CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FOR FUTURE LIBRARIES

EXPANDING AND ENHANCING LIBRARIES FOR DESCHUTES COUNTY
In 2020, the Deschutes Public Library (DPL) celebrates its 100th year of service. During the last century, DPL has seen a great deal of change: significant population growth and development in Deschutes County; unprecedented advancement and diversification in communications and technology; new industries and economic opportunities; and the ongoing evolution of community needs and expectations.

The Deschutes Public Library is not simply marking the past in this centennial year; it is also looking forward. In collaboration with community leaders, stakeholders, and residents throughout the county, DPL has developed a clear vision for the future, which includes:

- Children’s discovery centers to improve early literacy throughout Deschutes County;
- A strong network in which each local library benefits from the larger Library District;
- Updated, well-maintained, and sustainable buildings;
- More space for cherished library services, including a larger materials collection and more programs to meet current and future needs; and
- Expanded and enhanced places for learning, discovery, collaboration, creativity, and community building in every library.
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This recently updated library will remain in its current leased space.
The Central Library will be an architectural landmark, drawing inspiration from the unique character and beauty of central Oregon. A large, welcoming entry plaza will accommodate popular cultural and community events as well as library activities. Within the building, generous windows and outdoor terraces will offer bountiful views of the surrounding high desert landscape and the Cascade mountains.

The new Central Library will be the heart of DPL's future library network. It will:

• Provide flexible, expansive space for collection growth;
• Improve the efficient delivery of materials to all libraries/communities through a centralized distribution center;
• Accommodate significantly larger capacity cultural programs;
• Support new, high-impact services to meet diverse community interests; and
• Rebalance space to support updated services and efficiencies in all of the branch libraries.

The Central Library will also be sustainably designed, with high targets for environmentally responsible construction.
The Children’s Discovery Center at the Central Library, inspired by OMSI and other places of exploration and imagination, will reflect the importance of Deschutes County’s youngest residents. The Central Library will be rich with early literacy resources and fun reading materials — setting Deschutes County’s children on a path to lifelong learning.

Little visitors will be drawn into this dynamic, bright, and engaging space by its distinctively playful design, whimsical furniture, and opportunities for learning, experimentation, discovery, and fun. It will be a new destination for children in the heart of central Oregon.
SPARKING A CULTURE OF CREATIVITY

The new Central Library will be a focal point for culture and creativity. Creative and maker programs are a high priority in Deschutes County as witnessed by the extensive outreach conducted by DPL over the past two years.

The new Central Library will provide flexible and specially-designed lab spaces to support:

• Creative/DIY programs that will include instruction and demonstrations as well as hands-on opportunities for diverse activities such as cooking, woodworking, music, crafts, painting, and sports.

• Digital programs such as coding, robotics, audiovisual recording and production, VR/AR experiences, and more.

• Collaboration, meetings, and resources for small businesses and entrepreneurs.

The Central Library will provide space for community members to not only make, but also display their creations. Gallery space will support special exhibitions, while community-made art will also be incorporated throughout the building.

Deschutes County residents value the high-quality programs and events that DPL offers. The new Central Library will offer multiple well-equipped program and event spaces with at least double the capacity of current meeting space. These spaces will have flexible dividers that can be closed or opened as needed for different group sizes.

The large entry plaza can also accommodate hundreds of participants outdoors during pleasant weather for events, festivals, music and cultural performances, and other high-interest programs.
Above all else, the Central Library will be a place for people to come together. A vibrant gathering space will be at the heart of the library and will serve both as an orientation point for visitors and as a place with high-interest programs, materials, and technology.

The Central Library will balance dynamic, active spaces with quiet places to read, work, and create. It will include a destination teen space; a generous selection of small to medium collaboration and meeting spaces; comfortable seating in both work and casual groupings; temporary partner spaces for hosting other organizations and special community service providers, and an exciting discovery center for children.
The Library's 2018 master plan identified Redmond as one of the fastest growing communities in Deschutes County. The new Redmond Library will reflect and celebrate the shared heritage and diversity of the community, while doubling the size of the existing building.

It will significantly improve the balance of space for both traditional and new library services, and expand the community’s access to collections, technology, and seating. Many more community members will be able to enjoy the Library’s high-quality programs in larger, more flexible program spaces.

The new Redmond Library will also have better connectivity with its urban context — including City Hall, Centennial Park, and the downtown Redmond corridor. The redesigned site will be safer for pedestrians and vehicles alike, and increase accessibility by bus, bicycle, rideshare, and other transportation modes.
The Redmond Library will be a place for Deschutes County residents to gather, connect, and build the civic and social networks that are the foundation of strong communities. It will provide abundant space for people to read, work, collaborate, create, and participate.

The bright, spacious lobby will lead into a “marketplace” offering new and popular materials, technology, art, information displays, and more. The new library’s largest program room — which will accommodate hundreds of participants — will have operable glass partitions, enabling it to be opened up and expanded into the marketplace for particularly popular library and community events.
The Redmond Library will be a welcoming place for community members of all ages. Children will enjoy twice as much space as the current Redmond Library provides, with expanded opportunities for discovery, experimentation, and play. High quality, interactive displays will activate and complement the playfully designed space. A protected outdoor children’s program space will extend the learning and wonder beyond the new building’s walls.

Teens will also enjoy an expanded space of their own, with enhanced resources and improved spaces for studying and engaging with peers.

Flexible classrooms and labs will support expanded library programming, including hands-on learning and creative opportunities.

The generous selection of small and medium meeting spaces will address the community’s high demand for space to study, collaborate, and connect.
The Downtown Bend Library is currently the largest library in the DPL system. While the beautiful building has served the community well, a disproportionate amount of its space is used for district staff and operations functions rather than branch library service. Relocation of DPL district functions to the proposed Central Library will open up space at the Downtown Bend Library for public use.

The lobby will evolve to offer more active uses as well as materials checkout and holds pickup. Visitors will be greeted with dynamic and ever-changing displays of new materials, art and culture, information, and programs.

A new, larger community room will be connected to the lobby with operable glass panels for visibility and flexibility. The enclosed outdoor patio at the north end will bring light and views into the new space and allow for expanded outdoor space.
The redesigned and revitalized Children’s Discovery Center at the Downtown Bend Library will be celebrated as a new destination for Deschutes County’s youngest residents.

The space will be expanded to support more active learning and discovery, and increase open space for hands-on experimentation and play. Whimsical furniture, bold colors, and integrated art will contribute to an experience filled with wonder and delight.

The existing meeting space, the Brooks Room, will be transformed into a dedicated children’s program space to support storytimes, early literacy programs, music and singalongs, and other programming. Operable glass panels will provide a high degree of visibility, flexibility, and flow between the program space and the rest of the Children’s Discovery Center.
A NEW VISION

Upstairs, the Downtown Bend Library will include improved and expanded areas to read, work, and use computers. Shelving will be improved to increase daylight and visibility in the space.

A new collaboration suite of small meeting rooms will serve a broad variety of users — students, entrepreneurs, businesses, nonprofits, social service agencies, and more.

The redesigned second floor will also provide a new classroom and a flexible creative lab for expanded library programming.
The La Pine Library will be renovated to increase effectiveness and maximize opportunities for community programming.

The proposed improvements will create cohesive spaces throughout the library that improve the visitor experience with increased visibility. Movable glass panels around the community room, children's library, and smaller collaboration spaces will offer the ability to control sound transmission during active programming, and to otherwise open and expand these spaces for increased flow and flexibility.

The center of the La Pine Library is filled with natural light. As the heart of the library, this area will be developed as a flexible gathering space to provide resources to all library visitors and host special exhibits, musical events, and other activities.
Built in 2005, the Sisters Library will be renovated to provide greater flexibility and expand programming for the growing community. The proposed renovations will create better visibility and more cohesive spaces throughout the library to improve the visitor experience.

Art and culture is an essential aspect of the Sisters community. The center of the library, with its abundance of natural light, will be updated to serve as a flexible gathering space for special exhibits, musical events, and other activities as well as a place to check out materials and seek staff assistance. Additional small meeting and collaboration spaces will be created to help meet the high local demand for people to learn and create together.
The cozy Sunriver Library serves a unique residential and resort community. Its interior spaces will be reorganized to improve space adjacencies, enhance operational efficiency, and expand space for programming. Staff functions will be relocated to the current community room, opening up the entire east wing for public uses.

The far end of the east wing will become a flexible community room. Glass partitions will open up into the main space for larger events and to provide additional seating in between programs. A new secondary entrance and restroom will support after-hours events in the community room.

Small meeting rooms and a flexible collaboration space will occupy the former staff space. The children’s area will be enclosed by an operable glass partition that can be opened up to or closed off from the main library space for maximum flow and flexibility.