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WSU Downtown Center

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Downtown Center



WSU BUILDING TOUR



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BUILDING INFO

Address: 358 N. Main Street,
Wichita, KS 67202

Year built: 1913

Size: 26,000 square feet

Leased by WSU: 2005

What's Inside:

[Center for Community Support & Research](#)

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In 2005, Wichita State leased the McIntire Building, on the southeast corner of Third and Main streets in downtown Wichita, to house WSU's Center for Community Support and Research (then known as the Self-Help Network Center for Community Support and Research). The building, constructed in 1913, had for decades served as the home of The Better Book Room Inc., a well-known Christian bookstore which ceased operations in 2003.

The Center for Community Support and Research needed more space after its staff nearly doubled in response to increased funding and outreach initiatives. The move from Jabara Hall to a downtown location was vital because CCSR was becoming more involved in community projects and agencies located in the downtown area.

When the WSU Downtown Center opened on Aug. 1, 2005, CCSR occupied only 18,000 square feet on the first two floors of the building. In 2007, WSU moved its affiliated Kansas Center for Economic Education (KCEE) to the facility, which, combined with continued CCSR expansion, filled the entire 26,000-square-foot building.

In 2009, WSU's Physical Therapy Department relocated downtown to relieve pressure on Ahlberg Hall. To accommodate the move, KCEE was moved back to the WSU campus, and the building underwent a \$140,000 remodeling by Rainbow Construction Inc. to allow the PT Department to occupy all of the second floor and part of the first. CCSR occupies