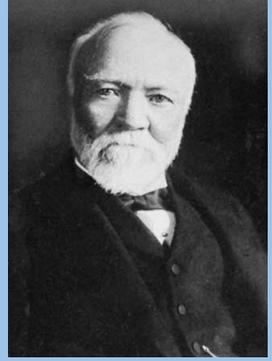


## A little history on Oregon City Public Library's Carnegie building...

**1911** - Several libraries in Oregon had been built using funds from steel king, Andrew Carnegie, and the 'Carnegie Formula', which stipulated that the city must provide a site and annual funds in the amount of at least 10% of the cost of the building. Oregon City submitted an application for a sum of \$12,500, the estimated cost of the building plus furniture. The lot at 7th and John Adams, set aside by Dr. John McLoughlin as a public space, was selected as the site of the new library.



*Andrew Carnegie*



*Library Park, circa 1890*

**1912** - Work began on the new Carnegie Library in the Seventh Street Park using a design by E. E. McClaran of Portland, which was approved by Mr. Carnegie. Robert Shelley of Portland was retained as the builder. After many changes to the plans and slowdowns which caused the need for the library to temporarily relocate to the basement of the Masonic Building, the building was finally completed.

**June 21, 1913** - The library was officially opened for business. The library resided in this building until 1990 when it moved into a building in Danielson's Hilltop Mall, now Safeway. While looking for a newer and bigger home, the library temporarily moved back into the Carnegie building.

**June 19, 2013** - The same night when Mayor Doug Neeley read the proclamation celebrating the Carnegie Building's 100th anniversary, the City Commission designated this site as the home of the new, expanded library.

Groundbreaking for the addition took place on **August 8, 2015**. The library operated out of the Carnegie while the addition went up behind it.

**July 27, 2016** - Library services moved out of the Carnegie and into the addition, taking up operations in the new building.

**October 15, 2016** - After both portions of the project were complete, the library held its Grand Opening.



*Carnegie Library, view from 6th Street*

