Its Art and Architecture

Presentation to the Women’s Committee
Lakewood Historical Society
March 29, 2023
1916 Main Library by Edward L. Tilton
1924 Main Library Expansion by Charles Hopkinson
1956 Main Library Expansion
   by Garfield, Harris, Robinson & Schafer
1976 Expansion of Children’s Area
2006 Main Library Expansion by Robert A.M. Stern
Roena Ingham
Head Librarian of
Lakewood Public Library
1916-1938
Ingham
Ada wid Moses r 2120 Mayview av SW
--- Albert r 4293 W 22d SW
--- Daniel L salesman r 11020 Detroit av NW
--- Lucy wid J F r 1804 Aiken av SW
--- Martin J mach r 1326 W 85th NW
--- Maude clk r 1326 W 85th NW
--- Oliver D typewriter repairer r 3110 W 12th SW
--- Roena A librarian Lakewood Public Library r 1460 Lakeland av Lwd
--- Wm H vice-pres Star Elevator Co r 17445 Northwood av Lwd
--- Win D inspr r 10306 Lamontier av SE
Roena’s Home at 1460 Lakeland
he had mentioned the names of the following persons: Miss Ingham, Miss Reay, Miss Sims, when he considered very good librarians. 3

The Board offered the position to Miss Ingham, who had had twenty years of experience with the Cleveland Public Library and was, at the time, head of the Carnegie East Branch. Her home was at 1414 Euclid Avenue, Lakewood.

At the next meeting on September 28, Miss Ingham’s letter of acceptance was made a matter of record and she and Mr. Hopkins, the supervising architect, attended the Board meeting to discuss changes in the interior fixtures of the Library. In the meantime “the back part of the bakery of Mr. Jensen on Detroit between Lakeland and Westwood” was rented as an office and work room until the completion of the Library building. 7 Here most of the 10,000 books owned by the Library, when it opened on May 19, 1916, were cataloged and processed. An undated and unidentified newspaper clipping in the Library’s official scrap book describes a reception given by the Board of Education to celebrate the opening of the Library. In the receiving line were five members of the Board and the Librarian, Miss Ingham.

During the period from 1911 to 1914 the Board of

2 Board of Education, September 6, 1911, p. 60.
3 Ibid., September 6, 1911, p. 60.
Roena’s Pre-Library Office at 15611 Detroit
Edward Lippincott Tilton
Architect
1924
First expansion
Alexander C. Robinson III
Architect
PRIDE OF PLACE
BUILDING THE AMERICAN DREAM

ROBERT A.M. STERN
1921 Madison Branch established above beer and dance hall on Madison and Newman Avenues
1924 Madison Branch moves to storefront next to Mahall’s
1929 Permanent Madison Branch designed by Walker and Weeks dedicated
1956 Madison Branch expansion designed by Garfield, Harris, Robinson & Schafer
2022 Madison Branch renovation designed by HBM Architects
A Cleveland Legacy
The Architecture of Walker and Weeks

Eric Johennesen
SITE PLAN

1. Book Return
2. Madison Park Pool
3. Madison Park Playground
Richard Haas
Muralist