

# DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

## December 2019

### Activities

Interior renovation plans were posted on the website and in our three locations. We accepted online and paper feedback December 11-31. **The online survey had 419 visitors with 241 responses;** we also received **30 paper surveys.** The survey was all open-ended questions, and we received some excellent feedback which has been compiled for the Building Renovation Committee to review.

Management Team finished creating strategic plan action steps for 2020. The complete 2020 plan is attached.

### External Meetings

- POC Board Meeting, 12/4
- Schaumburg TIF Joint Review Board, 12/4
- Leadership Coaching Group, 12/6
- District 15 Community Partners, 12/9
- Palatine TIF Joint Review Board, 12/9
- Foundation Meeting, 12/14
- Hoffman Estates Chamber WEB Meeting, 12/16
- Hoffman Estates Chamber Holiday Lunch, 12/18

### Upcoming Events

#### January 2020

January 29                      Friends of the Library, 7pm

#### February 2020

February 6                      Policy Committee, 9am  
February 14-16                Friends Book Sale  
February 17                      Legislative Breakfast  
February 18                      Regular Board Meeting, 7pm

*Jeannie Dilger*

BOARD CALENDAR  
2020

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TRUSTEES</u>	<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>	<u>IL LAW CITATION</u>
<b>JANUARY</b>			
	Inventory contents of lockbox		
	Review minutes of closed sessions		(5 ILCS 120/2.06(a))
		File certificate with County Assessor indicating that there has been no change in ownership of use of district property	(35 ILCS 200/15-10)
		Board review of Strategic Plan annual action items	
		Annual review of succession plan	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
	Receive report of committee to review minutes of closed sessions		(5 ILCS 120/2.06)
		Certify to County Clerk list of those needing to file Statements of Economic Interest	(5 ILCS 420/4A-101 and 4A-106)
		File a sworn, detailed, and itemized statement of receipts and expenditures for the prior six months with Board Secretary	(50 ILCS 305/1)
<b>MARCH</b>			
		File annual library certification with Illinois State Library	
<b>APRIL</b>			
	Finance Committee meets to review budget for coming year		
		Annual review of Library's disaster and emergency plans	
	File Statement of Economic Interest	File Statement of Economic Interest	(5 ILCS 420/4A-100 and 420 ILCS 420/4A 105)
<b>MAY</b>			
	Board reviews proposed Working Budget for coming year		
	Set schedule of closings for upcoming fiscal year		
<b>JUNE</b>			
	Adopt Working Budget for coming year		
	Adopt prevailing wage ordinance		(820 ILCS 130/9 and 820 ILCS 130/4)
	Adopt ordinance regarding Building Maintenance Fund Levy	Publish Maintenance Fund Levy Ordinance	(75 ILCS 16/35-5(b))
	Administrators		(75 ILCS 16/35-5(b))
	Appoint committee to review closed session minutes		
	Appoint committee to audit FY Board meeting minutes		
		Update FOIA information (print and web)	
		Fiscal year ends June 30	(75 ILCS 16/35-40)
<b>JULY</b>			
		Fiscal year begins July 1	(75 ILCS 16/35-40)
		Set date for hearing on Budget & Appropriations Ordinance; publish notice.	(75 ILCS 16/30-85; 50 ILCS 330/3)
		Mid-Year review of Strategic Plan progress	

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<b>AUGUST</b>			
	Approve Certification of Annual Report to State Library		(75 ILCS 16/30-65)
	Receive report of committee to review minutes of closed sessions		(5 ILCS 120/2.06)
	Receive report of committee to audit FY Board meeting minutes		(75 ILCS 16/30-65 c)
		Prepare tentative B&A Ordinance, post in Library for inspection.	(75 ILCS 16/30-85; 50 ILCS 330/3)
		File a sworn, detailed and itemized statement of receipts and expenditures for the prior six months with Board Secretary	(50 ILCS 305/1)
		Post the total compensation package of employees \$75,000 or greater	(5 ILCS 120/7.3)
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
	Public hearing on Budget and Appropriations Ordinance	Publish certified copy of Budget & Appropriations Ordinance	(75 ILCS 16/30-85; 50 ILCS 330/3)
	Adopt Budget & Appropriations Ordinance	File certified copy of Budget & Appropriations Ordinance with County Clerk	(75 ILCS 16/30-85(a))
		File Estimate of revenues certificate with county clerk	(35 ILCS 200/18-50)
		Determine if this year's tax levy increase is 5% or more; Publish Notice of Public Hearing on tax levy, if necessary	(35 ILCS 200/18-75 and 200/18-80)
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
		File Unclaimed Property report with State Treasurer's office	
	President appoints Director Review Committee		
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
	Public Hearing on Tax Levy if necessary	File certified copy of Tax Ordinance with County Clerk	(35 ILCS 200/18-75, 200/18-75 and 200/18-80)
	Adopt Tax Levy Ordinance	Make copy of Tax Levy Ordinance available for public inspection	(75 ILCS 16/30-85(b))
		Study and plan for TIF retirement or declaration of surplus	
	Adopt Salary Schedule for coming year		
	Complete director evaluation forms		
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
	Approve annual IL Per Capita Grant application		
	Appoint Committee to review closed session minutes		
	Appoint Committee to inventory contents of lock box		
		File annual statement of receipts and disbursements; publish availability.	(30 ILCS 15/1 and 15/2)
		Review independent contractors to ensure compliance with applicable federal and state statutes	
	Adopt ordinance setting dates of Board meetings for calendar year	Publish notice to media of the schedule of regular meetings and post on Library's website	(5 ILCS 120/2.02)
	Annual adoption of ordinance for issuance of non-resident fee cards and method for assessing fee (23 IL ADC 3050.20)		
	Director's annual review		

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<b><u>2020</u></b>			
		Conduct Community Survey (last completed in 2016)	
	Trustee candidates petition to be on ballot (even years)		(10 ILCS 5/10-4)
<b><u>2021</u></b>			
	Trustee election (April, odd numbered years only)		(10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(b)) and (10 ILCS 5/22-17)
	Appoint Nominating Committee (April, odd numbered years only)		
	Organize Board and Elect Officers (May, odd numbered years only)		(75 ILCS 16/30-40)
		Conduct Compensation and Market Study (last completed in 2017)	
		Update Capitol Needs Study (last completed in 2017)	
		Conduct Appraisal of all Library properties for insurance purposes (last completed 2013)	
<b><u>2022</u></b>			
		Conduct Financial Management plan (last completed in 2018)	
		Conduct space needs study (last completed in 2018)	
<b><u>2023</u></b>			
		Conduct employee opinion survey (last completed 2015)	

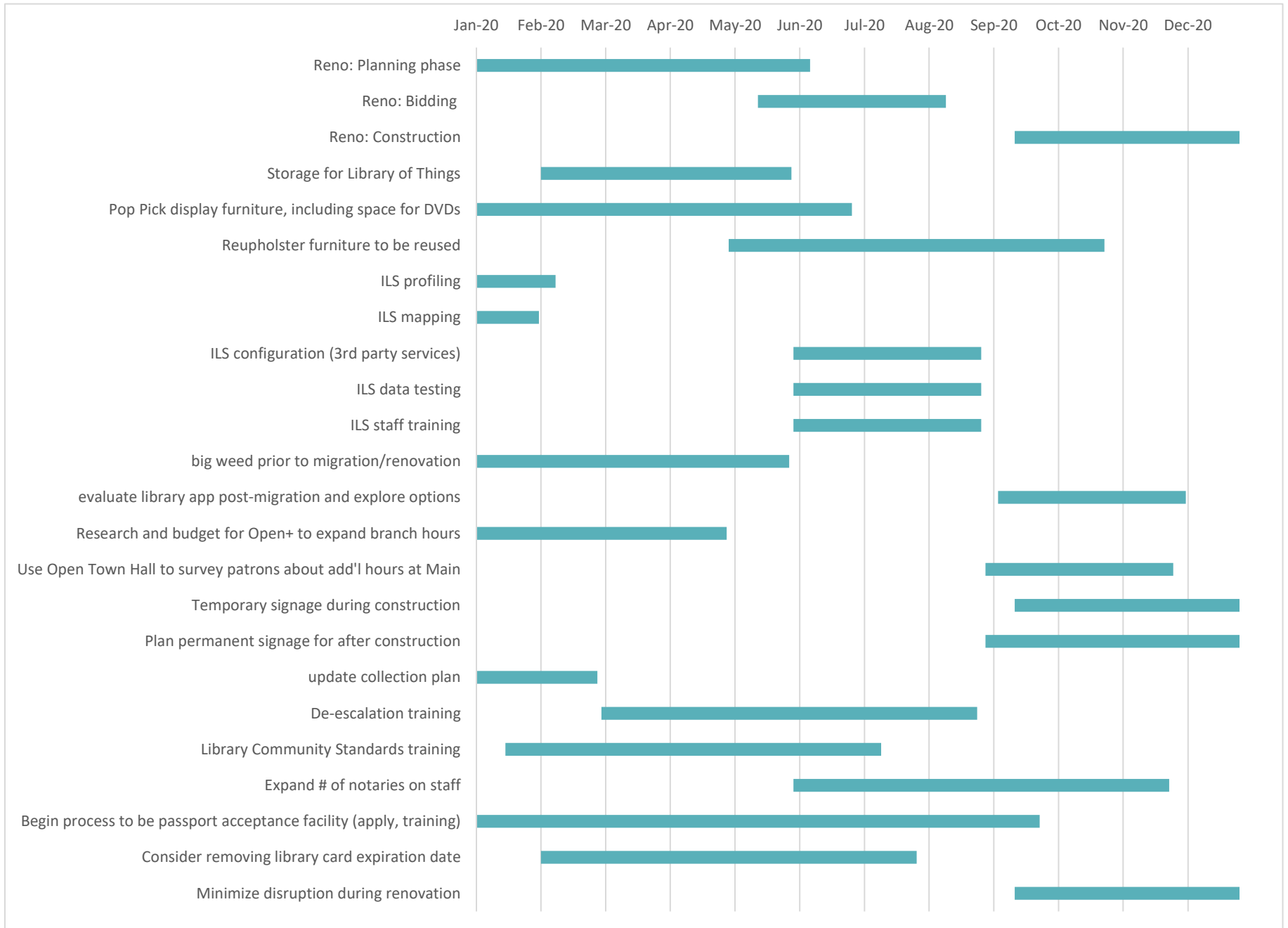
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Goals	Themes	Actions	Start Date	# Days	End Date	Status
<b>1.1: The library has comfortable, flexible spaces that encourage use and connection.</b>						
		<b>Interior renovation</b>				
		Reno: Planning phase	7/15/2019	330	6/9/2020	
		Reno: Bidding	5/15/2020	90	8/13/2020	
		Reno: Construction	9/15/2020	480	1/8/2022	
		<b>Make minor changes not dependent on the renovation</b>				
		Storage for Library of Things	2/1/2020	120	5/31/2020	
		Pop Pick display furniture, including space for DVDs	1/1/2020	180	6/29/2020	
		Reupholster furniture to be reused	5/1/2020	180	10/28/2020	
<b>1.2: The library's collection is vibrant and convenient to access.</b>						
		<b>ILS Migration</b>				
		ILS profiling	12/10/2019	60	2/8/2020	
		ILS mapping	1/1/2020	30	1/31/2020	
		ILS configuration (3rd party services)	6/1/2020	90	8/30/2020	
		ILS data testing	6/1/2020	90	8/30/2020	
		ILS staff training	6/1/2020	90	8/30/2020	
		big weed prior to migration/renovation	1/1/2020	150	5/30/2020	
		evaluate library app post-migration and explore options	9/7/2020	90	12/6/2020	
		<b>Ease of Access</b>				
		Research and budget for Open+ to expand branch hours	1/1/2020	120	4/30/2020	
		Use Open Town Hall to survey patrons about add'l hours at Main	9/1/2020	90	11/30/2020	
		Temporary signage during construction	9/15/2020	480	1/8/2022	
		Plan permanent signage for after construction	9/1/2020	180	2/28/2021	
		<b>Collection Analysis</b>				
		update collection plan	9/1/2019	180	2/28/2020	

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<b>1.3: The library is committed to quality patron interactions.</b>						
		<b>Training for staff and patrons</b>				
		De-escalation training	3/1/2020	180	8/28/2020	
		Library Community Standards training	1/15/2020	180	7/13/2020	
		<b>Add or improve services</b>				
		Expand # of notaries on staff	6/1/2020	180	11/28/2020	
		Begin process to be passport acceptance facility (apply, training)	1/1/2020	270	9/27/2020	
		Consider removing library card expiration date	2/1/2020	180	7/30/2020	
		Minimize disruption during renovation	9/15/2020	480	1/8/2022	

# Experience Chart

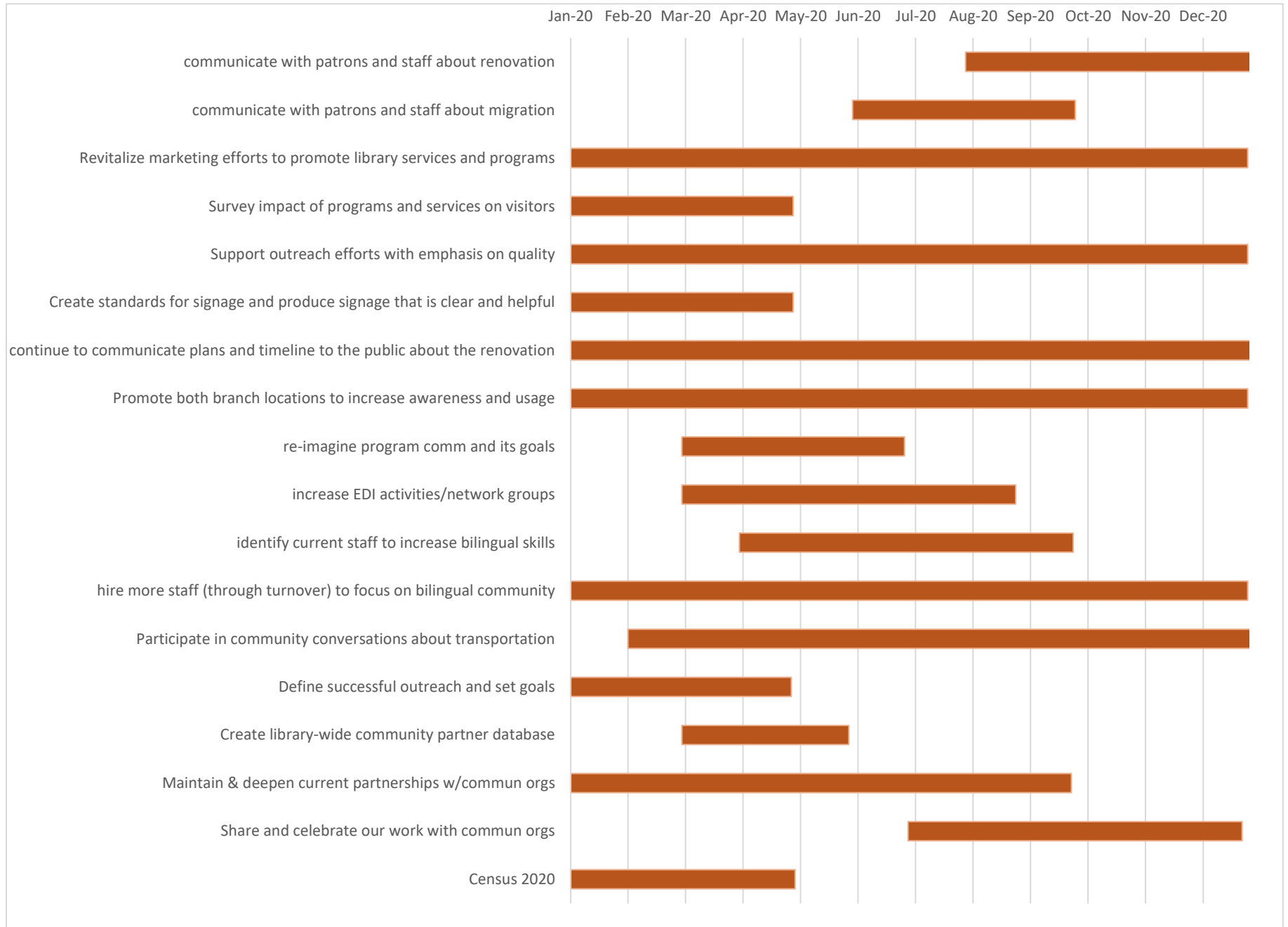


**2 Engagement:** We work continuously with the community to increase our reach and expand our impact. *We are a valued community partner.*

Goals	Themes	Actions	Start Date	# Days	End Date	Status
<b>2.1: The community has high awareness of library services and programs.</b>						
		<b>Communicate about Changes</b>				
		communicate with patrons and staff about renovation	8/1/2020	510	12/24/2021	
		communicate with patrons and staff about migration	6/1/2020	120	9/29/2020	
		<b>Implement Marketing Plan</b>				
		Revitalize marketing efforts to promote library services and programs	1/1/2020	365	12/31/2020	
		Survey impact of programs and services on visitors	1/1/2020	120	4/30/2020	
		Support outreach efforts with emphasis on quality	1/1/2020	365	12/31/2020	
		Create standards for wayfinding signage and produce signage that is clear and helpful for visitors	1/1/2020	120	4/30/2020	
		continue to communicate plans and timeline to the public about the renovation master plan	1/1/2020	720	12/21/2021	
		Promote both branch locations to increase awareness and usage	1/1/2020	365	12/31/2020	
		<b>Programming</b>				
		re-imagine program comm and its goals	3/1/2020	120	6/29/2020	
<b>2.2: The library interacts with its diverse community to discover and respond to current needs of all groups.</b>						
		<b>Bilingual Services</b>				
		increase EDI activities/network groups	3/1/2020	180	8/28/2020	
		identify current staff to increase bilingual skills	4/1/2020	180	9/28/2020	
		hire more staff (through turnover) to focus on bilingual community	1/1/2020	365	12/31/2020	
<b>2.3: The library creates and deepens meaningful partnerships with local organizations and businesses.</b>						
		<b>Overcome Transportation Barriers</b>				
		Participate in community conversations about transportation	2/1/2020	365	1/31/2021	
		<b>Outreach</b>				
		Define successful outreach and set goals	11/1/2019	180	4/29/2020	
		Create library-wide community partner database	3/1/2020	90	5/30/2020	
		Maintain & deepen current partnerships w/commun orgs	1/1/2020	270	9/27/2020	
		Share and celebrate our work with commun orgs	7/1/2020	180	12/28/2020	
<b>Census 20</b>	<b>Census 2020</b>		12/3/2019	150	5/1/2020	



# Engagement Chart



**3 Endurance:** We strive for sustainability in our practices, human and financial resources, and facilities. *We are a resilient organization.*

Goals	Themes	Actions	Start Date	# Days	End Date	Status
<b>3.1:</b> The library is a trusted steward of resources.						
		<b>Monitor Finances</b>				
		Monitor TIFs and TIF distributions	12/1/2019	180	5/29/2020	
		Examine investment strategy	1/15/2020	60	3/15/2020	
		Issue bonds to finance renovation	1/15/2020	180	7/13/2020	
		<b>Transparency</b>				
		Publish stats online	6/1/2019	270	2/26/2020	
		Train appropriate staff to navigate OpenGov	2/26/2020	90	5/26/2020	
		Utilize OpenGov Stories and Town Hall	1/1/2020	270	9/27/2020	
		Annual report in newsletter	7/1/2020	180	12/28/2020	
		<b>Enrich and expand volunteer opportunities as a mutual support for the Library and the community.</b>				
		diversify volunteer pool (e.g. special needs, court-ordered)	4/1/2020	150	8/29/2020	
		recruit volunteer greeters during renovation	9/1/2020	90	11/30/2020	
<b>3.2:</b> The library is a preferred employer that values staff development and retention.						
		<b>Improve Employee Engagement at the library.</b>				
		Study workload in public service departments	10/15/2019	210	5/12/2020	
		Adjust staffing based on workload study and new interior floor plan	5/15/2020	90	8/13/2020	
		Tweak new performance evaluation form	2/1/2020	90	5/1/2020	
		Offer more opportunities to join committees	5/1/2020	120	8/29/2020	
		Enhance staff recognition program	1/1/2020	90	3/31/2020	
		Spotlight milestone anniversaries	1/1/2020	90	3/31/2020	
		<b>Competitive Salary/Benefits</b>				
		Examine possibility of family insurance	4/1/2020	60	5/31/2020	
		Evaluate work schedules with breaks including weekend shifts	4/1/2020	90	6/30/2020	
		Hire subs or consider "on call" staff. Budget & post positions	3/1/2020	180	8/28/2020	
		<b>Staff Training</b>				
		implement collaborative classroom idea	3/1/2020	180	8/28/2020	
		cross train staff to cover desks in other departments	6/1/2020	120	9/29/2020	
		Active shooter training	12/1/2019	90	2/29/2020	

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Goals	Themes	Actions	Start Date	# Days	End Date	Status
<b>3.3:</b> The library's systems and facilities are resilient, modern, and efficient.						
		<b>Maintain and improve the Library's three locations, including buildings and maintenance systems.</b>				
		Repair concrete in underground parking garage	7/1/2020	120	10/29/2020	
		Revise emergency manual	5/1/2020	90	7/30/2020	
		Train staff on healthy hygiene practices to reduce sick time	9/1/2020	90	11/30/2020	
		Examine emergency communication practices, consider app	9/1/2020	30	10/1/2020	
		<b>Regularly review, replace, and upgrade technology systems in order to meet the needs of patrons and staff.</b>				
		Incorporate Office 365 into workflows	3/1/2020	180	8/28/2020	
		Investigate LOOPS update for Meeting Room 1	2/1/2020	60	4/1/2020	
		Network review & revamping	1/1/2020	360	12/26/2020	
		New WiFi	12/1/2019	90	2/29/2020	
		Investigate data backup systems	7/1/2020	90	9/29/2020	
		Simple Scan Station	1/1/2020	90	3/31/2020	
		New Intranet	1/1/2020	120	4/30/2020	
		New Firewall	9/1/2020	120	12/30/2020	
		New Security Cameras	3/1/2020	120	6/29/2020	

## Endurance Chart



December 18, 2019

**Make a gingerbread house:**

The Palatine Public Library District will host a family gingerbread house program for cardholders from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Children 4 and older, along with their families, can decorate a gingerbread house together. The library will provide one gingerbread house per family plus decorating supplies. Tickets required. For information, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 132, or visit [palatinelibrary.org](http://palatinelibrary.org).

**Family Gingerbread House:**

6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, Palatine Library, 700 N. North Court, Palatine. Get ready for the holiday season by decorating a gingerbread house with your family. The library provides the supplies and you provide the creativity. For ages 4 and older. Tickets available; valid district cardholders only. Visit [palatinelibrary.org/events/month](http://palatinelibrary.org/events/month).

December 30, 2019

**Noon Year's Eve Dance Party:**

11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, Palatine Public Library, 700 N. North Court, Palatine. Ring in the New Year with a family-friendly dance party. Dance along to pop hits and storytime favorites, take a family photo at the photo booth, make a memory book and count-down to noon with an apple juice toast. All ages. Tickets available for valid District cardholders. For more information, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 132, or visit [palatine library.org](http://palatine library.org).

December 26, 2019

**Power Employment Workshop:**

9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, Palatine Public Library, 700 N. North Court, Palatine. Bring your lunch to this workshop from Illinois workNet. Discover how to set goals, use social media, get past applicant tracking systems and interview effectively to land the job. To sign up, visit [worknetncc.com](http://worknetncc.com) and click the link under "Events."

**Office Hours from the Office of Sen. Ann Gillespie:**

3:30-5:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, Palatine Public Library, 700 N. North Court, Palatine. Drop in to talk with a representative from Sen. Ann Gillespie's office. Ask about the senator's positions on bills and issues, or share your own opinions. Get help and information on navigating state agencies. Call (847) 358-5881, ext. 100, or visit [palatinelibrary.org](http://palatinelibrary.org).

**SCORE Entrepreneur Mentor-**

**ing:** 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, Palatine Public Library, 700 N. North Court, Palatine. Do you have a business question? SCORE's experienced business mentors provide advice on every aspect of business planning, startup, management and growth. To schedule a one-hour appointment, visit [score.org/find-mentor](http://score.org/find-mentor). For information, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 167, or visit [palatinelibrary.org](http://palatinelibrary.org).

January 7, 2020

**The 1920s, Flappers, Speakeasies, and Coolidge:**

6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, Palatine Public Library, 700 N. North Court, Palatine. Historian Jim Gibbons presents on the era of the 1920s when life ran fast-paced with both fun and danger. To sign up, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 167, or visit [palatinelibrary.org](http://palatinelibrary.org).

January 1, 2020

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January 8, 2020

**Learn mindfulness at library:**

Palatine Public Library District will host a "Mindfulness for Beginners" program for adults from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16. The evening will feature Chris George teaching simple strategies for cultivating mindfulness in everyday life. To sign up for the free program, call (847) 358-5881, ext. 167, or visit [palatinelibrary.org](http://palatinelibrary.org). The library is at 700 N. North Court in Palatine.

## Finals Week Support: Comfort Dogs

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Mon, Dec. 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Palatine Public Library, 700 North North Court, Palatine, IL, 60067

Need a break from studying? Stop by Palatine Library and spend some time with a friendly, furry friend to forget all your worries! Grades 9 – 12. Drop in. For more information, call 847-358-5881, x132 or visit [palatinelibrary.org](http://palatinelibrary.org).

## An Old-Fashioned Christmas

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Tue, Dec. 17, 2019 at 6:30 PM

Palatine Public Library, 700 North North Court, Palatine, IL, 60067

Author Rochelle Pennington joins us at Palatine Library and captures the spirit of bygone holidays between 1930 and 1960 with heartwarming highlights of Christmas feasts, holiday shopping through the Sears catalog, and many more cherished memories. Books will be available for purchase. To sign up, call 847-358-5881, x167 or visit [palatinelibrary.org](http://palatinelibrary.org).

**Palatine Journal**

**December 12, 2019**

# **Sign Up For Palatine Library Winter Reading Challenge**

**Palatine Library Winter Reading Challenge: Tales for Tails begins Monday, Dec. 16 through Friday, Jan. 31.**

For a fifth year in a row, participants are challenged to help those in need in the community -- just by reading.

When all participants read a combined total of 7,000 books, Palatine Bank & Trust and Warehouse Direct will each donate \$1,000 to Barb's Precious Rescue and Adoption Center; and Andigo Credit Union in Schaumburg will donate \$500, for a \$2,500 grand total donation.

All valid district cardholders may participate in the Winter Reading Challenge with their own library card. Visit [palatinelibrary.org](http://palatinelibrary.org) and manage reading progress, download the Beanstack tracker app, or come to any library location and staff will assist.

Upon finishing the program, participants will be entered into a drawing by age category (child, teen, or adult) for a chance to win a gift bag filled with prizes.

Palatine Library is offering two more opportunities to help the community with a Pet Item Drive and making Adoption Folders for Barb's Precious Rescue. Through Dec. 31, bring pet food, toys, and other needed items for cats and dogs to the main library for Barb's. Additionally, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 9, drop in at the main library to create folders for new adopters of Barb's.

# Palatine Library Seeks Input On Future Renovations

[journal-topics.com/articles/palatine-library-seeks-input-on-future-renovations/](http://journal-topics.com/articles/palatine-library-seeks-input-on-future-renovations/)

By Journal Staff | on December 13, 2019

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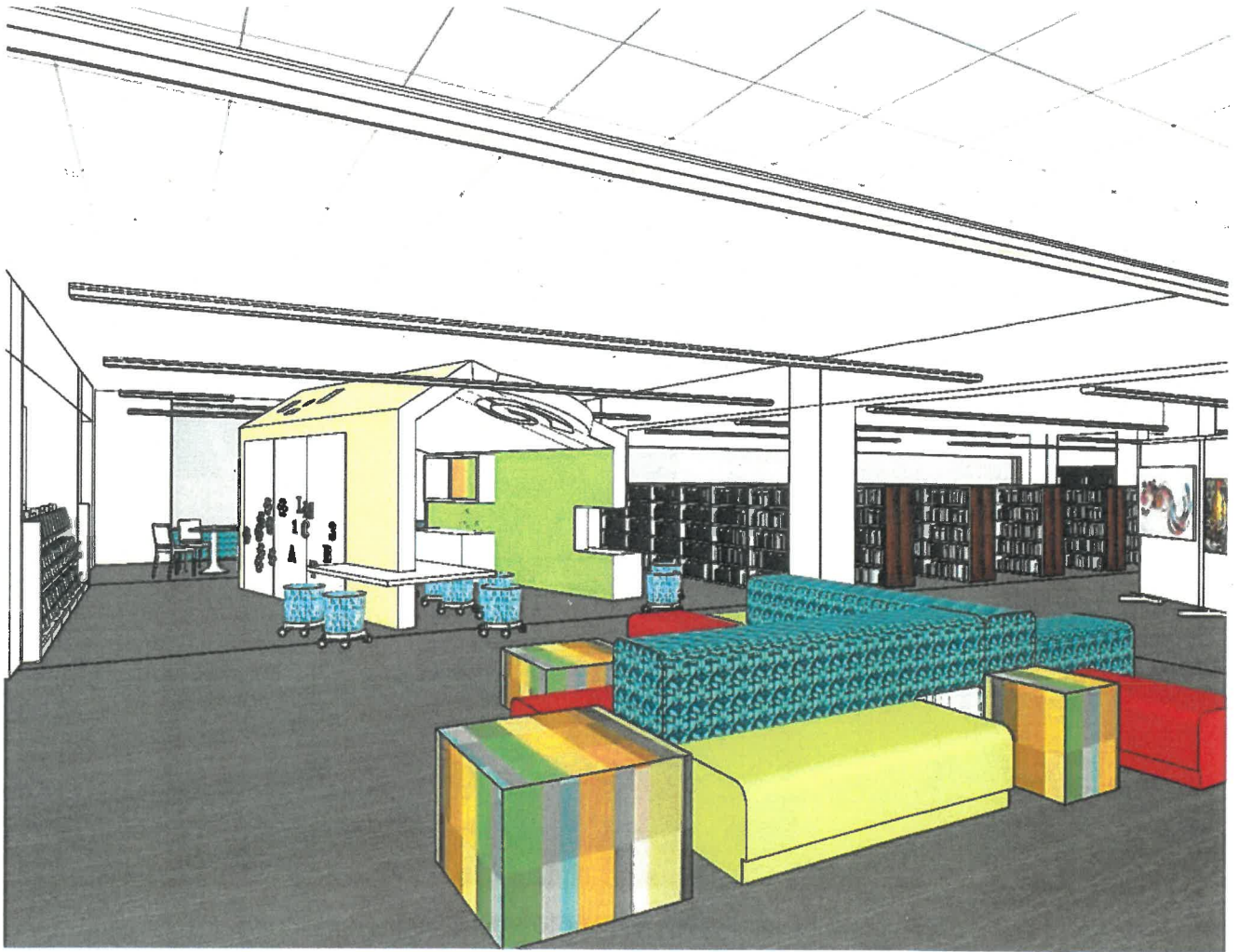
Rendering of the new marketplace.

Backed by this year's property tax referendum approved by voters, the Palatine Public Library District is asking for public input on upcoming renovations at the library's main branch, 700 N. North Ct. in Palatine.

The referendum will increase funding for library operations, capital expenses, debt service and capital repairs.

Approximately two-thirds of voters supported the tax hike during the April 2 election. Taxpayers with a home market value of \$266,000 will see a \$52 increase in taxes paid to the library district in the first year, followed by smaller increases in years after that. Homes worth around \$350,000 will see a \$70 increase in the first year.





Elementary Learning Space rendering.

The main library branch is 25 years old and in need of roof replacement, HVAC system updates and energy-efficient lighting. The library is planning interior renovations for next fall and is asking for public input before any hard decisions are made.

A survey is available on the library's website to provide feedback. To fill out the survey online, people are asked to register with an email address. Those that prefer paper copies should go to any branch.

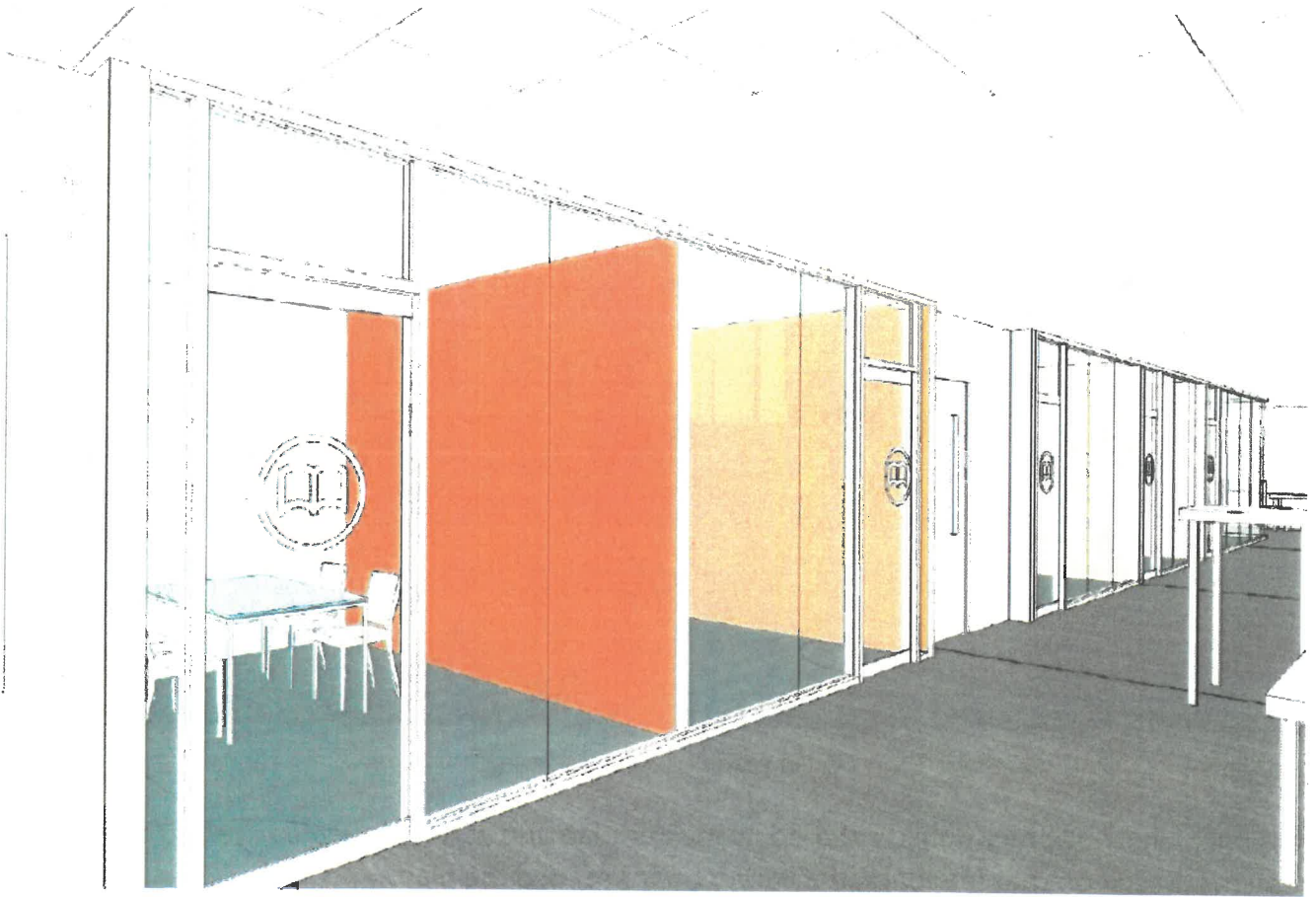


Quiet reading room rendering.

This past July, the library publicly shared its master plan and asked for feedback at public input sessions. Based on that feedback, the library board refined the plan.

In regard to the elementary learning space, library officials state the existing area is great for toddlers and preschoolers, but does not have activities appropriate for elementary school children. An elementary learning space would add interactive activities.

One question on the survey asks what to do with the building's north entrance and if a second entrance should be added. Library officials say accessing the building from the east and west parking lots remains a challenge for some. Aside from being a long walk, there are no sidewalks and patrons must cross in front of the garage entrance or exit.



Rendering of study rooms.

A proposed plan shows an optional second entrance on the north side of the building that would provide easy access from both parking lots and allow for more accessible parking for patrons with disabilities. It would include landscaping and a low wall or similar barrier along the pond.

Earlier this year, the library's teen focus group told library officials it would like a partially enclosed space for studying and group work. The teen collections would be placed outside the room for access by all ages, but officials want to know what users think regarding that potential space as well.

Also earlier this year, the public stated it wanted more new materials on the first floor for quick convenience. The library expanded its "popular picks" and moved the movies, video games and music into the center for a "marketplace" feel. Officials want to know what collection users want to be easily accessible.

In regard to the cafe, the library received prior feedback that patrons would like the cafe that was on the second floor to be more convenient to access, so it was moved to the first floor. The library is researching healthy vending options to add, but would like to know what amenities users would like in a vending cafe.



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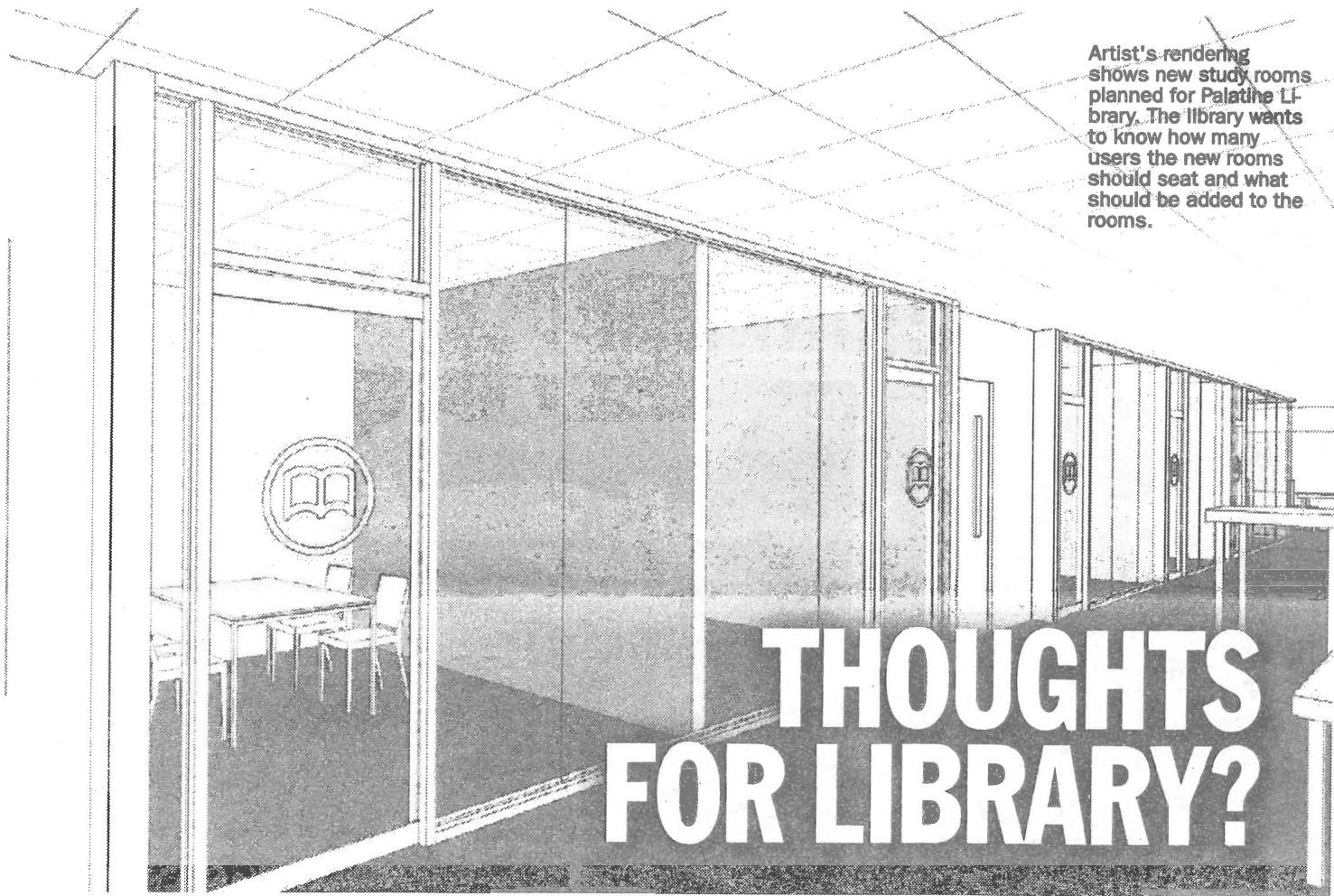
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# THOUGHTS FOR LIBRARY?

## Palatine Library Seeks Input On Future Renovations

Backed by this year's property tax referendum approved by voters, the Palatine Public Library District is asking for public input on upcoming renovations at the library's main branch, 700 N. North Ct. in Palatine.

The referendum will increase funding for library operations, capital expenses, debt service and capital repairs.

Approximately two-thirds of voters supported the tax hike during the April 2 election. Taxpayers with a home market value of \$266,000 will see a \$52 increase in taxes paid to the library district in the first year, followed by smaller increases in years after that. Homes worth around \$350,000 will see a \$70 increase in the first year.

The main library branch is 25 years old and in need of roof replacement, HVAC system updates and energy-efficient lighting. The library is planning interior renovations for next fall and is asking for public input before any hard decisions are made.

A survey is available on the library's website to provide feedback. To fill out the survey online, people are asked to register with an email address. Those that prefer paper copies should go to any branch.

This past July, the library publicly shared its master plan and asked for feedback at public input sessions. Based on that feedback, the library board refined the plan.

In regard to the elementary learning space, library officials

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A proposed plan shows an optional second entrance on the north side of the building that would provide easy access from both parking lots and allow for more

accessible parking for patrons with disabilities. It would include landscaping and a low wall or similar barrier along the pond.

Earlier this year, the library's teen focus group told library officials it would like a partially enclosed space for studying and group work. The teen collections would be placed outside the room for access by all ages, but officials want to know what users think regarding that potential space as well.

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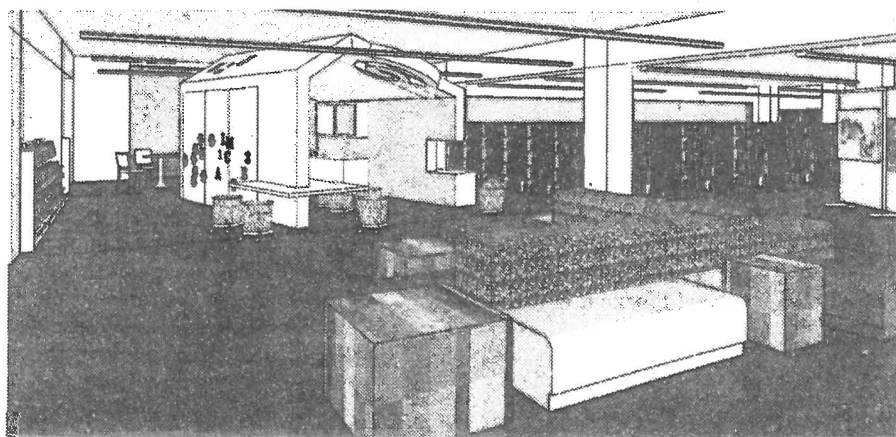
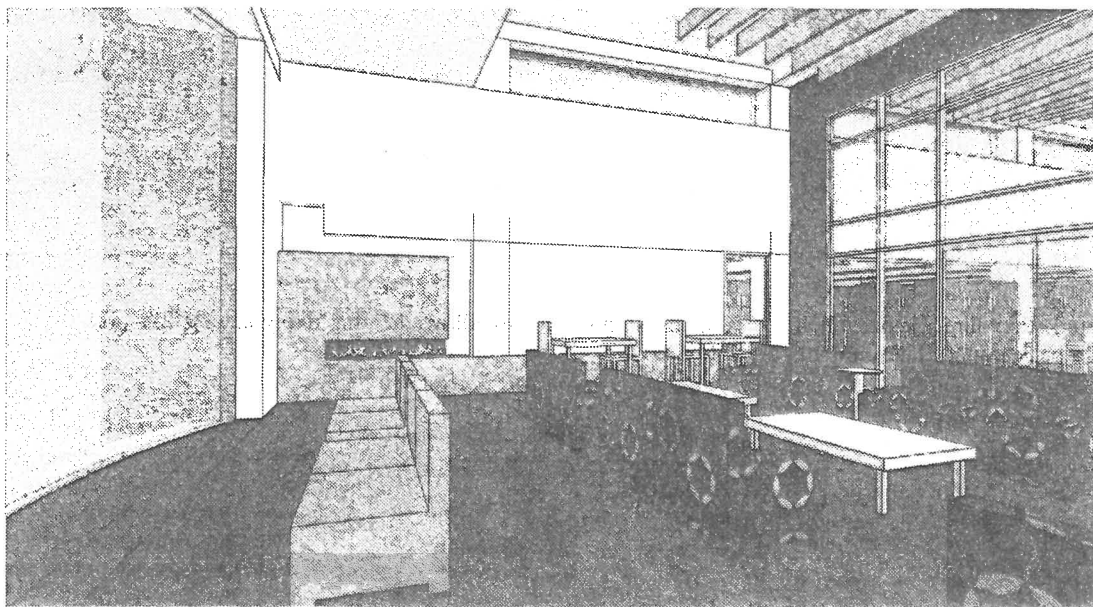
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# DANCING INTO 2020

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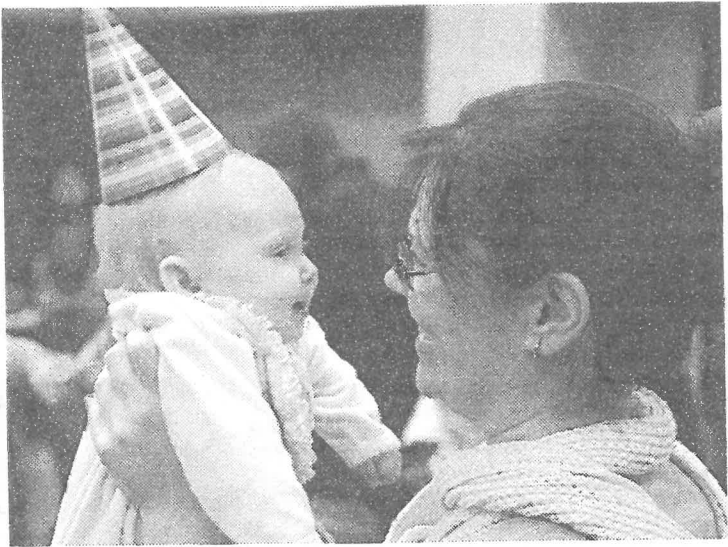


Members of the Rodriguez family of Palatine, Maya, 8, mom Jeni, and Sofia, 5, shake a leg on the dance floor during the Palatine Public Library's Noon Year's Eve celebration. See more photos on page 5A. (Shawn Clisham/Journal photo)



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# Family Fun On New Year's Eve



Anna Kodytkova, 6 mos., and mom Hana Kodytkova enjoy the Noon Year's Eve Dance Party at the Palatine Public Library.  
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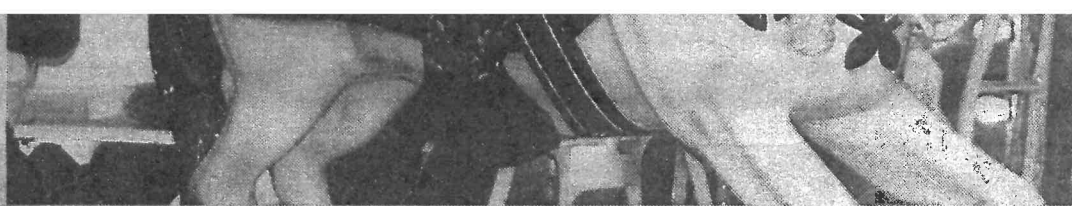


Victoria Pawlak, 5, of Glendale Heights, waves to her mom as she rides the Elk  
Palatine Public Library





George Schmidt, 13 mos., and mom Katy Schmidt hit the dance floor during Noon Year's Eve in Palatine. Meanwhile, Jean Shah, 7, and mom Hemali Shah, of Palatine (right photo), have their Noon Year's photo taken by Teen Advisory Board volunteer and photographer Caitlin Wilson.



Victoria Pawlak, 5, of Glendale Heights, waves to her mom as she rides the Elk Grove Park District Pavilion carousel at the park district's New Year's Eve party.



Left: Kylie Bennett, 3, of Palatine, dressed as Snow White and was held by her father, Ryan, at the Elk Grove Park District's New Year's Eve party.

Below: Balloons fall as hundreds welcome 2020 early at a party at the Elk Grove Park District Pavilion. (Tom Robb/Journal photos)

