



# **Grand Forks Public Library**

**City Council Work Session  
January 29, 2018**



# GFPL MISSION

The mission of the Grand Forks Public Library is to **CONNECT** the community, **ENRICH** the mind, and **INSPIRE** the imagination.

**connect. enrich. inspire.**

# Nuts and Bolts

## Grand Forks Public Library 2016 Facts



**248,206**

Total Library Visits



**708,238**

Items borrowed



**41,251**

E-Books Loaned



**17,537**

Program Attendees



**760**

Library Events



**39,509**

Registered Users



**81,929**

Computer Logins

# Your Library

- The public library is the only early childhood literacy resource of its kind in the community.
  - We help pre-K children get ready to learn.
- Nearly 900 children register for our Summer Reading Program annually helping to eliminate the “Summer Slide” in reading skill levels
- We offer robotics and coding classes and events for area youth

# Your Library

- We provide materials to area senior housing and are working to expand this outreach program
- Our computers enable hundreds of people to file their taxes each year
- Community-wide collaborations happen daily
  - Dakota Science Center, UND, Northern Valley Youth Orchestra, ND Ballet Company, SPA, ARC, etc.

# Library Visioning/Branding Project

- Large discrepancy between the community image of the library and what the library offers
- Intent of the project:
  - to bridge the communication gap
  - to create a more accurate brand representation of the library
  - to more effectively inform the community about the library
- Final presentation to library board is scheduled for **2/28/2018**

# GFPL Foundation



- A foundation has been formed
  - Brian Schill, Interim President
- Currently waiting on direction from the library board for potential fundraising and events regarding short and/or long term facility planning

# Grand Forks Public Library

## “Recent” History



2008

Death of Library Director Dennis Page. Board establishes *Task Force for Revitalization*.

2009

Wendy Wendt hired as Director. Library Consulting hired by GFPL Board to conduct a GFPL Needs Assessment—recommends new building.

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## “Recent” History



**2010**

Phone and paper surveys of community (1900 responses)  
report 70% support “favor a new library in GF”

**2011**

Failed Library referendum in Special Election

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## Recent History



**2013**

Library Working Group assessed what the community wants from their public library; recommends new building

**2015-16**

Facility options and site analysis performed by Library Board Building Committee

# **Grand Forks Public Library Recent History**



**June 2016**

Library Board Presented facility recommendation to the Grand Forks City Council

**Late 2016**

The city provided direction to the library to focus on short term (3 year) critical facility needs

# Critical Facility Updates

Need	Description	Date	Projected Cost	Actual Cost
Small Rooftop Air Conditioning Unit	Unit was failing	2015	\$80,000	\$65,750
Large Rooftop Air Conditioning Unit	Unit was failing	2016	\$50,000	\$42,337
Front Doors	Front doors were installed in 2003 and had heavy wear on frames and track	Apr. 2017	\$22,000	\$19,134
Concrete Repair	Parking lot and curb repair.	May 2017	\$7,000	\$6,300
Water Drainage Grading	Add fill to lift grade surrounding building for better water drainage. Replace edging and rock.	Aug. 2017	\$10,500	\$5,635
Roof with New Rubber Membrane	Existing rubber roof was installed in 1990. It was pulling away from the edges, leaking, and had been repaired twice in the previous two years.	Sept. 2017	\$130,000	\$111,775
Boilers	New burners, inspection and cleaning, New Honeywell control box. Should extend boiler life 10+ years.	Oct. 2017	\$60,000	\$38,008
Outdoor Lighting	Replace parking lot lights/poles and outdoor building lights with LED lighting for better light coverage	Nov. 2017	\$8,000	\$14,142

# New Library Roof 2017



# New Boiler Burners 2017



# New Library Front Doors 2017



# Recent Donation



- \$675,000 by Joe Neel Jr.
- No decisions have been made regarding this donation by the library board
  - Awaiting additional short and long term direction from the city regarding library facilities

# ADA Concerns



# Potential for floor space redesign



# Upcoming Critical Facility Updates

Need	Description	Projected Cost
<b>Accessible Family Restrooms Upstairs</b>	Widen doorways and remodel current girls' and boys' restrooms to create two family restrooms (no structural changes needed)	\$30,000
<b>Storage Areas</b>	Build storage areas in meeting room and in children's area for security and organization	\$22,660
<b>Indoor Lights</b>	Upgrade remaining T12 fixtures to T8 or LED lighting (teen area, DVD area, and all room and office areas)	\$11,000
<b>Paint</b>	Main area of library, under mezzanine in fiction, children's area, and meeting rooms	\$22,000
<b>Elevator Accessibility</b>	Replacement of hydraulic cylinder, wall panels, and controls. Addition of new electrical and phone line/phone. Rebuild and repaint original doors.	\$111,000
<b>Carpet and Moving Books/Shelves</b>	Carpet itself (much is original) - \$110,000 Moving Book/Shelves - \$100,000+	\$210,000
<b>Main Floor Restroom Renovation</b>	Major renovation of men's and women's restrooms, which would involve losing one or both staff bathrooms, to create accessible entrances, layout and fixtures. (Significant structural changes necessary)	\$250,000
<b>Main Floor Accessibility, Electricity, and Refresh</b>	When carpet is removed, will need to jackhammer concrete floor to run more electrical conduit, re-space shelving for accessibility, arrange layout for efficiency, and refresh facility and furnishings	\$250,000

# Parking & Bus Access

- Parking:
  - GFPL has 75 parking stalls
  - City code requires 146 parking stalls
- Bus Accessibility:
  - City bus service is unable to directly access the library



**Where do we go from here  
regarding short and long term  
facility plans?**

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