



Centerville Library Renovation

The Washington-Centerville Public Library plans to renovate the Centerville Library location beginning in the spring of 2025. The comprehensive project will improve facilities and expand services.

Because people use library spaces differently than they did 30 years ago when the Centerville Library was built, the renovation will position the library to serve patrons better.

While not expanding the building footprint, square footage currently designated for staff use will be opened for patron use. Plans include adding meeting rooms and more accessible restrooms, replacing original flooring and furnishings, creating outdoor spaces, relocating Creativity Commons to the Centerville Library from RecPlex, and providing a dedicated teen area.

The estimated cost of the renovation is approximately \$5.5 million. The library is not asking taxpayers for additional funding, as the project will be funded through carefully saved resources. In fact, the Washington-Centerville Public Library has not asked for an increase in local taxpayer funds since 2011. The last renewal levy was in 2021.

The project will be done in phases so that the library can maintain essential services, including hold pick-ups, Wi-Fi, the Children's Room, some information stations, scanner and copier access, and a small sampling of most collections. The library will suspend regular programming and meeting room reservations, but they will be available at the Woodbourne Library location.

Throughout the project, the library will share updates on the website, (wclibrary.info) and will share posts frequently on social media.



Frequently Asked Questions

How much will the renovation cost?

The project is estimated to cost approximately \$5.5 million.

Where is money coming from?

The library is not asking taxpayers for additional funding, as the money was raised through carefully saved resources. The Washington-Centerville Public Library has not asked for an increase in local taxpayer funds since 2011. The last renewal levy was in 2021.

How long will the renovation take?

The entire project will take around 14 – 15 months. To keep services operational, we will be completing the renovation in two phases. We will keep a portion of the library open with limited services and a sampling of most collections.

When will the renovation begin?

We expect to begin the construction in March of 2025.

Why does the library need renovation?

The Centerville Library was built 30 years ago and still retains much of the original flooring, interiors, and furniture. However, people use our library much differently than they did 30 years ago, and our facility needs to reflect the community's needs. We are increasing the areas for patron usage, including adding more meeting rooms.

Will the renovation change the layout or location of different sections of the library?

The renovation will move things around a bit to make the best use of the space and access to outdoor areas. For example, the Children's Room will move to the north side of the building. (It is currently on the south side.)

What kinds of new features are planned?

The makerspace, Creativity Commons, will be relocated from RecPlex to the library. The community demand for this space has exploded. The renovation will allow this DIY space to triple in square footage, expand the hours it is open, and it will allow us to provide more equipment for patrons.

The renovation will carve out an area specifically for teens, and the Children's Room will feature an outdoor space. Additionally, six meeting/study rooms will be created during the renovation.

What services will you still have?

We will have a small sample of most collections at the Centerville Library, and we will continue to offer hold pickup. We are planning to keep the Children's Room open throughout the renovation and there will be some information stations, Wi-Fi, and copy and scanning services. Of course, our Woodbourne Library location will have all services without interruption.

Will there be any changes to library hours during the renovation?

Yes, the hours will change slightly during construction.

Monday – Thursday: 12 PM - 8 PM Saturday: 10 AM - 5 PM
Friday: 10 AM - 6 PM Sunday: Closed

Where can I get updates on the renovation progress and any service changes?

You can go to the website, wclibrary.info, for more information and see progress updates. Additionally, following us on social media will also provide you with updates and behind-the-scenes peeks at construction progress.



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