

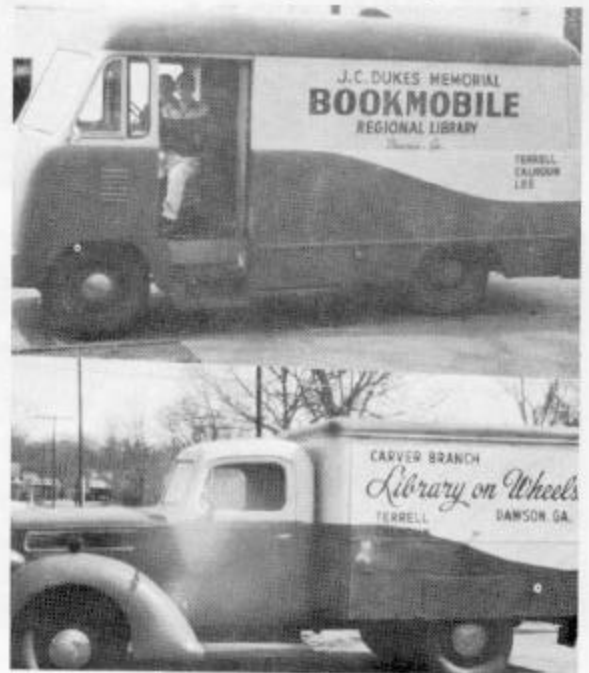
REGIONAL LIBRARY



Former Dawson Library—Miss Pet Cheatham, Librarian



Staff of Regional Library



The present Regional Library was originated by the Wednesday Afternoon Club in 1907. Through their efforts it became a Carnegie Library and opened in the present building October 8, 1914, the first Library opened to both Town and County. Miss Pet Cheatham continued as Librarian and the Library Association was formed to maintain it. Under the WPA, Mrs. Claude Rutherford with her car as bookmobile began serving the County, later using a Bookmobile made from a pick-up truck by the Ford Company, which is still in use. In 1953 the County Commissioners, County Board of Education and City of Dawson made it possible to have a two county Regional Library with Calhoun joining and adding funds. In 1954 Lee County joined. The Estate of the late J. C. Dukes furnished a new Bookmobile to serve the three counties. Mrs. Gussie Griggs Raines serves as President of Regional Board.

Given by James Griggs Raines honoring the Raines Family