

CITY OF  
**GRAND ISLAND**  
Public Library

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GI Library Journal

**GOOD NEWS TIMES TWO ON  
RENOVATION PROJECT AND  
FUNDRAISING**

Good News # 1: We are done with the design stage of our renovation project and are moving on to the bidding stage. We should be under construction in January with the project completed in May or June.

Good News # 2: 70% of the funds needed for this project are already raised and so the Grand Island Public Library Foundation has announced a fundraiser with a \$500,000 goal. The entire project is being financed WITHOUT City tax funds.

More information about this renovation project and fundraising goal can be found on pages two and three.

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Public Library

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Closing at 5 p.m. on Wednesday,  
November 22

Closed on Thursday and Friday,  
November 23 and 24

THERE IS  
*always, always,*  
ALWAYS  
*something*  
*to be thankful for*

**WEEKLY STORY  
TIMES**

Monday, 10 AM  
*Play & Read Lapsit*

Tuesday, 10:30 AM  
*Rock & Read Baby Lapsit*

Tuesday, 6:30 PM  
*Family (Pajama)  
Storytime*

Wednesday, 10 and 11 AM  
*Ready to Read Storytime*

Wednesday, 2:30 PM  
*Bookbop for all ages*

Saturday, 11 AM  
*Rotating: Paws to Read,  
Family Building Time,  
World Neighbors,  
Bookbop and Stories &  
Crafts (if 5th week)*



## RENOVATION AND FUNDRAISING (CONTINUED)

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Design work has been intensive, resulting in several “just-in-time” improvements from our last newsletter. One improvement is to the front entryway. It not only extends out, but now blends better with the brick column bases. In addition, we are replacing the sliding doors with regular doors that are ADA accessible. This means a warmer lobby in the winter!



Once inside the lobby, we’ve come up with a simple but significant change. We will be creating three “Meet Up” areas. These areas will be reserved for groups that may not want to book a meeting room or use a study room. We are a community gathering space and we have a lot of “meet up” use already. With this simple change, this convenience space will have a more purposed use.



**We’ve provided a handy project factsheet on page 3**



## 2018 Library Renovation Project

The Grand Island Public Library convened a long range planning committee in 2011/2012 to produce **GILIBRARY 2020** as guidance for addressing changing uses of our facility and community needs for future library services. The library is also a continuing partner in the **Grow Grand Island** initiative.

This renovation also addresses spaces and technologies that weren't fulfilled in our 2005/2007 expansion but are now possible with additional private funding sources and an easily-adaptable building.

### Goal: Reinvesting in Improved Parking and Plaza

- easier and safer access for ADA and other parking, pedestrians and bike riders
- public art space in new plaza
- outdoor youth and family discovery area
- extension of entrance out into plaza

### Goal: Reinvesting in Improved Meeting and Study Spaces

- lobby space repurposed for "meet-ups" and meeting room reception area
- improved technologies in meeting rooms
- two additional meeting spaces: conference room on north side of lobby for videoconferencing and small group meetings, and east side conference room
- additional quiet study/collaborative spaces
- two test proctoring rooms

### Goal: Reinvesting in Teens and Makerspace

- creation of Community Makerspace with high tech equipment for teen and adult STEAM learning
- updated teen spaces

### Preliminary Project Cost Estimate

	\$1,630,000
Project Seed Funds: Myrtle Grimminger Estate	\$ 731,975
Virginia Kokrda Estate	<u>\$ 382,500</u>
Total	\$1,114,475
<b>Goal for fundraising and grants</b>	<b>\$ 515,525</b>

**The Grand Island Public Library was formed in 1884 and since 1974 has been housed in the Edith Abbott Memorial Library, 211 North Washington Street, Grand Island. This 25,000 SF facility was expanded to 49,000 SF in 2005/2007.**



### \$500,000 more to go!

**This project is being financed without City tax funds. With almost 70% of the funds in hand, the Grand Island Public Library Foundation is conducting a fundraiser to make this renovation a complete success!**

### Project Timetable

July/November 2017	Design work with The Clark Enersen Partners, Architects, Lincoln
November 15, 2017	Grand Island Public Library Foundation fundraising begins
November/December 2017	Contract bidding process
December 2017/January 2018	City Council award of contracts
January-May/June 2018	Renovation underway
May/June 2018	Completion of project and opening of community makerspace





## 2017 CHILDREN'S WINTER BREAK PROGRAMMING

DECEMBER			
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		<b>21</b> <b>Clean Community Systems @ 10:00 a.m.</b> <i>Come listen to stories and create a Christmas craft from recycled materials.</i> 	<b>22</b> <b>Breakfast with Santa @ 10:00 a.m.</b> <i>Children may come and have a light breakfast and take pictures with Santa, make a craft, listen to stories, and sing songs.</i>
<b>26</b> <b>Superhero Day @ 10:00 a.m.</b> <i>Children can wear their favorite superhero gear and come listen to some great superhero stories, play superhero games, and make a craft.</i>	<b>27</b> <b>Winter Pet Care @ 10:00 a.m.</b> <i>Central Nebraska Humane Society will be here for this "paw-sitively" fun pet program.</i>	<b>28</b> <b>LEGOs Build Contest @ 10:00 a.m.</b> <i>Students in grades Preschool-5th grade will get a book and then create a scene/character from that book using LEGOs. Designs will be judged Preschool-2nd grade and 3-5th grade.</i>	<b>29</b> <b>Slime Party @ 10:00 a.m.</b> <i>Kids ages K-5th grade can come learn how to make different kinds of slime and take it home!</i>

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## 2017 TWEEN & TEEN WINTER BREAK PROGRAMMING

These programs are for 10-18 year olds

DECEMBER			
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		<b>21</b> <b>Clean Community Systems @ 2:00 p.m.</b> <i>Come and create a recycled Santa Claus for the Christmas Season. Space is limited. Call ahead to reserve your spot.</i> 	<b>22</b> <b>Painting with Jill @ 2:00 p.m.</b> <i>Teens will paint a canvas with this guided program from Jill of Arts and Drafts. Space is limited. Call ahead to reserve your spot.</i>
<b>26</b> <b>Anime Club @ 2:00 p.m.</b> <i>Come dressed in Cosplay, make a New Year's wreath, watch Anime and play games.</i>	<b>27</b> <b>Winter Craft @ 2:00 p.m.</b> <i>Come and create the wildest OddBod you can imagine. Materials are provided.</i>	<b>28</b> <b>Game Day! @ 2:00 p.m.</b> <i>Come play board games, card games, and video games.</i>	<b>29</b> <b>Movie and Craft @ 2:00 p.m.</b> <i>Come watch a movie and make a bookmark craft for tweens and teens. Call for more information.</i>

Contact the library for more details.

