

DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNEX PROJECT FACT SHEET

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Invested/donated to date:

- \$1 million in library funds set aside
- Real estate - \$470,000
(\$260,000 donated, \$210,000 library funds)
- Donated property assessed at \$490,000 by Bigner Appraisal

Estimated total construction cost: \$5.3 million
Including renovations at the Carnegie building

Estimated architectural fees: \$475,000
(9.5% of construction cost)

TIMELINE

2025

- Capital campaign & fundraising
- Building planning

2026

- Capital campaign & fundraising
- Final architectural & building designs
- Borrowing money dependent on the amount raised

2027

- Construction & new levy on ballot for operating costs/maintenance payment
- Grant writing for furnishings & equipment



1905 - Carnegie Library opens its doors

1962 - East Wing addition

1969 - West Wing addition

This will be the first expansion of Defiance Public Library in over 50 years! This project supports the library & city strategic plans, and fills a documented need in the community for more public meeting spaces. The annex meeting spaces would be for library, city, and local nonprofit use.

Building Design: Following the process outlined in the Ohio Revised Code, the library has selected design firm SHP to design the annex. Learn more about the firm at shp.com.

Proposed functions for annex:

Early planning calls for expanded children's services on the first floor, a makerspace and large meeting room on the second floor, as well as space for an adult literacy coordinator, huddle rooms, and basement storage.

Renovated space in the Carnegie building would allow for expanded teen and local history services, repurposing of the mezzanines for office space, improvements to the bathrooms, and possibly the addition of a small coffee shop. Plans are subject to change as the design process progresses.