



Portage District
LIBRARY

**RENOVATION
PROJECT**

**NOW OPEN!
WELCOME BACK**

Project Brief

- Make Room for Expanding Collections & New Services
- Energy & Efficiency Improvements
- Accessibility Improvements



Building History



1962

Portage Township Library opens in the former Western Michigan University Agricultural School classroom building.



1963

The library moves to 7526 S. Westnedge in the Portage Shopping Plaza.



1976

Building at 300 Library Lane complete and open to the public.



1996

Expansion to original library building, including the Atrium and lower-level Youth Services is complete.



Remodeled Entrance & Café

Accessibility Improvements

A longer entry ramp with a gentle slope, resting area, and radiant heat snow melt system added, as well as three new family bathrooms.

Versatility

The café can be used as an informal study/gathering space for the community or as a programming space for Library events.

Efficiency Improvements

Lighting converted to LED, staircase reoriented for improved flow and safety, two new elevators, and all HVAC equipment upgraded or replaced.



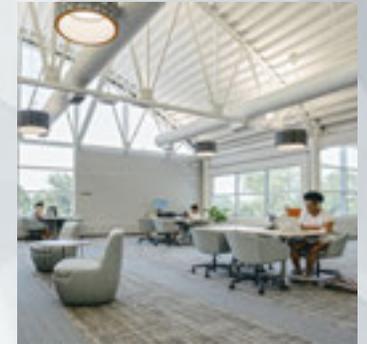
Upper Level

Space for adult collections, new study/meeting rooms, and an enlarged Heritage Room space relocated to the main level



Featuring

Additional Computers and Printing, Checkout Desk, Makerspace/Creation Station, Comfortable Seating





Makerspace & Creation Station

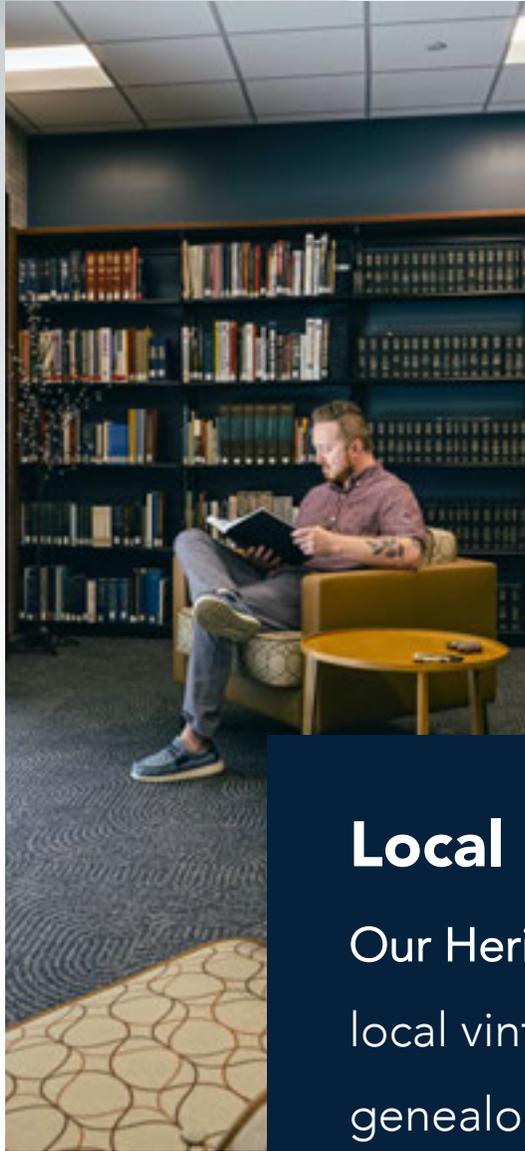
Creation Station

Use either a Windows or a Mac computer to digitize a variety of media, including photos, slides, and VHS tapes. Each station also includes the Adobe Creative Cloud Suite.

Makerspace

Learn new skills, create new things, and collaborate with others. All the equipment in our Makerspace is free to use. Material costs vary based on the type of equipment.





Local History

Our Heritage Room preserves local vintage and rare materials, genealogy resources, and more.

Heritage Room

Moved to the upper level with an expanded browsing space and secure archives.



Lower Level

Space for youth collections, additional study rooms, family activity areas, and event/community meeting spaces



Featuring

Larger Preschool Room, Separate Teen Room, Quiet/Nursing Rooms, Family Restrooms

Project Partners



Architecture



Construction Management

Budget

Overall Project Budget: \$10,585,427

Funding:

Bonds:	\$7,520,195	71.04%
Reserves (Savings):	\$1,291,081	12.20%
Budgeted Funds:	\$1,774,151	16.76%
Expenditures:	\$10,560,892	99.77% of Budget