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HISTORY

In 1895, Public library service was started in Sheldon through the efforts of the Ladies Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle. The Ladies earned \$56.20 by local entertainments, including an ice cream social. They opened library rooms March 15, 1895, over Smith Brothers Hardware Store. March 17, 1895, a fire destroyed the building.

Public spirited citizens restored the money to the ladies and a Public Library Association was formed, and incorporated on April 20, 1895. That fall the Sheldon Public Library was housed in Shipley and Company Drug Store and consisted of 200 volumes.

The library was given to the city in November, 1895, and shortly thereafter a tax for library support was voted. The library had a number of homes until the building at Fourth Avenue and Tenth Street was built in 1906. The building was financed by a grant from the Carnegie Foundation under the conditions that the city would maintain and support a library.

As the years went by, the Carnegie Library became too small to function effectively. A survey was made by Frederick Weizeman, presently Dean of the Library School, University of Iowa. The result of the survey was a recommendation that a new library be built.

A bond issue in the sum of \$90,000.00 was passed September, 1967. Federal funds were obtained, memorial gifts were made and the new library has become a reality.

Building construction costs	\$282,000.00
Equipment costs	36,000.00
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	\$298,000.00

Cost of the building per square foot	\$ 15.90
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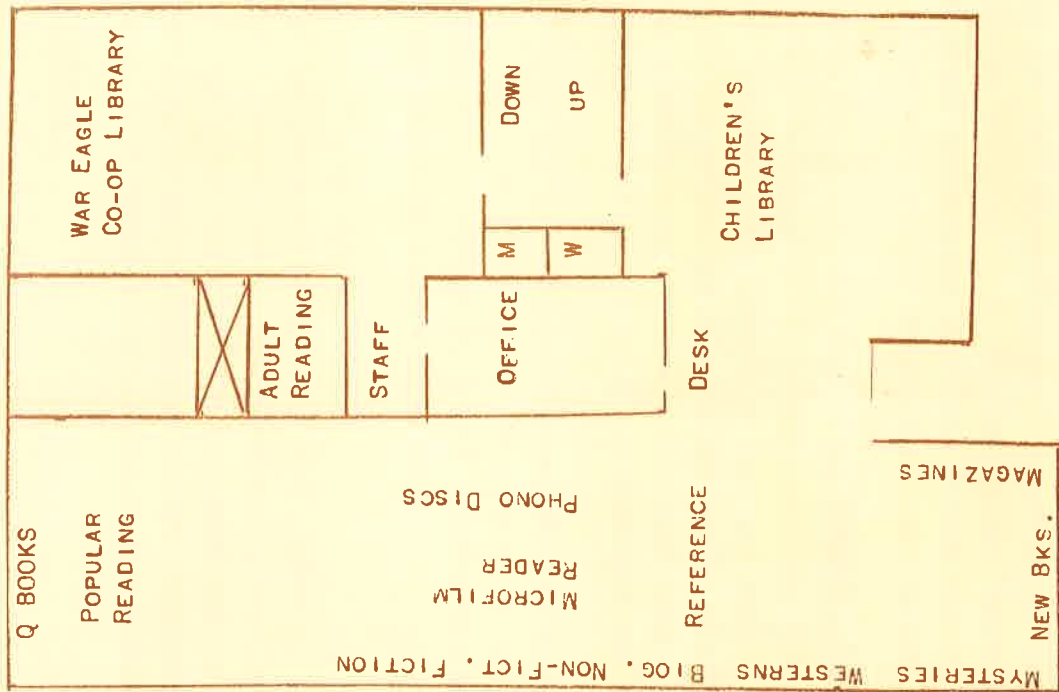
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