

A harmonious balance between the old and new



A new plan to renovate the interior of the empty

reading room or maybe even do some research in a new archive room. Kiosks with tourist information would be set up in the lobby.

Welwood Murray Memorial Library in downtown Palm Springs has struck a harmonious balance between the new and old.

The synergy between the old and the new — many tourists come here specifically to experience and enjoy our city's unique architecture and history — is impressive. This sort of creative thinking and thoughtful use of space is key as Wessman Development and the city partner together to transform the empty Desert Fashion Plaza and surrounding blocks into a vibrant downtown scene.

The Palm Springs Preservation Foundation is “very pleased” with the plan because it keeps the integrity of the historic building intact. Meanwhile, city planners are envisioning a public library where tourists and residents can gather to enjoy coffee, read in the



The 70-year-old Welwood Murray Memorial Library is at 100 S. Palm Canyon Drive in downtown Palm. CRYSTAL CHATHAM/THE DESERT SUN