



Key Project Information

Type:	Renovation
Project Size:	20,000 reno/restoration
Market Segment:	Civic/Libraries

The project included interior renovations to expand the useable public and staff space within the footprint of the existing building. Code and accessibility compliance were a major focus.

Ken Best created a reference library on the second floor of the building. This space, that housed the central hallway with stairs to the first floor and offices on both sides, was originally a courtroom when the building was first constructed. In the attic, the domed ceiling that covered the courtroom still exists supported by king post trusses. This newly discovered domed ceiling was used to define the reference library. Originally the stairway to the courtroom was located in the corner of the space. A new fire-rated stair was constructed in the corner that better related to the domed ceiling.

The new elevator serves all levels of the building. Existing wood stairs were removed and a new stair was constructed on the exterior of the building to the rear. Brick used for the exterior matched the existing. The new stair eliminates an existing areaway that was a constant source of flooding of the basement.

Various interior partitions were removed to accommodate the program requirements for the library. Project was completed in 2004. Project completed by Ken Best prior to joining DRA.