

211 E 2nd Street
Architectural Style: Modern
Marshfield's Community Center

Built in 1960 as the city's 2nd library & designed by Durrant & Bergquist, it was expanded in 1984. Function was central to its design: public space centered, expansive & bright; service areas within the lower sides; glass entry with easy access to community spaces below. Relationship between inside/outside accomplished with expansive glass on both ends; the street façades bays of glass separated with angled walls (like books on a shelf) shading afternoon sun. Horizontal massing & the low gable roofs wide eaves above the glass bays make the building appear almost weightless. Those qualities & the simple rich materials are its decoration. Remodeled in 2018 as a community center, the main façade retains its original character, the sides have minor alterations.



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