



Comparison Between Current Library and the Proposed Library

Library Features	Current Library Site	New Library Plans
Dedicated children's area	Open area in front of library, noisy.	Self-enclosed, noise and activity contained via glass walls, exterior children's patio.
Meeting rooms	3, mostly occupied by current staff and programming, maximum event capacity 80 people.	7 study rooms (2-4 people), 6 meeting rooms (maximum event capacity 300 people), 4 conference rooms (maximum capacity 13 people).
Outdoor courtyard	Small front patio.	4 outdoor patio/event areas.
Outdoor children's area	None	An exterior patio and event space connected to the children's area of the library.
Parking Spaces	43 dedicated spaces.	131 dedicated spaces.
Connection to trail system	No	Yes - a connector to the lake trail system is included in the plans.
Quiet reading/working space	Yes. Seats roughly 10 people AND holds our non-fiction collection.	Yes. A dedicated quiet room with seating for approximately 20 people depending on furniture. No collections stored within the space.
Computer lab	No dedicated space for computer instruction.	Yes. A 15-seat dedicated computer lab designed for individual use or group instruction.
Staff work space	Current space was designed for a much smaller staff and is overcrowded.	New space designed to accommodate current and projected future staff.

Fireplace	Yes. 1 in main reading area.	Yes. Included in current design.
Makerspace	No.	Yes. Dedicated space with room for experimentation and design work for all ages.
Bus garage	Yes. Current space allows for bookmobile to be backed out requiring two staff for guidance.	Yes. New space will have a drive-through garage and a dedicated exit from the property to minimize disruption during moving. The garage is also designed as a meeting and programming space to accommodate outdoor events.
Location	Current library embedded in one neighborhood.	New location is central to the entire district and visible on Main Street, while also connected by trails to Severance.
Library Shelving	Current library space is beyond storage capacity, resulting in the need to continually remove items that are frequently not checked out.	30% more room for library materials for people to check out.
Teen area	Currently, open area with four computers.	Dedicated space for teen activity with computers, study space, and group collaboration area.
Large Meetings/Gatherings	One public meeting room with maximum capacity of 80 people.	Large space that can accommodate 300 people and can be subdivided into three smaller spaces.
Sq. Footage	17,500	Approximate 38,000