



OUR MISSION

To foster lifelong learning and support the educational, civic and cultural activities of the greater Oregon community.

ENGAGING
GROWING
LEARNING





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From the Campaign Co-Chairs

The Library Board has joined forces with the Oregon Village Board to create a plan for building the new library. The Village has committed \$10 million towards this goal. The library has embarked upon the Engaging, Growing and Learning Capital Campaign. The community has generously donated more than \$2.1 million to build the new library.

ENGAGING

The library continues to play a critical role in each of our lives. It is the cornerstone of our community, and it is a place where we can come together to enjoy exciting activities, work on projects, learn together and enhance our relationships.

GROWING

At the heart of our vision is the library's commitment to public service and its mission to meet the collective and individual needs for information and entertainment to enrich the lives of our rapidly growing community.

LEARNING

The library is the only place in many communities where people can access information that will help improve their education, develop new skills, find jobs, build businesses, make informed agricultural and health decisions, or gain insights into environmental issues. Their unique role makes libraries important development partners, both by providing access to information in all formats and by delivering services and programs that meet the needs for information in a changing and increasingly complex society.

With your support the Oregon Public Library will continue to serve the needs of our community, improve the lives of our children and help guide Oregon to a brighter future!

Thank you!





“LIBRARIES STORE THE ENERGY THAT FUELS THE IMAGINATION. THEY OPEN UP WINDOWS TO THE WORLD AND INSPIRE US TO EXPLORE AND ACHIEVE, AND CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVING OUR QUALITY OF LIFE. LIBRARIES CHANGE LIVES FOR THE BETTER.” AUTHOR AND PRODUCER, **SIDNEY SHELDON**

Overview of the New Library Project

The future home of the Oregon Public Library will be 200 N. Alpine Parkway. The selected site will accommodate the library’s needs both now and in the future. An architect and engineer has been hired to complete the design of the new library.

The Village of Oregon has committed \$10 million to build the new library. Community members have generously donated more than \$2.1 million to support this important community project.

Top priorities for the new facility include:

- A variety of attractive meeting and gathering spaces to accommodate community needs and activities
- Flexible and robust technologies integrated throughout to address increasing connectivity demand
- Expanded seating for library visitors of all ages for both individual and collaborative uses
- An inviting and comfortable quiet reading room and other spaces to read, work and relax
- Youth services areas that incorporate constructive play areas, caregiver-child engagement spaces, and hands-on elements for learning & social interaction
- More space for growing library collections including books, research materials, audiobooks, movies, music, newspapers and other special collections
- An expanded program room that incorporates technology
- Support of essential staff responsibilities by providing adequate workspace and storage areas
- Sustainable design features including prairie restoration, solar power, and geothermal ventilation

Community involvement will shape the new library’s design and help to assure it will best meet the needs of the residents into the future.

We Are Your Library: Fulfilling Our Mission

Established in 1910, the Oregon Public Library serves the residents of Oregon and neighboring communities. As a part of the South Central Library System, the Oregon Public Library connects visitors with free access to the resources of 54 public libraries in seven area counties.

In 2018, more than 122,398 people walked through the library's doors and borrowed a total of 241,523 items. The library held 443 library programs for all ages and had 16,710 people in attendance.

The Oregon Public Library strives to achieve our mission and enhances the quality of life by:

- Providing a welcoming and inclusive environment
- Building and maintaining diverse and useful collections
- Connecting and supporting visitors accessing indispensable technologies
- Maximizing access to information and materials in multiple formats
- Fostering lifelong learning by supporting the educational, civic and cultural activities for all
- Assisting job seekers with resume-writing, researching career opportunities and online applications
- Developing and hosting community events and activities for all ages
- Empowering adults to broaden their horizons through educational programs, lecture series and classes
- Offering children opportunities to develop an early love of learning and exploration
- Providing a community gathering space where projects and new ideas can come to life
- Creating partnerships throughout the community
- Serving as a source of inspiration and possibility for people of all ages

Why Oregon Needs a New Library

- Built in 1995, the current facility is overcrowded and under serves Oregon's growing population
- There is no fiscally responsible way to adequately expand the current footprint
- There is a consistently strong demand for library services in Oregon
- There is inadequate space for collections and additional seating is needed for all ages
- The diverse and multi-faceted needs of our community cannot be fully met due to space limitations
- The open floor plan serving multiple uses does not allow for dedicated quiet areas
- The growing need for meeting and gathering spaces is unsatisfied
- The building infrastructure cannot fully support mission critical technologies
- Workspace is insufficient for essential staff responsibilities and volunteer support



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The Modern Library

A great community must have a great library. The new Oregon Public Library will continue a long tradition of excellent library service for Oregon and neighboring communities.

The modern library serves as a community crossroads, a gathering place, a common ground. It enriches the cultural, intellectual, and economic life of a community through connection, stronger interaction, and active learning with the best of physical and digital resources. It creates an inviting, comfortable learning hub that supports technology, hands-on activities, small and large-group learning, collaboration, and individual study.

Beautiful, well-designed, brightly lit spaces will offer new services and modern conveniences that exceed patron expectations. It will be accessible, interactive, and evolving to meet the changing demands of an increasingly tech-savvy population.

Features of Our New Modern Library:

- A comfortable gathering place that encourages exploration, creation, and collaboration in the community
- Intentionally-designed warm, welcoming, and vibrant spaces that are full of natural light
- The best of traditional library services combined with innovative, state-of-the-art technology and design
- Increased access to digital resources and enhanced collections
- Wireless internet throughout and an abundance of electrical outlets
- Access to acquiring skills for making informed decisions about health, wealth, education, and vital life choices
- Distinct zones for a variety of uses including individual and collaborative work
- Defined space where all ages can find engaging and interesting programs in an attractive environment



“The vision of a 21st century library located in the heart of Oregon is so exciting. We’re building not only an educational monument, but also another third space for our community: a place for community gatherings full of thoughtful discussion to move our community forward. It is especially impressive to see the Village and Library Boards staff and so many local citizens step forward to volunteer with the library’s future. That kind of volunteerism is a testament to what a true change agent a modern library can be for a growing community.”

JEANNE CARPENTER • OWNER, FIREFLY • FORMER VILLAGE PRESIDENT

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“A library is more than books, it’s a vital community resource that offers something for everyone. As a youth sports coach, and proud board member of Oregon Youth Baseball, I am very excited about the opportunities this new library will create for all of the great kids in the community.”

BOB HEAD • OWNER, ORANGE WHIP DESIGN

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“I am excited about the plans for the new library here in Oregon. Libraries are one of the places where people from all walks of life in a community come together. In a culture where we are more fragmented, isolated, and harried, a modern library is a place where individuals can truly feel like they’re part of a community.”

JASON MAHNKE • PASTOR, PEOPLE’S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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