



This architectural rendering shows what the doors will look like at 110 Main Street when the building is remodeled by Music Conservatory of Sandpoint.



Youngsters look over Music Conservatory of Sandpoint exhibit in the lobby of the East Bonner County Library in Sandpoint featuring renderings of the future Arts & Culture Center.

## **MUSIC CONSERVATORY OF SANDPOINT**

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## **Can a dream of an Arts & Culture Center be near?**

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The next time you walk by the brick building at the corner of Second Avenue and Main Street, take a minute to look at it. Imagine what it was like when it was first built as the town's fire station. When the big doors on the Second Avenue side of the building swung open, horses came out and were then hitched to the fire wagon. Off they went clip clopping to hopefully put out the fire.

Yes, the room that is now called Little Carnegie was once the stable. And, once upon a time there was a cupola on the top of the building with a bell that would ring for important occasions – mostly fires. And, the whole building at one point in history was the city's jail.

But, enough about the history, the current owners, Music Conservatory of Sandpoint would much rather we looked to the future. A display now on exhibit in the lobby of the Library shows an artist's rendition of what the building could look like in a few years and the public is invited to go take a look.

The plan to re-open the doors will allow more public access to the dream of creating an Arts & Culture Center in Sandpoint. Currently Pend Oreille Arts Council rents office and gallery space in the building and the proposed project will include adding not only a much-improved recital hall but also a bigger and better art gallery.

“The building was built 110 years ago and its address is 110 Main Street,” MCS board president Kathi Samuels said. “We think that's kind of catchy. We really want the public to know what we're doing and to stop by either the library or the building to check out what's in store for the future. We envision a center focused on musicians and artists in an interactive environment.”

The library is located at 1407 Cedar Street and the exhibit will be in the lobby showcase until October 19. If you're interested in donating to the building fund, contact MCS at 208-265-4444.