

The Site of the New DCL

We're excited about our proposed location for a new DCL. The site has many positive attributes and fulfills what residents are looking for in a new library as revealed in surveys, focus groups, and community visioning sessions.

- The proposed site is **near the center of our chartered service area**. Our service area includes not just central DeWitt, but the hamlet of Jamesville as well as sections of East Syracuse, Pompey and the Town of Onondaga! Our proposed location is well situated to serve populations throughout our service area, something that is essential to the library's mission.
- A new library at this site will be **easily accessible** to residents in the surrounding neighborhood and beyond. Local residents will be able to walk or bike to the library. Those arriving by car will have easy access from 481, Route 5, or Nottingham Road.
- Although less than 2% of those responding to our 2011-2012 user surveys and focus groups indicated that they used public transportation to visit the library, we are **eager to work with CENTRO** to discuss the possibility of extending bus service to the new library.
- The proposed location will provide **safe access to the new library from the parking lot**, something that many older residents and parents of young children have told us is a concern at our current location.
- The proposed site is **close to J-D public and private schools**. The library will be convenient and safe for children and teens, a perfect place to do homework, work on group projects, participate in tutoring, and explore all of the creative new opportunities available in our makerspace.
- There is exciting **potential for collaboration with the Town of DeWitt** as the Town explores the possibility of developing a **Community Trail** system that would link the Butternut Creek feeder with the Erie Canal State Park. The trail system would be in close proximity to the new library on the proposed site, making the area a focal point for **community recreation and educational programming** about the Town's history and natural resources.
- A new library in the natural setting of the Jamesville Road site will provide **beautiful views as well as outdoor reading and programming areas**, fulfilling the **community's vision** of the new library as an appealing, comfortable destination where residents want to spend time to read, relax, explore, create, and collaborate.
- The 7.6 acre proposed site would offer **options for expansion** in the future.

