

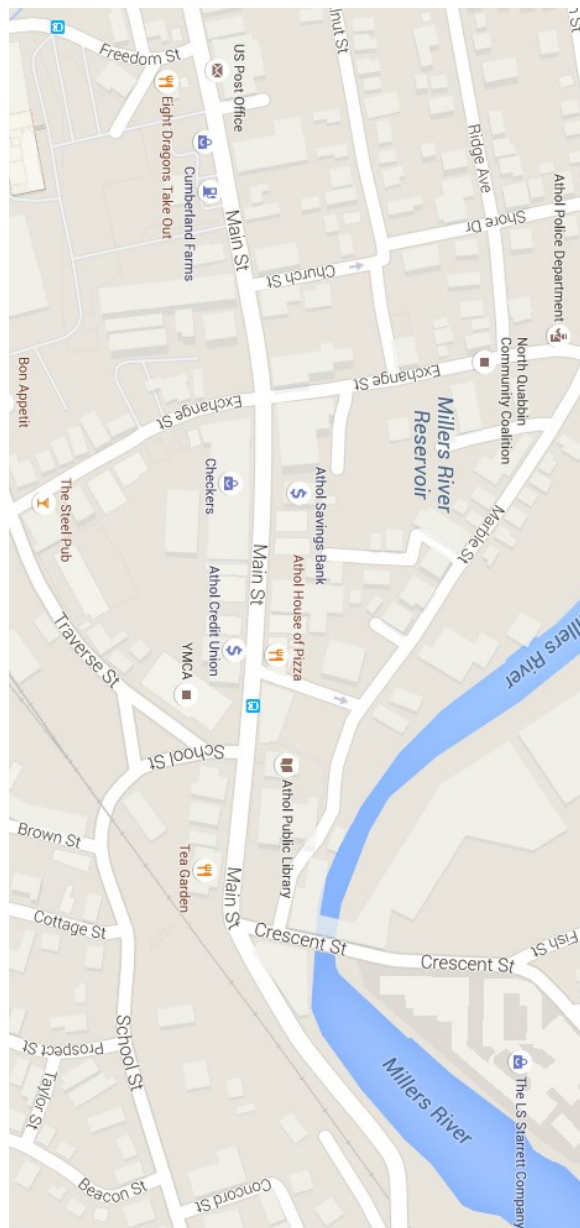


Thanks to Mr. Carnegie,
We have the Athol Public Library.
They have plenty of books, computers, magazines,
and DVDs.
If you need help, just ask one of the friendly
employees.

Step inside to find a special book.
The computer's the first place you should look.
Search for the book, *The March of Democracy*.
It's blue and labeled "973".

You'll find the book occupied
By many things we put inside.
Use the stamp to stamp below
And in the notebook leave your "hello".

Well done!
You're number one!



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TOOL TOWN QUEST



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YOUR QUEST BEGINS AT THE FRONT OF THE ATHOL PUBLIC LIBRARY...

Keep to the left as you go out the library front door.

This is going to be fun, it won't be a bore.

Don't go off track,
You must go left past the smokestack.

Mr. Starrett started with a tool shop small,
Now there are buildings large and tall.
Soon Starrett's company this country outgrew,
Now he has factories in Brazil and Scotland, too.



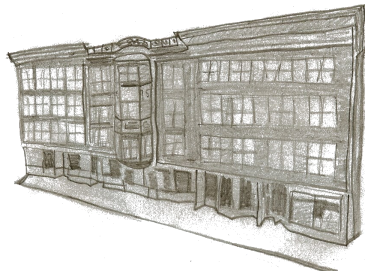
If you go down the street, there's a red museum.
There's cool stuff inside. If you peek in, you can see them.
If you look to the right of the big waterfall,
You'll see the marks they made when the water rose tall.

On Mr. Starrett you must now turn your back,
Then you must retrace your track.
When you get back to the library, cross Main Street,
For fun, the big building on the corner can't be beat.

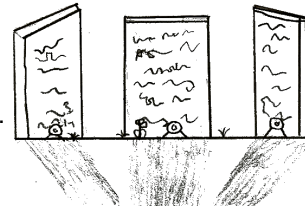


Open the door and go on in. It's the YMCA,
A place where people can stay.
Mr. Starrett donated the land
And the building was put up just as planned.

When first opened it was just for men,
Only on Tuesdays were girls allowed in.
First a machine shop, now a fun facility
Where we have a place to exercise in the city.



On the way out take the side door,
But only if you want to quest some more.
Don't turn around, don't reverse,
The street you want to cross is Traverse.



The next stop is marked by eleven stones gray,
A reminder of the soldiers who fought night and day.
They fought for their country, for me and for you.
They fought brave and true in Vietnam, Korea, and World War II.



Go back across the street; go back the way you came.

Go up the hill until you find a station for a train.

Ok, I guess we lied a bit. The train stops here no more.

Now, it's a bus depot with only one floor.

Once a restaurant, but the top floor caught fire,
Now we only have the ground floor to admire.
If you look at the roof you'll see a weathervane.
If you look even closer, you'll see it's a train.

Across South Street and down the stairs,
Look for a red building that used to sell tables and chairs.
Going out of the parking lot, right is your next direction,
Go towards the intersection.

Straight ahead, the Pequoig building is tall and thick,
Its walls are made of red brick.
In 1894, half of the hotel was turned 90 degrees,
The workers will tell you it wasn't a breeze.
The hotel was turned to make way for a road.
When it was finished the population would explode!

Now push the walk button to cross Main Street,
This quest is not yet complete.

Cross Exchange St. if you want to walk some more.
Or go the other way to where there are books galore.

If you decide to take a longer hike,
There is a place to see that I'm sure you'll like.

On Main Street you'll go west,
Past shops, homes, and a church to continue this quest.

You'll pass a building with a bell tower
Where young minds struggled to flower.
This school is now a place of nature studies
Where you can learn about your woodland buddies.



Go to the park where the paths are ground stone
And where people put plants that are homegrown.
To this park the Millers River is very near
It's named for Alan Rich, who served his town for many a year.

As a selectman, Mr. Rich was really fine.
Learn more about him from the sign.
Then retrace your steps and go east,
Your quest has not yet ceased.
We are almost done, except
You still have to go where the books are kept.
Go back up Main Street.
Soon you can rest your tired feet.

...continues on other side of the flap!