

Yakima Public Library

YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

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HON. AL MOGREN, CHAIRMAN
LIVING MEMORIAL COMMITTEE,
YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Mogren:

The Board of Trustees of the Yakima Public Library submits to your committee a plan for a new library building as a fitting Living Memorial to Yakima's war heroes, both to those who will return and those who will not.

Such a building would be a fitting memorial for the following reasons:

Our men have been fighting for Democratic ideals. A library would be one way to meet those ideals in that it appeals to all classes, colors, races and creeds with no entrance fees, examinations or other requirements. Books have been No. 1 on the list of requests by those who have already returned.

An informed people, kept up to date through library facilities will be better able to meet the problems of the day and have a more thorough understanding of the international effort now being made to prevent future wars.

The combined resources of the city and rural libraries will be sufficient to properly operate a plant that will be adequate to meet all reasonable demands.

The tentative program which the board has in mind is:

A building costing approximately \$250,000.00 on the present site with 100 feet additional space on the North.

The building to face "A" street with full basement, heating plant, unloading space, book processing and mending facilities, lecture hall including projection room.

The first floor to be occupied by the adult and children's reading rooms, stocks and offices.

Second floor to accommodate an art gallery, room for historical material of local interest assembled by the pioneers and the historical society.

Yakima has reached a stage of development which calls for a building dedicated to such cultural use. The beauty

and dignity which would result from such an enterprise would be a decided asset to the community and the people would be proud of such a Living Memorial.

We have as yet no detail plans nor specifications but would be glad to supply any information which the committee might need in considering this suggestion.

Respectfully submitted,

YAKIMA PUBLIC LIBRARY

President of the Board

Secretary

Members