

## Levi Stewart Memorial Library Building

Renovations
Corinna, Maine

Constructed just after the turn of the twentieth century by local lawyer Levi Stewart, this building is on the National Register of Historic Places. The two story masonry building houses the Town Offices and Library on the first floor and a theater on the second.

The existing theater tile ceiling that was installed sometime in the 1950's was damaged from a leaking roof and bat infestation. These issues made the theater almost unusable for the Town and the local theater group. In addition, original, single glazed windows in the Library and remaining building were inefficient and causing severe heat loss.

The desire of the Town was to restore the space, as much as possible, to resemble its original state. Period lighting and color schemes were selected and painting patterns on the ceiling were detailed and recreated from historic photographs. Within the Library, care was taken to ensure authentic reproduction of existing wood work. This was continued throughout the project. Rather then discarding the original windows, restoration was chosen with the addition of new interior storm windows. The project was approved by the State of Maine Historical Preservation Office and constructed with the assistance of a Community Development Block Grant.

