



Your Proposed New Library

Building for Our Community's Future



These preliminary renderings of the new library's interior show the abundance of natural light.

Your Library: A place for everyone

The library is used by people from every walk of life. Some look for entertainment via books or movies. Others help their children get ready for school by taking them to storytime or summer reading programs. Some do homework or research, or broaden their horizons by attending library programs. Others are looking for free, quality information on how to fix a car, fix their credit, or organize their homes.



A library spreads knowledge and understanding throughout the community, giving every citizen the means to learn about any topic, to enjoy themselves, and to improve their community and their lives.

A Short-Term Investment with Long-Term Results

The proposed one-cent tax would pay for the project in approximately 27 months, about the amount of time the building will take to build. This form of funding allows businesses, visitors to the county and community members to contribute to a project that serves the community as a whole, and promotes literacy, education, and lifelong learning.

Key Facts:

- The tax **WILL GO AWAY**, by law
- The tax cannot be increased or extended
- Property taxes and groceries are NOT affected
- Out-of-town visitors and businesses help pay for the project



Project Costs:

\$30.5 Million	Construction
3.75 Million	Property
9.0 Million	Operating Costs (Staff, Furnishings & Books INCLUDED)
\$43.25 Million Ballot Request	

- This is an independent County project, not affiliated with the Civic Auditorium initiative

Serving a Growing Community

An adequately sized library for our growing community will offer space to expand collections of materials for all age groups and interests. The added space would also be used to foster community interaction, involvement and exchange of information, a traditional function of libraries.

Primary Areas of Need:

Youth Services

- Programs and shelves are already overcrowded
- Natrona County's population continues to grow
- A strong need exists for the library's emphasis on teaching literacy skills and preparing children for success in school and life

Program Rooms

- Library programs help children learn essential skills and discover the joy of reading
- They expand the horizons of adults, introducing them to new topics and opportunities for civic interaction
- The library's one program room is well-used
- We turn away 3-4 public program opportunities weekly

Access to Technology

- 29% of county residents lack internet access at home
- NCPL's tech center was used for over 74,000 sessions last year
- The need for technology assistance is only increasing

Sufficient Parking

- Elderly patrons and families with young children frequently use the library
- NCPL has 65 parking spaces, yet serves over 1,000 people daily.

*How would a
temporary penny
affect me?*

If you spend:

\$60 for a tank of gas:	+60¢
\$50 for a dinner-for-two:	+50¢
\$25 for a pair of Blue Jeans:	+25¢
\$20 for a Large Pizza (delivered):	+20¢
\$6 for a 6-pack of beer:	+ 6¢
\$1 for a Big-Gulp drink:	+ 1¢
\$ANY AMOUNT for groceries/prescriptions:	+ 0¢

The Proposed Location:

435 West First Street, the former American Pipeyard

Key attributes of the site:

- Prominent downtown location
- Safe access from Elm and Spruce Streets.
- No environmental cleanup necessary
- Good soil conditions for building
- New bus stop will be provided
- "Option-to-purchase" from Casper Redevelopment LLC. for \$3.75 million (current price of downtown property)



The Current Building?

The NCPL Trustees and County Commissioners have already received inquiries from agencies and businesses interested in purchasing the existing library. Revenues from the sale of the building would be applied to future library operations.

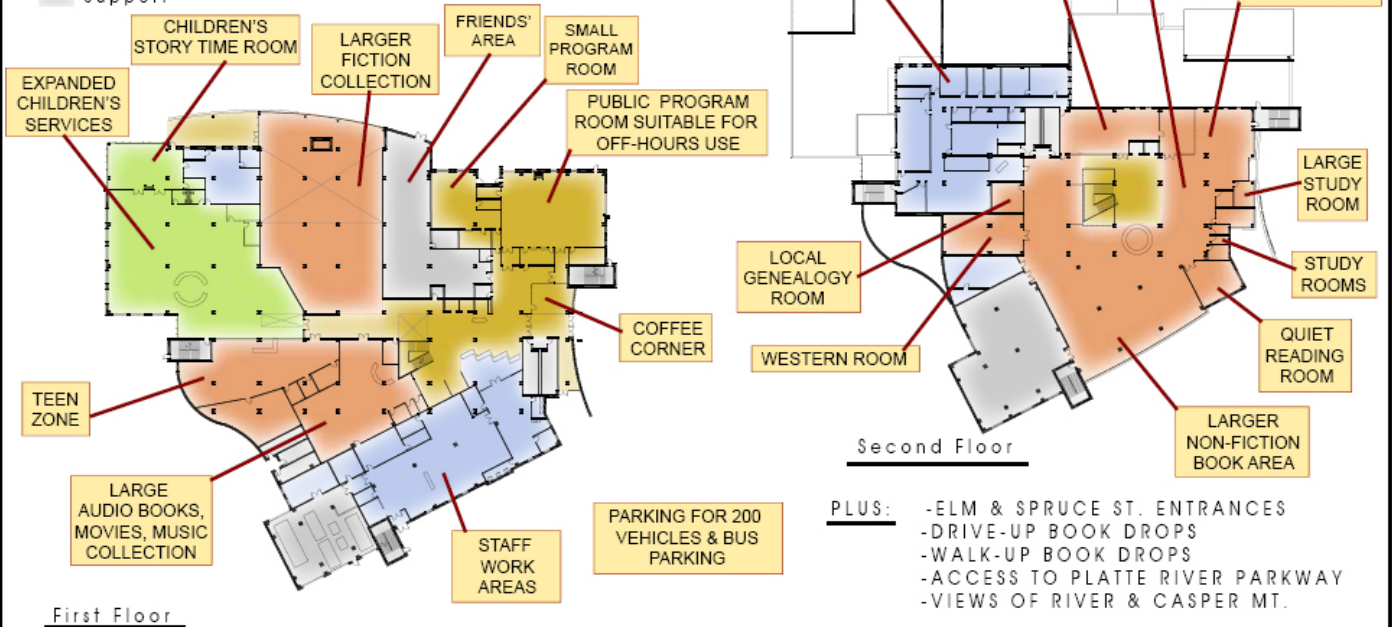
The Prometheus Statue?

The Friends of the Library have offered to help pay for relocating this well-known sculpture.

YOUR NEW NATRONA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL OFFER:

Legend:

- Children's Services
- Adult Services
- Staff Area
- Common Space
- Support

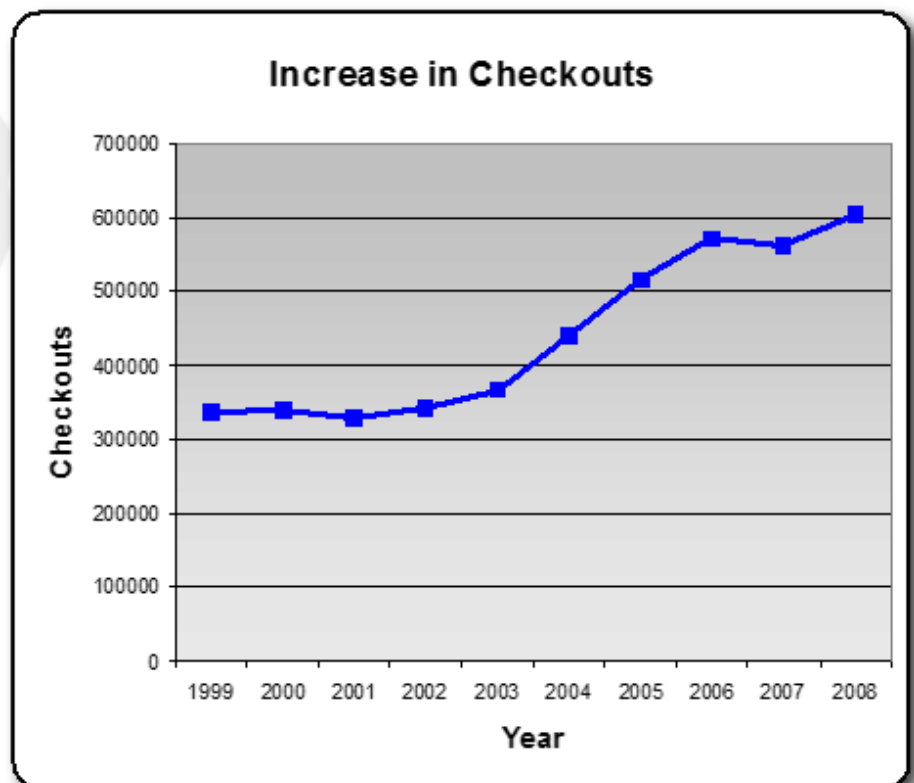




A preliminary look at the expanded children's department in a new library.

Project overview:

- Planning for long-term facility needs began in 2004
- Environmentally sustainable features would be incorporated into the new building
- All six towns/cities within Natrona County endorsed placing the project on the ballot
- Voters decide in November 2008 if a new library will be built
- Out-of-county businesses and visitors would contribute to this community investment
- The new facility (and funds to run it) would be paid for when it opens



Library Trustees:

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