



**Your public library has run out of space.**

**We're out of options for quick, temporary fixes.**

**And we're running out of time.**

### **Your library is busy, outdated—and out of room**

Missoula Public Library welcomes 1,500 visitors every day. We are the busiest library in the state, checking out more than a million items each year. But the library is one third the size it should be for the County's population — and for the level of service our community expects.

### **A snapshot of MPL's current condition & needs**

- Only 38 seats available for readers, researchers, students
- Severe lack of adequate and child-friendly learning space
- The 1970s HVAC system needs frequent and costly repairs
- For every new book added, another one must be removed

### **Plans for a 21st century library-museum complex**

- Approx. 120,000 sf: five levels, including increased parking
- Museum, science, and media arts collaborations for children
- More community gathering space; climate controlled archive
- Upgraded internet; increased and flexible computer access

### **A library that reflects our community's values**

MPL's early literacy programs and lifelong learning resources are prerequisites for Missoula's growth, stability, and civic life. Our new library will be a learning hub for the County, a downtown anchor, cultural destination, and unique model of community partnership and innovation.



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