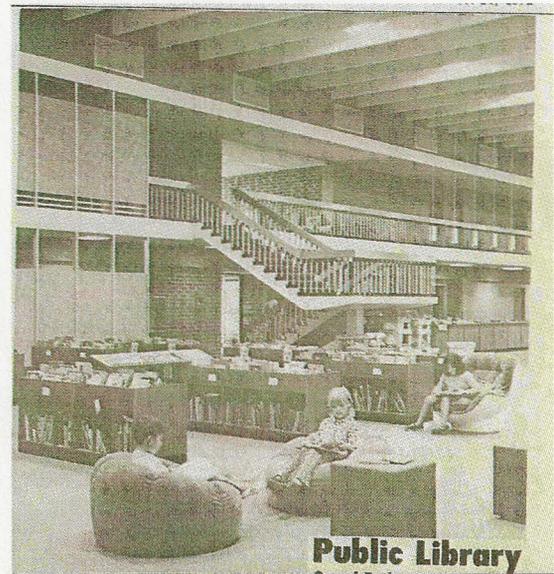
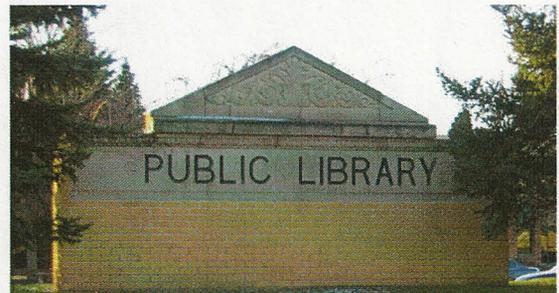
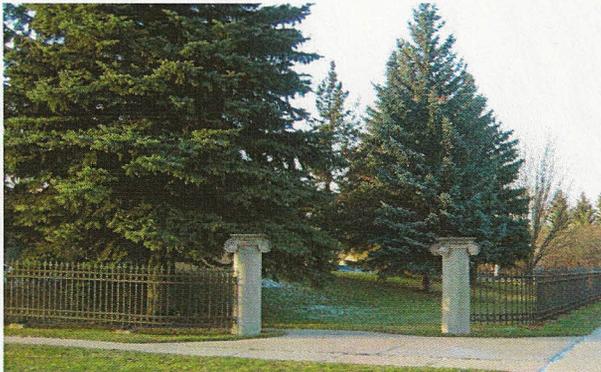


GRAND FORKS PUBLIC LIBRARY

1903 - 1972 Carnegie Building

1972 - 2008 Present Building



CAPSULE HISTORY OF THE GRAND FORKS PUBLIC LIBRARY

- 1892** A group of Grand Forks women contribute \$5.00 for books, store them in an office, and take turns as librarians.
- 1897 Grand Forks Federation of Women's Clubs vote to work for the establishment of a tax supported Public Library.
- 1900** Grand Forks City Council establishes library levy, School Board appoints first Library Board, and the Public Library opens in rented quarters at the Odd Fellows Temple May 5.
- 1901** Andrew Carnegie agrees to donate funding for a new Public Library building.
- 1902 Library Board purchases one quarter block on the corner of 5th and Alpha for \$5,000, awards contracts for construction at \$23,000, and purchases equipment for \$4,000.
- 1903** Public Library opens with 500 books for persons of good deportment.
- 1905** Children's story hour offered on a regular basis.
- 1911 Bids are accepted to wire the Library for electricity.
- 1931 Library hours reduced because of difficult economic times.
- 1939 Auditorium in basement is remodeled into a Children's Room.
- 1957** Bookmobile service is started in the city.
- 1965 Anna Lindaas bequeaths her estate of \$30,000 to the Library.
- 1969** Library bond issue for construction of a new library passes with a 68.29% "yes" vote on June 10.
- 1970 Library Board purchases new library site on July 20, and accepts construction bid of T. F. Power Company on December 14.
- 1971 Cooperative agreement with Public Schools for processing is approved in March and the first **Mail Order Library Service** starts.
- 1972** Library opens May 22 at the new location, 2110 Library Circle, and is officially dedicated on October 24.
- 1974** Grand Forks County contracts with Grand Forks Public Library for library service to county residents.
- 1980 Computerization begins.
- 1984** Library expansion project added 4,500 sq. ft. with a second floor Children's Department and Electronic Library section established with 10 computers. School system moves to new facilities.
- 1986 Library faces financial problems due to loss of federal money. Library hours reduced and some fees instituted.
- 1988 Library card catalog automated, connecting users with card catalogs of other ND libraries.
- 1989 Library catalog completely online - paper card catalog no longer updated.
- 1996 Internet access available to the public via 7 computers.
- 1997 Red River flood. Library and in-house materials undamaged, but many checked out materials lost. 1706 donated books added to collection. Plans for remodeling put on hold.
- 2008** Task Force established to study and suggest future vision for the Grand Forks Public Library.

1972

GRAND FORKS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Square Feet: 35,075 31,415 usable sq. ft.

- 18,928 Public Service Area including
 - Children's Area
 - 676 Library Office Space
- 1,352 Meeting Rooms
 - 676 Grand Forks Room/Board Room
- 1,200 Bookmobile garage
- 3,100 Leased to school system

Finances: \$903,000

- \$425,000 Bond Issue
- \$230,000 Federal LSCA allocated by NDSL
- \$125,000 from sale of old building
- \$123,000 from library building fund and interest

Expenses: \$903,933 total:

- \$667,672 construction
 - \$137,851 equipment
 - \$ 45,000 site
 - \$ 53,409 architect and miscellaneous
- (Phase II is a project of \$90,000: \$54,000 Federal Funds; \$36,000 Local Funds includes air conditioning, more parking, exterior trees, interior plants, additional furnishings, watering system, etc.)

Collection: The Library has 74,000 books and 4,000 records. The new Library with its present equipment plus Phase II will accommodate 114,000 books and 12,000 records.

Broad Objectives of Building:

- A. Serve the Library needs of the City and area well for 30 years.
- B. Have internal expansion area economically converted to use.
- C. Provide the utmost flexibility to accommodate change.
- D. Provide a pleasant atmosphere in which to use library material.
- E. Have convenient meeting rooms for public use in small or large groups.
- F. Offer complete access to handicapped.

2007

GRAND FORKS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Square Feet: 37,415

- 18,928 Public Service Area
 - 1,400 Children's Area
 - 676 Library Office Space
- 1,275 Meeting Room & Story Room
 - 150 Grand Forks Room
 - 676 Board Room
- 1,416 Mail order & interlibrary loan area
- 1,772 Electronic Library
 - 312 Cataloging, processing, & overdues

Finances: \$1,602,732 revenue

- \$1,527,340 Real estate taxes & State Aid
- \$ 41,683 Library fees
- \$ 9,134 Donations & grants
- \$ 24,575 Interest & miscellaneous

Expenses: \$1,547,758

- \$1,046,952 staff salaries & benefits
- \$ 283,464 collection
- \$ 217,342 other operating expenditures

Collection: The Library has 308,497 books; 341 print serial subscriptions; 25,108 audio items (cassettes, CDs, and a few phonograph records); 21,054 DVDs and videos; 6,000 Electronic books; and access to 20 licensed databases.

Computers:

- 32 Internet public access
- 2 Office, publisher programs for public use
- 2 Children's learning games
- 11 Library computer catalog for public use
- 30 Staff computers

Hours of operation: Mon. – Thurs. 9 am – 9 pm, Fri. & Sat. 9 am – 5 pm, Sun. 1 – 5 pm
The GFPL is open 68 hours a week.

Staff: 25 FTE 6 librarians with ALA-MLS degrees, 14 full-time staff, and 34 part-time staff.