



Above: Ann Comer on her last day of work at the Main Library (photo by Kerry Cronin)

Ann attended Penn State University where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry. Part of her undergraduate course work included a class on library orientation. Upon completing her degree Ann went to work at GAF for five years where she was required to perform her own literature searches for all of the projects she worked on. Ann and her husband Joe returned to Penn State (where they had met) so that Joe could complete his Master's Degree. After Ann and Joe had been married for 8 years and were expecting their first child, Ann left the workforce to raise her family. In 1962 the Comer family moved to Concord. When Ann's youngest child was fifteen she started volunteering at the library, which evolved into a part-time position at six hours per/week. She describes her strengths as steady, well organized, having an affinity for people and books, reading a lot, and enjoying her colleagues and the public. When asked what she has enjoyed the most during her time at the Concord Free Public Library, Ann replied, "Every bit of it." Ann has two sons and two daughters, as well as seven grandchildren spanning in age from 11 to 26. *(Bio provided by Ann Comer for the 2011 staff recognition ceremony)*