

RENOVATION PROJECT

Questions & Answers

Q. What does this project entail?

A. *Critical repairs will be made to the heating, plumbing, electrical and fire alarm systems. There will also be masonry upgrades and roofing work, as well as the installation of windows and interior finishes.*

Q. Why is this project being put forth now?

A. *Following an audit of the facility it was deemed imperative to make these repairs immediately in order to ensure a safe and efficient building for library patrons.*

Q. What is the project's total cost? What is the tax impact?

A. *It is estimated that the project will cost approximately \$4.5 - \$5 million. To offset the costs we have reallocated money from the operational budget to fund the construction. As a result of the savings accrued from temporarily closing the library there will be NO additional tax impact on the community.*

Q. Who will benefit?

A. *Everyone will benefit. The community will experience an improved environment to enjoy our literature and multimedia tools, while employees will be able to better function and service patrons in a more streamlined workspace.*

Q. Will construction affect library service to patrons?

A. *While the library structure will be temporarily closed, an offsite location will house select library materials where full-time staff members will assist patrons. In addition, all offsite programs will run as scheduled, and website access will connect patrons with electronic library resources. Operating hours at the offsite location will be the same as the daily library hours.*

Q. When will the library close and reopen?

A. *Upon securing a lease for a temporary offsite library location - to be announced, we anticipate to close the building in October 2011 with construction beginning in March 2012. The library is planned to reopen in early 2013.*

Q. Will this project address lack of parking?

A. *We are continually looking for ways to improve our patron's library experience and are currently exploring the possibility of obtaining additional land to expand parking availability.*

Q. How can I receive more information about this project?

A. *We will keep the community updated on the status of the project through printed and electronic correspondence. In addition, the library's website at www.communitylibrary.org will keep you apprised of the project's progress.*