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TRUSTEES, AND STAFF OF THE CORNELIUS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Cornelius Public Library History

The Cornelius Public Library was organized in 1913. A small building was rented and people donated books. In 1954 the library the library moved into the present building which was enlarged in 1963 to accommodate more fire trucks and rescue equipment. Up to December 1979, the library was open 20 hours a week. It is now open 54 hours a week and is staffed by a full-time professional librarian and a library aide.

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The planned library building is for 3,000 sq.ft. which the architects have determined to cost approximately \$50 per sq.ft. The shelving and furnishings are estimated to cost \$30,000. the total estimated cost is \$180,000. We are requesting 50% or \$90,000, which the city of Cornelius will match with a like amount.

According to the Washington County Community Library Association, in 1979 the West Slope Community Library added 10,400 ft. of shelving at a cost of \$.66 per sq. ft. With the cost inflated 10% a 1981 cost for shelving should be \$.72 per sq.ft.. The Shelving would have to be all new as the shelving we have now has been gutted by termites. We have rid ourselves of the bugs but the shelves are still rickety, as are 5 of our 10 chairs, plus one of our two tables. We need at least 15,000 sq. ft. of shelving at an estimated cost of \$10,800.00. In addition we need 7,000 sq.ft. of specially designed shelves for the children's and art sections which will cost \$4,900.

FURNISHINGS

We need at least 5 new tables at a cost of \$75.00 each total \$375.00. Also 35 new chairs at a cost of \$20.00 ea. total \$700.00, plus 10 comfortable chairs for reading, etc., at \$175.00 ea. total \$1,175.00. A main circulation desk at \$2,600. 2 tall swivel chairs for the main desk at \$85.00 each total \$170.00. 2 newspaper racks at \$64.00ea. \$128.00. 8 study carrels at \$261.00ea. total \$2,088.00. A 5 drawer file cabinet at 259.60. A 3 drawer file cabinet at 192.94. 3 Kik stools at 26.00 ea. total \$78.00. 2 bookcarts at \$142.00ea. total \$284.00. 2 Record browser & storage units \$608.00. 4 Bean bag chairs at \$22.00 ea. total \$88.00. 1 large swivel chair at \$199.95. 2 steno chairs at \$120.00 ea. total \$240.00. 3 paperback island units at \$319.00 ea. total \$957. A 4 tier record carrousel for the children's section \$249.00. A dictionary stand \$85.00. Atlas stand \$465.00. Locking glass display cases at \$1,500.00. The remainder is for the essential furnishings which are needed but have to be specially designed and constructed for the specific library.

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The city of Cornelius already own the land where the planned library site is located. The library will be part of a civic center which will be constructed in several stages. The architectural firm of Brun, Moreland and Christopher has been hired to design the center. The library will be located on the corner of Barlow St. and 14th Ave., directly across from the Cornelius Grade School. The master plan is being prepared and as soon as we hear from the Meyer Foundation we will then move ahead on the detailed plans and specifications and begin building the library. For the past five years we have been setting money aside towards the construction of the new library. With the escalating costs of building materials and labor we cannot afford it with just our funds. The Cornelius Library has grown beyond all expectations. The average monthly books and materials circulation until December 1979 was 358. As of July 1980 the average monthly circulation of books and materials was 1,610. In 1979 the total circulation for the year was ^{5,261}8,806. As of July 31, 1980 the circulation so far this year is 7,796. Since Dec. 79, 287 families have joined the library. The amount of books added to the collection since Dec. 1979 is 4,500. In order to fit those in, others had to be weeded out. Even with drastic weeding we still have the shelves crammed full and we have boxes sitting around with books in them. We presently have a one room library with only one door and as it is now it's not up to code. A handicapped person could get in the door but no further because we are so crowded. In a 550 sq. ft. room we have 2 tables, 10 chairs, a desk and a chair and a typing desk, almost 400 ft. of shelving and 10,506 books; not to mention magazines, newspapers, cassettes, talking books for children and patterns (sewing). During storytime, the children have to sit in the doorway and in the entry area of the library. During the summer reading program we tried to squeeze 78 children in but couldn't so we ended up using the council chambers which is only a little bigger and next to the Building Department office and 78 children are noisy.

The library does not have its own bathroom or drinking fountain and children must be escorted through the fire hall, past the trucks and equipment to get to them. Which means leaving the library unattended while you wait for the children so they don't get lost or stop to play on the trucks and get hurt or break something. Not only is there not enough room to hold storytimes, craft times or even have a speaker but the larger men and women have a difficult time because of the close bookstacks, they cannot stoop down to get books on the bottom shelf, a problem faced by our older patrons too. We have a work room of 36 sq. ft. there is no table to work on so all cataloging, typing, mending and book processing must be done out at one of the two tables in the library itself.

The plans for the new library solve many of our problems. By having a new building we would be up to code and not have only one door and not enough space for the handicapped. We would have our own restrooms so that the people wouldn't have to run through the fire hall to get to them. The children will have their own area apart from the rest of the library where they can sit on the floor and read, or use tables to color and learn crafts and they can participate in storytime without being in the way. The planned story area is a corner story "pit" with steps down in for seating. In the corner is the puppet stage and the design lends itself to much child involvement. The solar greenhouse will be near the children's section. We plan to use as much solar energy design as possible.

The reference section will be adjacent to the main circulation desk, so that one person can handle the patron flow as well as the reference questions. There will be a listening room which will be for patrons to use while listening to tapes of meetings, instead of disturbing the whole library as they do now. There will also be a typewriter available in this room for public use.

The adult sections include a fiction and new books section. The nonfiction section will contain tables and chairs, lending itself to study as well as

browsing. The study carrels will be along the perimeter of the library for private study.

The newspapers and magazines will be in the reading room with easy chairs and a table and chairs so patrons can relax and enjoy the library, books and materials.

The workroom will house the typists as well as the book processor. We need a large room with a sink since the glue and tape are very messy and water is needed for thinning glue as well as wetting the tape. Another necessity is ample room to mend, process books as well as a separate area for filing and paperwork. We need storage place not only for mending and processing materials but for craft supplies and storytime puppets and props.

The librarians office will have a desk, swivel chair, typewriter, filing cabinet, coat rack, window, small cookcase, cupboards, and 2 chairs for visitors. It will be located close to the main desk for ease of access to the public and staff.

Stack storage room is where magazines can be stored for a 5 year period and newspapers for a shorter time. Also stored here will be any microfiche and microfilm records we may have.

The young adult area will be located between the children's section and the adult fiction. Bean bag chairs and a small table and chairs will furnish this section which will have a magazine section with the popular magazines to encourage relaxation and use.

We are attempting to join a countywide library computer system if the financial arrangements can be worked out. This will enable us to be in constant touch with every library in the County as well as others in Oregon and Washington. This will enable us to know who has what book and if the item is in or not. This system will free us from many cataloging and clerical duties, which now take so much time away from the patrons. It will also handle all the overdue procedures automatically.

Also in the future is a meeting room, which cannot be included now because of space limitations.