



Renovation Project: Frequently Asked Questions

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What does the renovation project involve?

The project focuses heavily on interior remodeling of the building. Usage of library services have dramatically increased in the last decade, specifically in the last five years. [See 2018 Report to the Community for usage statistics]. We are fortunate to have outgrown the design of the current building. That being said, after reviewing an architectural feasibility study in November 2017, the Board of Trustees learned that remodeling the interior of the building, as opposed to new construction, would solve many of the problems currently experienced (limited collection space, lack of adequate public meeting space, technology issues, limited storage space, safety issues, etc.). The only section of the building that will undergo an expansion is the children's area. The expansion will provide more useable collection space for children and parents, meeting space for tutoring services, and a large programming area. Furthermore, the renovation limits the amount of "hard wall" space within the building, allowing for future growth and expansion for years to come without the need for construction.

Will the Library relocate during construction?

The Library will not relocate during construction. The current plan is to divide the Library in two sections, with the demarcation line being the structural columns located in the center interior of the building. The Library will operate out of one side of the building while the other side is under construction. We will move to the completed side while the unfinished side is being renovated.

What can we expect during the construction? Will services be disrupted?

Due to limited space during construction there will be disruptions in services during construction. The majority of our collection will be stored off-site. This will limit the amount of materials available for check-out. The amount of public computers available will be reduced as well. Meeting space will be very limited. Programming could potentially be offered off-site. The current plan allows for copy, faxing, scanning, etc. to continue as usual. Outreach programs will continue during construction.

When will shovels go in the ground?

Construction bidding and negotiation is tentatively scheduled for October - November 2018. Therefore, construction documents have not been developed. Updates will be provided as the project moves forward. The current plan estimates a 12-18-month construction timeline.

How will patrons and the community benefit from a renovated Library?

A key vision for the project is to create a more inspiring and functional space for the whole community. The centerpiece for the project is remodeling the interior of the building to remedy issues currently negatively impacting the Library. Patrons will experience state-of-the-art services, with a more convenient self-service circulation model, expanded children's area, the addition of over five public meeting rooms, technology upgrades, a safer facility indoors and out, accessible parking, and much more.

What is the overall project timeline?

The current project timeline is estimated as follows:

Schematic Design: July - August 2018

Design Development: August – September 2018

Construction Documents: October – November 2018

Bidding/Negotiation: November – December 2018

Construction Administration: December 2018 – December 2019

How is the Library paying for the project?

The project is funded by revenue accrued by the library district. Unlike the 2007-2009 renovation, this project will not be financed. Tax rates will not increase due to the renovation. In fact, in 2017-2018 the Board of Trustees voted to accept a tax rate lower than the compensating rate. Being conscious stewards of tax payer funds is a priority for the Board of Trustees. Utilizing the fund balance for the community that provided it is of the utmost importance to the Trustees.

What will the Library look like after the project?

Once the Design Phase is complete architectural renderings and design concepts will be available to view.

How can I stay informed about the project?

- Visit the Library website at: <http://lcpky.org/libraryrenovationproject/>
- Attend a Board of Trustees meeting. Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the library.
- After the Design Phase, the Library will host a community event to present completed concepts. Date and time TBA.