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Frequently Asked Questions

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OVERVIEW

On October 15, 2024, the Dodgeville City Council approved a resolution to accept a \$4.25 million grant and contribute \$3.7 million to the Library expansion and renovation project. The Library has been working towards this expansion project for over ten years.

PRELIMINARY TIMELINE

- OCTOBER 2024 Design work will start
- FEBRUARY 2025 Project will go out for bid to contractors
- APRIL 2025 Contractors will be selected
- MAY 2025 Library & City Hall will move out - locations TBD
- JUNE 2025 Construction starts
- AUGUST 2026 Library moves back in!

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST? WHO IS PAYING FOR IT?

- The Library was one of 35 organizations selected for a **\$4.25 million grant** from the Wisconsin Department of Administration Flexible Facilities Program, funded through the U.S. Department of Treasury Capital Projects Fund as part of the Biden-Harris Administration's American Rescue Plan Act. One hundred entities applied for the grant and 35 were awarded a total of \$115 million.
- The **Library Foundation will contribute \$1 million** to the project.

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- The **City of Dodgeville will contribute \$3.7 million** to the project.
 - Our architect, HGA, estimates the cost of the **new library will be \$8.95 million**.
 - The Library Foundation and Friends will also start a fundraising campaign before the end of the year.

LIBRARY MOVE AND TEMPORARY LOCATION

- We will operate the library in a temporary location, or several locations, for about 15 months - approximately May 2025 to August 2026. We are working with the Library Board and the Mayor to identify locations. Please note - this part of our plan is still “under construction”!
- We will continue operating the Annex during the relocation.
- We plan to operate one or two other locations and likely hold larger programs at alternate locations during this time.
- It is likely most of our collection will be housed at another location, and may be accessible only to staff pulling requested items.
- Our intention is to continue to provide access to materials and technology for our patrons and to also meet our obligations to the other SWLS libraries.
- We also intend to keep our staff employed. With multiple sites to operate, there will be lots of work to do!

HOW WILL THE LIBRARY CHANGE?

- There will be an addition added to the front of the Library into the current parking lot. The current library building will be remodeled and we will occupy both floors.
- The parking lot will be relocated to run between the Library and Kwik Trip. The traffic will travel in one direction - cars will enter on Iowa Street and exit on Union Street.
- The new building will have more meeting rooms, computers, a business center, and more seating!
- The library will expand from about 7,000 SF to about 20,000 SF. A 2014 space needs assessment by George Lawson, Library Planner found our library would need 21,000 SF by 2035. Another space need assessment by FEH Design in 2023 found we need just over 25,000 SF to include things like meeting rooms and seating.

WILL LIBRARY SERVICES CHANGE?

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- We will add several additional meeting and study rooms for public use - including telehealth, remote work, online meetings, and in-person group meetings.
 - We will add a business center with print/scan/fax capabilities, laptop access, and presentation equipment