

Lebanon Public Library Children's Room Expansion Project Update

Presenting our enhanced vision for a transformative community space that will serve generations of young learners.





From Vision to Reality: Why We're Expanding Further



Our Needs Assessment Revealed Greater Demand

Our initial project underestimated the true scope of community needs and growth. Feedback from families and staff highlighted the necessity for a more comprehensive approach.

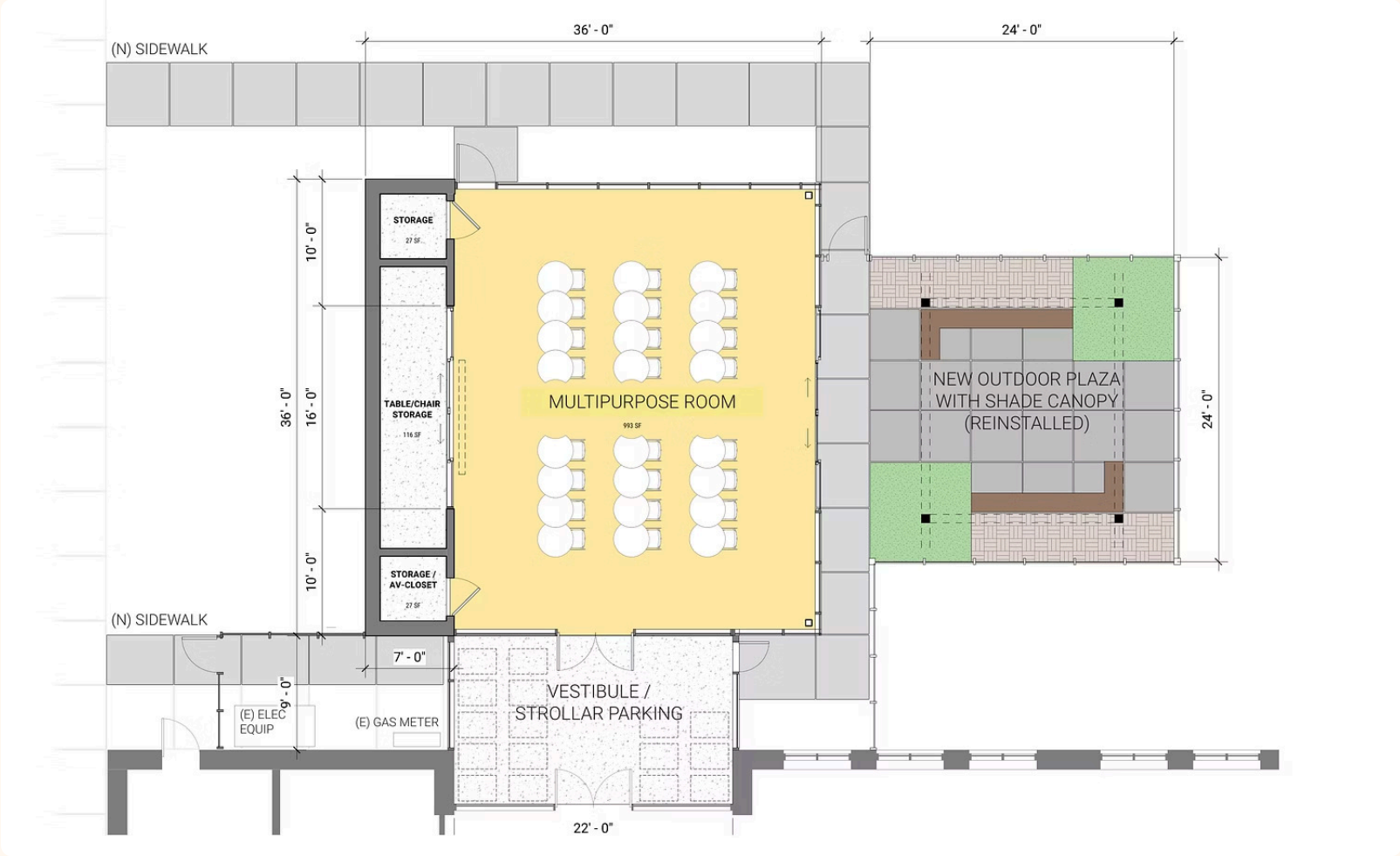


Future-Forward Design Philosophy

The expanded design accommodates our growing population and evolving needs, ensuring the space remains relevant and functional for decades to come.

"The town is growing, we need our Library to grow with it."
— Lebanon Resident and Library Patron

This expansion doubles capacity and programming space while maintaining cost efficiency



| 2018 Plan | Expanded Design |
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| Square Footage = 746 sq ft | Square Footage = 1,605 sq ft |
| Cost Per Square Foot = \$825 | Cost Per Square Foot = \$950 |
| Total Cost = \$0.7M (adjusted for current costs) | Total Cost = \$1.5 M |

115% more space with ~15% increase in cost per square foot

This project is smaller than other city initiatives and will not require additional city funds.



A combination of grants, community fundraising, and local business partnerships.



Expert consultants will help secure up to \$1.5M in CDBG grant funding.

CDBG application scoring considers:

- Community needs: prioritizing low to moderate income (LMI) individuals.
- Project effectiveness: well-developed projects that can start quickly.

- Complete environmental and archaeological assessments internally.
- Use *Library Trust funds for final design and construction documents.

***This expenditure was not budgeted for this year. An appropriation transfer from the General Fund will allow the Library to use its own funds from the Library trust to move forward with the expenditure (ORS 294.463[3]).**

A low-burden, high-impact project aligned with our strategic goals —delivered quickly while larger capital efforts continue.



Strategic Plan Aligned

- Advances City goals for **youth & families, equitable access**, and **community well-being**
- Scales library services to match **population growth**
- Strengthens **early learning** and lifelong learning access



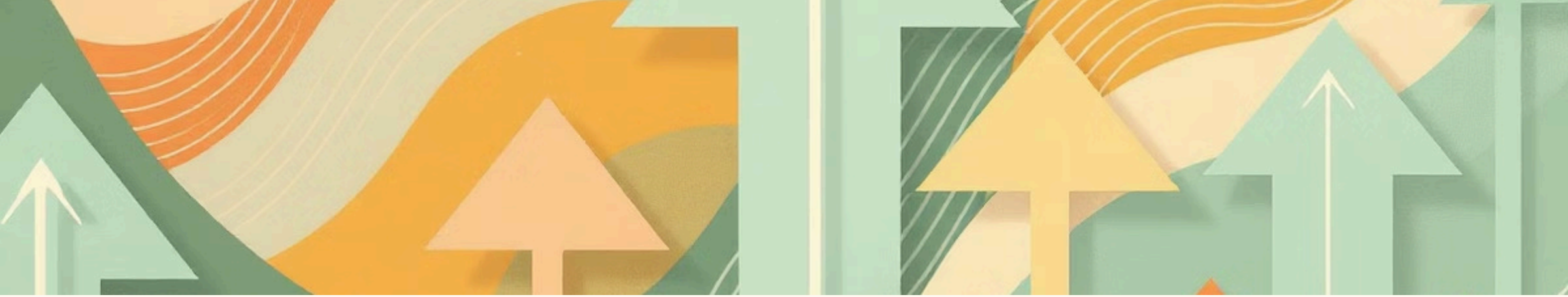
Low Operational Impact

- **Small-scale project** using consultants with minimal support from existing staff as project management
- **Does not add significant capacity strain** to already stretched teams
- Funding approach leverages **grants and the Library Trust**, minimizing city burden



Quick Delivery

- **Short construction window**; benefits realized rapidly once funded
- **Smaller scope** than other city capital projects currently under discussion
- **Shovel-ready sequencing** positions us to move as soon as funds are secured



Next Steps & Call to Action

- **Design Finalization - Spring 2026**

Complete architectural drawings, permit approvals.

- **CDBG Grant Application - Fall 2026**

If our project isn't chosen we will be well positioned to apply again in the next round.

Support Our Vision

Approve Project Scope

Endorse the expanded design and authorize the appropriation transfer for this transformative community investment. With your support, we can provide a modern, welcoming space that meets the needs of our growing community.