

Future Southwest Branch

- We want your feedback on a new Southwest Monroe County Public Library Branch! Take our survey! The Library Board of Trustees approved hiring Matheu Architects, PC in April 2018 for a new branch planning study. The company was selected based on proven qualifications and project experience in conducting similar studies.
- The Library's current strategic direction planning process validated the need and desire in our community for an additional branch. Additional operational costs will be funded without impact on the two current library branches and construction costs will be funded without any anticipated increase in tax rates.
- Conversations between MCPL, Matheu Architects, PC, and a number of community leaders and stakeholders in the summer of 2018 informed a general Southwest location of this potential third library facility. The Southwest portion of the county is the largest growing area in terms of residential growth and population, is an underserved area for library services, and is one of the few available and viable land areas.
- In September 2018, many Southwest-area residents participated in scheduled community conversations to provide input into a new Southwest Library Branch. Additionally, over 800 Monroe County residents provided feedback via a survey, email, or by phone.
- Matheu Architects, PC's branch planning study was presented to and unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees in February 2019. The Library will now continue discussions with the Library's real estate broker to determine if identified potential sites are viable options.
- In Summer 2019, Matheu Architects, PC was selected to design the new branch library.
- In Fall 2019, a potential site was identified and preliminary discussions are taking place. Additionally, budget and potential funding options were identified.

Tentative Southwest Library Branch Planning and Construction Timeline

- 2018: Feasibility study for new branch planning through Matheu Architects, PC
- 2019: Determine budget and funding options within current tax rates
- 2019/20: Acquire site
- 2019/20: Hire architect to develop plans
- 2020: Seek bond approval, at current tax rate, for branch construction
- 2020: Finalize site and facility design plan
- 2021: Construction
- 2021?2022: Open new branch site

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