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Project Update

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Dodgeville Public Library Renovation and Expansion

The City of Dodgeville is pleased to share an update on the ongoing renovation and expansion of the Dodgeville Public Library. The project, which represents a significant investment in the community's educational and cultural future, continues to move forward on schedule.

Budget Outlook

The total project budget is \$8.95 million, supported by a \$4.25 million Flexible Facilities Project Grant, a \$1 million contribution from the Dodgeville Public Library Foundation, and \$3.7 million from the City of Dodgeville. To date, 11% of the project is complete, and the City has received just over \$1 million in grant funds.

A forthcoming change order will address additional costs associated with soil remediation and insulation improvements. Updated budget figures will be shared as they become available.

Construction Progress

Site work has progressed steadily despite a few early challenges. Excavation was temporarily halted following the discovery of contaminated soil. The City promptly coordinated with an environmental consulting firm to ensure proper removal and reporting to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The site has since been cleared of contamination.

Work was paused again to build a shoring wall after engineers recommended a deeper and stronger foundation than originally planned. The wall is now complete, and foundation work is underway.

Inside the building, most demolition work has been completed. Deficiencies in existing attic insulation were identified and corrected to meet current code standards.

City Hall has permanently relocated to 410 East Leffler Street (the former Armory).

Key Milestones

Groundbreaking: June 26, 2025

Substantial Completion: September 21, 2026

The City of Dodgeville and the Dodgeville Public Library Board of Trustees appreciate the community's continued support and excitement for this project. Once completed, the new library will provide more space, improved accessibility, and a welcoming environment for everyone to enjoy.