

Lancaster Public Library

Library Expansion Project Fact Sheet

When was the library in Lancaster started?

- In 1902, the Lancaster Women's Club started the first public library by state law in Grant County.

Does Anyone Still Use the Library?

- YES! Circulation of library materials has tripled in the past decade:
2003: 31,978 2013: 94,054
- Library public computers were used just under 13,000 times last year

How Much Space Is Being Added?

- The current building has 5,860 square feet on the main floor
- The proposed plan adds 10,550 square feet for a total of 16,410
- The current basement is 3,240 square feet and will not be expanded (it is not accessible to the public)

Where is the project now?

- We have raised over 2.8 million dollars in cash and pledges so far. This includes a 1 million dollar contribution from the City of Lancaster. *That means that the rest has been raised through private donors and area businesses.* We also won a Community Development Block Grant from the State.
- The library is moving into temporary quarters in May of 2014.
- Our official groundbreaking ceremony is July 5th.
- **We hope to be in our new building by the end of summer in 2015!**

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