

TENTATIVE AGENDA
FOR REGULAR MEETING OF THE
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL
MAIN LIBRARY
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
7711 GOODWOOD BOULEVARD
BATON ROUGE, LA 70806
FEBRUARY 19, 2015
4:00 P.M.

- I. ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 2015
- III. REPORTS BY THE DIRECTOR
 - A. FINANCIAL REPORT
 - B. SYSTEM REPORTS
- IV. OTHER REPORTS
 - A. MAIN LIBRARY AT GOODWOOD
 - B. RIVER CENTER BRANCH LIBRARY
 - C. MAINTENANCE AND ADDITIONAL CAPITAL PROJECTS
 - D. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. PRESENTATION OF BRANCH ASSESSMENT STUDY – MS. LYNN BRADLEY, BRADLEY- BLEWSTER & ASSOCIATES AND MR. BILL HIDELL, HIDELL ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS
 - B. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF MILLAGE PROPOSALS – MR. SPENCER WATTS AND MS. RHONDA PINSONAT
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. REVIEW OF OPTIONS AND DISCUSSION REGARDING COURSE OF ACTION FOR A SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY – MR. SPENCER WATTS
 - B. REVIEW OF INFORMATION ABOUT MEETING ROOM USAGE AND MEETING ROOM POLICY REVISIONS– MR. SPENCER WATTS AND MS. MARY STEIN
- VII. COMMENTS BY THE LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BOARD’S PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY, ALL ITEMS ON WHICH ACTION IS TO BE TAKEN ARE OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, AND COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS MAY BE RECEIVED ON OTHER TOPICS REPORTED AT SUCH TIME AS THE OPPORTUNITY IS ANNOUNCED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OR THE PERSON CONDUCTING THE MEETING.

Minutes of the Meeting of the

East Baton Rouge Parish Library Board of Control

February 19, 2015

The regular meeting of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library Board of Control was held in the first floor Conference Room of the Main Library at Goodwood at 7711 Goodwood Boulevard on Thursday, February 19, 2015. Ms. Tanya Freeman, President of the Board called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. Members of the Board present were Mr. Jason Jacob, Mr. Logan Leger, Ms. Terrie Johnson, Ms. Kizzy Payton, and Mr. Travis Woodard. Absent from the meeting was Board member, Mr. Stanford O. Bardwell, Jr. Also in attendance were Mr. Spencer Watts, Library Director; Ms. Patricia Husband, Assistant Library Director of Branch Services; Ms. Mary Stein, Assistant Library Director of Administration; Ms. Rhonda Pinsonat, Library Business Manager; Mr. Ronnie Pierce, Assistant Library Business Manager; Ms. Liz Zozulin, Executive Assistant to the Library Director; and Mr. Brian Thornhill, Library LAN Administrator. Absent from the meeting was Ms. Sonya Gordon, Library Public Relations Coordinator. Captain Blair Nicholson of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office; Ms. Lisa Hargrave, architect with Tipton Associates; Ms. Lynn Bradley, architect with Bradley-Blewster & Associates; and Mr. Bill Hidell and Mr. Aaron Babcock, architects with Hidell Associates Architects were also present. Mr. Dirk Graeser, videographer for Metro 21; Ms. Andrea Gallo, reporter with *The Advocate* and several members of the community also attended.

Ms. Freeman asked Ms. Zozulin to take the roll which she did. Ms. Freeman then asked for the approval of the minutes of the regular Library Board meeting of January 15, 2015. Ms. Payton made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Jacob and approved unanimously.

III. Reports by the Director

A. Financial Reports

Ms. Freeman asked Mr. Watts to present the reports. Mr. Watts asked Ms. Pinsonat to make the financial report. Ms. Pinsonat said that the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Encumbrances through January 31, 2015 show operating expenditures of \$2,403,255.70 or 5.70% of the operating budget. Through January, we should have spent no more than 8.3% of the operating budget. As was mentioned at last month's Board meeting, final charges and expenditures continue to be recorded for 2014. If one compares the statements as of December 31, 2014 presented last month and again presented this month, there are changes reflecting continued recording of 2014 figures.

Cash Collections from Property Taxes for 2015 remain strong as we are approximately \$1,700,000 and 4.66% ahead of the same two months in 2014. We are awaiting the posting of interest earnings for the fourth quarter of 2014 so that we can finalize this schedule.

Ms. Pinsonat asked the Board members if there were any questions. There were none.

Ms. Johnson arrived at 4:10 p.m.

B. System Reports

Mr. Watts asked Ms. Stein to give the PowerPoint presentation *Around the Parish in 90 seconds* which included the month of February 2015. Below are some of the highlights:

- The summary of the Library's Annual Report was distributed to the Board showing an increase of over 16% in major indicators in 2014. It is appended to these minutes.
- The strategic plan is on the Library's website with an area for comments.
- The output measures that have been recorded are collections; cardholders; circulation; gate count; meeting room use; reference; library programs; PC logins; AWE use, WIFI; website hits; database sessions; and bookmobile/outreach visits. The report is posted under the Annual Report section of our website.
- The Library also educates patrons. An example is the "Hands-On" Arduino at the Eden Park Branch Library. The students are building a variety of items using computer programs.
- The Library's Annual Report is submitted to the State Library and the Institute for Library and Museum Services.
- Throughout the Main Library is displayed art work which was part of the DeBose Foundation Visual Arts Competition Award Ceremony and Reception.
- Community conversations continue for the Library's strategic plan, *Discover Unlimited Possibilities @ your library*. We had two meetings at the Main Library and one at the Fairwood Branch. Next week we have two meetings scheduled at the River Center Branch and one at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch.
- Patrons are very appreciative of these paintings; even asking if they can purchase some of the pieces.
- The strategic meetings for the public feature a variety of communications such as PowerPoint presentations; handouts for public feedback; handouts with information about the 6 areas comprising the strategic plan; posters outlining the strategic plan; and opportunities to speak with Library Administrative staff.
- On February 12th Mr. Bardwell and Mr. Watts accepted for the Library, the award, "For the Love of Children" from the Children's Coalition of Greater Baton Rouge. The Library received the award for our history of service to and on behalf of children.
- On Saturday, February 28th at 6:00 p.m. the Library will host the kick-off event for the *One Book/One Community* read of the book, *A Confederacy of Dunces* by John Kennedy Toole. The event will be held downtown in Town Square with music by the Michael Foster Project. The New Orleans-style street festival will include street artists, fortune tellers, face painters, second liners, and "Lucky Dogs".

Ms. Stein asked if there were any questions. There being none, Ms. Freeman read Item A under Other Reports.

IV. Other Reports

A. Main Library at Goodwood

Mr. Watts then presented the report on the Main Library at Goodwood. The official close-out of the project appears to be moving slowly. The electricians were here performing minor adjustments, and they continue to work on lamp replacements on the second floor along with panel replacements.

DPW rejected the patches for the low spots in the concrete work in the parking lot, and the contractor has demolished the old panels and poured new ones. There was some inconvenience during this replacement. The drive-through lane was closed since one of the problem spots was located at the entrance to the drive area. The area outside the north entrance that held water was finally demolished and re-poured. During the last rain storm it appeared that this issue has been addressed satisfactorily.

We are waiting for design work on several Modification Requests such as enhanced air conditioning for the Server Room in Computer Services, and the exhaust fan for the Conservation Lab in the Baton Rouge Room. These are not part of the original design work as this would have extended the contract.

We are continuing to work with PSX, the sub-contractor for the automated systems in the meeting rooms. Issues appear to be resolved, but equipment then malfunctions again.

ASI has delivered the directory and emergency egress signage at the elevators, and these have been installed.

Outstanding items continue to be finished. We are anticipating a close-out of the Main Library project within 60-90 days.

B. River Center Branch Library

Mr. Watts then discussed the River Center Branch project. He said that architects met with the Library staff on February 5th to review potential finishes. We are pleased with most of the flooring options, including the ceramic tiles and carpets. In some cases we had questions about the color or pattern selections for the resilient tiles, so we are reviewing other possibilities.

We have received some of the preliminary construction drawings and are carefully reviewing them. We will depend on DPW to scrutinize these drawings closely. Our next meeting with the architects is scheduled for March 5th.

Mr. Watts asked if there were any questions on the Main Library and the River Center Branch projects. Mr. Woodard asked if the close-out on the Main Library project will occur in two months. Mr. Watts replied that this is his calculation and what he is hoping for. Last month we were told 15-20 days, but that is not correct. Mr. Woodard asked how involved the prime contractor is with resolving issues such as the AV concerns or is the Library staff dealing directly with the subcontractor. Mr. Watts answered that we work with whoever will talk to us. Many times we communicate directly with PSX. They fix the problem, but the remedy is not permanent. He noted that the primary contractor is always sympathetic. We continue to put effort into resolving the issues permanently.

Ms. Freeman asked if these problems are covered under warranties, to which Mr. Watts explained there are several warranties in place.

C. Maintenance Report and Additional Capital Projects

Mr. Watts asked Ms. Husband to give a brief maintenance report followed by an additional presentation which she will tell us about. Ms. Husband mentioned that routine maintenance and repairs are ongoing at all the facilities. She noted that the monthly maintenance report will be posted as usual on the Library's website.

Ms. Husband announced that the Library Facilities staff has relocated their office from a building on Hooper Road in Central to an office located in the former Women's Hospital at Airline Highway and Goodwood Boulevard. The move took several days, so the staff focused on this during the month.

She then gave an update on the four major capital projects. The exterior lighting project for the Bluebonnet Regional, Central, Greenwell Springs Road Regional and the Pride-Chaneyville Branch Libraries has begun. The contractor will start work at the Bluebonnet Branch completing that job in March before proceeding to the next branch.

In regard to the Greenwell Springs Road Regional and the Scotlandville Branch Libraries flooring project, we are working with DPW Architectural Services to prepare construction documents for the bidding process.

For the branch assessment study, Ms. Lynn Bradley of Bradley-Blewster & Associates and Mr. Bill Hidell and Mr. Aaron Babcock of Hidell and Associates Architects will present an overview of their assessment at this meeting.

In regard to the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library renovation project, Ms. Lisa Hargrave, architect with Tipton Associates will present an update on the project at this meeting.

Ms. Husband asked if there were any questions, and there were none.

Ms. Hargrave then presented her report which is appended to these minutes. She explained that the renovation involves moving the Teen Services Division to the former Genealogy Division which is Phase 1 of the project. This area will contain a study room and a sorting area for items in the Library collection. Phase 2 of the work expands the original Circulation workroom, and Phase 3 adds study rooms and an expanded Audio Visual area where Teen Services had been originally located.

Ms. Hargrave pointed out the areas in Phase 1 and 3 that will change. She then focused on the Teen Services Division, pointing out the increased shelving consisting of low stacks, new reading areas, additional computer terminals and a reading and merchandizing/display. A power and data raceway will be installed to provide for future flexibility. A program room for teens will contain a movable glass wall which can be opened and closed to alter the size of the space. The Teen area will also feature a copy room. She noted that the location of the windows will remain to take advantage of the great views of the Bluebonnet Swamp.

Ms. Hargrave displayed the finishes for the Teen area. The resin panels for the ceiling will be located at the entrance of Teen Services and will contain various colors of bliss, surf, sea and violet. In key areas a lot of neutral colors such as white paint, and gray floors with pops of color will be evident. Pin up fabrics, upholstery and wall coverings will be bold. Metallic paint will be used in the reading areas to offset the views outside the windows. Formica and plastic laminate with metallic flecks will be featured at the computer bar areas.

Ms. Hargrave then discussed the plans for Phases 2 and 3. In the former Teen Services area, three study rooms will be added with a section for Audio Visual materials, computers and a merchandizing/display section. This renovation will create better visibility of the entrance to Children's Services. The Circulation workroom will be expanded to accommodate the sorting equipment for the collection, and additional workstations. The existing carpet will be retained with finishes that tie into the gray/green color of the flooring.

Ms. Hargrave summarized the renovation features in each phase.

Phase 1 – Teens

- New Program Room that can be Open to the Teen space
- New Study Room
- Increase from 11 to 21 Computer Stations
- New Laptop Bar
- Expanded Reading Area
- Expanded Collection Shelving

Phase 2 – Work Room

- Expanded with Space for Sorting Equipment and 4 to 5 Workstations

Phase 3 – Audio/Visual – Adults Area

- 3 New Study Rooms
- 12 Additional Computer Stations
- Expanded A/V Shelving and Book Display

The add-alternates were then presented. Ms. Hargrave said these may be possible once the bid for the project is accepted. The first Add-alternate in Phase 1 is the addition of the Maker Room in the new Teen Services Division. In the Phase 2 area of the renovation an expanded workroom would be completed. In Phase 3 an additional study room would be added with an expanded Audio Visual area, and a new entrance into the Children's Services. Currently the location of Children's Services is not clear and visible as one enters the facility. The finishes for the Add-alternates will build on the same color palettes as the basic renovation working with the color schemes that are already in place. Ms. Hargrave noted that color will be added to the entrance of Children's Services.

Ms. Hargrave summarized the renovation features of Add-Alternates 1 and 2.

Add-Alternate #1 – Maker Space/Digital Lab

- Pull Down Screen/Back Drop for Camera
- 2 New Computer Stations
- Room for 3-D Printer
- Work Surfaces and Storage for Multiple Projects and Programs

Add-Alternate #2 – Audio/Visual Area with New Entry to children's Services

- More efficient Use of Existing Square Footage – New Entry to Children's Allows Direct Line of Sight and Provides Space for Additional Study Room
- Expanded Display and Pre-function Space at Entry to Meeting Rooms

Ms. Hargrave then discussed the anticipated schedule. She said she hoped that the bidding process would begin very soon. Once bidding and negotiations are completed, construction could begin in May. The phases of the renovation were planned out so that disruption of service to patrons would be minimized. The new Teen Services area would open in October with the entire project finished by January 2016.

Ms. Hargrave asked if there were any questions or comments. Ms. Freeman asked about the priorities of each phase and the Add-alternates. Ms. Payton asked if the results of the Branch Assessment Study were shared with Ms. Hargrave as she worked on the renovation plans for the Bluebonnet project. Ms. Hargrave replied that in her work she began by studying the entire building looking at what needed to be revised. This occurred before the Branch Assessment Study began. Currently only three areas could be renovated. She noted that she shared what she was planning with the assessment team. They wanted to be sure that this renovation work would coincide with the assessment study.

Ms. Johnson asked if Ms. Hargrave has considered the need for additional air conditioning in the renovated building. Ms. Hargrave said yes that their engineering consultants have assisted them with these concerns. Mr. Watts added that there is no net increase in square footage. Mr. Watts pointed out that several years ago when we knew we would move the Genealogy Department to the new Main Library, we began to study what we would do with the vacated space at Bluebonnet. The renovation of that branch was included as a capital project. The money in the amount of \$1.4 million was approved and set aside for this work.

Mr. Watts also said he appreciated that Tipton Associates has taken a holistic approach to this project. The architects working on the Bluebonnet renovation and the architects conducting the Branch Assessment Study have similar ideas, so their work is complementary, and not contradictory.

Mr. Woodard asked for a breakdown of the costs for the Bluebonnet renovation. He wanted to know the cost of the furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) to which Ms. Hargrave replied \$1.264 million including construction. He asked about the alternates to which Ms. Hargrave said \$300,000. She added that the current estimate of construction is \$1.238 million. Mr. Watts noted it is doubtful that we can do the alternates, but we are appreciative of having those alternates included as possibilities.

D. Miscellaneous Reports

Mr. Watts spoke again about the strategic planning sessions for the public. He noted that the sessions for February will occur at the River Center Branch on Tuesday, February 24 at noon and at 5:30 p.m., and at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on Thursday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. He explained that we have revamped the process, making it more customer-centered. We had spent too much time explaining the strategic plan and not enough time getting patron feedback. We will use graphics and posters to present the strategic plan and then listen to the responses and comments of the public.

Mr. Watts then gave an update on the purchase of an Outreach building at 3434 North Boulevard. Regretfully, the inspections revealed significant problems. In regard to the roof, a new TPO membrane was installed over an old roof which masked some issues. Some air conditioning units on the roof also need to be replaced. He added that we have consulted with DPW and the Parish Attorney. Mr. Watts said he will meet tomorrow with the realtor regarding the roof warranty. He noted that he is conferring with DPW regarding the cost of remediation of the roof to compare that cost with the total asking price for the building. He added that there is some asbestos in the building in the mastic, so it will be fairly easy to remove at a cost of \$20,000 to \$30,000. We had anticipated asbestos removal for a building of its age. We are trying to come to an agreement because the building is well situated and is a solid well-built facility with the special data features that are hard to find elsewhere and very expensive to now build.

Mr. Watts then told the Board that there has been some concern expressed regarding vaccinations. He explained that we have a mother who brings her child to story time. She said some children are attending story times who have not been vaccinated. The recent national measles outbreak has raised the issue regarding our library patrons. This mother would like the Library to have a requirement that all children attending story time must have the "required" vaccinations, or if that is not possible, that we then at least have a strong recommendation and guideline on this. Mr. Watts said he understands this mother's concern. Many that choose not to get their children vaccinated cite the now discredited medical journal report that vaccinations can increase the chance of autism.

He added that he has spoken to the Parish Attorney regarding this matter and was told that state agencies are in charge of public policies governing vaccinations for children and waivers from the requirement. We, therefore, have no control over this issue. As a public facility we cannot exclude non-immunized children from public events. The patron who brought up this issue is here and will probably want to make a comment during the public comment period of our meeting.

Mr. Watts also said the Library can certainly disseminate helpful information regarding immunizations and may generally encourage people to get their children vaccinated. The Library, however, cannot enforce any regulations in this area. Even in this case, we would need to be careful not to imply that we are enforcing a position. He added he told this mother he would mention it at the Board meeting, and so has just done that.

Mr. Watts asked if there were any comments from the Board members. There being none, Ms. Freeman asked for public comments. Ms. Freeman noted that during the public comment period the Board listens to public comments, but is not required to respond.

Ms. Amy Cormier, a member of the public, then spoke about immunizations. She said she is a life-long resident of East Baton Rouge Parish and has been a library card holder since 1989. She introduced her soon to be one-year old son, C.J. She said he will be vaccinated as soon as he is able. He has already received all the vaccinations recommended prior to age one. She said these vaccines will protect him if he was exposed to diseases such as chicken pox, diphtheria, measles, mumps, rubella, and whooping cough. Ms. Cormier stated that this protection works when 95% of the society is immunized. The chance of a non-immunized person coming into contact with an infected person is very small.

She said she is here today to ask the Library Board to activate a policy in writing to require and encourage vaccination of babies and toddlers, and especially those who attend story times at the Library. Ms. Cormier said the Library is an institution that informs and educates the public, and so should do this regarding immunizations. She asked what type of message we would be sending if we don't do this. She also asked about the consequences if an outbreak originated in the Library. She said this is the Library's opportunity to prevent this, and to not have to bear the consequences afterward. Ms. Cormier noted that we are experiencing a measles outbreak. We can worry about exposures at the grocery store and other public places where we have no control, but we can make a difference for public safety at our libraries. A written policy to encourage that our children be fully vaccinated is a first step. She thanked the Board for the time to speak.

Ms. Freeman asked for other public comments. Ms. Kathy Wascom, a member of the public, had a comment about the plans for the Bluebonnet Branch renovation. She said it appears that there isn't enough money to change the entrance to Children's Services. From a security standpoint and speaking as a grandmother, if at all possible, she would like to see that renovation done. She said it's important that staff can see where the children are for their safety and protection.

Ms. Freeman asked for other comments. There were none so she read Item A under New Business.

V. New Business

A. Presentation of Branch Assessment Study – Ms. Lynn Bradley, Bradley-Blewster & Associates and Mr. Bill Hidell, Hidell Associates Architects

Mr. Watts said that beside Ms. Lynn Bradley and Mr. Bill Hidell, Mr. Aaron Babcock with Hidell Associates will also speak during this presentation. Mr. Watts made some preliminary comments. He said the architects studied 11 of our facilities excluding the Fairwood Branch and the Main Library as these are new constructions, and the River Center Branch which will be replaced. He added that the plans they will review are concepts of ranges of possibilities and not blueprints. We asked them to look at reasonable ways to achieve functional and desirable spaces for the public. We emphasized that there are practical budget constraints and while the concepts could be expansive, there must be a reasonable monetary limit.

Mr. Watts said the architects will present the projects in terms of those requiring “light renovation” and those needing “heavy renovation”. This does not signify how much renovation, but rather the architectural complexity of the renovation or size of the building. The architects also developed different scenarios in which either the Zachary or Baker Branches could be converted to a regional branch. We need to establish a regional facility in the northwest perimeter of the parish similar to the regionals at Jones Creek, Bluebonnet and Greenwell Springs Road. There are justifications for choosing either one, and even if the transition does not occur in this ten-year tax period, we should be ready for this eventuality in 11 to 12 years.

Mr. Bill Hidell began the presentation noting that all three architects would speak during their presentation. He said libraries are changing from places where you get content to places where you create content as evidenced in this new Main Library. He said they visited the 11 buildings and discovered some key existing conditions as follows:

- Complicated Organization
- Inefficient Service Desks
- Staff Areas Lack Flexibility
- Limited Meeting Spaces with No Conference Rooms
- Lack of Dedicated Teen Areas

Mr. Hidell noted that the entrance to Children’s Services at the Bluebonnet Regional is an example of complicated organization. It is not apparent where Children’s Services is located as one enters the building. He also said that the service desks at our facilities are inefficient and feel confrontational to the public. In many of the limited meeting spaces, dividers and shades do not work. Teen areas are not inviting and do not encourage teens to hang out there.

Mr. Hidell said the architectural team established some benchmarks for the future stating that the library should have the following characteristics:

- User Friendly
- A Place for Kids
- A Teen Hangout
- Provide Access to Technology
- A Place to Meet
- A Place to Study
- A Place to Collaborate
- A Place to Relax
- Flexible

He pointed out the desirable features that patrons want. A user friendly space can be achieved by following a retail model.

Mr. Aaron Babcock then continued, stating that in Children's Services the furniture should be designed for children and not feature adult furniture that was made smaller for children. Within the stacks interactive areas can be located.

Mr. Hidell noted that teen areas should contain a lounge area, a hangout area, a study area and a movie area. Access to technology would require additional computers, digital labs, and areas for collaborative learning. Places to meet should contain a variety of spaces and configurations that are flexible. A place for distance learning is also important with the need to collaborate with universities.

Mr. Babcock added that they consistently saw people trying to quietly study or trying to tutor. The lack of areas for these activities caused issues. The need for quiet study and work spaces was apparent.

Mr. Hidell pointed out that libraries are now places for collaboration in the business community, but also for students in junior and senior high schools. He also discussed the need for places to relax with a "living room feel". Mr. Babcock noted to achieve this function in our buildings, furniture needs to be re-configured and re-arranged. There are many beautiful vistas in the branches with areas that would lend themselves to this relaxing atmosphere. Pulling the stacks into the center can create these niche areas near the windows.

Mr. Hidell said flexibility is paramount. Rapid changes have occurred in libraries over the last ten years and this will continue into the future at an even more rapid pace. He added that what will be important is the ability to change our facilities as the program service models for the public change.

Mr. Babcock said they will discuss how to change the buildings they studied. The renovation ideas are categorized as light or heavy; the distinction being, minor changes to the building configuration or light, and major changes to the building configuration or heavy. He added that facilities of similar sizes would have the same types of changes.

The presentation also featured a slide illustrating the existing floor plan for each facility and the proposed floor plan followed by a slide of “Quick Stats” containing amenities, size, collection capacity, cost range and a renovation rating ranging from 1 to 10 (light to heavy) for each facility. This rating reflects the complexity of the reconfiguration, and not the cost of the proposed work.

Light renovations are proposed for the following buildings:

- Eden Park Branch Library
- Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library
- Carver Branch Library
- Central Branch Library

Heavy renovations are proposed for the following buildings:

- Scotlandville Branch Library
- Delmont Gardens Branch Library
- Zachary Branch Library
- Zachary Regional Branch Library Option
- Baker Branch Library
- Baker Regional Branch Library Option
- Jones Creek Regional Branch Library
- Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library
- Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library

The following were the recommendations for each facility studied.

Eden Park Branch Library

To Remain	Proposed Changes
• Existing Organization	• Reconfigure Shelving
• Exposed Architectural Framing	• Consolidate Staff Area
• Select Furniture	• Increase Program Space
	• Create Dedicated Teen Area
	• Increase Children’s Area

Mr. Babcock noted that this branch has attractive architecture. However, the staff areas are spread throughout the building. He also noted that computers are located at various areas throughout the building. These features need to be centralized to be patron focused, and more efficient for staff. The renovation rating is a 4 at a cost range of \$1.5 - \$2.0 million.

Pride-Chaneyville Branch Library

To Remain	Proposed Changes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing Meeting Room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconfigure Shelving
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing Restrooms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidate Staff Area
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architectural Character 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Collaborative Space
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing Organization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidate Public Computers
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create Dedicated Teen Area
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Meeting Room Space

This branch is similar to the Eden Park Branch with similar recommendations. They propose moving the book drop, and adding a unisex bathroom near the entrance. Mr. Babcock said we are recommending a unisex restroom in all the branches. The renovation rating is a 4 at a cost range of \$1.9 - \$2.0 million.

Carver Branch Library

To Remain	Proposed Changes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing Meeting Room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconfigure Shelving
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing Restrooms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidate Staff Area
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architectural Character 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enclose Courtyard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select Furniture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Program Space
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create Dedicated Teen Area

Ms. Lynn Bradley then discussed this branch noting that it is beautiful. She said the courtyard is rarely used and is a maintenance problem, so the architects recommend enclosing it. Mr. Hidell noted that they recommend decreasing the height of the shelving throughout the system. The renovation rating is a 5 at a cost range of \$2.7 - \$3.6 million.

Central Branch Library

To Remain	Proposed Changes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing Meeting Room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconfigure Shelving
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architectural Character 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidate Staff Area
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing Organization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand Adult Collection
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Program Space
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconfigure Children's Area
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create Dedicated Teen Area
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise Public Restrooms

Ms. Bradley said this branch is very crowded with computers located wherever they can fit. It is recommended that we move the Circulation desk, creating a story time space, grouping computers together, and adding some collaborative space at the bay windows. Mr. Babcock added that study rooms in Children's Services for tutoring/instruction is a suggestion for all branches. The renovation rating is a 5 at a cost range of \$2.6 - \$4.4 million.

Scotlandville Branch Library

To Remain	Proposed Changes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exposed Architectural Structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relocate Restrooms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architectural Character 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconfigure Shelving
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing Organization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidate Staff Area
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Collaborative Space
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise Meeting Room
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise Entry Sequence
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand Children’s Area
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create Dedicated Teen Area

Mr. Babcock said the entry to this branch is difficult. The area is disjointed. Recommendations included centralizing the staff area, moving the restrooms to the front of the building, expanding the Children’s area, and adding study rooms. The black history area would remain in its present location with the addition of study rooms. The renovation rating is a 7 at a cost range of \$4.0 - \$4.5 million.

Delmont Gardens Branch Library

To Remain	Proposed Changes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Adult Collection Addition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demolish East Portion of Facility
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct Addition at Existing West Parking Lot
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct Small Addition to East (New Entry)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise East Parking Lot

Mr. Babcock noted that the area added to the original building works very well. The issue is the site on which the facility is located. There are two parking lots. A major overhaul would include demolishing the old building and adding on to the west side. They also suggest adding onto the east side and moving the entry to that side. Mr. Hidell said this branch had the most creative, professional art in the Children’s area that he’s ever seen. The renovation rating is a 9 at a cost range of \$8.0 - \$8.3 million because this is a major renovation.

Mr. Woodard asked about the cost of \$8 million to renovate the building. Mr. Hidell replied that is the project cost. Ms. Bradley noted that includes all the costs such as the demolition, the furnishings, and the sidewalks. Mr. Woodard asked Mr. Watts what we are budgeting for new libraries. Mr. Watts answered for the south branch we are estimating about \$6 – 6.5 million. Ms. Bradley added the estimated figure is projected out for 2025, so the inflation factor is about 30%. Mr. Watts said one of the considerations with the Delmont Gardens Branch is that the original section was built in 1985, so it is 30 years old. By the time these renovations are complete, the new section will also have aged considerably. Possibly constructing an entire new building would be the better solution. Mr. Watts noted that this renovation is the most dramatic and involved.

Zachary Branch Library

To Remain	Proposed Changes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exposed Architectural Structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relocate Restrooms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architectural Character 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconfigure Shelving
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidate Staff Area
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise Configuration
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enclose Courtyard
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create Dedicated Teen Area
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Meeting Space

Mr. Babcock explained that two scenarios for Zachary were studied; one as a branch and one as a regional library. The proposal includes enclosing the courtyard and adding a teen area. This branch lacks meeting space and collaborative space. A drive-up window and book drop were also suggested. The renovation rating is a 6 at a cost range of \$4.7 - \$4.8 million.

Zachary Regional Branch Library Option

Expand Existing Library to Accommodate Regional Library Amenities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enclose Courtyard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand Collection Areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Meeting Room Spaces
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Collaborative Space
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise Configuration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create Dedicated Teen Area

Mr. Babcock said this scenario would include an increase in size to 30,000 square feet to accommodate it for regional amenities. This project would involve enclosing the courtyard and doing an expansion on both sides of the building to increase the adult and the Children’s area. A quiet zone for adults is also suggested. The renovation rating is an 8 at a cost range of \$5.2 - \$8.3 million.

Baker Branch Library

To Remain	Proposed Changes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exposed Architectural Structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relocate Restrooms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architectural Character 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconfigure Entry to Drive-up Book Drop
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidate Staff Area
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise Meeting Room
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enclose Courtyard
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create Dedicated Teen Area
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconfigure Shelving

Mr. Babcock said the Baker Branch was also studied as a branch and as a regional. This branch is

similar to Delmont Gardens with parking on both sides of the building. Suggested improvements include enclosing the courtyard, placing an entry from both parking lots, creating a drive-up window and book drop, and a collaborative area for children and teens. . The renovation rating is an 8 at a cost range of \$5.1 - \$5.7 million.

Baker Regional Branch Library Option

Expand Existing Library to Accommodate Regional Library Amenities
• Demolish West Portion of Facility
• Construct Two Story Addition
• Utilize Existing Parking
• Create Entry Lobby with Access to Both Parking Lots

Mr. Babcock said this scenario would include an increase in size to 28,000 square feet to accommodate it for regional amenities. To provide sufficient space for this concept, construction of a two story addition was suggested. The entry points would remain as in the branch renovation. The second floor would contain the adult collections, the study rooms and lots of seating. The renovation rating is a 9 at a cost range of \$5.9 - \$9.5 million.

Jones Creek Regional Branch Library

To Remain	Proposed Changes
• Architectural Character	• Relocate Restrooms
• Existing Organization	• Renovate Existing Meeting Room Area
	• Expand Meeting Room Capacity
	• Increase Collaborative Space
	• Revise Entry Sequence
	• Revise Children’s Area
	• Create Dedicated Teen Area
	• Expand for a Drive-Up Book Drop

Mr. Babcock said the team proposes reworking the staff area, creating collaborative spaces, a meeting room with a capacity for 300 people, and adding a drive-up book drop. The renovation rating is a 7 at a cost range of \$3.3 - \$6.1 million.

Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch Library

To Remain	Proposed Changes
• Exposed Architectural Structure	• Relocate Restrooms
• Architectural Character	• Reconfigure Shelving
• Existing Organization	• Consolidate Staff Area
	• Increase Collaborative Space
	• Revise Meeting Room
	• Revise Entry Sequence
	• Expand Children’s Area
	• Create Dedicated Teen Area

Mr. Hidell said Greenwell Springs Road Regional has wonderful views which he recommends preserving. The proposal includes reorganizing the entrance, creating collaborative spaces, a meeting room with a capacity of 212 people, and adding a drive-up book drop. The architects suggest centralizing the rest rooms. The configuration of the parking lot would remain the same. The renovation rating is a 7 at a cost range of \$5.4 - \$6.5 million.

Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library

To Remain	Proposed Changes
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Collaborative Space
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise Meeting Room

Mr. Hidell said there are two service desks when you enter the Bluebonnet Regional, so the architects recommend consolidating them into one. They also suggest reconfiguring the meeting rooms. There is difficulty finding Children’s Services, so that entrance needs to be reworked. He noted the team worked with the proposed renovation designed by Tipton Associates. Ms. Hargrave noted that the additional renovations proposed in this assessment study will work well with the base work she presented. The renovation rating is a 7 at a cost range of \$1.9 - \$6.4 million.

Mr. Hidell said for easy reference, we included one quick stats chart on one page which contains the key data from the assessment study for each branch. He then asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Woodard asked as we look at this assessment study and the upcoming millage renewal election, how would you categorize the cost of these renovations? He wondered if the costs were closer to average, or on the high end. He asked if we could lower the costs. Mr. Hidell replied that the Board could lower the cost. He noted that the assessment team assumed shelving would be replaced which is expensive, as is movable shelving. Mr. Babcock added that the Board could pick which changes they wished to make. Mr. Hidell also said that in some cases it might be cheaper to construct a new building. The study suggested similar amenities in the branches and then in the regionals to provide uniformity throughout the system.

Ms. Johnson asked if furniture or shelving could be moved from one branch to another where there might be a greater need. Mr. Hidell answered that this was not part of their analysis.

Ms. Freeman asked about their projected costs noting that in the Bluebonnet renovation presentation the cost was \$1.2 million for one area of renovation. The baseline of the assessment study is \$3 million. She asked if we already completed the renovation of the Bluebonnet Branch, what would the baseline price then be for that branch? Mr. Babcock clarified that Ms. Freeman felt the figures for the Bluebonnet assessment should be less. Mr. Babcock said that is why the study’s baseline started at \$1.9 million.

Ms. Bradley said the baseline figure would reflect doing some of these suggestions proposed through doing all of the suggestions reflected in the figure of \$6.4 million. Mr. Hidell then noted that the cost is higher if the renovations are done in a building that is occupied versus one that is vacant. Ms. Bradley added that the study projections were extended to 2025. If a renovation is done in 2016 it will be less expensive than in 2025.

Mr. Jacob asked if the figure of \$6.4 million reflects a renovation later in the 10-year period to which Ms. Bradley agreed.

Ms. Freeman asked if there were any additional questions from the Board. There being none, she asked for public comments.

Mr. John Berry, a member of the public, asked if there was any prioritization done according to need. He wondered if when they visited these buildings they noted apparent needs such as worn furniture, a real need, as opposed to having a certain amount of money to spend. Mr. Berry also asked how much this assessment has cost so far. Ms. Bradley replied that this assessment was based on a 10-year plan. We did not prioritize the order in which the building would be renovated. That is a decision the Library Board would need to make.

Mr. Watts said the architectural team looked at the needs at each branch. He added that no priority has been established yet. He said the staff can consider the age of the buildings and the wear and tear when making suggestions to the Board about which project should be done first. The other factor to consider is problems in a facility.

Ms. Freeman said this assessment study included the 11 branches. We did this study because we knew that we had issues to address in our aging libraries. We have priorities, and one of those is technology. A building constructed in 1990 was not built to address the needs we have now in 2015. We are looking at what we could possibly do, but it's not based on how much money we have to spend.

Ms. Kathy Wascom, a member of the public, said the Board should prioritize the needs of the community. She said in this assessment study, the staff areas are consolidated. She wondered if the staff was consulted. The staff working in the various departments within a branch will have different needs based on the patrons they serve. Mr. Hidell replied that there was a lot of wasted space in the staff areas they visited. The Fairwood Branch has consolidated their staff area and the staff are very appreciative of that. They enjoy the synergy.

Ms. Freeman asked if there were any other comments. There being none, she thanked the architects for their presentation which gives the Board much to consider.

Ms. Payton left the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

B. Review and Discussion of Millage Proposals – Mr. Spencer Watts and Ms. Rhonda Pinsonat

Ms. Freeman read Item B. Mr. Woodard then made a motion to table this item and to schedule a special meeting especially since two Board members are not present. He added this topic will require a long discussion, and he would also like some additional time to review the materials the Board was given to have an educated discussion. Mr. Leger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Freeman asked the Board to review the projections we have received, and e-mail Ms. Pinsonat with any questions so that we are prepared. She said the staff has done an excellent job of collecting the figures and projections for the Board's consideration. Ms. Freeman asked Ms. Zozulin to poll the Board members for a date and time for the special Board meeting. This date and time will be posted on the Library's website.

VI. Old Business

A. Review of Options and Discussion regarding Course of Action for a South Branch Library – Mr. Spencer Watts

Ms. Freeman read Item A under Old Business. She asked Mr. Watts to report on this. Mr. Watts said this item will be short. We do not have any updates or changes on the status of finalizing a site for a south branch library. Based on last month's Board meeting discussions on this topic, Mr. Watts said we will show the public at the Strategic Planning Session at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library on February 26th the site drawings and building renderings for the property on Bennett Drive. This will give the public the opportunity to talk about this site or any other that they may know about. Mr. Watts said the Board agreed to this approach so we will see what results we get next week.

Ms. Freeman asked for any comments from the Board. Mr. Jacob asked if we were planning to have a meeting. Mr. Watts replied that the direction from the Board was to use the strategic planning session at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch as an opportunity to inform the public and get feedback from them. He added that many people in the south branch service area use the Bluebonnet Branch. So this site is a good location for this meeting.

Mr. Woodard said his thought on the Bennett property site is that recently the Board received a signed letter from everyone in the immediate neighborhood stating they do not want a branch library on the Bennett property. Mr. Woodard said he is going to respect their wishes and not support purchasing the property on Bennett Drive.

Ms. Freeman added that we cannot move forward on this site because we would not get the approval of the homeowners in that subdivision to allow that property to be purchased by us. She suggested we present ideas about what we can provide. The public needs to know that we have exhausted our resources. Either we need to present a Plan B or the public needs to come up with other suggestions. Ms. Freeman said we should not talk about the Bennett site because there is no support for that.

Mr. Watts clarified what direction the Board wanted to pursue which is not to pursue Bennett Drive property, and to ask the public for their input. Mr. Watts said in a week we will not have an alternate proposal ready, so the meeting will be open ended. He noted that we can find a site along Burbank or slightly south of Burbank and build a traditional type of branch, or find a site like the Bennett property without the restrictions. Another option is a small site on Perkins Road suited to a non-traditional type building. Ms. Freeman said we need to have a community conversation letting them know what we have done, and listening to what they are saying about a branch library.

Ms. Freeman said the meeting will be at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch on February 26 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Ms. Freeman asked for public comments. Mr. Berry asked about the time and the location of the meeting. Ms. Stein gave him a copy of *The Source* with the information. Mr. Berry also wanted to know if the Library was going to send invitations to the residents on Bennett Drive to let them know the Bennett property is not being considered because he does not think they know that the Bennett property is not being considered. He added this is the first time he has heard about this situation.

Ms. Freeman said we needed a certain number of votes from that association to even move forward with the purchase. The letter that Mr. Woodard talked about was signed by the residents of that subdivision. Ms. Freeman added that she had a conversation with Mr. Paul Kirk, one of the residents opposed to the library branch on Bennett Drive. She said we decided we would not take any more action on Bennett Drive. Ms. Freeman said the residents know because she corresponded with him.

There were no further public comments, so Ms. Freeman read Item B.

B. Review of Information about Meeting Room Usage and Meeting Room Policy Revisions – Mr. Spencer Watts and Ms. Mary Stein

Mr. Watts said that we discussed this topic last month with documents that contained a great amount of detail. He said today he will outline the issues and questions for the Board's consideration in revising the meeting room policy. Three issues that are straightforward are the following:

- Allow governmental agencies to book rooms.
- Permit the on-site collection of dues or other routine book-keeping and low level organizational transactions; allow the distribution of business cards and simple promotional materials.
- Outline what constitutes a non-profit, or the process for determining the non-profit status of an organization.

The following are more difficult issues:

Types of Events Permitted in Meeting Rooms

- Traditional non-profits and civic organizations
- Private events such as parties, weddings, social gatherings
- Commercial or corporate events – particularly those related to workforce or economic development
- Special events for non-profits that involve paid admission and/or may include vendor displays, sales, or exchanges – for example, an educational group's book fair or a fund-raiser for a group or club that includes a theme sale or auction

After Hour Events

- Social and private occasions such as weddings or a retirement party
- Bookings would be limited based on staff resources

Question of Fees & Fee Schedule

- For after-hours events there would be cost recovery for directly related expenses such as security and cleaning – these would be in addition to standard fees
- Staff suggest a tiered fee schedule, with lower fees for non-profits
- Fees are market-place based; include sufficient coverage for excess wear and tear on furnishings and flooring (figured at \$28.00 per every four hours)
- Fees should be adjustable over time to account for inflation and based on actual experience

Alcohol

- Question of allowing or not allowing, and/or any attendant restrictions
- Preferred option is to allow alcohol with event sponsor responsible for obtaining permits and properly licensed bar attendant

Mr. Watts said these are the questions for the Board's consideration. Most of the events booked in our meeting rooms were positive. We learned what our resources and limits are. He noted that we are getting requests from the public for meeting room use since we experimented last year. For example, we have received a request for a wedding. Mr. Jacob asked when the wedding is scheduled to which Ms. Stein replied in June.

Mr. Jacob made a motion that the Board table this item until the March Board meeting. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Ms. Johnson requested information about what other libraries do in regard to their meeting rooms and how the process works before the next Board meeting.

Ms. Freeman asked for public comments. There being none, she asked for comments by the Board, Item VII.

VII. Comments by the Library Board of Control

There were no comments by the Board.

There being no further comments, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Jacob, seconded by Mr. Woodard.

Ms. Tanya Freeman, President

Mr. Spencer Watts, Library Director



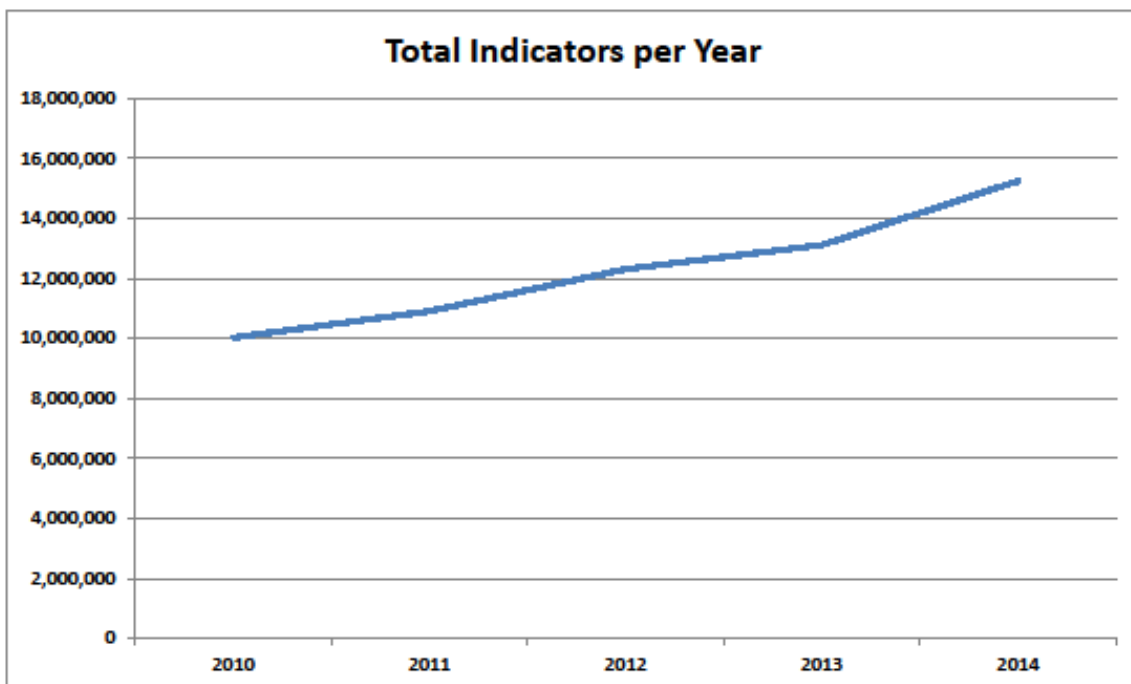
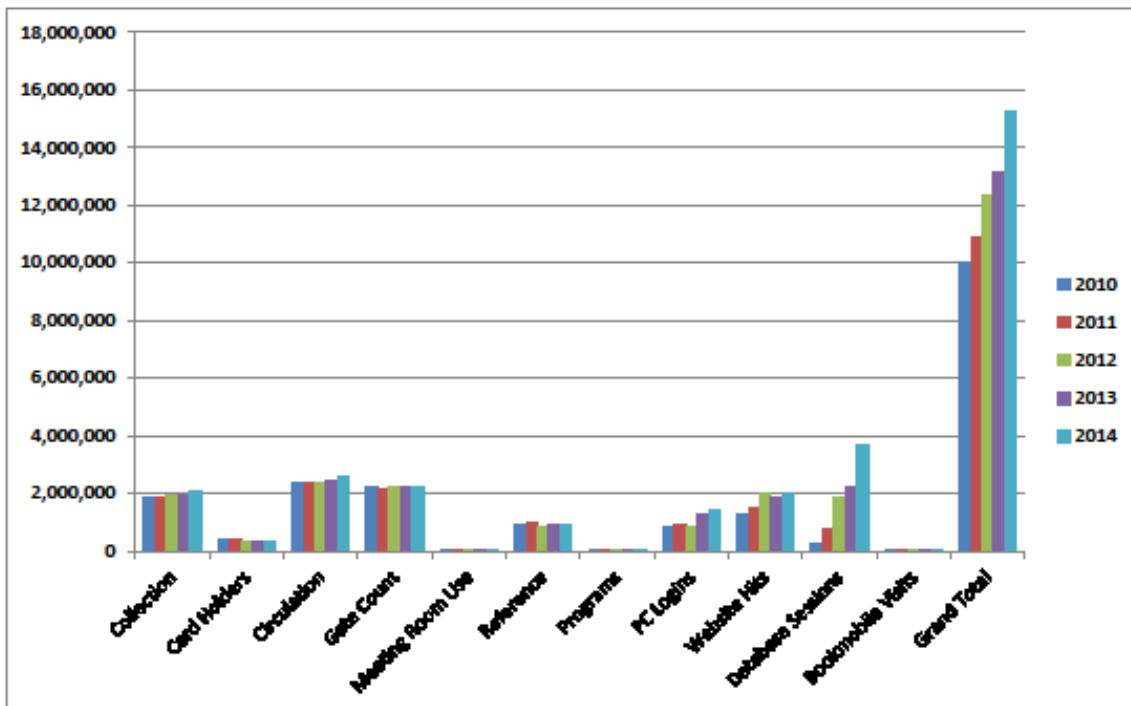
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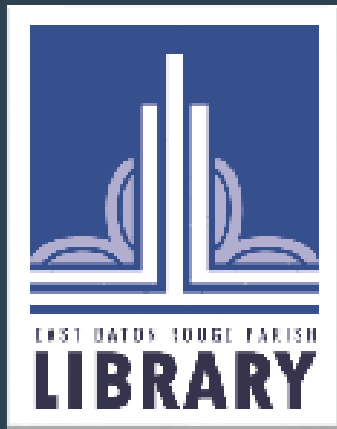
- The new Main Library at Goodwood held a soft opening on January 15, 2014; the Plaza and Parking Lot were completed in November, 2014. Competing against projects in 5 states, the new building earned the ENR Tex/LA Top Government/Public Project Award as well as the Top Project Overall Award in December, 2014.
- The Library's collections continued to grow, with more than 2 million items. Major new additions to the collection included several distinct collections for the BR Room's Archive and special online resources such as Lynda.com, Mergent, Fast Pencil, Treehouse, Flipster, Press Display, Kurzweil Firefly, and Women's Wear Daily.
- The Library was named a Starred Library by *Library Journal's* "Index of Public Library Service" for the third year in a row.
- 21,060 new library cards were issued in 2014, bringing the patron count to 346,363.
- Circulation rose 5.2%, as EBRPL patrons checked out 2,4563,226 items in 2014. This parallels a slight increase in the gate count to 2,230,096.
- Library staff produced 12,107 Programming events, with more than 475,086 people attending (a 48% rise in programming; this large increase is due in part to new building, new bookmobile, and 75th anniversary events).
- Reference questions rose a bit to 898,255.
- At 3,654,984 recorded sessions, Database Sessions continue to rise, increasing 66%. Computer use was up all around, due in part to installation of a more robust infrastructure, more public computers, and upgraded WiFi.
- Meeting Room use recorded 57,945 attendance with groups using public meeting rooms 4,154 times, a 14.4% increase. The new Study Rooms at the Main Library and conference room at GSR were used 6,447 times.
- A new bookmobile, Digi-Blue joined Outreach Service; visits increased by almost 200 stops to 1,836 stops (up 12.9%) at pre-schools and day care centers, retirement centers, schools, and community events.

Key Indicators Reported for 2010 – 2014

Output Measure	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Collection	1,829,961	1,856,240	1,907,152	1,940,733	2,059,110
Card Holders	410,109	425,540	304,431	325,303	346,363
Circulation	2,392,827	2,340,208	2,338,802	2,434,723	2,563,226
Gate Count	2,190,194	2,175,796	2,206,485	2,212,004	2,230,096
Meeting Room Use	3,109	2,442	2,777	3,631	4,154
Reference	879,514	971,205	868,222	885,764	898,255
Library Programs	4,083	4,012	5,278	7,737	12,107
PC Logins, AWE use, WiFi	813,792	878,944	848,364	1,244,648	1,436,558
Website Hits	1,265,706	1,504,250	1,988,926	1,855,891	2,036,970
Database Sessions	238,829	743,782	1,837,841	2,198,448	3,654,984
Bookmobile/Outreach Visits	502	856	1,153	1,635	1,836
Grand Total of Indicators	10,028,626	10,903,275	12,309,431	13,109,471 <i>Up 6.5% over 2012</i>	15,243,659 <i>Up 16% over 2013; up 52% over 2010</i>

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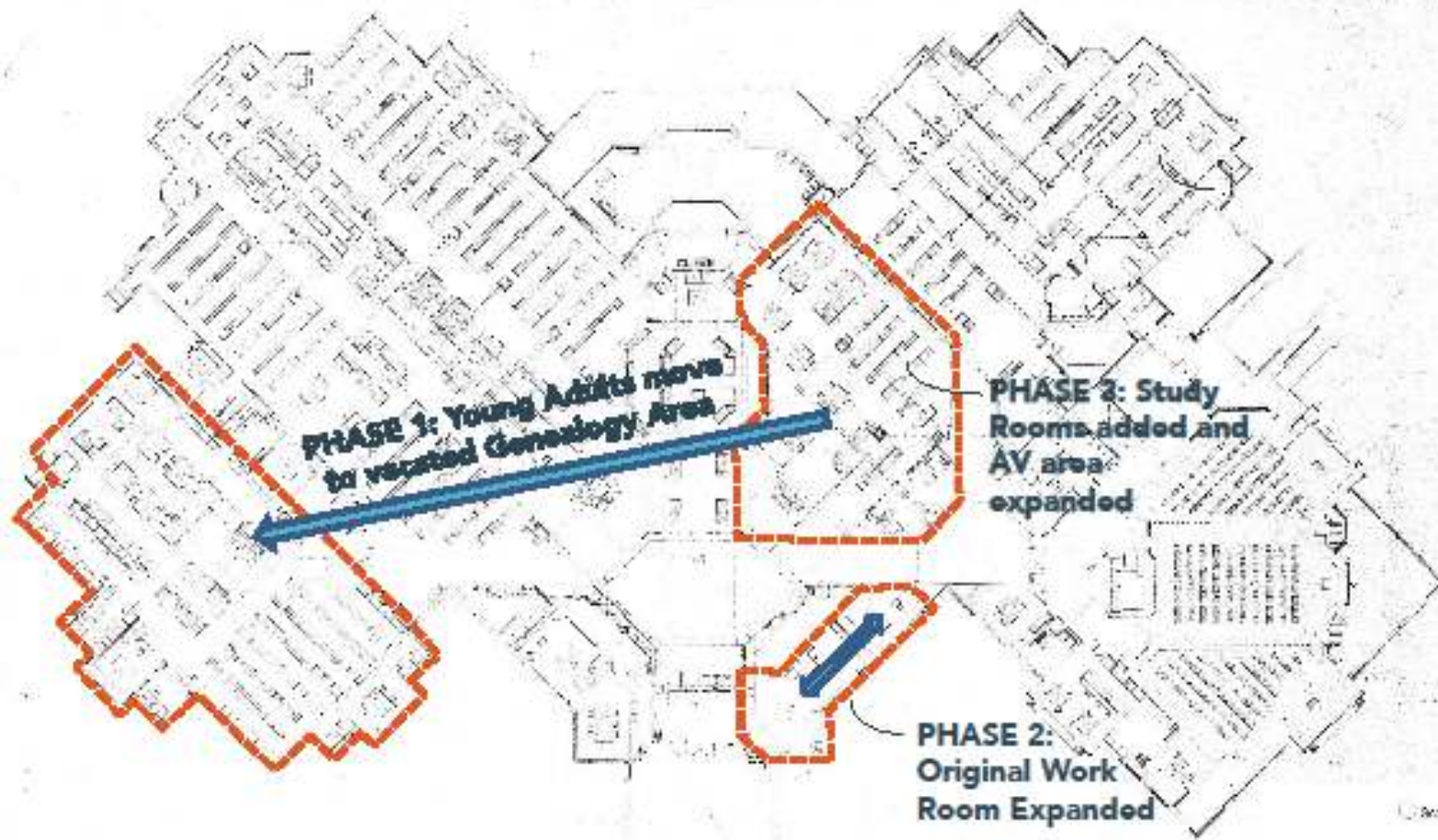




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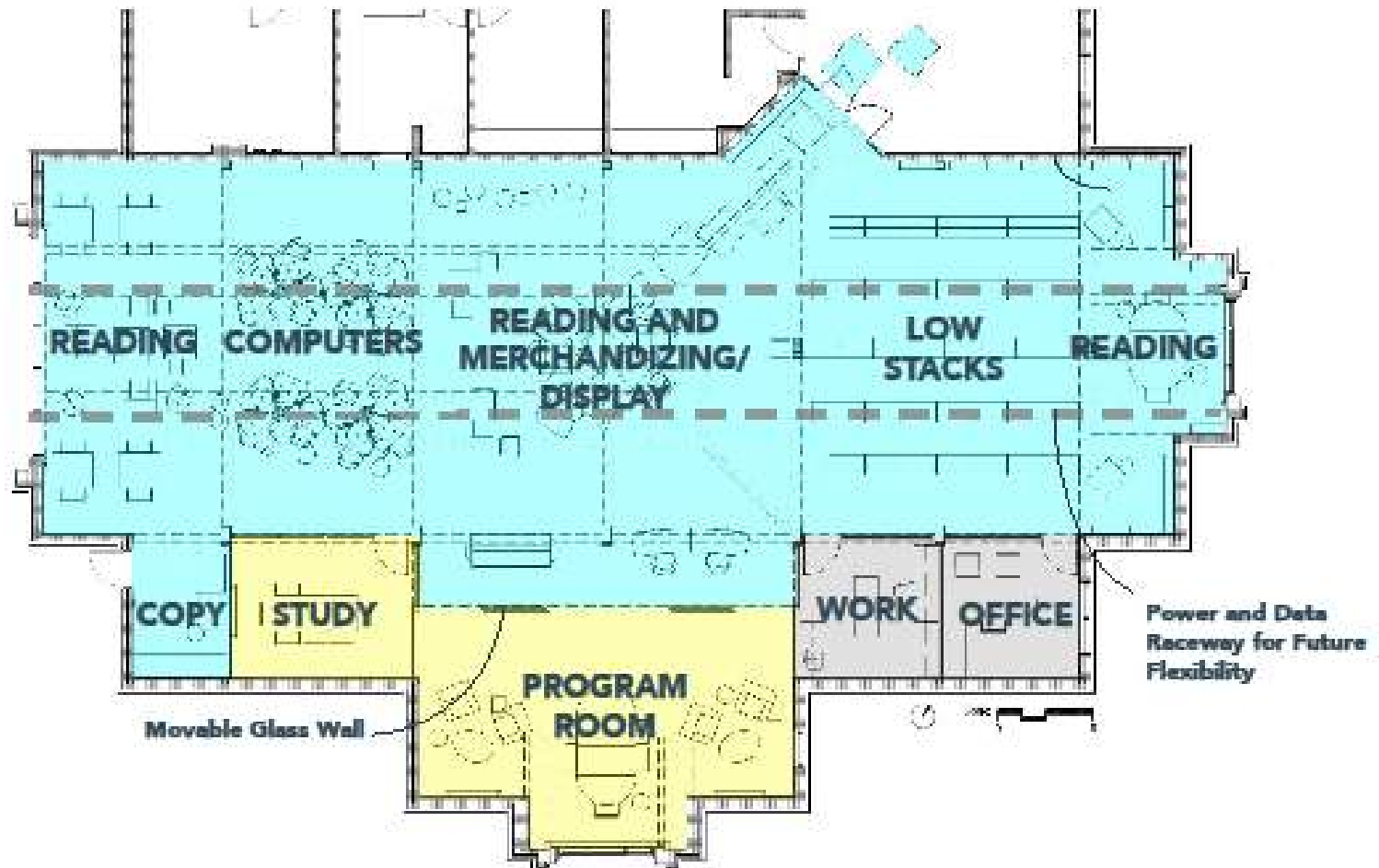
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Teens Area Renovations ~ Phase 1



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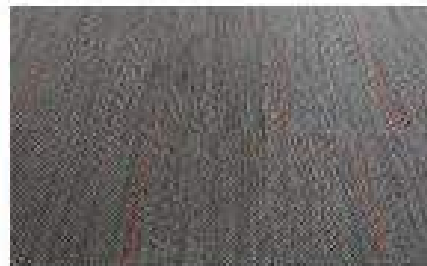


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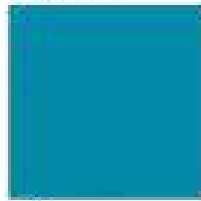
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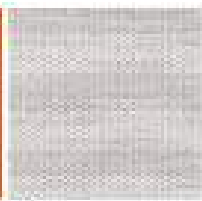
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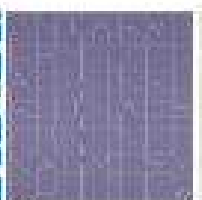


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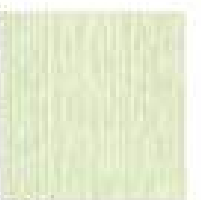
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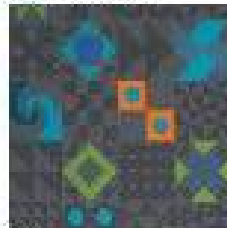


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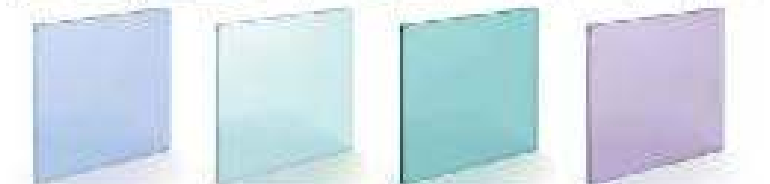
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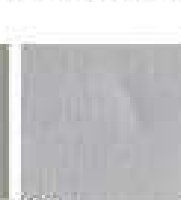
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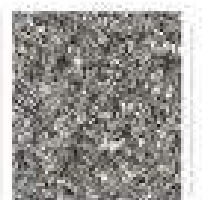
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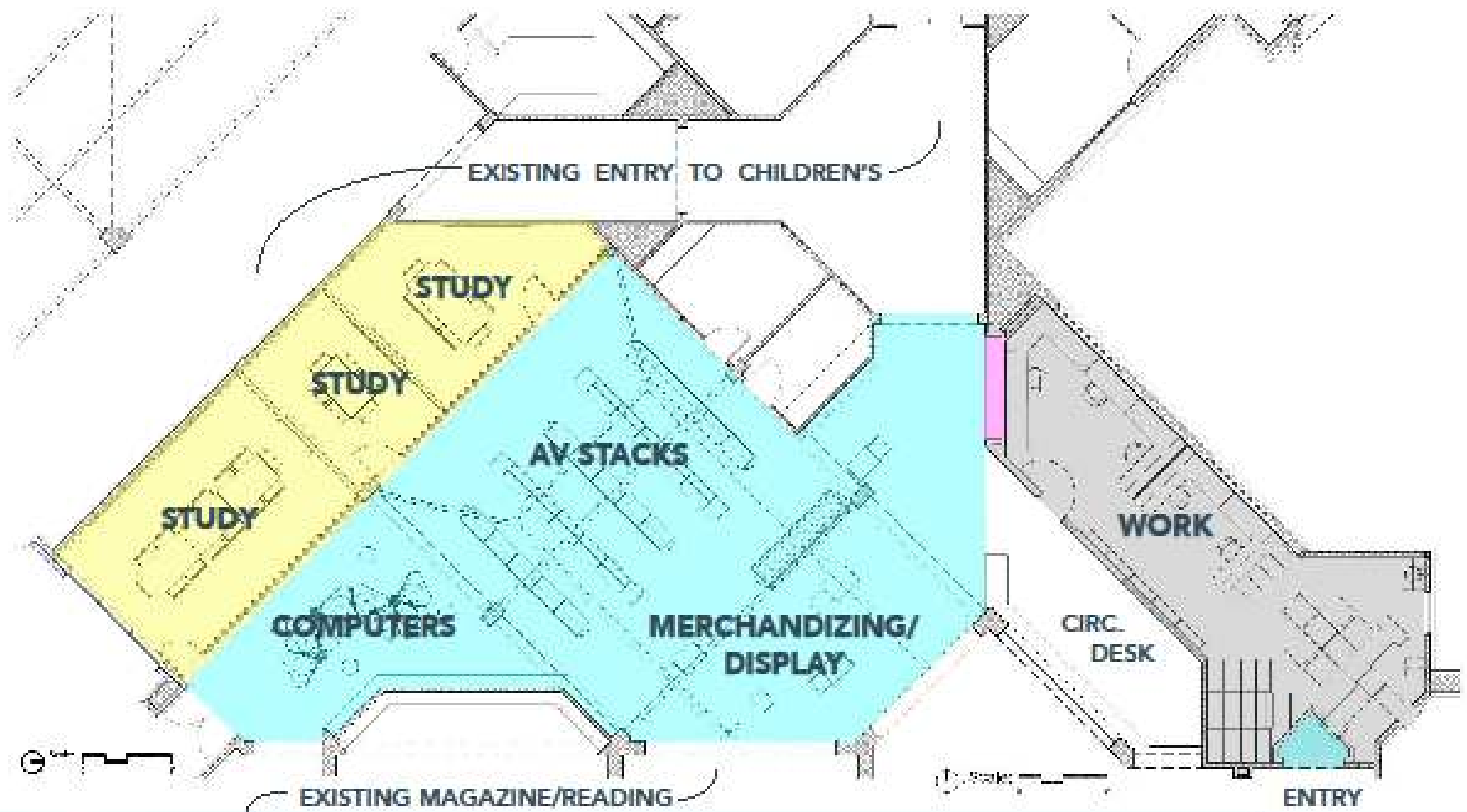


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Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library Renovations
Teens Finishes ~ Phase 1





Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library Renovations
Study Rooms, AV, & Workroom - Phases 2 & 3





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Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library Renovations Finishes ~ Phases 2 & 3



SUMMARY OF RENOVATION FEATURES

- **Teens**
 - A new Program Room that can be open to rest of Teen space
 - A new Study room
 - An increase from 11 to 21 computer stations
 - A new laptop bar
 - Expanded reading areas
 - Expanded collection shelving
- **Work Room**
 - Expanded Work Room with space for sorting equipment and 4 to 5 workstations
- **Audio/Visual – Adults Area**
 - 3 new Study Rooms
 - 12 additional computer stations
 - Expanded AV shelving and book display

PHASE 3:
New Study
Rooms, and
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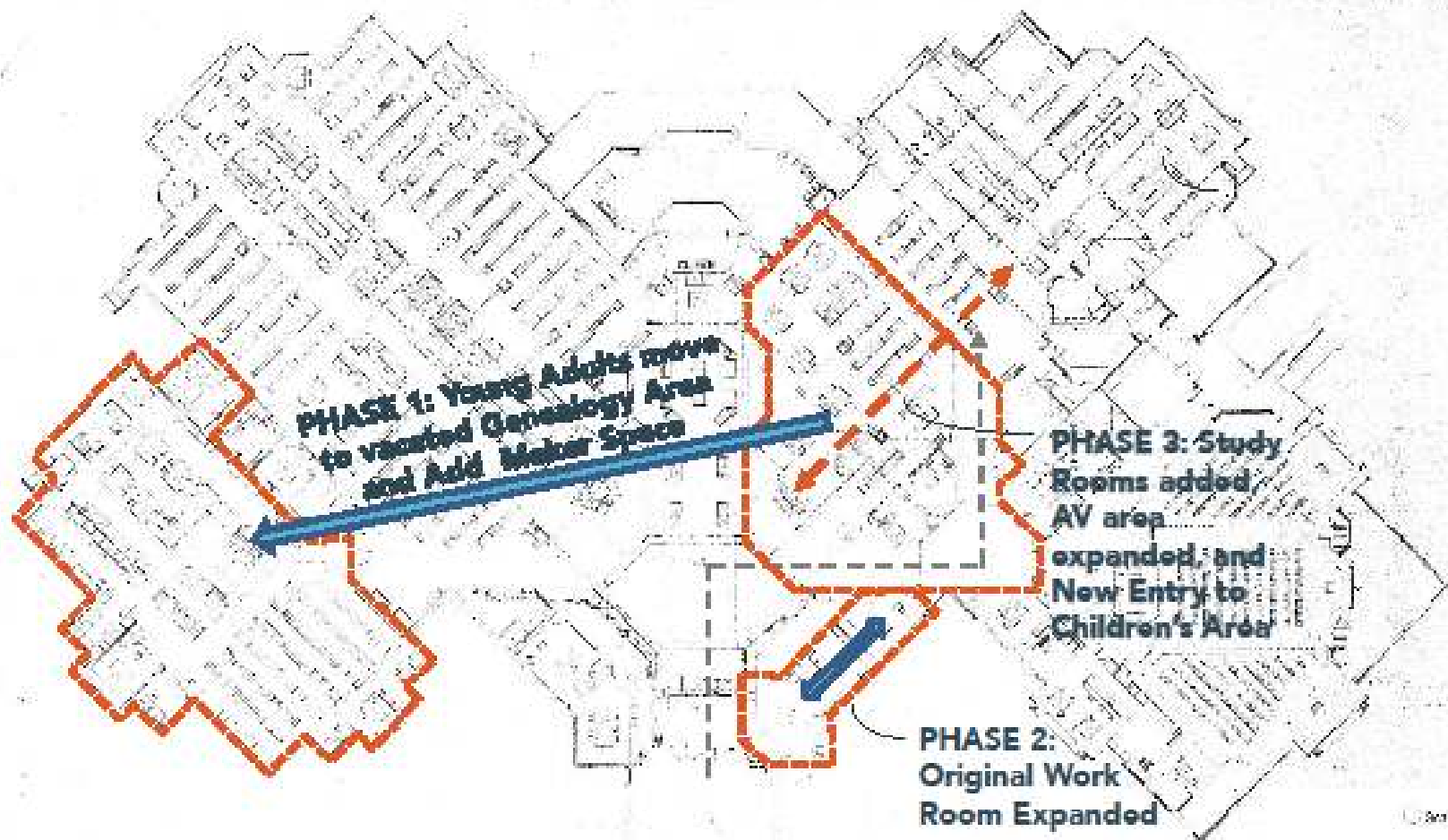
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Teens Area



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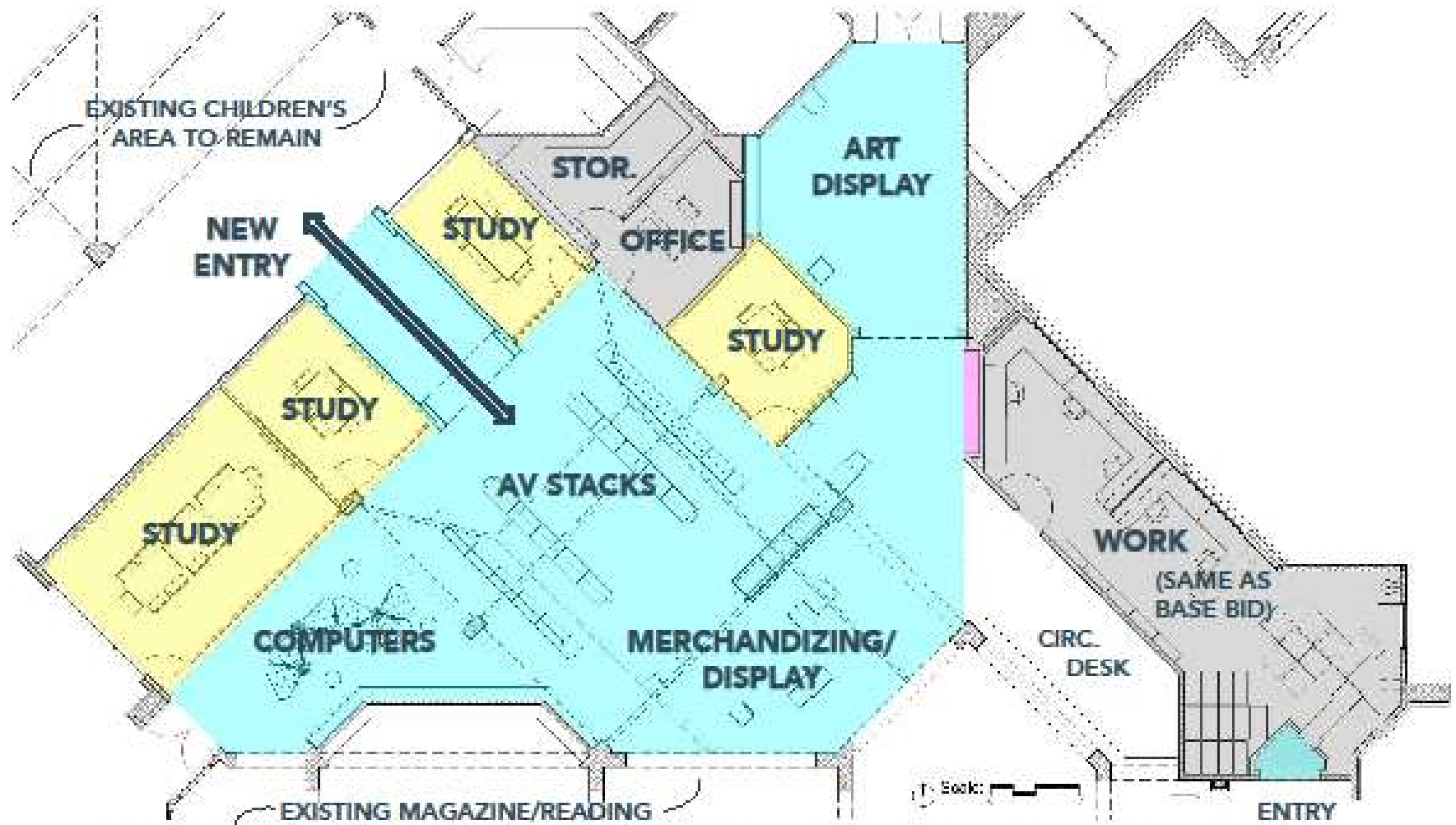
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Maker Space | Digital Lab ~ Alt. 1





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Study Rooms | Entry to Children's | Display - Alt. 2





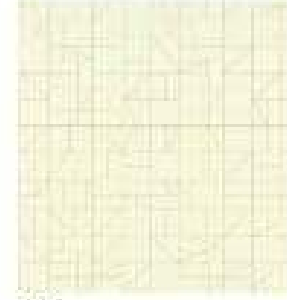
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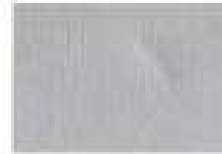
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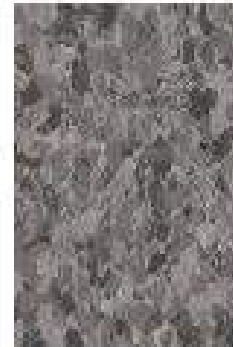
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Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library Renovations Finishes - Alternates 1 & 2



SUMMARY OF RENOVATION FEATURES of ALTERNATES 1 & 2

- **Add Alternate #1 - Maker Space/Digital Lab**
 - Pull down screen/back drop for camera
 - 2 new computer stations
 - Room for 3-d Printer
 - Work surfaces and storage for multiple projects and programs
- **Add Alternate #2 – Audio/Visual Area with new Entry to Children's**
 - More efficient use of existing square footage ~ New entry to children's allows direct line of sight and provides space for an additional study room.
 - Expanded display and pre-function space at entry to Meeting Rooms

PHASE 3:
New Study
Rooms,
Expanded
Audio
Visual, and
New Entry
to Children's
Area

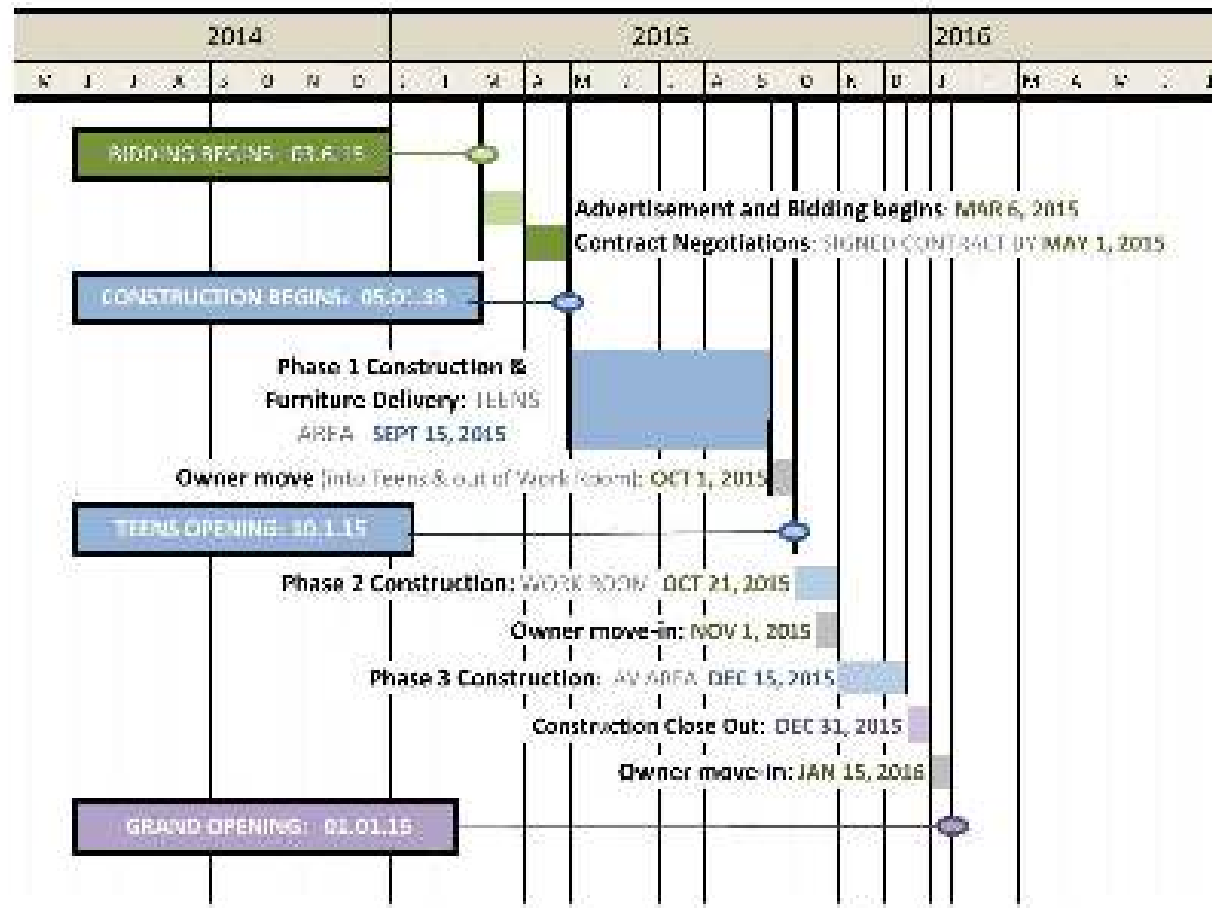
PHASE 1:
Teens Area and
Maker Space

PHASE 2:
Work Room
Expanded



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Summary – Alternates 1 & 2





Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library Renovations Anticipated Schedule

