



MODEL OF HIGH POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Rear entrance on Wrenn Street, entering the Children's Department.

HIGH POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Contracts were signed on February 11th for the construction of the new High Point Public Library Building. The construction contract states that the building should be completed within 280 days. Excavation began the week of February 16, 1953, with the building to be completed shortly after the first of the year.

Features of The Building

Reading room, 50 x 50 feet is separated from stacks by columns. Both have high ceilings, the reading room for aesthetic reasons, and the stack room to provide space for the addition of a second tier of stacks. The north wall of the reading room is glass. There is also a long expanse of glass in the reading alcove (10 x 38) looking onto Main Street to the West. The ceiling of the reading room is "luminous", consisting of sheets of corrugated milk white plexiglass suspended below fluorescent fixtures. Fitchburg Youth Library has such a ceiling.

Audio-Visual Room is equipped with a projection booth, and chair storage, and a strip of peg board all around the room to provide for exhibits of paintings, prints, etc. Business and Industry collection is to be housed on the front mezzanine.

The rear or Wrenn Street entrance consists of offices, work room, bookmobile garage, staff room and janitor's storage. Directly above these rooms and on the street level of Wrenn Street is the Children's department. Children may enter from Main Street to their department on the second floor. On Wrenn Street, the library has parking space for about 50 cars.

Total square footage of the library is: 14,651. Total cost, including land and architects' fee, heating, etc., but not equipment is \$234,488.00. Architects are Voorhees and Everhart of High Point; Contractor: P. S. West Construction Company, Statesville.

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