



Reston Regional Library

Update for the Reston Town Center North Task Force

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Background

- Approx 30,000 SF facility, constructed in 1985
- Bond funded at \$10M in 2012
- Bond extended in 2021 via Circuit Court
- Estimated total needed to complete project potentially supported by EDA
- Reston is a regional library-different size, staffing, hours and fit than community libraries

Usage

- Reston Regional is one of the busiest libraries in FCPL, if not the busiest
- Usage continues to rebound in the endemic state, with branches like Reston back to approximately 80% of pre-pandemic utilization
- Door count: typically between 600-1000 people per day, with more than 50,000 visitors so far in 2023
- Circulation: 62,000 items in the last month
- In person public programs and events like storytimes, book clubs, ELL groups, etc continue to rebound as well

Current State

- Generally, the County does not take on larger/extensive facility projects in locations which are bond funded
- Reston Regional has seen some larger projects handled due to necessity/safety including a partial reroofing and replacement of HVAC enclosures
- Most facilities are renovated within a 25-30 year window due to critical infrastructure failures-the Reston Library is now at 37 years
- Ongoing facility deficits include electrical/lighting, restroom/ADA needs, fire alarms, windows/insulation, asphalt issues and general upkeep of the facility

Location and Colocation

- FCPL offers library facilities within five miles of every resident
- The next closest library is Herndon-Fortnightly Library at 2.1 mile away from the current location, with no other libraries in a five mile radius of the current location
- Colocation has proven to be a driver for increased usage and ease of access for residents, with Lorton Library & Community Center as well as the forthcoming Franconia Governmental Facility & Kingstowne Regional Library as examples
- FCPL continues to look at all viable options for delivering library services to Reston residents including colocation and new premises

Future-Leaning Libraries

- What does the library of the future look like?
 - Ample space for both books and people
 - Purposeful connections to advancing technological needs
 - Flexible programming spaces
 - Bringing the community together around their needs, through joint spaces, programs and services
 - Indoor and outdoor spaces in support of civic engagement

Questions?

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