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Duluth --- "...to provide a library building that is functional for staff and students and flexible to meet the changing needs of higher education and where the reader can enjoy an intimacy with books."

This goal, as stated by UMD Librarian Rudolph Johnson, will be closer to fulfillment when bids are received next month for the \$958,000 addition to the present library building.

After four years of careful planning, final drawings for the addition have been completed and are on display this week, National Library Week. Johnson said it is hoped construction can begin in May or early June.

The addition, details of which were released today, will increase the seating capacity from 350 to 800 readers and will permit the book collection in the main library to grow from 70,000 to more than 200,000 volumes.

Book loans have risen each year by more than 10 per cent since the present library was opened in 1955, Johnson said. "We are operating at peak capacity now; the completion of the new addition can't come soon enough."

Johnson outlined briefly how the various library functions will be served once the new addition is completed:

\* First floor --- A reserve book reading room and three adjacent study areas, one of which can serve as an after-hours study hall when the library proper is closed. There also will be two seminars on this floor.

The present corridor will continue into the addition and will allow direct movement---from inside or outdoors---into the Education building.

A central stairway to the upper floors will be skylighted and will feature sculptured screening to provide an artistic atmosphere.

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\* Second floor --- An outside entrance from Oakland Ave. will lead patrons directly to the library's main information desk and the large area housing reference books and periodical collections.

Turnstiles will assure traffic past a check-out point. And the central lobby will feature recent book acquisitions, card catalogs and other displays.

Other services will include listening rooms for non-musical recordings, four micro-form viewing rooms, a faculty study and a student discussion room with lounge-type furniture and frescoed walls. Smoking will be allowed here and in a similar room on the third floor.

\* Third floor --- The main book collection, which eventually will exceed 200,000 volumes, will be housed here with seating arranged on the periphery of the floor to allow maximum privacy and the best possible lighting. About 80 per cent of the seating will be independent study carrels (semi-private booths) which are being designed locally.

Group-study rooms will handle 15-20 persons.

Johnson noted that the "open stacks" principle will be followed so patrons can move about freely on both the second and third floors.

Dr. Keyes Metcalf, librarian emeritus of Harvard University and considered the outstanding authority on college libraries, served as a building consultant.

The architectural firm of Melander-Fugelso and Associates of Duluth developed plans for the specifications for the new addition.

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Members of the building committee for the new structure are:  
Chairman Winston A. Close, University advisory architect, and Roy V. Lund,  
assistant vice president and director of plant services, both of Minneapolis;  
Dr. William A. Rosenthal, professor and head of English and chairman of the  
library committee; and Mr. Johnson.