



City of Takoma Park
Library

The Takoma Park Maryland Library & Takoma Park Community Center: *The Next Chapter*

August 22, 2022

Agenda

- **Summary of the Project**

- o Library and Computer Center
- o Recreation facilities

- **Temporary Closure and Interim Library/Computer Center Services**

- o Timeline
- o Services offered
 - ✓ On-site
 - ✓ Off-site

- **Services and Construction at the Community Center (7500 Maple Avenue)**

- o Timeline
- o Site work and preparation
- o Services on-site
- o Minimizing disruptions

- **Stay Informed**

- o Where to find information
- o How to have information sent to you

- **Q&A**



Questions and Answers (Q&A)

There are two ways to ask questions:

- If attending in-person:
 - **Please write questions on the index cards provided**
 - They will be collected at the end of the presentation and answered during the Q&A portion
- If attending virtually:
 - **Please send us questions through the Q&A function on Zoom**
 - Staff will convey questions to the presenters

Written questions will help ensure that all questions are answered. If we run out of time, the answers to any unasked questions will be made publicly available when this presentation is uploaded to the website.

Thank you for your participation and patience.



Prologue



- **Meet our contractor, Doyle Construction**
- **The new Library is happening!**
 - Increasing square footage of the Library
 - New program room
 - Study rooms
 - Teen Room
- **Renovations to the Community Center**
 - Relocating the Multimedia Lab and Senior Rooms
 - New Multipurpose Room
 - Renovating the Recreation Department offices
 - Creating Family Restrooms and Gender Neutral restrooms



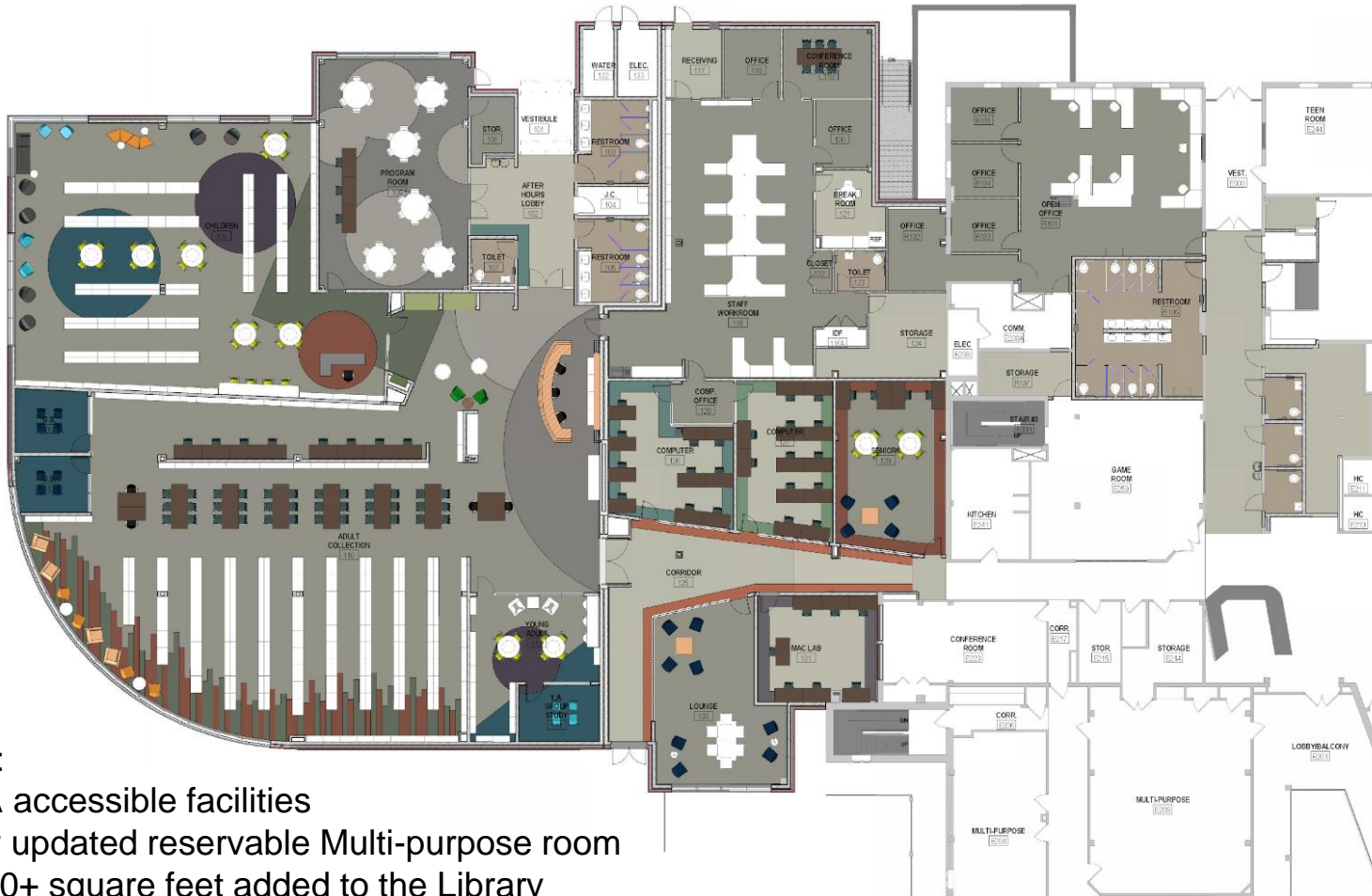
Doyle Construction

Doyle Construction offers a great deal of experience in library construction. In particular, our Senior Project Manager, Kevin Tarantino, has been involved in the following projects related to libraries and cultural centers:

- Wheaton Regional Library & Community Recreation Center: Silver Spring, Maryland
- Shepherdstown Public Library: Shepherdstown, West Virginia
- Elkridge Branch Library & Senior Activity Center: Elkridge, Maryland



A Preview of the New Library Design



Highlights:

- ADA accessible facilities
- New updated reservable Multi-purpose room
- 9,000+ square feet added to the Library



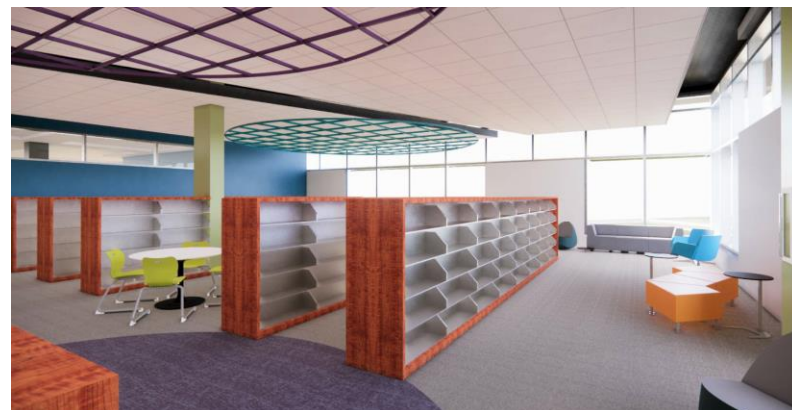
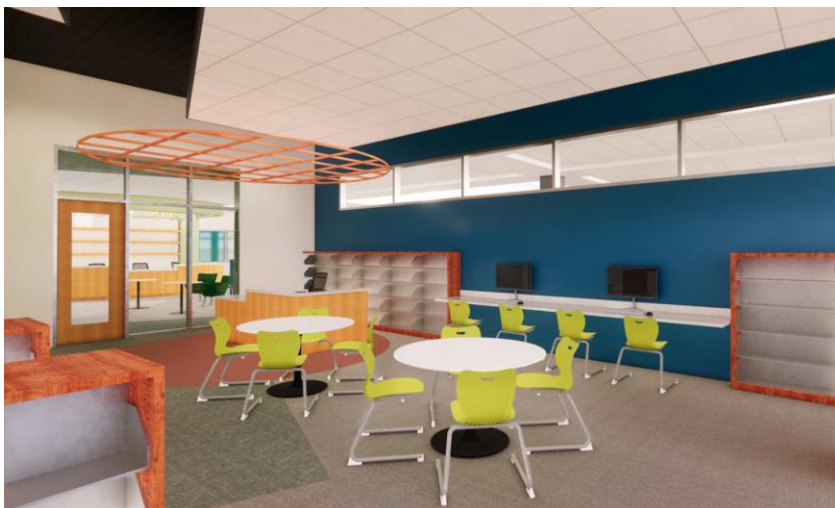
Young Adult/Teen Room and Main Reading Room



Private study room pictured immediately above, to the right



Children's Room and Program Room



The Program room will include a flexible layout and large screen for presentations



The Renovated Community Center



Clockwise from top left:

- New reservable Multi-purpose room
- Looking into the Library with the Computer Center on the right and Multi-purpose room on the left
- Computer Center and Mac Lab



Chapter 1:

The Interim Library

- **Closing date of the original site:
August 24, 8pm**
- **Location and hours of Interim Library**
- **Which services are moving?**
- **What is the timeline for the Interim site?**



An Interim Library

The City is securing an interim location to provide continuity of the Library and Computer Center's essential services.

Timeline:

- 8/24, 8pm: Closure of the original site
- **8/25-10/2: No Library services will be available during this time**
- 8/25-9/6: Packing the contents of the Library and Computer Center
- 9/7-9/15: The Actual Move
- 10/3 (expected): Opening of the Interim Library and Computer Center

Location:

- Site selected within Takoma Park
- **Subscribe to the City's Insider e-newsletter**, follow us on social media, or visit the City's website for the most current information



An Interim Library

Hours:

- We intend to keep our current hours at the interim location:
- Monday – Thursday, 10am-8pm
- Friday – Sunday, 12pm-6pm

What services will be in the interim location?

- Checking out and returning books and all other materials
- Books to Go curbside service
- Computer access and assistance
- Wi-Fi access and limited reading/work spaces



Returning Books during the Interim

At the Interim Library:

- We will be able to accept books during operating hours
- We will not have a 24/7 returns option at the Interim Library

At the Community Center (7500 Maple Ave):

- The outdoor, 24/7 book drop will be available in front of the Police Station Lobby at 7500 Maple Avenue, after we reopen

****Please do not return books during the closure, as we will not have a way to check them in.****

If you have extenuating circumstances, such as moving away from the area, please email us so we can work with you to arrange for the books' return.



Outreach and Programs



At the interim location of the Library and Computer Center, we are looking forward to connecting with our community in a variety of ways off-campus:

- **Books to You**
- **Programs**



Outreach and Programs: Books to You

Books to You:

- o If you are unable to visit the new location and are a Takoma Park resident, we can deliver books to you!
- o This is a step beyond curbside to ensure that everyone can access our collections.
- o Email us to get more information and schedule a delivery after we reopen.



Pictured above: Library Staff bringing requested and curated titles to your Takoma Park address!

Also: keep an eye out for the new City Outreach Bike that is on its way!



Outreach and Programs: Off-Site Programs

Programs:

- o We are already taking programs “on the road” all over town and will continue to do so after we reopen!
- o Subscribe to the City’s Insider e-newsletter for the most current information
- o During the closure in **September**, we are offering the following programs:
 - ✓ **Tuesdays:** Jump Start with the Arts! with Carpe Diem Arts at the field on Maple Avenue between Essex House Apartments and Sligo Creek Parkway, 1030am
 - ✓ **Wednesdays:** Yard Dramas at the Crossroads Farmers Market, 11am
 - ✓ **Thursdays:** Canta Juego/Spanish Circle Time, online, 1030am
- o Please email us if you would like to schedule a Library staff visit to your school, daycare, or other facility!



Chapter 2:

The Community Center in Transition

- **Anticipated work schedule and what to expect**
- **Site work and preparation**
- **What services will still be at Maple Avenue?**
- **Parking**
- **Noise**
- **Points of contact**



Anticipated Work Schedule*

Date(s)	Activity
August 24, 2022	At the end of regular hours (8pm), the Library and Computer Center will close temporarily to pack and move to the interim location
September 7, 2022	Movers will arrive to transport Library and Computer Center materials to the temporary location
September 19, 2022	Work begins to prepare the site of the new building
October 3, 2022	Expected date that the Library and Computer Center will reopen in the temporary location
October - December 2022	Library building will be taken down and the site prepared for new construction
Fall 2023	Recreation Offices and Staff will move to join the Library and Computer Center Staff at the Interim Library location - Renovation of the Recreation spaces at 7500 Maple Avenue begins
Spring 2024	Construction is completed and the new facilities open!

***These dates may change; please subscribe to our newsletters and follow us online to be notified of any important updates**



Site Work and Preparation

Preparing the site for the new Library will include the following:

- o Removal and storage of the Library mosaic so that it can be re-installed later
- o Tree removal and repurposing
- o Utilities and parking lot closures



Services at the Community Center

The following services will remain at the Community Center:

- o Passport Services
- o Notary
- o Limited Recreation classes and camps
- o Limited community meeting spaces
- o City Council meetings (Hybrid format)
- o Takoma Park Police Department
- o City offices will remain open



Minimizing Disruptions during Construction

Noise



Noise associated with construction may occur:

- Monday - Friday, between 7am and 6pm
- Saturday, between 8am and 5pm

Parking



Parking will be accessible but limited at the following locations:

- Police level
- Rear of the Community Center, close to Grant Ave
- Grant Avenue
- Follow us for updates

School Drop-off and Pick-up



Staff are working with neighboring school administrations to help them coordinate drop-off and pick-up.

We will also provide regular updates so arrangements can be made to mitigate the impact on families.



Stay Informed - Online

The City of Takoma Park website

- The City's website is the official online record for the City, and we will be sharing regular updates at: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/newlibrary>
 - Alerts
 - Blog
 - Email us: newlibrary@takomaparkmd.gov

Social media

- Facebook – Instagram – Twitter
- Nextdoor – Tulip – Listserv

Online newsletters

- Sign up for the **Takoma Insider** digital newsletter: https://bit.ly/TKPK_Insider
- **Takoma Insider Special Edition** – Special Edition for the Library and Community Center Project
 - 2 emails per month

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Stay Informed - continued

City TV

- Radio - weekly announcements
- Digital signage - (Screens by the Front Desk in the Community Center)

Events and Festivals

- Back-to-School Nights
- Folk Festival – September 11

Print material

- Flyers and signage will be posted at City Facilities
- Additional translated print materials will be made available

Schools

- Weekly emails will be sent to the following schools:
 - Piney Branch Elementary School
 - Takoma Park Elementary School
 - Takoma Park Middle School



Questions?

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