story building, the lower story to be used by the town as a public library and the second story to be devoted to a museum of Natural History and Science. The building was erected at a cost of \$3,074. One-half of the balance of the \$7,000 and accrued interest was to be used for specimens and furniture. The other half was to be put into a trust.

The building was completed in 1899. Aaron C. Hitchcock died March 1, 1900. The Museum and Library continues as a monument to his memory, generosity and interest in the youth and citizens of Westfield.

Mr. Hitchcock was very active in the Republican Party, represented Westfield in the State Legislature, served as Trustee of the Westfield Grammar School and for 35 years was its Treasurer.

Centennial Anniversary

In 1999, the Hitchcock Museum and Library celebrated its Centennial Anniversary. On July 4, 1999 the whole town turned out for a parade featuring local organizations and citizens that represented memories of the town's history. Over 400 people attended the parade and participated in the day-long activities and open house at the Museum.

Museum Collections

The Hitchcock Museum and Library contains a wonderful collection of animals, butterflies, birds, corals, minerals, rocks and items of historic interest, donated by citizens over the last 100 years. Many animals and animal heads are from Africa as well as the local area.

The collection of American flags includes the thirteen star American Revolution period flag, an 1818 flag and the 48 star flag.

To round out the museum collection, the original books have been preserved in a historical collection that includes many rare and unusual books 100 years old or more.



Some of the many collections available for viewing throughout the Hitchcock Memorial Museum.