

Library outlines expansion plans



ABOVE: The adult reading area of the new library expansion. RIGHT: The expansion includes a reading and classroom gathering area for children.
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Expansion of library design planned, expands services, stock through construction bond

Twenty twenty-five is going to be an exciting year for the library. Over the last five years, we've been able to add a significant amount of programming, create library outreach programs, improve the appearance of the library inside and outside, and increase the interior space for patrons. Now we've run out of space.

don't deal directly with the public to another building to make room for a small conference room space

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS



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- Accomplishment highlights**
- ☑ Painting the interior and exterior of the building
 - ☑ Moving the staff who

- ☑ Purchasing a new van and automobile with grant funds
- ☑ Increasing our Spanish program attendance
- ☑ Adding a weekly playtime for children and family storytime on Saturdays
- ☑ Rebranding the library's logo and improving our marketing materials
- ☑ Collaborating with schools to bring in the Springboard to Inquiry Early Literacy Program and helping



- with the Oregon Battle of the Books
- ☑ Adding after-school stem classes, notary services, and author talks
 - ☑ Focusing on providing meaningful services to Camp Sherman

Library Expansion

With the new year, the library is kicking off our expansion project. It will create a community gathering place, additional meeting rooms, room for a more extensive collection, and

separate adult, teen, and children's areas. For the last 25 years, the library has served you funded by \$0.4349 per thousand property tax, grants, and donations, which means you never pay an additional fee when you step into the library; all of our events, programs, and meeting rooms are free to the public.

The proposed expansion will increase the library space from 6,000 to 18,000 square feet. We are currently applying for grants, and we've received several large donations for the project. We are presenting a construction bond in the May 2025 election.

Here's a partial list of what the expansion will add/

- ☑ Have 2-person, 4-person, board, and community rooms; separate spaces for children, teens, and adults
- ☑ Provide after-hours meeting community meeting space
- ☑ Provide more in-house programming for adults, teens, and children
- ☑ Create an Oregon Historical Collection area
- ☑ Allow us to increase the size of our collection
- ☑ Add more space for computers
- ☑ Create outdoor space available during open hours

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