

# Dodgeville Public Library Awarded \$4.25 Million for Renovation and Expansion Project

**Dodgeville, WI**, October 17, 2024 – Governor Evers recently announced \$115 million in grants to 35 local and tribal communities for new construction and renovations of public libraries and community centers. Among the recipients, the Dodgeville Public Library was awarded \$4,250,000, which will assist in the long-awaited renovation and expansion of the library.



This funding will allow the library to significantly expand its existing space, including the construction of a dedicated children’s programming room, a business center, and classrooms equipped with publicly accessible laptop computers. Additionally, the project will offer vital services such as remote learning support, telemedicine access, and workforce development resources, ensuring that the Dodgeville Public Library continues to meet the evolving needs of the community.

Carrie Portz, Director of the Dodgeville Public Library, expressed her excitement for the grant award: *"This project has been a goal for the library for nearly a decade. We are thrilled to have this funding, which will transform the library into an even greater community resource. It's about more than just expanding the space—this project will provide new opportunities for learning, connection, and growth for all of Dodgeville's residents. We are incredibly grateful to Governor Evers for his continued support of public libraries, and we are excited to bring these plans to life."*

The Dodgeville Public Library looks forward to collaborating with the City of Dodgeville on this exciting endeavor and appreciates the community's ongoing support as it works to create a library that meets the needs of future generations.

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**About the Dodgeville Public Library:**

The Dodgeville Public Library provides Dodgeville and surrounding residents access to educational, instructional, and recreational resources while fostering the use of library materials through community and instructional programs. The library’s mission is to enhance learning, connection, and growth opportunities for all residents of the Dodgeville area. It is committed to continually improving its foundation of excellent staff, services, programs, and resources with a focus on accessibility. The library aims to increase the well-being, inclusiveness, and opportunities for everyone in the community. To learn more, please visit [www.dodgevillelibrary.org](http://www.dodgevillelibrary.org).