



DREAM: CENTRAL

Building the Library of Tomorrow

FAQ Sheet

Why do we need a new library?

After 41 years of service, the Central Library's infrastructure (elevators, plumbing system, construction materials, structural integrity, and limited accessibility) and available space became constricting and outdated. The IT infrastructure was also insufficient – no one could have predicted in 1973 that the building would eventually support public computers and wireless Internet access for hundreds of users each day.

Library details:

- Named the George W Hawkes Central Library
- Located across the street from the former location, just north of City Hall
- 80,000 square foot, fully accessible, multi-use facility (58,000 square feet of public space)
- New City Council Chamber will accommodate 200 and serve as shared event space
- Public computing: desktop computers, tablets and seating areas for wireless users
- New technologies: 3-D printing, digital recording, arts lab, technology classroom
- Automated materials handling sorts and restores items immediately for maximum availability
- Children's Services: zoned areas for separate age groups with customized collections and play areas as well as interactive activities and technology
- Teen Services: library materials, a study lounge, computing space, small group study rooms, and an art room with an adjoining STEAM focused technology room
- Literacy and Workforce Development: the Arlington Reads area will contain a large classroom and small group tutoring space to support adult literacy programs
- Funding Information Center: resources and assistance for small business owners and non-profits
- Genealogy and Local History: collection materials, displays, computers for genealogy research, lounge and study areas, and an adjacent meeting room
- Vending café area
- Meeting Spaces with multi-media presentation technology: 10 small group study rooms, 6 classrooms, 2 conference rooms, a dividable multi-purpose room, and a quiet reading room
- Outdoor gathering spaces: plaza and rooftop garden
- Friends of the Library Bookstore: located in the lobby and staffed by Friends volunteers

How much does it cost?

Budget = \$30,000,000

- Public funding = \$22,000,000 (73%)
- Capital campaign = \$8,000,000 (27%)
 - Arlington Tomorrow Foundation = \$4,067,838 (14%)
 - Private funding = \$3,932,162 (13%)

Expenses

- Design, pre-construction, and construction = \$26,600,000
- Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment = \$3,400,000

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Why public/private?

- American libraries have a long tradition of public/private partnerships, beginning with Andrew Carnegie and his legacy of funding 1,700 public libraries across the country.
- FY16 APL budget is equal to 1.6% of the total COA budget, which funds other essential services such as police, fire, streets, water, and parks.
- Private dollars leverage and stretch public dollars so that we are able to offer more than just the “basics” of library service.
- Public dollars fund construction and private dollars fund furniture, fixtures, and equipment – the stuff that makes the difference between a good and a GREAT library!
- Private support reflects Arlington’s commitment to and value of public library services.
- It is a unique opportunity – the chance to make a gift to our community through a new Central Library will not come along again – at least not in our lifetimes.

Capital campaign

- Public phase begins April 5
- Naming opportunities for donors of \$25,000+
- \$5,000+ donors listed on donor wall in foyer of Central Library
- Capital campaign gifts may be pledged and paid out over time.
- Contributions are tax-deductible – the Foundation is a nonprofit organization.
- Contact: Andi Davis, Development Coordinator, 817-459-6924, andi.davis@arlingtontx.gov

Accepting monetary gifts

- Checks should be made payable to Arlington Public Library Foundation.
- Credit card gifts (\$10+) accepted at <http://arlington-tx.gov/centrallibrary>

Timeline

- 2016
 - Capital Campaign Public Phase Begins: April 5
 - Construction Begins May 2016
- 2018
 - Construction Complete: February
 - Move-in: March – April
 - Dedication: May

What’s on the webpage (arlingtonlibrary.org/dream-central and arlington-tx.gov/centrallibrary)

- Library description
- Construction Updates
- News and Events (social media, news articles, events – groundbreaking, hard hat tours, etc.)
- Resource Tool Kit – downloadable content for grassroots support
- Donate Now