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Historical timeline of West Allis Memorial Hospital

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History of West Allis Memorial Hospital

Aug. 6, 1961, grand opening  
One year later, received accreditation  
1971: 51 beds added, bringing total to 296  
Ronald W. Labott served as Administrator from 1970-1993  
1997 merged with Aurora Health Care  
1997 became an all-private room facility following one of numerous expansions and renovations  
Six-floor Women’s Pavilion will open in 2002

History of Library

Originally, volunteers provided some library services  
Mid-1978 a professional librarian was hired for 12 hours/week  
Dec. 1980 position was expanded to 20 hours/week  
PC obtained in 1987; began DOCLINE use the same year.  
Librarian’s hours increased to 23 in 1987; hours reduced to 20 in 1996 during hospital-wide 15% reduction.  
Library moved within the hospital to slightly larger areas in 1983 and 1997.  