



Carrie Westlake WHITNEY

Carrie Westlake Whitney (d. 1934) was the founding librarian of the Kansas City Public Library. Appointed head librarian in 1881, she advocated for children's literacy, abolished user fees, and oversaw the expansion of the Library's collection from roughly 1,000 to 100,000 volumes. In 1901, she was elected president of the Missouri Library Association. Carrie remained head librarian until 1910. She also penned the three-volume work *Kansas City, Missouri: The History and Its People 1808-1908*, the most comprehensive history of Kansas City up to that time.