



Proposed 2023 Project List

Media Drop Install

\$1,000

The current Media Drop is nearing the end of its useful life. The library has obtained a new Media Drop to match the Book Drop, purchased with the Catholic Community Foundation grant. This new drop will allow for materials to be deposited into moveable bins instead of landing on the floor. The Friends have purchased bins and we are currently using them in the new Book Drop. A pledge of support for installing the new Media Drop would help complete this project and standardize our system.

Microfilm reader

\$9,000 (\$500)

UPDATE: the library was awarded a Cultural and Heritage (Legacy) grant in the amount of \$8,513. Per the grant agreement, we need a \$500 match from a local partner to unlock the grant funds.

Our microfilm reader is near the end of its useful life. It has multiple features that are out of order and the printer is proprietary. My father *rescued* it from the dumpster at North Hennepin Community College four years ago – you could say we have got our monies worth out of it.

I have been looking at new microfilm readers and identified a middle of the road reader made by ST Imaging that would meet our needs. This brand is recommended by the

Minnesota Historical Society, and I have used a similar model. This unit would receive use several times per week for the next 20 years.

Story Time!

\$5,200

Online Story Time with Tracy and Teacher Missy is wildly popular and reaches a growing audience including daycares and busy families. ISD 318 is a wonderful partner and continues to offer the Library a special per episode rate. Please subscribe to the Grand Rapids Area Library YouTube channel!

Accessible Picnic Table w/ concrete pad

\$5,000

This project would enhance McCarty Park and provide an ADA accessible picnic table for visitors. The installation would match the look of black park benches and waste receptacles at the library and around the city. Public Works would install it on a concrete pad.

Children's Display

\$3,500

Tracy has dreamed of a custom display that she can position as a welcome to the children's library for several years. After a couple of false starts we are finally ready to move forward. A local furniture maker is ready to start work (and make Tracy's dreams come true)!

Collection Development

Large Print

\$5,000

Large Print materials are an important part of the adult collection with growing circulation. Amy and John propose to update and expand the collection – fiction and non-fiction. Our community really appreciates Large Print materials and new items will start checking out immediately. Typically, new items are checked out between 8 and 10 times in the first year on the shelf.

Adult Non-fiction

\$2,000

With the help of the Foundation, John has been busy updating areas of need in the non-fiction collection. This grant would continue the progress and help the library balance the age of the overall collection across sub areas.