

# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

SEP 2012  
PNH Architects conducted Facility ADA Assessment

MAY 2016  
Library launched new service strategy

MAY 2017  
Lake Foresters completed Community Survey and Assessment

SEP 2017  
In response to survey results, Library adopted Strategic Plan to continue improving access, programs, teen offerings, website, and more

APR 2018  
HGA Architects conducted community focus groups to understand community perceptions, needs, and desires for the Library and building

DEC 2018  
HGA conducted Feasibility Study and identified need to update systems, repair infrastructure, and expand facilities to meet service needs.

You have been on a journey with us! The Capital Improvement Project began in earnest four years ago, and we are now looking ahead to possible next steps and the timing of upcoming phases of the work.

Over these past several years, you have likely participated in **opportunities to tell us your needs and aspirations** for Lake Forest Library now and into the future. In addition to these planned engagements, we have also appreciated all the other ways you have continuously shared comments and ideas with us, including:

Images are exploratory and shown for discussion purposes only. No final decisions or plans have been made.



Restoration of original walkway to revitalize the front gates and bring back the experience of approaching the Library's grand entrance.

- ▶ during chats, calls, and emails with library staff,
- ▶ on comment cards available in the Library,
- ▶ through comment forms on the Library website,

Synthesizing all of your feedback as we progress through the Capital Improvement Project is making for a richer, more relevant vision for Lake Forest Library.

**We appreciate your feedback and look forward to continuing the conversation. Request to join upcoming engagement opportunities at [lakeforestlibrary.org](http://lakeforestlibrary.org)**

- ▶ in the comment sections of the Library's social media channels, and
- ▶ during meetings of the Library Board, City of Lake Forest, Historic Preservation Commission, and/or Lake Forest Preservation Foundation.

You are now entering the next phase of the project with us as we work to implement your wish list for Lake Forest Library which includes:

- ▶ restoration of the original building,
- ▶ improved parking and access

Creation of Lake Forest's community living room by decluttering the Foyer and returning it to its original intent as a peaceful interlude when entering and exiting.



## RESTORED & PRESERVED HISTORIC SPACES



The new north wing expansion is designed to recede visually, ensuring that the historic structure is most prominent.



Possible removal of east and west wings eliminates the need to pass through the Reading Room to access other collections, thus returning it to a quiet sanctuary. More versatile and flexible furnishings enable the Library to reconfigure the room for special after-hours events.

2019

MAR 2020  
The Hodge Group (THG) assessed philanthropic and community support

2020

APR-SEP 2020  
Library and HGA engaged in Program and Pre-design work

# A HISTORIC & ACCESSIBLE LIBRARY FOR ALL GENERATIONS

- ▶ spaces and programs for people of all ages, mobilities, and sensory needs,
- ▶ improved and diversified collections,
- ▶ support for advancing technologies and tech literacy, and
- ▶ small and medium collaborative working spaces and study rooms.

In order to preserve the beloved 1931 building while also delivering the amenities of a 21st century library, the Library needs additional, flexible space. The architectural renderings below are the result of multiple cycles of discussion and exploration between the Library Board, HGA, and Lake Forest preservation interests.

A new north wing expansion that is visually low impact and cedes prominence to the original building, while providing the space and modern facilities needed to make Lake Forest Library more accessible to all people is everyone's goal!

With a historic building originating from philanthropy, and a highly engaged community and local government, funding for this vision is planned to be a public-private partnership slated to cost \$24 million.

For details and to participate in further community discussions about the Capital Improvement Project, please visit [lakeforestlibrary.org](http://lakeforestlibrary.org).

The Lake Forest Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization tasked with raising and managing funds for Lake Forest Library and the Capital Improvement Project. Serving on the Foundation Board are:

- Diana Terlato, *President*
- Mark Saran, *Vice President*
- Bob Pasquesi, *Treasurer*
- Germaine Arnson, *Secretary*
- Deborah Saran, *Trustee*



A new secondary entrance makes it feasible to create ADA-accessible parking, doorways, and elevator.



The east and west wings pose foundation and HVAC issues and challenges providing services. The new north wing expansion recovers the space of these wings and provides additional needed space for collections, services, and programs.

## ACCESSIBLE & FLEXIBLE NEW SPACES

A new Children's Library features natural light, improved sight lines for parents and caregivers, multifunctional space, and right-sized shelving and furniture that enables children to browse the collection on their own.



The visual and spatial relationship between the historic and new structures ensure that the historic is revered and integral to one's experience while visiting the Library.



SEP 2023

21st Century Library reopens

AUG 2023

Library moves back into the building

JUL 2023

Construction completed

2023

JUL 2022–  
JUL 2023

Restoration of historic building and construction of new space

JUL 2022

Library ground breaking

MAY–JUN 2022

Library and HGA enter bid process and site mobilization

MAR–APR 2022

Library moves off-site to temporary facilities

2022

OCT 2020

Library, HGA, and THG presented to City Council

2021

DEC 2020–JUN 2021  
Library and HGA continue community engagement

APR 2021

THG and The Lake Forest Library Foundation secure funding

APR 2021–APR 2022

HGA develops schematics and construction drawings

▶▶ FUTURE POSSIBILITIES (Details subject to change) ▲▲