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Welcome!

Miami Township Branch Library

Relocation & New Branch





What We'll Cover Today

- Welcome & Introductions
- Library State Funding Update
- Library Overview & Statistics
- Review of Facility Master Plan Progress
- Journey So Far
- Planned Branch Improvements
- Questions, Comments, and Activities

URGENT FUNDING UPDATE:

CHPL Stands to Lose \$14.5 Million beginning July 1, 2025

**Final Budget Recommendations will be Made Within Days &
We Urge You to Make Your Voices Heard!**

**Please contact our House Speaker and State Representative for
Miami Township**

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Tell Them: “Don’t Cut My Library!” & “Restore Our Funding!”

Your Public Library: Overview

- 7-person Board of Trustees
- 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
 - *500,000 more in-person visits in 2024 than 2023 (15%)*
- PC Sessions: 664,144
- Room Reservations: 69,147
- Wi-Fi Sessions: 1.4+ million



2024 By the Numbers

- 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
- Comprehensive, 10-year plan
 - 5 planning zones
- Facility improvement funds are from 2018 levy
- 19 of 41 Branches (4 in 2024) have received improvements
- Almost 60,000 new square ft of public space added



Facility Master Plan Progress



Completed County-Wide Improvements

2024



Downtown Main Library
South Building & Plaza
Renovation



Forest Park
Relocation and New Build



Hyde Park
Improved Accessibility



Mt. Healthy
Relocation with Larger
Building

2023

Corryville
Maintenance

Sharonville
Interior Updates

Madisonville
New Branch

West End
Renovation

Pleasant Ridge
Maintenance

2022

Green Township
Maintenance

Mariemont
Exterior Update

Walnut Hills
Renovation and
Expansion

2021

Anderson Township
Renovation

Deer Park
Relocation and Expansion

Price Hill
Renovation and Expansion

2020

College Hill
Interior Update

Elmwood Place
Interior Update

Groesbeck
Interior Update

Madeira
Interior Update

2019

Downtown Main
Energy Retrofit

Mt. Healthy Branch

- Investment: \$6.3 million
- Grand opening: November 2024
- Square footage: 10,000
- Key features:
 - Fully accessible
 - Expanded parking
 - More interior space
 - Meeting space and Study Pods
 - Drive-Thru Service



Madisonville Branch

- Investment: \$3.3 million
- Grand Reopening: March 2023
- Square footage: 8,796
- Key features:
 - Four study pods
 - Two meeting rooms, which can combine into a large community meeting space
 - Fully accessible, including restrooms
 - Makerspace equipment
 - 1,270 feet of shelving for collection display
 - Additional desktop and laptop computers
 - 8 designated parking spots
 - New furniture and computers



2024 Miami Township Service Stats

- 49,093 items borrowed
- 5,745 customers attended programs
- 8,437 wi-fi sessions
- 3,502 PC sessions (with only 4 PCs)
- 30,948 visits (+5%)
- 635 JFS scans
- 977 supplemental snacks served



The Journey So Far

- Library service to Cleves began in 1900
 - *Delivery station was established in John Ingram's General Store, on the corner of Miami Avenue and Milbury Street*
 - *Library station moved to a pharmacy in 1915*
- In 1930 the old Miami Township Hall was remodeled and enlarged to include the Cleves Branch
- The Library was closed in 1964 due to declining circulation
 - *For the next 19 years, the community was served by a bookmobile*
- The Miami Township Branch Library opened its doors in the Miami Township Senior Center in June of 1983

Miami Township Project History

- CHPL has been looking for a suitable site for years
- **2023:** opportunities came about after our Director shared the challenges of finding a site with the community
- Library worked to evaluate the feasibility and estimated costs of several sites including Three Rivers School District
- **Mid-2024:** Library evaluated newly found opportunity on Miami Ave. property

Miami Township Project History

- **June 11, 2024:** Library Board voted to execute a purchase agreement of the 1.34 acres on Miami Ave.
- **October 2024:** The Library closed on the South Miami Ave. property. This purchase guided by Library's Facility Master Plan
 - The new branch is planned to be approx. 7,000 square feet, with expanded facilities, increase accessibility and improved parking for customers.
- CHPL would like to thank John Tisch for working with the Library on the sale of the property and JS Held for managing preparing & securing the site.

Miami Township Conceptual Site Plan



Potential Interior Improvements



- Better access to holds
- Room to greet friends
- Attractive and flexible displays
- Quiet reading area
- Public computers
- Children's area for multi-generational use
- Group meeting space

Tentative Timeline & Budget

- Community Engagement & Design
2025 - Early 2026
- Construction Preparation
 - 2026
- Construction Begins
 - Tentatively End of 2026
- Construction Budget: \$4.5 million
- Total Project Budget: \$6.5 million
- The current branch will remain open during the project.



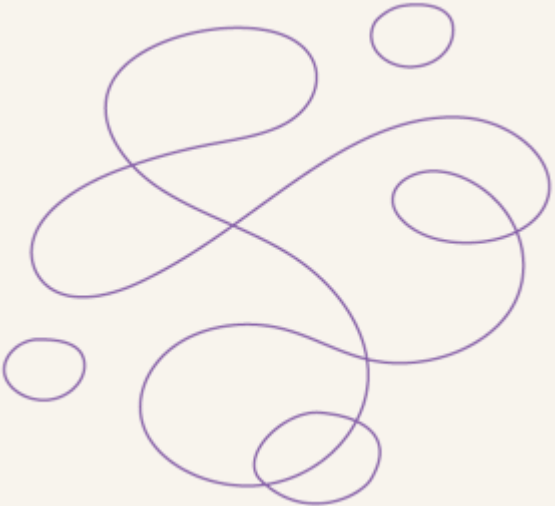
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Questions & Answers



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

Building Façade Style

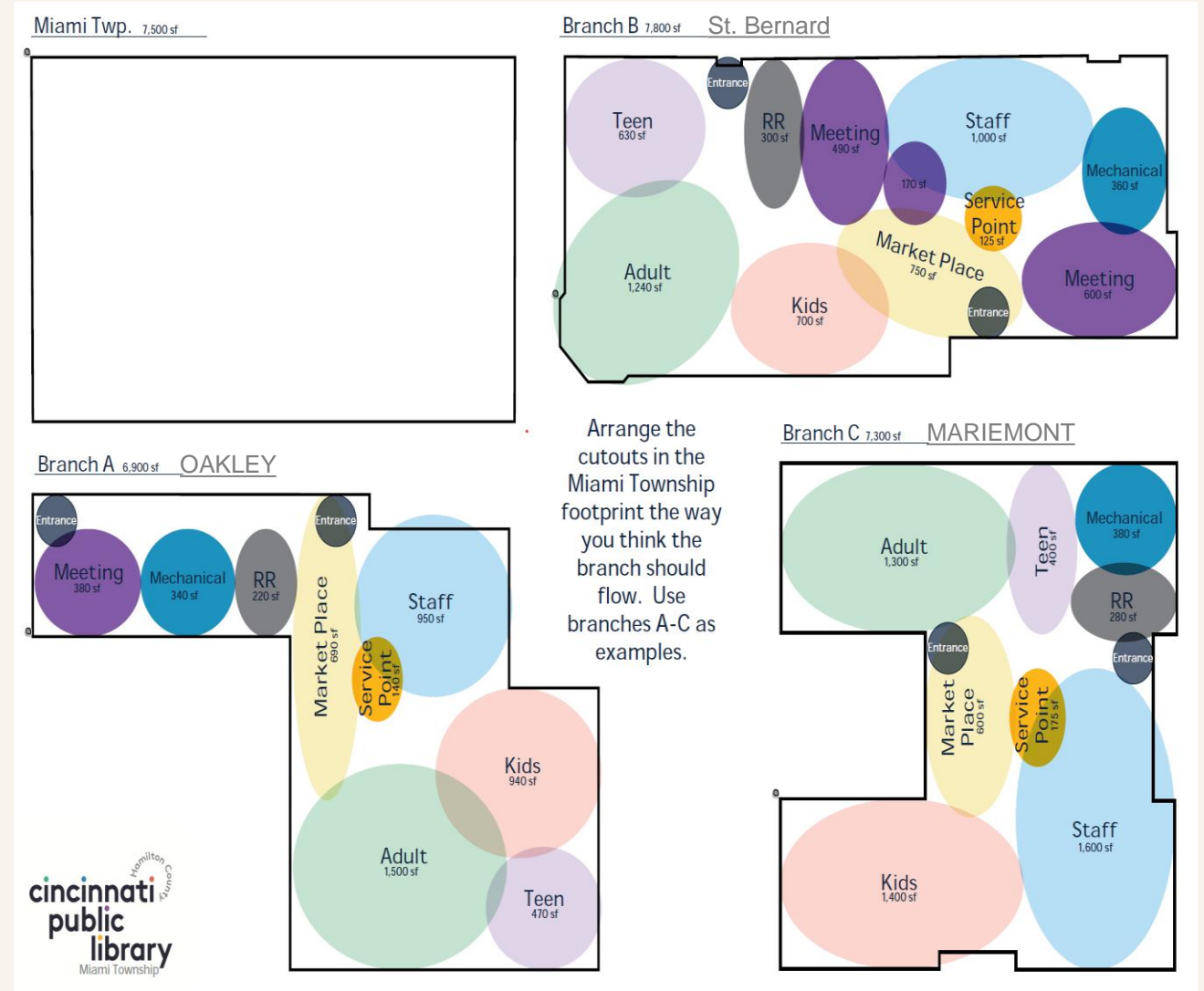
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Library Interiors & Activities

- Identify images that speak to you

Plan Your Branch Interactive

- Use floorplan outline and library-area cutouts to create your ideal branch



Thank You!

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