

INTRODUCTION
CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION HISTORY

- 1962 The 10,000 square foot William F. Laman Public Library opens at its new location at 2801 Orange Street. Cost = \$177,479.
- 1967 Lecture room remodeling was completed. Cost \$9,890.
- 1969 A 15,000 square foot addition to the library's southside. Cost \$320,000.
- 1970 A 40 foot clock tower, covered walkway, and new doors were constructed on the west side of building. A parking lot was later constructed between the Health Department and the Library. The Library Board received a 99 year lease for \$1.00 on land south of the Library to be designated 'Laman Plaza'.
- 1971 Plaza was landscaped. Cost \$20,000.
- 1972 Gazebo designed by Fay Jones and constructed by Roberts & Co. Cost \$16,579.
- 1990 10,000 square foot renovation of the children's library, administration and public computing areas. Cost = \$216,000.
- 2003 25,000 square foot expansion and interior renovation of the 25,000 square foot existing space of the William F. Laman Public Library included the construction of an auditorium and doubled the size of the children's library. Cost = \$3.2 million.
- 2006 Renovation of Laman Plaza, repairing the pond, fountain, and gazebo with new landscaping, lighting, fencing and seating. Cost = \$500,000.
- 2006 2,550 square foot renovation of the 1895 historic structure that once served as City Hall and fire station for the city of Argenta. This renovation now houses the Argenta Branch of the William F. Laman Public Library. Cost = \$500,000.
- 2008 6,000 square foot addition to the main library building and renovation to the first floor ceiling to include energy efficient air conditioning, lighting and additional insulation. The addition will house a new public computing facility of 50 computers, main server room, an exhibit gallery and coffee shop. Cost = \$2.4 million.
- 2010 Teen Center was built on Mezzanine of the Main library. Cost = \$682,263.
- 2012 The historic Argenta Post Office, at 420 Main Street was purchased for \$775,000.