

Information About The Building

1956 -- Joint bond issues of \$400,000 each for the City of Yakima and Yakima County unincorporated area totaling \$800,000 were passed at the general election in November.

No incorporated cities or towns were taxed or contributed to the cost of this building, even though they were a part of the regional system. These communities provide and maintain their own library quarters.

1957 -- Ground breaking ceremony, November 6, 1957.

1959 -- Building dedicated, January 11, 1959.

ARCHITECTS -- John Villesvik and Maurice R. Smith, Yakima

General Contractor -- Gilbert Moen, Yakima

Color Consultant -- Carl Braune

Building Consultant -- Bernard Van Horne

The building was built and completely furnished within the bond funds.

SIZE --	42,960 square feet:	17,600 First floor	CONSTRUCTION COST -- \$698,008.00
	(Cost/sq. ft. \$15.90	17,600 Basement	General Contractor 439,599.00
	including sales tax	2,720 Mezzanine	*Heating Contractor 169,242.00
	& architect's fee)	5,040 Garage	(including air-conditioning)

FURNISHING COST:

Furniture & Equipment	\$99,745.00	Electrical Contrac- 44,387.00
Major furniture & equipment	92,284.00	tor
Minor equipment & supplies	7,461.00	Architect's fee 44,291.00
Steel shelving: Ames	11,400.00**	Landscaping 489.00
Remington		
Rand	15,633.00	*Heating is gas and/or oil -
Millwork	31,000.00**	easily convertible

**Included in general contract -- includes all wood shelving and built-ins and Main and Children's Room desks.

FURNITURE:

Library furniture by Remington Rand

Informal furniture:

Popular Library	Jens Risom
Reading areas	Dux
Chairs - Boys & Girls	
Library	Knoll
Board Room	Knoll
Librarian's Office	Jens Risom and Knoll
Staff Room	Modern Lounge & Herman Miller (tables & chairs)
Auditorium seating	Herman Miller
Window Shades	Thru-Vu Vertical Blind Corp.

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The building is a class "A" reinforced concrete framed building with flat first floor slabs, prestressed concrete roof beams and columns, and precast concrete roof slabs. Exterior materials are brick, zolatone sprayed concrete beams and columns; porcelain enameled panels with aluminum and granite trim. Roof has a 20-year bond and copper flashings.

Interior finishes are brick, painted plaster, custom vinyl plastic floor tiles, steel door frames and birch millwork.

Lighting fixtures are fluorescent with plastic diffusion.

Sprinkler alarm system throughout building except over book stacks. Fire wall and fire doors between the garage and the main building.

The two low wings and the rear work area are built to carry the weight of a second story; the elevator shaft is also built to add another floor.

Garage capable of housing four bookmobiles and three station wagons.

Arrangement of public service areas within the building was designed to enable the staff to give maximum service as easily as possible. A general feeling of openness and maximum visibility from one area to another were overall considerations.

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The Yakima Valley Regional Library serves a population of 130,115 in Yakima City and County. The Board of Trustees is a seven-member board -- three city, three county, and one at-large. There are sixteen community libraries in the regional system of which eight are in incorporated towns. Each of these has its own library board or library committee. Their librarians are appointed from the community by joint approval of the local board and the Regional Library board. The Regional Library pays all salaries and gives supervisory and consultant services; provides books and other materials and centralized cataloging and processing.

Basic collections are maintained in all community libraries supplemented by monthly shipments on a rotating basis. Special requests are filled from the central building.

Bookmobiles serve all county elementary schools and all city elementary schools except those within walking distance of the central building; school stops are every three weeks; adult stops every two weeks. Evening stops are added in the summer for the convenience of patrons. Books are left at all fire stations on a rotation basis.