

## Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: What happens if the referendum question on the November 3, 2020 election does not pass?

A: The Board of Trustees may vote to place the referendum question on the ballot for the April 6, 2021 consolidated election.

Q: Where is this library going to be located? | Will the library be moving?

A: The library is not moving as part of this renovation.

Q: Where will the new spaces be located? | How will these changes be accommodated in the existing library?

A: The existing library will be expanded by 9,000 square feet.

Q: When was the library built?

A: The existing building was constructed in 1970 and expanded in 2002.

Q: How much will the renovation and expansion project cost?

A: The estimated cost of this project is approximately \$9,600,000.

Q: How will the Library pay for the renovation and expansion?

A: To pay for this work the Library is proposing to issue bonds in the amount of \$9,600,000.

Q: How much of the total project cost relates to existing capital needs?

A: Of the \$9,600,000, approximately \$1,600,000 is directed toward replacing mechanical systems that are at the end of their service lives and will have to be replaced even if the referendum is not successful.

Q: What community input did the Library use to determine the need for this project? | How did the Library determine that there was interest in the community for this type of project?

A: In response to the Summer 2017 Community Survey, Board and staff have been working with StudioGC Architecture to develop a sustainable plan to take the Library into the future.

Q: What is the referendum question that will appear on the ballot?

A: "Shall the bonds of the Antioch Public Library District, Lake County, Illinois, in the amount of \$9,600,000 be issued for the purpose of repairing, improving, remodeling and expanding the existing Antioch Public Library building and furnishing necessary equipment and acquiring electronic data storage and retrieval facilities in connection therewith?"

Q: What is a bond referendum?

A: A bond referendum is a voting process that gives voters the power to decide if a public entity should be authorized to raise funds through the sale of general obligation bonds. A general obligation bond is a long-term borrowing tool (in this case, 20 years) in which a public body pledges its full faith and credit (taxing power) to repay the debt over a specified term. Generally, general obligation bonds are the least costly financing option available to the community for potential bond projects being considered. Once the bonds are paid off, the tax associated with the bonds will go away.

Q: What changes are included in the building project?

A: The building project includes: expanded space for children, a dedicated teen room, more study rooms, a work area supporting small businesses and home-based workers, a studio space for hands-on projects, an enlarged and improved public meeting room, as well as a fireplace reading room and coffee area.

Q: What is the cost of the project for taxpayers?

A: The total project cost is \$9,600,000, which would result in approximately an additional \$50 per year in property taxes for a home with a market value of \$200,000 (or \$0.14 a day).

Q: Has the Library previously gone to referendum for building costs?

A: The Library will be turning 100 years old in 2021, and this will be the first time a referendum question has been submitted to the community for funds dedicated solely to a building project.

Q: Will Library services be impacted by the construction project?

A: The design and construction would be completed within 16-24 months after voter approval, based on current estimates and construction timelines. The design of the additions will enable them to be largely constructed while the library is in operation. Phasing of the interior work will allow the library to remain in operation during much of the construction though some closure will be required during certain construction operations.

Q: What percentage of my property tax bill goes towards the Antioch Public Library District?

A: Approximately 2.7% of your tax bill goes towards the Antioch Public Library District.

Q: Who designed the proposed changes to the Library? | Who will manage the renovation and expansion building project?

A: The Board of Trustees has contracted with the architecture firm, StudioGC to design the proposed changes to the Library. If the referendum passes StudioGC will also oversee the building project.

Q: What changes can we expect at the Library as part of this project?

A:

- Bigger and more functional spaces for children and teens to explore and engage
- Designed to be a more welcoming experience with comfortable spaces, a fireplace and coffee bar for reading and gathering
- A dedicated studio space for crafting, technology and hands-on learning
- An inspiring environment for collaborative work, small group meetings and expanded small business support

Q: Where can I find more information about this project?

A: The Library has a webpage dedicated to this building project. Visit [APLD.info](http://APLD.info) and view the "Reimagine Your Library" page, listed under the "About" tab. You can also attend a meeting of the Board of Trustees or the Renovation and Expansion Committee. Board and Committee meeting dates are posted at the Library.