

LA CROSSE PUBLIC LIBRARY RENOVATION 2025

Phase 1 Construction Update

In October 2024, La Crosse Public Library received a \$3 million Flexible Facilities Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Administration to modernize and improve our existing library spaces.

The success of our grant proposal and renovation plans is thanks in large part to you—our community. Through strategic planning sessions, community focus groups, public surveys, and open conversations, your voices shaped the vision for the future of the library. Together, we identified key priorities: flexible meeting spaces, expanded access to technology, improved accessibility, and more welcoming areas for creativity, learning, and connection.

These Phase 1 floor plans reflect that shared vision. They include new classrooms, small meeting rooms, computer labs, a telehealth room, refreshed social spaces, and an updated Creation Space—designed to meet the evolving needs of La Crosse residents today and into the future.

Thank you for helping us build a better library, together.

Timeline:

- March–May 2025: Collection moves and space preparation
- June 2025: Soft start to construction
- August 18, 2025: Groundbreaking ceremony
- January 2026: Anticipated completion of Phase 1

In addition to this work, planning for Phase Two—focused on the Children’s Room, sensory and comfort spaces, and new teen and tween areas—is already underway. A capital campaign will launch in the coming months to support this next phase.

With the remodel will come some impacts to our available spaces and collections:

- **No second-floor adult computer lab access August 11 through August 13.**
- **Beginning August 14, the adult computer lab will be located in Main Hall, First Floor.**
- **Copier will be relocated to the main floor, near the parking lot entrance.**
- **All meeting and study rooms will be unavailable due to construction until further notice.**
- Select library materials will be relocating—please ask any staff person for assistance.
- **The Creation Space is closed.**
- **The Archives & Local History Reading Room is closed for self-guided research until further notice.**
Archives staff will be available via phone; [608-789-7136](tel:608-789-7136) and via email; archives@lacrosselibrary.org for local history reference and genealogy resource assistance, Monday through Friday, 12:00-4:00. Appointments to access physical collections will be available at the Archives staff's discretion.

SEE RENOVATION MAP ON THE NEXT PAGE.

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FIRST FLOOR



South Parking Lot

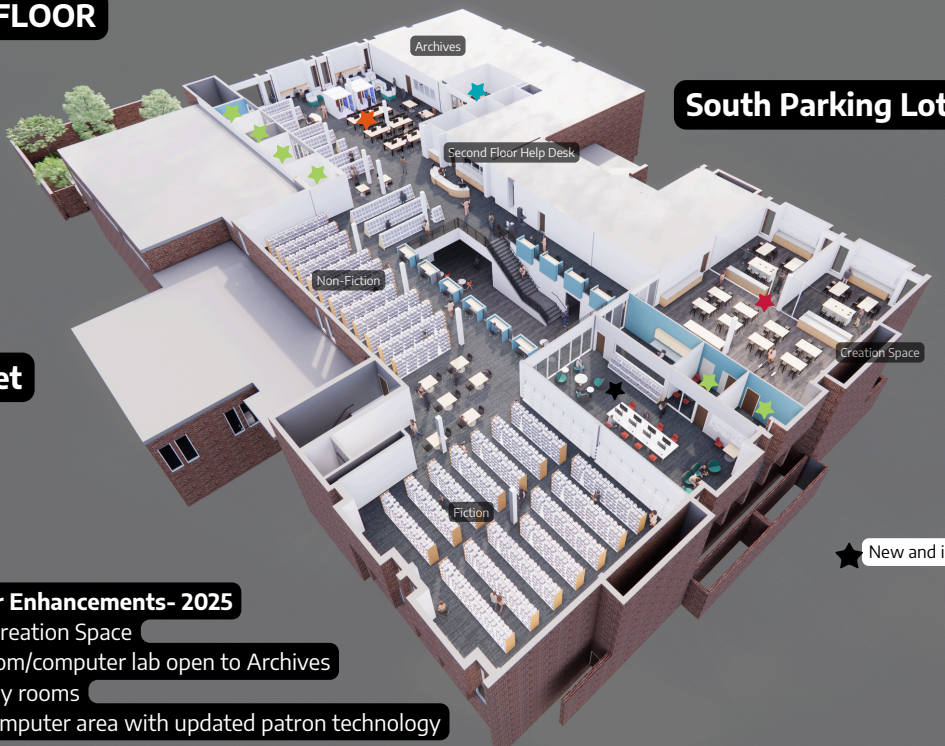
Main Street

★ Expansion of Children's Room coming in Phase 2

First Floor Enhancements- 2025

- ★ -Main floor auditorium
- ★ -New meeting spaces/community rooms
- ★ -Telehealth room
- ★ -Updated and expanded restrooms
- ★ -Social seating area

SECOND FLOOR



South Parking Lot

Main Street

★ New and improved teen space coming in Phase 2

Second Floor Enhancements- 2025

- ★ -Renovated Creation Space
- ★ -New classroom/computer lab open to Archives
- ★ -Six new study rooms
- ★ -Enhanced computer area with updated patron technology



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