

Library moves a few feet

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Major A. A. Miller looks through the books at the new Wheatley branch library with the retiring Oxfordshire County Librarian, Miss Mary Stanley-Smith.

WHEATLEY branch library reopened yesterday only a few feet away from the old premises.

It moved to a more versatile room in the Merry Bells with its own street entrance and now has a new range of library books.

There to greet the first visitors was Miss Mary Stanley-Smith, who retired yesterday after 37 years as Oxfordshire County Librarian.

When Miss Stanley-Smith took over, there were no branch libraries or mobile units. Now the county has 28 branches, seven mobile libraries and three school vans.

Wheatley branch opened in the Merry Bells 12 years ago and now has about 3,000 books under Mrs N. Jones, the librarian.

Major A. A. Miller officially unlocked the library door yesterday and Mr Peter Spicer, chairman of the Oxfordshire Library Committee, paid tribute to Miss Stanley-Smith. Miss Elizabeth Mavor, the Garsington novelist, talked about her work.