

CRAWFORDSVILLE LIBRARY

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The library committee from the city council consisting of Messrs. Morgan, Gilkey, Wert and Ornbaum met with the trustees of the library last night and canvassed the plans submitted for the new Carnegie building. Only two sets of plans were submitted and they were by Architect Sharpe and Architect George Griffith. The plans of Architect Sharpe were adopted by the committee. The building will be a most beautiful one in the classic style of architecture. It will be one story in height with a high basement. The body of the building will be of Oolitic stone, with copper cornice and slate roof. The finials will be as high as the new Masonic Temple. The main entrance will be on Washington Street, with a side entrance on Wabash Avenue. At the main entrance there will be a portico supported by four columns. Leading from the main entrance there is a vestibule with niches for statuary. Extending back is a broad hall which is designated as the delivery space, where the librarian will have a desk and attend to the letting out and receiving of books. On the north of this hallway is a general reading room, the dimensions which will be 23 by 46 feet. The children's reading room is on the south with the same dimensions as the general reading room. The book rack space opens at the end of the hallway and is a large commodious room. The book racks will be of the latest design, and will be capable of holding 20,000 volumes. There will be rooms on the first floor for the janitor, the board of trustees and the librarian. The floor of the building will be of marble mosaic, of most beautiful design. In the basement there will be a bicycle room; a teacher's meeting room, a school supply room, and an unpacking and catalogueing room. The building is an exceedingly pretty one in design and perfect in its appointments. It is well provided for in the way of light, having large windows on both sides and a sky-light over the book room. The committees are to be congratulated on securing such a building that certainly will meet with praise from all the citizens. - transcribed by kbz