

Recap... in case you're just joining us

- Former Building:
 - Vacated and demo'd after discovering extent of water damage in the shell
 - Would have cost nearly as much to repair/remodel as to build a new library
- Interim Location:
 - Moved to the current 2-bay storefront in Nobles Pond plaza as a temporary location.

Small but Mighty

In 20% of the space, the plaza location has...

- Welcomed nearly as many visits this year than last year in the former location (last 2 months were higher)
- Managed to serve 80% of the circulation
- Been a fantastic incubator of new innovations like Smart lockers, merchandising the collection, video vending machine & 24/7 lobby

The Current Library Needs

- More Space
 - For kids programs and play-n-learn space
 - For teens activities and tutoring
- More Collection
 - For browsing
 - For fewer holds

The Recommendation

2 weeks ago at a finance committee meeting-turned-special-board-meeting, based on our quantitative analysis, library leadership recommended that...

- The board consider staying in the Plaza AND
- Immediate expand by 50% to allow more space to meet these needs

Why Make the Case to Stay & Expand

- The current library is serving a significant number of patrons at a significantly lower cost.
- There is an opportunity to invest funds:
 - In MORE materials instead of facilities
 - In MORE non-traditional service points in the community (mall, 24/7 spots, Library "Prime" delivery)
 - In providing MORE services in schools and community
- We could serve MORE of the 2/3 of the community who don't use a traditional library

Options the Library Board Will Consider

Expand in Plaza

- *Mobile, Flexible & Convenient*
- Freedom to move or build in the future
- Lower costs = opportunity to innovate externally
- Flexible tutoring nooks to serve students & millennials

New Building in North Park

- *Mobile, Flexible & Convenient*
- Permanent landmark & civic pride
- More space = more room for everything internally
- More meeting space to host the community

Community Feedback

Today we're here to listen...

- Need: What does the community need now? In the future?
- Location: What are the benefits of the plaza? The park?
- Investment: Should we invest in more buildings? Or more materials and services?