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History
The early years of the twentieth century saw a continuing growth of the collections and services of the California State Library as well as most other branches of government. Space in the State Capital Building was no longer sufficient and the need for a new building to house the State Library and Courts became manifest. First bonds, $3,000,000 for a new building were voted and approved by the electorate in November of 1917, the City of Sacramento gave title to two blocks bounded by L and N, Ninth and Tenth, as the site for the new state building. Competition to select an architect resulted in the choice of Weeks and Day of San Francisco.

War delayed construction, however, ground was broken in March 1922, and the cornerstone of the State Library-Courts Building laid by March, 1924. Increases in the cost of building required another bond issue of $1,250,000 which voters approved in November, 1926. The building was completed in 1928 and the State Library moved into its new quarters during the summer.

Gillis, James I.
Ferguson, Milton James, 1879-

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