



Reimagining Your Public Library

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The Future is Now!

The leadership of the building campaign has been working diligently on a plan to expand the space dedicated to library service in the Junction City community. The campaign seeks to develop a new facility to meet not only current needs but also to allow for flexibility for future demands for technology, programs, resources and services. DBPL's expansion will allow for:

- Small meeting spaces that are enclosed to facilitate gatherings that require talking, privacy, etc. but also have visibility to other staff and patrons for the safety and security of their users.
- Multiple larger group meeting rooms so more than one activity could be held at one time including simultaneous activities for children and adults. These would include the technology to offer hybrid formats that accommodated in-person and web-based attendance such as zoom.
- Children's activity room connected to the children's department that could be used for programming, play space, displays, etc.
- Teen area separate from the area designated for younger children and that features equipment, hardware and software specific to the needs of older kids.
- Quiet room for studying, reading and other concentration based activities.
- Maker spaces for adults and kids that include equipment, work tables, materials, etc. to facilitate project based learning.
- Expanded space for hard copy collections particularly those that are well used such as materials for young readers, fiction for all ages, audiobooks and DVDs.
- Modernized public use computer facilities and dedicated workstations to accommodate use of digital resources including downloading.
- Clean, enclosed space for computer equipment in operation including servers, routers, switches and access points.

Location, Location, Location

The location of the new library is a question still under consideration as the board continues to be open to opportunities that arise during the planning process. Should no other location be deemed suitable then the new building would be erected on the north end of the existing lot. Other sites, such as that for the old Junction City High School building should it become available, are also being considered. Each possible site is and will be evaluated by a criteria that includes cost, proximity to city center, proximity to schools, proximity to other public services, proximity to Fort Riley, ease of use and walkability.

DBPL at Your Service

The goal of the library is to serve the community. This includes continuing to provide traditional services that libraries have long been known for while also adding others that are more “outside the box” and fill specific community needs. These include:

- Faxing
- Scanning to email
- Notarizing
- Voter registration
- Community education classes
- Community Calendar
- Community Information Directory
- Digital community history archive (newspapers and yearbooks)
- Test proctoring
- Outreach services for children and adults
- Homebound delivery service
- One-on-one technology training
- Books for new-borns
- Book donation program

Foundation for Change

The Dorothy Bramlage Public Library is a tremendous community asset and has been since the doors first opened in May 1983. While it has served the people of the area well it has done so in a space that is well undersized for the number of people it serves.

DBPL serves four times the population with less than 1/3 of the space of other Kansas libraries. A building of similar size in our state would benefit a population of approximately 8,000 versus the 32,000 in the DBPL service area as identified by the State Library of Kansas.

To address this issue the library has worked with architects to analyze the use of current space, explore building concepts, and develop a design that could incorporate the needs of today as well as the flexibility to adapt to those of tomorrow. A building committee was also formed to explore these issues.

With an eye toward the fundraising that would be necessary to complete a building project, the Dorothy Bramlage Public Library Foundation was formed in 2016. It is a 501c(3) organization and its current assets are held in a fund with the Greater Geary Community Foundation.

With the foundation in place, the campaign to expand the square footage dedicated to public library service was officially launched and continues today. It is an important process that requires much community input and a diversity of opinions on the needs and priorities of individuals, families, and organizations. The community’s financial support through gifts and donations is also critical to provide matching dollars for foundation and federal grants that are being sought to fund the project. This fundraising was paused for a period while other community needs were addressed but it is on again and we thank you in advance for your consideration!

Match Day and Your IRA

The Greater Geary Community Foundation has announced its plans for the next Match Day. October 13 is the red letter day and we would appreciate your support to help us again achieve the full match at this event. For those of you 72 and older and facing a Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA this year, Match Day could be the perfect time to make it really count through your donation to the library project and the added value it will bring through the day’s matching funds. It’s a win, Win, WIN!



A Vision for the Future

The library has been working with BBN Architects in Manhattan to help devise the design and layout for the new library. BBN has experience working on multiple other library building and renovation projects including several for the Manhattan Public Library. The rendering above is an example of what the exterior of the building could look like and is based on a 30,000 square foot lower level with the possible addition of a second floor. The floor plan below shows an example of a design for the main floor and all that could be achieved with it.



SATURDAY
23
OCTOBER
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2ND ANNUAL
JUST DEWEY IT

5K AND FUN RUN

5K
8:00AM START
\$25 ADULT
\$15 14 AND UNDER

1 MILE FUN RUN
9:00AM START
\$10 PER PERSON

• DOROTHYBRAMLAGE •
PUBLIC LIBRARY
230 W 7th St.
Junction City, KS 66441
(785) 238-4311
jclib.org

RACE LOCATION:
SOUTH PARK,
JUNCTION CITY

Save the date! For more info see the Race Calendar on the Manhattan Running Company web site or register now at:
<https://register.chronotrack.com/r/61725>

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Foundations are Our Foundation

Building a relationship with private foundations has been a cornerstone of the fundraising for the library building project. Locally this has included both Central Charities and the Jellison Benevolent Society. Their support has been critical to our efforts and is greatly appreciated. The project has also been the fortunate recipient of two awards from the Sunderland Foundation, headquartered in the Kansas City area. The Sunderland donations have totaled \$100,000 so far and the intent is for them to be the first two of multiple donations whose grand total could provide a significant boost to the project coffers and to the matching funds total that will be used in upcoming grant applications.