



Bond Bill SB 724
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Takoma Park Maryland Library
Renovation and Expansion
\$150,000



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Renewing a Valued Resource: Our Plan for a 21st Century Library

Energy Efficiency

Built in 1955, and last updated over 26 years ago, the library needs to be substantially renovated to be energy efficient and meet current building code provisions.



Accessibility

The current facility is not sufficiently accessible for people with disabilities; to make the changes required to meet ADA standards, space for books and activities would need to be reduced unless the building shell is expanded.



Diversity

The library is heavily used and serves a large number of low-income residents, people of color and immigrants, but does not have space for the books and resources to fully meet their needs.



Flexibility

The proposed design is attractive and will provide a flexible community library space that can be adapted over time and will last for decades.



Space for Youth

The library children's room lacks comfortable space for school-aged children and teens to read, study and collaborate away from toddlers and their parents.



Who We Serve

The Takoma Park Library serves a population of all ages, from babies and toddlers to seniors. Perfectly located within walking distance of two elementary schools, a middle school, and two colleges, it is a frequently utilized resource by children, teens, and young adults. The library hosts a large number of public and school programs including award winning children's authors and illustrators, reading circles and adult discussion groups. To meet the needs of Takoma Park's diverse community, the library offers programs in Spanish and French.

5,717

Active Cardholders



Children/Youth
Focused Programs

2 Colleges
Within Walking
Distance



2
Elementary
Schools
Within Walking
Distance

1

Middle School
Within Walking
Distance



17,731

Program Attendance



Multilingual
Programs

17,721
Computer Sessions



Current Building

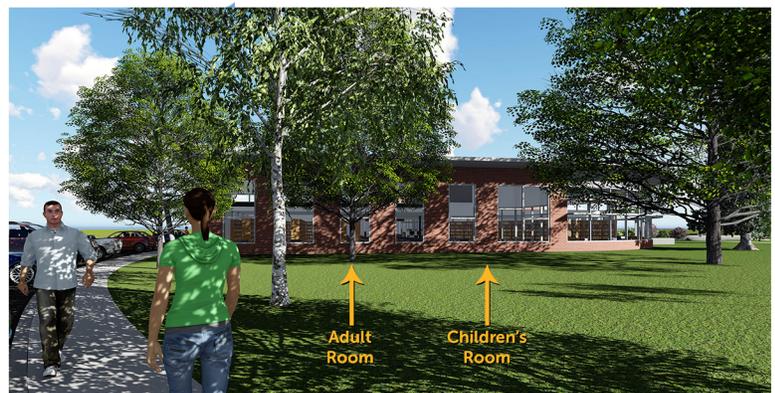
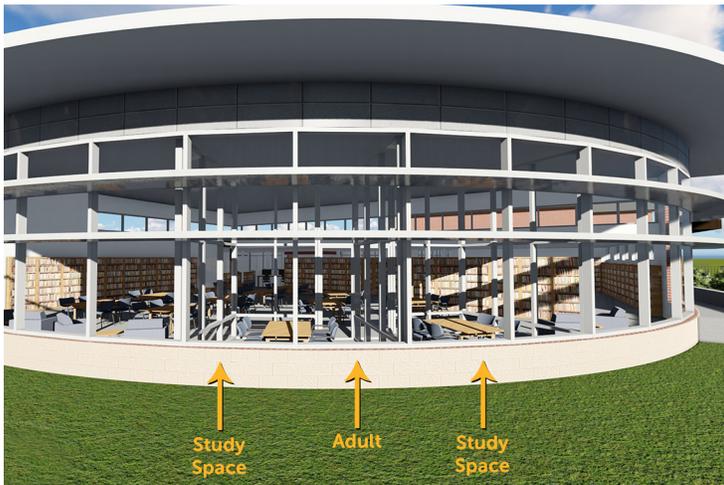
- Not enough space for collections and technology
- Cramped aisles, not wheelchair accessible
- No meeting and study space for teens and young adults
- Inefficient HVAC system
- Inadequate lighting

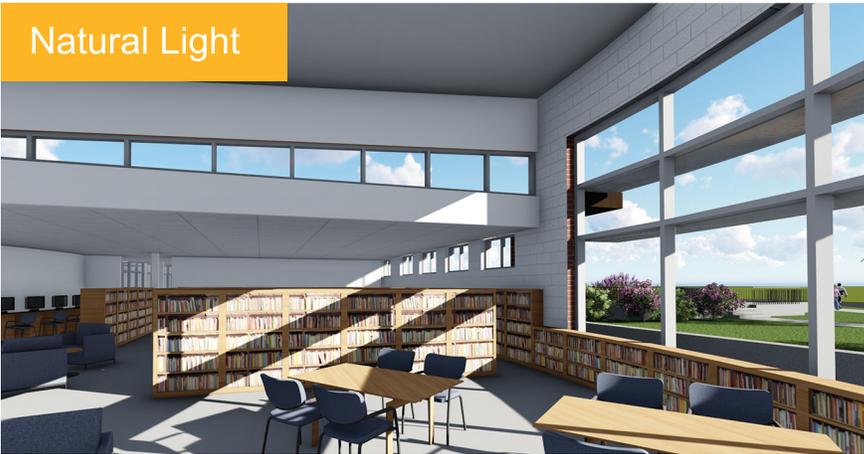




Proposed Renovations

- Add between 8,701 and 9,486 square feet to the existing library and computer center (depending on final design options)
- Comply with ADA standards
- Provide resource spaces for teens and young adults
- Include a programming and study room
- Improve exterior and interior lighting
- Add energy efficient systems





Projected Costs

Current Building: 9,400 SF

Completed project after renovation and construction: 18,800 SF

Estimated Capital Costs and Projected Time Frame

Design (underway, to be completed by the end of 2017)	\$1,000,000
Construction (to begin in spring 2018, projected completion December 2019)	\$5,500,000
Equipment	\$500,000
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Total	\$7,000,000

The City of Takoma Park is asking for \$150,000 in Bond Bill Funding.

Of the \$7 million capital cost, most will be paid by Takoma Park taxpayers, even though the library is used by residents and nonresidents alike.