Assessed valuation........ $6,793,605
Total population.......... 27,980
White population........ 16,979

The Lancaster Public Library began county library service through cooperation with W.P.A. in 1936. With the aid of the F.W.A a library building was erected on county property, and opened to the public in February 1937. A county appropriation of $6,000 was voted for that year, and a trained librarian took charge. A bookmobile was secured at this time through W.P.A. rental and the first adequate countywide service began. The staff is supplemented by W.P.A. workers.

The Kelsey Library (Negro) is under the county system and is supervised by the county librarian. The majority of the books in this library were given by Harvey D. Kelsey (Washington, D.C.), a Negro philanthropist. From this library deposits are made to all schools in the county. A trained worker paid from the Negro school fund is in charge of this library. This woman is assisted by a Negro girl who is a W.P.A. worker.

Library Statistics

Bookstock ........... 15,211
Borrowers........... 7,416
Circulation......... 274,420
Tax: One mill secured in 1937