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(Neb.)-Chadron Public Library Moves Ahead Toward Renovations

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(CHADRON)-The Chadron Public Library is moving another step forward toward their dream of a renovation and expansion project that library director Rossella Tesch says has been needed for quite some time. Tesch says the library, which was built in 1912, is outgrowing itself and is in definite need of refurbishment.

After holding three separate meetings with three different architectural firms at the end of March, and then considering comments from the public, the Chadron Library Board has selected Humphries|Poli Architects from Denver, Colo., as their firm of choice for the project.

During their presentation on Monday, March 25th, in Chadron, Dennis Humphries with Humphries|Poli shared with those in attendance that his firm works exclusively with libraries and has completed 64 projects to date, each one unique and based on the needs of its community. He said they are strong preservationists and would like to "preserve and honor" as many historical features of Chadron's Carnegie library as possible, while helping the structure to move forward into the future at the same time. Their aim with every library, he said, is to "Ennoble the site, inspire the participants, sustain the resources, and bring joy to the users." He praised the Chadron library, saying it has some outstanding qualities, but he also noted that things were in need of an upgrade, such as the broken elevator and computer cables crisscrossed every which way. When asked which library had been his favorite to work on, Humphries said, "the next one." He said his firm strives to take all they've learned from working on each one of their past 64 library projects and make number 65 even better.

That expertise will be incorporated into the Chadron Library project. The next step with Humphries|Poli will include their design team making a visit to Chadron as they begin the process of formulating the specifics of the library's renovation and expansion plan.

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