

KENNEWICK LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY LAB REMODEL



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PROJECT TYPE • REMODEL – DESIGN/BUILD

COST • \$106,000

YEAR COMPLETED • 2012



The Client is developing a cohesive image or “brand” for their library system. Part of this branding effort included remodeling a portion of this branch to update and consolidate the technology areas.

The existing building is industrial in appearance, with acoustics that are not conducive to quiet conversations. The Client had three main goals:

- ◇ Improve acoustics and lighting at the main information center.
- ◇ Consolidate all public computer services into one area including public use computers, a technology help center, copying services and microfilm access.
- ◇ Provide a small computer classroom for classes or as part of the public access computer system.

Space allocated was originally a large storage room and existing book stack space. The Client requested an “organic” circulation and flow, utilizing standard components that can be purchased for other libraries in the future.

A Design/Build approach was suggested by the prime Contractor to maximize funds available for construction. The project’s short timeline and limited financial resources inspired creative solutions to meet Client goals:

- ◇ Metal frames were attached to concrete columns at the information center. Light fixtures were hung from the frames and provide adjustable light levels. “Leaf” canopies from IKEA were attached to the framework to provide acoustical muffling.
- ◇ Walls were removed to provide space required for consolidation of all technology functions including a modular technology help center, identified by additional “leaf” canopies.
- ◇ A small computer classroom was created from unused circulation space and is multi-functional for classes and individual use.

The Client team was successful in selecting furniture to fit the design concept, and will be able to replicate the technology spaces at other branch libraries in the future. The project was delivered within budget, and has been favorably received by the Client and customers.