



PDL: Designed for the Future

The Library is renovating to add new services our patrons have requested, update infrastructure, and expand the building to accommodate our growing community.

Learn more online at:

<http://portagelibrary.info/-pdl-designed-for-the-future/>



The Portage District Library building at 300 Library Lane was built in 1976. In 1996, due to the community's growth, the Library went through its first significant renovation, which created the atrium and added space to the lower level. Much has changed in the 25 years since the last renovation and the library building is in need of some updates.

In 2016 and 2017, the Portage District Library Board and staff created a strategic plan to guide the Library's work as an essential resource in our community. Renovating our building was identified as a key area of need.

The Library Board and staff have been working with the architecture firm C2AE to design a facility that will achieve our strategic plan's goals. These plans include a robust set of improvements to our facility's layout, increased space for collections and services, and upgrades to existing areas.

Construction is scheduled to be completed in April 2022. At that time, the temporary location will close and the Library will resume services at the newly renovated facility at 300 Library Lane.

"We are thrilled to be in a position to design a library for the future." Library Director Christy Klien states. "Our patrons value education, life-long learning, and growing together as a community, and we are happy to be part of designing a space where that can happen."

Updates regarding our closure and information about our temporary location will be published on Facebook, Twitter, through our E-Newsletter, and on the library website.

Features of our plan for the library building include, but are not limited to:

A redesigned entrance and foyer with accessibility improvements and a new casual gathering area with vending services, a two-floor expansion on the east side of the building, additional small meeting rooms and study spaces, maker space and Creation Station, family bathrooms, Quiet/Nursing Room, relocating the Heritage Room to the main level, and upgrades to existing infrastructure.



Two Story Addition on the East side of the Building



Maker Space / Creation Station Lab



New Teen Room



Renovated Youth Area



Heritage Room on Main Level



Improved Entrance for Greater Accessibility



Redesigned Circulation Area



Casual gathering area with vending services