

Carbondale City Library
Case Statement Draft

Our Community's Front Porch Campaign

CARBONDALE CITY LIBRARY



The Carbondale City Library Board of Directors has been asked by many area residents over the years to provide more space and services. Our community may be small, but our residents are keenly aware that our great quality of life includes having a strong public library, where all of us have free access to information and the world around us.

In the past 10 years the number of visits has increased from 6,500 to 8,500—that's more than 30 people in the library every day we're open and we can only hold a few at one time because we are so small. The number of materials we've checked out (circulation), has more than doubled in that time. In addition, the number of requests we receive makes it clear that more residents would use more services if only we had the space.

After considerable review of all options, we have determined the best long-term answer for all of us is to build a new facility at the northeast corner of Third and Main Streets, just east of City Hall. The City has already purchased and cleared the site for the new library. Treanor HL has provided a preliminary design for the new library and Keller Consulting is assisting with fundraising. The new 6,000 square foot facility is projected to cost between \$1,300,000 and \$1,600,000, to be raised from a variety of sources in 2017, with construction estimated to begin Spring 2018.

We are currently seeking public input and feedback from as many Carbondale residents as possible. This document is intended for informational and discussion purposes only; final project plans may vary.

Why do we need a new library?

Because we currently have:

- Limited access for people with disabilities
- Extremely inadequate space for patrons
- No room for strollers, wheelchairs, walkers
- No room for families to visit together
- Overcrowded shelves
- Lack of space for new materials
- No work space or privacy anywhere
- No room for staff to process library materials and conduct administrative duties
- Limited access for activities and events due to shared programming area
- No work space for Santa Fe Trail students who are using school district laptops

Why don't we...

...use the old Casey's site?

It has been sold.

...use an existing building?

The structural engineer said it'd be more expensive to fix than build.

...just add on?

There's not enough space for a building and parking.

...build something cheaper?

Carbondale deserves better!

The new Carbondale City Library will be a place where we can:

Learn

- Nature
- Travel
- History
- Science
- Art

Research

- Healthcare and insurance
- Employment
- Social Security
- Local history
- And more...

Socialize

- Needlecraft, gardening, photography, crafts, scrapbooking
- Plant sales
- Cookie bake-offs
- Coordination of city-wide garage sales
- Historical exhibits
- Food tasting events

Have Fun

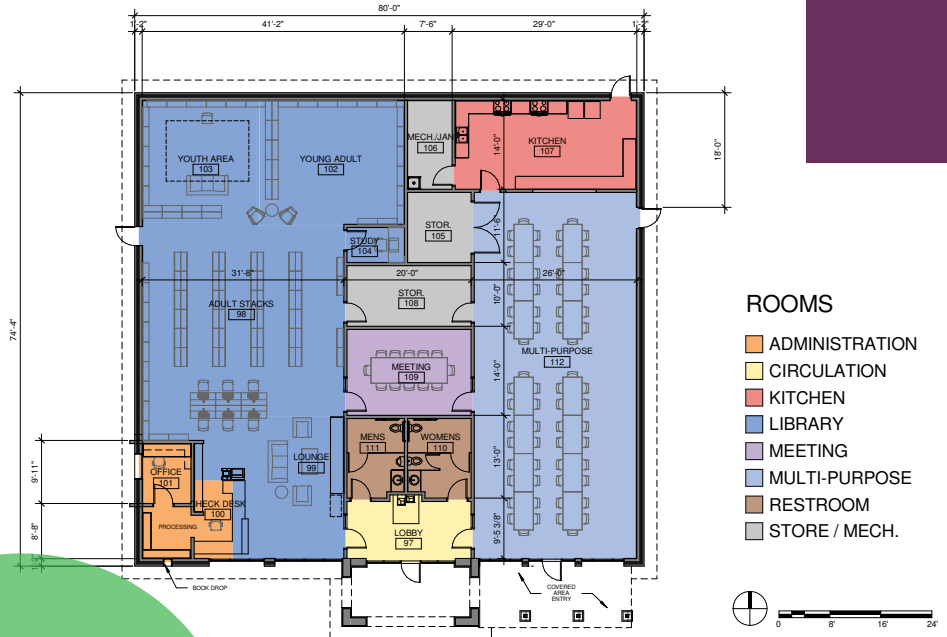
- Explore new worlds
- Play computer games
- Use appropriate social media
- Use our imaginations
- Movie nights
- Summer reading programs
- Game nights
- Holiday events
- Touch-a-Truck

Keep it in Carbondale

- Enjoy the benefits of an active, thriving community without leaving home

What will the new library have?

- More books - print, large print, audio and electronic
- Movies - DVD and digital formats
- Adequate and accessible programming space
- Quiet study and work space
- Free public access computers and wireless internet
- Technology resources and training
- Community information center
- Classes and programs, such as healthy eating, cooking, sewing, exercise, health fairs, crafting
- A kitchen suitable for lifestyle enrichment programs
- Activities and services for teens, adults, and retirees
- Printer, copier and fax service
- Readers' advisory services
- Research assistance
- Book delivery





Why Now?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A new library with community programming space will be the central focus of a strong economic re-development initiative for Carbondale - truly a long-term investment in our community that will encourage its development.

OUR FAMILIES

We have more than 30 patrons every day, many of them with walkers or strollers, and they need a place to gather. The new library will be a community resource that defines Carbondale as a city with a future.

OUR GATHERING PLACE

A place to grab a cup of coffee, read a magazine or paper, share a story, finish a project with friends...

...just like your own front porch!

How will we pay for it?

We are conducting a fundraising campaign that includes seeking a Community Development Block Grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce and a grant from The Jones Trust, both of which will be dependent upon local contributions to match them. Individual pledges may be made over a five-year period and may be acknowledged or anonymous. Naming and recognition opportunities will be available, consistent with leadership giving. We will raise as much as possible before seeking public support for the balance, which would increase taxes only about \$6.32/month for every \$50,000 in property value.

PROJECT BUDGET

GOVERNMENT GRANTS	\$ 400,000
PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 250,000
PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS	\$ 150,000
LOW INTEREST BONDS	\$ 800,000
TOTAL	\$1,600,000

*Thank you for supporting
the future of Carbondale!*

How can I help?

We are in the early stages of the fundraising campaign and welcome any and all volunteers and early supporters.

To find out how you can help, please contact:

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or sign the volunteer sheet at the library.