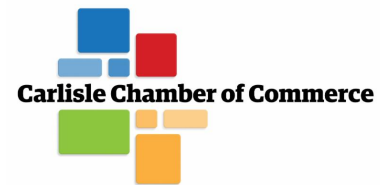




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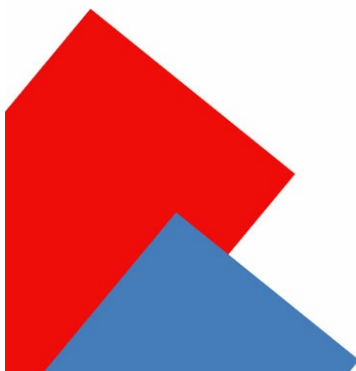


Carlisle Public Library
135 School St.
Carlisle, Iowa 50047
(515) 989 – 0909 <https://carlislepubliclibrary.org/>

Business Profile: *The Carlisle Public Library is an important part of our community. The library has over **30,000 visits** each fiscal year. The current library does not have enough space to serve our growing community! Our current library space has served the community for the past **43 years**.*

Find the Bond Referendum Information:

- Check out the FAQ Sheet below for the latest updates
- Visit the Library website for detailed information and visuals for the project: <https://carlislepubliclibrary.org/bond-referendum/>
- Visit the Carlisle City Hall page for the **Proposed Library Facility Renovations**: <https://www.carlisleiowa.org/construction-projects/pages/proposed-library-facility-renovations>





CARLISLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FAQ SHEET

New Library *No Tax Increase* Vote November 5

Visit carlislepubliclibrary.org to learn more!

Q: WHEN WAS THE CURRENT LIBRARY BUILT?

43 years ago in 1981

Q: WILL THE BOND RAISE MY TAXES?

No. Carlisle city officials have leveraged our debt service levy through bonding and cash management to keep the debt service levy stable at \$4.50 / \$1,000 in valuation.

For more information about the tax explanation visit: www.carlisleiowa.org/construction-projects/pages/proposed-library-facility-renovations

Q: WHY DO WE NEED TO EXPAND THE LIBRARY?

- 40% population growth for Carlisle since 1980
- 30,000+ annual visits to the facility
- 240+ programs are held at the library and after hours. With a larger space, all programs will be held at the library.

Q: HOW WAS THE SIZE DETERMINED?

Size was determined by the identified space needs for a community our size, as well as the increase of program attendees.

Q: WHY IS MORE BOOK SPACE NEEDED?

Currently, the children's bookshelves are at capacity. Our hope is to have additional space to increase material offerings and decrease wait time for inter-library loans.

Q: WHY IS THE LIBRARY BEING MOVED ACROSS THE HIGHWAY?

Two reasons:

- The City already owned a building—the recreation center—that could be remodeled, including increasing the size through an addition.
- The population of the City has increased and shifted to south of the highway (2019: North Hwy 5 – 30%, South of Hwy 5 – 43.20%, Rural – 26.3%).

Q: WHY IS A NEW AND RENOVATED LIBRARY ESSENTIAL TO THE CARLISLE COMMUNITY?

- Increased rentable space for community to hold events, after hours without library staff needing to be onsite
- Extended partnerships with the Chamber and Lunch & Learn opportunities
- Provide community hub with space for people to gather for cards, socials, coffee, and other offerings
- Great location near the pool and walking trails

In 2020, Carlisle's City officials began the 7 in 7 Plan that would tackle 7 major building or infrastructure projects in 7 years. The proposed library facility project is the last of the 7 projects. A bond vote gives Council the authority to use part of the debt service to fund the proposed library project.

Q: HOW WILL AN EXPANDED LIBRARY BENEFIT ME?

- More space to hold events
- Technology upgrades
- Private meeting rooms for small or large groups
- Study space for teens and adults

Q: WHEN WILL THE PROJECT CONSTRUCTION START?

The referendum vote is in November 2024 and if approved, the new library will start construction in 2026 with a possible move-in date of 2027.

Q: HOW DO WE COMPARE TO NEIGHBORING LIBRARIES?

CITY	POPULATION	NUMBER OF PROGRAMS	SIZE OF BUILDING (SQ. FT.)
Carlisle	4,160	243	3,600
Huxley	4,311	320	8,000
Winterset	5,366	669	17,400
Polk City	5,543	383	6,000
Madrid	2,802	226	6,400



EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE NOVEMBER 5!

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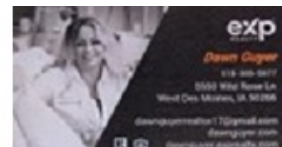
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