

North Valley Public Library

Considerations for Constructing a New Library



Logistical Considerations

- The existing building has significant structural issues, mold growth, water intrusion, and ADA accessibility issues that would be difficult to address with a remodel.
- The current building doesn't have enough space for the library's books, events, and programs. Remodeling the existing building would not solve this problem, especially since Stevensville's population continues to grow.
- The second floor of the existing building is structurally unsound and cannot be used by patrons or for storage.
- The current building does not provide sufficient parking, which has been identified as a high priority to visitors.
- If the existing library was remodeled or demolished and reconstructed in the current location, it would have to move to a temporary location during construction. A suitable temporary location may not be available, which would require the library to be closed during construction. Library staff would have to be let go during this time.
- Constructing a new building in a new location would allow the library to continue operations in its current location until the new building is complete, resulting in a more seamless transition.

Cost Considerations

- Moving out of and back into the existing building would result in higher costs due to moving locations twice.
- Construction costs of a new library would be offset by the sale of the existing library location.
- Current HVAC and lighting systems are inefficient and outdated and would be cost-prohibitive to replace.
- The NVPL has invested significant time and money to develop the library master plan that responds to community need; funding a new plan would require more staff time and resources to develop.
- The building designed in the master plan would not fit on the current library lot, and would have to be constructed with two stories. Two-story construction is roughly 30% higher than single-story design. Adding a second floor would also require more staff and resources than the library currently has.
- The library has only found one insurance company that is willing to insure the current building; future coverage is not guaranteed.

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