

Bloomington Public Library

The Campaign for Your Future Library

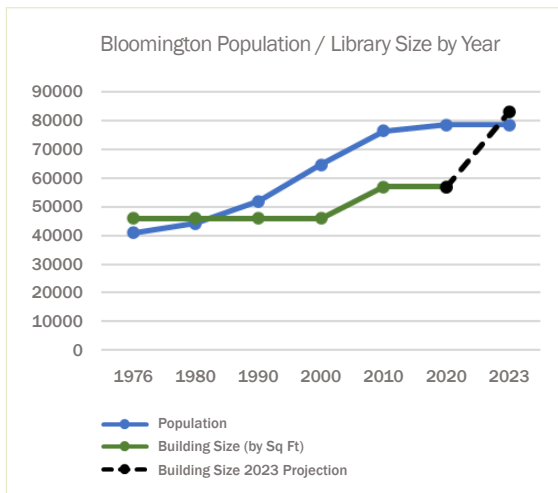
MISSION STATEMENT

We provide our diverse community with a helpful and welcoming place that offers equal access to the world of ideas and information and supports lifelong learning. The library's expansion and renovation project will open the doors to an expanded world of opportunity for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

History:

In 1976, a 46,000-square-foot building was constructed at 205 E. Olive Street to house Bloomington Public Library and meet the needs of the City's population of 41,000 people.

Since 1976, Bloomington's population has grown by 92 percent while the library building has had one expansion, increasing space by only 24 percent.



Expansion:

Plans include adding more than 20,000 square feet to the library's current footprint and renovating 57,394 square feet of existing library space. The project will improve library services to the community and allow the Bloomington Public Library to meet the community's current and emerging needs by incorporating flexible, forward-thinking designs which address population growth, update the aging facility, increase accessibility for individuals of all abilities, and implement unique solutions to facility needs. Also on the agenda are enhancing educational services to the community via workforce development and coding classes offered in a new Computer Lab, teaching next generation STEAM skills in a new Maker Lab, and increasing the number of available study spaces from 1 room to 9 rooms in an effort to aid both study groups and student-tutor duos.

Highlighted additions of the planned building include:

- Drive-Up Window
- 3 Large Meeting Spaces
- 2 Large Children's Programming Rooms
- 9 Group Study Rooms
- Computer Lab
- Innovative Maker Lab
- Discovery Zone
- 2 Recording/Podcast Studios
- Wider Aisles
- More Accessible Shelving
- Sensory Friendly Room
- Nursing Nook

Campaign:

Through a \$5.68 million grant from the State of Illinois and \$4.1 million in reserve funds, \$9.78 million has already been secured for this \$25.2 million expansion and renovation project. The Library seeks to fund the remainder of the project with a \$14.2 million bond and **\$1.25 million in community donations.**

Timeline:

PHASE 1: April - December 2022

- Renovate the West half of the building
- Add 25,541 square feet to the West side of the building

PHASE 2: January - August 2023

- Renovate the East half of the building

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