

Quest for a Permanent Home

Shaffer Building (1912 - 1921)



The Shaffer Building at 622 M Street is the 2nd home of the Main Library (pictured left). From August 1912 to March 1917, it was on the first floor of the building (pictured below and lower left). In April 1917, the library moved to larger quarters on the second floor (pictured lower center and right) of the Shaffer Building and remained there until 1921. The new space, which had twice the floor-space previously occupied by the library, consisted of two rooms: the reading room and the workroom.

