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HELP CREATE MADISON'S NEW 21ST-CENTURY LIBRARY

Madison branch library seeks input from public regarding design of new library

MADISON (September 8, 2015) – Plans are underway for a new library in Madison, and the project leaders want to hear from you about what kind of library you want for your community. The library will host *Creating Our Library Space: A Meeting with the Architect* at Madison City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, September 15, from 6-8 p.m. Architect and design principal Peter Bolek from Holzheimer Bolek + Meehan Architects (HBM) will share ideas and garner feedback from the public regarding the design of the new library.

This is an opportunity for the public to learn the concepts of the 21st-century library and interact with the design team. Members of the public will see images and design styles to spark ideas, gain an understanding of possibilities and start thinking outside of the current library space. Participants will be able to identify their likes and dislikes and interact with the team to share their vision of the new library.

“We ask Madison residents to attend with an open mind, a vision to the future and the energy and excitement that already makes Madison such a uniquely exciting place to live,” said Madison branch manager Sarah Sledge.

Construction of the new 35,000-square-foot library is slated to begin in fall of 2016 and is projected to cost \$8-9 million. This project will be a state-of-the-art example of the 21st-century library concept. Some features in the plans include:

- An interactive children’s department

- Collaborative technology spaces for teens
- An expanded Friends of the Library bookstore—Madison’s only used book store
- Quiet reading spaces
- Meeting spaces for business groups
- Private study spaces for individuals and groups
- A coffee bar
- An interactive maker space...and more!

Bolek, AIA, NCARB, and HBM were selected through a detailed interview process by a joint committee from the City of Madison, the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library and the construction management team from Turner Construction. Bolek is a nationally recognized architect, and 95 percent of his design work is for the library industry. He regularly presents at library design workshops and conventions for the American Library Association.

Creating Our Library Space: A Meeting with the Architect is open to the public and those interested in contributing their thoughts regarding the design are encouraged to attend. No registration is required. For more information, contact Director of Public Relations Laura McPhail at lmcphail@hmcpl.org.

About Huntsville-Madison County Public Library

This is the public’s library. Huntsville-Madison County Public Library (HMCPL) is a nonprofit 12-branch system that serves all of Madison County,. For nearly 200 years, the library has been dedicated to enriching the educational, recreational and cultural lives of communities in Madison County through materials, information and programs that foster a lifelong love of learning. In addition to the collection of over 500,000 items, HMCPL also provides outreach services, a BookMobile and Book Bike, online services, training, an extensive digital collection, public-use computers, free Wi-Fi, meeting spaces and much more. For more information about HMCPL and its services, please visit www.hmcpl.org.

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