

Middleton Public Library Building Feasibility Study 2015

Strategic Facility Planning Tiered Objectives

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Must Haves

Structural / Exterior

- New roof (3)
- Better temperature control
- Street curb appeal (landmark)
- More parking; Reasonably close parking (Terrace Ave. lot is great)
- Drive-through book return
- Front door that locks securely
- Ramp and automatic doors for staff entrance
- Windows that open in public spaces, like at Holy Wisdom Monastery

Interior Design / Layout

- Natural lighting without the UV rays (like at Holy Wisdom) (5)
- Smaller, more functional circulation desk
- Fix confusing building/collection layout
- Accessible restrooms for public and staff
- Quiet staff meeting/conference room
- Raised floor that would allow easy installation of additional data/electrical (3)
- Adequate space for computers, label printers, color printer/copier/fax, widescreen monitors, laptops, outlets, chargers, RFID pads at individual and shared work stations
- Ergonomic work spaces; larger work spaces; collaborative work spaces
- Room for carts, lots of counter space, filing cabinets/shelving/storage, disc repair machine
- Sinks
- Access to refrigerator/microwave/stove with ventilation
- Proximity of staff work space to reference desk
- All TS staff in proximity to each other (currently split between levels), with proximity to rest of reference team staff as well (Adult Services, IT)
- Reasonably quiet work area separate from circulation work area (sorter is too loud). (2)
- Adequate shelving space for collections.
- Soundproofing between staff and public areas

- Ventilation for work area (glues, copiers, chemicals, etc.) (2)
- Carpet that is durable and doesn't present a tripping hazard
- Reference Desk configuration so back-up staff is within sightline
- Solution for Reference Desk phone (in quiet area, makes communication difficult)
- Larger Teen space that is still defined (does not run into Adult section)
- More seating in Teen area

New Spaces

- Closed room space for patrons who wish to discuss private issues and concerns one on one with staff (2)
- Reconfiguration of staff area/quieter staff area (2)
- More meeting rooms; Meeting rooms that can accommodate larger groups; Meeting room that is easily accessible from all areas of the library, preferably near the front of the building
- More study rooms (both quiet and 'loud') (3)
- Full kitchen (2)
- Mom/Family Rooms
- Friends coffee and merchandise store

Technology

- Reliable, functioning technology (extremely important)
- Strong, reliable wi-fi throughout the building
- Mobile tagging station
- Dedicated Makerspace area
- Security measures (cameras, line of sight, etc.)
- Walk-in charging kiosk

Wants

Structural / Exterior

- Solar panels (2)
- Drive-up bookdrop (2)
- Tinted windows (like at Holy Wisdom Monastery)

Interior Design / Layout

- Oven/ventilation for cooking-related classes

- Ice cold water access (my water intake has gone down considerably with the water cooler gone)
- Non-fluorescent lighting
- Natural light, with the caveat that we need to eliminate glare and protect the materials (early reader collection currently has a huge problem of labels fading due to sunlight)
- Non-carpeted flooring (something that won't make a lot of cart noise)
- Ventilation for programming (crafts, etc.)
- Windows that can open
- Plants
- Better accessibility (automatic doors, adequate space to move around in, etc.)
- Quiet area that doesn't include the reference desk (answering phones, reference interviews, etc. not quiet)
- Desk/work surfaces that can be raised and lowered for that one could stand or sit while working; Exercise ball "chairs"
- More *offices* and fewer cubicles (moveable walls).
- Bigger breakroom

New Spaces

- More meeting room space (2)
- Space to hold individual and small-group meetings (currently use study rooms).
- Staff bathroom on lower level
- Staff exercise room/treadmills/shower (2)
- Ambassador desk (2)
- Coffee shop
- Dedicated, enclosed space for Friends book sales and sales of library merchandise
- Discovery Place (center)
- Dedicated studio (film)
- Display cases for small exhibits
- Outdoor learning space
- 24/7 Holds area
- Writer's loft
- Library store

Technology

- Four new self-check machines (grocery store-style setup)
- Media/Maker lab (2)
- Stronger, faster WiFi
- Touch-screen monitors
- Separate computer labs for talking vs. quiet, adults vs. kids, plus hands-on instruction
- More space for charging tablets/Kindles that have been returned (a 'need' if we increase # of circulating devices)

- Mobile "computer lab" with tablets and laptops for instruction *or* a dedicated instruction space apart from the computer lab and meeting room

Pie in the Sky

Structural/ Exterior

- Green roof with ability to have outdoor programs there (4)

Interior Design / Layout

- Moveable walls to create mazes in a space (perhaps could tie into meeting rooms and dividing up into different configurations for multiple groups?)

New Spaces

- Makerspace with ventilation/equipment for glassblowing/metalworking, etc. (liability issues?)
- Daycare for staff (kid daycare; pet daycare)
- Planetarium
- Theater
- Meditation room (2)
- Obviously we need a ping pong table. And probably a pinball machine. (2)
- 24 hour holds pickup access
- Makerspace = hot elements (UW's Wheelhouse model)
- "Idea Box" collaborative art space (see Oak Park Public Library)

Technology

- Dedicated soundproofed teen room for gaming, tech exploration (separate from collection so teens could have quiet area to browse as well)
- Jumbotron to project featured book covers livefeed video of programming