

"There is not such a cradle of democracy upon the earth as the Free Public Library, this republic of letters, where neither rank, office nor wealth receives the slightest consideration."

Andrew Carnegie (1835-1919)



## YOUR LEGACY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



THE LIBRARY TO LAUNCH LANCASTER'S NEXT 175 YEARS



# THE CASE FOR A NEW LIBRARY

#### Why Expand?

- Current collections exceed available space
- Inadaquate seating, technology space,
   & programming space
- Numerous infrastructure deficiences
- Inefficient and out-of-date electrical & mechanical systems
- Aisles and restrooms are not up to ADA standards
- Circulation in Lancaster is up 216% since 2000
- Circulation including Potosi branch is up 238%

#### What is the Vision?

- Ensure all aspects of the library are available to all users
- Constructive work evironments for individuals & groups
- Unique spaces for every age group
- Flexible technology for today & tomorrow

#### What are the Plans?

- Create a community gathering space
- Expand educational opportunities
- Enhance access to new technology
- Provide needed space for books, technology, history, & art
- Provide spaces to meet & work
- Provide a functional & attractive outdoor performance space
- Respect the green space of Ryland Park

### WHAT WILL IT TAKE?

A strong library is vital to the overall quality of life in Lancaster. However, the City government alone is unable to fully fund a library that meets the needs of its patrons.

The projected plans will take the library from 9,100 square feet (5,860 on the first floor & 3,240 in the basement) to 16,410 first floor square feet.

Approximate Cost: \$3,300,000 City Pledge: \$1,000,000 Community Challenge: \$2,300,000

All donations are tax deductible. Donations are accepted by the Lancaster Public Library Foundation and deposited in an account for the new building managed by TRICOR. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization.

All donors will be recognized in a prominent place in the library. Anonymity will be respected if requested.



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