



CLIENT: City of Blair
PROJECT: Municipal Building & Library Renovation
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Budget: \$1.3 million
Actual Cost: \$1.25 million
Completed: June 2007
Design and construction on schedule

The City of Blair's original municipal building was constructed in 1914. It is a charming structure and a community landmark. It was also too small and inaccessible to anyone unable to climb many stairs. The goals of the renovation and addition were to make the facility handicap-accessible, to more than double the space available for books and other media in the library, and to integrate the addition with the old building in a way which respected the integrity and beauty of the original structure. The renovated structure houses the Blair Police Department, City Hall, and Library at a cost of \$1,250,000.

After conducting a series of community meetings with the library board, staff and city residents, the Cedar Corporation team designed an addition of 2,124 square feet which was seamlessly incorporated with the original structure. The 1914 building had 8,739 square feet. The new design accommodates the library's need to use the latest technology while, at the same time, it respects the historic qualities of the building and meets the client's budget. The façade and the interior of the original Blair library were preserved.

The addition will give the library a new side entrance, an elevator, accessible restrooms, reading rooms for adults and children, and space for future needs. The addition will also give library employees improved working facilities and more storage.

Cedar Corporation wrote a Community Development Block Grant application for the library portion of the project. A grant of \$230,000 was awarded by the Wisconsin Department of Commerce. The project was completed in June 2007.



Library
Renovated Second Floor Area

