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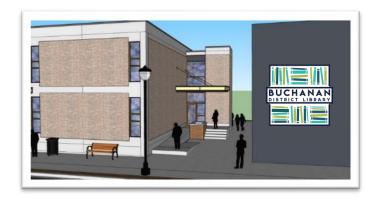
to learn more about the capital campaign!



Welcome to the Groundbreaking Ceremony

Buchanan District Library Phase Two Renovations

September 21, 2018 at 11:00 AM





At its inception in 2013, Buchanan District Library's Open Doors, Open Books, Open Minds campaign called for 3 Phases. Today, we embark on Phase 2 of the renovations. We are thrilled to share that over \$1 million dollars of pledges and self-investments have

made this day a possibility. A special thanks is offered to the Trust of Walter E. Schirmer Jr. and Chemical Bank. Project costs now exceed \$1.5 million dollars and Phase 3 funds need securing. Fundraising efforts for Phase 3 are more critical than ever as the library competes with growing labor and construction costs.

Phase 1-Completed \$130,000:

- New Local History room on the second floor
- Renovated and expanded Desenberg Children's Area
- Centralized circulation desk

Other critical improvements completed over the past 2 years include a new roof, HVAC upgrades, and masonry work and restoration totaling upwards of \$185,000.

Phase 2-Now underway, \$815,000:

- Exterior elevator with automated snow melt, ADA compliant entry
- New Front Street entrance

Phase 3-Remaining, **\$415,000**:

- Large second floor Community Room with renovated restrooms
- New windows throughout the building

When renovations are fully complete, the upstairs will be accessible to everyone and we will be more than a small library in a big building. The new renovated space on the second floor will provide the library an opportunity to serve in yet unimagined ways. The possibilities for more inventive and educational programming become real as does the idea of inviting more community groups to use our space and resources. Your continued support will ensure the library's relevancy and importance to this community for future generations. Thank you!

Groundbreaking Ceremony

I. Speakers

- Barbara Gordon Opening Remarks
 Director, Buchanan District Library
- Rev. Edwin Brinklow Invocation

 Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Buchanan

 Member, Board of Trustees
- Brenda Hess Mayor, City of Buchanan
- Bill Marx
 City Manager
- Molly Thornton

 Building Committee Chair, Board of Trustees
- Peter Lysy
 BDL Volunteer Archivist

II. Shovel Ceremony

Participants

- Rev. Edwin Brinklow, Board of Trustees
- **Dennis Iler**, Board of Trustees
- Janet Kuhn, Board of Trustees
- Mary Lysy, Board of Trustees
- David Perez, Jr., Board of Trustees
- Molly Thornton, Board of Trustees
- Barbara Gordon, Director BDL
- Peter Lysy, Volunteer Archivist
- William Hentschel, Forum Architects
- Burton Pearson II, Pearson Construction

