Building Our
Future

Main Library Renovation

Monroe County
Public Library

Monroe County Public Library is undergoing renovations to address the changing needs of the Library and the future needs of Monroe County residents. We are creating two new and exciting services: a dedicated Teen Space and a Digital Creativity Center for all ages. These two new spaces will enable the Library to meet the current and future needs of Monroe County residents as 21st century literacy skills and traditional library services evolve. The Library will remain open throughout the renovation, but some areas will be temporarily closed and others relocated. Look for updates throughout the Library and online at ***mcpl.info/renovation***.

FIRST PHASE:

May–August, 2014

- Movies & Music moves to the second floor
- Auditorium and Children's Program Room closed for renovation; *will reopen in September 2014*
- New Friends of the Library Bookstore under construction. *The current Bookstore will remain open during construction.*
- Other spaces under construction: Community Access Television Services and Community Outreach

SECOND PHASE:

September–December 2014

- New spaces under construction: Teen Space, Digital Creativity Center, and new meeting rooms; *will open in January 2015*
- Other spaces under construction: Collection Services and Information Systems offices, Friends of the Library Bookstore storage and workroom

BUDGET:

The renovation is funded through tax dollars and is estimated to cost $1.4 million.

COMMUNITY INPUT

Monroe County Public Library utilizes many tools for gathering community input and feedback. Ahead of the renovation, the Library hosted focus groups, public meetings and discussions, and shared plans throughout the process online and at Library Board of Trustees meetings. The Library also collected ideas and suggestions through its website and a display in the first floor atrium. In addition to all the community input gathered, the Library's management team regularly collected input and suggestions from staff, and the Library's Board of Trustees reviewed plans at their meetings, which are open to the public.

"To be fully literate in the 21st century, individuals must be able to do more than find, use, and analyze information. They must also be able to create it—in print, visual, and audio formats. We are very excited about the new spaces that will support digital creativity."

Visit ***mcpl.info/renovation*** to follow project progress. For specific questions, contact Marilyn Wood, Associate Director, via email at ***mwood@mcpl.info***.

Building Spaces being Created and Renovated:

Teen Space

The Library is creating a new space dedicated for use by Monroe County middle and high school students. The space will be located where Music & Movies and the Friends of the Library Bookstore were located. In the new space, teens will gather with their peers in a relaxed atmosphere, be creative, and learn new technologies that may not be available at home or at another venue.

Digital Creativity Center

A new space and service for the Library, the Digital Creativity Center will provide access and instruction to new technologies that patrons may use to create their own music, video, and graphic design work. It will be located in a highly visible location off the first floor Atrium immediately adjacent to the Teen Space.

Movies & Music

To make space for the Teen Space and Digital Creativity Center, Movies & Music will move to the second floor, where the Young Adult Collection was previously located. This will be a natural and convenient home for this collection, as it will reside with the rest of the adult collections.

Friends of the Library Bookstore

The Friends of the Library Bookstore is a popular destination for visitors to the Library with its reputation for providing high quality used books. The Bookstore is currently tucked away in the back of Movies & Music. The new location, to the west of the Children's Department, will give the Bookstore higher visibility and an area better tailored for its needs as a retail space.

Children's Program Room

The Children's Program Room will move to the space immediately adjacent to the current program room, in order to accommodate the Friends Bookstore. The new location will provide a new, centrally located focal point in the Children's Department, with better visibility for staff and patrons.

Auditorium

The Auditorium will receive much-needed updates. The deficiencies to be addressed include replacing flooring to make the auditorium safe and more accessible; simplifying the lighting and sound systems which are currently difficult to use and obsolete; improving acoustics; and creating a side-wing on the east side of the stage, a green room for pre-performance preparations, and a secure storage area.

Community Outreach

Community Outreach offices will be moved to a more optimal location for their work, adjacent to the elevators to the Garage where the Bookmobile and Outreach vans reside, and will gain natural light.

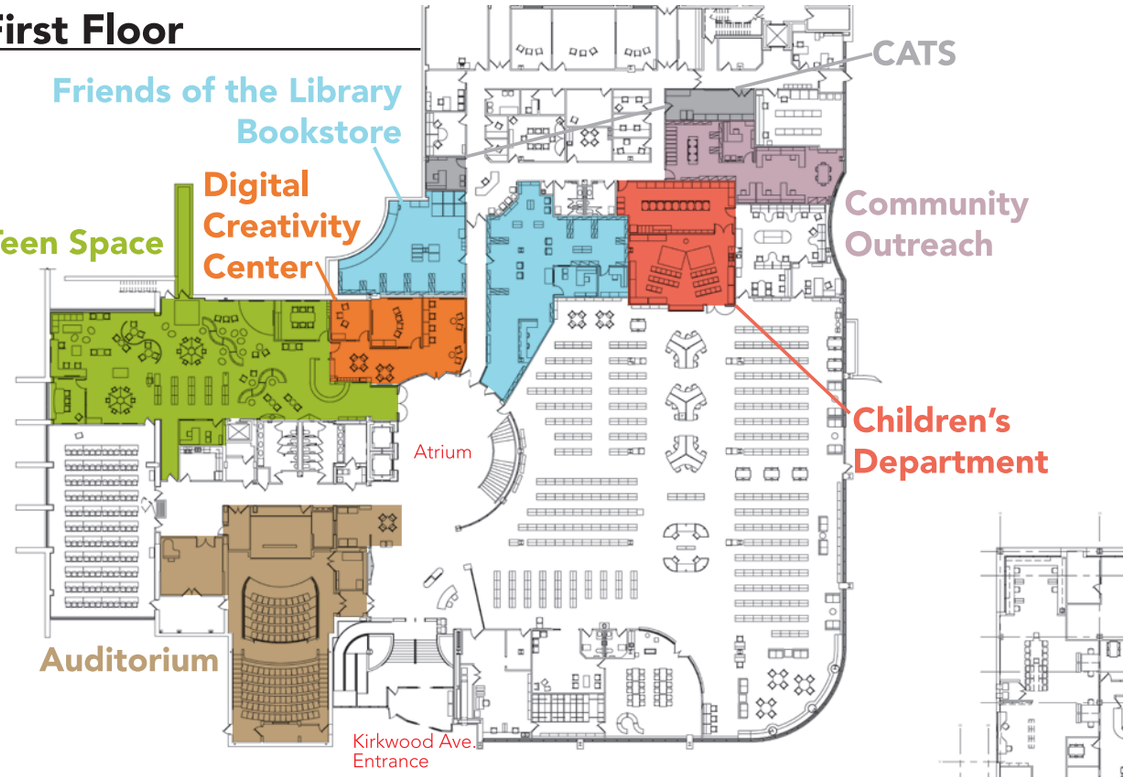
2nd Floor Meeting Rooms

The last renovation left 1,100 square feet of under-utilized space, behind the New Arrivals area adjacent to the parking lot doors on the second floor. This renovation plan calls for the creation of a medium-size meeting room and two small conference/study rooms to respond to frequent requests.

Collection Services & Information Systems Offices

With digital media replacing many traditional and physical books and movies, the space needs of staff in Collection Services and Information Systems are changing. Rearrangement of third floor offices addresses these changing needs, bringing these two departments closer together and adding natural light to both office areas.

First Floor



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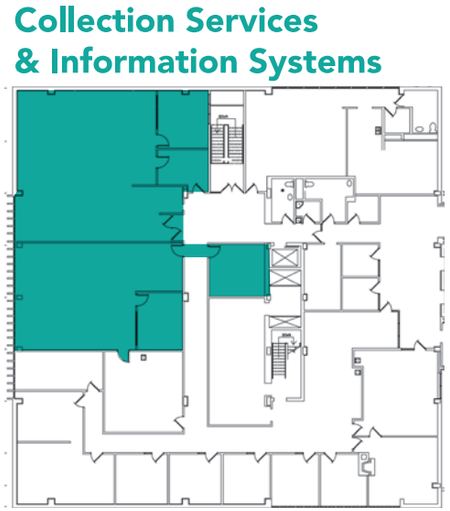

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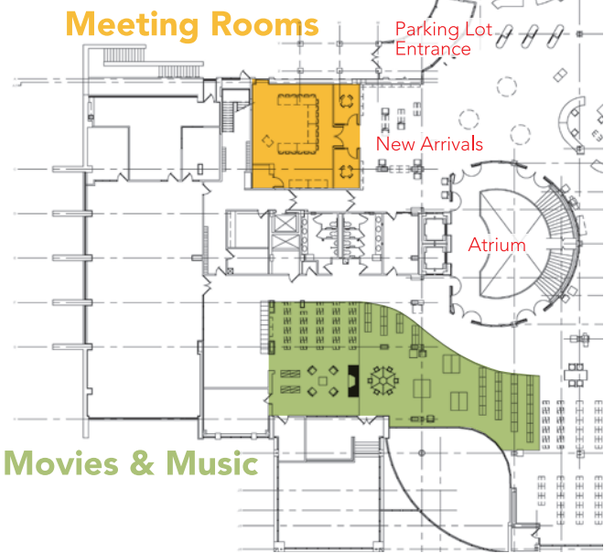

Our Mission

The mission of Monroe County Public Library is to enrich lives and strengthen our community by providing equitable access to information and opportunities to read, learn, discover, and create.

Our Vision

An educated, engaged, curious, and creative Monroe County, with the Library at its center.

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