



Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library Facility Master Plan

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Branch-by-branch and Main Library
Recommendation Summaries
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CENTRAL PLANNING ZONE

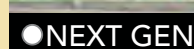




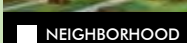
WH WALNUT HILLS



NW NORWOOD



AV AVONDALE

**CR - CORRYVILLE**

CL - CLIFTON

**SB** - ST. BERNARD

NS - NORTHSIDE



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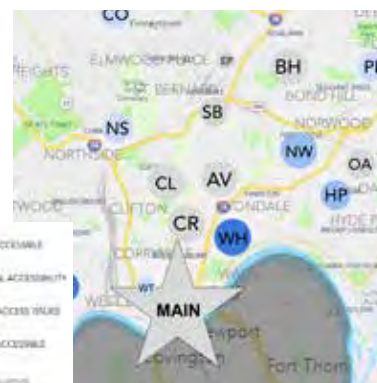
renovation
at current
4,550 SF

Planning Zone and Library		Existing Usable Square Feet	Effective Age in 2020	10 - YEAR RECOMMENDATIONS	Proposed Square Feet
AV	Avondale	9,896 SF	6 yrs	Scheduled Maintenance + Strategic Investment	9,900 SF
CL	Clifton	8,189 SF	5 yrs	Strategic Investment	8,190 SF
CR	Corryville	9,839 SF	23 yrs	Scheduled Maintenance	9,840 SF
NS	Northside	5,778 SF	21 yrs	Scheduled Maintenance + Strategic Investment	5,780 SF
NW	Norwood	10,237 SF	20 yrs	Strategic Investment	14,790 SF
SB	St. Bernard	7,145 SF	5 yrs	Strategic Investment	7,150 SF
WH	Walnut Hills	10,624 SF	114 yrs	Renovation and Expansion	18,000 -22,000 SF
WT	West End	4,549 SF	59 yrs	Renovation	4,550 SF

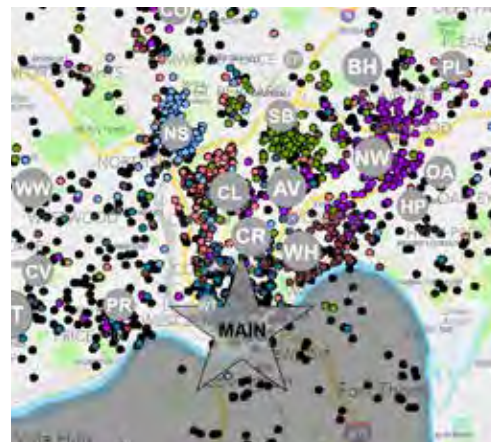
Main			
North& South Building		22 yrs	South Building Electrical Upgrade, HVAC, FP
South Building		22 yrs	South Building Skylight, Elevator Replacement
North & South Building		22 yrs	Small Scale Reorganization (100,000 SF)
Vine St. Plaza		38 yrs	Vine Plaza Extensive Reconstruction
New Stairs in Atrium		-	New stairs in the Atrium



Age of buildings: About half of the branches in this zone are overdue for renovation



Accessibility: The majority of buildings are ADA accessible except for Norwood and Walnut Hills branches



Customer mapping: library customers in the Central Zone – contrary to the other planning zones – tend to visit their neighborhood library instead of travelling among the branches.

CENTRAL ZONE PROFILE

The Central Planning Zone is located at the heart of the City of Cincinnati and includes eight branches, the downtown Main Library, and the Distribution Center. The zone serves approximately 145,000 residents with a moderate amount of library space per resident (~0.46 square feet/capita, near the systemwide average). This zone includes the following areas: Avondale, Camp Washington, Central Business District, Clifton, Clifton Heights, Corryville, English Woods, Evanston, Fairview, Fay Apartments, Lower Price Hill, Millvale, Mt. Adams, Mt. Auburn, North Avondale, North Fairmont, Northside, Norwood, O'Bryonville, Over-the-Rhine, Paddock Hills, Pendleton, Queensgate, St. Bernard, South Cumminsville, South Fairmont, University Heights, Walnut Hills, West End, Winton Hills, Winton Place, and Winton Woods. Customer mapping: Many customers travel and visit more than one branch in the planning zone. The alternative choice for Central customers would be to visit the downtown Main Library for the services that meet their needs.

The Central Zone is the most well-connected planning zone in terms of public transportation, which is important because in many neighborhoods in this zone 20% or more of residents are without a car. The zone has a geographically even distribution of branches; however, some neighborhoods are partially or completely surrounded by highways, railroad tracks, and/or industrial complexes that present challenges to those dependent on public transportation to get to libraries. Recent residential growth in Western Cincinnati neighborhoods like Lower Price Hill involves families where English is their second language. In some of these cases, children grow up speaking both English and Spanish. The Central Zone is not the largest by population, but includes the majority of residents that live below Hamilton County's median poverty level, and is densely populated. It is also the zone which houses the fewest senior citizens and the most residents under the age of 18.

The branches in this zone vary in size, maintenance need, and historical significance. While Avondale, Clifton, and St. Bernard were recently renovated; Walnut Hills, West End, Norwood, Corryville, and Northside are in immediate need of facility improvements. The 10-year plan aims to address these issues in various ways, identifying Walnut Hills as the future Big Next Generation Library of the Central Zone. Norwood is also recommended to become a Next Generation Library in order to meet the needs of its community. The remaining branches will receive Strategic Investments and/or Capital Maintenance work that will improve library services and address pressing maintenance issues.

The downtown Main Library, with its North and South Buildings, has a variety of Capital Maintenance and other needs that will be met to ensure it will continue to serve as the flag ship for the library system well into the future, offering a full range of typical library services alongside several specialized services, including its large makerspace and genealogy department.

Taken together, these changes will provide a variety of updated spaces for residents of this zone and support a full range of traditional and contemporary services.



DOWNTOWN MAIN LIBRARY

SMALL SCALE REORGANIZATION (100,000 SF)

SOUTH BUILDING ELECTRICAL UPGRADES HVAC AND FP

SOUTH BUILDING SKYLIGHT AND ELEVATOR REPLACEMENT

VINE PLAZA EXTENSIVE RECONSTRUCTION

NEW STAIRS IN THE ATRIUM

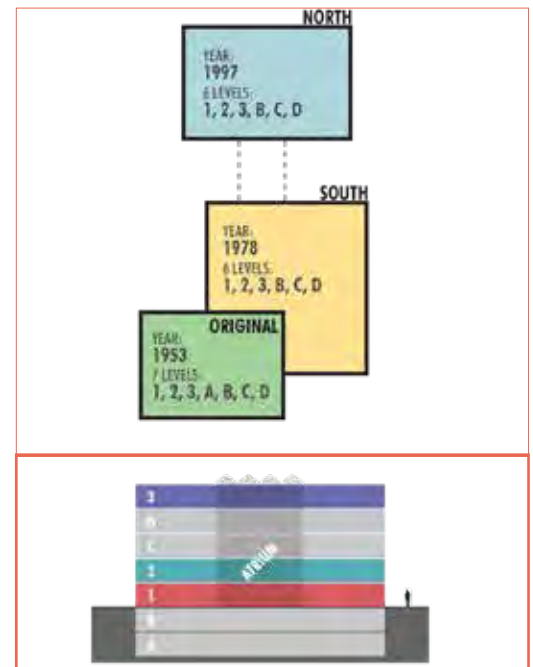
OVERVIEW OF THE MAIN LIBRARY

The current 540,000 SF downtown Main Library is situated between the business district and an area of urban renewal. The 380,000 SF South Building includes portions built in 1953 and expanded in 1978; the 160,000 SF North Building, connected by a multi-story bridge, opened in 1997. In 2007 and beyond, the Main Library underwent a service model redesign that created many innovative and successful “flagship” services, including a popular library, a large and vibrant maker space, a generous teen space, and expanded local history space with specialized genealogy collections. The downtown Main Library also provides a systemwide role housing the majority of Library collections shelved in both accessible and closed stacks.

In December, 2017, the Library Board of Trustees confirmed the desire to retain the North Building, and to have both buildings of the downtown Main Library re-envisioned to better meet customer needs.

2023 UPDATE

For project details, please check
[CHPL.org/next-generation/main](https://chpl.org/next-generation/main)



Plan and section diagrams of Main Library spaces, depicting periods of expansion and public/private levels



Concepts for a redesigned downtown Main Library atrium. Artist renderings. All recommendations are subject to change.

MAIN LIBRARY INTERIOR IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS

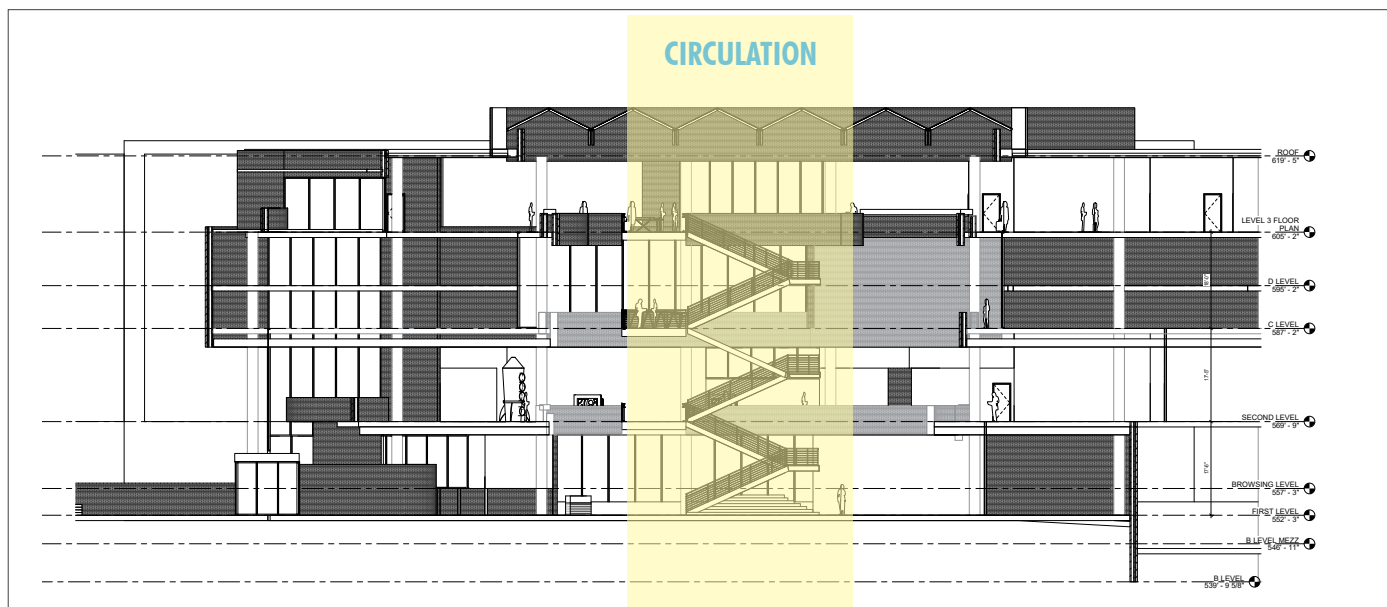
In 2007 the downtown Main Library reorganized and updated interiors to a 21st century service model. Main Library open houses, a Community Listening Session, and staff workshops identified many challenges with the current organization and opportunities to again improve customer experience. Priorities include:

- Rethink the size, offerings, and location of the popular library and children's library (and consider locating them in the same building);
- Continue making improvements to the South Building atrium to support some of the more successful pop-up services tested in 2019;
- Improve the locations and types of spaces providing technology;
- Acoustically improve the varied spaces enjoyed for recreational, social, collaborative, and individual work;
- Improve wayfinding and options for traveling between floors;
- Improve sightlines for better functionality and security.

A major renovation of the downtown Main Library could easily approach \$100 million, and knowing the magnitude of need in the branches, more modest renovation options were identified. There is approximately 175,000 SF of publicly-accessible space located on Floors 1, 2, and 3; multiple options for different levels of renovation and extents of such work were proposed. Other options to recapture some space along the atrium, on the non-public Floors C and D, were also considered. These spaces could be considered for use by community partners that share some of the same customer base as the library. These projects could also be potentials for new revenue.



Current atrium in the downtown Main Library



Section study of the downtown Main Library atrium circulation. Artist rendering. All recommendations shown are subject to change.

THE ATRIUM AS A CONNECTING ELEMENT

The Main Library's iconic atrium is located in the "80s expansion" (commenced in 1978 and dedicated in 1980) to the South Building, and exists as a landing point between Vine Street and Walnut Street, offering views to the library's five above-ground floors. While this grand space has the opportunity to define the interior experience of the building, for years it remained empty without a sense of civic identity. In 2018, the Library took the first step in improving the atrium space by replacing the outdated brick flooring and providing new, flexible furniture. The improved restroom access and enhanced visibility resulting from the project helped visitors feel welcome to inhabit and rediscover this public space. Today, Library staff are experimenting with innovative pop-up services and different space layouts to bring both short-term and long-term vitality to the atrium's ground level. This effort has been commended by the community.

The 2019 opening of the Library's Distribution Center has greatly eased operational burdens, and has created greater opportunity to open up atrium and other space uses at the downtown Main Library.

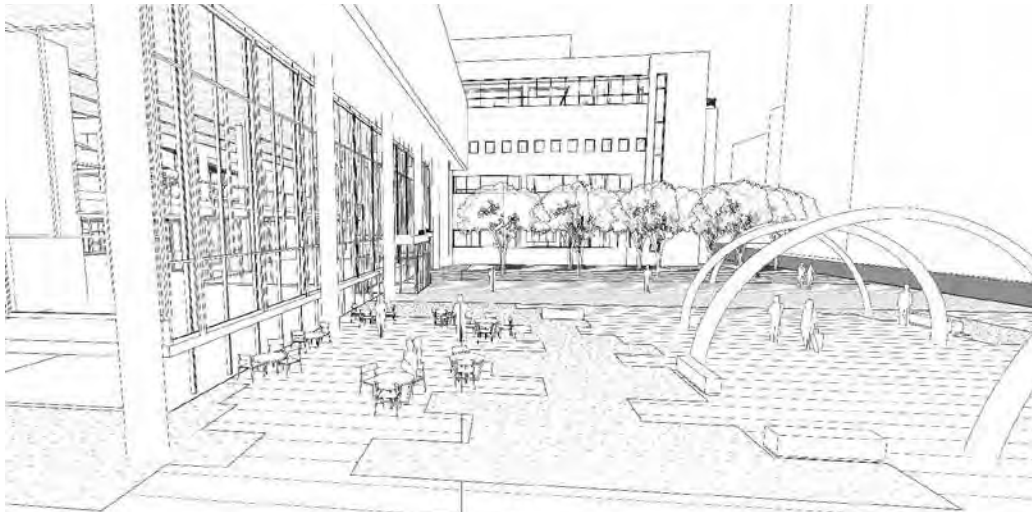
Several architectural concepts to transform the atrium and offer a new spatial experience were explored during the FMP process. Concepts propose new circulation through the building and reimagine the multiple rooms around the atrium as an active space. For instance, a new stand-alone staircase could function as a connector, improving customer wayfinding both visually and physically. Connecting the public levels could also reduce load on elevators, which themselves would be improved as part of these concepts.



Boston Public Library after its renovation in 2016. A newly glazed facade made the ground floor interiors more inviting and accessible.

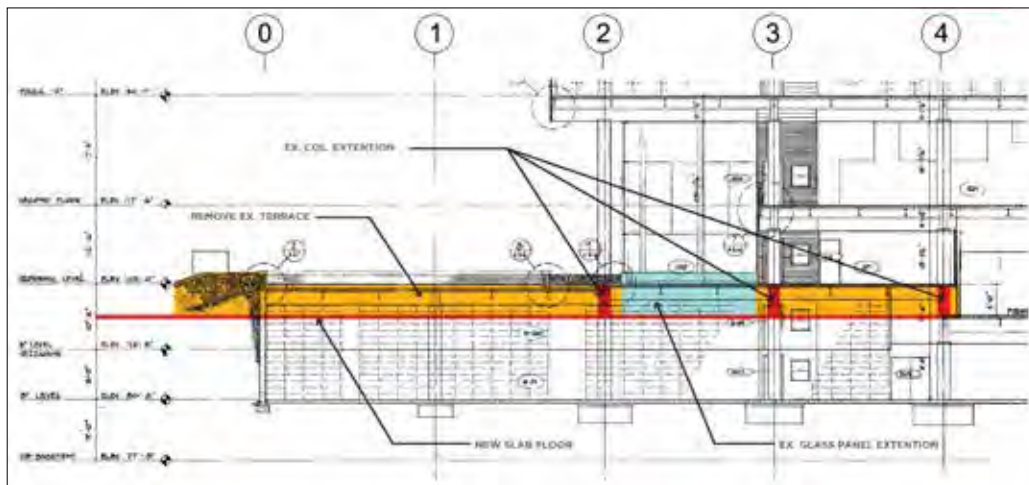


The Halifax Central Library auditorium features flexible performance space seating



Artist Rendering: Main Library plaza from Vine Street

2021 update: Work to replace the elevators and skylight, which have both come to the end of their functional lifespans, begins in summer 2021. We anticipate that in fall of 2021, work will begin on the first floor of the South Building and Vine St. entrance and plaza. On Vine St., the plaza will be lowered to street level and re-envisioned, and the entrance expanded. Inside, the first floor will get a makeover, including reconfiguring the stairs and renovating the space to accommodate priorities identified by the community, such as additional spaces for gathering and a reinvigorated space for youth. In April 2021 the Board of Trustees approved an overall budget of \$24 million for this work. An initial community engagement session was held on this topic in February 2021. Slides and the recording from that session can be found on the Next Generation website at cincinnati.library.org/next-generation/main/



Section showing the reconstruction of the plaza and the realignment of building and plaza levels

Initial concept for the reconstruction of the Vine Street plaza. The recommendation includes lowering the level of the entrance and making the Vine Street facade more transparent. Artist renderings. All recommendations seen above are subject to change.

Susan Kent, library consultant and former director of major urban public libraries in New York, Minneapolis, and Los Angeles, provided experience and expertise from libraries that renewed their atriums and refreshed their public spaces with staircases, new materials, and more open facades.

The award-winning renovation of Boston Public Library was introduced as an example of a newly-revitalized space that helped transformed a heavy, midcentury building lacking connection to the street into a twenty-first century urban library that reconnects the interior space to the city and greatly rethinks its spaces and programs.

Halifax Central Library, in Nova Scotia, is another building that drew the attention of Library staff and of the Master Plan’s Community Advisory Council. It quickly established a reputation as a popular gathering place since opening in December 2014. One of the many points of interest is the flexible auditorium. This space is housed in the ground floor of library and can be used both as a reading place and as a performance/event space. The hall also features stowable seats for flexibility and acoustic ceiling baffles that support different kinds of performances and events.

MAIN LIBRARY EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS

Vine Street Plaza Redevelopment

Responding to the role of the downtown Main Library as a countywide destination for “flagship” services, Group 4 prepared complementary concepts that more significantly rebranded the south building. These concepts also sought to address safety concerns, create a more welcoming and family-friendly space, enhance the building’s curb appeal, and increase visibility from the library to the street. A glass-clad tower introduced in the plaza could house a new café and an exhibition space for local artwork or an open space for the Library to advertise its programs and activities. The tower could also serve as a landmark for downtown Cincinnati. The brick facade would no longer be inactive, but serve as the backdrop for artwork that reflects the vibe of the city and the thoughts of its people. It also introduces an undulating canopy and transforms the curb appeal to promote easy access for all. In general, the proposal aims to increase the transparency of the building and to reimagine it as the center of innovation and inclusivity for all Cincinnati and Hamilton County residents. Some elements of Group 4’s concepts for the downtown Main Library are beyond the scope of work the Board of Trustees approved in April 2021 with the overall \$24 million budget; however, these ideas could serve as inspiration if additional funds became available after the Facility Master Plan project is completed.



The multi-level plaza on Vine Street hinders accessibility to the Main Library.



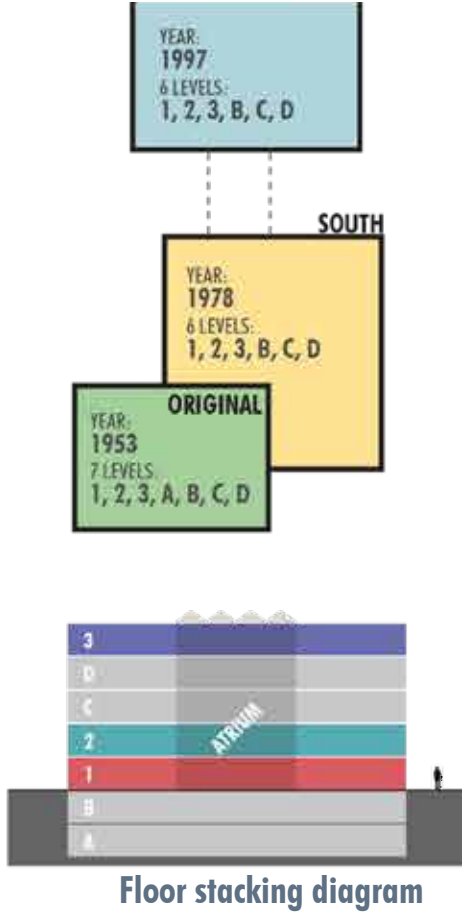
The narrow walkway that leads to the entrance of the Main Library from Vine Street is known to be problematic, according to staff and library visitors



Revised Vine Street plaza concept. An open and inviting public space could reflect the local values and welcome visitors to the building. All recommendation are subject to change.

MAIN LIBRARY ORGANIZATIONAL DIAGRAMS

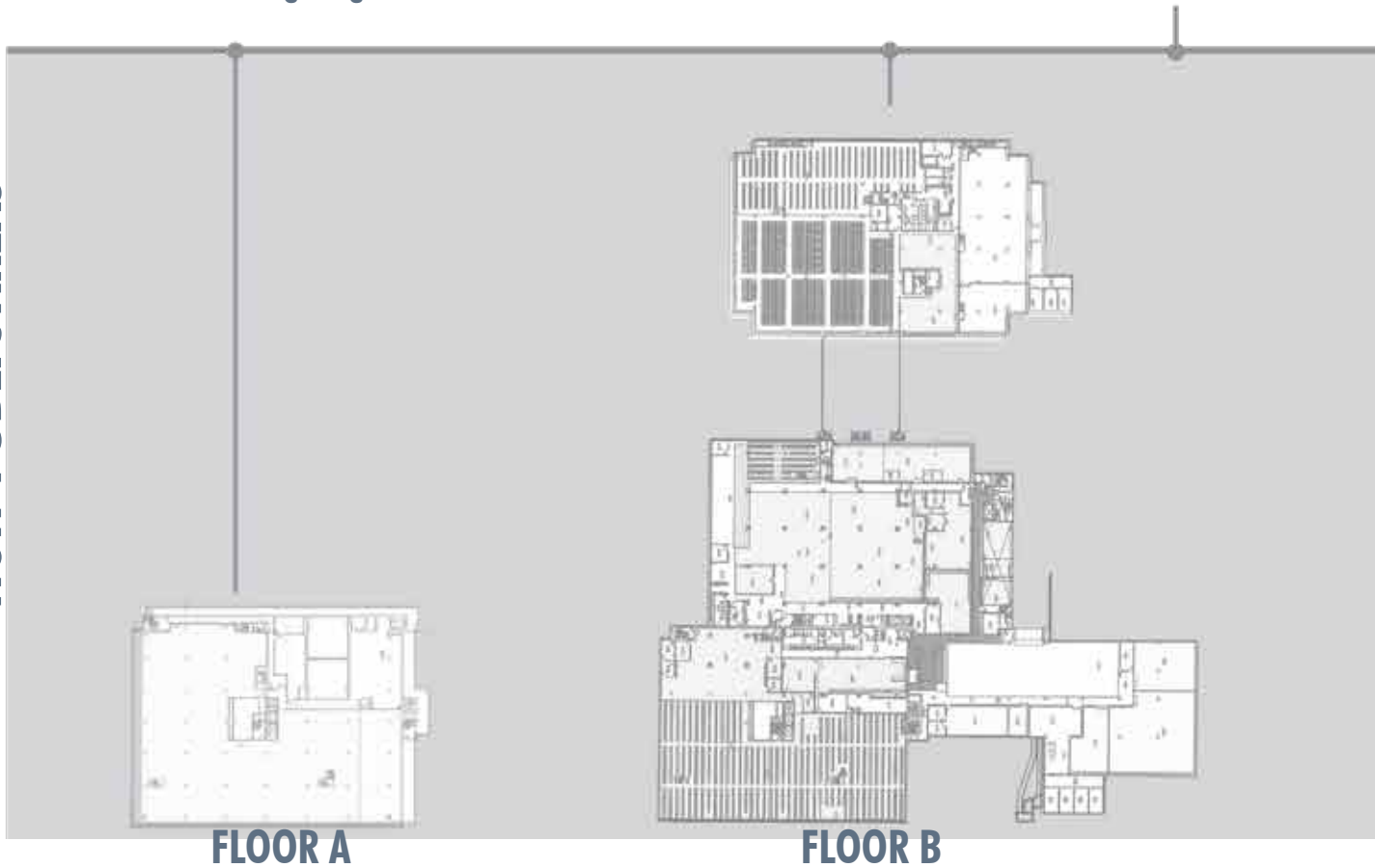
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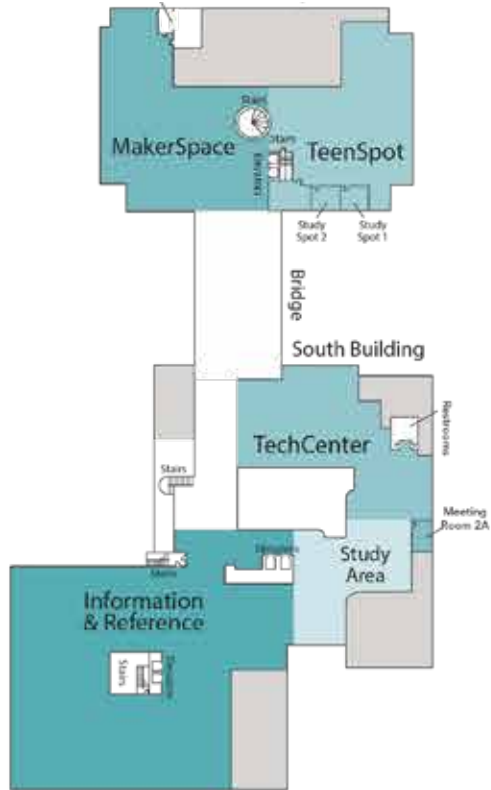
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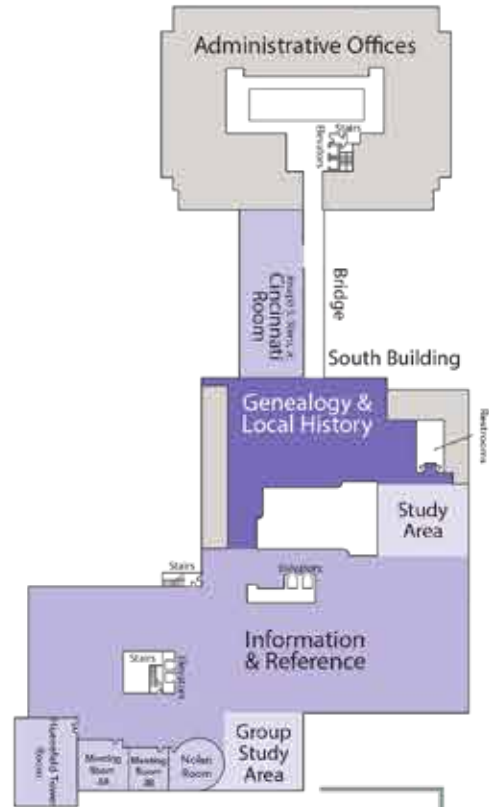
NON-PUBLIC AREAS



2ND FLOOR



3RD FLOOR



FLOOR C



FLOOR D



Walnut Street Frontage Development

The Walnut Street frontage of the South Building presents a significant development opportunity. The Walnut Street entrance, due to its elevation, is more open than that on Vine Street, providing better visibility and augmented security for visitors. However, half of this block is fenced in as a staff parking lot and is publicly inaccessible. The lot is too small to accommodate the downtown Main Library's staff, but would be large enough to host other functions. Three concepts were explored during the FMP process.

The simplest concept proposes the development of a small, multi-level parking structure that could fit approximately 250 vehicles. Retail along the ground floor could attract more visitors and revenue for the library. The existing entrance would be enhanced by repurposed hardscape and the introduction of a small garden.

A second concept reconfigures the library entrance at its original location, and proposes a block-long development with much more parking and opportunities for new library spaces, such as a 250- to 350-person multi-purpose room/auditorium. The lack of an auditorium at the downtown Main Library was identified by many stakeholders as a deficiency, and such an addition would be welcomed in the future. Retail tenants would occupy the ground floor.

A third concept, similar to the nearby Court and Walnut development that placed housing and parking above a Kroger downtown grocery store and eatery, explores how the library's Walnut Street frontage could be a high-density, mixed-use development. Active retail and event space would occupy the ground floor, and new residential units could be placed above. Such a project has the potential to enhance and completely transform this part of downtown Cincinnati.

In any case, modification will likely be explored for the Walnut Street frontage of the downtown Main Library, including relocating one of the library's entries back to its previous orientation toward Eighth Street. There are a variety of project funding structures that could be explored, such as a public-private partnership or land lease, either of which could provide funding for library construction projects improving public service spaces and funding systemwide improvement efforts. These concepts are beyond the scope of the 10-year Facility Master Plan implementation project, but these ideas could serve as inspiration if additional funds became available after the Facility Master Plan project is completed.



The Central Library parking garage at Kansas City Public Library (MO) features retail on the ground floor and four tiers of parking for library visitors.



The "Kroger Development" is a major new mixed-use project just around the corner from the Main Library.



Downtown Main Library today. The entrance on Walnut Street is slightly elevated from street level. The open lot at right currently accommodates parking for library staff.



Walnut Street Concept A: Parking structure for about 250 vehicles and retail on the ground floor. Artist Rendering. All recommendations are subject to change.



Walnut Street Concept B: Parking structure for about 500 vehicles, with retail and library event spaces on the ground floor. Artist Rendering. All recommendations shown are subject to change.



Walnut Street Concept C: Mixed-use development that includes residential units and parking, with retail and event space on the ground floor. Artist Rendering. All recommendations shown are subject to change.

AVONDALE

SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE +
STRATEGIC INVESTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD



The Avondale Branch Library was completed in 1913. It is one of seven remaining of the original Hamilton County area libraries, built with funds provided by the Andrew Carnegie Foundation. The Spanish Colonial-style structure was extensively renovated in 2014. This renovation included an elevator and restroom addition, which allow full accessibility for public entry and to both public service levels. Due to surrounding development, there is no opportunity for expansion of this facility on the currently owned land at this location. Public service is presently consolidated to the main level. The multi-level design of the Avondale Branch presents service challenges and its age limits its ability to support new service models and technology upgrades. There is no dedicated parking on site, however limited public street parking is available. This branch is served by three metro routes.

The Avondale Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 9,397. The Avondale Branch draws customers predominantly from within a two-mile radius. While the branch is located prominently in the neighborhood, mapping shows that many nearby residents regularly chose to use other libraries. The Branch does have a flex space on its main level, which may be reserved as a meeting room, and has a 50-person capacity. A large portion of its customer base is made up of local youth.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Increase access through more public parking and public transportation
- Maintain safe and welcoming spaces with particular focus on improved acoustics
- Develop dynamic, engaging, and inclusive spaces for teens and children

RECOMMENDATION

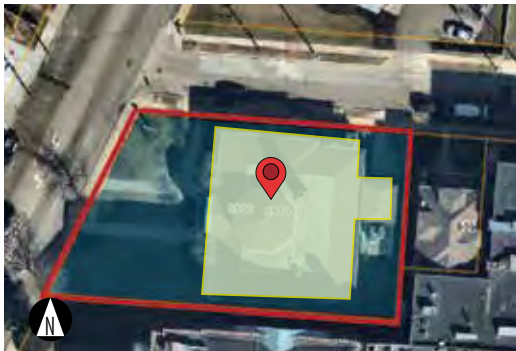
As a Scheduled Maintenance project, the Library's Facilities Department will improve waterproofing at this location. A Strategic Investment is recommended to enhance service. A process led by Library staff with community input will identify how this investment should be made.

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore renovating the basement. The basement includes staff and storage spaces which could be reconfigured for additional public service space and improve noise control.

Avondale and its surrounding communities are currently seeing mixed-use developments in the Innovation Corridor at MLK and Reading Rd. There is also development around the Zoo. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Once the nearby Walnut Hills Branch is renovated and expanded into a Next Generation-sized branch, the Library will evaluate whether customer usage changes for Avondale, and consider making further improvements or tailoring spaces and services based on customers' evolving needs.

PROJECT DATA	
Usable Building Area (1 story + basement)	9,900 SF



	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
CR	Corryville	NBHD	Scheduled Maintenance	1.8 mi
CL	Clifton	NBHD	Strategic Investment	2.0 mi
NW	Norwood	NBHD	Strategic Investment	2.1 mi
WH	Walnut Hills	BIG NEXT GEN	Renovation and Expansion	2.3 mi
SB	St. Bernard	NBHD	Strategic Investment	2.8 mi
NS	Northside	NBHD	Scheduled Maintenance + Strategic Investment	3.7 mi
HP	Hyde Park	NBHD	Improved Accessibility	4.2 mi

MAINTENANCE NEEDS

roof HVAC painting sidewalk lighting windows ceiling floor furniture electrical upgrade accessibility signage



Floor plan of the second floor. The plan shows a central corridor with stairs and elevators. Rooms include: STAFF WORKROOM, STORAGE, STAFF LOUNGE, MECH, and several smaller storage rooms. A red arrow points to the 'PUBLIC ENTRY' area.

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CLIFTON

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD



The Clifton Branch Library was originally built as a home residence in 1895. Donated to the library, Parkview Manor, an architecturally rich home, was completely renovated for library service and opened in May 2015. The facility's redesign incorporates an elevator to allow accessibility for public entry and to all three public service levels, while preserving as much of the original architectural features as possible. Its multi-level design does present some service challenges, and its age and uniquely residential nature also limits its ability to support new service models and technology upgrades. Due to an already maximized development of the currently owned land and surrounding development, there is no opportunity for expansion at this location. This branch has a dedicated parking lot and some additional street parking is available. Customers also frequently use supplemental transportation such as community bicycles and electric scooters. This branch is served by three metro routes.

The Clifton Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 18,059. It draws customers primarily from within a two-mile radius. The branch offers three study rooms which accommodate 1-6 individuals and one dedicated meeting room with a 25-person capacity. This branch predominantly serves adults and university students.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Develop interactive spaces with more community-focused opportunity
- Improve indoor and outdoor seating with areas that allow food/eating
- Delineate spaces for kids/teens/adults with particular focus on improved acoustics

RECOMMENDATION

As the recipient of a Strategic Investment, the Clifton Branch Library will explore many possible ways to enhance service. A process led

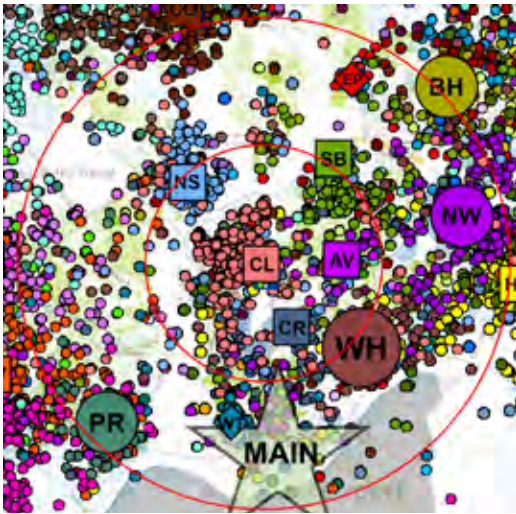
by Library staff with community input will identify how this investment should be made.

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding and opportunity becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as to further enhance this branch's services in ways that may incorporate community partnerships and improve existing spaces acoustically and service flexibility. Any improvements shall be done in ways that are respectful and complimentary to this branch's unique style and beauty.

Clifton and its surrounding communities are seeing development with businesses on Ludlow. There is a huge university presence in the area. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Once the nearby Walnut Hills Branch is renovated and expanded into a Next Generation-sized branch, the Library will evaluate whether customer usage changes for Clifton, and consider making further improvements or tailoring spaces and services based on customers' evolving needs.

CUSTOMER MAP



PROJECT DATA

Usable Building Area (2 stories + basement)	8,190 SF
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CL - CLIFTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
CR	Corryville	NBHD	Scheduled Maintenance	1.0 mi
AV	Avondale	NBHD	Scheduled Maintenance + Strategic Investment	2.0 mi
SB	St. Bernard	NBHD	Strategic Investment	2.3 mi
NS	Northside	NBHD	Scheduled Maintenance + Strategic Investment	2.3 mi
WH	Walnut Hills	BIG NEXT GEN	Renovation and Expansion	2.5 mi
NW	Norwood	NEXT GEN	Strategic Investment	4.1 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



Site plan

BASEMENT



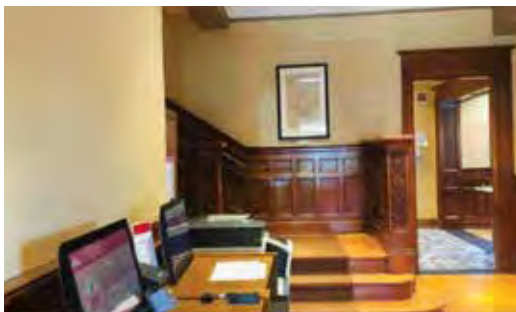
FIRST FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR



Floor plans



Entryway

CORRYVILLE

SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD



Originally completed in 1907, the Corryville Branch Library is one of the remaining seven of the original Hamilton County area libraries, built with funds provided by the Andrew Carnegie Foundation. A Renaissance Revival style building, the facility underwent a major renovation in 1996 to include a new elevator tower which allows accessibility for public entry and to both public service levels. Customers are primarily serviced on the main level. The Corryville branch's multi-level design presents service challenges and its age limits its ability to support new service models and technology upgrades. Due to an already maximized development of the currently owned land and surrounding development, there is no opportunity for expansion on the currently owned land parcel at this location. There is a dedicated parking lot on site and additional street parking is available. On-site parking is frequently utilized to full capacity. This branch is also served by five metro routes.

The Corryville Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 3,521. It draws customers primarily from within a two-mile radius. A basement includes a dedicated meeting room with a 65-person capacity. This branch predominantly serves university students.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Delineate space by activity with particular focus on technology including maker materials, computer lab, and laptop kiosk
- Develop dynamic, engaging, and inclusive spaces for teens
- Utilize outdoor spaces more effectively

RECOMMENDATION

As the recipient of a Scheduled Maintenance project, the Library's Facilities Department has identified a need for roof repairing at the Corryville Branch.

2021 update: Since the building assessment work that happened in 2019 as part of the development of this plan, CHPL has learned that the building's foundation needs major work. We anticipate that this will happen in mid to late 2021.

2023 UPDATE

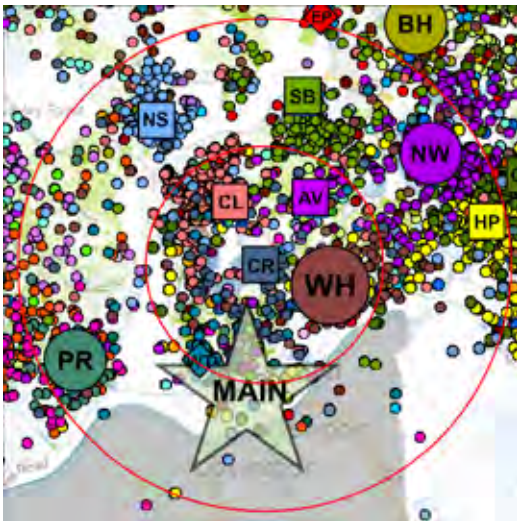
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LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch, such as recapturing space in the basement. It presently houses several staff and storage spaces, which could be considered for renovation for possible additional public service space such as study or maker spaces.

Corryville and its surrounding communities are seeing developments of short-term housing for university students and young professionals. The Nearby Short Vine is home to many operating businesses and is seeing some developments of new business in progress. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Once the nearby Walnut Hills Branch is renovated and expanded into a Next Generation-sized branch, the Library will evaluate whether customer usage changes for Corryville, and consider making further improvements or tailoring spaces and services based on customers' evolving needs.

CUSTOMER MAP



PROJECT DATA

Usable Building Area (1 story + basement)	9,840 SF
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Site plan



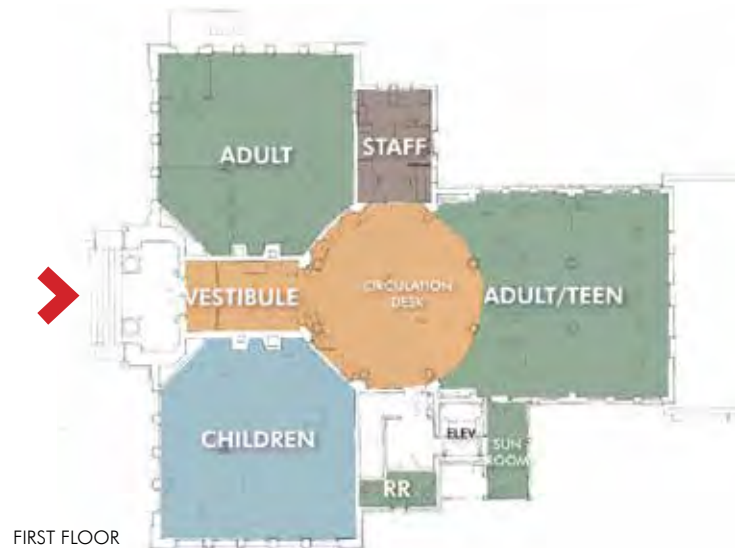
Adult/teen computers

CR - CORRYVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
CL	Clifton	NBHD	Strategic Investment	1.0 mi
WH	Walnut Hills	BIG NEXT GEN	Renovation and Expansion	1.5 mi
AV	Avondale	NBHD	Scheduled Maintenance + Strategic Investment	1.8 mi
SB	St. Bernard	NBHD	Strategic Investment	3.1 mi
NS	Northside	NBHD	Scheduled Maintenance + Strategic Investment	4.0 mi
NW	Norwood	NBHD	Strategic Investment	4.6 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	pointing	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



Floor plans

NORTHSIDE

SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE
+ STRATEGIC INVESTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD



Opened to the public in April of 1908, the Northside Branch Library is one of seven remaining of the original Hamilton County area libraries, built with funds provided by the Andrew Carnegie Foundation. Renovation and remodeling of the facility took place in 2000 to improve accessibility; however, the elevator does have some access issues from the parking entry. The facility's multi-level design presents service challenges and its age limits its ability to support new service models and technology upgrades. Customers are primarily serviced on the main level. The Northside branch holds a good location in the community, however due to surrounding development, there is currently no opportunity for expansion at this location. There is a dedicated parking lot on site, although it is frequently at capacity. Limited additional street parking is available. This branch is serviced by three metro routes.

The Northside Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 7,488. Its dedicated meeting room is located on the lower level and has a 30-person capacity. This branch predominantly serves a large amount of youths, especially during after school periods.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on social spaces for community use
- Maintain historic elements while expanding technology and WI-FI capacity
- Utilize outdoor spaces more effectively while increasing parking

RECOMMENDATION

As the recipient of a Scheduled Maintenance project, the Library's Facilities Department has identified a need for exterior tuckpointing as well as thorough interior painting at the Northside Branch Library. A Strategic Investment is also recommended and could be used in many possible ways to enhance service. A process led by Library staff

with community input will identify how this investment should be made.

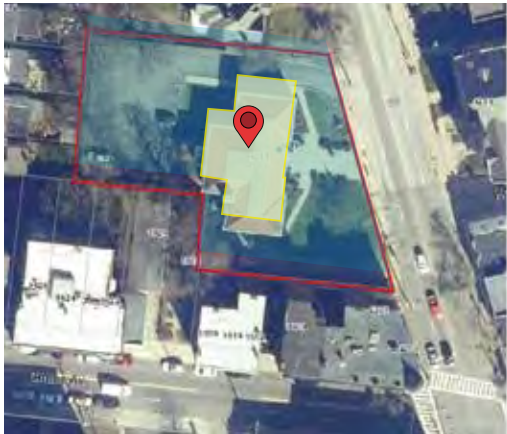
LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as addressing accessibility issues at the elevator entry. Additionally, it may be possible to renovate the lower level spaces to be more flexible and able to help meet fluctuating service needs such as community collaborations and partnerships.

Northside and its surrounding communities are seeing a rapidly changing neighborhood with a wave of Urban renewal. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Once improvements are made to other branches in the Central Zone, the Library will evaluate whether customer usage changes for Northside, and consider making further improvements or tailoring spaces and services based on customers' evolving needs.



PROJECT DATA	
Usable Building Area (1 story + basement)	5,780 SF



Site plan



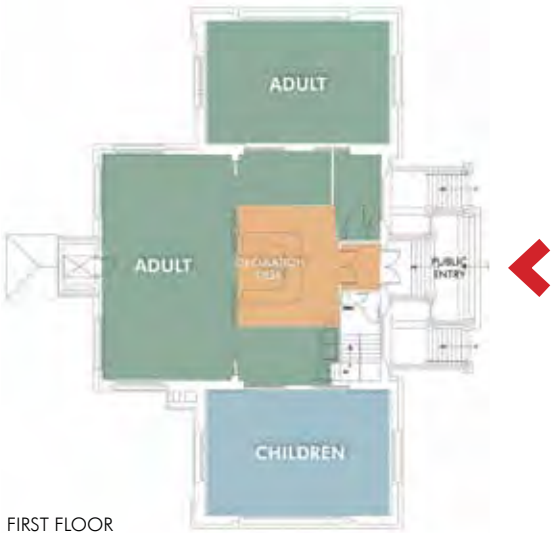
Meeting room

NS - NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
CL	Clifton	NBHD	Strategic Investment	2.3 mi
SB	St. Bernard	NBHD	Strategic Investment	3.3 mi
CR	Corryville	NBHD	Scheduled Maintenance	3.3 mi
AV	Avondale	NBHD	Scheduled Maintenance + Strategic Investment	3.7 mi
CO	College Hill	NBHD	Scheduled Maintenance + Interior Updates	4.0 mi
WH	Walnut Hills	BIG NEXT GEN	Renovation and Expansion	4.7 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	pointing	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



Floor plans

NORWOOD

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT

☐ NEXT GEN



Completed in 1907, the Norwood Branch Library is one of seven remaining of the original Hamilton County area libraries, built with funds provided by the Andrew Carnegie Foundation. In 2001, the Italian Renaissance style structure received a number of improvements, including the restoration of some of the building's original architectural elements. However, the facility is need of major HVAC, electrical, lighting, and telecommunications/data updates. The interior layout is not flexible and responsive to fluctuating service needs. By way of a retro-fitted concrete ramp off the street entry, public entry and main level public service is currently accessible. However, the lower level and upper level, which is currently blocked off and unused, are not. Public service is currently consolidated to the main level. Minimal opportunity for expansion is available on site. Its prominent location in Norwood and limited opportunity for space available elsewhere in the area make it a great candidate for a thorough renovation. It is served by three metro routes. Though parking is limited, community input suggests that an improved library at this location will still be visited by residents who will find parking on street or nearby.

The Norwood Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence is the largest in this planning zone, and contains a population of 23,657. The lower level houses this branch's dedicated meeting room, which has a 50-person capacity, and is not presently accessible. This branch predominantly serves adults and families.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Delineate space by activity with particular focus on technology and meeting rooms
- Maintain historic elements
- Utilize outdoor spaces more effectively while increasing parking

RECOMMENDATION

As a Design Project, it is recommended that the Norwood Branch Library undergo a major renovation and small expansion. This is intended to recapture the upper level and give full accessibility to all three levels by incorporating an elevator tower. New ADA restrooms

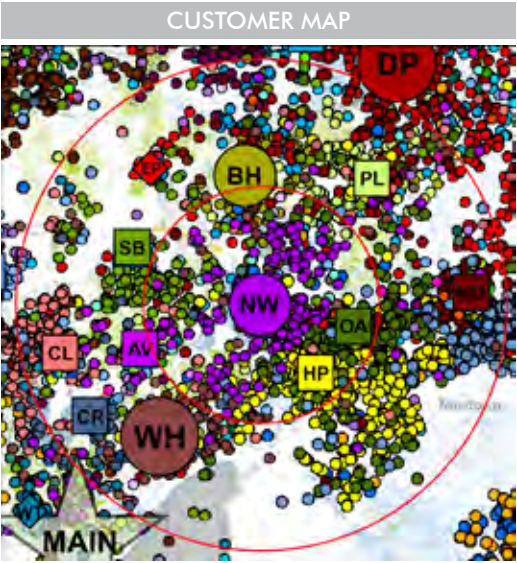
would be added as well. This will increase usable square footage to around 13,300 SF to 16,300 SF (see facing page).

2023 update: To date, we have not been able to acquire property despite several attempts. As such, we have elected to defer the project in order to move forward with those projects where more immediate opportunities exist. This does not reflect a lack of interest, but rather a lack of opportunity currently for necessary land acquisition to make the robust renovation and expansion for the Norwood Branch Library.

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may seek to expand this branch even further. With present site restrictions, that would likely be at a new location elsewhere in the community. This site has significant parking constraints, and therefore should consider expansion opportunities for parking, should they arise.

Norwood and its surrounding communities are seeing new developments in residential zones as well as areas like the Montgomery Corridor Project. The new Quality of Life Commission is also diligently striving to increase the quality of life of every citizen in Norwood via improvements to community elements such as public spaces. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth.



PROJECT DATA	
Usable Building Area	10,240 SF
Total Proposed Library	13,300 SF - 16,300 SF
Existing Site	16,250 SF
Added Parking Area	5,000 SF



Site plan. There is a possibility of leasing the parking area west of the current site



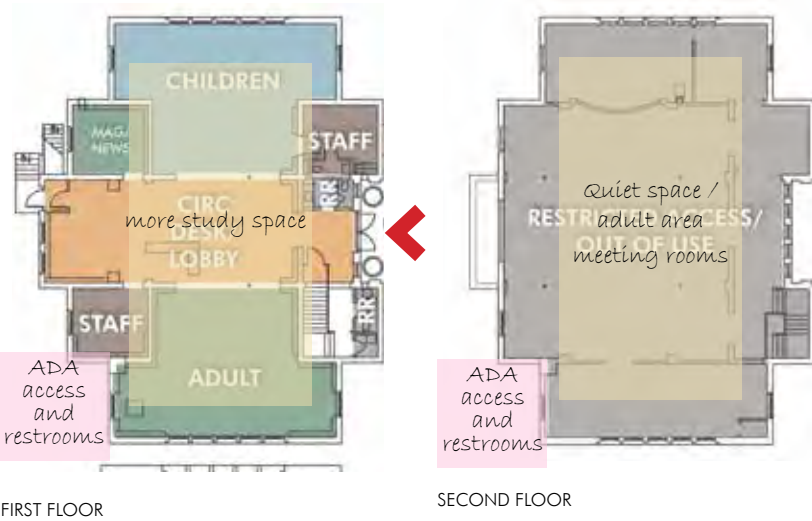
Precedent project: Paris-Bourbon County (KY) Public Library recently completed an addition to a Historic building

NW - NORWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
OA	Oakley	NBHD	Strategic Investment	2.1 mi
AV	Avondale	NBHD	Scheduled Maintenance + Strategic Investment	2.1 mi
BH	Bond Hill	NEXT GEN	Strategic Investment	2.4 mi
HP	Hyde Park	NBHD	Improved accessibility	2.7 mi
WH	Walnut Hills	BIG NEXT GEN	Renovation and Expansion	2.8 mi
SB	St. Bernard	NBHD	Strategic Investment	3.0 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



Floor plans

ST. BERNARD

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD



One of the newest library facilities in the system, the current St. Bernard Branch Library opened its doors in 2015. Conflicting needs for kids and adults can be a challenge in the space, as well as tightly spaced bookshelves. This facility is fully accessible. There is no opportunity for expansion on the presently owned land parcel at this location. The facility does have a dedicated parking lot located ½ block East of the facility. Additional street parking is available. It is served by one metro route.

The St. Bernard Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 4,245. Customers to this branch come primarily from within a two-mile radius. The facility is bound within a tight footprint and efficiently integrates a variety of spaces including a computer lab, makerspace, three study rooms, and 40-person capacity meeting room. This branch predominantly serves young teens and tweens, with a mix of adults and others.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Delineate spaces for kids/teens/adults with particular focus on improved acoustics
- Improve accessibility and layout of the collection and technology
- Noted support for maintaining study rooms

RECOMMENDATION

A Strategic Investment is proposed for the St. Bernard Branch Library and could be used in many possible ways to enhance service. A process led by Library staff with community input will identify how this investment should be made.

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as a small renovation or redesign of interior spaces, or acquiring land adjacent for an expansion, should an opportunity arise.

St. Bernard and its surrounding communities are seeing a new combined Elmwood Place and St. Bernard elementary school and high school. There have also been a couple of new businesses that have moved nearby. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Once improvements are made to other branches in the Central Zone, the Library will evaluate whether customer usage changes for St. Bernard, and consider making further improvements or tailoring spaces and services based on customers' evolving needs.

CUSTOMER MAP



SB - ST. BERNARD NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

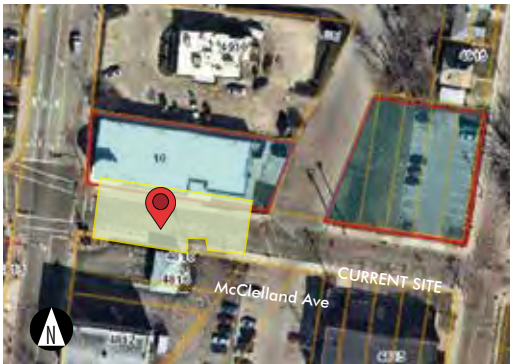
	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
EP	Elmwood Pl.	FOCUSED	Interior updates	1.5 mi
CL	Clifton	NBHD	Strategic Investment	2.3 mi
AV	Avondale	NBHD	Scheduled Maintenance + Strategic Investment	2.8 mi
NW	Norwood	NBHD	Strategic Investment	3.0 mi
BH	Bond Hill	NEXT GEN	Strategic Investment	3.1 mi
WH	Walnut Hills	BIG NEXT GEN	Renovation and Expansion	4.1 mi

PROJECT DATA

Usable Building Area (1 story)	7,150 SF
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OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



Site plan



Floor plan



Children's area



Teen computers

WALNUT HILLS

RENOVATION AND EXPANSION

BIG NEXT GEN



The Walnut Hills Branch Library opened in 1906; it was the first of the nine original Hamilton County area libraries in Cincinnati built through the generosity of philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. It is one of the seven which still remain today. This French Renaissance style structure has never had a significant renovation and all original building systems are well past their useful life. The building is not accessible and lacks most infrastructure needed to support contemporary library service. Only the first floor is usable at this time. While the building has a full basement that included a meeting room, because of water damage and other deficiencies, the lower floor is not in use. There is a small, second floor used exclusively by staff. In 2019 the Library purchased property adjacent to the branch, which allows significant opportunity for expansion. There is a dedicated parking lot on site, but it is challenging and hazardous to navigate. Additional street parking is available. The branch is serviced by three metro routes.

The Walnut Hills Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 7,707. Because of the current small size, inaccessibility, and outdated condition, a great number of Walnut Hills area customers chose to use other libraries. This branch predominantly serves kids using the branch after school as well as those coming to the branch for internet access and use of technology.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Make the branch fully accessible
- Desire for public art and creative spaces through renovation of underutilized spaces
- Maintain historic elements
- Activate outdoor spaces with particular focus on safety and walkability
- Delineate spaces for adults, teens, and children
- Offer more study rooms and community meeting spaces

RECOMMENDATION

As a Design Project, it is recommended that this location undergo an extensive renovation and expansion. The recently purchased parcels will enable the library to expand to approximately 16,000 –

20,000 SF. This will allow full accessibility to all public service areas. An expansion will bring this branch up to a Next Generation Library size with a full range of traditional and contemporary library spaces and services. The Library was also gifted a parcel across the street, which may be utilized for expansion. When the library is expanded, it is anticipated that this will become a destination for residents in the Central Planning Zone.

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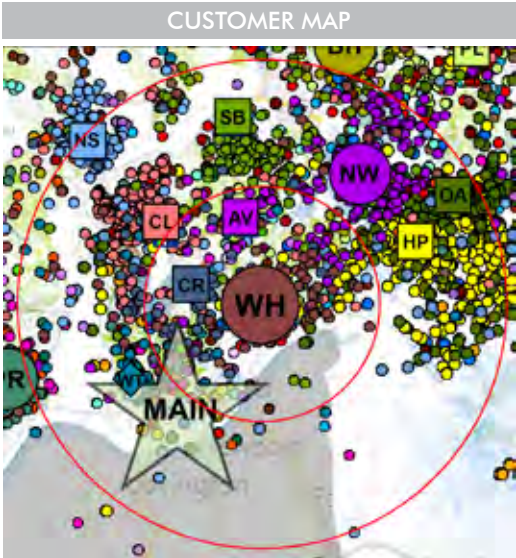
For project details, please check

[CHPL.org/next-generation/walnut-hills](https://chpl.org/next-generation/walnut-hills)

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities to incorporate partnerships in the new addition and renovated spaces. This expansion is intended to be evolving and responsive to the dynamics of its growing community.

Walnut Hills and surrounding communities are seeing much development on E McMillan near I-71. The Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation is pursuing equitable resources, such as a local fresh food market. The Library remains an active and responsive member of the community, and will consider these and other area developments as it explores opportunities for growth.



PROJECT DATA	
Usable Building Area (2 stories + basement)	~10,620 SF
Proposed Expansion	~18,000-22,000 SF



Site plan. The Library recently acquired adjacent lots.



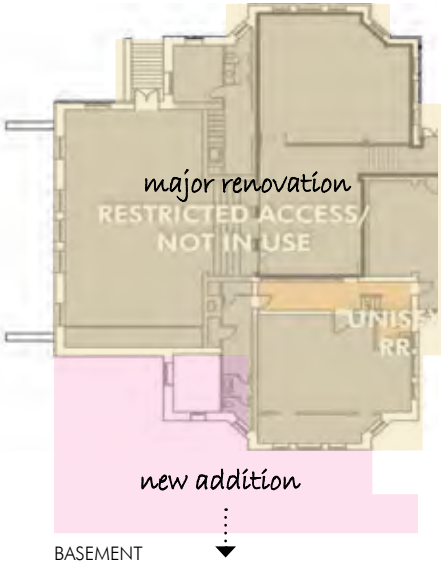
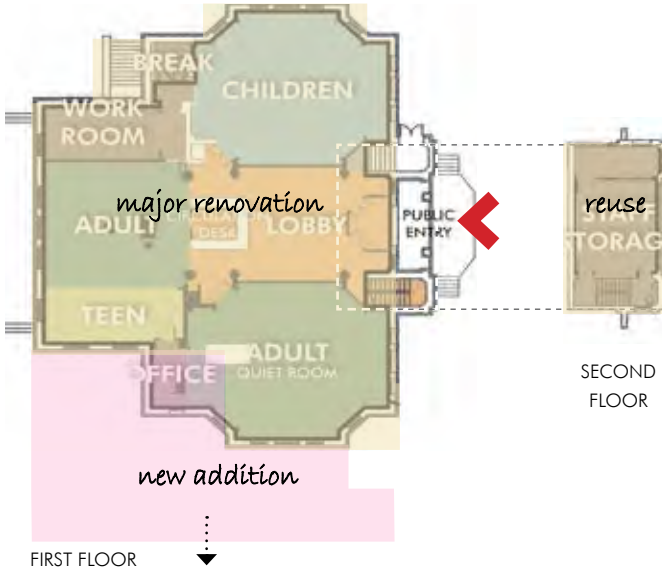
Precedent proejct: Paris-Bourbon County (KY) Public Library recently completed an addition to an historic building

WH - WALNUT HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
CR	Corryville	NBHD	Scheduled Maintenance	2.2 mi
AV	Avondale	NBHD	Scheduled Maintenance + Strategic Investment	2.3 mi
CL	Clifton	NBHD	Strategic Investment	3.1 mi
WT	West End	FOCUSED	Renovation	3.3 mi
NW	Norwood	NBHD	Strategic Investment	3.4 mi
HP	Hyde Park	NBHD	Improved accessibility	4.2 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



Floor plans

WEST END

RENOVATION



FOCUSED



The West End Branch Library opened in 1961. It is the closest branch to the downtown Main Library. Some limited improvements have been made, but this facility has not seen any major update since its original build. The West End Branch Library has challenges with the lack of available space and absence of designated quiet areas. There are some accessibility barriers at its parking lot entry with a constricted vestibule, and at its street side entry with some site grading. There is minimal opportunity for expansion on the presently owned land parcel at this location. This branch does have limited dedicated parking on site, but it can be somewhat hazardous to navigate. Additional street parking is available. This branch is served by two metro routes.

The West End Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 3,481. There are no reservable rooms or any designated makerspace available for the public at this location. This branch has a primary service group of young teenaged customers.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on social spaces for community use
- Increase access through more public parking
- Delineate spaces for kids/teens/adults with particular focus on improved acoustics and designated quiet zones
- Noted support for current branch location

RECOMMENDATION

As a Design Project, the West End Branch Library will receive a major renovation. Depending on feasibility, this may include capturing the courtyard spaces adjacent to the building, which are currently unused for safety reasons. Renovation should cater to community needs, considering acoustics and incorporating flexible spaces to serve a variety of anticipated customer needs.

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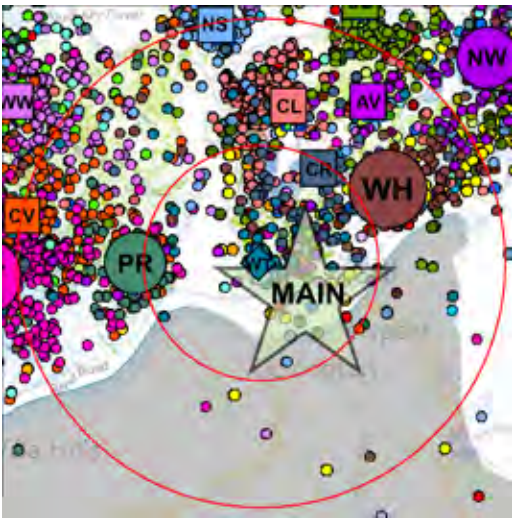
[CHPL.org/next-generation/west-end](https://chpl.org/next-generation/west-end)

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at acquiring additional adjacent property in this neighborhood or to relocate to a location where further expansion would be possible. This would allow for the ability to partner with local organizations and further expand community spaces.

West End and its surrounding communities are seeing developments from FC Cincinnati, Tender Mercies, The Regal Theater, Hamilton County Landbank, and more. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Once improvements are made to other branches in the Central Zone, the Library will evaluate whether customer usage changes for West End, and consider making further improvements or tailoring spaces and services based on customers' evolving needs.

CUSTOMER MAP



WT - WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

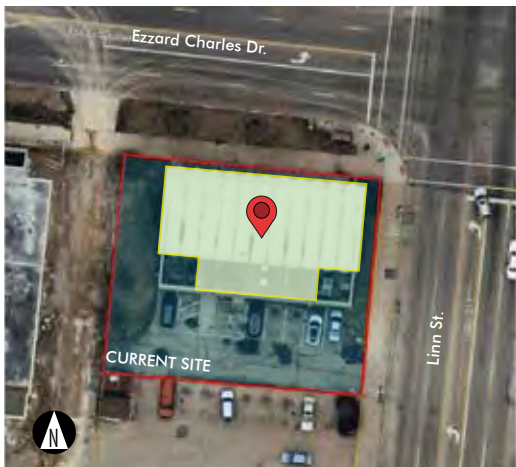
	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
PR	Price Hill	NEXT GEN	Renovation and Expansion	2.7 mi
WH	Walnut Hills	BIG NEXT GEN	Renovation and Expansion	3.1 mi
CL	Clifton	NHBD	Strategic Investment	3.6 mi
CR	Corryville	NHBD	Scheduled Maintenance	4.1 mi
AV	Avondale	NHBD	Scheduled Maintenance + Strategic Investment	5.8 mi

PROJECT DATA

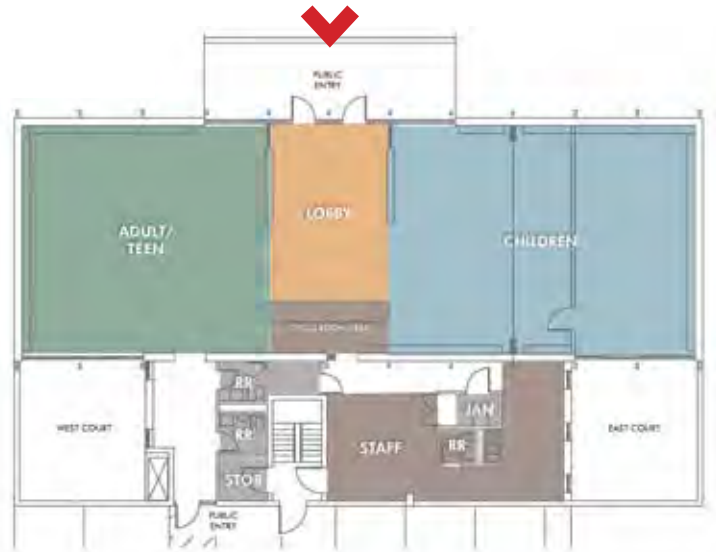
Usable Building Area (1 story)	4,550 SF
Existing Site	12,000 SF
Parking	5,000 SF

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



Site plan



Floor plan



Circulation desk



Children's area



Wyoming



College Hill



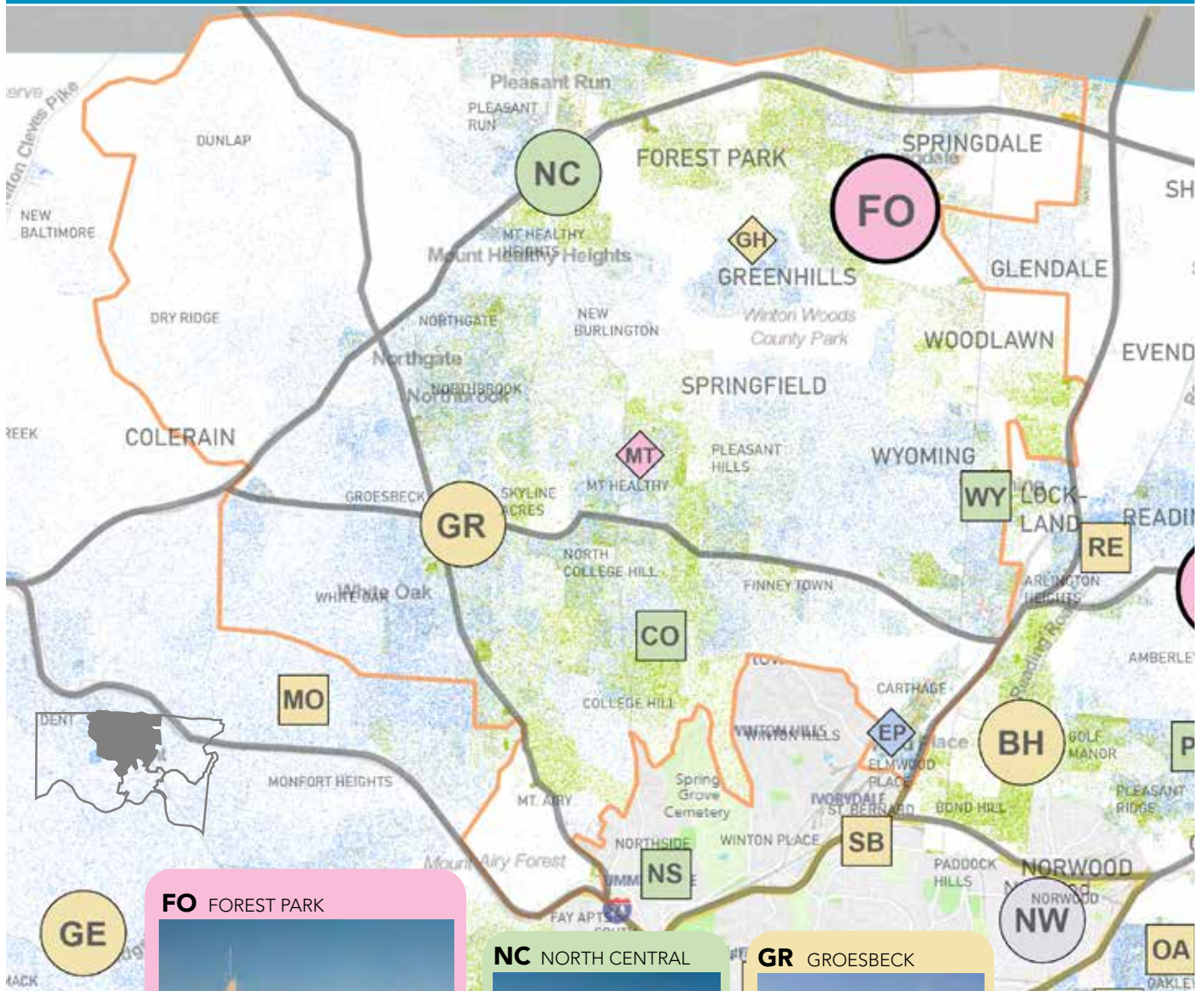
Elmwood



CENTRAL NORTH PLANNING ZONE



CENTRAL NORTH PLANNING ZONE – SUMMARY



FO FOREST PARK



● BIG NEXT GEN

Relocation and New Build
to proposed
22,500 SF - 27,500 SF

NC NORTH CENTRAL



● NEXT GEN

Scheduled Maintenance
at current
14,450 SF

GR GROESBECK



● NEXT GEN

interior updates
at current
14,390 SF

CO COLLEGE HILL



■ NEIGHBORHOOD

scheduled maintenance
+ interior updates
at current
7,190 SF

WY WYOMING



■ NEIGHBORHOOD

scheduled maintenance
+ Strategic Investment
at current
6,340 SF

LEASED

MT MT. HEALTHY



FOCUS

relocate w/ new
to proposed
4,500 SF - 5,500 SF

LEASED

GH GREENHILLS



◆ FOCUSED

strategic investment
at current
2,330 SF

LEASED

EP ELMWOOD PL.



◆ FOCUSED

interior updates
at current
1,430 SF

Planning Zone and Library	Existing Usable Square Feet	Effective Age in 2020	10 - YEAR RECOMMENDATIONS	Proposed Square Feet
CO College Hill	7,187 SF	54 yrs	Scheduled Maintenance + Interior Updates	SF
EP Elmwood Place	1,429 SF	44 yrs	Interior Updates	1,430 SF
FO Forest Park	9,620 SF	51 yrs	Relocation and New Build	-27,500 SF
GH Greenhills	2,325 SF	4 yrs	Strategic Investment	2,330 SF
GR Groesbeck	14,388 SF	21 yrs	Interior Updates	14,390 SF
MT Mt. Healthy	4,621 SF	19 yrs	Relocation with New, incl. Accessibility	4,500-5,500 SF
NC North Central	14,447 SF	29 yrs	Scheduled Maintenance	SF
WY Wyoming	6,339 SF	61 yrs	Scheduled Maintenance + Strategic Investment	SF

CENTRAL NORTH ZONE PROFILE

The Central North Planning Zone has a population of about 190,000 living in areas such as Carthage, Colerain, College Hill, Dry Ridge, Dunlap, Elmwood Place, Finneytown, Forest Park, Greenhills, Groesbeck, Lincoln Heights, Mt. Airy, Mt. Healthy, Mt. Healthy Heights, New Burlington, North College Hill, Northbrook, Northgate, Pleasant Hills, Pleasant Run, Pleasant Run Farm, Skyline Acres, Springdale, Springfield, White Oak, Woodlawn, and Wyoming neighborhoods, served by eight branches totaling approximately 60,500 square feet. The population is fairly evenly distributed across the planning zone, with a slight increase in density towards the west boundary in the Groesbeck service area.

Branch facility conditions vary in this planning zone. Mt. Healthy, Greenhills, and Elmwood Place are three of the smallest branches of the system, operating in extremely small, leased spaces and serving small populations. Meanwhile, Groesbeck is one of the most visited branches in the system.

Customer mapping shows generally good geographic coverage of library services. As a result, no new branches are recommended. However, taking into account that this zone has the lowest amount of library space per resident (~0.3 square feet/capita), expansions of various scales are recommended for both leased and Library-owned facilities. Due to the high concentration of low-income households and communities of color in this zone, any potential branch relocations are recommended to occur within their current neighborhoods to help ensure equitable library access. Forest Park is planned to be replaced and expanded, possibly at a different site, to serve as the zone's Big Next Generation Library. Mt. Healthy and Elmwood Place will most likely be relocated to larger, Library-owned spaces where services can be provided more efficiently and inclusively. The 10-year plan will also address maintenance issues for North Central, Wyoming, and College Hill branches, while specific Strategic Investments will be implemented for Groesbeck and Greenhills branches.

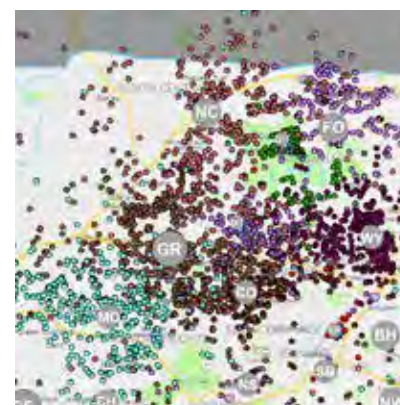
Taken together, these changes will provide a variety of updated spaces for residents of this zone and support a full range of traditional and contemporary services.



Age of Buildings: The majority of the buildings have not been renovated for a long time



Accessibility: The majority of buildings are ADA accessible, except for Mt. Healthy and Wyoming.



Customer Mapping: Customers travel and visit more than one branch in this planning zone

COLLEGE HILL

SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE
+ INTERIOR UPDATES

NEIGHBORHOOD



The College Hill Branch Library was completed in 1966. No significant improvements have been made to this branch since its original build. Distance between the primary public entrance to the parking lot presents some accessibility issues. There may be opportunity on this site to re-imagine the structure and replace the current facility. There is not a dedicated library parking lot on site, however the branch is able to utilize shared community parking adjacent to the building. It is also served by two metro routes.

The College Hill Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 17,550. Most customers come from less than two miles from the branch. It has a dedicated meeting room with a 35-person capacity. Their customer base ranges quite widely in demographics and service needs. Some use the space quickly, picking up holds and leaving, while others use it as a safe space during the day, their only source of internet access and social interaction. Young families often browse for children's material and some kids come after school for a snack, place to focus on homework, and have social time with friends. Many come into the branch for assistance with job seeking.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on youth services, increasing access to technology, and social spaces for community use
- Delineate spaces for kids/teens/adults with particular focus on improved acoustics and designated quiet/noisy spaces
- Utilize outdoor spaces more effectively with particular focus on recapturing courtyard space and increasing parking capacity

RECOMMENDATION

As a Scheduled Maintenance Project, the Library's Facilities Department has identified that the College Hill Branch Library is in need of major HVAC and electrical upgrades. It will also receive Interior Updates which will make necessary improvements within the building to account for years of normal wear and tear.

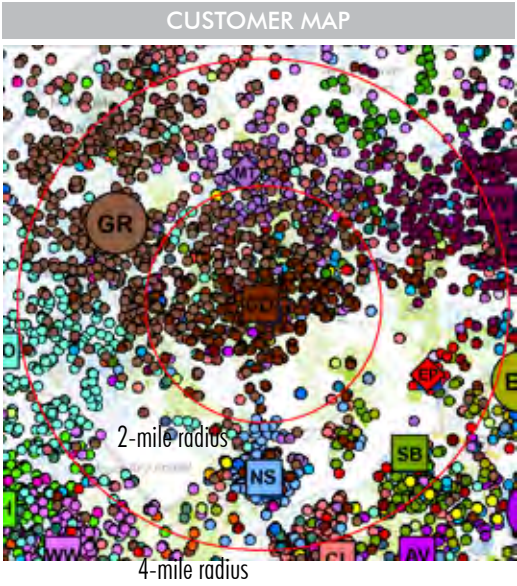
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LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore a renovation to re-think the public service space and possibly incorporate study rooms, as has been explored in the past. Its close proximity to the school-owned park might allow for a future partnership. The Library may also explore acquiring additional land to expand or even explore nearby locations for relocation as opportunities present themselves. College Hill and its surrounding communities are seeing the beginning phases of a \$30 Million mixed use development at Hamilton Ave & North Bend Rd which is to include retail space, apartments, and townhomes. The College Hill Central Urban Redevelopment Corporation has been acquiring properties recently to redevelop and bring entrepreneurs to College Hill. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an evergrowing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Once improvements are made to other branches in the North Central Zone, the Library will evaluate whether customer usage changes for College Hill, and consider making further improvements or tailoring spaces and services based on customers' evolving needs.



PROJECT DATA	
Usable SF (1 story)	7,190 SF



Site plan

CO - COLLEGE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
MT	Mt. Healthy	FOCUSED	Relocation with New and Possible Expansion	2.4 mi
GR	Groesbeck	NEXT GEN	Interior Updates	3.2 mi
NS	Northside	NHBD	Scheduled Maintenance + Strategic Investment	3.3 mi
SB	St. Bernard	NHBD	Strategic Investment	4.6 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



Floor plan



Adult Area



Main Entrance

ELMWOOD PLACE

INTERIOR UPDATES



FOCUSED

LEASED



The Elmwood Place Branch Library moved into their current leased space in the Elmwood Place Municipal Building in 1977. The Elmwood Place Branch Library is the smallest in the system. This branch has not received major renovation since its original opening. No barriers to accessibility have been discovered to entry at this location, however, restrooms are entirely inaccessible, as the shared restrooms are only accessible via stairs. Opportunity for expansion within the current building is not available. Shared on-site parking and street parking options are quite limited. The branch is serviced by one metro route.

The Elmwood Place Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 5,016. Most of its customers are located within a two-mile radius. There are no reservable rooms available for the public at this location. Restrooms are presently shared with the Municipal Building and not always freely available to library customers. One of this branch's primary service groups are young teens/adolescents from nearby neighborhoods.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on youth services, increasing access to technology, and social spaces for community use
- Delineate spaces for kids/teens/adults with particular focus on improved acoustics and designated quiet/noisy spaces
- Noted support for relocation of branch to a bigger space with differing views on the best geographic location

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Elmwood Place Branch receive Interior Updates which will make necessary improvements within the building to account for years of normal wear and tear.

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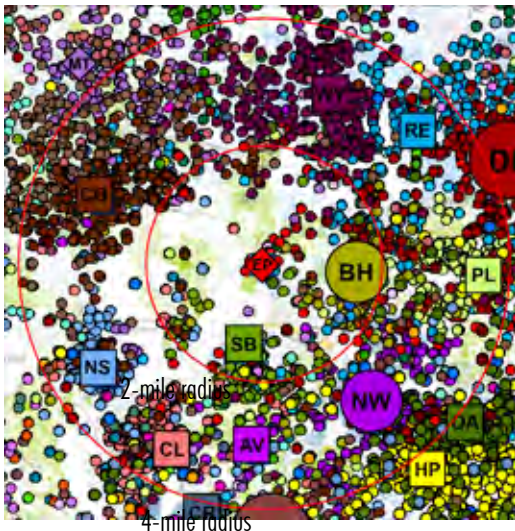
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[CHPL.org/next-generation/elmwood-place](https://chpl.org/next-generation/elmwood-place)

LONG TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch to find a nearby space for relocation, as there is very limited capacity in its current location. A new location would allow for increased space to gather, meet and also to control noise within the space. Elmwood Place and its surrounding communities have seen Elmwood Place Elementary consolidate with St. Bernard Elementary in a new development. Many businesses and organizations have had to leave the area. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Once improvements are made to other branches in the North Central Zone, the Library will evaluate whether customer usage changes for Elmwood Place, and consider making further improvements or tailoring spaces and services based on customers' evolving needs.

CUSTOMER MAP



PROJECT DATA

Usable SF (1 story) 1,430 SF

EP - ELMWOOD PLACE NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
SB	St. Bernard	NHBD	Strategic Investment	1.4 mi
BH	Bond Hill	NEXT GEN	Strategic Investment	2.4 mi
WY	Wyoming	NHBD	Scheduled Maintenance + Strategic Investment	3.0 mi
AV	Avondale	NHBD	Scheduled Maintenance + Strategic Investment	3.5 mi
RE	Reading	NHBD	Strategic Investment	4.1 mi
NW	Norwood	NEXT GEN	Strategic Investment	4.2 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	pointing	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



Aerial View of the library location



Children's area



Floor plan

FOREST PARK

RELOCATION AND NEW BUILD



BIG NEXT GEN



The Forest Park Branch Library was completed in September of 1969. It has received minimal improvements since then. This heavily used building is in need of major lighting, electrical system, window, and furniture updates. There have been no discoveries of barriers to public entry accessibility at this location, however the interior layout is awkward and difficult to navigate. The presently owned land parcel does have some limited opportunity for expansion on the current site. There is a dedicated parking lot on site but there is no public transportation currently serving this location.

The Forest Park Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 23,111. Customer mapping and visitor counts show that this library already serves as a regional destination. The existing meeting room with a 30-person capacity is viewed as too small by most community and staff. There is not currently a technology lab, maker space, or any group study rooms. Its predominant customer base is made up of a wide demographic range and variety of service needs.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on youth services, increasing access to technology (i.e. makerspace), and social spaces for community use
- Delineate spaces for kids/teens/adults with particular focus on designated quiet/noisy spaces and intentionality of space
- Branch design should incorporate adaptability and relevance for future generations
- Noted support for a new location and/or a new build on current

RECOMMENDATION

As a Design Project, it is recommended that the Forest Park Branch Library be relocated nearby with new, expanded facilities with full accessibility. Although the current facility has served the community well over the years, a plethora of pain points have been identified by the community and staff, which, when joined with existing maintenance needs of the facility, make it an ideal candidate for a

reimagining. This site might support a larger Next Generation Library of approximately 20,000 – 25,000 square feet; however, due to the existing building's age, condition, and extensive needs, a larger replacement is likely to be more cost effective and functional, and generate a longer lasting investment than a renovation. Community officials and citizens have also presented thoughts on new locations of land for the Library to build on.

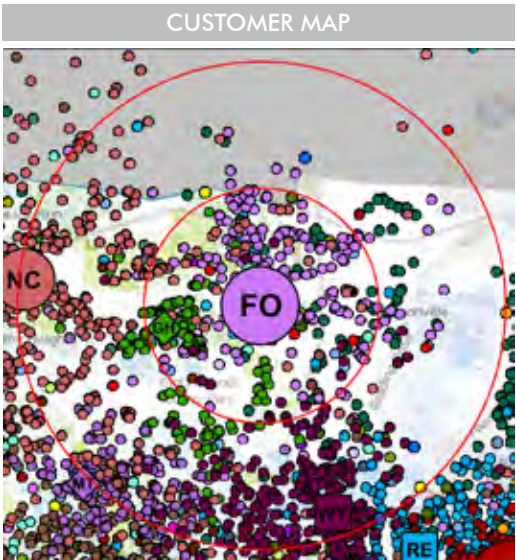
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For project details, please check

[CHPL.org/next-generation/forest-park](https://chpl.org/next-generation/forest-park)

LONG TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch to further expand its ability to host community partnerships and offer a wider range of public services for its community. This branch is intended to be a destination library well into the future. Forest Park and its surrounding communities are seeing Winton Woods Intermediate moving to a new space. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth.



PROJECT DATA	
Usable SF (1 story)	9,620 SF
Replacement Size	22,500-27,500 SF
Existing Site	75,500 SF
Proposed Site	87,120 SF



Adult area



Adult area

FO - FOREST PARK NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
GH	Greenhills	FOCUSED	Strategic Investment	1.9 mi
NC	N. Central	NEXT GEN	Scheduled Maintenance	4.3 mi
WY	Wyoming	NHBD	Scheduled Maintenance + Strategic Investment	6.4 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



Floor plan



Precedent project: Northwest Library, Dayton, OH

GREENHILLS

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT



FOCUSED

LEASED



The Greenhills Branch Library moved to their current leased location 2016. It is located within the Greenhills Community Building. Some shared spaces with other building tenants of the make operations challenging for this branch at times. No barriers to public entry accessibility have been discovered at this branch. The lease situation offers limited opportunity for expansion at the current location. There is no dedicated parking lot on site, but it does have a large shared parking lot, where it has been suggested that security and lighting need improvement as well as signage for wayfinding. This branch is also served by three metro routes.

The Greenhills Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 3,806. This branch currently houses two study rooms. With no large meeting space, the branch is sometimes populated with individuals attending programming. This branch predominantly serves families and homeschoolers who use the facility regularly and check out large amounts of materials. Adults regularly use the facility in mornings and early afternoons while after school, children and teens come to use technology as well as kids' materials.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Increase access by improving visibility of and wayfinding for the branch
- Utilize outdoor spaces more effectively
- Noted support for a drive-up return box and hold lockers
- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on social spaces for community use and community partnerships (i.e. Hamilton County Parks)

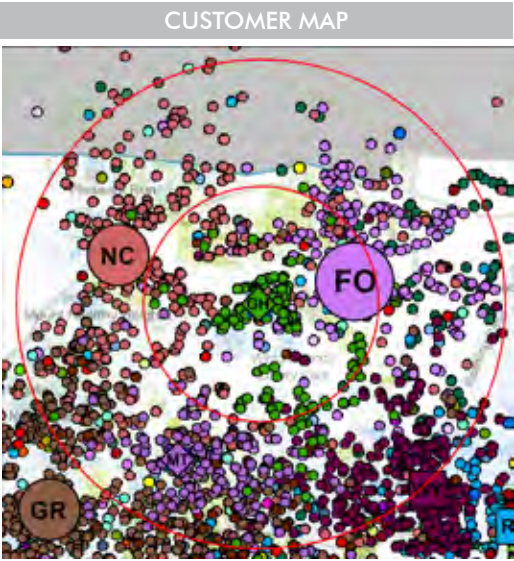
RECOMMENDATION

As the recipient of a Strategic Investment, the Greenhills branch will have opportunity to improve the space it currently occupies and enhance service. A process led by Library staff with community input will identify how this investment should be made.

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as expanding the branch's leased square footage within the current building. If possible, and explore opportunity for property acquisition and relocation for a free-standing location in the community with expanded facilities.

Greenhills and its surrounding communities are seeing the construction of a new Winton Woods Pre-K through 6th facility. There also have been recent old building demolitions in the community leaving empty lots, ready for development. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Once the nearby Forest Park Branch is renovated and expanded into a Next Generation-sized branch, the Library will evaluate whether customer usage changes for Greenhills, and consider making further improvements or tailoring spaces and services based on customers' evolving needs.



GH - GREENHILLS NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
FO	Forest Park	BIG NEXT GEN	Relocation and New Build	1.9 mi
NC	N. Central	NEXT GEN	Scheduled Maintenance	3.6 mi
MT	Mt. Healthy	FOCUSED	Relocation with New and Possible Expansion	3.6 mi
WY	Wyoming	NHBD	Scheduled Maintenance + Strategic Investment	4.8 mi
GR	Groesbeck	NEXT GEN	Interior Updates	6.6 mi

PROJECT DATA	
Usable SF (1 story)	2,325 SF

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



Aerial view of the current location



Adult area



Floor plan

GROESBECK

INTERIOR UPDATES



NEXT GEN



The Groesbeck Branch Library was completed and dedicated in May 2000. The branch has not seen significant improvements since its original build. A very well-used branch, the relatively small footprint sometimes makes facility navigation and environmental acoustics an issue. No barriers to public entry accessibility have been discovered at this location. There is limited opportunity for expansion on the presently owned land parcel. This branch has a dedicated parking lot for library customers and the location is served by two metro routes.

The Groesbeck Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 68,975. Groesbeck pulls a customer base from a wide area across Hamilton County. There is a dedicated meeting room with a 28-person capacity at this location as well as a drive-through service window. This branch serves many in for quick visits to pick up materials on hold, but also individual business people and students who spend many hours at the branch working and studying. Tutoring sessions last for an hour or more at the branch and many come for access to public computers or Wi-Fi as well.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on increasing access to technology and social spaces for community use
- Delineate space by activity with particular focus on technology (i.e. gaming spaces, more computers, makerspace equipment)
- Utilize outdoor spaces more effectively with particular focus on recapturing courtyard space
- Desire for public art and cultural events

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Groesbeck Branch receive Interior Updates which will make necessary improvements within the building to account for years of normal wear and tear.

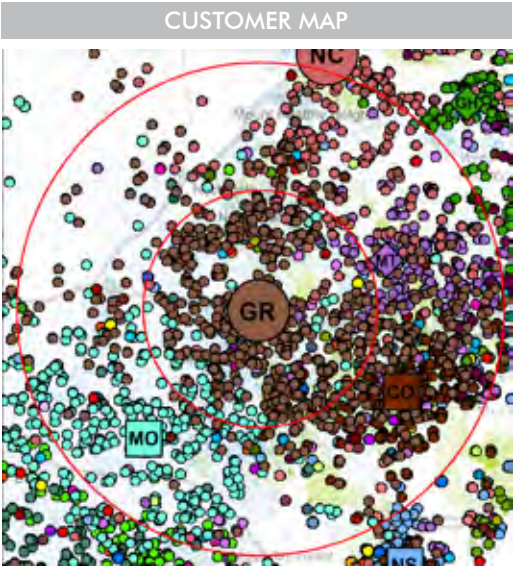
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For project details, please check

[CHPL.org/next-generation/groesbeck](https://chpl.org/next-generation/groesbeck)

LONG TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as renovating parts of the interior to include additional meeting rooms, study rooms, or tech-specific service areas. There is also opportunity to expand into the courtyard for additional public service space. Groesbeck and its surrounding communities are seeing much development including a \$16M Duke Energy facility to open in 2020. This is being planned as a TIF project, and the hope is to use that TIF designation to redevelop the surrounding area improving properties, sidewalks, lighting, etc. Colerain Township has just formalized a partnership with Northwest Local School District and the Mill Creek Conservancy District to develop space adjacent to Struble Elementary into a new park. Other nearby developments include Bigg's grocery store which was recently redeveloped to house new retail establishments and the relocation and expansion of Kroger to across Colerain Ave. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an evergrowing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth.



GR - GROESBECK NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
MT	Mt. Healthy	FOCUSED	Relocation with New and Possible Expansion	3.3 mi
CO	College Hill	NBHD	Scheduled Maintenance + Interior Updates	3.4 mi
MO	Mon.Heights	NBHD	Strategic Investment	4.3 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												

PROJECT DATA	
Usable SF (1 story)	14,390 SF



Site plan



Floor plan



Children's area



Circulation desk

MT. HEALTHY

RELOCATION WITH NEW
AND POSSIBLE EXPANSION



FOCUSED

LEASED



The Mt. Healthy Branch Library moved to its current leased location in 1951. In 1961, additional space was added to the branch when it expanded into an adjoining storeroom. The Mt. Healthy branch has often been noted as difficult to find due to signage restrictions of the current location. The tight entry vestibule and the transition between the two halves of the branch present some accessibility issues. The current interior layout is not easily navigable. The building itself is quite dated and has HVAC, insulation, and plumbing concerns. Its age limits its ability to support new service models and technology upgrades. The lease situation offers limited opportunity for expansion at the current location. There is extremely limited dedicated library parking and some limited public street parking is available nearby. This branch is also served by three metro routes.

The Mt. Healthy Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 10,476. There is not currently a meeting room, technology area, makerspace, or any group study spaces. This branch predominantly serves individual children, adults, families, daycare groups, and more.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Delineate spaces for kids/teens/adults with particular focus on improved acoustics and designated quiet/noisy spaces
- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on equitable access and social spaces for community use
- Noted support for relocation more centrally located within the community
- Noted support for a drive-up return

RECOMMENDATION

As a Design Project, the Mt. Healthy Branch Library is recommended for a relocation to a new facility with full accessibility. It is recommended that the Library look for opportunities to relocate the branch to a new, owned location. The new space should be expanded, and additional space will allow definition for various service requests, more diverse seating/meeting areas, larger/family friendly restrooms, easier entry, and more parking. The Library should explore what opportunities arise nearby in a central location in the community to find a space

that is best suited for a sustainable future of this branch.

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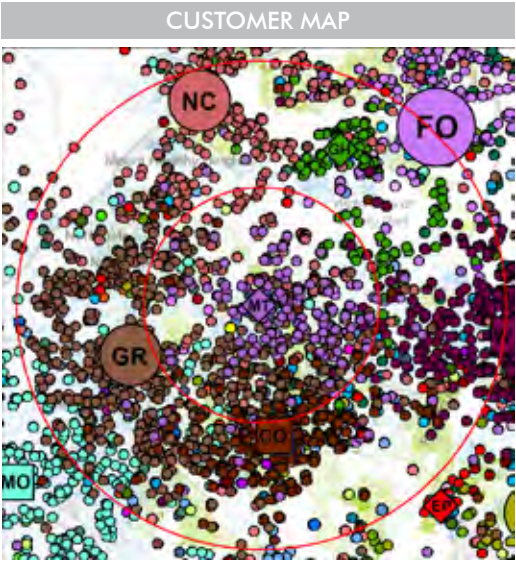
For project details, please check

[CHPL.org/next-generation/mthealthy](https://chpl.org/next-generation/mthealthy)

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as engaging in more community partnerships and offering additional public services as it is needed or desired by Library customers in the community.

Mt. Healthy and its surrounding communities are seeing a health complex development nearby. There are also continued renovations of "The Main," a historic theater on Hamilton Avenue. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Once improvements are made to other branches in the North Central Zone, the Library will evaluate whether customer usage changes for Mt. Healthy, and consider making further improvements or tailoring spaces and services based on customers' evolving needs.



PROJECT DATA	
Usable SF (1 story)	4,600 SF
Replacement Size	4,500-5,500 SF
Existing Site	Leased
Proposed Site	TBD



Site plan



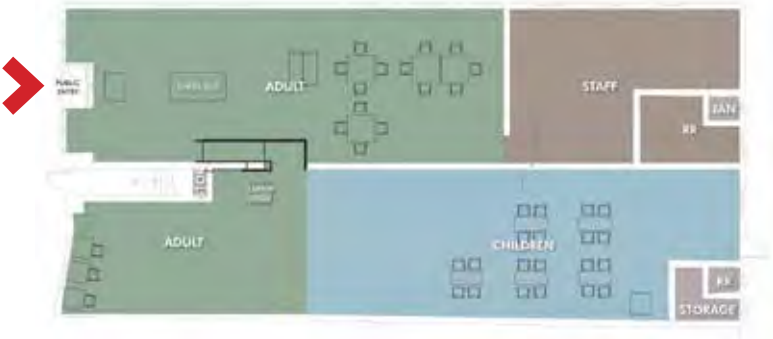
Adult area

MT - MT. HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
CO	College Hill	NHBD	Scheduled Maintenance + Interior Updates	2.4 mi
GR	Groesbeck	NEXT GEN	Interior Updates	3.4 mi
NC	N.Central	NEXT GEN	Scheduled Maintenance	3.7 mi
FO	Forest Park	BIG NEXT GEN	Relocation and New Build	5.5 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



Floor plan



Children's area

NORTH CENTRAL

SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE



NEXT GEN



The North Central Branch Library opened in January 1990. The facility is in a well-liked location in the community; however, the facility has received no significant modifications since its original build. No barriers to public entry accessibility have been discovered at this location. There is limited opportunity for expansion on the presently owned land parcel at this location. There is a dedicated parking lot on site and this branch is served by one metro route.

The North Central Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 33,966. The North Central Branch draws customers from a wide range of locations surrounding the branch. Its dedicated meeting room has a 70-person capacity. This branch predominantly serves customers who require staff assistance, specifically with technology. There are also increasing numbers of ESL customers at this branch as well.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Develop dynamic, engaging, and inclusive spaces with particular focus on teens and more social spaces for community use
- Delineate space by activity with particular focus on job-seekers
- Noted support for a drive up/drive thru return

RECOMMENDATION

As a Scheduled Maintenance Project, the Library's Facilities Department has identified that the HVAC system at North Central is in need of some very significant updates.

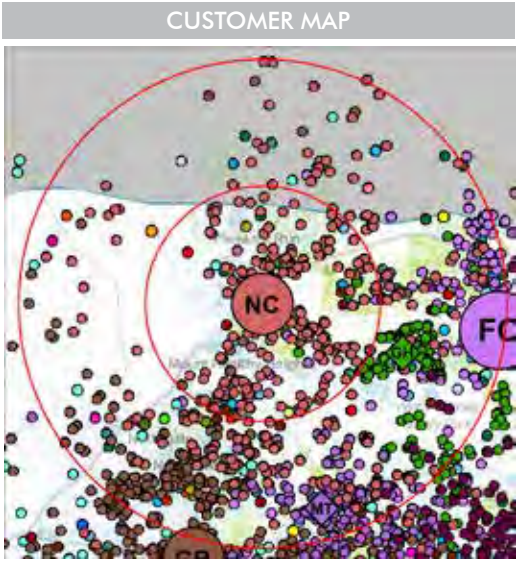
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For project details, please check

[CHPL.org/next-generation/north-central](https://chpl.org/next-generation/north-central)

LONG TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as renovating the space to include additional meeting rooms or a dedicated teen space and even looking at a minor expansion on the current site. North Central and its surrounding communities are seeing much new development including a major renovation of Hamilton County ESC (Educational Service Center) building next door to the branch. Other new developments include a Kroger on Springdale Rd, the renovation of Pleasant Run school, renovation of Ashley Woods Apartments, new daycare facilities and the expansion of a nearby kids learning center. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth.



PROJECT DATA	
Usable SF (1 story)	14,450 SF

NC - NORTH CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
MT	Mt. Healthy	FOCUSED	Relocation with New and Possible Expansion	3.6 mi
FO	Forest Park	BIG NEXT GEN	Relocation and New Build	4.1 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

MAINTENANCE NEEDS	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage



Site plan



Floor plan



Meeting room



Adult area

WYOMING

SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE
+ STRATEGIC INVESTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD



The Wyoming Branch Library opened in 1959. Its multi-level design presents service challenges. Although a popularly used location, the facility and its parking have been outgrown by the customer base of the branch. Renovations have made the public entry on the main level accessible, however the lower level, where public restrooms are located, remains inaccessible to those with mobility challenges. There is not opportunity on the current site for expansion. This branch has a dedicated parking lot, but it is somewhat hazardous to navigate and is frequently inadequate for the volume of customers visiting the branch. Additional nearby community parking is available and it is served by one metro route.

The Wyoming Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 26,171. The lower level houses this branch's dedicated meeting room with an 80-person capacity and is only accessible by stairs. This branch predominantly serves customers whom stay for long periods of time for public computer access, Wi-Fi, and newspaper and magazine reading. Some do come in for quick pick up of materials on hold. This branch is also frequently used by parents with children after story time for books, toys, and socialization.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Increase access through more public parking and improved ADA accessibility
- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on social spaces for community use
- Branch design should incorporate adaptability and relevance for future generations
- Noted support for either drive-up return or drive-thru window
- Noted support for expanding branch; however, some want to stay on the current site, others want to move elsewhere in Wyoming

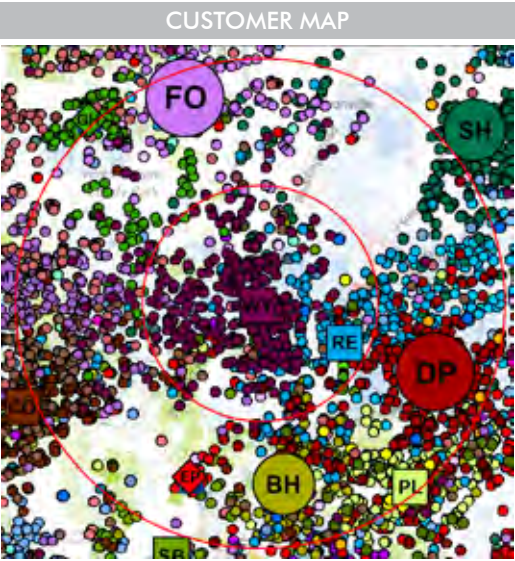
RECOMMENDATION

As a Scheduled Maintenance project, the Library Facilities Department has identified that the building is in need of HVAC and electrical upgrades. It is recommended that this branch also receive a Strategic Investment. A process by Library staff with community input will identify how this investment should be made.

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the library may explore opportunities at this branch such as looking at nearby acquisitions that lend themselves to a larger library branch for a more sustainable future for the Wyoming Branch. Expanded facilities and parking would better suit the customer base of this branch and allow for full accessibility to services.

Wyoming and its surrounding communities are seeing an \$8M redevelopment of Wyoming's main thoroughfare, Springfield Pike. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Once the nearby Forest Hills and Deer Park Branches are renovated and expanded into Next Generation-sized branches, the Library will evaluate whether customer usage changes for Wyoming, and consider making further improvements or tailoring spaces and services based on customers' evolving needs.



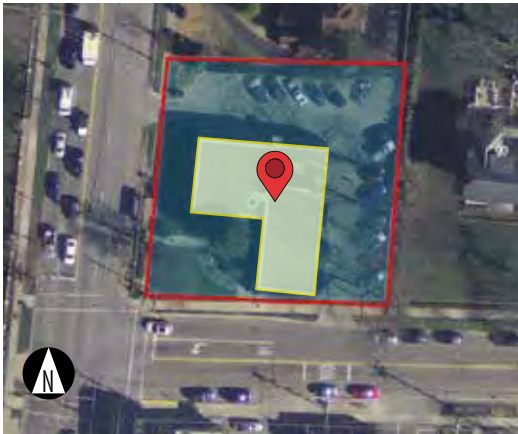
PROJECT DATA	
Usable SF (2 stories)	6,340 SF

WY - WYOMING NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
RE	Reading	NHBD	Strategic Investment	2.1 mi
EP	Elmwood Place	FOCUSED	Interior Updates	3.0 mi
BH	Bond Hill	NEXT GEN	Strategic Investment	4.0 mi
FO	Forest Park	BIG NEXT GEN	Relocation and New Build	4.6 mi
DP	Deer Park	BIG NEXT GEN	Relocation and Expansion	5.1 mi
PL	Pleasant Ridge	NHBD	Scheduled Maintenance	5.9 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



Site plan



FIRST FLOOR



BASEMENT

Floor plans



Meeting room



Bond Hill



Symmes Township



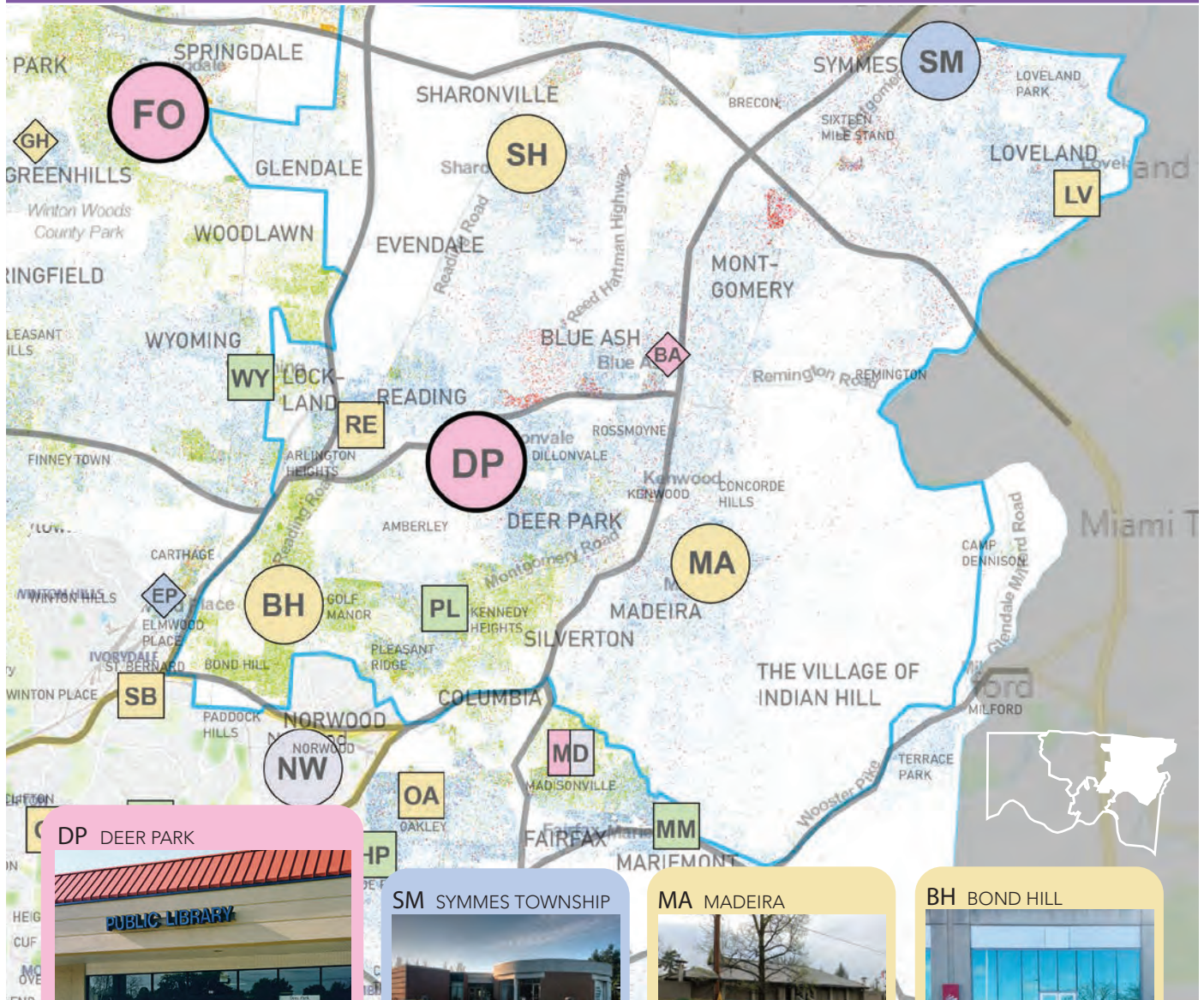
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NORTH EAST PLANNING ZONE



NORTH EAST PLANNING ZONE –SUMMARY



DP DEER PARK



● **BIG NEXT GEN**

relocation and expansion
to proposed
22,500 SF - 27,500 SF

SM SYMMES TOWNSHIP



● **NEXT GEN**

renovation and
potential expansion
at current
14,960 SF

MA MADEIRA



● **NEXT GEN**

interior updates
at current
14,600 SF

BH BOND HILL



● **NEXT GEN**

strategic
investment
at current
12,910 SF

SH SHARONVILLE



● **NEXT GEN**

interior updates
at current
12,530 SF

RE READING



■ **NEIGHBORHOOD**

strategic
investment
at current
10,940 SF

PL PLEASANT RIDGE



■ **NEIGHBORHOOD**

scheduled
maintenance
at current
8,850 SF

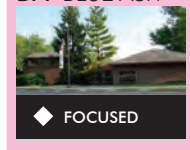
LV LOVELAND



■ **NEIGHBORHOOD**

strategic
investment
at current
8,990 SF

BA BLUE ASH



◆ **FOCUSED**

strategic
investment
to proposed
12,114 SF

Planning Zone and Library	Existing Usable Square Feet	Effective Age in 2020	10 - YEAR RECOMMENDATIONS	Proposed Square Feet
North East Planning Zone ADI Population : 160,000				
BA Blue Ash	12,114 SF	32 yrs	Strategic Investment	12,114 SF
BH Bond Hill	12,903 SF	13 yrs	Strategic Investment	12,910 SF
DP Deer Park	4,014 SF	22 yrs	Relocation and Expansion	22,500-27,500 SF
LV Loveland	8,989 SF	4 yrs	Interior Updates	8,990 SF
MA Madeira	14,597 SF	27 yrs	Strategic Investment	14,600 SF
PL Pleasant Ridge	8,846 SF	1 yrs	Scheduled Maintenance	8,850 SF
RE Reading	10,935 SF	5 yrs	Strategic Investment	10,940 SF
SH Sharonville	12,527 SF	28 yrs	Interior Updates	12,530 SF
SM Symmes Township	14,956 SF	30 yrs	Renovation and Potential Expansion	14,960 SF

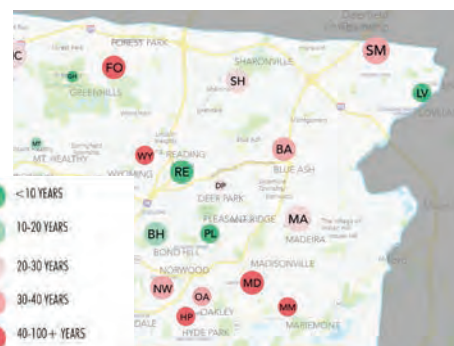
NORTH EAST ZONE PROFILE

The North East Planning Zone has a population of 160,000 and is served by nine libraries comprising almost 100,000 square feet. Communities of this zone include Amberley, Arlington Heights, Bond Hill, Blue Ash, Brecon, Columbia, Concorde Hills, Deer Park, Dillonvale, Evendale, Golf Manor, Glendale, Highpoint, Kennedy Heights, Kenwood, Lockland, Loveland, Loveland Park, Madeira, Montgomery, Pleasant Ridge, Reading, Remington, Rossmoyne, Sharonville, Silverton, Sixteen Mile Stand, Symmes Township, and the Village of Indian Hill. Low-income households are concentrated in the southwestern part of the zone. More elderly residents live to the northeast.

According to customer mapping analysis, North East Zone residents are well served by the current libraries – no populated areas lack library access. Even though branches such as Symmes Township and Blue Ash have not been renovated in nearly 30 years, the majority of the branches are relatively new when compared to others in the system. The North East Zone has the highest amount of library space per resident in the county (~0.63 square feet/capita), and that is the driving factor behind the Facility Master Plan recommendation to redistribute services across the zone to enable more equitable service.

Deer Park is planned to expand at its current location, becoming the zone's Big Next Generation Library. Blue Ash, Bond Hill, Loveland, Madeira, Reading, and Sharonville are planned to retain their current sizes and undergo specific Strategic Investments to enhance certain service and/or building conditions. Symmes will receive a major makeover and a parking expansion. Pleasant Ridge will receive both a Strategic Investment and a Capital Maintenance project.

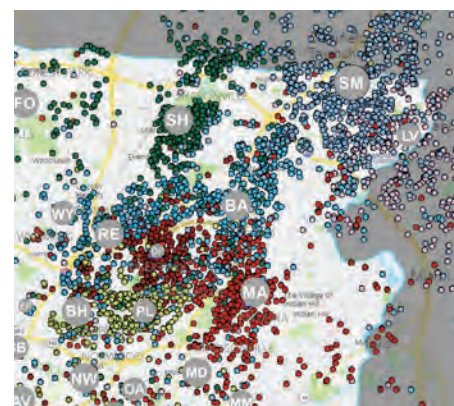
Taken together, these changes will provide a variety of updated spaces for residents of this zone and support a full range of traditional and contemporary services.



Age of Buildings: The majority of the buildings have not been renovated for a very long time



Accessibility: The majority of buildings are fully accessible except for Pleasant Ridge



Customer Mapping: Users travel and visit more than one branch in the planning zone

BLUE ASH

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT



NEXT GEN

The Blue Ash Branch Library was opened in June of 1964. A renovation and expansion occurred in 1987. No further significant updates have been completed since then. The Blue Ash Branch has a large amount of maintenance needs including updated lighting, windows, furniture, and electrical. Interior finishes are near the end of their useful life. The facility entrance is difficult to customers in wheel chairs or with strollers. There is not opportunity for expansion on the presently owned land parcel at this location. Parking is frequently an issue at this branch both in navigation from the street and its limited quantity. It is served by two metro routes.

The Blue Ash Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 27,044. The current meeting room has a 50-person capacity. There are no additional study rooms, technology areas, or makerspace. This branch predominantly serves customers using public computers, parents with young children visiting for kindergarten readiness activities, and some use the designated quiet area for reading and one on one tutoring.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Develop dynamic, engaging, and inclusive spaces for teens
- Increase access by improving parking and entry into the branch
- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on social spaces for community use and community partnerships

RECOMMENDATION

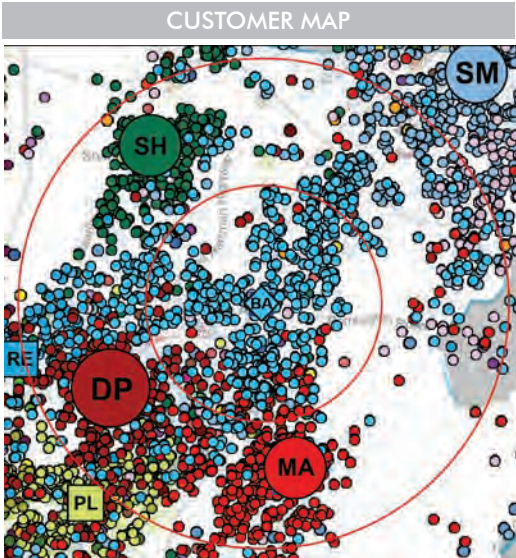
As a recipient of a Strategic Investment, the Blue Ash Branch has opportunity to improve its existing facility and enhance service. A process led by Library staff with community input will identify how this investment should be made."

2021 UPDATE

Once the Facility Master Plan was released in full in January 2020, the Library began plans to raise public awareness about the FMP. In-person information sessions were scheduled for each of the five planning zones. Before the Library closed to the public, we had



completed two in-person sessions for the Northeast and Southeast Planning Zones. Concurrently, the Library received just over 100 customer calls and emails from the Blue Ash community about the recommendation for their branch presented in Part II of the FMP. To address those questions and concerns in a coordinated and timely manner the Library also held information sessions at Blue Ash on February 21 and 22. Since the publication of the Facility Master Plan the Library has had time to explore the idea of relocation to the Summit and determined that it is best to abandon that possibility and continue to explore other options that are more viable as well as consider what improvements would be needed for the current site. Additionally, we've heard from many community members in 2020 were not in support of relocating the branch to Summit.



PROJECT DATA	
Existing Building	12,280 SF
Existing Site	Owned



Site plan



Teens' area

BA - BLUE ASH NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
DP	Deer Park	BIG NEXT GEN	Relocation and Expansion	2.6 mi
MA	Madeira	NEXT GEN	Interior Updates	3.6 mi
SH	Sharonville	NEXT GEN	Interior Updates	4.1 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	storage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



Floor plan



Adult area

BOND HILL

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT



NEXT GEN

LEASED



The Bond Hill Branch Library opened its current leased space at Jordan Crossing in August of 2007. It is co-located with other community services, such as the Community Action Agency (CAA), Head Start and WinMed Health Services. There have been recurring issues with customers who have difficulty finding its exact location within the large Jordan Crossing complex. No barriers to public entry accessibility have been discovered at this location. The lease situation offers limited opportunity for expansion. There is ample shared parking on site and this location is served by one metro route.

The Bond Hill Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 17,371. It currently has one meeting room with a 50-person capacity. There is no makerspace, technology area, or any study rooms. This branch predominantly serves customers who are children and teens.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Increase access by improving visibility of and wayfinding for the branch
- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on social spaces for community use
- Consider offering Sunday hours to offer more inclusive service

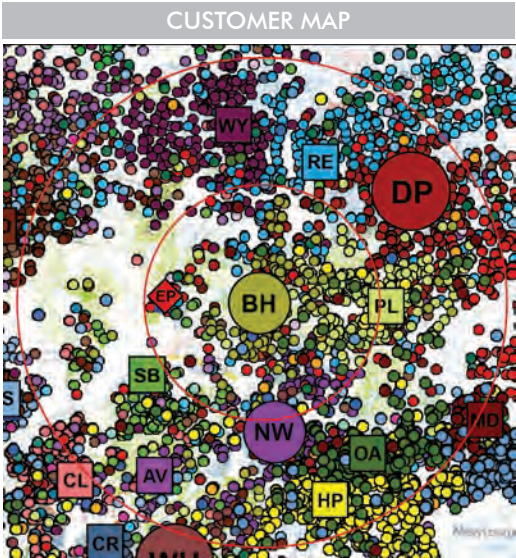
RECOMMENDATION

As the recipient of a Strategic Investment, the Bond Hill Branch has opportunity to improve its existing facility and enhance service. A process by led Library staff with community input will identify how this investment should be made.

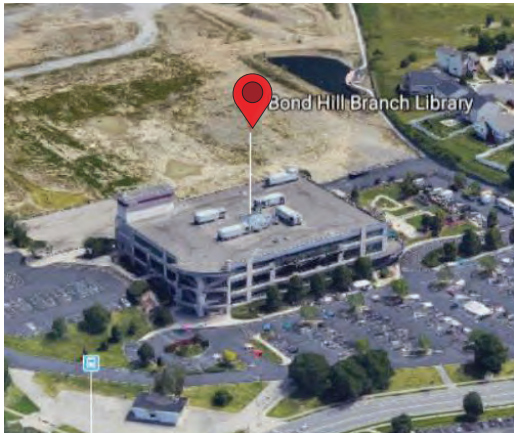
LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as expanding the leased square footage within Jordan Crossing to add public service space, which may include meeting and group study spaces. The head of CAA spoke with the Library Director about possible additional space to lease next to the library. This branch might also find methods of making the branch more identifiable from the street.

Bond Hill and its surrounding communities have recently seen Swifton Commons Mall and Cincinnati Gardens recently come down offering space for development in the community. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth.



PROJECT DATA	
Usable Building Area (1 story)	12,910 SF



Aerial view of the location



Adult area

BH - BOND HILL NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
NW	Norwood	NBHD	Strategic Investment	2.4 mi
EP	Elmwood Place	FOCUSED	Interior Updates	2.9 mi
PL	Pleasant Ridge	NHBD	Scheduled Maintenance	3.1 mi
SB	St. Bernard	NHBD	Strategic Investment	3.2 mi
RE	Reading	NHBD	Strategic Investment	3.2 mi
DP	Deer Park	BIG NEXT GEN	Relocation and Expansion	5.3 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	storage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



Floor plan



Adult area

DEER PARK

REPLACEMENT AND EXPANSION


BIG NEXT GEN
LEASED


The Deer Park Branch Library opened its location in the Dillonvale Shopping Center in 1972. It has relocated twice in the same plaza since then, once in 1989 and again in 1997. The branch has frequent challenges with crowdedness. The community as a whole is lacking for gathering space. Although no barriers to public entry accessibility have been discovered at this location, the entrance sequence from the shared parking lot is currently a safety concern for many customers. There is opportunity for lease expansion at this location. There is a large shared parking lot at the shopping center. This branch is served by one metro route.

The Deer Park Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 19,175. Customer mapping indicates that this branch already acts as a regional destination. The current facility has no meeting rooms, group study rooms, makerspace, or technology rooms. This branch serves both quick stop customers picking up materials on hold while others extend their visits applying for jobs, playing games, using Wi-Fi access, reading, working, and studying.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Develop dynamic, engaging, and inclusive spaces for youth services
- Delineate space by activity with particular focus on increasing access to technology and social spaces for community use
- Branch design should reflect the diversity of community's culture and ages
- Consider offering Sunday hours to offer more inclusive service

RECOMMENDATION

As a Design Project, it is recommended that the Deer Park Branch relocate to a larger location with expanded facilities and opportunities for diverse service, in a space close to the current branch. This branch has the potential to be a Next Generation size ranging from 20,000 SF – 25,000 SF that hosts a full range of service opportunities for community members.

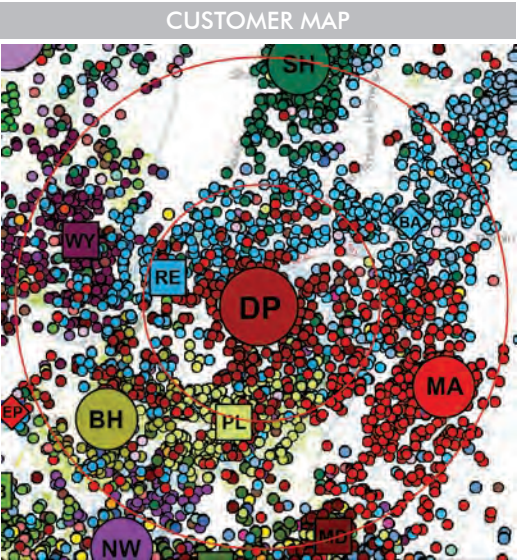
2023 UPDATE

For project details, please check

[CHPL.org/next-generation/deer-park](https://chpl.org/next-generation/deer-park)

LONG TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as future partnerships in the community and a future investment to allow an even more diverse range of service space options for the community to gather, exchange ideas, and support one another. Deer Park and its surrounding communities are seeing development of the Blue Ash Road Corridor which aims to create a "town center" of mixed-use development and promote walkability in the city. Silverton is also under development at the corner of Montgomery and Stewart, where a large mixed-use development is nearly complete. Amberley Village is also working to develop the former golf course, Amberley Green. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an evergrowing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth.



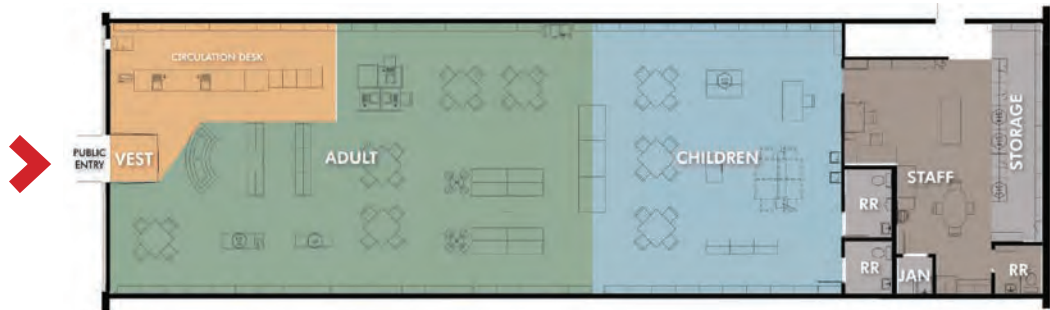
DP - DEER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
PL	Pleasant Ridge	NHBD	Scheduled Maintenance	2.7 mi
RE	Reading	NHBD	Strategic Investment	3.1 mi
MA	Madeira	NEXT GEN	Interior Updates	3.3 mi
BH	Bond Hill	NEXT GEN	Strategic Investment	5.3 mi

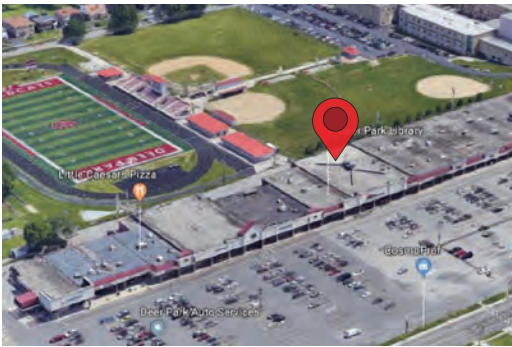
PROJECT DATA	
Existing Lease	4,105 SF
Relocation Lease	22,500 SF - 27,500 SF
Parking & Roadwork	8,000 SF
Hardscape & Landscape	5,000 SF

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	storage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



Floor plan



Aerial view of the location



Children's area

LOVELAND

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT


NEIGHBORHOOD
LEASED


In January of 1993, the Loveland Branch Library moved to its current leased location in the Shopper's Haven Shopping Center. In 2016, the branch underwent a renovation project into a second storefront next door. The space does still have a relatively small footprint, which makes noise control a common issue. Visibility of the branch is not obvious from the street. No barriers to public entry accessibility have been identified at this location. The lease situation offers limited opportunity for expansion at the current location. There is a shared parking lot with ample parking and the branch is also served by three metro routes.

The Loveland Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 7,151. This branch has one meeting room with a 73-person capacity and two additional group study rooms. It also houses a small makerspace. This branch serves a good number of individuals making short visits, but there are also many study groups that come in and stay for longer periods. Parents with young children frequent this branch and there is a small group of teens and adults who come to use public computers.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Delineate spaces for kids/teens/adults with particular focus on designated quiet/noisy spaces and additional seating
- Increase access by improving visibility of and wayfinding for the branch
- Increase access by improving visibility of and wayfinding for the branch
- Develop dynamic, engaging, and inclusive spaces for community artwork and collections on display

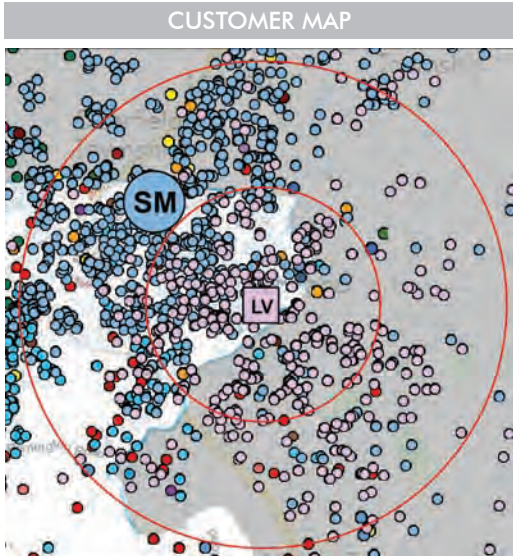
RECOMMENDATION

As the recipient of a Strategic Investment, the Loveland Branch has the opportunity to improve its existing facility and enhance service. A process led by Library staff with community input will identify how this investment should be made.

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as improving the branch's visibility in the community. The Library might also explore expanding facilities within the current lease situation, as this branch has done in the past to increase public service.

Loveland and its surrounding communities are seeing Loveland schools adding a new elementary school. There is an expansion of Historic Loveland in development and there are future plans to redevelop businesses on Loveland-Madeira Rd. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Once the nearby Symmes Branch, which is the Zone's Next Generation branch, receives its makeover and parking expansion, the Library will evaluate whether customer usage changes for Loveland, and consider making further improvements or tailoring spaces and services based on customers' evolving needs.



LV - LOVELAND NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

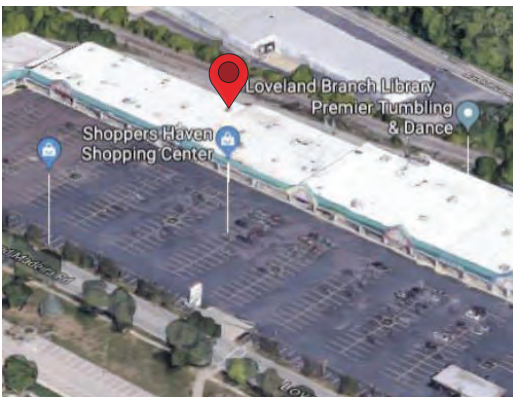
	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
SM	Symmes Township	NEXT GEN	Renovation and Potential Expansion	4.2 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

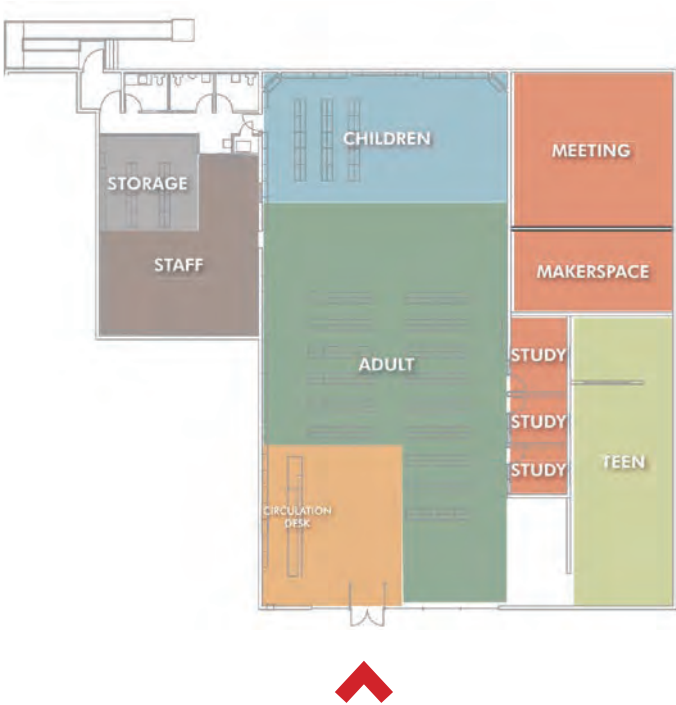
MAINTENANCE NEEDS	roof	HVAC	painting	sicavak	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	storage

PROJECT DATA

Usable Building Area (1 story)	~8,990 SF
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Aerial view of the location



Floor plan



Adult area



Teen space

MADEIRA

INTERIOR UPDATES



NEXT GEN



The Madeira Branch Library was completed and dedicated in June of 1965 and the facility design received Gold Medal by the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects. A remodeling and expansion of the branch was completed in April of 1993. The site has some complicated and challenging topography, making further expansion difficult. No barriers to public entry accessibility have been identified at this location. This branch does have a dedicated parking lot on site that is full to capacity at busy times, with additional street parking available nearby. It is also served by one metro route.

The Madeira Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 19,508. The dedicated meeting space at this location has a 62-person capacity. There are no study rooms, tech area, or makerspace. This branch predominantly serves elderly customers looking for quiet places, parents with small children, and public computer users. Tutoring groups and business meetings also regularly take place. The branch also sees very well-visited children's storytimes with parents and children staying after for additional material and socializing.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Delineate spaces for kids/teens/adults with particular focus on designated quiet/noisy spaces and intentionality
- Increase access through more public parking
- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on social spaces for community use

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Madeira Branch receive Interior Updates which will make necessary improvements within the building to account for years of normal wear and tear.

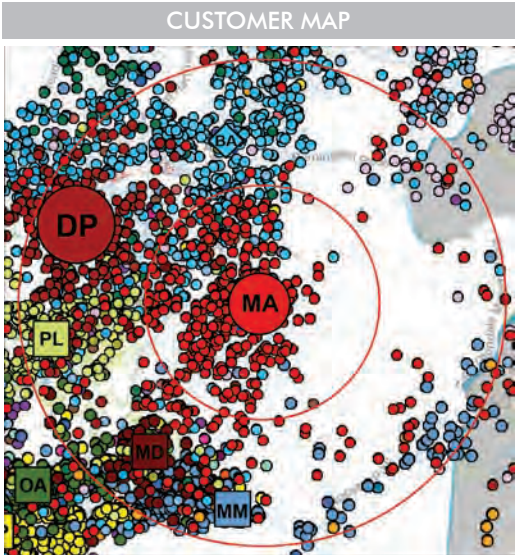
2023 UPDATE

For project details, please check

CHPL.org/next-generation/madeira

LONG TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as a minor expansion capturing present outdoor spaces as additional public service space, or a major renovation and reimagining of the layout of the interior. Further improvements will work to allow more noise control and create more opportunities for flexible spaces. Madeira and surrounding communities are seeing regular new development. Some nearby developments include a new senior living facility nearby, new restaurants, and new residential properties. The Library remains active and responsive as a longstanding member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Amberley Village is also working to develop the former golf course, Amberley Green. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an evergrowing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth.



MA - MADEIRA NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
DP	Deer Park	BIG NEXT GEN	Relocation and Expansion	3.1 mi
MD	Madisonville	NHBD	Relocation and New Build	3.3 mi
MM	Mariemont	NHBD	Scheduled Maintenance + Exterior Updates	3.4 mi
PL	Pleasant Ridge	NHBD	Scheduled Maintenance	3.6 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	storage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												

PROJECT DATA	
Usable Building Area (1 story)	~14,600 SF



Site plan



Floor plan



Meeting room



Adult area

PLEASANT RIDGE

SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD



The Pleasant Ridge Branch Library opened at its current site in 1929. In February 2012, a new entrance and elevator tower was added with modifications to make the facility public entry and both service levels fully accessible. Its multi-level design presents service challenges and the building's age limits its ability to support new service models and technology upgrades. There is very limited opportunity on the presently owned land parcel for expansion. This branch has a dedicated on-site parking lot and additional street parking is also available. It is also currently served by four metro routes.

The Pleasant Ridge Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 13,634. The Pleasant Ridge Branch meeting room has a 143-person capacity. There are no additional study rooms, tech area, or makerspace at this branch. This branch serves individuals coming in briefly to pick up holds and those who stay for longer visits, often using public computers or Wi-Fi access.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on programming, social spaces for community use, and community partnerships
- Delineate spaces for kids/teens/adults with particular focus on programming and changing daily needs
- Increase access by improving parking and entry into the branch

RECOMMENDATION

As the recipient of a Scheduled Maintenance Project, the Library's Facilities Department has identified that this branch is in need of exterior tuckpointing and interior painting.

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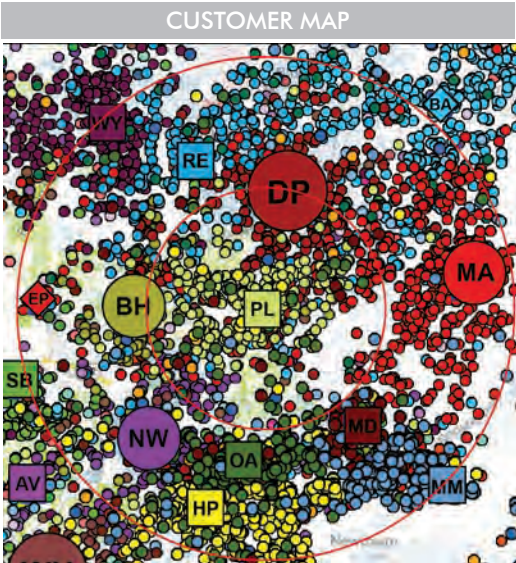
For project details, please check

[CHPL.org/next-generation/pleasant-ridge](https://chpl.org/next-generation/pleasant-ridge)

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as improving parking options and reimagining function of their very large meeting room space to see if it could also be made to accommodate smaller study spaces to better serve customers through versatile space options.

Pleasant Ridge and its surrounding communities are seeing several mixed use residential and business developments. One in Pleasant Ridge on 1.25 acres at Lester and Montgomery and another in Silverton on Montgomery and Stewart. The central business district of Pleasant Ridge is seeing businesses come and go because of development in the area. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Once the nearby Deer Park Branch is expanded into a Big Next Generation branch, the Library will evaluate whether customer usage changes for Pleasant Ridge, and consider making further improvements or tailoring spaces and services based on customers' evolving needs.



PROJECT DATA	
Usable Building Area (1 story + basement)	~8,850 SF

PL - PLEASANT RIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
BH	Bond Hill	NEXT GEN	Strategic Investment	2.5 mi
OA	Oakley	NHBD	Strategic Investment	2.6 mi
NW	Norwood	NBHD	Strategic Investment	2.8 mi
MD	Madisonville	NHBD	Relocation and New Build	3.1 mi
DP	Deer Park	BIG NEXT GEN	Relocation and Expansion	3.6 mi
RE	Reading	NHBD	Strategic Investment	4.0 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

MAINTENANCE NEEDS

roof

HVAC

painting

sloped

lighting

windows

ceiling

floor

furniture

electrical upgrade

accessibility

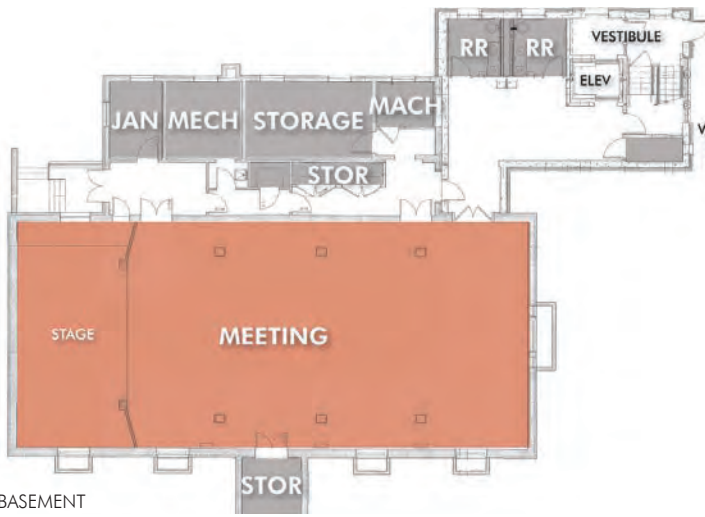
storage



Site plan



Meeting room



Floor plans

READING

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD



The Reading Branch Library was completed in June of 2015. The facility was opened as a state-of-the-art branch boasting innovative features and services. This facility is fully accessible. There may be limited opportunity for a minor expansion on the current site. This branch has a dedicated parking lot on site and it is served by one metro route.

The Reading Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 15,086. The dedicated meeting room at this branch has a 61-person capacity and it also houses 3 study rooms. The branch also has a drive-up service window. This branch serves children who visit all day during the summer and customers who just want to pick up items and leave. Other individuals come to work on projects for a couple of hours.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Delineate spaces for kids/teens/adults with particular focus on designated quiet/noisy spaces
- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on social spaces for community use, community partnerships, and technology (i.e. makerspace)
- Increase access by improving layout and wayfinding in the branch

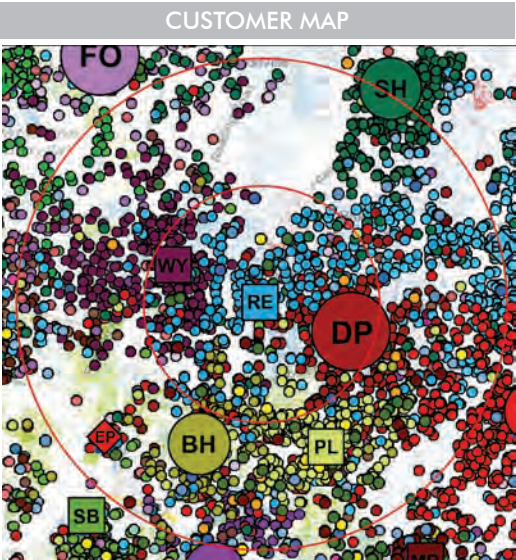
RECOMMENDATION

As the recipient of a Strategic Investment, the Reading Branch has opportunity to improve its existing facility and enhance service. A process by led Library staff with community input will identify how this investment should be made.

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as expanding the footprint of the building for increased capacity or quantity of its meeting and study spaces. It may also look at renovating or rethinking the interior layout to address customer requests for designated quiet and noisy spaces.

Reading and its surrounding communities are seeing a new K-12 public school opening. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Once the nearby Deer Park Branch is expanded into a Big Next Generation branch, the Library will evaluate whether customer usage changes for Reading, and consider making further improvements or tailoring spaces and services based on customers' evolving needs.



PROJECT DATA	
Usable Building Area (1 story)	~10,940 SF



Site plan



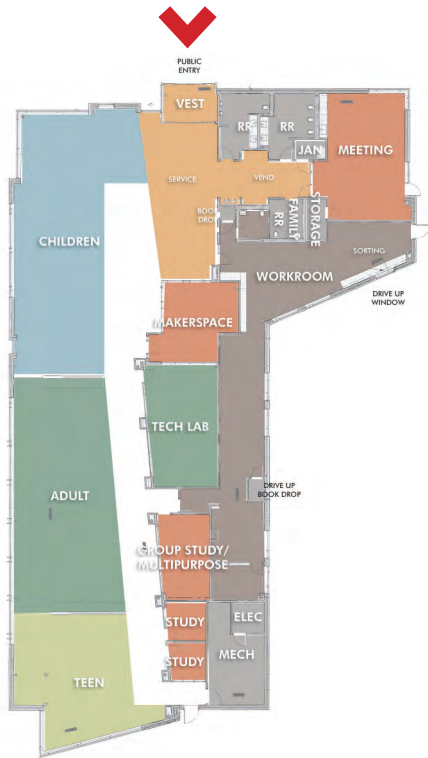
Children's area

RE - READING NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

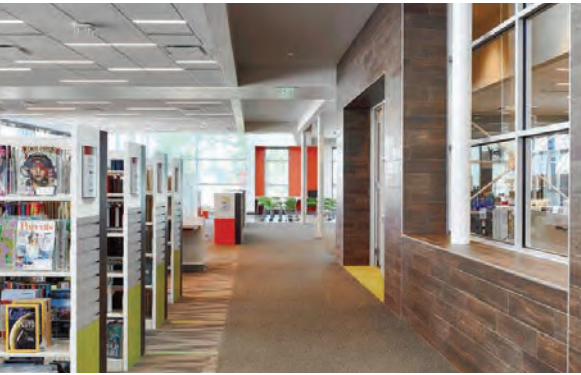
	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
WY	Wyoming	NHBD	Scheduled Maintenance + Strategic Investment	3.0 mi
BH	Bond Hill	NEXT GEN	Strategic Investment	3.1 mi
EP	Elmwood Place	FOCUSED	Interior Updates	3.7 mi
PL	Pleasant Ridge	NHBD	Scheduled Maintenance	4.0 mi
DP	Deer Park	BIG NEXT GEN	Relocation and Expansion	5.3 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

MAINTENANCE NEEDS	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	storage



Floor plan



Adult area

SHARONVILLE

INTERIOR UPDATES



NEXT GEN



DESCRIPTION

The Sharonville Branch Library was completed in 1993. There have been no significant improvements to the branch since its original build. This branch is not highly visible from the roadway. The interior floor plan of the branch is somewhat awkward with disruptive acoustic properties. No barriers to accessibility of public entry have been identified at this location. There may be limited opportunity for expansion on the current site; however, complicated site topography presents challenges to expansion. The branch does have a dedicated parking lot on site and additional shared parking with the neighboring community center. There is no public transportation service to this location.

The Sharonville Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 14,633. This branch has a meeting room with a 67-person capacity, which is divisible into two meeting spaces. There are no additional group study, tech area, or makerspaces available. This branch predominantly serves regular users of public computers and those accessing Wi-Fi. Tutor groups come in frequently as well as individuals making a quick stop to pick up materials on hold.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on technology, social spaces for community use, and community partnerships
- Delineate space by activity with particular focus on designated quiet/noisy spaces
- Utilize outdoor spaces more effectively by activating outdoor spaces (i.e. adding walking paths, patio furniture, etc.)
- Noted support for operational sustainability with particular focus on green energy and LEED certification

2023 UPDATE

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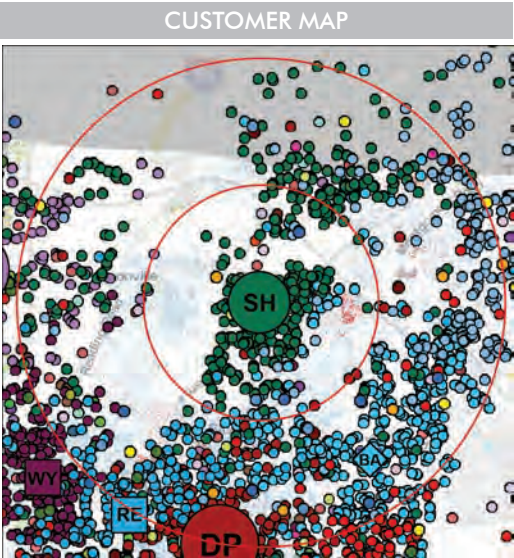
RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Sharonville Branch receive Interior Updates which will make necessary improvements within the building to account for years of normal wear and tear.

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as reimagining the internal space and improving acoustic properties as well as activating outdoor spaces at the branch for more customer use. Where possible, there will be exploration of creating more diverse service spaces as well. The neighboring Community Center & Pool may present opportunities for future partnership as well.

Sharonville and its surrounding communities are seeing the city of Sharonville working on a comprehensive plan called Sharonville 2030 which is focusing on connectivity within the community. Princeton City Schools is also looking to develop. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth.



SH - SHARONVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
DP	Deer Park	BIG NEXT GEN	Relocation and Expansion	5.3 mi
WY	Wyoming	NHBD	Scheduled Maintenance + Strategic Investment	6.1 mi
RE	Reading	NHBD	Strategic Investment	6.4 mi

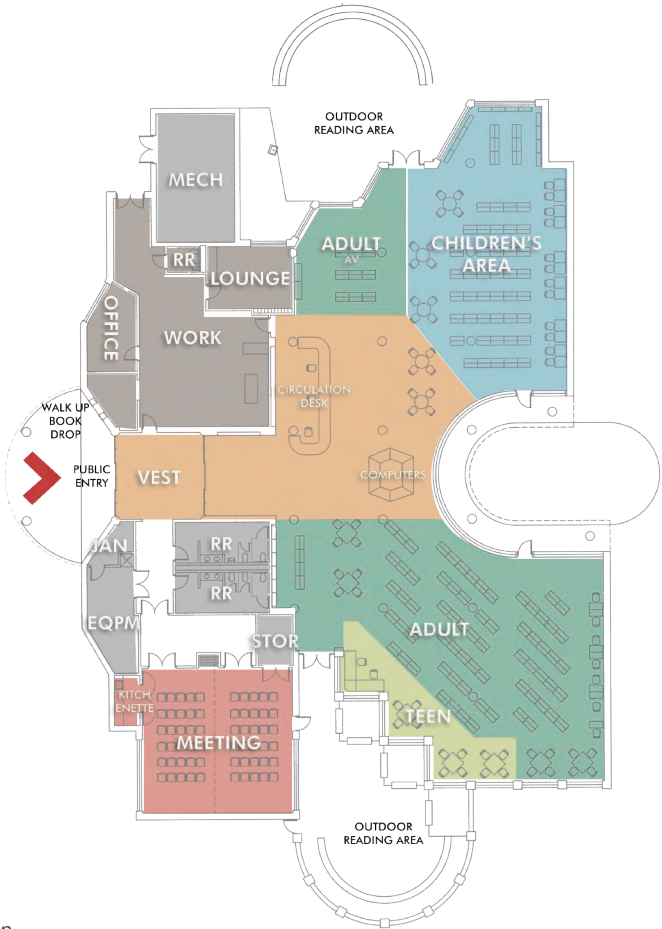
OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS



PROJECT DATA	
Usable Building Area (1 story)	~12,530 SF



Site plan



Floor plan



Meeting room



Adult area

SYMMES TOWNSHIP

RENOVATION AND POTENTIAL EXPANSION



NEXT GEN



The Symmes Township Branch Library opened for service in February of 1991. No significant improvements have been made to the branch since then. Although for the most part a functional building, the interior layout of the branch can be difficult to navigate and access can be challenging. These factors along with its dated lighting, windows, furniture, and electric make it a perfect candidate for a makeover. There is significant opportunity on site for expansion. A dedicated parking lot exists on site; however, it has been commented that parking is frequently used to capacity and is somewhat awkward in arrangement and navigation to the main public entry. There is no public transportation currently serving this branch.

The Symmes Township Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 25,007. Customer mapping indicates that the facility acts as a regional branch for the Library. This branch houses a 100-person capacity meeting room, which can be divided into two meeting spaces and has two additional group study rooms. This branch predominantly serves caregivers with children, tutors and students, and families. Regular customers also come in to get books and movies or to read daily newspapers.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on youth services and social spaces for community use
- Improve accessibility through increased public parking, activating outdoor space, lighting, furniture, and reconsidering holds experience
- Noted support for drive-thru window

RECOMMENDATION

As a Design Project, it is recommended that the Symmes Township Branch receive a renovation and potential expansion. The interior should be rethought to optimize wayfinding and accessibility and build upon exterior views already present. If possible, the branch should look at adding a service window or drive-thru book drop and possibly additional meeting and study rooms. These improvements

will allow for improved efficiency to branch function and customer satisfaction.

2021 UPDATE

As part of the Design Project work, a drive-thru window was added to the branch.

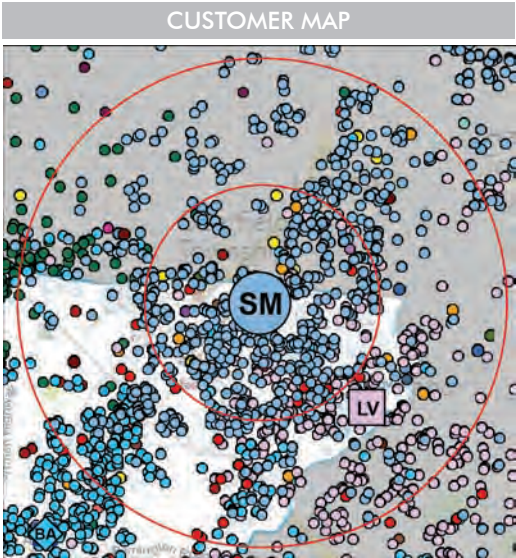
2023 UPDATE

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CHPL.org/next-generation/symmes

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch. It will continue to serve as a destination in this region. It should serve both quick and convenient trips for locals who need efficient service as well as an opportunity space to gather and meet and glean from resources both in the collections and in-person at this branch. The branch will develop in ways that are dynamic and versatile to meet changing needs of the community. Symmes Township and its surrounding communities are seeing small developments such as that at Mead Park in the creation of a Story Walk. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth.



SM - SYMMES TSP NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
LV	Loveland	NHBD	Strategic Investment	4.2 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

MAINTENANCE NEEDS	roof	HAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage

PROJECT DATA	
Usable Building Area	14,960 SF
Existing Site	166,150 SF
Parking	30,000 SF
Hardscape	4,995 SF
Landscape	114,505 SF



Site plan



Floor plan



Meeting room



Adult area



Anderson



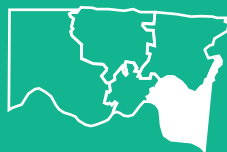
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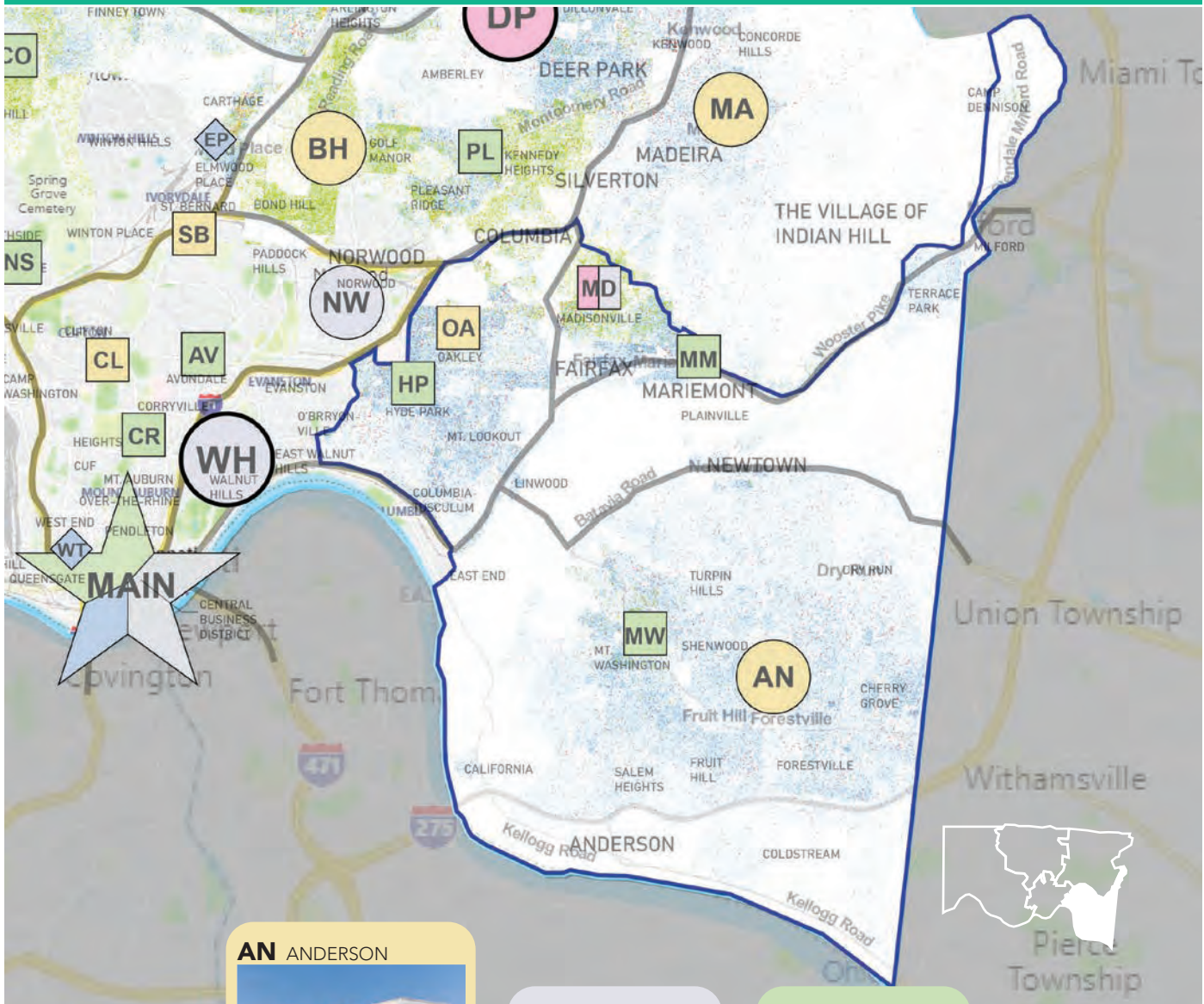
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SOUTH EAST PLANNING ZONE



SOUTH EAST PLANNING ZONE - SUMMARY



AN ANDERSON



● NEXT GEN

Renovation
at current
16,100 SF

MD MADISONVILLE



■ NEIGHBORHOOD

relocation and
new build
at current/new
8,620 SF

HP HYDE PARK



■ NEIGHBORHOOD

improved accessibility
at current
7,480 SF

MM MARIEMONT



■ NEIGHBORHOOD

scheduled maintenance
+ Exterior Updates
at current
6,620 SF

OA OAKLEY



■ NEIGHBORHOOD

strategic investment
at current
6,310 SF

MW MT. WASHINGTON



■ NEIGHBORHOOD

scheduled maintenance
+ Strategic Investment
at current
5,950 SF

Planning Zone and Library	Existing Usable Square Feet	Effective Age in 2020	10 - YEAR RECOMMENDATIONS	Proposed Square Feet
AN Anderson	16,092 SF	22 yrs	Renovation	16,100 SF
HP Hyde Park	7,477 SF	23 yrs	Improved accessibility	7,480 SF
MD Madisonville	8,615 SF	6 yrs	Relocation and New Build	8,620 SF
MM Mariemont	6,611 SF	5 yrs	Scheduled Maintenance + Exterior Updates	6,620 SF
MW Mt. Washington	5,949 SF	21 yrs	Scheduled Maintenance + Strategic Investment	5,950 SF
OA Oakley	6,307 SF	5 yrs	Strategic Investment	6,310 SF

SOUTH EAST ZONE PROFILE

The South East Planning Zone covers the geographic area that is located south of Highway 71 until the edges of Hamilton County. The zone is characterized by a varied geography, low population density, similar social characteristics (middle class and higher income groups), and – with the exception of the Madisonville area – the least diversity. The zone has experienced a gradual decline in population since 1970, and is one of the regions in Hamilton County least served by public transit connected directly to the City of Cincinnati. The Library operates six branches in this South East Planning Zone, with an approximate total of 50,000 square feet of library space for a population of about 110,000. The areas served by this Zone include Anderson, California, Camp Dennison, Cherry Grove, Coldstream, Columbia-Tusculum, Dry Run, East End, Fairfax, Forestville, Fruit Hill, Hyde Park, Linwood, Madisonville, Mariemont, Milford, Mt. Lookout, Newtown, Oakley, Plainville, Salem Heights, Terrace Park, and Turpin Hills.

Customer mapping shows that the area is well served by its current branches, and that customers who are able tend to travel among them to meet their needs. The 10-year plan aims to leverage the flow of customers throughout the zone and create a cohesive network that better serves it.

Following the equity-prioritized approach of the Library Facility Master Plan, two options are recommended for Madisonville – either for an extensive renovation, or for a relocation to an adjacent planned development. Anderson and Oakley are planned to receive a Strategic Investment, while the recommendations for Hyde Park, Mariemont, and Mt. Washington address maintenance issues along with specific investments needed to improve provision of services.

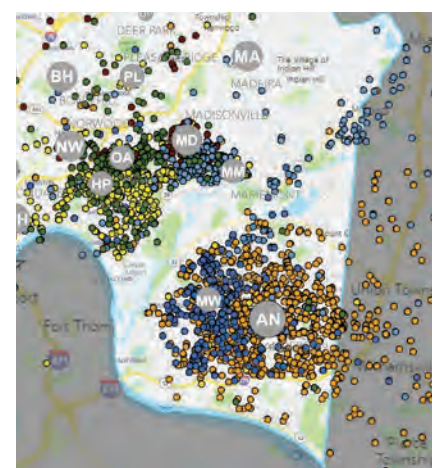
Taken together, these changes will provide a variety of updated spaces for residents of this zone and support a full range of traditional and contemporary services.



Age of buildings: The majority of the buildings have not been renovated for a very long time



Accessibility: The majority of buildings are accessible except for Madisonville which has multiple accessibility issues, and Hyde Park, which has some challenges



Customer mapping: Users travel and visit more than one branch in the planning zone

ANDERSON

RENOVATION

○ NEXT GEN



The Anderson Branch Library opened in June 1981. In 1988, 5,000 additional square feet of space was added to the building, and it was again expanded in 1998. Its series of additions have made the interior of the branch somewhat disorienting to navigate. The Anderson Township Library Association plays an important role in supporting the services and resources of the Anderson Branch. With the exception of a steeply graded parking lot, no barriers to public accessibility have been identified at this branch. Due to the somewhat peculiar shape of the land parcel and complex topography, expansion capabilities at this site are quite limited. The library does have a dedicated on-site parking lot. The branch is also served by one metro route.

The Anderson Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of about 43,600. This branch has a meeting room with a 58-person capacity which can be divided into two meeting rooms. Its exterior book drop is used by many of its customers. This branch predominantly serves customers who are staying for less than an hour. Public computer access is in high demand and tutor groups are in all year round.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on senior services and social spaces for community use
- Delineate spaces for kids/teens/adults with particular focus on designated quiet/noisy spaces
- Increase access by improving parking and entry into the branch as well as layout and wayfinding in the branch

RECOMMENDATION

As a Design Project, it is recommended that the Anderson Branch receive a renovation. The interior should be rethought to optimize wayfinding and accessibility and build upon exterior views already present. If possible, the branch should look at adding a service window or drive-thru book drop and possibly additional meeting and

study rooms. These improvements will allow for improved efficiency to branch function and customer satisfaction.

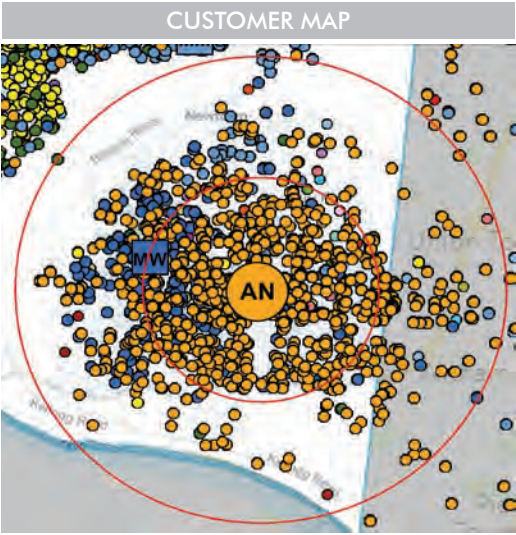
2021 UPDATE

A drive-thru window was also added in 2020 to establish a service point in the South East Planning Zone early in the pandemic.

2023 UPDATE

For project details, please check

[CHPL.org/next-generation/anderson](https://chpl.org/next-generation/anderson)



AN - ANDERSON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
MW	Mt. Washington	NBHD	Scheduled Maintenance + Strategic Investment	3.0 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

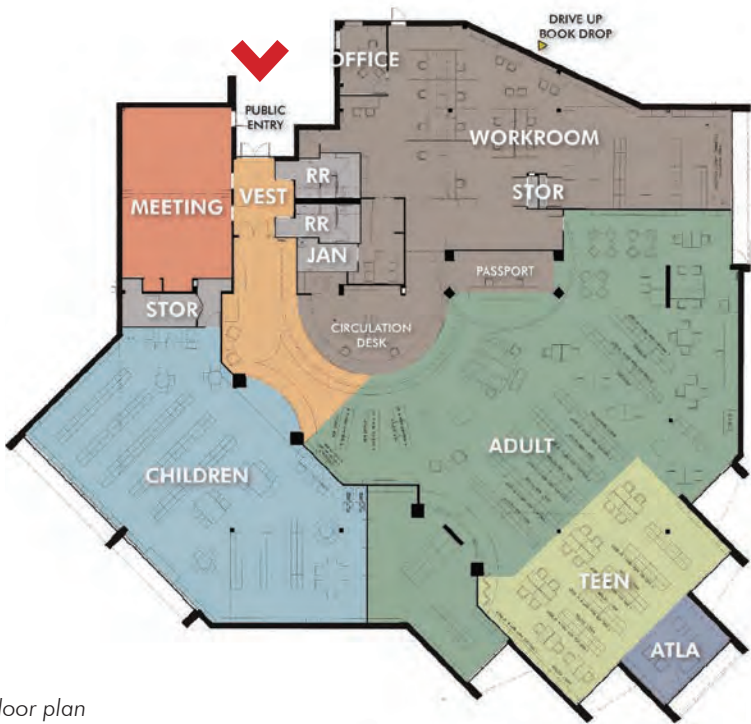
	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												

PROJECT DATA

Usable Building Area (1 story)	16,100 SF
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Site plan



Floor plan



Children's area



Adult area

HYDE PARK

IMPROVED ACCESSIBILITY

NEIGHBORHOOD



The Hyde Park Branch Library is one of the original nine area libraries in Hamilton County built with funds provided by the Andrew Carnegie Foundation. In 1970, the branch underwent an extensive expansion and renovation project which included a drastic change to the exterior of the building. Its multi-level design presents service challenges. The facility's age limits its ability to support new service models and technology upgrades. The elevator at the location to transition between levels is far too small for contemporary accessibility standards. The extreme topography of the existing site makes renovation or expansion on the current property challenging and costly. There is a dedicated parking lot on site and limited public street parking exists nearby. This location is also served by three metro routes.

The Hyde Park Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 19,588. This branch has a meeting room with a 25-person capacity. There is no additional group study, makerspace, or tech area. This branch sees a variety of service demands depending on weather and season but regularly sees quick visits picking up holds.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Develop dynamic, engaging, flexible, and inclusive spaces with particular focus on increasing social spaces for community use and community partnerships
- Activate outdoor spaces with particular focus on safety and walkability
- Improve accessibility
- Noted desire to keep current building with desire to update/renovate/repurpose as well as recapture more natural lighting

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Hyde Park Branch improve accessibility by replacing the elevator. The interior should be rethought to optimize wayfinding and accessibility.

2023 UPDATE

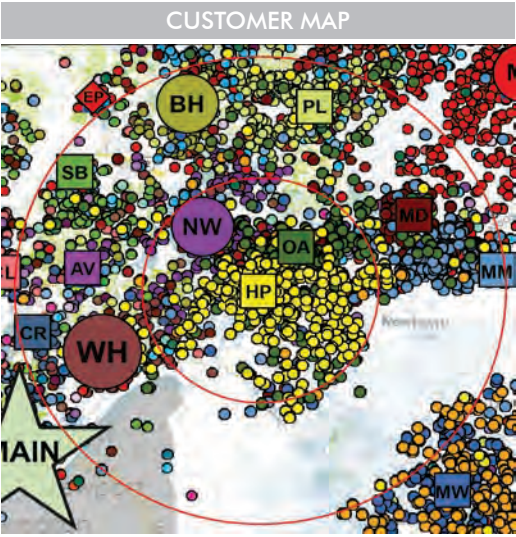
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[CHPL.org/next-generation/hyde-park](https://chpl.org/next-generation/hyde-park)

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch to diversify services offered and spaces available. It may look for opportunities for relocation in a nearby central location to allow full accessibility and expanded facilities.

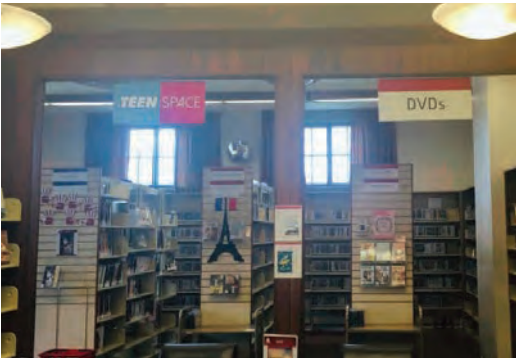
Hyde Park and its surrounding communities are seeing developments of apartments and condominiums as well as additional retail and new cluster housing. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Once the nearby Norwood Branch is renovated and expanded into a Next Generation-sized branch, the Library will evaluate whether customer usage changes for Hyde Park, and consider making further improvements or tailoring spaces and services based on customers' evolving needs.



PROJECT DATA	
Usable Building Area (1 story + basement)	7,480 SF



Site plan



Adult area

HP - HYDE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

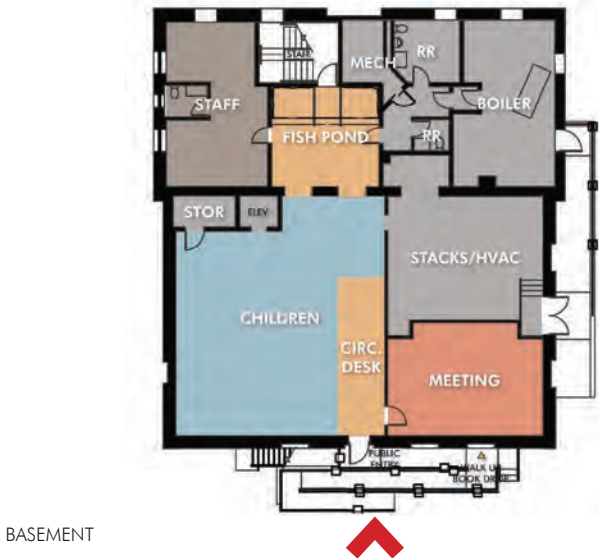
	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
OA	Oakley	NBHD	Strategic Investment	1.4 mi
NW	Norwood	NBHD	Strategic Investment	2.1 mi
WH	Walnut Hills	BIG NEXT GEN	Renovation and Expansion	2.9 mi
MD	Madisonville	NBHD	Relocation and New Build	3.4 mi
PL	Pleasant Ridge	NBHD	Scheduled Maintenance	4.1 mi
BH	Bond Hill	NEXT GEN	Strategic Investment	6.0 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

MAINTENANCE NEEDS	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	accessibility	other



FIRST FLOOR



BASEMENT

Floor plans

MADISONVILLE

RELOCATION AND NEW BUILD

NEIGHBORHOOD



The Madisonville Branch Library is located in a 1925 Renaissance Revival style building on a civic block near the heart of town. Public service is limited to three rooms on the first floor plus a meeting room and staff spaces in the basement. Community members and local leadership expressed affinity for the existing building and desire to see it preserved, and many felt positively about a relocated library and the existing building being sold, renovated, and repurposed into a new use. This building has never had a major renovation and all building systems are out of date and needing to be upgraded or replaced. Customers complain of crowding and noise – symptoms of the very small size – and expressed a keen interest in a larger library with a broader range of services and spaces. No part of the building is fully accessible. There is no opportunity for expansion on the currently owned land at this location. There is no parking available on site but some nearby street parking is available. This location is served by three metro routes.

The Madisonville Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 4,030. There is a dedicated meeting room at this location which has a 55-person capacity. This branch predominantly serves children and teen customers for extended durations. Peak business occurs in early afternoons and late evenings.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on family-friendly renovations, equity, and technology
- Delineate spaces for kids/teens/adults with particular focus on designated quiet/noisy spaces
- Noted desire to increase overall space in branch, but some would like to reimagine the library from scratch while others want to keep the historic building and increase its functionality

RECOMMENDATION

As a Design Project, it is recommended that the Madisonville Branch relocate. The site is too small to accommodate an addition. The local business district on the intersection of Madisonville and Whetsel is a possible site. Phase 1 of a mixed-use project is slated to open in 2019 with over 100 apartments and 20,000 SF of retail space, as well as off-street parking. There are three other phases of this development planned and a myriad of opportunities for the Library to occupy space in it.

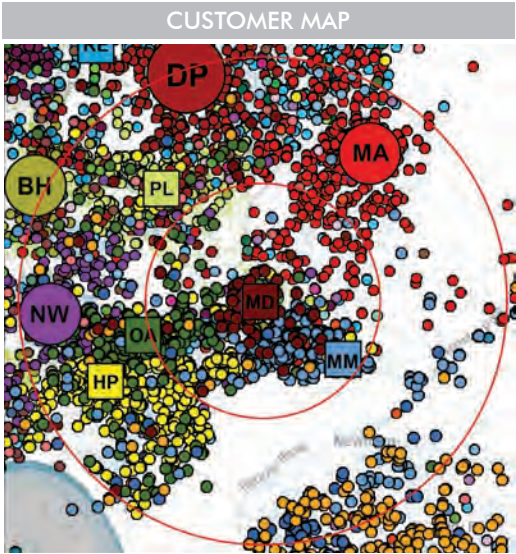
2023 UPDATE

For project details, please check

[CHPL.org/next-generation/madisonville](https://chpl.org/next-generation/madisonville)

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as future partnerships and a more diverse range of service space options for the community to gather. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Once improvements are made to the other branches in the South East Zone, the Library will evaluate whether customer usage changes for Madisonville, and consider making further improvements or tailoring spaces and services based on customers' evolving needs.



PROJECT DATA	
Usable Building Area (1 story + basement)	8,620 SF
Existing Site	16,250 SF



Site plan



Adult area

MD - MADISONVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

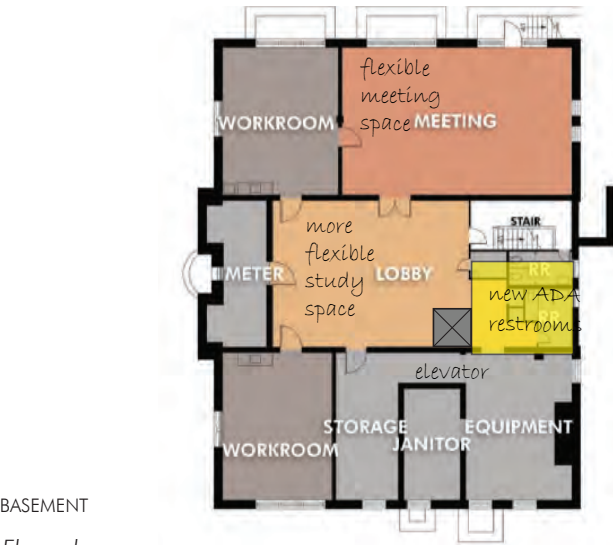
	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
MM	Mariemont	NBHD	Scheduled Maintenance + Exterior Updates	2.2 mi
OA	Oakley	NBHD	Strategic Investment	2.3 mi
PL	Pl.Ridge	NBHD	Scheduled Maintenance + Strategic Investment	3.1 mi
MA	Madeira	NEXT GEN	Interior Updates	3.3 mi
HP	Hyde Park	NBHD	Improved accessibility	3.4 mi
DP	Deer Park	BIG NEXT GEN	Relocation and Expansion	4.2 mi
NW	Norwood	NBHD	Strategic Investment	5.2 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	storage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



FIRST FLOOR



BASEMENT

Floor plans

MARIEMONT

**SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE
+ EXTERIOR UPDATE**

NEIGHBORHOOD



The current Mariemont Branch Library building was completed in 1972 on a one-acre site near the Mariemont High School. It went through a minor renovation in 2016 which gave the lobby a facelift. The small footprint of the space warrants more dynamic and flexible spaces for fluctuating demands. No barriers to public entry accessibility have been identified at this location. There is opportunity for significant expansion on the site. This branch has a dedicated on-site parking lot and it is currently served by two metro routes.

The Mariemont Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence is 14,291. This branch does not have a dedicated meeting space, group study room, makerspace, or tech space. There is less demand from customers for public computer access at this branch than at most others. This branch predominantly serves caregivers with children.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on social spaces for community use including a meeting room
- Utilize outdoor spaces more effectively with particular focus on recapturing courtyard space
- Noted support for a drive-up return

RECOMMENDATION

As a Scheduled Maintenance Project, the Library's Facilities Department has identified that the branch is in need of HVAC and electrical upgrades.

2023 UPDATE

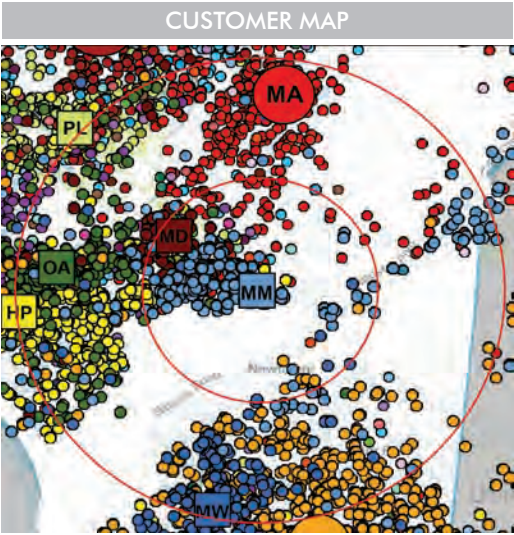
For project details, please check

[CHPL.org/next-generation/mariemont](https://chpl.org/next-generation/mariemont)

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities such as enclosing the courtyard, renovating their current storage space, or expanding the facility to increase public service space and include a meeting space and group study spaces.

Mariemont and its surrounding communities are seeing a renovated high school nearby which has added a new access road right next to the library. Additionally, Hamstead Park is a luxury condominium development in the area. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Once improvements are made to other branches in the South East Zone, the Library will evaluate whether customer usage changes for Mariemont, and consider making further improvements or tailoring spaces and services based on customers' evolving needs.



PROJECT DATA	
Usable Building Area (1 story)	~6,620 SF



Site plan



Adult area

MM - MARIEMONT NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
MD	Madisonville	NBHD	Relocation and New Build	2.2 mi
MA	Madeira	NEXT GEN	Interior Updates	3.4 mi
OA	Oakley	NBHD	Strategic Investment	4.0 mi
HP	Hyde Park	NBHD	Improved accessibility	4.8 mi

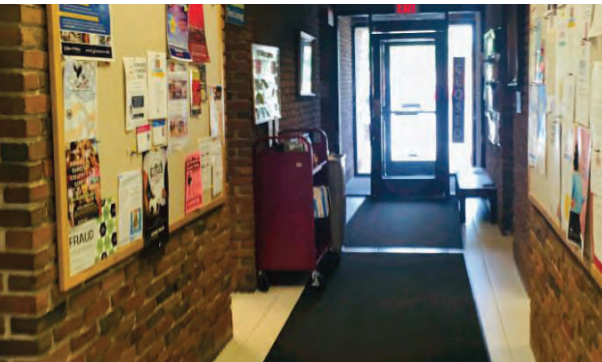
OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

MAINTENANCE NEEDS

roof
 HVAC
 painting
 sidewalk
 lighting
 windows
 ceiling
 floor
 furniture
 electrical upgrade
 accessibility
 storage



Floor plan



Entrance

MT. WASHINGTON

**SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE
+ STRATEGIC INVESTMENT**

NEIGHBORHOOD



In January 1958, the Mt. Washington Branch Library opened to the public. In 1998 it underwent a renovation where their meeting room was converted to additional common library space. The compact footprint makes noise and overcrowding prevalent issues at the branch. The facility's constrained entrance vestibule sometimes presents access issues. The limited parcel size at the current location gives little to no opportunity for expansion on the current site. It does have designated parking on site; however, it has proven difficult and hazardous to navigate by many customers. It is served by two metro routes.

The Mt. Washington Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 15,210. There is not currently a meeting space at this branch, nor are there study rooms, a makerspace or tech space. This branch predominantly serves younger customers for longer stretches of time, using public computers. Many individuals come to read daily news as well as for tutoring. Storytimes draw many families with children as well.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Increase access through more public parking and improved entry into the branch
- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on technology and social spaces for community use
- Delineate space by activity with particular focus on designated quiet/noisy spaces
- Improve accessibility and layout of the collection and technology

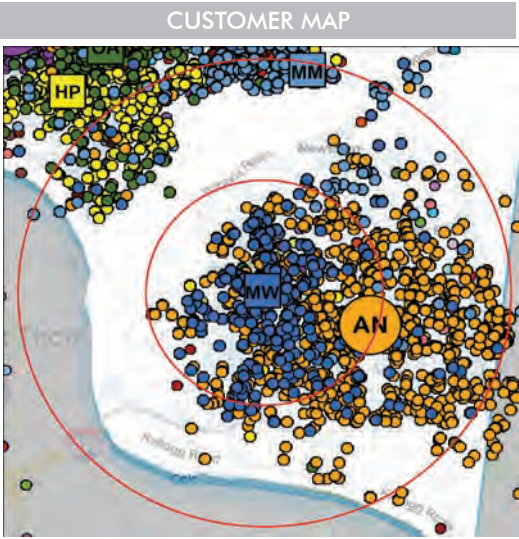
RECOMMENDATION

As a Scheduled Maintenance Project, the Library's Facilities Department has identified that this branch is need of HVAC and electrical upgrades. It is also recommended that this branch receive a Strategic Investment. A process by led Library staff with community input will identify how this investment should be made.

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this Facility Master Plan, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as improving parking or renovating the interior for more optimal performance, or seek opportunities nearby for locations which can better provide service to the neighborhood.

Mt. Washington and its surrounding communities are seeing a new pavilion development in Stanberry Park for concerts and other events. New developments including a brewery and apartment complex are also coming to the area. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Once the nearby Anderson Branch, which is the Zone's Next Generation branch, receives its Strategic Investment, the Library will evaluate whether customer usage changes for Mt. Washington, and consider making further improvements or tailoring spaces and services based on customers' evolving needs.



MW - MT. WASHINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
AN	Anderson	NEXT GEN	Renovation	3.0 mi
HP	Hyde Park	NBHD	Improved accessibility	5.0 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

MAINTENANCE NEEDS	roof	HAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage

PROJECT DATA

Usable Building Area (1 story)	5,950 SF
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Site plan



Floor plan



Children's area



Adult area

OAKLEY

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD



The current Oakley Branch Library was completed and dedicated in May 1989. It has not seen major improvements since then. This facility is well-situated in a central location in the community. No barriers to public entry accessibility have been identified at this branch. The land parcel at this location has been maximized and there is currently no opportunity for expansion. It has a dedicated parking lot on site. Additional street parking is available. It is served by two metro routes.

The Oakley Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 6,949. This location does have one dedicated meeting room with a 35-person capacity. However, additional individual quiet and study rooms are not available. This branch predominantly serves local young professionals, students, and young families.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Develop dynamic, engaging, flexible, and inclusive spaces with particular focus on increasing social spaces for community use
- Delineate spaces for kids/teens/adults with particular focus on designated quiet/noisy spaces
- Activate outdoor spaces with particular focus on safety and walkability

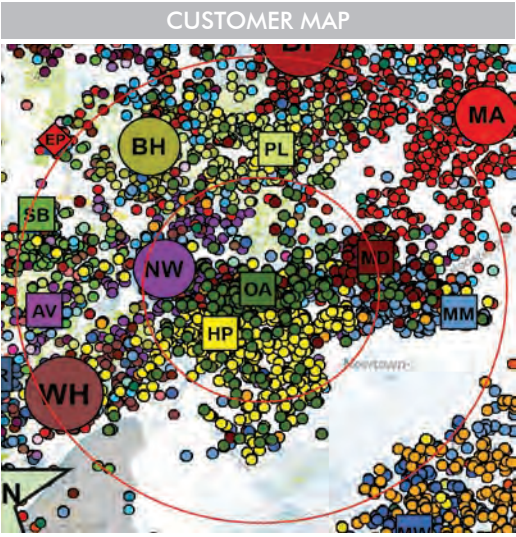
RECOMMENDATION

As the recipient of a Strategic Investment, the Oakley Branch has opportunity to improve its existing facility and enhance service. A process by led Library staff with community input will identify how this investment should be made.

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this Facility Master Plan, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as incorporating additional study rooms within the branch and repurposing some space, such as the large service desk, to provide more space for public use.

Oakley and its surrounding neighborhoods are seeing a lot of recent residential and commercial development. A \$100M residential development planned by Neyer Properties, Inc., will be built on 30 acres in Oakley, just four blocks from the branch. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Once improvements are made to other branches in the South East Zone, the Library will evaluate whether customer usage changes for Oakley, and consider making further improvements or tailoring spaces and services based on customers' evolving needs.



PROJECT DATA	
Usable Building Area (1 story)	6.310 SF



Site plan



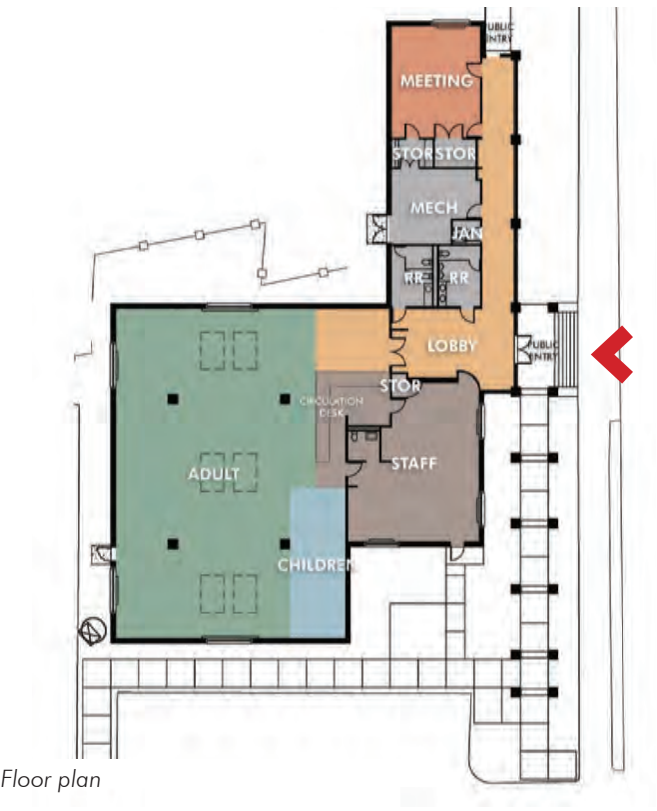
Meeting room

OA - OAKLEY NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
HP	Hyde Park	NBHD	Improved accessibility	1.4 mi
NW	Norwood	NBHD	Strategic Investment	1.8 mi
MD	Madisonville	NBHD	Relocation and New Build	2.3 mi
PL	Pl. Ridge	NBHD	Scheduled Maintenance + Strategic Investment	2.6 mi
MM	Mariemont	NBHD	Scheduled Maintenance + Exterior Updates	3.9 mi
BH	Bond Hill	NEXT GEN	Strategic Investment	5.3 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	storage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



Floor plan



Adult area



Childrens programming at Cheviot



Friends of the Library book sales at Harrison



Service desk at Westwood



WEST PLANNING ZONE



WEST PLANNING ZONE – SUMMARY



DT DELHI TOWNSHIP



● BIG NEXT GEN

renovation and
potential expansion
to proposed
22,500 SF - 27,500 SF

GE GREEN TOWNSHIP



● NEXT GEN

interior updates
at current
14,150 SF

HA HARRISON



● NEXT GEN

strategic investment
at current
15,690 SF

PR PRICE HILL



● NEXT GEN

renovation and
expansion
to proposed
12,100 SF

CH CHEVIOT



■ NEIGHBORHOOD

improved
accessibility
to proposed
9,000 - 11,000 SF

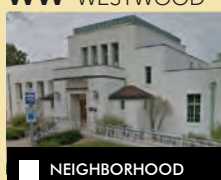
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■ NEIGHBORHOOD

strategic investment
at current
9,620 SF

WW WESTWOOD



■ NEIGHBORHOOD

strategic investment
at current
9,610 SF

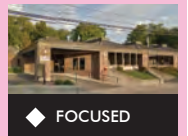
CV COVEDALE



■ NEIGHBORHOOD

strategic investment
at current
7,550 SF

MN MIAMI TSP



◆ FOCUSED

relocation
to proposed
4,500 SF - 5,500 SF

Planning Zone and Library	Existing Usable Square Feet	Effective Age in 2020	10 - YEAR RECOMMENDATIONS	Proposed Square Feet
CH Cheviot	5,674 SF	58 yrs	Improved Accessibility	9,000-11,000 SF
CV Covedale	7,543 SF	22 yrs	Strategic Investment	7,550 SF
DT Delhi Township	13,840 SF	21 yrs	Renovation and Potential Expansion	22,500-27,500 SF
GE Green Township	14,141 SF	30 yrs	Interior Updates	14,150 SF
HA Harrison	15,690 SF	19 yrs	Strategic Investment	15,690 SF
MN Miami Township	2,587 SF	37 yrs	Relocation with New and Possible Expansion	4,500-5,500 SF
MO Monfort Heights	9,619 SF	49 yrs	Strategic Investment	9,620 SF
PR Price Hill	5,266 SF	111 yrs	Renovation and Expansion	SF
WW Westwood	9,603 SF	18 yrs	Strategic Investment	9,610 SF

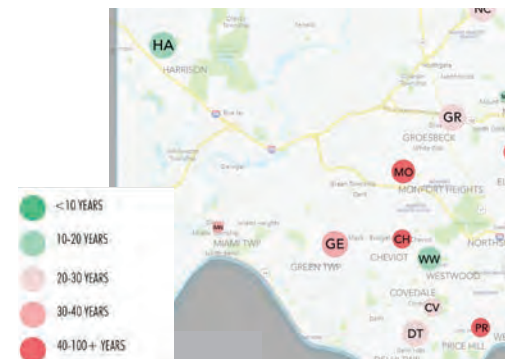
WEST ZONE PROFILE

The West Planning Zone covers a large and varied geography that is home to approximately 212,000 residents. The most populated areas of the zone are clustered at the southeastern edge, and include the Bridgetown, Cheviot, Covedale, Delhi, Delhi Hills, Delshire, East Price Hill, Green Township, Price Hill, Riverside, Sedamsville, and Westwood areas. Recent residential growth in western Cincinnati neighborhoods like Price Hill involves families where English is their second language and children grow up speaking both English and Spanish. Modest population shifts towards suburban and rural areas have continued in the western parts of the county, with continued development in and around the towns of Miami Township and Harrison. These more remote areas are expected to experience further growth into the future and are also seeing an increase in aging populations. The areas served by the Library in the western and northern parts of the zone include Addyston, Blue Jay, Cleves, Crosby, Dent, Elizabethtown, Grandview, Hooven, Mack, Miami, Miami Heights, Montfort Heights, New Baltimore, New Haven, North Bend, Sayler Park, Shawnee, Taylor Creek, and Whitewater.

Customer mapping indicates customers who are able to do so use multiple branches to meet their needs. A number of small branches are located within very close proximity of each other and have smaller service area populations; meeting the service needs of these locations may be best addressed through outside/outreach and online/virtual service channels.

Overall, the West Planning Zone has the second lowest amount of library space per resident (~0.40 square feet/capita). This plan recommends expansions wherever possible – presently, only the Cheviot, Price Hill, and Delhi Branches have capacity for on-site expansions.

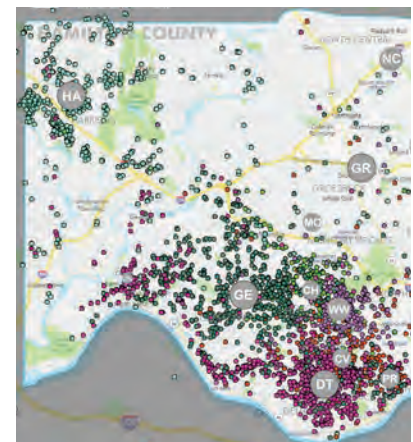
Taken together, these changes will provide a variety of updated spaces for residents of this zone and support a full range of traditional and contemporary services.



Age of Buildings: The majority of the buildings have not been renovated for a very long time



Accessibility: The majority of buildings are accessible except for Price Hill, Cheviot and Westwood which have some issues



Customer Mapping: Users travel and visit more than one branch in the planning zone

CHEVIOT

IMPROVED ACCESSIBILITY

NEIGHBORHOOD



The current Cheviot Branch Library was completed dedicated in 1962. It has received no significant updates or improvements since then. The Cheviot Branch facility has a multi-level design which makes for some service challenges. With steep grading surrounding the building, both levels are presently accessible from their respective parking, however only stairs allow interior transition between the levels. The site constraints do not allow for much expansion and the site is constrained by park space and development surrounding. The neighboring park might allow opportunity for a sustainable partnership. There is quite limited on-site parking and some additional community shared parking nearby. This branch is served by one metro route.

The Cheviot Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 5,674. The meeting room with a 54-person capacity and public restrooms are housed on the lower level. This branch predominantly serves teens and tweens who spend the largest amount of time at the branch. Some adults spend time on public computers and some reading papers. Most are quick trips for materials on hold. There are often requests for technology assistance.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Provide access to maker equipment, such as a vinyl printer, engraver, and sewing machines
- Explore the possibility of building a bigger branch elsewhere in the community
- Create more open and flexible spaces to accommodate a variety of uses

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Cheviot Branch improve accessibility by adding an elevator tower onto the existing building, or creatively integrate one within the existing shell. The interior should be rethought to address existing maintenance issues, service functionality, and accessibility concerns.

2023 UPDATE

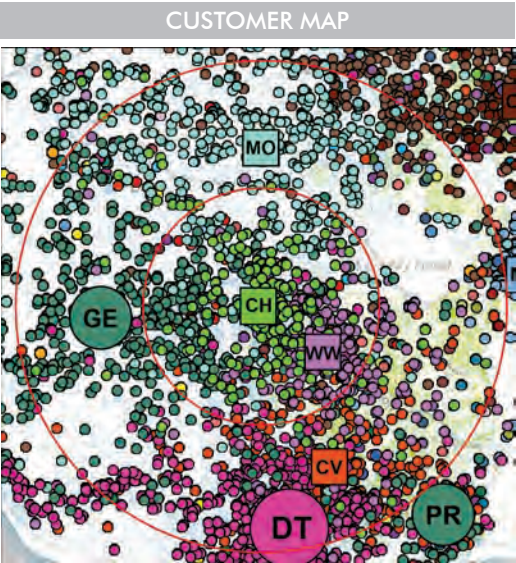
For project details, please check

[CHPL.org/next-generation/cheviot](https://chpl.org/next-generation/cheviot)

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as expanding or modifying the building to add a makerspace or additional technology as well as separate areas for children/teens/adults. Although it is not presently funded, the idea of replacing the current facility with a reimagined specialized branch has been explored and may work at this location.

Cheviot and its surrounding communities are seeing developments like the Water Park feature at Harvest Home. Recent real estate sale has caused some loss of longtime businesses on Harrison. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth.



PROJECT DATA	
Usable Building Area (1 story + basement)	5,680 SF
Total Proposed Library	9,000-11,000 SF
Existing Site	22,700 SF
Parking	5,000 SF
Landscape	10,750 SF



Site plan



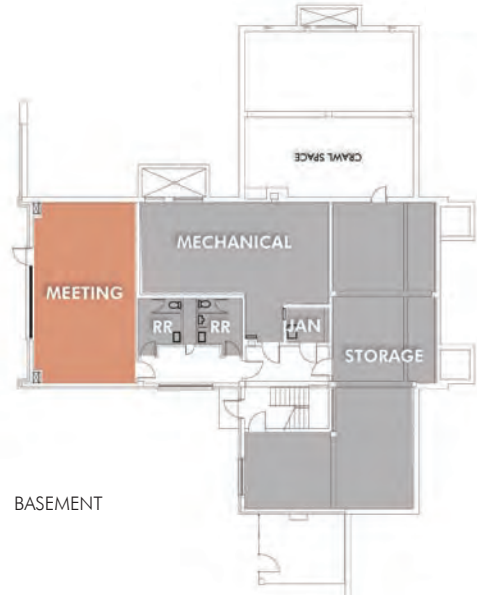
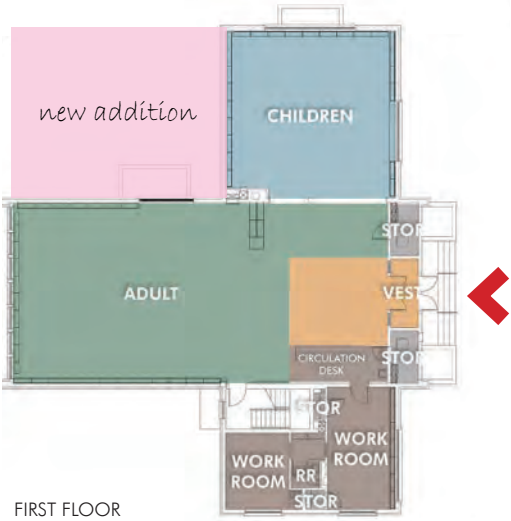
Children's area

CH - CHEVIOT NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
WW	Westwood	NBHD	Strategic Investment	1.5 mi
CV	Covedale	NBHD	Strategic Investment	3.0 mi
MO	Mon. Heights	NBHD	Strategic Investment	4.2 mi
GE	Green Twsp	NEXT GEN	Interior Updates	4.6 mi
DT	Delhi Twsp	BIG NEXT GEN	Renovation and Potential Expansion	4.8 mi
PR	Price Hill	NEXT GEN	Renovation and Expansion	5.4 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

MAINTENANCE NEEDS	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage



Floor plans

COVEDALE

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD



The current Covedale Branch Library was opened in January 1998. Formerly a bank, this facility's two public service levels and upper administrative level are fully accessible. Its multi-level design presents some service challenges; however, this branch's dual service desk (one on the main level and one on the children's lower level) seems to function well for customers and staff. The current land parcel is maximized with parking and facility, and leaves no opportunity for expansion at present. This branch has a dedicated parking lot on site. Additional street parking is also available nearby. It is served by one metro route.

The Covedale Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence is 7,543. It houses a meeting room with a 20-person seating capacity. Its service window is frequently used by community members. This branch predominantly serves many customers on quick visits using print/skan/fax services or picking up holds. More and more individuals are looking for work space to access Wi-Fi on private devices.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- With the upcoming expansion of the nearby Price Hill Branch including additional meeting spaces, possibly repurpose the meeting room for alternate use (e.g. teen space, adult quiet reading area, etc.)
- Possibly re-evaluate arrangement of interior space designations
- Create quiet room(s) within the space

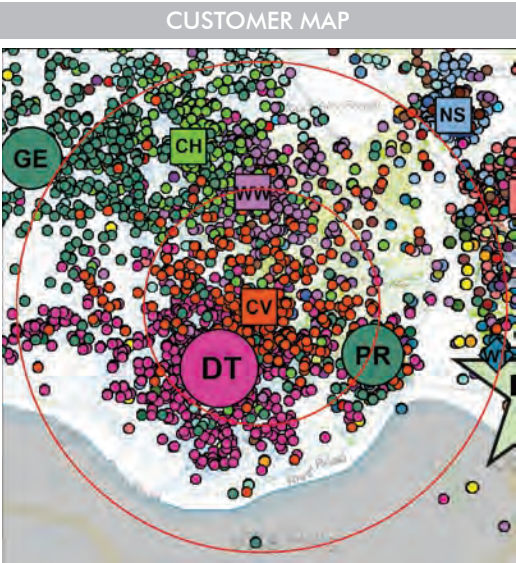
RECOMMENDATION

As the recipient of a Strategic Investment, the Covedale Branch has opportunity to improve its existing facility and enhance service. A process led by Library staff with community input will identify how this investment should be made.

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as reimagining the desk service model to recapture more public service space on the main level and updating shelving to allow more flexibility and opportunity to use space for additional functions. Monitoring how the changes to the Price Hill branch impact the way customers use Covedale may also yield some opportunities for evolving space and services.

Covedale and its surrounding communities are seeing a push for business development. West Price Hill has looked for a neighborhood grant to improve business district lighting down the street from the branch. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth.



PROJECT DATA

Usable Building Area (2 stories + basement)	7,550 SF
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Site plan



Children's area

CV - COVEDALE NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
DT	Delhi Twsp	BIG NEXT GEN	Renovation and Potential Expansion	1.8 mi
WW	Westwood	NBHD	Strategic Investment	2.2 mi
PR	Price Hill	NEXT GEN	Renovation and Expansion	2.5 mi
CH	Cheviot	NBHD	Improved Accessibility	3.0 mi
GE	Green Twsp	NEXT GEN	Interior Updates	5.3 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

MAINTENANCE NEEDS

roof

HVAC

painting

sidewalk

lighting

windows

ceiling

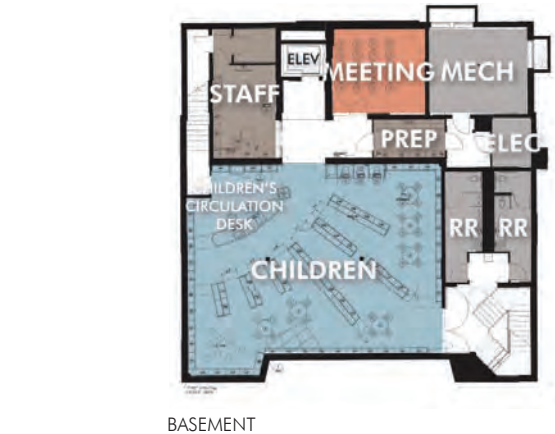
floor

furniture

electrical upgrade

accessibility

signage



Floor plans

DELHI TOWNSHIP

RENOVATION AND POTENTIAL EXPANSION

BIG NEXT GEN



The Delhi Township Branch Library was originally constructed in 1968 and expanded in 1999. The library is adjacent to the 50+ acre Delhi Park with many amenities including the close-by multi-purpose lodge building and parking. No barriers to public entry accessibility have been identified at this location, however the interior layout is awkward and represents an outdated service model. The site does have dedicated parking on-site. Customer mapping and visitor counts shows how this library already serves as a regional destination. This location is not served by any metro route.

The Delhi Township Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 13,840. There is not a meeting room, technology lab, maker space, or study rooms. The facility does incorporate a drive-up book drop which the community appreciates and would like to keep. This branch predominantly serves families visiting for storytime and middle schoolers in the afternoon. Adults regularly visit throughout the day.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Need for study and meeting spaces
- Create a drive-thru service window
- Improve access to technology

RECOMMENDATION

As a Design Project, it is recommended that the Delhi Township Branch receive a renovation and possible expansion on the existing site. The interior should be rethought to optimize wayfinding and accessibility and build upon exterior views already present. If possible, the branch should look at adding a service window or drive-thru book drop and possibly meeting and study rooms. These improvements will allow for improved efficiency to branch function and customer satisfaction. Presently, there are no pedestrian or vehicular connections between the library and the park. The Township has recently acquired a small privately held lot to the west of the branch library so that the park now bounds the library on two sides. If an agreement can be negotiated with the Township, there is the potential to adjust the site boundaries

and expand and reorient the branch library and improve its visibility, accessibility, and interconnection with park and improve park access and overall community benefit.

2021 UPDATE

As part of the Design Project work, a drive thru window was added to the branch in mid-2021.

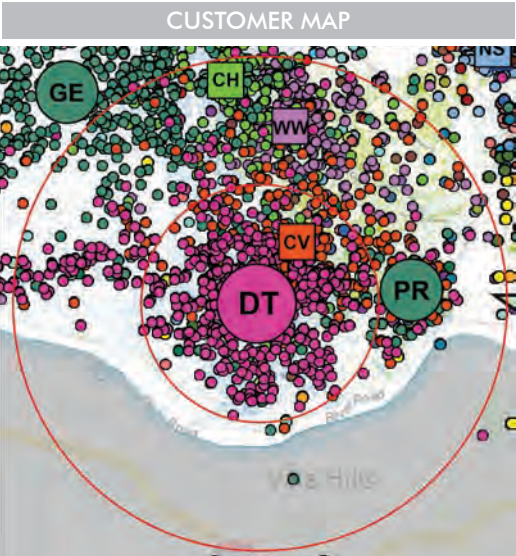
2023 UPDATE

For project details, please check

[CHPL.org/next-generation/delhi](https://chpl.org/next-generation/delhi)

LONG TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as local partnerships and collaborations. The branch is intended to flex with a changing community while maintaining status as a regular and cherished local destination and resource. Its availability for materials as well as physical space for meeting and gathering will serve this community for years to come.



PROJECT DATA	
Usable Building Area (1 story)	13,840 SF
Proposed Replacement Size	25,000 SF
Existing Site	85,600 SF
Proposed Expanded Site	93,000 SF



Floor plan



Children's area

DT - DELHI TOWNSHIP NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
CV	Covedale	NBHD	Strategic Investment	1.8 mi
PR	Price Hill	NEXT GEN	Renovation and Expansion	3.2 mi
WW	Westwood	NBHD	Strategic Investment	3.7 mi
CH	Cheviot	NBHD	Improved Accessibility	4.8 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

MAINTENANCE NEEDS	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage



Existing conditions

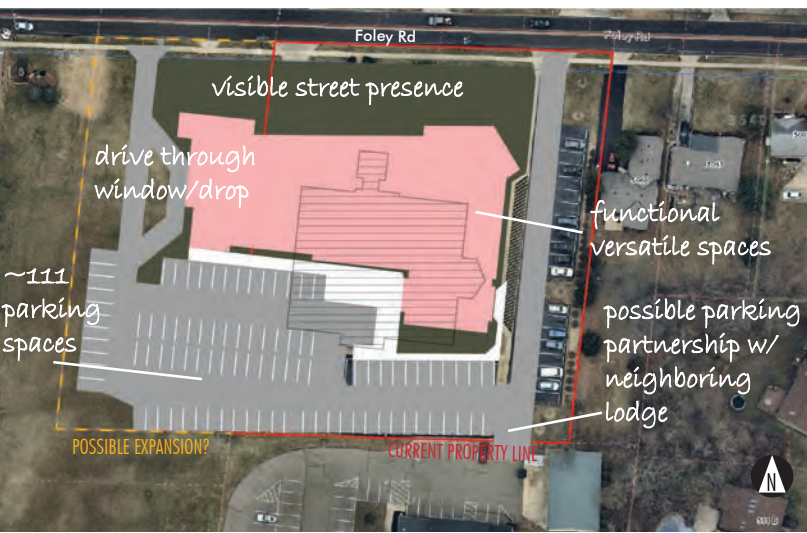


Illustration of possible replacement and expansion in cooperation with Township

GREEN TOWNSHIP

INTERIOR UPDATES

○ NEXT GEN



Built on a five-acre site, the Green Township Branch Library opened for service in January 1990. It has not received significant improvements since then. It is spacious; however, tall shelving and some of the interior layout make it less versatile than it could be. No barriers to public entry accessibility have been identified at this location. There is some opportunity on the presently owned land parcel for expansion. However, some of the site topography may present challenges. It has a somewhat grand vehicular entrance sequence on its robust site and a dedicated parking lot for library customers. This location is not served by any metro route.

The Green Township Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 14,141. The Green Township branch houses a meeting room with a 70-person capacity as well as three study rooms. This branch predominantly serves many customers making quick visits to pick up materials on hold, and others who are using technology such as print/scan/fax and public computer/Wi-Fi access.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Improve outdoor lighting in parking lot
- Create specialized spaces, including ones for elderly customers and parents with children with special needs
- Activate outdoor areas with walking trails and outdoor furniture

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Green Township Branch receive Interior Updates which will make necessary improvements within the building to account for years of normal wear and tear.

2023 UPDATE

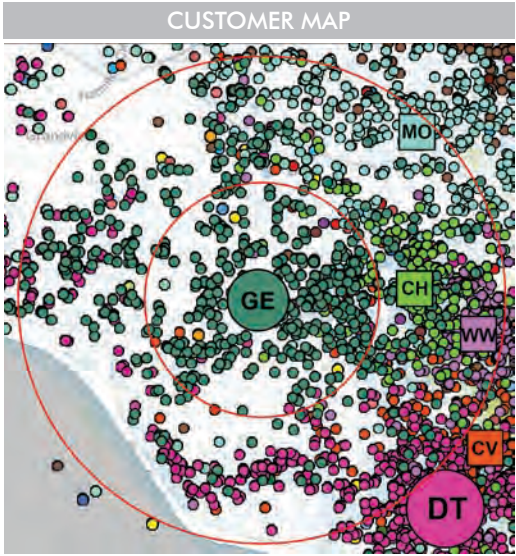
For project details, please check

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LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as renovating the interior to have a more dynamic functionality for customers with various service needs. There may also be opportunity on-site for expansion of public service spaces and parking.

Green Township and its surrounding communities are seeing new sidewalk/bike trail developments. New businesses are coming to the area and similar residential developments to Greenshire Commons. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth.



PROJECT DATA	
Usable Building Area (1 story)	14,150 SF



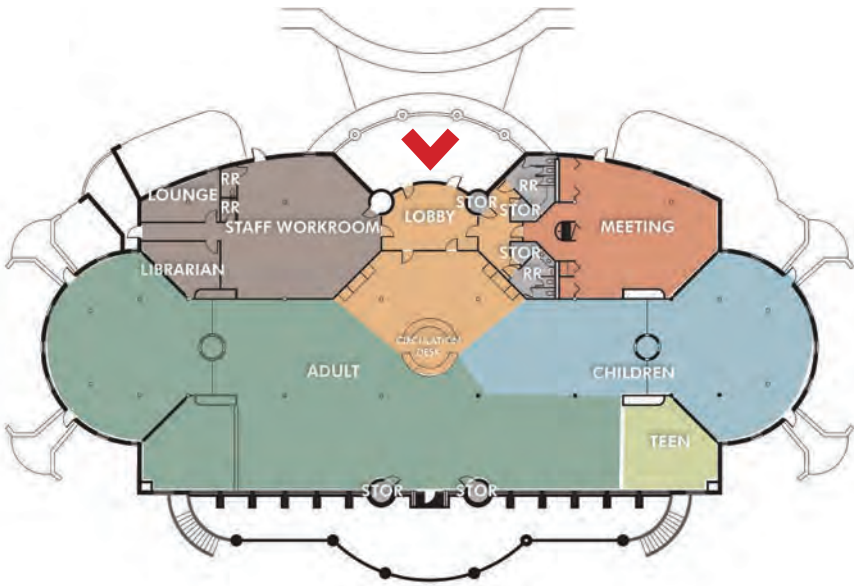
Site plan

GE - GREEN TOWNSHIP NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
CH	Cheviot	NHBD	Improved Accessibility	2.7 mi
WW	Westwood	NHBD	Strategic Investment	4.0 mi
CV	Covedale	NHBD	Strategic Investment	5.3 mi
MO	Monfort Hts	NHBD	Strategic Investment	5.6 mi
DT	Delhi Twsp	BIG NEXT GEN	Renovation and Potential Expansion	6.1 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

MAINTENANCE NEEDS	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage



Floor plan



Children's area



Adult area

HARRISON

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT

○ NEXT GEN



The Harrison Branch Library opened in 2001. It has not received significant renovation or updates since then. The interior layout represents an outdated service model and there is definitely opportunity to reimagine and recapture some of the footprint to be more effectively used. Harrison is the most geographically isolated branch from the rest of the library branches in the system. No barriers to public entry accessibility have been identified at this location. There is limited opportunity for expansion on the current site. It has a dedicated parking lot on site. There are no metro routes presently serving this location.

The Harrison Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 15,690. This branch has one meeting room, which has a 50-person capacity. There are no study, maker, or tech spaces located at the branch. There is a drive-thru service window available. This branch predominantly serves families with children.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Provide more study rooms
- Offer makerspace equipment
- Create an additional and/or expand the existing meeting room
- Create quiet spaces

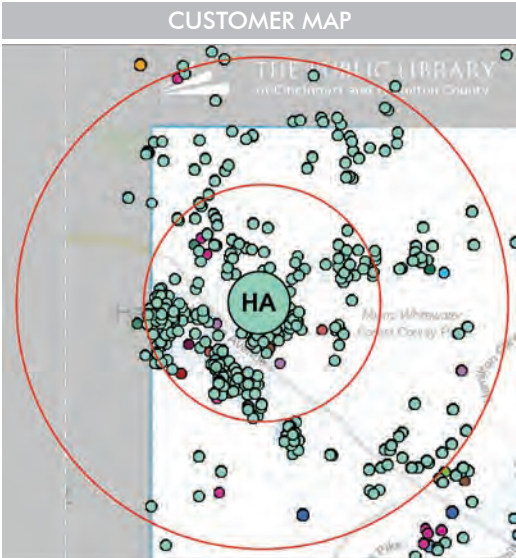
RECOMMENDATION

As the recipient of a Strategic Investment, the Harrison Branch has opportunity to improve its existing facility and enhance service. A process led by Library staff with community input will identify how this investment should be made.

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as a future expansion, which would allow for larger and additional spaces for activities like studying and maker activities. It might also explore opportunities with reimagining the service desk space to a reduced size to allow part of it to be converted to public use, such as quiet reading or study spaces.

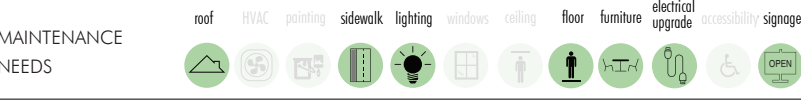
Harrison and its surrounding communities are seeing Southwest Schools building all new school buildings as well as single family home developments. Other organizations including local churches, grocers, and more are developing in the surrounding areas as well. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth.



HA - HARRISON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

No other branches are located within nine miles of this branch.

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS



PROJECT DATA	
Usable Building Area (1 story)	15,690 SF



Site plan



Floor plan



Friends store



Adult Area

MIAMI TOWNSHIP



RELOCATION WITH NEW AND POSSIBLE EXPANSION

FOCUSED

In June of 1983, the Miami Township Branch Library opened its leased space in the Miami Township Senior Center. Visibility is challenging from the roadway. The interior space is compact in size and awkwardly broken apart. The region appreciates having a library and those within walking distance have expressed wanting to keep it close. The entry sequence into the building presents some accessibility issues. Its current leased space does not present opportunity for expansion. There is very limited shared parking on site. There is not currently public transportation serving this location.

The Miami Township Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 2,587. There is no dedicated meeting, study, maker, or tech spaces at this location. This branch predominantly serves many who make quick trips to pick up materials on hold. Other customers spend their time reading, working in small groups, study groups, and playing in children's area after programming.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- More space is needed
- Improved lighting throughout
- Would like to keep the branch at a close walking distance from nearby areas

RECOMMENDATION

As a Design project, it is recommended that the Miami Township Branch be relocated with new, expanded facilities at a location nearby. The new space should incorporate meeting and study spaces as requested by most customers. The library should explore opportunities for lease or ownership as they arise.

2023 UPDATE

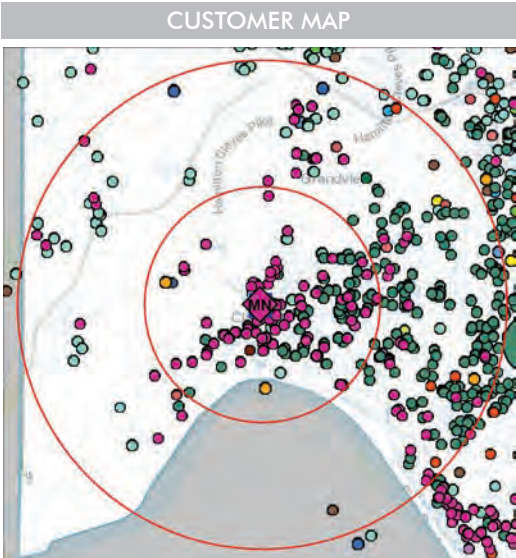
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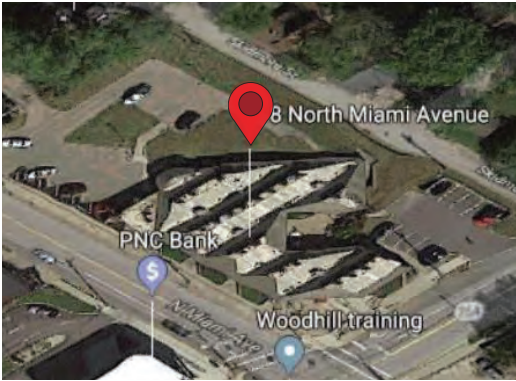
LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as future partnerships in the community and a future investment to allow an even more diverse range of service space options for the community to gather, exchange ideas, and support one another.

Miami Township and its surrounding communities are seeing plans advancing for a community development that would co-locate a school with other services and amenities, such as the YMCA. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth.



PROJECT DATA	
Usable Building Area (1 story)	2,590 SF
Proposed Relocation Size	4,500 SF - 5,500 SF
Proposed Site	25,000 SF



Aerial View of the Branch



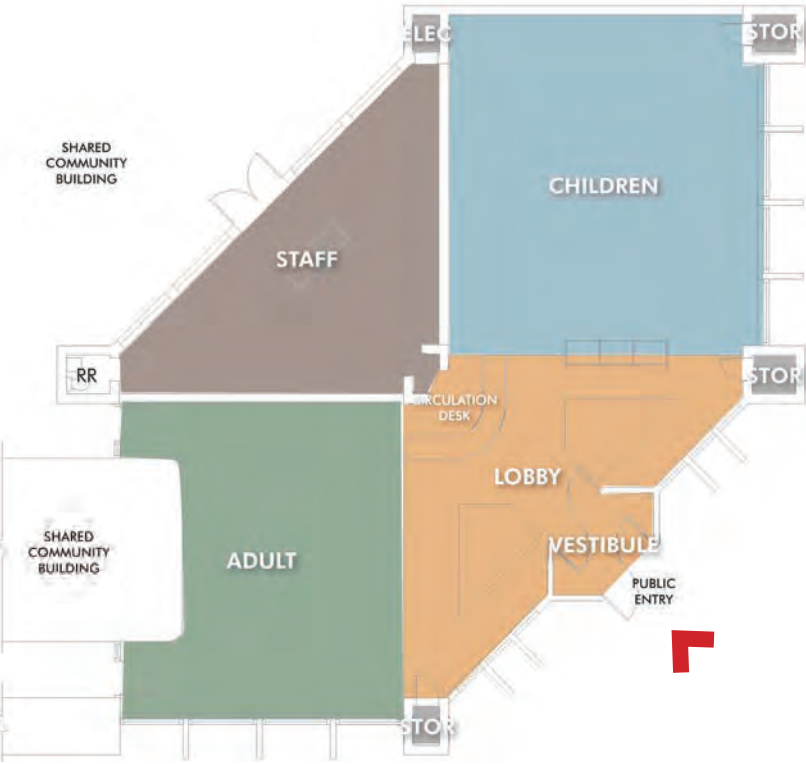
Children's area

MN - MIAMI TOWNSHIP NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
GE	Green Twsp	NEXT GEN	Interior Updates	6.0 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



Floor plan

MONFORT HEIGHTS

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD



The Monfort Heights Branch Library opened in 1971. The branch has not seen significant improvements since its original build. Overall, the rectilinear plan is functional, although the interior could use some updates to allow more versatility within the space for fluctuating service needs. No barriers to public entry accessibility have been identified at this location. This site has some opportunity for expansion. There is a dedicated parking lot on site. This location is not served by any metro route.

The Monfort Heights Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 9,619. This branch houses a meeting room with a 40-person capacity. There are not currently study rooms available at this location. This branch predominantly serves families and seniors in the morning and early afternoon. Afternoons and evenings are mostly individuals in for quick trips to pick up materials on hold.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Current location is well-liked
- More parking is needed
- Provide more quiet areas
- Offer a bigger and more accessible meeting room

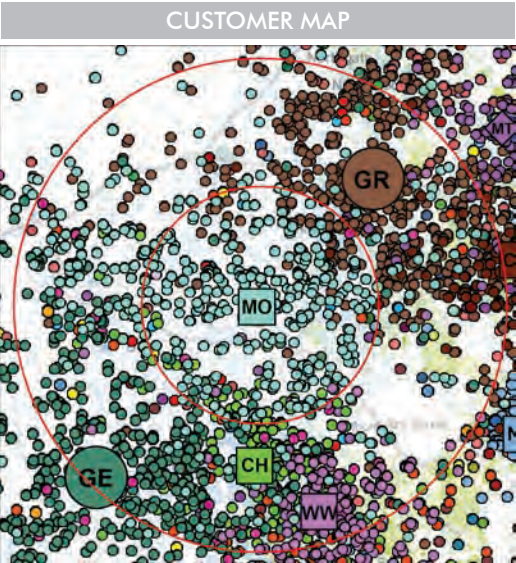
RECOMMENDATION

As the recipient of a Strategic Investment, the Monfort Heights Branch has opportunity to improve its existing facility and enhance service. A process led by Library staff with community input will identify how this investment should be made.

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as expanding on the current site to expand public service area and parking.

Monfort Heights and its surrounding communities are seeing new senior living development, expansions of local restaurants, a new Kroger in Dent, and more. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth.



PROJECT DATA	
Usable Building Area (1 story)	9,620 SF



Site plan



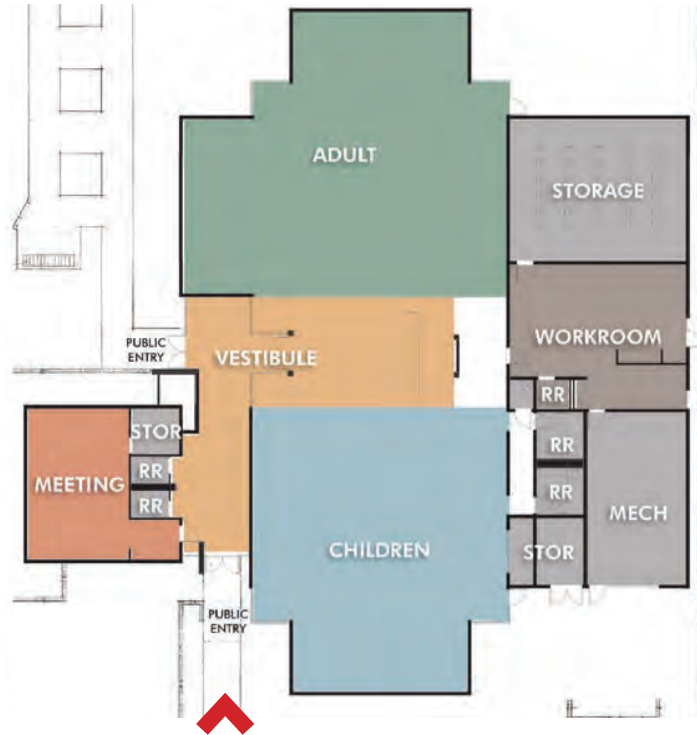
Children's area

MO - MONFORT HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
WW	Westwood	NHBD	Strategic Investment	3.5 mi
CH	Cheviot	NHBD	Improved Accessibility	4.2 mi
GR	Groesbeck	NEXT GEN	Interior Updates	4.3 mi
GE	Green Twsp	NEXT GEN	Interior Updates	6.8 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

MAINTENANCE NEEDS	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage



Floor plan



Adult area

PRICE HILL

RENOVATION AND EXPANSION

○ NEXT GEN



The Price Hill Branch Library, which opened in 1909, is one of the remaining seven of the original nine area libraries in Hamilton County built with funds provided by the Andrew Carnegie Foundation. It has not received significant improvement since its original build. Previously having multi-level service challenges and overall inaccessibility throughout, the project described below is working to address the issues of space and aging facility needs. It has challenging site topography, but its site potential for expansion is being realized by the current planned expansion. It has a dedicated parking lot on site. This location is served by metro routes.

The Price Hill Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 5,266. The old facility did have a meeting room, and the new plan incorporates additional meeting spaces. This branch predominantly serves youth after school and adults who use computers and laptops for extended periods.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Create designated spaces for adults, teens and children
- Provide more access to technology
- Offer quiet and noisy areas that are well-separated
- Provide a large space for meetings, events and other activities
- Create small rooms for study, music practice and quiet reading
- Improve lighting and safety measures in the outdoor space
- Better activate the outdoor space

RECOMMENDATION

The Price Hill Branch is temporarily relocated in the Price Hill Recreation Center after a portion of the ceiling fell in on July 3, 2018 and created major safety and structural problems. The Library has employed the services of Fishbeck Architects to make necessary improvements to the branch, including making the building fully accessible. The Board of Trustees approved the concept of renovating the existing building and building a new addition. Branch improvement work will begin in early 2020 and it is anticipated the branch will reopen as a Next Generation Library by the end of 2020, with expanding parking.

2021 UPDATE

For project details, please check:

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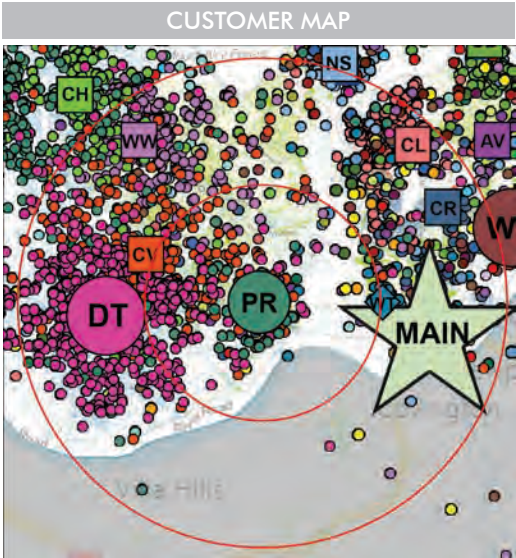
2023 UPDATE

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[CHPL.org/next-generation//price-hill-parklet](https://chpl.org/next-generation//price-hill-parklet)

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as local partnerships and collaborations. This branch is intended to flex with a changing community while maintaining status as a regular and cherished local destination and resource. Its availability for meeting and fathering will serve this community for years to come.



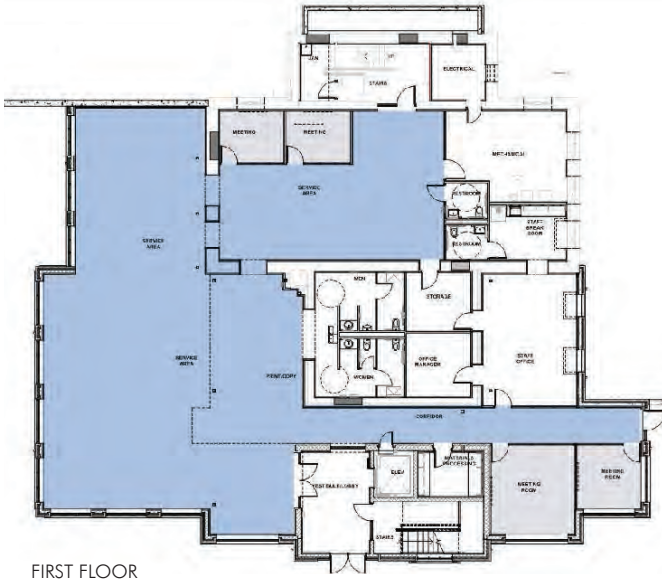
PR - PRICE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
CV	Covedale	NHBD	Strategic Investment	2.6 mi
DT	Delhi Twsp	BIG NEXT GEN	Renovation and Potential Expansion	3.2 mi
WW	Westwood	NHBD	Strategic Investment	4.6 mi
CR	Corryville	NHBD	Scheduled Maintenance	4.7 mi
CL	Clifton	NHBD	Strategic Investment	5.0 mi
CH	Cheviot	NHBD	Improved Accessibility	5.4 mi

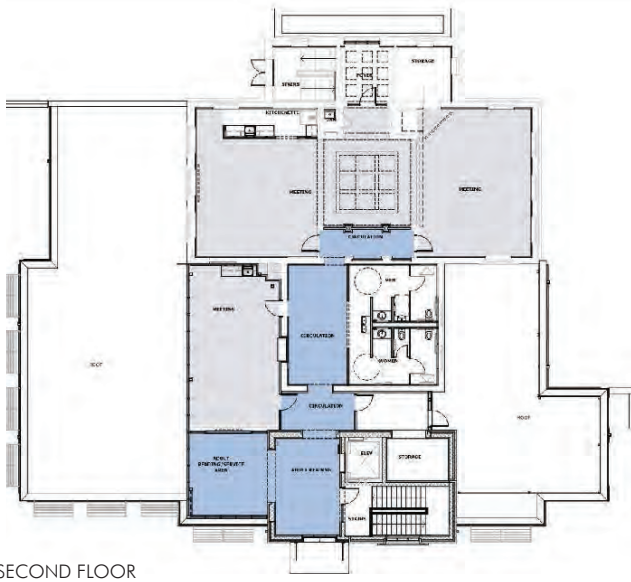
PROJECT DATA	
Usable Building Area (2 stories)	5,270 SF
Proposed Building Area	~12,100 SF

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



FIRST FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR

Floor plans



Perspective of the new expansion (rear of building – original building fronting Warsaw Avenue to be preserved)

WESTWOOD

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD



The current Westwood Branch Library was completed in 1931. This Spanish Mission style facility was added to the National Register of Historic Buildings in 1974. In 2002, the branch underwent an extensive renovation and expansion project to include an entrance tower allowing a significant expansion as well as improved accessibility to its public entry and both service levels. Having been expanded in the past, some of the circulation through the building is somewhat awkward and difficult to navigate. Its multi-level design presents service challenges and its age limits its ability to support new service models and technology upgrades. There is not opportunity for expansion of the footprint of the building on its current site. This branch has a dedicated parking lot on site. Additional street parking is also available nearby. It is served by five metro routes.

The Westwood Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 9,603. It houses a dedicated meeting room on its lower level with a 70-person capacity. There are no study spaces available at this location. This branch predominantly serves individuals staying at the branch for extended visits and table space and power outlets are always at a premium.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Provide better arranged and increased quantity of parking
- Offer additional study/quiet spaces
- Improve existing or create additional public restrooms

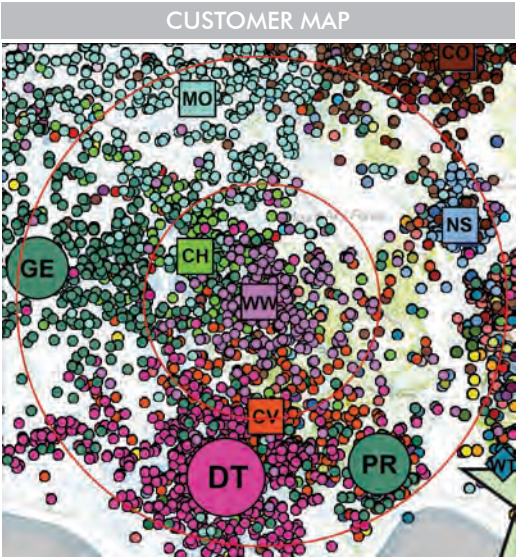
RECOMMENDATION

As the recipient of a Strategic Investment, the Westwood Branch has opportunity to improve its existing facility and enhance service. A process led by Library staff with community input will identify how this investment should be made.

LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as updating the existing elevator system. It is quite slow in function and not independently operable, as a staff member has to assist any customer using it. The branch would also benefit from reimagining the spaces housed in the basement including several underutilized staff and storage spaces and a car port area, which could be considered for renovation for possible additional public service space.

Westwood and its surrounding communities are seeing Mercy High School converting to CPS Dater Montessori High School. Town hall has just been renovated with new outdoor spaces. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth.



PROJECT DATA

Usable Building Area (1 story + basement)	9,610 SF
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Site plan



Service desk

WW - WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
CH	Cheviot	NHBD	Improved Accessibility	1.5 mi
CV	Covedale	NHBD	Strategic Investment	2.2 mi
DT	Delhi Twsp	BIG NEXT GEN	Renovation and Potential Expansion	3.7 mi
NS	Northside	NHBD	Scheduled Maintenance + Strategic Investment	3.8 mi
PR	Price Hill	NEXT GEN	Renovation and Expansion	4.6 mi
GE	Green Twsp	NEXT GEN	Interior Updates	5.1 mi

OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												

FIRST FLOOR



BASEMENT



Floor plans