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Library building ready at Fort Hays State College . . .

Completion Monday

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HAYS, Kan.—The time consuming project of moving into the new Forsyth Library on the Fort Hays State College campus should be completed by Monday.

Contents of the 41-year-old Forsyth Library are being transferred across the street to a $1.5 million structure that will more than triple the available space.

The NEW building will provide about 350 individual study spaces and will feature open stacks. A new check system for all materials leaving the building will be initiated and typing rooms will also be available.

The old Forsyth Library cost $150,000 to construct in 1926. It was named after George Alexander Forsyth, an aide-de-camp to civil war hero Gen. Phil Sheridan. The building will be remodeled to accommodate administrative offices and classrooms.

Head librarian Mare Campbell is using colored boxes to simplify the moving task. The different colors indicate their positions in the new building. An outside elevator carries the boxes to the ground and fork-lift tractors transport the boxes across the street.

The ORIGINAL library was started with 14,000 books, 200 magazines and several bound newspaper volumes. The library has grown to 140,000 books, 2,500 periodicals and several cabinets of microfilm.

The building is a two-story limestone structure. Present plans call for the addition of a third floor and completion of the basement.