

The New DCL: FAQ



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DeWitt Community Library

Shoppingtown Mall

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Why do we need a new library?

Eight years ago, DCL patrons approved funding to finance the construction of a new, free standing library to improve the services, programs, and collections that our library can offer. In short, we are looking for bigger and better space! The community has asked DCL to increase the size of its collection, provide more room for browsing new titles, increase options for seating, reading and studying, offer dedicated children’s programming and activity space, increase computing options, and offer an increase in the number and quality of community meeting spaces.

Why not keep the library at Shoppingtown Mall?

We understand that there are some people in our community that would like the library to stay at ShoppingTown. It’s the place which the library has always occupied and change is never the best option for ALL people. There is no doubt that the Mall is convenient for many people. An additional concern expressed by some is the potential negative impact a library move would have on the ultimate viability of the Mall as a commercial space. We hope the community understands that the DCL Board has weighed all concerns and interests and has made its decision based on many variables, including: availability of appropriate sites, the desire for a location that is central to our entire service area, the need for a much larger space, and potential for growth in the future.

How will the DCL pay for its new building?

The DCL Board has been setting aside funds to ensure that we have sufficient resources and financing capacity built into the DCL budget to construct a high quality library. Total projected cost for the project is \$8.3 million.

In addition, the DCL will actively seek out grants to support our construction project, and we also envision a modest community fund raising campaign to supplement the monies that tax payers have provided.

Will there be public transportation to the new library?

The DCL will work with CENTRO to facilitate bus access to the library.

When will construction begin? When will the new library open?

The site plan will be submitted to the Town of DeWitt Planning Board in March, 2016. We hope to begin site work this spring. The construction phase of the project will take approximately 10—12 months to complete.

