

Calhoun-Gordon County Library Renovation and Expansion

The Calhoun Woman's Club established our library in a log cabin on its present site in 1911. Today's Park Avenue building was constructed in the 1960s and expanded in the 1980s to its present size. Since then the library's collection has grown over 70% to more than 85,000 cataloged items; last year almost 6,000 new items were added, and circulation exceeded 180,000 items; 30 computers and wireless internet access, not available in the 1980s, now serve the public 7 days/56 hours a week. Since the last library expansion, Gordon County's population has more than doubled.

Our community also uses its Library heavily for meetings, summer reading programs, home- and after-school study activities, workforce development assistance, and a variety of services from non-profit organizations. Last year over 200,000 visits were logged, overloading the facility and its resources.

The Library building is owned by the City, and its operations are funded cooperatively. County allotments cover 65% of the annual operating expenses, and County resident cardholders are in about the same proportion. Since 1957 Calhoun-Gordon County Library has been a branch of the Northwest Georgia Regional Library System, receiving technical and cataloging support, staff training, state funds for materials, and access to the statewide PINES interlibrary circulation system.

Recognizing the importance of the Library and its services to our citizens, Calhoun's Mayor and City Council and Gordon County's Commissioners approved designating \$800,000 in SPLOST receipts to renovate and modernize the joint Calhoun-Gordon County Library. To match our local commitment, the Georgia General Assembly appropriated an additional \$250,000 for the renovation.

The Library Board of Trustees, working with Killian Clark Partnership, a Ringgold architectural firm, has approved a design and interior plan for the project. After further architectural and engineering work, bids should go out in January with construction scheduled to begin in February 2013. The Library renovation and expansion will:

- Add 4,200 sq. ft., bringing total building space to 19,000 sq. ft., a 28% increase
- Move the entrance and circulation desk to the north, parking lot side of the site
- Assure safer, off-street patron access and more convenient handicapped parking
- Upgrade 25-year-old mechanical systems (electrical, plumbing, HVAC, security)
- Increase public computer capacity to 40 and concentrate near entrance
- Provide space for technical processing, interlibrary loan circulation, and storage
- Expand Children's area and provide more story-time space
- Enlarge and refurnish the Young Adult section
- Renovate and relocate the Heritage and Genealogy room
- Relocate and remodel the Calhoun Woman's Club community room
- Add a small conference room for public, staff, and board use
- Provide room for a Friends of the Library book store

For current updates on the building improvements and construction schedule, please see the plans posted at the Library and on its website www.cgcl.org. And pardon our dust!

Calhoun-Gordon County Library Fact Sheet

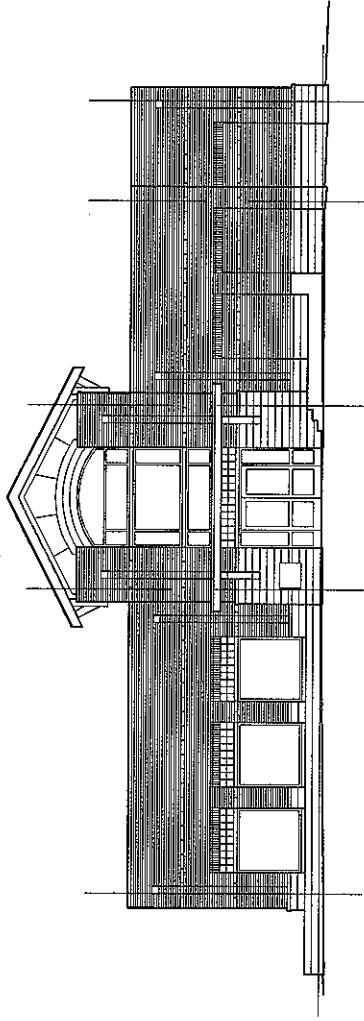
The Calhoun-Gordon County Library's plan for renovation and expansion includes numerous added features both to enhance our patrons' use of the facility and to expand public library and information services to our community. Groundbreaking for library expansion is tentatively scheduled for February 2013 with completion by November.

Enhanced Building Features

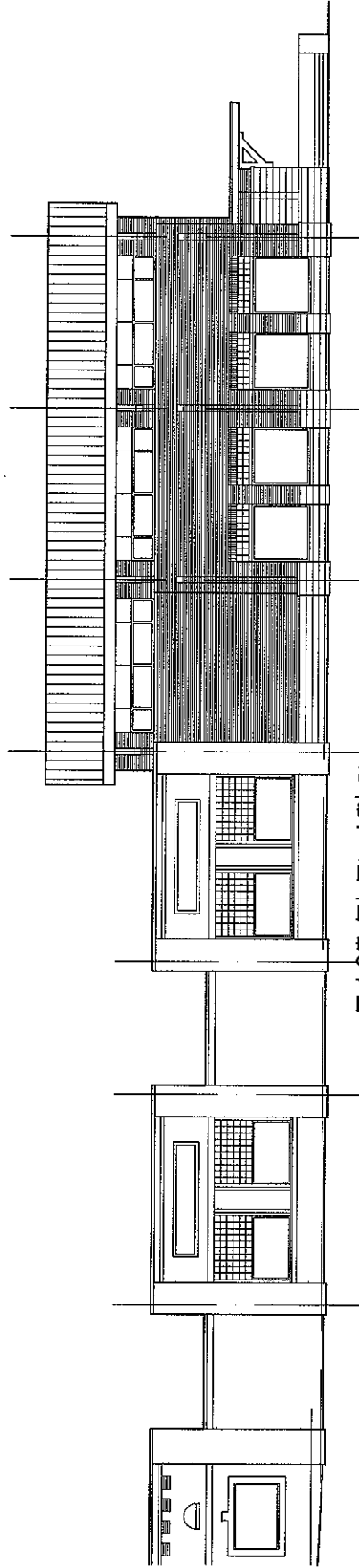
- Addition of almost 4,200 square feet to the existing library, a 28% increase
- New off-street entry at the north end of the current building, much closer to safer parking
- Expanded technology area with space for 40 public computers
- Better space near the entrance for new books, audio books, and video
- New conference room for meetings of local business groups, non-profit boards, library staff, Friends of the Library, and others
- Relocated Calhoun Woman's Club Community Room to new multipurpose space to accommodate, during and after library hours, large meetings (up to 100), visiting author programs, and workshops
- Four adult-sized restrooms, two meeting the latest handicapped accessibility requirements, and one child's restroom next to the story-hour area entrance
- Expanded Children's Room with new facilities for story hours and other public programs
- Larger Young Adult Room with materials suitable for patrons 14 years and older
- Security cameras at strategic areas

Library Use and Support

- Circulation in 2011 exceeded 180,000 items
- Cataloged holdings include 85,000 books, video, audio and reference materials
- More than 9,000 Website visits last quarter included visitors from outside the United States from the United Kingdom, Canada, Spain, Australia, India, and Indonesia
- Library support groups include Friends of the Library, Calhoun Woman's Club, and numerous childrens' program volunteers
- Annual library operating funds come from the City of Calhoun, Gordon County, and the State of Georgia. Funding for renovation and expansion is provided from City and County SPLOST receipts of \$800,000 and by a Georgia General Assembly appropriation of \$250,000.
- Current library hours are Monday--Thursday 10 a.m.--7 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Sunday 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.



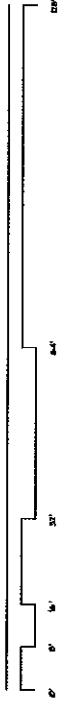
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EAST ELEVATION

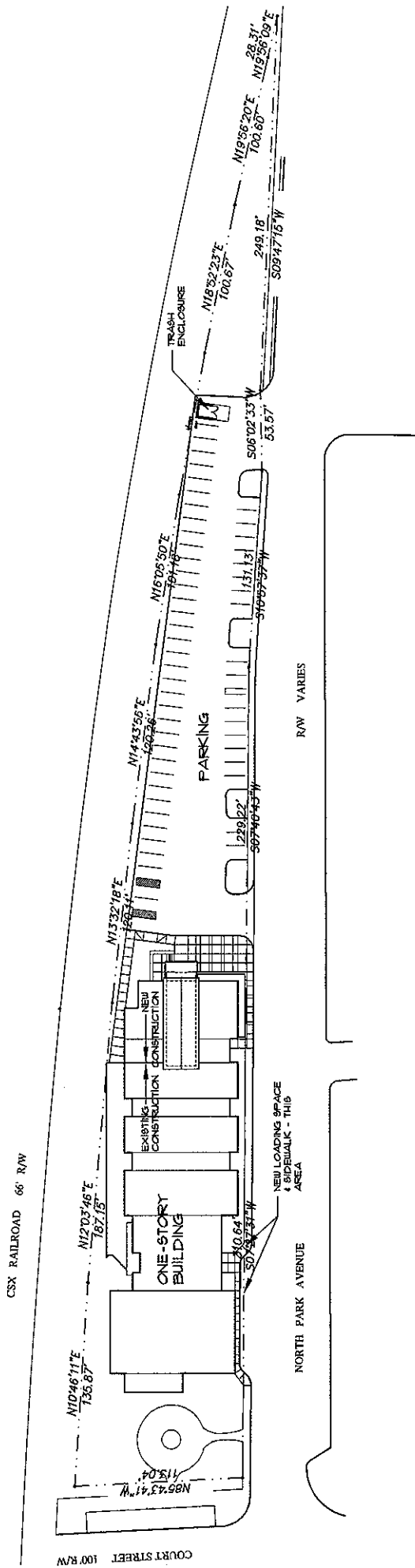
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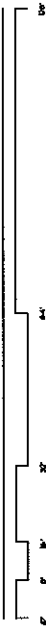


SITE DATA

SITE AREA:	1.51 AC.
BUILDING AREA	19,866 SF.
PARKING	REQUIRED: 66
PROVIDED:	59



SITE PLAN



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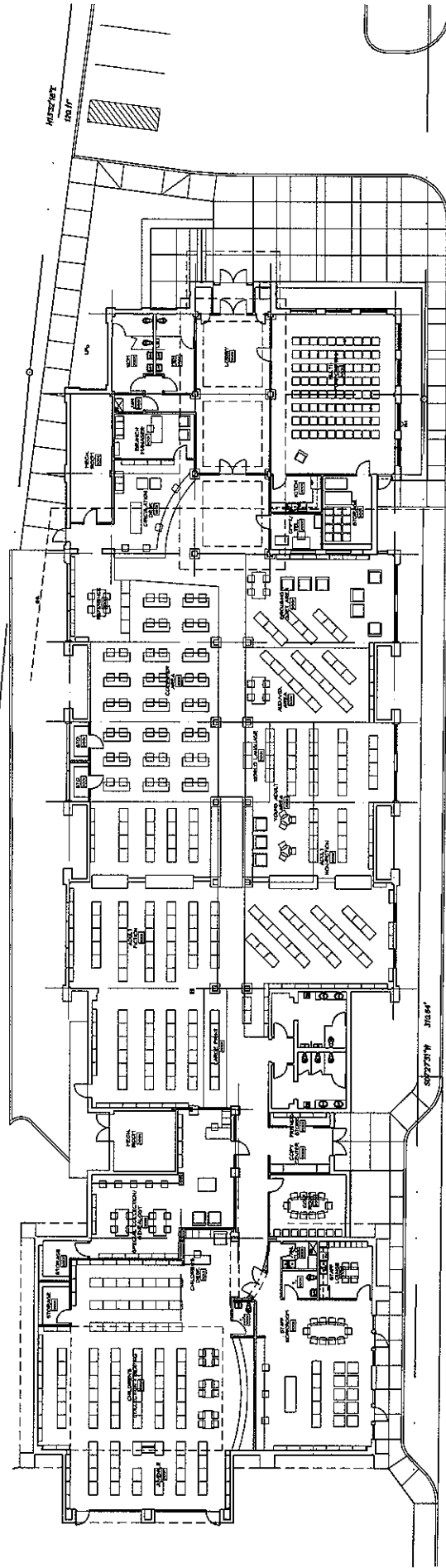


CSX RAILROAD 66' R/W

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NORTH PARK AVENUE

CALHOUN GORDON LIBRARY ADDITION/RENOVATION

FLOOR PLAN

