

# Master Plan History

Current building: 89,966 square feet – about 40% available to the public

New building: 136,014 square feet - about 70% available to the public

The following summary outlines activities that have taken place since 2006 with regard to the Library Master Plan for Facilities.

## 2016

- **January 12:** The Wichita Public Library Foundation announced a \$1 million gift from the Naftzger Fund for Fine Arts to go toward the Advanced Learning Library's capital campaign. This pushes the total amount raised for the campaign to \$5.5 million out of an \$8 million goal.
- **February 2:** The City Council voted 5-2 to authorize the Advanced Learning Library project. The authorization includes approval of the final design and construction budget, as well as an authorization to solicit bids from construction companies.

## 2015

- **October 6:** The City Council authorized GLMV to complete construction documents for an expansion of approximately 10,000 square feet to be divided equally between the first floor Children's Pavilion and the second floor Research Pavilion. All costs related to the expansion, from design and construction documents through the purchase of furnishings and fixtures, will be funded from the Wallace Foundation's gift.

## 2014

- **May 13:** The City Council approved the first phase of a potential four-phase agreement with GLMV Architecture.

## 2011

- In 2011, the City of Wichita initiated a study of the current Central Library to better determine opportunities and likely costs to remodel and expand the current building. The study was completed by LawKingdon Architect. The report reaffirmed that although it would be possible to expand the building, the costs would be greater and the operating efficiencies less than what would be realized by new construction. At the same time, challenges of building access would not be resolved.

## 2009-10

- **May 2009:** HB+M|Providence was chosen to help the Library create a building program for the proposed new Central Library. During the programming stage, the vision for functionality of the facility is identified and refined.
- **Feb. 16, 2010:** The Library Board approved the library building program. The plan was shared with the Wichita City Council during a workshop session on February 23, 2010.

## **2007-08**

- In 2007, the Wichita Public Library Board of Directors unanimously selected a preferred location for a new Central Library. The announcement came as the result of several months of effort on the part of the Library Board's Planning and Facilities Committee to identify potential properties in the downtown core that meet the Library's needs. The site is at the southwest corner of West Second Street and McLean Boulevard. The City Council initiated the project and bonding resolution in November 2007 and acquired the Watkins parcel in 2008.

## **2006**

- **August 15, 2006:** The Library Board of Directors voted to adopt a new master plan for library facilities. This plan is the continuation of 40 years of master planning by the Library.
- Replace the current Westlink branch with a 25,000 square foot regional library in the general area of the present location, incorporating the Orchard Park branch into the new facility (by 2013)
  - Create a new 7,500 square foot neighborhood branch library for Southeast Wichita in the general area of Pawnee and George Washington Boulevard, relocating and combining the Planeview and Linwood Park branches (by 2016)
  - Create a new 25,000 square foot regional library in far East or Northeast Wichita, relocating and combining the current Comotara and Rockwell branches (between 2016 and 2021)

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