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*Welcome!*

# Delhi Township Branch Library

Replacement and Expansion





# What We'll Cover Today

- Welcome & Introductions
- Library State Funding Updates
- Branch History & Project Objectives
- Project Overview
- Planned Branch Improvements
- Review of Facility Master Plan Progress
- Questions, Comments, and Engagement Activities

# URGENT FUNDING UPDATE:



*We're Thankful For Your Help!*

**Final State Budget process isn't completed until the end of June 2025.**

**Budget reductions and funding changes would inevitably impact CHPL's capacity to execute projects like this for our community.**

# Branch History & Project Objectives



- 1949 - Library service began in Delhi Township in the local public school.
- 1968 - a full-scale branch library on Foley Road was dedicated.
- 1999 - the Branch renovation added 5000square feet and many improvements.
  - When the building reopened it was rededicated as the Delhi Township Branch Library.
- As of 2023, the Library's West planning zone has the second lowest amount of library space per resident (~0.40 square feet/capita) while customer mapping and visitor counts shows how Delhi Township Branch already serves as a regional destination.
- CHPL Facilities Master Plan suggests an expansion on the existing branch's 13,800 square feet to 22,500-27,500 sq.ft. making it a Big Next Gen location
  - This plan emphasizes the need for study and meeting spaces, a drive-thru service window, makerspace, and improved access to technology.

# Delhi Township Project Overview

- **2022:** Feasibility studies began in this phase of scope development in collaboration with internal and external stakeholders.
- **Summer 2023:** CHPL met with representation of Delhi Township administration regarding possibilities for expanding the Library property, potential for connecting to the neighboring park, as well as opportunities for shared parking.
- **Fall 2023:** worked with Delhi Township, architecture firm SHP, Turner Construction and JS Held on site maximization
- **2024:** The Library has continues working with our partners on options for the Delhi Township Branch in accordance with the original FMP timeline of 2026-2027 implementation and to mirror development in the area.



# Branch Site Plan





# Delhi Township Potential Exterior





# Potential Interior Improvements



- Drive Thru Service
- Better Parking & Building Access
- Room To Greet Friends
- Attractive And Flexible Displays
- Quiet Reading Area
- Children's Area For Multi-Generational Use
- Study Space
- Group Meeting Space

# Your Public Library: Overview

- 7 person Board; 7 year term;
- Approximately 900 staff
- 42 locations, 1 million sf public space
- ½ funding from State (Public Library Fund)
- ½ funding local Hamilton County levies
- Budget priorities include
  - Library books and eResources
  - Building the Next Generation Libraries



# 2024 By the Numbers

- **Items Borrowed:** 19+ million
  - *Almost 700,000 more checkouts in 2024 than 2023*
- **Customer Visits:** 4.1+ million
  - *Bengals 2024 home attendance = 66,294/game or 530,352 total*
  - *500,000 more in-person visits in 2024 than 2023 (15%)*
  - *Many of these were young people after school*
- **PC Sessions** 664,144
- **Wi-Fi Sessions** 1.4+ million
- **Room Reservations** 69,147







# 2024 By the Numbers

- **Homework Helpers:** Over 15,000 sessions  
*Foundation, Friends, and private funding*
- **Youth Meals & Snacks:** Distributed 97,242 portions  
*Funded Federally & The Library Foundation*
- **Faxes & Scans:** 489,149 Pages
- **Voter Registration:** Completed 715 voter registrations
- **Directly Delivered Items:** 115,052 items delivered to daycares, schools, and senior living facilities
- **Free Books:** More than 35,000 books given away

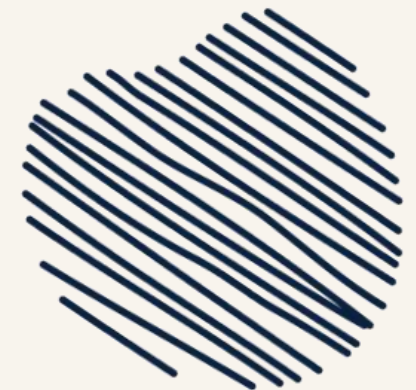


# Building the Next Generation Library



# Facility Master Plan Overview

- Developed throughout 2019
  - Over 3,000 community members gave input
    - 90+ community meetings
    - 15 focus groups
    - In-person & online surveys
- Comprehensive, 10-year plan
  - 5 planning zones
- Facility improvement funds are from levy passed in 2018
- **19 of 41 Branches (4 in 2024) have now received improvements!**
- Almost 60,000 new square ft of public space added
- **Building the Next Generation Library Initiative**





# Forest Park Branch

- Investment: \$19.2 million
- Grand opening September 2024
- Square footage: 26,600
- Key features:
  - Flexible meeting space can accommodate 100 people
  - MakerSpace
  - Drive-Thru Service
  - 6 Study Rooms/Spaces
  - Quiet reading area
  - Expanded parking
  - Fully accessible



# Symmes Township Branch

- Estimated Investment: \$18 million
- Grand opening Estimated Early 2026
- Square footage: 20,000+

- Key features:
  - Flexible meeting space
  - Makerspace
  - Drive-Thru Service
  - 4 Study Rooms/Spaces
  - Quiet reading area
  - Expanded parking
  - Fully accessible



- CHPL did extensive analysis on repurposing the existing building versus building new and the potential cost savings resulted in a lesser efficient and safe building



# Tentative Timeline & Budget

- Community Engagement & Design: 2025 - Early 2026
- Construction Preparation: 2026
- Construction Commences: Late 2026/Early 2027
- Total Project Budget: \$18 million
- As the timeline is refined, we'll work on procuring a space for a temporary branch

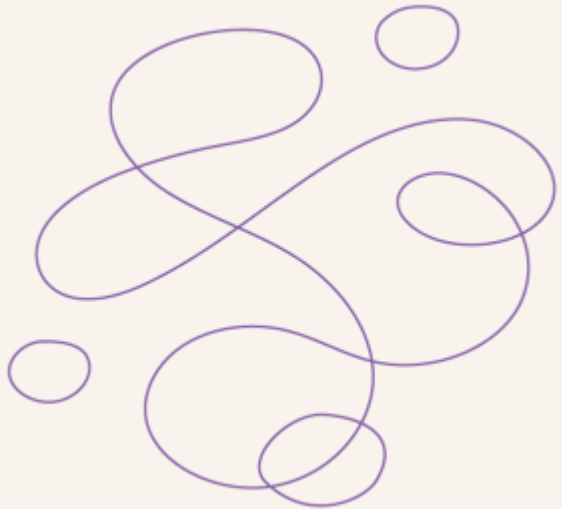
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# Questions & Answers



Ideas, comments and questions can also be submitted online  
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# Engagement Stations

- Library Branch Feedback
  - Give us your likes, dislikes, and hopes for the new branch
- Library Interiors & Activities Examples
  - Identify images that speak to you



# Thank You!

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