

THE RESOURCE

VILLA PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY
Serving the Communities of Villa Park and Oakbrook Terrace

REFERENDUM ISSUE

ELECTION DATE



THIS SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE RESOURCE EXPLAINS:

- How the additional funding will be used
- Why additional funding is needed
- How the bond will affect property taxes
- The areas of library spending most likely to be reduced if the referendum fails

BALLOT*

- Yes Shall bonds in an amount not to exceed \$10,600,000.00 be issued by the Village of Villa Park, DuPage County, Illinois, for the purpose of paying costs of remodeling, improving and building an addition to the existing Villa Park Public Library building, furnishing equipment and acquiring library materials such as books, periodicals, films and recordings and electronic data and storage facilities therefor, and paying expenses incidental thereto?
- No

*sample ballot

A YES VOTE MEANS

- HVAC, boiler, plumbing, water pipes, electrical wiring will be replaced. Structural work on the building exterior will be completed with a new roof and secondary storm drain system installed.
- Money will be saved every year because of more energy efficient systems. Significant cost savings will be realized because building repairs can be done all at once.
- Fire sprinklers and an updated fire protection system will be installed. A new, larger elevator will be installed to better assist with emergency situations and patron convenience.
- The building entrance and shelving for the collections will be made ADA-compliant.
- More parking spaces and the installation of a book-drop accessible from the car.
- More restrooms, large community meeting rooms, a quiet reading room, and more student study space.

A NO VOTE MEANS

- Existing and failing building systems will continue to be "patched".
- No installation of fire sprinklers and updated fire protection system.
- No additional restrooms or plumbing upgrades.
- No additional parking.
- Continued failure to meet current building, plumbing, and safety codes.
- Library hours of operation will be shortened and all future budgets for new books, databases, services, classes, and programs will be greatly reduced to allocate the money needed to continue to bandage failing building systems.

IN THE PAST FISCAL YEAR ...

MAY 1, 2015- APRIL 30, 2016



221,098 Total visits from residents and non-residents to the library



6,502 Attendees at 342 children's classes and events



1,988 Attendees at 194 adult classes and events



271,768 Physical items loaned (Books, DVDs, Audiobooks, Magazines, etc.)



26,348 Electronic materials loaned (eBooks, eMusic, eAudio, eVideo)

*A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people.
It is a never-failing spring in the desert.*

-ANDREW CARNEGIE

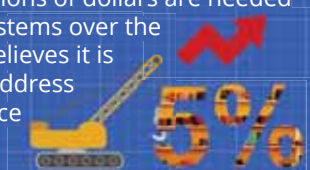
WHY DOES VILLA PARK NEED A RENOVATED AND EXPANDED LIBRARY?

The Library was built in 1969, with only minor upgrades done in 1997. The 48-year old building needs significant repairs and upgrades. The building systems are failing and do not meet current building and safety codes. The library needs extensive structural repair and comprehensive replacement of building systems in order to ensure the safety and well-being of patrons. There is a major cost savings if the necessary repairs and upgrades are all conducted at the same time. Based

on community input and the number of patrons using the library facility (1/4 million patrons per year), the Library Board determined to ask the community to also address space constraints with a 9,300 square foot addition to the existing building.

WHY DOES VILLA PARK NEED THIS PROJECT NOW?

The building's aging infrastructure needs to be addressed. According to the facility analysis, millions of dollars are needed to be spent on the major building systems over the next five years. The Library Board believes it is more cost effective and efficient to address the systems in one major project since the systems are all interconnected. Costs do not decrease; the cost of construction increases approximately **5% each year**.



HOW LONG IS THE RENOVATED AND EXPANDED LIBRARY EXPECTED TO ADEQUATELY SERVE THE PUBLIC?


The renovated and expanded library is expected to last another 50 years.

I DON'T USE THE LIBRARY. HOW WILL I BENEFIT?

The quality of the library, schools, parks, and village services all influence the overall quality of life in a community and the market value of homes.



HOW WOULD THIS BOND AFFECT MY PROPERTY TAXES?



HOME MARKET VALUE	TAXABLE VALUE EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUE	ADDED ANNUAL COST	ADDED MONTHLY COST
150,000	44,000	\$65.12	\$5.43
200,000	60,667	\$89.79	\$7.48
225,000	69,000	\$102.12	\$8.51
250,000	77,333	\$114.45	\$9.54
300,000	94,000	\$139.12	\$11.59
350,000	110,667	\$163.79	\$13.65

***NOTE: YOU CAN ALSO LOOK AT YOUR LATEST PROPERTY TAX BILL AND MULTIPLY .00142 TIMES THE TAXABLE VALUE.**

For a homeowner with a home market value of \$200,000, the library's tax rate will increase approximately \$7.48 per month (\$89.79 annually) to pay off the \$10,600,000 general obligation library bonds over the next 20 years. The library bond issue used for renovation and expansion will be **paid off in 20 years** and will then drop off the tax bill.

HOW WOULD A RENOVATED AND EXPANDED LIBRARY BENEFIT THE VILLA PARK COMMUNITY?



SAFETY

Fire sprinklers and new fire and smoke alarm systems will be installed to protect the occupants of the building and the building itself. A new, larger elevator that will accommodate a stretcher will be located near the entrance. The number of emergency exits from the building will be increased. Bringing the building up to current building codes will provide additional safeguards for the public.



ACCESSIBILITY

All entrances to the library will become ADA compliant. Shelving for the collection will be made ADA-compliant. Building and collection will be more accessible to residents



TECHNOLOGY

Improved access to technology will include a new computer training classroom, more electrical outlets, and space for new technologies like digitization services (for example, 3-D printing, large format printing, and a larger digital media lab).



MEETING SPACES

Additional meeting and study spaces will be added to accommodate students, online learners, tutors, entrepreneurs, and small local groups.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

All new mechanicals will be used to improve temperature, humidity, comfort, and energy efficiency.

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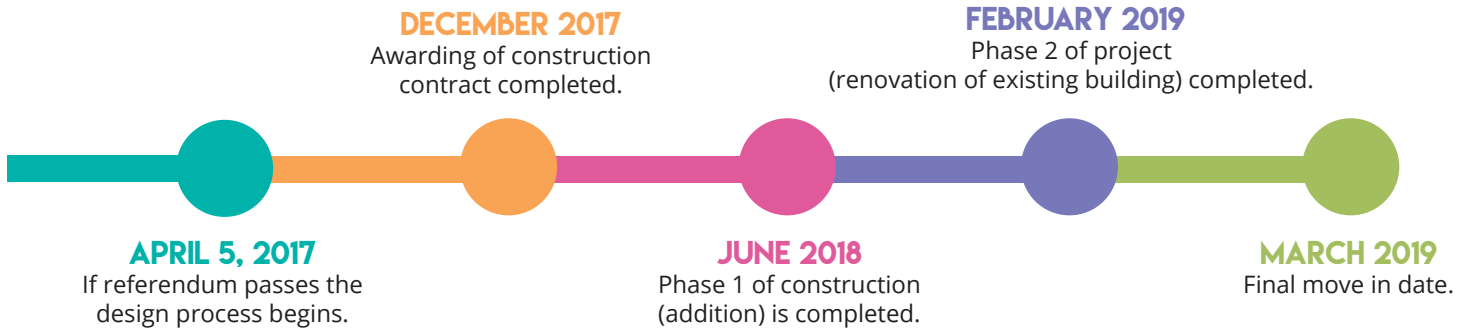
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IF THE REFERENDUM PASSES, WHAT DOES THE PROJECT SCHEDULE LOOK LIKE?



RENOVATED, UPDATED, AND EXPANDED LIBRARY CONCEPT DRAWING



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