Libraries for a Smarter Future: A PROGRESS Report
In 2012, it was clear that Dayton Metro Library’s aging, outdated buildings were in desperate need of improvement. Technology was overburdened, space was in short supply, and the public let us know they needed different services and amenities from their trusted Library. Montgomery County voters overwhelmingly passed a $187 million bond issue, separate from the Library’s operating budget, to fund a massive, system-wide facilities upgrade, known as Libraries for a Smarter Future.

Now, several years into the project, just four Branches remain to be completed. Our responsible use of public funds promises that the final projects will meet the same high standards as the first, and exceed community expectations. Further demonstrating fiscal responsibility, last year we refinanced $88,765,000 of remaining bond debt, saving taxpayers approximately $12,360,000 over the next 18 years - the equivalent of $650,000 per year in reduced payments for interest and principal.

While Coronavirus has temporarily suspended some of our operational and service initiatives, we continue to make great progress on your Libraries for a Smarter Future. This issue of Your Dayton Metro Library provides an update on that progress.

You can be proud of your Libraries and also be assured that your tax dollars are efficiently working to provide the excellent library facilities, services and resources you expect.

Tim Kambitsch
Executive Director
Students, parents, and educators are struggling to determine the best way to teach children in the time of COVID-19. This school year, many students will do some or all of their schooling online. Whether online or in-person, Dayton Metro Library can help students succeed! Dozens of free educational tools and resources to support K-12 students are available 24/7 at our website, DaytonMetroLibrary.org.

HelpNow by Brainfuse is just one resource—and it’s a great one! HelpNow offers an extensive collection of lessons, video tutorials, and practice tests on all the basic subjects. Plus, there’s live, on-demand, one-on-one tutoring available 2:00–11:00 p.m. seven days a week!

HelpNow provides lessons and guidance in these general subject areas:

- Math (including Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Trigonometry, and Calculus)
- Reading Comprehension/Grammar/Vocabulary
- Science (including Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Earth Science)
- Social Studies (including US History, and World History)
- English/Language Arts/Literature
- Writing Assistance
- Spanish Language Help

Middle and high school students who are proficient in online interaction can work independently with a HelpNow tutor; younger students may need a parent or caregiver to facilitate the interaction.

Find HelpNow under Research Tools at DaytonMetroLibrary.org. Connect with a HelpNow tutor by clicking the “Get Live Help” button during tutoring hours. Users will need a Dayton Metro Library card or eCard and PIN.

For more free online learning tools, go to DaytonMetroLibrary.org/homeworkhelp.

Call the Ask Me Line for help choosing the best online tools for your student.
The size and scope of the Libraries for a Smarter Future project makes it one of the largest public library construction projects in the nation. It encompasses:

13 New-construction buildings to replace outdated Branches

4 Remodeled & updated Branch Libraries

1 Offsite Operations Center

To date, 15 projects have been completed. Our efforts are now focused on the remaining four Branch locations: West, Burkhardt, Northmont and Huber Heights.

We’ve learned that it can take much longer to acquire the right property, at the right price, than our initial timeline allowed. However, with careful planning for such contingencies, and earmarked funds for each project, the final four Libraries will be built to the same high standards, with the same quality amenities, as those already completed.
Libraries for a Smarter Future promises that each Dayton Metro Library will offer these core elements:

- Rich collections of print books and media, displayed for easy browsing
- Substantially more computers for public use
- Dedicated spaces for children, teens and adults
- Group study, tutoring, and community rooms
- Quiet Reading Rooms for readers and researchers
- Upgraded power and connectivity, with work stations tailored for current and future technology
- Adequate parking
- Original art installations
- More light, more space, and many opportunities for learning, collaboration and creativity.

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In an ever-changing 2020 world, please refer to [DaytonMetrolibrary.org](http://DaytonMetrolibrary.org) for updates on the restoration of library services, programs, and operating hours at our 18 library locations.
The West Third Street Historic District, on the National Register of Historic Places, is home to the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, National Aviation Heritage Alliance, and the Dayton Region’s Walk of Fame. The original Wright Airplane Factory - the first factory in the U.S. built to manufacture airplanes - is located here, and Dayton poet Paul Laurence Dunbar grew up nearby.

This is the rich history that will surround the brand new West Branch Library. The striking 24,000-square foot, $11.5 million building consolidates the small, aging Madden Hills and Westwood Branches. The joining of these two libraries into one is represented architecturally by two overlapping triangles. Merged together, the shape of the building evokes futuristic flight.

The West Branch Library will feature a Community Room with before-and after-hours access; an Opportunity Space for exhibits, artists-in-residence and longer-term community partnerships; ReImagining Works art installations and more than 50 public computers.
Patrons will appreciate the new Libraries and what they provide to the communities, as well as the helpful and nice Staff!

The Children’s Area, with a “shine” theme, will **inspire and motivate children** with family-friendly educational technology, a performance/program area, and shining interactive elements. The Paul Laurence Dunbar quote, etched in granite at the old Main Library entrance, will have a new, prominent home above the fireplace in the Adult Reading Area. Additionally, DML has committed to building the foundation and surrounding sidewalk plaza for a proposed statue commemorating Dayton’s most celebrated poet.

**LWC Inc.** is the architect of record, with library design input provided by **Group 4 Architects. Shook** is the Construction Manager for all the final projects.

**What’s next?**
Construction begins September 2020

**Kettering-Moraine**

"Patrons will appreciate the new Libraries and what they provide to the communities, as well as the helpful and nice Staff!"
For nearly 60 years, the Burkhardt Branch Library has been an anchor and asset in the east Dayton/Riverside communities. The new Branch will continue that tradition - right next door to the current building, at 4704 Burkhardt Avenue. The new $8.7 million Library will more than double the size of the current building, which will be razed so the site can be converted to parking for the new Branch.

The Children’s Area theme will be Soaring Beyond. Reflecting the nearby WPAFB community, as well as the hopes and dreams of the community, the space will encourage young imaginations to take flight and soar to new heights.

What’s next?
- Detailed design work will be completed this summer.
- The Columbian Hall will be razed to make way for the new building.
- The architects, Levin Porter Associates, will prepare construction documents so the project can go out for bid by the end of the year.
- Construction is targeted to begin in February 2021.
- The new Burkhardt Branch Library is expected to open in early 2022.

"We love the wonderful patrons, the beautiful new Library and all the fantastic items in it!"
Northmont Branch Library:

Visible & Accessible

Since 1975, the Northmont Branch Library has been tucked away behind the Englewood Government Center. The new Northmont Branch will stand on its own six-acre parcel of land on W. National Road, (US Route 40) next to the Legacy at Cypress Pointe Health Campus. This location, with easy access from the bike path, is convenient to the Middle and High Schools, the Early Childhood Center, and Sinclair. Most importantly, it’s accessible to the populations of Englewood, Clayton and Union.

The new 20,000-square foot, $8.4 million building, designed by Ruetschle Architects, will be more than 50% larger than the current facility.

Huber Heights Branch Library:

The final Libraries for a Smarter Future project is a new Branch in Huber Heights. A 27,000-square foot Library will feature all the core elements and amenities of the other new DML Branches, and will be designed by LWC, the Architects of Record for the Main Library and the West Branch.

What’s next?

- The first stage of design work - Schematic Design - is wrapping up now, with more detailed Design Development to be completed by the end of year.
- It is anticipated that this construction project will go out for bid in March 2021.
- Groundbreaking is planned for late spring 2021.
- The new facility should open in summer 2022.

DML has been working closely with Huber Heights city officials to find and secure a location that meets our site selection criteria:

- accessible by car, bus and pedestrians
- visible from a major route
- central to the population
- reasonable development costs

We hope to announce a location later this year.

"At the Main Library’s Dayton Room, I love helping people learn about their family history and the history of their community. Recording your history impacts you, your family and future generations."
Friday the 13th lived up to its reputation in March of this year. The brand new Trotwood Branch Library was set for a festive Grand Opening celebration on Friday, March 13 - the very day all Dayton Metro Libraries closed for Ohio’s statewide coronavirus shutdown. Even after our Libraries reopened in early July, restrictions on gatherings and social distancing guidelines have prevented us from hosting a proper party for our newest Library. The Trotwood Branch is open now, though, and visitors can finally see and explore this beautiful new Library!

The 12,000-square foot Branch, designed by Ruetschle Architects, pays tribute to the Trotwood community in a number of unique ways. There are Trotwood Trailer-themed tutoring spaces.
While the Trotwood Branch Library did not get the Grand Opening celebration it deserves, it’s being celebrated by its patrons and staff every day.

An outdoor **Nature Play Area** uses local trees downed by the 2019 Memorial Day tornadoes. Waynesville ceramic artist Geno Luketic received a special commission for a **clay tile project** using clay from the Library’s construction site. Four art installations by Dayton-area artists are featured in the ReImagining Works project:

- **A large relief sculpture** by Michael Bashaw, on the north wall of the Marketplace
- **A large, digital painting** by Dwayne Daniel, for the Conference Room
- **A 4-panel painting** by Nick Stamas, in the Community Room
- **A multi-paneled painting** by Judy Campbell White, in the Quiet Reading Room

"It seems like it’s designed for all strata of society – so that everyone who has an interest can come and find what they want. I think it’s progressive, and it shows, along with the arts, that our community is interested in the future."

"Southeast"
You can **RESERVE NEW BOOKS** for yourself – even if they aren’t on Library shelves yet. New titles are added to the catalog as soon as they are **ON ORDER**. At that point, you can place a **RESERVE**, which means a copy will be held for you as soon as it’s available. You’ll need your Library card number and **PIN** to place a **RESERVE**, and you can specify which Library location you prefer for pickup. When your book is ready for you, you’ll receive an email, text, or phone message letting you know.

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**NEW KID & TWEEN BOOKS**

- *American Pie Paneer Pie* by Sarita Marder
- *In the Sky* by Martin Tunstall
- *Cat Dog Dog* by Carson Ellis
- *Cat Man Aleppo* by Katarzyna Hulea

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**NEW TEEN BOOKS**

- *Celebrate with Cinderella* by Mary Pope Osborne
- *Diazetine Doesn’t Stop Maddie* by Reenie Price
- *The Kid’s Complete Guide to Elections* by Simon Jenkins
- *Geronimo Stilton & the Pope* by Geronimo Stilton
- *Miss Blake Is a Flake* by C. F. Smith
- *Don’t Disappear* by Caroline Verhees
- *You Should See Me in a Crown* by Raina Telgemeier
- *The Booth: John & Lincoln* by Joseph O’Connor
- *Agnes and the End of the World* by Kelly McKinnon
- *Burn Our Bodies Down* by David Wholey

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