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# Akron, Mentone libraries expand

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The libraries in both Akron and Mentone — the only two public libraries located within Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation — took giant steps forward this week.

In Akron, ground was broken Sunday for a \$1.8 million expansion of the 1915 Carnegie library built for 10,000 books but now housing 27,500 volumes in addition to audio, video and computers. On hand for the occasion was Rep. William Friend, who reminded patrons that, in the computer age, libraries do more than house books.

On Monday, a ribbon cutting ceremony officially opened the new Bell Memorial Library, named in honored of Mentone native and aviation pioneer Lawrence D. Bell. Located in the former Frank Manufacturing Company building, the library will share space with a senior center and a day care.



**NOW OPEN** On hand for Monday's ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Bell Memorial Library were the architect, members of the Chamber of Commerce, past and present library staff members, Friends of the Library, town council members and other interested

persons. Located in a totally revamped building once occupied by Frank Manufacturing Company, the library shares space with a senior citizen center and a day care and still has room for expansion.

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**KEYNOTE** Bill Friend spoke at the ground breaking ceremony for Akron's new library expansion. His speech praised Akron and its library.

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### Earth Prot...

In a performance at Akron Elementary School in the Fulton County District, the Earth Protectors reminded students of the importance of reusing, recycling and saving to save the planet.

### Band perform...

Accompanied by the Akron Symphony Orchestra, the band performed at the Tippecanoe Valley School recently.

### Exotic ani...

Larry and Cheryl recently brought home a pair of honey bear cubs from the World of Animals School through the Support Group. This year we can white nose honey bear, baboon, an African serval.

### Arbor Day...

Arbor Day for students on...



High school senior shot by...