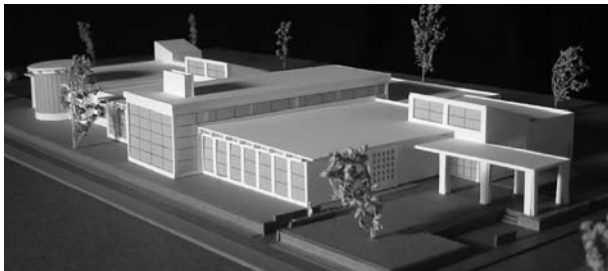




Folks in the Franklin Avenue neighborhood have participated in several informational meetings during the summer to discuss renovation plans for the Franklin Avenue Library. A total of five workshops, guided by the firms of Benjamin Design Collaborative and David Milling Architects, have been held to gather input from library customers and community members to shape the library's plans for the future. As the busiest branch of the Des Moines Public Library, this is an eagerly awaited phase in the Des Moines Public Library's ten-year system-wide facilities improvement plan that has already built a new Central Library and renovated four other branch libraries.

Current plans call for an additional 10,000 square feet to be added to the branch, which has an annual circulation of more than 440,000 items. The building's exterior and entrances will be greatly enhanced and the expanded interior will be redesigned for better service. Major improvements will include designated areas for expanded children's services, two meeting rooms, new study rooms, cozy reading spaces, and more convenient book returns. The Des Moines Public Library Foundation anticipates having funding in place to begin construction sometime in 2009 and library officials are exploring potential locations to offer services temporarily during construction.

A budget of \$6.1 million has been allocated for the renovation of the Franklin Avenue Library. This is an exciting project for our community and we appreciate the community's input.



WHAT IS THE TOTAL PROJECT COST AND HOW WILL IT BE FUNDED?

\$20 million
City of Des Moines Capital Improvements Fund

\$ 5 million
Polk County/Vision Iowa Fund

\$23 million
Des Moines Public Library Foundation and Private Donors

\$48 Million Total

HOW IS THE BUDGET ALLOCATED AMONG LOCATIONS?

The Capital Campaign goal of \$48 million is allocated this way:

\$32 million
New Central Library - New

\$5.9 million
Renovations – Four Branches

\$6.2 million
Franklin Avenue - Library Renovation

\$3.9 million
Southeast Library - Proposed

HOW CAN YOU HELP SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN?

Support by this community is crucial to making the new and renovated libraries a reality. We welcome donations that will help reach the goal. Donations to the campaign can be sent to Des Moines Public Library Foundation, 1000 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309.

If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact the library director, Saul Amdursky.



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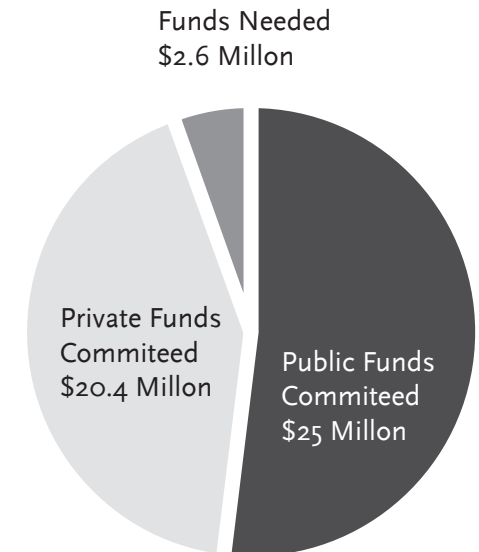
FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

The Des Moines Public Library Capital Campaign ten-year project represents a unique public/private partnership to raise funds for enhancing the entire library system. To provide the accessible community resources that modern library customers demand, a new Central Library was built at 1000 Grand Avenue in downtown Des Moines and renovations were proposed for all five branch libraries.

WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN?

The goal is in sight! Less than \$3 million remains to be raised from private contributions for the entire library system project. The following shows a more detailed breakdown of the funding to date.



CENTRAL LIBRARY 1000 GRAND AVENUE

The new Central Library opened on April 8, 2006. It is located between Locust and Grand Avenues between Tenth Street and Twelfth Street as part of the Gateway West park development in downtown Des Moines.

HOW DOES THE NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY LOOK?

The new Central Library has a skin of copper mesh encased in glass which shimmers in the sun and acts as a “lantern” at night. The exterior was specially designed to protect books and other materials from ultraviolet rays and to reduce glare for computer users as well as block the heat before it enters the building. The building’s organic shape features three distinct wings in a two-story design with each wing offering different elements to the public.

WHAT IMPROVEMENTS ARE OFFERED IN THE NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY?

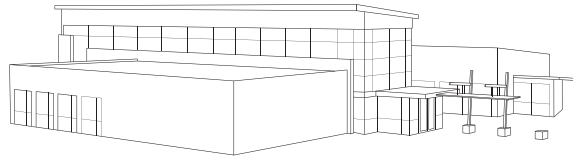
The 110,000 square foot facility provides nearly three times the space of the old Central Library.

- A popular library with more space for books, media, special collections, and reference.
- A special Children’s Department with separate story hour and craft room.
- Computer training classroom for staff and customers.
- Wireless Internet access (now available system wide).
- Space for quiet studying; or comfortable reading nooks.
- New meeting rooms for groups of up to 250 people.
- A teen center and study rooms.
- A café.
- An inviting, park-like setting.
- A “drive-up” library materials pick-up station and book return.



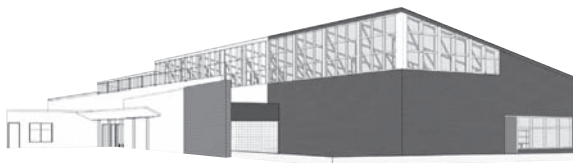
EAST SIDE LIBRARY 2559 HUBBELL AVENUE

The East Side Library reopened on August 12, 2006. The \$3.2 million renovation has given a dynamic new look to the building. With approximately 15,000 square feet of space, the library has seen growth in both the print and electronically accessible collections. A new community meeting room, a bright new entrance, drive-up book return, and two new study rooms have been added as well as a new teen space, a fireplace reading area, and a new children’s section with a fun play area.



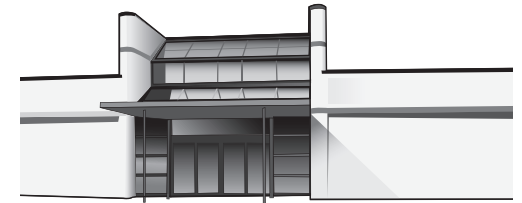
FOREST AVENUE LIBRARY 1326 FOREST AVENUE

The Forest Avenue Library closed from the beginning of July to the beginning of August in 2007 to complete extensive remodeling. New front doors, a study room, carpet, shelving, and lighting were installed, giving the branch a bright new look. The west side of the building was extended, and a separate meeting room restroom was added. The grand reopening of the Forest Avenue Library was held on November 18, 2007. The \$1.3 million cost of the project was funded by a public/private partnership between the City of Des Moines and the Des Moines Public Library Foundation.



NORTH SIDE LIBRARY 3516 FIFTH AVENUE

The renovation of the North Side Library was completed during the summer of 2007. The meeting room was completely updated and a new circulation desk, automatic doors, and a canopy were installed. A new Internet workstation area with more computers was added, along with two study rooms. The branch’s new look was launched with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 8, 2007. The North Side Library was renovated at a cost of \$678,379.



SOUTH SIDE LIBRARY 1111 SW PORTER AVENUE

The South Side Library was renovated at a cost of \$638,218 and included the installation of a wonderful new public service desk and an updated and enclosed meeting room for community groups. Other improvements included separate study areas for children and teens; all new lounge and ergonomic chairs; an expanded children’s section with shorter, more readily accessible shelves; and newly modified restrooms. A wheelchair lift that allows library patrons to access the teen loft and children’s area was also installed. The grand reopening ceremony of the South Side Library coincided with celebrating its thirtieth birthday on September 17, 2007.

