



▶ **ASK** — DETERMINE THE NEEDS AND WANTS OF THE COMMUNITY

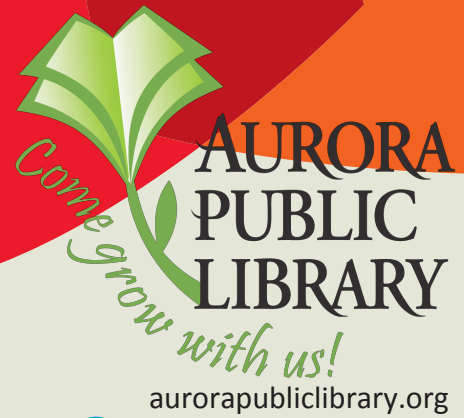


▶ **PLAN** — CREATE A STRATEGY TO DELIVER THOSE NEEDS AND WANTS



▶ **LAUNCH** — DELIVER A STATE-OF-THE-ART PUBLIC LIBRARY TO THE COMMUNITY

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VISITS TO ALL AURORA PUBLIC LIBRARY LOCATIONS IN 2011: 1.17 MILLION

Library plans include systemwide upgrades

On February 8, the Aurora Public Library Board of Directors voted to seek Aurora City Council approval of a \$30 million bond issuance to construct a new, 97,000-square-foot Main Library, to enhance the overall Aurora Public Library system, and to improve the existing library branches. This request was made after much research and input from a Citizens Advisory Group, Technology Committee, City Council members, the public, staff and others.

The cost of the new central library facility is estimated to be \$28 million. A few key attributes are:

- flexible design that is easy to change to meet future needs and the latest technology.
- expanded public space for children and youth, meeting rooms, and quiet study rooms.
- expanded space and services to assist the citywide Initiative for Early Learning and Literacy.

- space for cultural endeavors such as art, humanities, performances and historical exhibits.
- ample parking.

Two million dollars will be used to make systemwide improvements to enhance the library’s cooperative efforts with the schools and citizens of Aurora, including:

- state-of-the-art materials handling technology to shorten wait time for requested materials (currently a labor intensive, manual handling process) and improved communication of status.
- a Family Computer Lab at the Eola Road Branch.
- build-out of the coffee shop at the Eola Road Branch.
- small group study spaces within the West Branch.
- additional service points in underserved areas of the city.
- improved library access to schools via enhanced technologies.

How much will the improvements cost a homeowner?



Construction costs

The current project budget—including permits, design fees, construction, landscaping, furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the new library—is \$28 million. The budget for the improvements to the existing locations is \$2 million, for a total of \$30 million. If the project is totally funded by bonds, the cost to the owner of a \$200,000 home would be approximately \$28 in additional property tax per year—fewer than 8 cents per day.

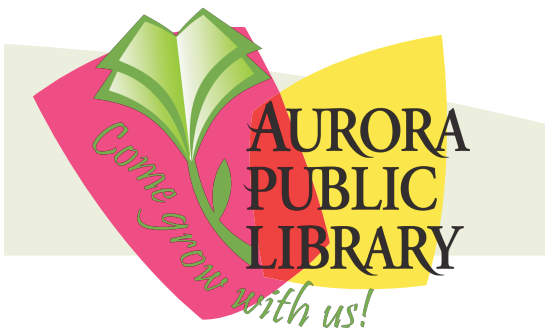
Operating Costs

Rented space that now houses two APL departments would be relinquished, causing no increase in staffing levels. Because of improved space utilization and modern technological advances, no increase in the property tax rate for operating purposes is anticipated.

What will a new building provide?



Area	Existing	Proposed
Square footage	44,000	98,000
Public Internet access computers	26	80
Small and large group study space	1	20
Quiet reading rooms	None	2
Public meeting rooms	1	3
Program rooms	None	2
Seating	98	215
Parking spaces	54 (metered)	approx. 200 (free)
Room for expansion	None	5,000 sq. ft.
Teen Space	approx. 400 square feet	approx. 2,200 square feet
Concessions/informal gathering area	None	approx. 600 square feet



How does Aurora's library compare to other cities' libraries?

Library	Population service size	Square footage of Main locations	Year opened	Branches/satellites/bookmobiles
Aurora	198,899	44,000	1904	Yes
Naperville/95th Street	144,560	73,000	2003	Yes
Schaumburg	134,000	166,500	1998	Yes
Elgin (Gail Borden)	133,959	139,980	2003	Yes
Champaign	67,518	122,600	2008	Yes
Bolingbrook (Fountaindale Library District)	59,299	111,000	2011	Yes
Oak Park	53,000	104,000	2003	Yes

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How has APL grown?

	FY1998	FY2005	FY2011
Population	122,221	164,681	197,899
Annual visits	533,000	865,066	1,170,360
Annual circulation	860,500	901,790	1,599,589
Active cardholders	47,652	61,196	66,964
Public Internet sessions	8,137	121,941	162,817



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