

Renovations to Wauneta's library improve safety and provide more room

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Renovations will give Wauneta's library more space for activities. (Christi Christner | The Wauneta Breeze)

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The Wauneta Public Library recently underwent a few renovations to improve safety for visitors and to add space. The stage was removed from the back of the library.

Wauneta has had a library for over 75 years. During that time, it has given people of all ages access to books and later, movies and e-books.

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The community library provides kids access to books and entertainment during the summer. Its summer program usually lasts for six weeks. The program is full of crafts, reading and fun.

The library moved into its present location in the Municipal building after the village obtained it from the Masonic Lodge in October of 1995.

When the library was moved into the municipal building the space included a small stage area in the back of the room.

The stage has caused a few problems several times. Not only has it caused space and organization issues, but it was also a safety issue.

Library staff worried that people would step off of the steps wrong, fall and be injured. They said taking the stage out was a precautionary step in keeping all who visit safe.

In addition, the stage made it difficult to organize some of the book shelves.

The stage has been taken out by Kevin McGraw of McGraw Builders from Hamlet. Next week new flooring will be installed over the area previously covered by the stage.

Library officials also plan to paint an accent color on the end wall in the near future, with the hopes of painting the entire library later.