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City of FOREST CITY to support new Public Library Facility

Forest City, Iowa - The City of Forest City is announcing the purchase of the building at 145 East L Street, formally known as Forest City Foods, in Forest City. Forest City City Council has been discussing this project in closed session for several months and has approved the purchase of the building for \$150,000.

Forest City City Council announced that the building, after renovations, will be the new location for the Forest City Public Library.

The Forest City Public Library, located at 115 East L Street, is operating in 4400 square feet. "We have been short on space for programming, books and small meetings for many years," says Christa Cosgriff, library director. The new facility will offer 9000 square feet of space allowing the library to host larger youth programs for all ages and more space for books and public meetings. The library has been in this location since June of 1970. "We are looking forward to providing a modern, updated library for the community and visitors," says Cosgriff.

The Forest City Library Board supports this new development that ensures the library will offer services in this new facility far into the future. The next steps in the process include talking to an architect about conceptual drawings and creating a fundraising plan.

The Forest City Public Library opened September 14, 1899 and continues to provide library services to 4100 residents. The Library offers reading materials, computer access, fiction and non-fiction books for youth and adults, DVDs, music, local newspapers and magazines. The Library is located at 115 East L Street. The hours of operation are 10-7pm Monday - Thursday, 10-5pm Friday, 10-2pm Saturday and is closed on Sunday. Additional information about the Library is available at <http://www1.youseemore.com/nilc/forestcitypl>

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