

## The Franklin Public Library- 310 Central St.

Our local library is an example of A Carnegie Library, built from 1905 to 1907 by John H. Smith of Lancaster, from an Italian Renaissance design by the Boston firm of McLean & Wright. There are another 8 Carnegie Libraries in New Hampshire. The library's front door entrance was a popular venue to photograph high school groups and clubs for many years. It was built where once stood the Bickford Lang Blacksmith shop, Fletcher's Paint Shop, and the Ocean Wave Cafe, as well as an unsightly "dump" along the river. The land was purchased for \$7,000 from A.W.Sulloway and W.F.Daniell. Franklin's Free Public Library opened on February 28, 1907, with 5800 books on its shelves. Over the years the library has updated its interior and added on to the back of the building.

