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Project Update

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Dodgeville Public Library Renovation and Expansion

The City of Dodgeville is pleased to share regular updates 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.

Project Background

In 2014 a space needs study conducted by the Dodgeville Public Library Board of Trustees found the library "critically overcrowded" and recommended a 20,000+ square foot library. In February 2020, the City of Dodgeville passed a referendum for a \$7 million library, but the COVID pandemic paused these plans. In 2024, the City of Dodgeville was awarded a \$4.25 million grant from the State of Wisconsin to help fund the new library. Plans were developed for a library that will serve the people of Dodgeville and the surrounding area for the next generation. Thoughtful consideration went into improving efficiencies, creating a resilient space for emergencies, and developing a welcoming space that reflects the historic downtown - all while making choices to keep costs as low as possible.

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, the project is 72% complete, and the City has been reimbursed \$4,225,000 million in grant funds. A retainage of \$25,000 in grant funds will be held by the State of Wisconsin until project completion.

The project remains under budget and updated figures will be shared each month.

Construction Progress

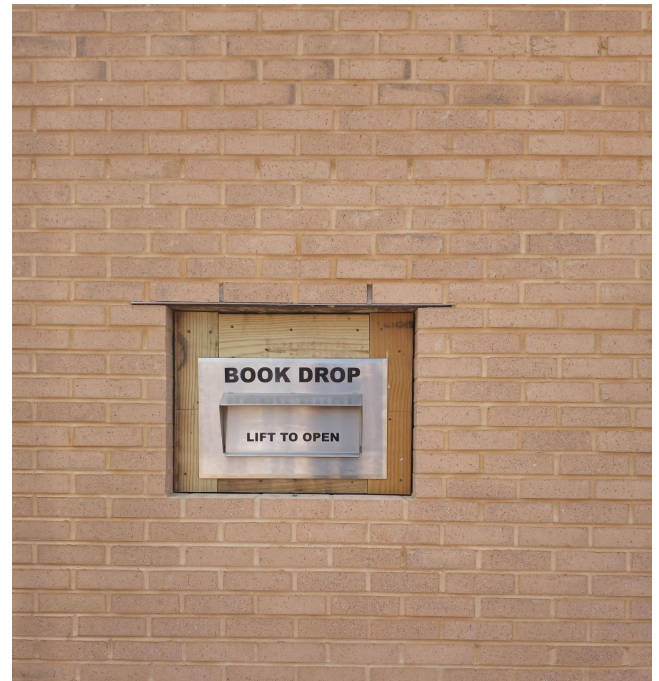
Addition - Window installation is underway. Drywall has been installed; mudding, taping, and painting are underway. Ceiling installation will begin shortly. Soffit finishing is ongoing.

Original Building - Lighting, painting, and cabinet installation is ongoing. Bathroom fixtures and partitions are being installed.

Site - Curb and gutter has been poured for the new parking lot. Decorative concrete work has started.



Front Entrance



New Book Drop Rough-in



Addition looking south



Addition looking west along community room