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New Madison Public Library Fact Sheet

- What will be the location of the new Madison Public Library?
The new library will be built at 142 Plaza Blvd., on a lot two doors east of its current location.

- How big will the new library be?
The new library will be 25,000 square feet. This is 10,000 square feet larger than the current library (about two-thirds larger).

- What kinds of amenities will this library have that makes this building different and better than the current library?
The new Madison Public Library will feature:
 - An open/bookstore-style floor plan
 - Enlarged meeting spaces that will be accessible after hours
 - Private study rooms and a small board room with the latest technology available in each space
 - Art gallery
 - Expanded Friends of the Library Bookstore
 - Creativity lab
 - Plenty of natural light
 - An indoor fireplace for cozy reading
 - Family bathroom facilities
 - Automated materials handling for speedy returns and processing
 - Separate children's storytime room
 - Interactive early literacy center
 - Tween gaming center
 - Separate teen space
 - A large outdoor screen for movie screenings
 - A natural outdoor amphitheater
 - Outdoor seating
 - State-of-the-art technology

- What about the current building makes a new library necessary?
The current library, located at 130 Plaza Blvd., was designed to serve a population of 20,000 per year. With the tremendous growth of the City of Madison, we outgrew that



building in 2007. We now serve a population of over 55,000 per year and it is expected that our patron-base will continue to grow.

- Why did you choose this location for the new building?
This location was chosen, in part, because geographically it is in the center of the City of Madison. It is also in long-term planning that the City would like to keep the municipal buildings as close as possible to each other. This location will be within a short distance of the new Kroger and several businesses in the vicinity of that shopping area, so it will be convenient to both shopping and official city business. Eventually, this library will become the main branch of the Madison Public Library as we continue to grow and add branches.
- What will happen to the old building?
The current building serving as Madison Public Library is a municipal building and the City of Madison will decide on how to repurpose the building.
- What will happen to the old Kroger building?
We do not know anything about plans for the old Kroger building.
- Will you be expanding your staff when you move into the new building?
We do not have plans at this time for hiring additional staff.
- Have you chosen an architect?
We have been working closely with Holzheimer Bolek Meehan Architects (HBM) and Fuqua and Associates on this project for more than a year now, and plans are nearing completion.
- What is the timeline for this project?
Quiet fundraising has begun, and the construction part of the project will go out for bid by the end of August 2016. The ground-breaking ceremony is projected for November 2016.
- How long has the prospect of a new Madison Public Library been in serious consideration?
We have had discussions and planning sessions for this library since 2012. The city council and the mayor have made this new library a priority because they recognize the need to accommodate our rapidly growing community.
- Have you sought any input from the public regarding a new library?
Yes. Since November 2013, we have had two separate town hall meetings and four interactive forums with focus groups to discuss the project and the amenities the public would like to have in their new library. These meetings have been publicly announced and well-attended.



- How much will this library cost?

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$10.2 million. The City of Madison has secured a bond for \$8.5 million to invest in the library. At this time, Madison County has not contributed to the capital needed for the library. While in the quiet fundraising phase, we have already received several large donations to help cover the \$1.7 million community fundraising goal. We are now transitioning to the active fundraising phase and encourage anyone who would like to contribute to contact library Director of Institutional Advancement Susan Markham at smarkham@hmcpl.org to discuss giving opportunities.

- Where can I find additional information and updates?

We encourage you to visit the Huntsville Library Foundation website (HuntsvilleLibraryFoundation.org/capitalcampaigns) for news and updates regarding this project. If you have any additional questions regarding the new Madison Public Library, including fundraising, design, layout, amenities, necessity, etc., please contact Susan Markham at smarkham@hmcpl.org. Questions regarding the proposal process, bid process, construction and architect selection, etc. should be directed to Mary Beth Broeren at (256) 772-2885 or marybeth.broeren@madisonal.gov.