# From Fort Hospital to Forsyth Library







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#### First Day of School in June 1902

Western Branch of the State Normal School

The library was housed in the old fort hospital building.

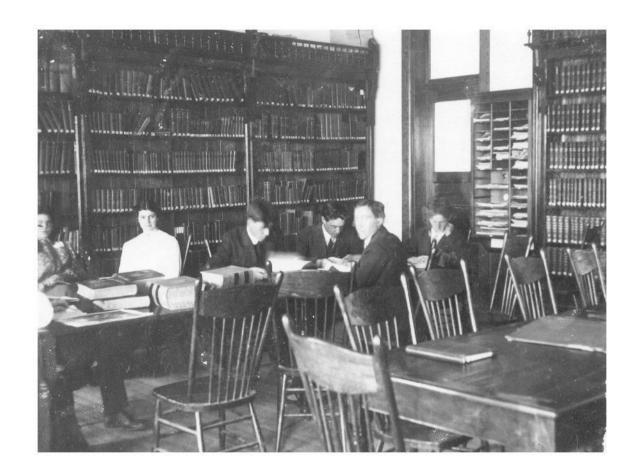
It housed 702 volumes.



## Administration Building

When the Administration Building (Picken Hall) was built in 1904, the library was moved from the old fort to the new building.

The library remained there until 1916.



#### Gymnasium

In 1916, the library was moved to the Gymnasium (now Martin Allen Hall.)

The library moved again in 1918.



#### Picken Hall

Library was moved back to Picken Hall in 1918 where it remained until the new library building was built in 1926.

Students studied among museum artifacts.



#### Forsyth Library

Legislative appropriation of \$150,000 was made in 1925

Cornerstone laying ceremony – no specific date, but it most likely was in the fall of 1925

The new building opened in the summer of 1926

14,000 volumes, over 2,000 government materials and a western history library were moved in August 1926



#### Forsyth Library

Named after General George A. Forsyth, an Army officer stationed at old Fort Hays.

The building it occupied is currently McCartney Hall.



#### Forsyth Library 1926-1967

In 1960, President Cunningham recommended that a new library building be built.

The 1964 State Legislature authorized funds.

Construction started in the fall of 1965 on the new building located directly south of the old library.



### Forsyth Library 1967-2016

When the library was built in 1967, it had two finished floors, an unfinished basement and the capacity to build a third floor.

The basement was completed in 1974.

The library has gone through many changes since 1967 including:

- Card catalog to online catalog
- Print materials slowly being taken over by electronic resources
- Typewriters to computers



## One thing that has not changed is our service to the students and faculty of FHSU!



