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**TO: Members of the Appleton Public Library Board of Trustees
Members of the City of Appleton Common Council**
**FROM: Dean Gazza, Director of Parks Recreation and Facilities Management
Colleen Rortvedt, Library Director**
DATE: May 10, 2023
RE: May Library Building Project Update

Project Progress

City staff, The Boldt Company and SOM have modified the design to reduce the scope of the project.

Major changes include reducing excavation, combining meeting spaces to serve a dual purpose, and shifting the location of meeting spaces. The new design still meets project objectives for accessibility, safety, sustainability, flexibility and connectivity, including:

- Increase in space for service to children and teens
- Additional spaces for collaboration and creation
- Increase in number of study and meetings rooms, with varying sizes and accommodations
- Lower shelving, two public elevators, and easier to navigate restrooms
- Improved sight lines for safety and a better browsing experience
- Geothermal system for heating and cooling
- More natural light and overall improved lighting
- A more flexible floor plan allowing for the building to change with community needs
- Improved efficiency in staff spaces and layout

The revised design provides the library with the space to support current and future needs and is responsive to the feedback we heard from the community. In addition, it provides the flexibility to adapt to new and emerging needs for the future with a design that will serve our community for generations to come.

Renderings

SOM has provided updated renderings. The full set of renderings will be available on the building project webpage: apl.org/building. Renderings will also be available for viewing at the temporary library in the coming weeks. Note: furnishing colors in the renderings are subject to change.



The Commons – Photo Courtesy of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

Timeline

The current timeline is below. Please remember the schedule may be impacted by many factors including lead time for products, supply chain, weather, etc.

Bidding Process – May - June

Council Approval – June – July in consultation with Council leadership

Construction Start – Upon approval of bids and completion of contracts

Opening Day - TBD

Capital Campaign

Friends of Appleton Public Library continue to work with the Capital Campaign Committee to cultivate private philanthropic support for the library building project and keep potential donors informed of the city's approach to deliver a cost-effective plan. Plans for the public phase of the campaign will shift to align with the city's updated timeline, bid process and groundbreaking.

Stay up to date on the library building project or sign up for email updates by visiting apl.org/building.