



Located in the community of Oakton at the intersection of Vale and Fox Mill Roads, the Vale School/Community House was built as a one-room school circa 1884 on nearly two acres of land. It reopened as a Community House by the Vale Home Demonstration Club in 1935. The club purchased the property in 1938 becoming the first home demonstration club in Fairfax County to own its own building. The Vale School/Community House is still owned and maintained by the women of the Vale community. In 2009 Vale Club proudly celebrated the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Vale Home Demonstration Club.

On October 11, 1934, the Vale Home Demonstration Club was formed by Mrs. Florence Jodzies (1887-1969). Although Mrs. Jodzies never served as president of Vale Club, she served in leadership positions beyond the club level, first as the vice president of the Fairfax County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs, as an officer of the Virginia Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, and later as the state library chairman. As the Federation's Library Chairman, Mrs. Jodzies developed and encouraged the library work of the Federation so successfully that by 1937, all counties in Virginia where Home Demonstration projects were conducted, were sponsoring an active club library program. At the national level, she was called upon to testify before the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the U. S. House of Representatives regarding Virginia's Home Demonstration program in a successful bid to obtain government funding for the Third Triennial Meeting of the Associated Country Women of the World in 1936.



Vale School-Community House

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