

Literary Landmarks (as of 10/14/12)

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Alabama

- **University of North Alabama** T.S. Stribling (1881-1965), was a graduate of State Normal College at Florence (1903) and Pulitzer Prize winner (1933) for *The Store*. Stribling writings, research materials, and memorabilia are located in the Collier Library Archives and Special Collections at the University of North Alabama. Dedicated November 16, 2006. Partners: University of North Alabama

California

- **The Beat Poets, City Lights Bookstore**, San Francisco, CA, 1992
- **Dashiell Hammett, John's Grill**, San Francisco, CA, 1997
- **Jack London, Heinhold's First and Last Chance Saloon**, Oakland, CA, 1998
- **891 Post Street** in San Francisco. Home of Dashiell Hammett and Sam Spade. Dashiell Hammett (1896-1961) lived in this building from 1926 until 1929 when he wrote his first three novels: *Red Harvest* (1929), *The Dain Curse* (1929), and *The Maltese Falcon* (1930). Sam Spade's apartment in *The Maltese Falcon* is modeled on Hammett's, which was on the northwest corner of the fourth floor. San Francisco, California. Dedicated March 19, 2005. Partners: The San Francisco Chronicle.
- **Mother Colony House** The Mother Colony House is the oldest frame building in Anaheim. It was here that Henryke Sienkiewicz resided with Madame Helena Modejeska in 1876. He is one of the most popular Polish writers and was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1905 for his outstanding merits as an epic writer. He is best known as the author of *Quo Vadis*. While in Anaheim he wrote *Lity z podrozy* ("Letters from a Journey") and was inspired to write two short stories about Orange County: "A Comedy of Errors" and "Orso: An American Hercules" (set in Anaheim). Dedicated June 29, 2008.

Colorado

- **Room 222, Strater Hotel**, Durango, Colo. Louis L'Amour (1908-1988) is renowned for his Western fiction. He wrote many novels and short stories in room 222 of the Strater Hotel, inspired by the strains of the honky tonk piano rising from the Diamond Belle Saloon below. Along with many other visits, for more than 10 years L'Amour, and often his family, spent the month of August in the hotel. Dedicated Aug. 25, 2012. Partners: Friends of the Durango Public Library, Rod and Laurie Barker, the Strater Hotel.
- **Thomas Hornsby Ferril house**, Denver, CO, 1993

Connecticut

- **Home of Maxwell E. Perkins**, 93 Park St., New Canaan, CT, 2002
- **Wethersfield** Wethersfield, CT, is the setting for Elizabeth George Speare's Newbery Award-winning book *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*. The novel tells the story of Kit Tyler, who is forced to leave her Caribbean home for the Connecticut colony in 1687, and is accused by the townspeople of being a witch. Speare lived in Wethersfield when she wrote the novel in 1958. Partner: Wethersfield Public Library. Dedicated March 26, 2009.

Florida

- **John D. MacDonald, Slip F18, Bahia Mar**, anchorage of Travis McGee's Busted Flush, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 1988
- **Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings house**, Cross Creek, FL, 1988
- **Walter Farley Wing**, Venice Area Public Library, Venice, FL, 1989

- **Stephen Crane house**, Daytona Beach, FL, 1989
- **Ernest Lyons house**, Sutart, FL, 1992
- **Elizabeth Bishop house**, Key West, FL, 1993
- **Jose Marti, San Carlos Institute**, Key West, FL, 1994
- **Harry S. Truman Little White House**, Key West, FL, 1994
- **Isaac Bashevis Singer apartment house**, Miami, FL, 1994
- **John Hersey house**, Key West, FL, 1995
- **Laura Riding Jackson cottage**, Vero Beach, FL, 1995
- **Robert Frost cottage**, Key West, FL, 1995
- **Wallace Stevens**, Key West, FL, 1996
- **Beluthahatchee**, where Woody Guthrie wrote the final draft of his autobiographical "Seeds of Man" and the ballad "Beluthahatchee Bill", Fruit Cove, FL, 2003
- **Tennessee Williams house**, residence of playwright Tennessee Williams from 1949 to 1983, Key West, FL. Dedicated January 16, 2004. Partners: Florida Center for the Book
- **Matilda Moseley Home** Site of the home of the childhood best friend of Zora Neale Hurston who, throughout her writings, celebrates the rich culture of Eatonville as representative of rural, southern African-descended folks. Eatonville, FL. Dedicated June 28, 2004. Partners: Black Caucus of the American Library Association
- **Evergreen Cemetery** in St. Augustine. Burial site of Randolph Caldecott (1846-1886). The Caldecott Medal, commissioned in 1938, was named in honor of English illustrator, artist, and sculptor Randolph Caldecott. It is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, American Library Association, to the artist of the "most distinguished" American picture book for children published during the preceding year. St. Augustine, Florida. Dedicated March 20, 2005. Partners: Friends of the Library of St. Johns County, Inc. and Randolph Caldecott Society of America.

Georgia

- **W.E.B. DuBois, Robert W. Woodruff Library**, Clark Atlanta University, GA, 1991
- **Margaret Mitchell Home and Museum**, Atlanta, GA, 2002
- **St. Simons Island Library**, where Eugenia Price researched her first novel, *The Beloved Invader*, and developed her St. Simon's trilogy, St. Simon's Island, GA, 2002
- **Casa Genotta, the Eugene O'Neill house**, where O'Neill lived with his wife from 1931 to 1936 during which time he completed two plays, *Ah Wilderness!* and *Days Without End*. Sea Island, GA. Dedicated February 27, 2004. Partners: St. Simons Island Public Library
- **Rome/Floyd County Library**. Ann Cornelisen, author of *Torregreca: Life, Death, and Miracles* and other works ardently and generously supported this library as a Friend of the Library and a benefactor from 1969 to 2003. Rome, GA. Dedicated November 12, 2004. Partners: The Friends of the Library and Sara Hightower Regional Library

Illinois

- **Carl Sandburg**, The Bridges of Chicago, Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL, 1990
- **Chicago Literary Scene, The Cliff Dwellers**, Chicago, IL, 1995
- **Ernest Hemingway Birthplace**, Oak Park, IL, 1999
- **Hall Branch of the Chicago Public Library** (associated with Richard Wright, Langston Hughes, Anna Bontemps, Gwendolyn Brooks, and Zora Neale Hurston), Chicago, IL, 2000
- **Union Stockyard Gate** This site commemorates the centennial of the novel *The Jungle*, by Upton Sinclair. The book exposed the unsanitary conditions of the meatpacking industry and is said to have influenced President Theodore Roosevelt in passing the Pure Food and Drug Act in 1906. The novel chronicles Jurgis Rudkus, a Lithuanian immigrant, in his quest for the American Dream in the filthy Chicago stockyards. Chicago, Illinois. Dedicated June 23, 2005. Partners: Illinois Center for the Book, the Lithuanian American Council, the Food and Drug Administration, Union Food and Commercial Workers, and the Weidman Family.

- **Handy Writers' Colony** *From Here to Eternity* author James Jones co-founded the Handy Writers' Colony (1949-1964) at the west edge of Marshall with his mentor Lowney Turner Handy and her husband, Harry. Jones wrote *Some Came Running* here before moving to New York and later to Paris and writing other books. Several other Colony writers completed and published novels during those years. The house Jones built at the edge of the Colony ground in 1953 still stands. Marshall, Illinois. Dedicated May 18, 2006. Partners: Marshall Friends of the Library, James Jones Literary Society, Clark County Historical Society, and Marshall Main Street Program.

Iowa

- **Herbert Hoover house**, West Branch, IA, 1991
- **Des Moines Public Library** Forrest Spaulding, Director of the Des Moines Public Library from 1917-1919 and again from 1927-1952, wrote the Library Bill of Rights adopted by the Des Moines Public Library Board November 21, 1938 and adopted by the America Library Association June 18, 1948. Dedicated April 22, 2006. Partners: Des Moines Public Library.

Kentucky

- **Robert Penn Warren Center**, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY, 1994

Louisiana

- **Beauregard-Keyes House**, New Orleans, La. Author Frances Parkinson Keyes made the house at 1113 Chartres St. her winter residence from 1945 until her death in 1970 at the age of 85. Of her 51 books, *The Chess Players* and *Madame Castel's Lodger* are set at the house and tell of its construction and early habitation. It was at the house that she wrote *Dinner at Antoine's*, her best known work. Dedicated June 27, 2011. Partner: Friends of the New Orleans Public Library.
- **Tennessee Williams house**, New Orleans, LA, 1988
- **William Faulkner house** (now a bookstore), New Orleans, LA, 1993
- **Sherwood Anderson's salon**, Pontalba Apartments, New Orleans, LA, 1998
- **Hotel Monteleone** (associated with Capote, Ford, Welty, Faulkner, Williams), New Orleans, LA, 1999
- **Lillian Hellman Home**, New Orleans, LA, 2002
- **Tennessee Williams House** Tennessee Williams owned this 19th-century townhouse from 1962 until his death in 1983. Here he worked on his autobiography, *Memoirs*, in which he wrote, "I hope to die in my sleep... in this beautiful big brass bed in my New Orleans apartment, the bed that is associated with so much love..." He always considered New Orleans his spiritual home. New Orleans, Louisiana. Dedicated June 2006. Partners: Friends of the New Orleans Public Library.

Maine

- **Maine Women Writers Collection**, Portland, ME, 1998

Massachusetts

- **Dr. Seuss National Memorial**, Springfield, MA, 2002
- **Boston Public Garden**. Here is where Robert McCloskey set his 1942 Caldecott Medal book *Make Way for Ducklings*. The classic children's book characters Mr. and Mrs. Mallard and their brood resided in the garden pond. While here they discovered the wonders of Boston and the kindness of the city's residents. Boston, MA. Dedicated January 16, 2005. Plaque to be installed May 8, 2005. Partners: Citywide Friends of the Boston Public Library, Books for Kids Foundation, and Historic Neighborhoods Foundation.
- **84 South Street**, Medford, MA Family home of poet, author, editor, and translator John Ciardi (1916-1986). Dedicated Oct. 29, 2005. Partners: The Friends of the Medford Public Library.
- **Jones Library**, Amherst, MA. The Jones Library originally dedicated its Frost Room in 1959, with Robert Frost and Charles Green, founding director of the Jones Library, in attendance.

Green started what is now one of the richest Frost collections in the world. Fifty years later, the Jones Library was dedicated a Literary Landmark in honor of Robert Frost. Dedicated Oct. 24, 2009. Partners: Friends of the Jones Library System and the Trustees of the Jones Library.

- **Boyhood Home of Stanley Kunitz**, Worcester, Mass. Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and Poet Laureate of the United States Stanley Kunitz (1905-2006) lived at this house at 4 Woodford St. from 1919-1925. Greg and Carol Stockmal, who purchased the house in 1979, maintained a 20-year relationship with Kunitz, who dedicated his poem "My Mother's Pears" to the Stockmals. Dedicated June 19, 2010. Partners: Worcester Public Library Board of Directors, Worcester County Poetry Association, Friends of Stanley Kunitz.

Michigan

- **Hackley Public Library**, Muskegon, Mich. Children's book author and storyteller Verna Aardema Vugteveen (1911-2000) used the Hackley Public Library to research folk tales from various cultures, which she rewrote as children's stories. She credited Hackley librarians for their invaluable help with her research. An elementary school teacher for more than 25 years, she was known as Muskegon's "Story Lady." Vugteveen is the author of *Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears*, which won the Caldecott Medal in 1976. Dedicated June 12, 2012. Partner: Friends of the Hackley Public Library.
- **Marguerite deAngeli Branch Library**, Lapeer, Mich. Marguerite deAngeli, an author and illustrator of children's books, was a Lapeer native. In 1950, she was awarded the Newbery Medal for *The Door in the Wall*. The main branch of the Lapeer City Library, which has an extensive collection of her materials, was renamed in her honor on Aug. 22, 1981. Dedicated Aug. 22, 2010. Partners: Lapeer District Library, Michigan Center for the Book.
- **McNichols Campus Library at the University of Detroit Mercy** in honor of Dudley Randall, founder of Broadside Press and Detroit poet laureate, Detroit, MI, 2001
- **Marquette County Courthouse** in honor of Michigan Judge John D. Voelker, author of *Anatomy of a Murder*, Marquette, MI, 2002
- **Theodore Roethke House**. Birthplace, childhood home, and lifelong inspiration for this Pulitzer prize-winning poet, esteemed teacher, and mentor. Saginaw, MI. Dedicated September 29, 2004. Partners: Michigan Center for the Book and the Library of Michigan
- **Curwood Castle** The writing studio of James Oliver Curwood in honor of his many books, stories, magazine articles, films, and his work with conservation. Dedicated June 1, 2006. Partners: Michigan Center for the Book, Friends of the Shiawassee District Library Owosso.
- **Idlewild Public Library** Idlewild is the Black Eden of 20th Century African-American history. It was the vacation destination for such writers as Charles Chestnutt, Zora Neale Hurston, Langston Hughes, and W. E. B. DuBois. At Idlewild, writers and entertainers created a separate place for African-American culture and thought to blossom in one of the few locations where African-American were welcome to vacation and relax. Partners: Idlewild Public Library, Library of Michigan, and the Michigan Center for the Book. Dedicated August 16, 2008.

Minnesota

- **481 Laurel Avenue**, the birthplace on September 24, 1896 of novelist F. Scott Fitzgerald, who is internationally renowned for such works as *The Great Gatsby*, *Tender is the Night*, and *This Side of Paradise*. Saint Paul, MN. Dedicated September 24, 2004. Partners: The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library
- **Betsy's House**, Mankato, Minn. The childhood home of Maud Hart Lovelace was dedicated along with the childhood home of her best friend, Frances "Bick" Kenney. Lovelace's series of Betsy-Tacy books was based on her and Bick's adventures growing up in Mankato. Dedicated May 20, 2010. Partner: Betsy-Tacy Society.
- **Tacy's House**, Mankato, Minn. The childhood home of Frances "Bick" Kenney was dedicated along with the childhood home of her best friend, Maud Hart Lovelace. Lovelace's series of Betsy-Tacy books was based on her and Bick's adventures growing up in Mankato. Dedicated May 20, 2010. Partner: Betsy-Tacy Society.

Mississippi

- **William Faulkner**, Rowan Oak, Oxford, MS, 1993
- **Jefferson Davis**, Beauvoir, home and Presidential Library, Biloxi, MS, 2001
- **St. George's Episcopal Church Rectory**, where the writings of Tennessee Williams were influenced by the people, land, and spirit of Mississippi's Delta, Clarksdale, MS, 2003
- **Bay St. Louis --** Hancock County Library, where Stephen E. Ambrose researched *Nothing Like It in the World: The Men Who built the Transcontinental Railroad, 1863-1869* and other titles, Bay St. Louis, MS, 2003
- **The Tennessee Williams Visitors Center** Author, playwright, and poet Thomas Lanier "Tennessee" Williams (1911-1983), was born in Columbus, Mississippi. In tribute to his life and writings, this site, formerly the rectory of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, was dedicated a Literary Landmark. Columbus, MS. Dedicated September 10, 2004. Partners: The Friends of the Columbus-Lowndes Public Library and the Tennessee Williams Tribute Committee
- **The William Johnson House in Natchez**, Mississippi. William Johnson (1809-1851) was a free African American Businessman and Diarist. His diary, covering the period from 1835-1851 and published in 1951, contains an extensive description of everyday pre-Civil War life; it is a valuable contribution to the literature of the antebellum South. Natchez, Mississippi. Dedicated February 26, 2005. Partners: United States Park Service, Friends of the Judge George W. Armstrong Library, and Friends of Mississippi Libraries.
- **B. S. Ricks Memorial Library** This library was dedicated a Literary Landmark in recognition of Willie Morris (1934-1999), a journalist, editor, author, and Mississippian. Dedicated November 10, 2006. Partners: Yazoo Library Association and Friends of Mississippi Libraries
- **Eudora Welty Library**, Jackson, MS. The Eudora Welty Library, part of the Jackson/Hinds Library System, was recognized as part of the Eudora Welty Centennial Celebration. Eudora Welty had a major role in Mississippi's library heritage, supported public libraries, and was a lifelong resident of Jackson. Dedicated June 22, 2009. Partners: Friends of Mississippi Libraries, the Jackson Friends of the Library, and the Mississippi Library Commission.

Missouri

- **Mark Twain Boyhood Home & Museum**, Hannibal, Mo. The Mark Twain Boyhood Home & Museum includes six properties that are on the National Register of Historic Places (including his boyhood home, which was built in the 1840s and opened to the public in 1912), and two interactive museums. Twain lived in Hannibal from age 4 to 17. The experiences that Samuel Clemens took from Hannibal became part of American culture through his writings as Mark Twain. Dedicated April 24, 2010. Partners: Missouri Humanities Council, ReadMOre Missouri, Hannibal Free Public Library.
- **Kate Chopin House** Novelist and short story writer Kate Chopin (1850-1904) lived in this house located at 4232 McPherson Avenue in St. Louis, Missouri, in the autumn of 1903. It was in this house that she wrote her last poem, "To the Friend of my Youth: To Kitty," and her last story, "The Impossible Miss Meadows." It was also in this house that she died of a cerebral hemorrhage on August 22, 1904. The house is the only existing St. Louis building associated with her life and work. Dedicated April 22, 2007. Partners: Friends of the Kirkwood Public Library and the Kate Chopin Society of North America (headquartered in the Kirkwood Public Library).

Nebraska

- **Willa Cather Prairie**, Highway 281, Red Cloud, NE, 1999

Nevada

- **Nevada State Library & Archives**, the site Robert Laxalt considered his second home while growing up in Carson City, NV, 2003

New Jersey

- **Albert Payson Terhune**, Sunnybank, Wayne, NJ, 1998

- **William Carlos Williams Home** Lifelong home of William Carlos Williams, writer, physician, friend, and neighbor. Rutherford, New Jersey. Dedicated September 17, 2005. Partners: Rutherford Free Public Library.
- **Dorothy Parker Birthplace** Site of the summer cottage of Dorothy Parker, short story writer, critic, and poet, member of the Algonquin Round Table, champion for social justice. Born in West End, New Jersey, August 22, 1893. West End, New Jersey. Dedicated August 22, 2005. Partners: The Dorothy Parker Society and Long Branch Historical Association.

New York

- **The Round Table Wits, Algonquin Hotel**, New York, NY, 1996
- **Kay Thompson, Plaza Hotel**, home of Eloise, New York, NY, 1998
- **Pete's Tavern**, haunt of O. Henry and Ludwig Bemelmans, New York, NY, 1999
- **Chumley's**, New York, NY, 2000
- **Margaret Wise Brown**, Bank Street College, New York, NY, 2001
- **Sunnyside**, home of Washington Irving, Tarrytown on the Hudson, NY, 2002
- **The Little Red Lighthouse**, inspiration for children's classic *The Little Red Lighthouse* and the *Great Gray Bridge*, New York City, NY, 2002
- **Central Children's Room**, Donnell Library Center, New York Public Library, home since 1987 of the original Winnie-the-Pooh stuffed bear and four of his companions -- Eeyore, Tigger, Piglet, and Kanga, New York City, NY, 2003

North Carolina

- **Walter Clinton Jackson Library**, University of North Carolina Greensboro, Greensboro, NC, 2002

Ohio

- **Louis Bromfield, Oak Hill Cottage, Shane's Castle** in *The Green Bay Tree*, Mansfield, OH, 2000

- **Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library**, Cleveland Ohio. Best known for his American Splendor series, Harvey Pekar (1939-2010) spent countless days at Heights Libraries, working on stories that celebrated his hometown and the common man. Pekar's efforts raised the comic book to a recognized genre. Partners: Heights Libraries, Friends of the Heights Libraries. Dedicated Oct. 14, 2012.



Oklahoma

- **Woody Guthrie birthplace**, Okemah, OK, 2001
- **Ralph Waldo Ellison Branch of the Metropolitan Library System**, Oklahoma City, OK, 2002
- Territorial Community of Claremore, birthplace of playwright and poet Lynn Riggs and the setting of Riggs' *Green Grow the Lilacs*, the play that became the Broadway musical *Oklahoma*, Claremore, OK, 2003
- **Marshall**, Oklahoma home of Angie Debo (1890-1988), daughter of sodbusters, courageous scholar, first lady of Oklahoma history. This town served as the subject of *Prairie City*, Debo's literary gift to her family and community. Marshall, OK. Dedicated April 17, 2004. Partners: Oklahoma State University Library and Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma, FOLIO
- **Oklahoma State University Library**. The home of the literary papers of Angie Debo (1890-1988), daughter of sodbusters, noted author, courageous scholar, champion for justice, passionate advocate for Native American rights, and first lady of Oklahoma history. Stillwater, OK. Dedicated October 1, 2004. Partners: Oklahoma State University Library and Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma, FOLIO
- **McAlester, Oklahoma** The birthplace on October 25, 1914 of John Berryman, poet and biographer, honored with the Pulitzer Prize, National Book Award, and Bollingen Prize.

McAlester, Oklahoma. Dedicated October 21, 2005. Partners: Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma, FOLIO.

- **Sequoyah's Cabin** This historic log cabin, built by Sequoyah's own hands, was the home of Sequoyah, the Cherokee genius who developed the syllabary that brought literacy to his people. Dedicated October 6, 2006. Partners: Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma, FOLIO
- **Will Rogers Museum** Will Rogers wrote to entertain, to enlighten, and to educate. His words were stilled far too soon. The site on which the museum now resides was purchased by Will and Betty Rogers to build their Oklahoma home. It is on a bluff overlooking Claremore. The museum was built as a gift of the people of Oklahoma in memory of their native son. Dedicated October 26, 2007. Partners: Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma (FOLIO) and the Cherokee Nation.
- **Osage Tribal Museum**, Pawhuska, OK. John Joseph Mathews worked to preserve the culture and history of his Osage tribute through his writing. He authored four nonfiction books and one fiction book in his lifetime, including *Wah'Kon-Tah: The Osage and the White Man's Road* (1932), which was the first university press book selected by the Book-of-the-Month Club, and sold 50,000 copies. Dedicated Nov. 17, 2009. Partners: Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma and Osage Nation.
- **Tahlequah Public Library**, Tahlequah, Okla. Woodrow Wilson Rawls (1913-1984) was the author of two children's books: *Where the Red Fern Grows* and *Summer of the Monkeys*. Rawls' early childhood was spent on his mother's Cherokee allotment 13 miles northeast of Tahlequah, along the Illinois River in Cherokee County. Rawls visited the Carnegie Library in Tahlequah when he was young. He wrote, "The day I discovered libraries was one of the biggest days of my life. Practically all of my spare time was spent there. I read everything I could get my hands on pertaining to creative writing. I didn't just read those books, I practically memorized them." Dedicated April 30, 2011. Partners: Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma, Tahlequah Friends of the Library, and the Cherokee Heritage Center of Tahlequah.

Pennsylvania

- **Edgar Allan Poe house**, Philadelphia, PA, 1988
- **Marianne Moore room**, Rosenbach Museum & Library, Philadelphia, PA, 1995
- Edgar Allen Poe And Charles Dickens, "Grip" the Raven, Rare Books Department, Free Library of Philadelphia, PA, 1999
- **The Library Company of Philadelphia**, America's first subscription library started by Benjamin Franklin, Philadelphia, PA, 2003
- **American Philosophical Society Library**: Home of the Col. Richard Gimbel Collection of Thomas Paine Papers An important 18th century radical republican theorist and political writer, Thomas Paine was a leading figure in the American Revolution. Despite his humble beginnings and lack of formal education, his reasoned and persuasive writings not only influenced nascent American republican ideology, but profoundly affected the perception of government in England and France as well. His three most influential works are *Common Sense* (1776), *The Rights of Man* (1791-1792), and *The Age of Reason* (1794, 1795, 1807). Philadelphia, PA. Dedicated January 14, 2008.

South Carolina

James Dickey, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, 1999

Tennessee

- **Richard Wright**, Cossitt Library, Memphis, TN, 1998

Texas

- **O. Henry House and Museum**, Austin, TX, 1999
- **Menger Hotel** (associated with Oscar Wilde, O. Henry, and Theodore Roosevelt), San Antonio, TX, 2000
- **Katharine Anne Porter home**, Kyle, TX, 2002
- **Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building**, Austin, TX. Noted Texas authors, including James Michener, Walter Prescott Webb, and Jack "Jaxon" Jackson used the state

archives for research and inspiration. Former U.S. and Texas First Lady Laura Bush spoke at the building's dedication. Dedicated Dec. 3, 2009. Partners: Friends of Libraries & Archives in Texas and Texas Center for the Book.

- **Mansfield Public Library**, Mansfield, Texas. John Howard Griffin lived on a farm in Mansfield during the time he conducted the social experiment chronicled in his book author of *Black Like Me*. He darkened his skin in the fall of 1959 and lived as a black man for seven weeks while traveling through Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, and Alabama. *Black Like Me* has been translated into 14 languages and has sold more than 10 million copies. Dedicated Feb. 27, 2011. Partners: Friends of the Mansfield Public Library.

Virginia

- **Wyndham Robertson Library**, Hollins University, Roanoke, VA, 1999
- **The Langhorne House** In tribute to the lives and accomplishments of Irene Langhorne Gibson (1873-1956, "The Gibson Girl") and Nancy Langhorne Astor (1879-1964, "Lady Astor"), and their families, this site was dedicated a Literary Landmark. Danville, VA. Dedicated September 18, 2004. Partners: Friends of the Danville Public Library and the Langhorne House Foundation
- **Bland Cemetery**, Jordan's Point, Prince George County, Virginia. The burial site of revolutionary patriot and pamphleteer Richard Bland (1710-1776) who, as political pamphleteer, constitutional historian, scholar, attorney, and public servant championed public rights and represented Virginia in the First and Second Continental Congresses and in all five of Virginia's Revolutionary Conventions. Prince George County, Virginia. Dedicated October 23, 2005. Partners: Friends of Richard Bland College Library at Richard Bland College of the College of William and Mary.

Washington, D.C.

- **Sterling Brown, Founders Library**, Howard University, Washington, DC, 1997
- **Library of Congress, Jefferson Building**, Washington, DC, 1998
- **Frederick Douglass National Historic Site** The Frederick Douglass National Historic Site preserves the last residence of Frederick Douglass (1818 -1895), one of the most prominent African-American leaders of the 19th century. A fiery orator, dedicated editor, bestselling author, and presidential advisor, Douglass crusaded for human rights as an abolitionist, a strong advocate for women's suffrage, and a voice for social justice. From 1877 until his death in 1895, Douglass lived at the estate he called Cedar Hill, located in the Anacostia neighborhood of Washington, D.C. Daily tours of the Douglass Home are offered and a visitor center provides an orientation film, exhibits, and a bookstore. Dedicated June 24, 2007. Partners: National Park Service, Gilder Lehrman Center, and the Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association.

West Virginia

- **Pearl S. Buck Birthplace** Pearl S. Buck (1892-1973) was the only American woman to win both the Pulitzer Prize (1932 for her book *The Good Earth*) and the Nobel Prize for Literature (1938). This world-renowned author has written more than 100 books and hundreds of short stories and magazine articles. Her books have been translated into 69 foreign languages. Hillsboro, West Virginia. Dedicated June 25, 2005.
- **Charles C. Wise, Jr. Library, West Virginia University** The writings and personal papers of Louise McNeill, poet laureate of West Virginia from 1977 to 1993, are housed in the West Virginia and Regional History Collection. McNeill is beloved for her depiction of West Virginia's life and lore in *Paradox Hill*, the historical *Gauley Mountain* and *Elderberry Flood*, and the autobiographical *Milkweed Ladies*. Dedicated October 2006. Partners: West Virginia University Libraries

Wisconsin

- **Waldemar Ager House**, Eau Claire, WI, 1999