

## THE FIRST STEPS

### Your Library Expansion Project

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In August of 2013 the Library Board of Trustees commissioned a Space Needs Assessment and a Facility Condition Assessment of the existing library that was completed in December of 2013. The purpose of this report was to provide the necessary initial, objective information from which the Board can make informed decisions on the future direction of the Library.

### QUESTIONS ADDRESSED IN THE REPORT INCLUDE:

- What are the space needs of the library and how big should it be?
- Will a suitable building fit on the existing site?
- Is the existing structure worth investing in and expanding?

To answer these questions the report followed recommendations of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and the Public Library Association, whereby a local library, through a *planning process*, determines service goals suited to meet the needs of its own *local community* and develops spaces and sizes *specific to the community's unique needs*.

*(This report is available to the public at the library and on the website: [www.pdcpubliclibrary.org](http://www.pdcpubliclibrary.org))*

*In 1960 when Joseph and Emma Lenzenmeyer Wachute left \$75,000 for the library, they wanted to locate it opposite the park on the NE corner. There was only enough money for the building, so the city gave the park for the library.*

~ Excerpt from *The Great Artesian Well, Wachute Memorial Library Centennial Edition* by Mary Ann Stemper.



## Contact Us

### Library Expansion Project

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## Information on *Your*

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**DONATION INQUIRY FORM**

I prefer to be contacted by: (circle one)

PHONE MAIL EMAIL

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to talk with someone about these opportunities:

- Set up a Company Matching Program
- Donor Wall Donation
- Business Sponsorship
- Special Project Donation
- Individual/Family Sponsorship

Someone will contact you regarding your donation inquiry. This form does not obligate you to any donation at this time. Thank you.

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- Adult area shelving will increase 117-165%
- Teenager area shelving will increase 193%
- New study rooms
- Children's area shelving increase 160%
- Storage increase 270%
- 932 square feet dividable meeting room with after hours access

**Concept Designs**



PRAIRIE DU CHIEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
CIRCULATION DESK



PRAIRIE DU CHIEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
CHILDREN'S AREA



PRAIRIE DU CHIEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
ADULT AREA



**Why Do We Need to Expand?**

**YOUR LIBRARY NEEDS TO DOUBLE IN SIZE**

The space needs programming identified need for a library of approximately 12,000 total square feet. The current library is 5,812 square feet (with basement).

**YOUR LIBRARY NEEDS DEDICATED SPACES**

For the current facility to continue to be viable, more dedicated spaces (see orange box) and a greater variety of spaces are needed to meet current and future program needs.

**Are We Expanding On-Site?**

**YOUR LIBRARY IS IN GOOD BUILDING CONDITION**

The structure can be remodeled and expanded at possible less cost than new.

**When Does Construction Start?**

**2017 CONSTRUCTION BEGINS**

These dates are tentative and based on fundraising contributions. 2014 - Fundraising campaign begins. 2016 - Bids let out. 2017 - Construction starts in spring.

**The Budget**

**TARGET: \$2.92 MILLION**

Includes **Renovation** of 5,094 square feet and **New Addition** of 6,718 square feet; **Furniture, Fixtures** and **Equipment**; **Soft Costs** (e.g. fees, permits); a **Renovated Fountain** and **Site Costs**.