



## Why Is This Needed?

In order to move ahead with an expansion and remodel of the Main Library, voters must amend a 1975 ordinance that currently allows the library to occupy only 5% of Library Park space. The new ordinance will state that 85% of Library Park will remain as free and open park space.

- ✓ A “yes” vote will ensure that 85% of historic Library Park remains landscaped park space.
- ✓ A “yes” vote provides for a moderate 6,000 sq. ft. expansion of the Main Library under the library’s cantilevered second floor into value-added, indoor space for public use.
- ✓ A “yes” vote does not increase property taxes or create new fees. The Library District has an existing capital reserve fund that will finance the Main Library expansion/renovation.
- ✓ A “yes” vote values and respects the original purpose and traditional uses of the park.

## How Will This Benefit Taxpayers & the Library Patrons?

### Exciting New Expanded & Refreshed Main Library Interior

- Larger community meeting room with greater flexibility in space use.
- Additional computer space, including areas set aside for study groups/families to gather around a computer.
- An expanded children’s area with a family restroom.
- An updated, comfortable, accessible and safe environment for all patrons.
- Quiet study rooms for individuals or small groups.
- Cyber café meeting space with vending machines.
- Window seating and other features intended to enhance enjoyment of the park while inside the building.
- Heating system replacement/upgrade to meet efficient net-zero energy goals.
- Main Library will remain open to the public during most of the construction period.
- Minimal impact on the historic park’s landscape.

### Libraries Provide a Great Return on Investment

- An economic booster shot for the downtown area! An expanded and refreshed Main Library will add value to the downtown/Old Town area as a desirable destination.
- Libraries are anchors in their community – they draw traffic into commerce centers and encourage related businesses to locate nearby.
- Studies show for every \$1 invested in libraries, more than \$5 returns to the community.
- The expansion/renovation will create essential local construction jobs

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