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THE LIBRARY OF THE FUTURE



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Leading edge library design suggests the library of the future will be much more than the traditional repository of a collection of materials.

It will be user friendly...warm and welcoming, highly flexible, designed to be easily modified and reconfigured as library services evolve.

If the community is to embrace the concept, it is essential that this expanded vision be articulated and communicated to area residents.

Supporters need to get excited about the project. The message must revolve around the multiple benefits to the community that will be the result of an improved, state of the art facility.

Contemporary library design features such phrases and concepts as:

- * **Gathering Place**
 - * Quiet reading and gathering areas
 - * Self-service snack bar/coffee bar
 - * Fireplace
- * **Activity Center**
 - * Small meeting and activity spaces
 - * Outdoor activity areas
- * **Cultural Center**
 - * Arts and history display space
 - * Performance space
 - * Shared arts programs and activities

* **Learning Center; Distance Learning and Education; Business Information Center**

- * Student homework and assignment resources
- * Information literacy services, computer and technology use training and support
- * State-of-the-art security systems
- * Copying services
- * A home school support center
- * State-of-the-art interactive distance learning and teleconferencing facilities
 - Interconnection with K-12 schools, the Technical College System and the University System
- * Small business support - "Office away from home"
 - Desktop publishing capability
 - Copier, fax, scanner, laser printer

* **Information Center**

- * 48-hour access to large collections
- * High speed Internet access
- * E-book service center
- * Dial-in access to local, regional, national and international collections
- * Full, comprehensive digitization
 - Worldwide digital search capability

- * Mobile technology systems and labs

- * Wireless technology
 - Laptop computers (as opposed to fixed computer stations)
 - Laptop lending program
 - Word processing, e-mail, WEB search capabilities

- * RFID Technology (chip embedded technology)

- * An interactive WEB site

- * Drive-up service; drop-off

- * Lock boxes for 24-hour access

- * Genealogy center

- * **Enrichment**
 - * Diverse program offerings
 - Outside speakers
 - Educational and informational classes

- * **Lending Center**
 - * Educational toys
 - * Artwork
 - * Laptops
 - * Tools and appliances

STAFFING

The staff will have expertise in serving specialized clientele:

- * Children and youth
- * The elderly
- * Students
- * Small businesses

Staff will be skilled in:

- * Utilizing latest technology
- * Resource research and collection access
- * Program development and implementation
- * Marketing and public information
- * Volunteer management and development
- * Fund development, underwriting and sponsorships
- * Special event development and management