

## The recent changes at your Library...

**We are asking for your patience, please and thank you...  
as we are still a work in progress.**

The shelving and layout changes are in response to your feedback during our 2013 community survey. Please see our **new Strategic Plan** under the 'About Your Library' tab on our website.

The changes are also required to meet **ACCESSIBILITY and HEALTH & SAFETY** standards. Our shelves need to be lower and the aisles wider to comply with new standards. Due to the random leaks in the upper floor ceiling over the years many of the books (especially non-fiction) were moldy.

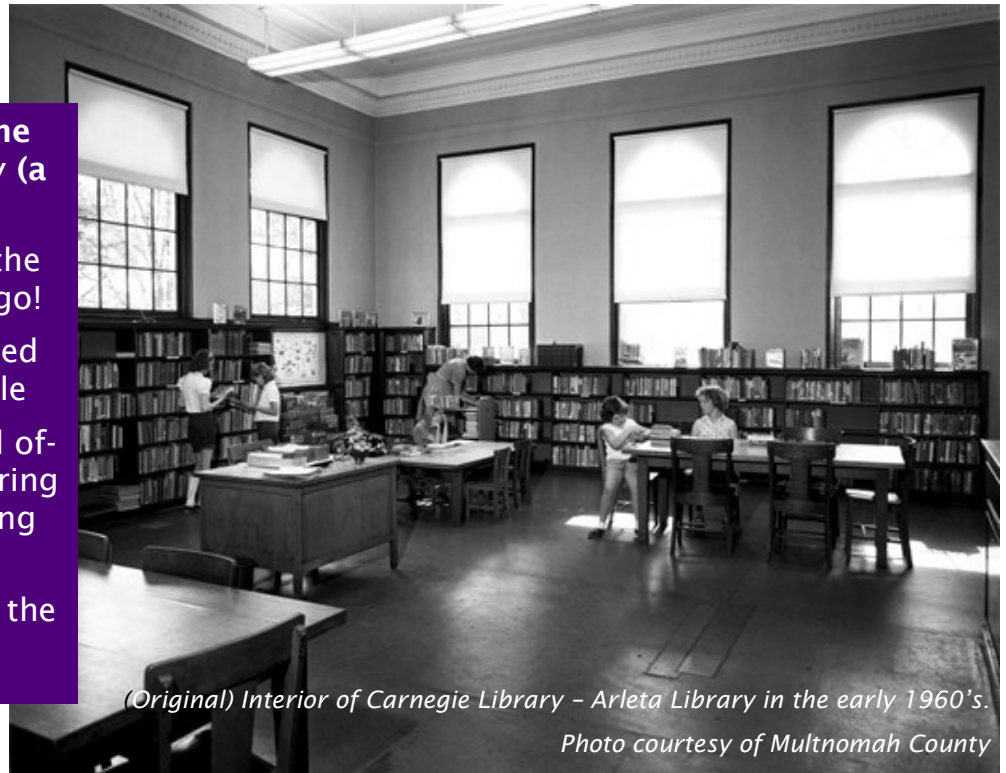
**Much of the physical work is being done by volunteers...we thank them!!**

**Coming Full Circle at the  
Brockville Public Library (a  
Carnegie Library) ...**

Andrew Carnegie found the  
balance all those years ago!

His library interiors housed  
many print volumes while  
featuring accessibility and of-  
fering a community gathering  
space for reading, learning  
and meeting.

Also, notice the beauty of the  
natural light.



*(Original) Interior of Carnegie Library - Arleta Library in the early 1960's.*

*Photo courtesy of Multnomah County*

Please call me or visit me if you wish to discuss the Library's Strategic Plan and actions with me...thank you! Linda

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## Frequently asked questions:

### Are there fewer books at the Library?

#### Answer = yes.

Moldy books have been removed. Books that have not been taken home or used in the Library for the last 5 years have been removed. Most deselected items are being sold at our book sales, given to local schools and/or the Y. Moldy items were recycled. We are now busy rejuvenating subject areas and authors with new books. We always welcome your suggestions for purchase!

### Why are you removing shelves?

**Answer = We have removed the top rows of the shelves to meet accessibility standards. Only the middle rows of the double-banked units were being used to address accessibility on a short-term, easy basis. This compromised the stability and safety of the free-standing units.**

To solve accessibility and safety requirements, the existing shelving is being reused and refurbished as wall shelving. Shelves are now being used to their intended capacity and are secure. The height is accessible.

### Will there still be print books at the Library?

#### Answer = yes, absolutely!

From your survey responses *“People still love their books: over 70% of respondents indicated they loved borrowing books from the Library.”*

From page 3 of our Strategic Plan ... *“The Library’s core business is providing resources – especially books – as well as high-quality programs, meeting spaces and other valuable information resources. As we move forward with our strategic plan, we will continue to deliver these core services to the community.”*

### Has your book budget been reduced?

#### Answer = no

The budget for books, e-resources and audio-visual materials has increased 4.5% over the past 4 years. We have also supplemented the book budget from the Roots & Wings Fund and your most appreciated donations.