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Library Reimagined Phase 2 Fact Sheet October 2021

- Timeline
 - Woods renovation is scheduled to begin December 2021 and conclude in May 2022.
 - Central construction will begin June 2022 and be completed September 2023
- Costs
 - Total costs for the project are not to exceed \$11,220,000.
- How are we going to pay for this?
 - The Phase 2 improvements will be paid for with a mix of bonds, library savings, and philanthropic support from Grosse Pointe Library Foundation. Bonds will be paid through revenue from the Library's current millage. Tax rates will not be increased to pay for the building improvements.
- What's being done to the buildings
 - At Woods: new carpet, paint, fixtures and furniture; New layout; Audiovisual room converted to be a lounge space, with an area for Friends book sales; new state-of-the-art makerspace in lower level
 - At Central, we are building a small addition on the back of the building with a terra cotta rain screen and enclosed ramp into the building; enlarged children's space with family restroom and stroller parking; dedicated teen space; new accessible restrooms; new drive-up service window; staff elevator to the second floor; new program room; enhanced life safety features including a fire suppression system throughout the building, and a second means of egress from the "tech services" work area on the second floor. The roof will also be replaced at this time, which will address leaks that have been occurring during every rain event for years, in spite of repairs that have been made as a stop-gap.
- Will the branches be closed during construction? What will happen to the staff?
 - The Central branch will be closed during construction. The Woods branch may only have to be closed for part of the duration. Staff will be reassigned to other branches while their branch is closed.
- Why are we doing this?
 - Safety—bringing the building up to code
 - Accessibility—making the facilities functional for all
 - Demand—Improvements all based on staff and community feedback during space needs assessment
- What about the historic significance of the Central branch?
 - The plans for Central have been reviewed and endorsed by the State Historic Preservation Architect. The board and administration are committed to following the highest standards of historic preservation in all improvements we make.
 - Architecture firm Quinn Evans is a recognized national leader in historic preservation. Their portfolio includes the Michigan Central Station, McGregor Memorial Conference Center on the Wayne State University campus, and several Carnegie library renovations.