



City of Milwaukie

LEDDING LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

as of February 2018

LIBRARY OPERATIONS		
	As of August 2017	Update as of Feb. 2018
What will happen during remodel? Will the library stay open during construction?	The library will be temporarily relocated to a location, which is yet to be determined, starting in the Spring of 2018. With the exception of time needed to move in and out of the temporary location, the intent is for the library to be open and maintain a similar number of hours per week.	The library will be temporarily relocated to a location, which is yet to be determined, starting in the Early Summer of 2018. With the exception of time needed to move in and out of the temporary location, the intent is for the library to be open and maintain a similar number of hours per week.
Where will the finished library be? Will the location be the same?	The completed project will be on the current library site at 10660 SE 21 <sup>st</sup> Avenue.	
When will the new library open?	The expected opening for the improved library is Summer of 2019.	The expected opening is Fall 2019.
Will the library collection be accessible during construction?	Yes, we expect the entire collection will be accessible during construction if the storage solution lends itself to item retrieval. Please keep in mind, there may be a slightly longer delay in retrieving items stored off-site.	We will be taking as much of our collection to the temporary location as space allows. Some of the collection will go to other LINCC libraries, and still be accessible through holds. The rest will be in storage and not available during construction.
Will the hours still be the same during construction? How about after?	The library plans to be open the same number of hours per week during construction as well as afterward.	
Will patrons HAVE to use self-checkout once we expand?	No, patrons will still be able to check out with a library staff member.	



DESIGN		
	<b>As of August 2017</b>	<b>Update as of February 2018</b>
Will you be adding another floor to the building?	We will be making significant improvements to the Ledding Library and will be investigating both a one- and two-story building option.	The project is currently moving forward as a one-story building.
What is it going to look like?	We are just beginning design. No images of the project have been developed yet. Stay tuned!	A few early conceptual ideas can be found in the <a href="#">Oct 4 Community meeting presentation</a> . These will continue to be refined. Watch the Ledding Library Improvement page for updates in the coming months.
Will there be a historical aspect to the design?	The design will respond to the history and culture of Milwaukie, the landscape and the city.	
Will the library still be homey?	Our goal is to create a comfortable, warm and welcoming place for everyone.	
Will the library be bigger? What will be bigger?	The current library is approximately 12,500 square feet. The improved library is expected to be approximately 20,000 square feet. In addition, we will also have new spaces consisting of a community room and group study/tutoring rooms.	
Will you have room for more books?	Yes!	
Will there be room for programs?	Yes!	
Will you have quiet rooms for studying or tutoring?	Yes!	
Will you still have a separate space for children?	Yes!	
Will the children's section still be on its own floor?	This has not been determined, but the goal is to provide a separated, children's area that is focused on their needs.	The library is moving forward as a one-story project with the children's section separated from the adult collection (both acoustically and by distance).
Will you have a family bathroom?	Yes! It will be adjacent to the Children's area.	



DESIGN (continued)		
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Will we have changing tables in the downstairs bathroom? Will we have a bathroom IN the children's section? Will we have a changing table in the men's room or a family bathroom?	There will be changing tables in both the men's and women's bathrooms. There will also be a family bathroom adjacent to the children's area with a changing table.	
Will the elevator be wide enough for a double stroller?	Yes, if the project is multi-leveled the elevator will accommodate a double stroller.	The library is moving forward as a one-story project so an elevator is not included.
Will the elevator be away from the storytime area?	If the project is multi-leveled, the elevator will be in a place that does not disrupt programs and is distant from storytime.	The library is moving forward as a one-story project so an elevator is not included.
Will there be a separate teen space?	Yes!	
Will there be plug-ins for electronic devices?	Yes, lots of them!	
Will we have tables with the charging plugs built-in? More outlets?	Yes!	
Will the Pond House be incorporated with the plan - i.e. a bridge over the pond connecting to the Pond House?	A bridge is not currently in the scope or budget for the library.	
How much parking will there be?	This has not been determined, but will be based on city code for the final size of the library.	
Do you have enough money to rebuild?	Yes, we believe we have a sufficient budget for the project.	The robust economy has contributed to a rise in construction costs which has left the project with a budget shortfall. The project is currently seeking additional funding through grant applications and monetary donations.

CONSTRUCTION		
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When will construction/remodel start?	The library will be temporarily relocated so construction can begin starting in the Spring of 2018. Construction is expected to conclude in the Summer of 2019.	The library will be temporarily relocated so construction can begin starting in Early Summer of 2018. Construction is expected to conclude in the Fall of 2019.