

# Shaker Heights Public Library Renovation Update

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

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

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

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May 2019 – Received Moody's credit rating of Aa1

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June 2019 – Financed Main Library renovation using Certificates of Participation

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June 2019 – Hired Bialosky Cleveland as project architects

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Summer 2019 – Updated facility assessment for both buildings

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August 2019 – Hired Turner Construction as Construction Manager at Risk

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December 2019 – Completed Schematic Design Phase

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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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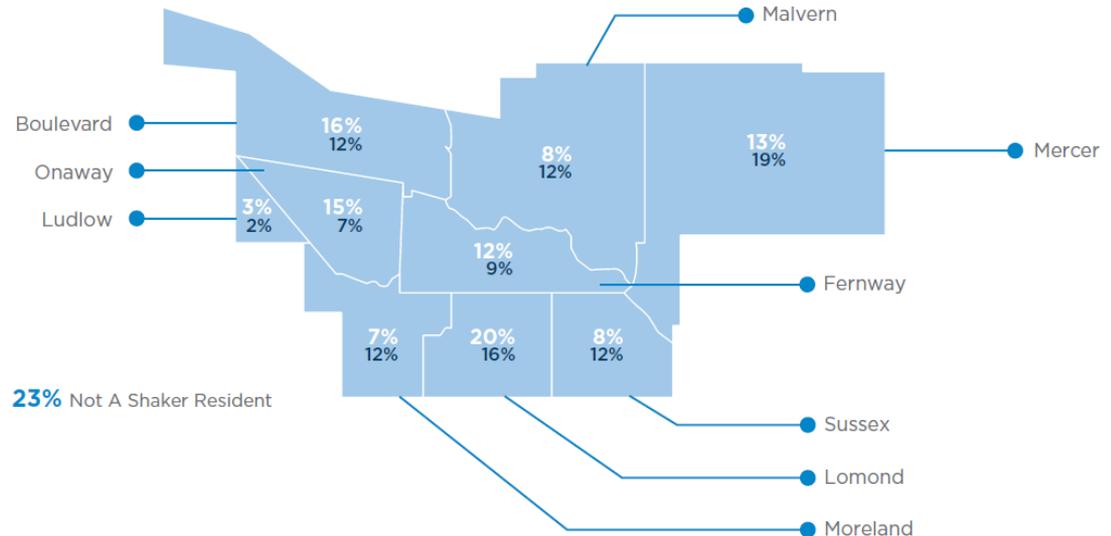
17% of Responses Collected Inside Library

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.

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New roof

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New HVAC

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Repair/replace windows

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Address front entry issues

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Repair exterior masonry & mortar

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Update lighting to LED

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# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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

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Convenient location for families – parking, public transportation

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

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Facilitate collaboration between school & library community engagement staff

**Thank you!**

**Any questions?**

