

Before:

121,374

**Gross
Square Feet**

After:

90,168

**Gross
Square Feet**

Net Reduction = 26%

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Public Library**

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***Proposal to Restructure
the Central Library***



The goal is to provide the community with a regional library that is user-focused, sustainable, and meets 21st century needs



When it opened in 1988, OCPL's Robert P. Kinchen Central Library was a much-needed replacement for the 1902 Carnegie building. Its state-of-the-art amenities generated tremendous community pride.

Today's realities require a different library.

- ◆ We must meet greater demands with fewer employees
- ◆ OCPL can meet this and future challenges by incorporating technology and redesigning our space.

The **"Library Program and Planning Report,"** completed by Aaron Cohen Associates in January 2011, proposed a restructured Central Library that will be more effective and efficient. The proposal incorporates improvements in many ways, including:

Street level presence

- ◆ Increased visibility and convenience for suburban visitors and downtown employees
- ◆ Adds to a vibrant city center full of people
- ◆ Contributes to renovation of critical downtown area

Smaller and better = more sustainable

- ◆ Reuse of existing structure with reduced square footage
- ◆ Increased staff productivity
- ◆ More effective public service
- ◆ Increased operational efficiencies
- ◆ Cheaper to run
- ◆ Designed to take advantage of current and future technology

A redesigned Central Library will be easier to staff and use

The current layout of the Central Library has a basement and five other floors.

Our plan will enable the public easy access to find items and services located on the Street Level and Level 2.

Space would be added to the current library footprint on the Street Level and Level 2. Library services would be removed from Levels 3 and 4.

The plan also calls for retaining the basement and Level 5 to house backroom functions, support staff, the handling and storage of library items, and System headquarters.

By incorporating technology that was not available in 1988, the library will be able to better serve residents using the Central Library, as well as those who use branch and suburban libraries.

Community asset

- ◆ Improved space, designed around user needs
- ◆ Renewed opportunities to become a destination for people of Central New York
- ◆ Promotes and celebrates pride of place
- ◆ Added value to attract and keep residents
- ◆ Flexibility to meet future needs

Collaboration

- ◆ Opportunities for leveraging library expertise and resources to support local priorities
- ◆ Engagement with other governmental agencies and community based organizations
- ◆ Educational, recreational and cultural programs