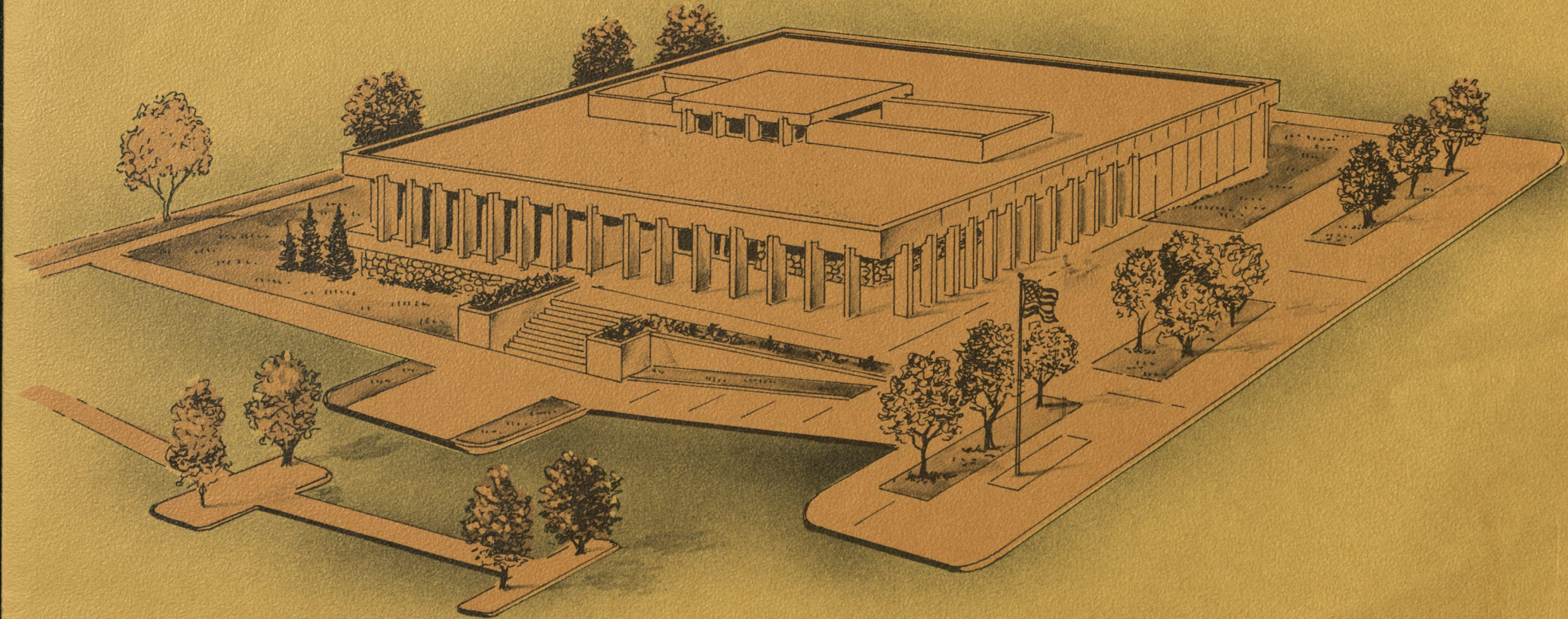




Lawrence Public Library



a place for learning... a place to enjoy

The new Lawrence Public Library building is a step forward into the world of the modern library. As technology brings us new ways of processing and storing information, such as films, microfiche, recordings and computer data systems, our libraries must keep pace to provide the best service possible.

The new facility will accommodate a collection of up to 200,000 volumes, more than four times the capacity of the original library building and enough books to match the predicted growth of Lawrence during the life of the new facility.

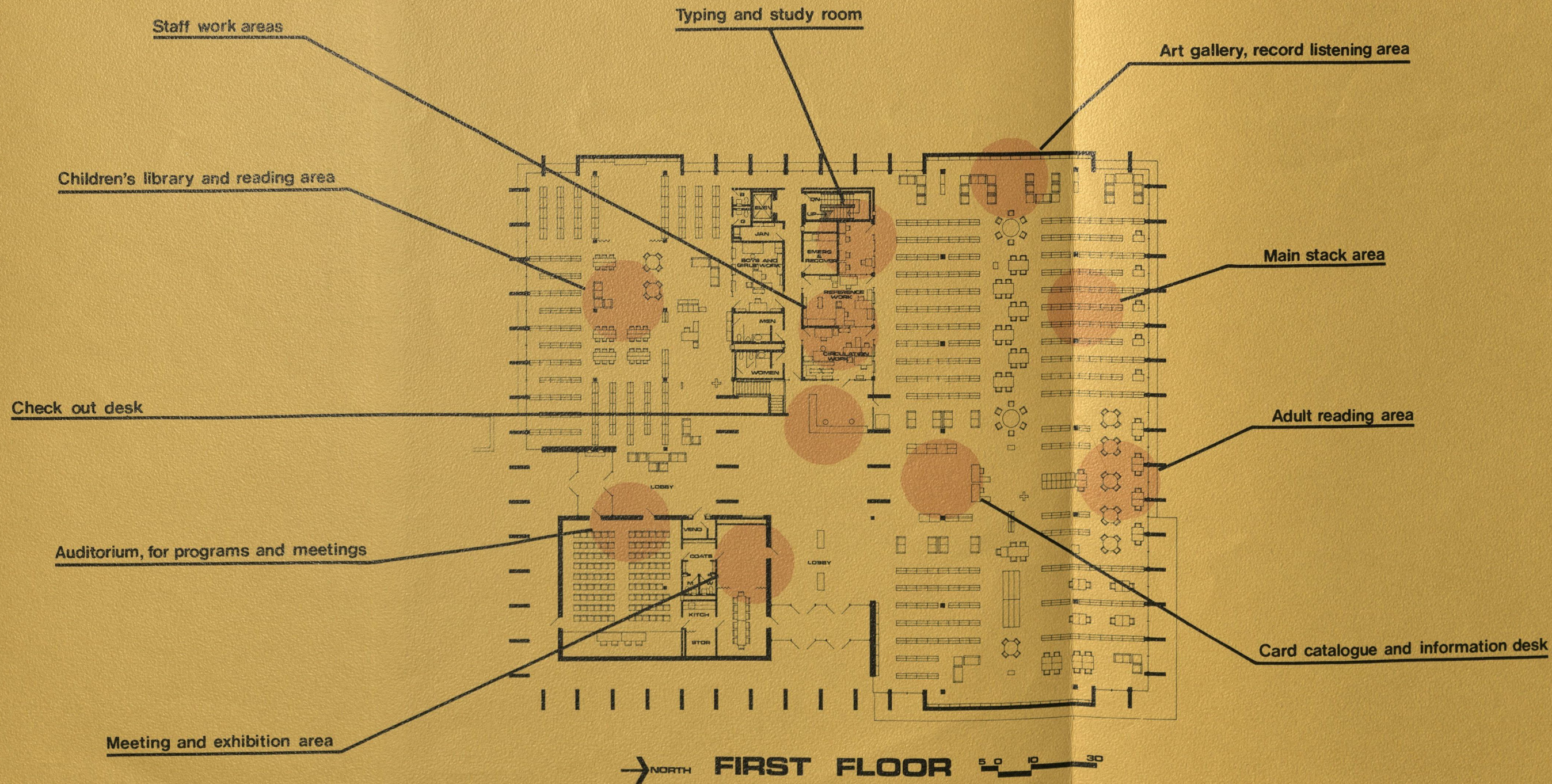
Flexibility is designed into the structure to provide for whatever changes in library systems future technology might bring. Interior spaces are large and open, inviting, rather than hampering, new concepts in library services. The building's lower level has expansion space reserved for growth of the collection or for unforeseen needs.

With the freedom available in the new building, many library services are offered for the first time to Lawrence patrons. Framed

art reproductions may be checked out like books. The lobby area will feature changing displays of original art. Films and viewing equipment are available, as are phonograph records and private listening areas.

A 98-seat auditorium and a smaller multipurpose room seating 20 people will be used for library-sponsored programs, or may be reserved for meetings of community groups. Convenience as well as versatility was considered in the design of the building. A drive-up book drop, rental typewriters and copy-making machines, a photographic check out system which eliminates handwritten circulation records, and an adjacent parking lot, encourage use of the facility.

But don't assume the new building was built for work alone. Reading areas can seat up to 250 persons in attractively furnished surroundings. The open stacks and large windows intentionally beckon browsers indoors. In addition to being a storehouse of information, our new library is an enjoyable place to visit . . . a friendly center for the community.



Support for the new Lawrence Public Library building came from many sources in the community. Money for construction and new equipment was provided by \$1,575,000 in bonds approved by Lawrence voters in a March, 1970, election. A later federal grant reduced the cost to the local taxpayers by \$122,000.

Encouraging favorable voter response was the undertaking of many community groups and was coordinated by a specially appointed bond company committee.

Specialized assistance in determining space requirements and foresight in planning future library needs came from a recognized figure in the field of library science, consultant Clarence Paine.

Mr. Paine's recommendations were incorporated into the total building design by the local architectural firm of Robertson Peters Williams. General Contractor for the 46,000 square foot building, the city's largest municipal project to date, was B. A. Green Construction Company of Lawrence.

The building carries the prestige of the *All Electric Building Award* which represents compliance with the highest standards of modern lighting, cooling and heating as well as lasting, economical operation with maximum adaptability for future expansion.

Electric heating and air-conditioning will provide more than clean, uniform comfort for patrons and personnel. Energy conservation is also at work in a variety of ways, thanks to the modern Electric Reheat system.

Since this Electric heating and air-conditioning system operates without combustion, no large quantities of outdoor air need be drawn in and heated. The energy normally consumed in heating this air is now conserved, saving precious natural resources.

More energy saving results from the system's precision temperature control. The different zones in the library all have a separate heating and cooling system and control. Since the temperature can be raised or lowered in each zone individually, energy is not wasted changing temperature throughout the building.

The Lawrence Library Board wishes to thank the many private

citizens, city employees, members of the news media and others who assisted us in achieving a long-anticipated goal.

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