

## LATAH COUNTY LIBRARY, MOSCOW BRANCH

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**110 South Jefferson Street**  
*10,200 Square Feet*

### **Description:**

The Moscow Branch of the Latah County Library is a great place for parents and children to go relax and unwind in a quiet setting with a book. The library has over 60,000 volumes.



### **History:**

1901:

- March - The Moscow Free Library and Reading Room opened with one room on the second floor of the Brown Building in downtown Moscow. This area included a fifteen dollar stove, half a ton of coal, a fifteen cent shovel, a table, twelve chairs, and 115 donated books at the cost of \$8.00 per month for rent. The library was open two afternoons and two evenings a week and it was operated by the Pleiades Club and the Moscow Historical Club.

1903:

- Members of the Pleiades Club and the Moscow Historical Club formed a sub-committee to work with the Andrew Carnegie Library Endowment to secure funding for a library building. The Endowment granted the group \$10,000.

1904:

- Moscow residents approved a special tax to raise money for the operation of the Latah County Library in Moscow.

1906:

- A lot on the corner of Second and Jefferson Streets was purchased for the Latah County Library, and the mission style structure, unique for northern Idaho, was completed for just under \$10,000, making it one of the last Carnegie libraries funded.

1931:

- The first major building improvement to the Latah County Library in Moscow was made at a cost of nearly \$2,500. An addition doubled the stack and office space available.

1964:

- The basement of the Latah County Library was remodeled into a children's library at a cost of \$20,000.

1982:

- August - After many years of consideration for a new library, construction started in August, 1982 to remodel and add to the original Carnegie building.



1983:

- April – The newly renovated Latah County Library was opened to the public with the Carol Ryrie Brink Reading Room in the historic Carnegie building designated as a special place for the children of the community. This addition more than doubled the space, while still maintaining a warm and friendly atmosphere.

1989:

- The City of Moscow entered into its first maintenance agreement with the Latah County Library.

2004:

- October 1 – The City of Moscow and Latah County entered into a 10 year agreement, lasting until 2014, stating that the city would agree to allow the district to occupy the library and its appurtenances for the sole purpose of conducting library operation in

accordance with best practices and according to law. The agreement also states that the City of Moscow shall be responsible for major repairs to the library building.

2015:

- A remodel of the entry way was upgraded for a total cost of \$220,000

Various:



