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The History of William F. & Mary A. Flenniken Public Library

The Flenniken Public Library was started in 1946 by the Carmichaels-Cumberland Women’s Civic Club. It was originally located in the in the basement of the First National Bank of Carmichaels (now Community Bank).

In 1959, the will of Earl T. Flenniken provided a sum of money to be used for a library in memory of his parents, William F. and Mary A. Flenniken.

The library purchased the property at 102 East George Street know as the Werner Lund house in 1960. The house was originally built by William H. Kerr. The front porch was enclosed as well as a few other changes and the building opened to the public on May 1, 1961.

In 1972, the first floor of the building was expanded by adding space to the right of the building where the portico was located.

In 1976, the Eva K. Bowlby Public Library join with Flenniken in the formation of the Greene County Library System.

The addition in the rear of the building that now houses the children’s library was completed in 1982.

