LIBRARY STRATEGIES

ICfL Capital Improvement Grant Consulting Support

**Webinar 1 of 8:
Remodels, Expansions, and Rebuilds "101"**

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1. **Remodels, Expansions, and Rebuilds "101"** [TODAY!]

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5. **Construction Administration** [2/1/24]

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8. **Case Study Spotlight #2: New Builds & Rebuilds** [5/2/24]

Thought Exercise:

What fits your library and community best?

Library Building Design Trends

1. Light and airy open spaces: fewer permanent interior walls; more interior windows; lower library shelving to optimize daylight

Perry Sipppo Branch, Stark Co. District Library (Ohio)

2. Unfixed flexible spaces: fewer *built-in* service counters and computer stations, allowing for greater floorplan flexibility

3. Collaboration and study spaces: movable/changeable configurations for group study and acoustic separation.

Photo Credit: The Library Store

4. Power <u>everywhere</u>: tables, lounge furniture, dedicated charging stations + wireless charging areas.

Photo Credit: The Library Store

5. Furniture trends: sit-to-stand tables, flip-top mobile tables, high back lounge seating (all with casters for easy reconfiguration); mix of individual and group study areas

Photo Credit: KI Furniture

Library Operations* Trends

Wikimedia Commons

*with important implications for construction, renovation and reconfiguration

1. Collection Spaces: Reductions to on-site print collections, making room for additional seating and collaborative workspace areas.

Washington County Library, MN (in progress, 10/16/23 – more furniture will be added in Nov.)

2. E-Book Collections: a greater share of the collection budget is going toward e-resources.

- Digital delivery is an expected delivery model

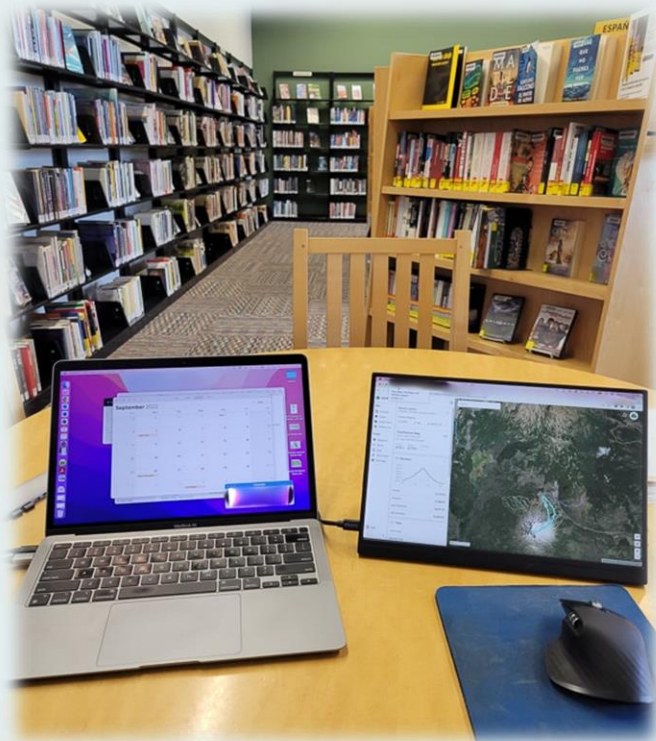- Implications for brick-and-mortar library spaces

3. Outdoor environments: Libraries are incorporating/ maximizing all available outdoor space for patron learning and enrichment.

Mt. Olive Public Library (NJ) & Albion District Library (MI)

4. Remote Work: Libraries provide resources and services to support remote work (comfortable space; Wi-Fi, printing, and scanning access, etc.)
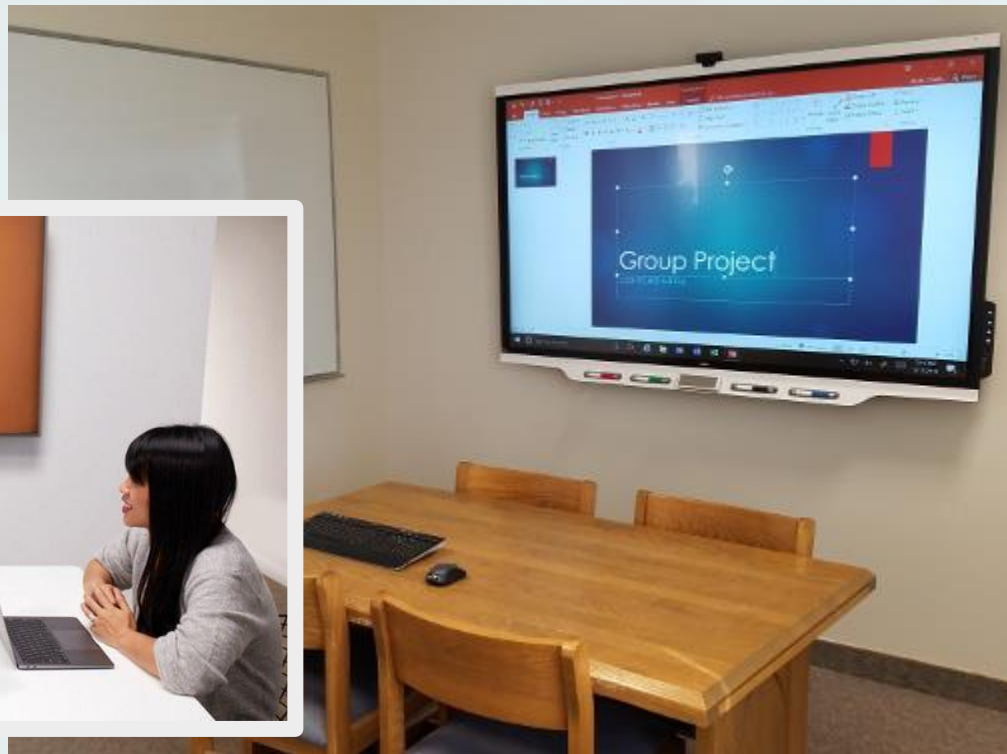
Washington-Centerville Library (OH)

![Library Strategies logo]

5. Accessibility of Programs and Services:

Libraries offering *both* in-person and online services; using virtual platforms + tools for online/hybrid options.

Photo Credit: Owl Labs

6. Community Spaces: Libraries "doubling down" as centers for lifelong learning and community connection

(Think: lecture series, civic education, entertainment and "edu-tainment.")

Rowan Public Library (NC)

Kenton Co. Public Library (KY)

7. Partnerships: Libraries are partnering with other community members and organizations to provide more comprehensive opportunities to their communities.

Sitka Public Library (AK)

Dazzling Dave, Yo-Yo Master

Thursday, July 6 | 2 p.m.
R.H. Stafford Library, Woodbury

Washington County LIBRARY

Washington Co. Library (MN)

8. Public/Private Funding Models: Libraries are exploring new funding models with a combination of public/private funding streams and looking for more annual support from their support groups.

9. Staffing Changes: Librarian work is moving out from "behind the desk." Successful teams are digital mentors, active partners within their city/co. structures, and more.

Kent Co. Public Library (MD)

Removal of large, imposing reference desk as part of wider effort to integrate staff and patrons – inside the library and out!

10. Demographic Changes: Populations are growing and diversifying, with implications for all library services, programs and spaces.

Gail Borden Public Library (IL):
Memory Care Collection, part of larger Senior Collection for aging population

Plano Public Library (TX):
ESL Collection

Questions?

Renovation, Expansion or New Construction?

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Public + Private Funding

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What is the condition of the building?

- Is it unredeemable, and if so, is this obvious to everyone?

- Does it have good "bones" and can be refurbished with updates or renovations?

- Is it ADA accessible?

Has a facility study been done (yet)?

How does the building accommodate technology?

- Does it allow for all the wiring needed?

- Does it allow for placement of computers, etc. to be where most effective — and serve the overall efficiency of the library and its evolving staff model?

Refresh or Renovate: Does the building serve the library well?

- **What frustrations are not actually structure or size-related – but more superficial?**

- **Is your library located at a destination that works well for access (e.g., downtown) or for collaborations (e.g., local schools)?**

Expand: Will a bit more room make a big difference?

- **Is there exterior space to expand into?**

- **Is there an adjacent building option to explore?**

- **What are you actually looking to improve: meeting spaces; children's programming; collections; makerspace needs?**

Construct: Is the building inadequate in size due to steady or increasing usage?

- **Has the library simply outgrown the facility?**

- ***Why* has it outgrown the facility: population growth; more families with young children; need for improved services?**

Physical Considerations (4 of 4)

Is the building actually a sufficient size but still inadequate for today's—and your community's—users and resources?

- **Simply out of date or not built for current-day service delivery model?**

- **Is there a feeling that the community deserves a better space?**

How important/useful are the exterior spaces of the library?

- **Is there significant green space?**

- **Is there a desire to do more exterior "fixed" programming: e.g., storywalks; gazebos; reading gardens; teaching gardens (herbs, etc.); etc.?**

- **Does the exterior expand opportunities for collaborations with other organizations to use/enhance this space?**

Practical Considerations (1 of 3)

Which option does the Library Board support?

- **Is your board advisory or governing?**

- **Are they all in agreement?**

- **Do you need more board development to achieve strong support for your "case statement"?**

Does library have — or have access to — the funds for an expansion or new build?

- **Are the funds already there for you, or (more likely) will you need to go after it?**

Practical Considerations (2 of 3)

**Will there be a need for additional staffing as a result…
and, if so, will there be additional funding available for the
increased operational costs?**

- **Capital dollars are often easier to come by because they are one-time: both
  from public and private sources.**

- **Operating dollars are very hard to come by because they are perpetual:
  public fears the increases; private doesn't like to fund operating.**

Have alternative service models been considered?

- **Do you really need more space, or just reconfiguring?**

- **Are you doing things that are no longer as necessary, just because you
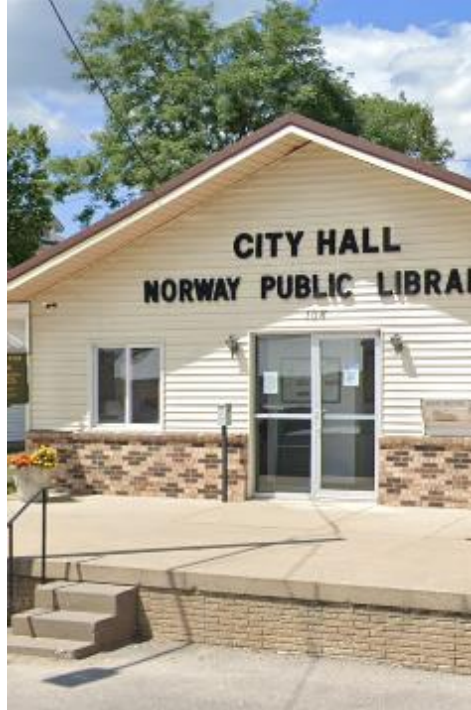 always have?**

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Have collections already been "right-sized," both print on shelves and print-digital ratios?

- Have you weeded aggressively and have a weeding policy and cycle?

- What is the ratio of print v. digital usage for your community?

- What do your reference and periodical collection look like? Still too big?

- What is the ratio—and relationship—between your library and others, in terms of "collection" being available?

Does your *programming growth* have to be in the library?

- Do you program *only* in the library, or consider all viable spaces in the community as your "library"?

- Ex.: What about locations maintained by your collaborative partners?

- Consider how using other spaces could help with long-term political will…

Small & Rural Considerations

Cost Considerations: Primer

1. **Refresh cost per square foot - $65-80/ft.**

2. **Renovation cost per square foot - $120-150/ft.**

3. **Expansion cost per square foot** *(ground level)* **- $280-320/ft.**

4. **Expansion cost per square foot** *(second level)* **- $300-340/ft.**

5. **Construction or new build per square foot - $360-400/ft.**

Questions?