

Help us go from Good to GREAT: Library Renovation Project
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Vision: “In order to provide 21st Century library resources and services, we will launch a two-year capital campaign to fund vital improvements necessary to broaden and update our technology and meet the needs of the community.”

Question: The library is so beautiful, why do we need a renovation?

Answer: While it is true that the library is beautiful, not only have library services and community needs changed profoundly over the last several years, but there are major maintenance tasks that must be addressed periodically and which exceed the normal operating budget. In response to these changes and because of technology, increased library usage, and new and expanded library services the library needs to renovate. The renovation project is entirely an adaptive reuse of the building with the purpose of meeting the needs of the community, especially the needs of children and young adult population.

Question: How has the usage of the library increased?

Answer: We get busier every year.

- Library circulation has increased 237% in the last ten years.
- Circulation has increased 9% every year for the last 3 years.
- Internet use has gone from zero to sometimes over 300 users per day.
- In the last 12 months we have had over 31,500 computer uses.
- Children’s services (circulation and programming) have increased.

Question: What is the goal of the fundraising campaign?

Answer: The goal is \$100,000 in a capital campaign over a two-year period.

- We have already done extensive planning, have the design and have covered the costs of the design phase of the project.
- We are in the process of applying for grants.
- The fundraising goal is \$25,000 by Dec. 31, 2009.
- In this two-year campaign we hope to raise an additional \$75,000 by Dec. 31, 2010 for a total of \$100,000.
- The Library and the Friends of the Library have both established building funds and begun fundraising efforts.
- The library has an operating millage in perpetuity.

Question: What will be improved in the newly renovated building?

Answer: The library will be renovated to provide better services to all.

- The children’s and young adult areas will be nearly doubled and moved away from the adult computers.
- Seating will be increased by 30%.
- Laptop areas and outlets will be tripled.
- A private work area will be added.
- Stacks will be increased by 10%.
- The collections, including large print, will be more accessible.
- There will be better and more efficient lighting.

Question: Will there be library services during the renovation?

Answer: Library services will be offered throughout the renovation.

Question: Is there a tax advantage to donating to this project?

Answer: Your gift may offer significant tax advantages and may be eligible for the Michigan income tax credit as a contribution to a Michigan library. Please check with your tax consultant for more information on tax benefits.

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