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Library Capital Improvements Plan
Proposed Main Library Renovation

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EPL for YOU

“Imagine an Evanston Public Library re-created for the way we now learn, gather, use technology and seek assistance.”

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A Renovated Evanston Public Library for a New Era

• The EPL renovation proposes new spaces to match the way the role of the Library has changed since the current building opened in 1994 when the internet was new.

• The Library is a key part of the City’s educational infrastructure.

• More than 1600 people a day visited the Evanston Public Library in 2016.

• Today people come to receive a multitude of services, use technology, participate in creation-based learning and civic engagement, and gather for conferences/workshops/study/lectures and tutoring.

• Our planned renovation is designed to accommodate the way YOU use YOUR Library.
New Spaces and Features to Meet Community Needs

- More private and semi-private workspace
- More community meeting space
- Space for providing social services
- Digital media and technology upgrade
- New teen center
- Patron self pick up of holds
- Eating area/area for nursing mothers
- Art gallery/Exhibit space
- Comfortable seating areas
Towards A New Beginning

• More staff workrooms will be consolidated on 4\textsuperscript{th} floor, allowing for greater staff and leadership collaboration.

• The estimated time for renovation is 18 months.

• The Library will remain open during construction, though sections of the Library will be off limits while work is underway.

• The future holds: more open space, more work space, stronger integration of technology to better serve Evanston
Why Renovate Now?

• Daily demand for work/study/learning/gathering space exceeds supply.

• A technology upgrade needed to meet the digital needs and expectations of the community.

• Retirement of General Obligation Bonds issued to construct the Main Library is nearing completion.

• The cost of the project is proposed to be paid through the issuance of General Obligation Bonds.