



CAMPAIGN FOR MIDDLETOWN FREE LIBRARY



MOVING TO THE FUTURE

THE MIDDLETOWN FREE LIBRARY AT THE ROOSEVELT COMMUNITY CENTER WILL BE...

MORE ACCESSIBLE! Fully ADA compliant, the library will offer wider aisles, lower book stacks and accessible restrooms on both floors. Additionally, the library will feature an ADA accessible service desk as well as a centrally located elevator for easy access to the second floor.

MORE SPACIOUS! The dedicated Library space will more than double its current square footage to over 12,000 square feet of exclusive space. Including a shared entrance, atrium and community meeting areas, the square footage triples! More space for patrons to gather for programs, sit and enjoy a good book, or find out what's happening in the community!

HAPPENING SOON! Bids are being taken and reconstruction is proceeding. Furniture is being selected. The new library is taking shape. Our anticipated opening will be in the Spring of 2021.

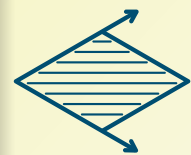
MORE CONVENIENT! Popular programming and services will be easier to access with more parking available. 105 parking spaces will be available to the new library!

MORE MEETING SPACE! Three meeting rooms allow for space to have more activities. There is dedicated space for tutoring without disturbing or being disturbed by surrounding activities.

HAPPIER! The Children's portion of the library will increase over two and a half times! What says happy more than children learning and listening to their favorite children's stories!

By The Numbers...

(New Library vs. Old Library)



Land: **6.2 acres vs. 1 acre**



Meeting Rooms: **4 rooms vs. 1 room**

Children's Space: **2,405 ft² vs. 899 ft²**



Teen Space: **467 ft² vs. 200 ft²**

Adult Space: **3619 ft² vs. 1810 ft²**



Maker Space: **851 ft² vs. 0 ft²**

Audio Video Studio: **200 ft² vs. 0 ft²**



MORE CREATIVE! With a dedicated **CreateSpace@MFL room**, as well as an Audio and Video Recording Studio, the MFL will give patrons more opportunities to get creative. New electrical and technical technology will enhance each of these areas.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE LIBRARY

Founded in 1956, through the initial efforts of Mrs. Philip Sanders, the MFL started as a small book bus carrying 1500 volumes for circulation to a grateful community. Moving to the Weathers' house on Pennell Road in 1959, the Middletown Free Library continued to grow.

The library was expanded in 1962, and again in 1971 to accommodate the needs of the community. The Library has grown and changed with the times. Moving into the digital age in the 80's and 90's, we have a growing digital circulation and access to the county-wide Library system, DCLS.

Sixty years after its start, the Middletown Free Library needs to expand again, to meet the needs of our patrons. The Friends of Middletown Free Library have been financially supporting the Library for almost 50 years. With the support of its "Friends" the Middletown Free Library functions as a resource, education, activity and, not least of all, a community center, offering many programs for patrons of all ages and strives to provide the highest level of service and resources to all its patrons.



First MFL Bus - 1956



*Weathers' Homestead - circa 1819,
plus 1962 and 1971 Expansions*

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