

Shaker Heights Public Library Renovation Update

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We've been working for over a year on our project

Fall 2018 – Hired a municipal advisor to assist with financing the renovation

January 2019 – Hired RFC Contracting to provide owner's representative services

May 2019 – Received Moody's credit rating of Aa1

June 2019 – Financed Main Library renovation using Certificates of Participation

June 2019 – Hired Bialosky Cleveland as project architects

Summer 2019 – Updated facility assessment for both buildings

August 2019 – Hired Turner Construction as Construction Manager at Risk

December 2019 – Completed Schematic Design Phase

Currently in Design Development phase of planning

There's been robust community outreach.

The design team's survey got a lot of responses from residents throughout the community



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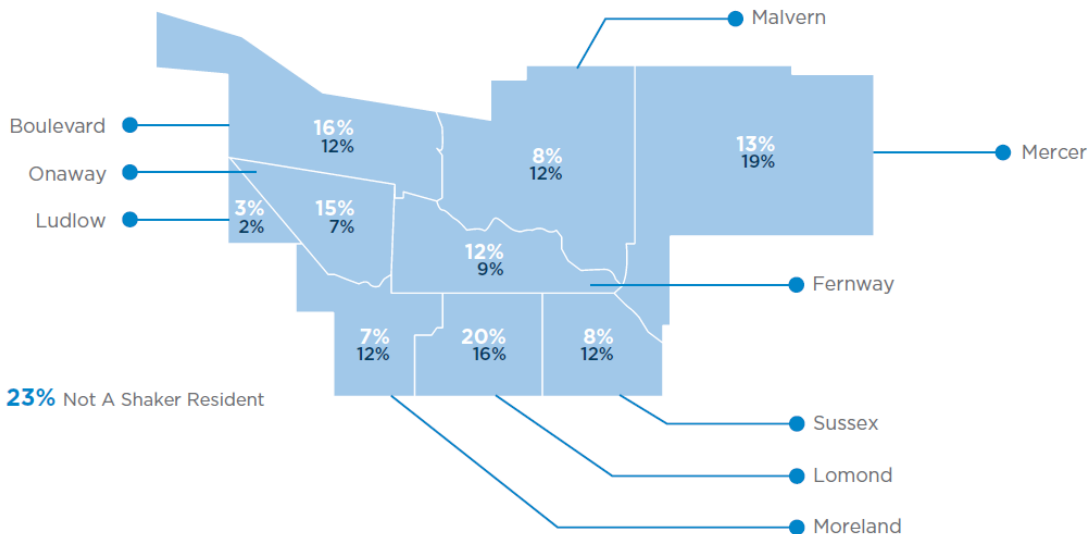
17% of Responses Collected Inside Library

79 on Library Computers

73 on Paper Surveys

Neighborhood Representation

○ % of Survey Responses from Shaker Residents ● % of Shaker Population



We learned some key information.



Users of the Shaker Heights Library highly value the robust physical collection with **66%** of respondents stating they browse the collection.

Spaces Patrons Would Most Like:



17%
MAKER SPACE



16%
INTERACTIVE PLAY SPACE



15%
QUIET READING ROOM

There is interest in:

- Audio, graphic, & video editing tools
- Digital fabrication tools & classes
- Non-traditional lending (sewing machines, tools, musical instruments, etc.)
- Art and cooking classes



Community open houses were well-attended.



Most Valued (more than 15 votes)



Children's Space (50)



Computer Areas (42)



The Collection (42)



Quiet Study Rooms (18)

Most Desired (more than 15 votes)



Cafe (37)



Reading Garden (29)



More Sunlight (18)



Maker Space (17)

Resolving building issues is a priority.

New roof

New HVAC

Repair/replace windows

Address front entry issues

Repair exterior masonry & mortar

Update lighting to LED





So is improving the customer experience

Most public service areas on first floor, with better configuration

- Technology Hub (including creation space) will be on the first floor.
- Local History will move to 2nd floor and that space will be a café (vending).
- All of teen services will be on the first floor, near food and computers.
- Children's Services will move to northeast corner of 1st floor; better size and configuration
- Moving & adding study rooms on first floor.

Meeting rooms, Play & Learn, reading area on second floor



Main Library will be open during renovation.

During construction areas of Main Library will be closed in phases.

For a time meeting rooms will not be available at Main.

For a time there won't be programming at Main.



What about services at the Bertram Woods Branch?

Hours at the Bertram Woods Branch will remain the same during renovation.



Regular programming will continue.



The Dietz Community Room will be available for public use when not in use for library programs/meetings.



When will construction start?

Currently in design development phase; should be done by February 2020

Exterior work may start before interior work (early Spring, weather permitting)

Construction will take approximately a year



Developing construction documents next

- Exterior CD in Feb
- Interior CD in May

Expect to start construction summer 2020



The library renovation offers a Forward Together collaboration opportunity with the schools

Move Family and Community Engagement office and School Registration to second floor of library after renovation

Convenient location for families – parking, public transportation

New families exposed to schools and library services at the same time

Facilitate collaboration between school & library community engagement staff

Thank you!

Any questions?

