

Library Construction Bond Details - 2026

Preparation

- Planning for expansion since 2000
- Set aside \$1.5M in savings & donations
- Purchased surrounding property with intent to expand

Fiscal Responsibility/Impact

- JCLD is not part of the county/city – we are a special district created in 2000
- We are funded by a permanent tax rate levy of \$0.4349/\$1000 of assessed value
- Tax rate has not increased since district formed – we have not asked for more funds and we have been in the same building for 36 years
- The amount of revenue we receive is reduced by the city Urban Renewal Districts and Housing Urban Renewal District
- All expansion costs so far have come from existing funds & donations
- We will seek out grants and matching funds to potentially reduce bond costs
- This bond would cost \$0.41/\$1000 in addition to the operating levy
- For a property of \$300k assessed value this would equate to an extra \$123/year

Levy vs Bond

- A levy is for operational funds
- Levies can be permanent or for a fixed term in years (Local Option Levy)
- A bond is for financing physical things: property, building, renovations
- Bonds have a fixed term

Why do we need more space?

- Staff is separated in different buildings
- We do not have enough quiet meeting room spaces or a large community multipurpose area
- Not enough space to expand participation in programming
- Not enough space to expand physical collection
- Not enough space to increase our Library of Things collection
- Consolidate storage for efficiency/security

What is different from the 2025 bond?

- We took your feedback to reimagine a comprehensive library plan
- Total cost of \$15.9 million over 25 years (reduced from \$20.4 million last year)
- Update the existing building to include a large multipurpose community space with after hours access – conference room, flexible use space
- Build a new 14,000 sq ft library across the street from the existing building
- Open a branch in Culver
- Expand Bookmobile services (Warm Springs/CRR/Ashwood)

Benefits of the new plan?

- Increase our ability to provide services to all patrons throughout the district
- Efficient, streamlined design of a new building allows for expansion of the collection and enlarged program capacity
- Dedicated and separated adult, teen, & children spaces
- Several small meeting rooms/study rooms
- Separate heritage/genealogy room
- No interruption of services during construction
- Eliminate the cost of renting a temporary space and relocating/storing the collection
- Consolidate staff under 1 roof to increase efficiency, safety, and interaction with patrons

Why should I support this bond if I don't ever go to the Library?

- We bridge the digital divide between haves and have nots – many patrons do not have computers/printers/internet at home
- Free services available including Tech Help and Notary services
- Electronic books and audiobooks available without stepping foot inside the building
- We all benefit from an educated society
- Enhances the community
- Provides a safe space for those who need it
- Free meeting space