

# Historical Highlights

1971

First chapter established - Delaware Valley Chapter (Philadelphia area)

1972

Non-profit status granted by Internal Revenue Service

1974

CSLA entered Library of Congress Cataloging-in-Publication program

1975

CSLA entered International Standard Book Number system

1976

Three categories of annual awards established:

- Outstanding Congregational Librarian
- Outstanding Congregational Library
- Outstanding Contribution to Church or Synagogue Libraries

1977

- Pennsylvania state tax-exempt status granted
- Tenth anniversary celebrated at annual conference in Dallas, TX

1978

Membership passed 1,000

1982

Membership passed 1,500

1983

Helen Keating Ott Award for Outstanding Contribution to Children's Literature added to list of annual awards (first given on a one-year basis in 1980)

1987

- Executive Director position established
- Twentieth anniversary celebrated at annual conference in Haverford, PA
- CSLA office moved from Philadelphia to Portland, OR
- Oregon state tax-exempt status granted
- Pat Tabler Memorial Scholarship Award established for new or starting anew congregational librarians

1988

CSLA incorporated in the state of Oregon, legally becoming "Church and Synagogue Library Association, Inc."

1989

Contributing memberships established

1990

- Tax-exempt status established for new corporation, "Church and Synagogue Library Association, Inc."
- *Church and Synagogue Libraries* journal given new look with color and format changes, including the addition of an index to each issue

1992

25th anniversary celebrated at annual conference in Lansing, MI

1993

Executive Director position dissolved

1994

Executive Secretary position reinstated

1996

- Financial Assistant position established
- Publishers Liaison position established

1997

- 30th anniversary celebrated at annual conference in Valley Forge, PA
- Conference host Delaware Valley Chapter had a commemorative quilt made, depicting all chapters and affiliates. The quilt was displayed at the next ten conferences.
- Executive Secretary position dissolved
- Administrator position established

1999

Office Assistant position established

2001

University of Utah Librarianship Course was turned over to CSLA to administer

2002

Coordinator of Archives established

2005

CSLA purchased the copyright for *The Church Librarian's Handbook* from the author, Betty McMichael

2006

Journal redesigned and renamed from *Church & Synagogue Libraries* to *Congregational Libraries Today*

2007

- 40th anniversary celebrated at annual conference in King of Prussia, PA
- 30th anniversary quilt retired from display and returned to the Delaware Valley Chapter where it originated