



Mission -

To provide modern library resources and services necessary to the evolving educational, recreational, and informational needs of the community.

Library Information

In 1886 at a special election, the citizens of Newton made a commitment that continues to benefit people in the community - to establish and support the Newton Free Library. The Library's name was changed to Newton Public Library with the move to the current location at 720 N Oak in 1973.

The Library was expanded with a wing for children in 1980, with the donation of Miss Florence Bessmer. A locally developed automated circulation system was initiated in 1981, and the catalog added in 1984. The Adult Services and office areas were remodeled in 1995 for implementation of a new integrated library system and to provide additional staff work area. Because of service demand and space constraints, in 1998 the lower level was remodeled to serve as the joint Youth Services area and the Bessmer Addition was divided to provide a larger meeting room and storage area. The library continued to expand beyond its walls when the library catalog and other databases became accessible through the library website in 1999.

Library 2012 Primary Goals

- Maintain a high level of personalized customer service for every patron and guest at NPL
- Increase the number of people who use the physical and virtual NPL
- Ensure current collections, services and programs are meeting the needs of the community
- Improve facility patron comforts and make NPL an inviting environment
- Develop and implement a comprehensive marketing plan
- Pursue NPL Board of Trustees development
- Pursue NPL staff development
- Further develop a plan for future services and facility needs

Highlights of 2011

Celebrate NPL 125th Anniversary: September 27, 2011 "birthday" of NPL kicked-off the 125th year of public library services for the Newton Community with a variety of activities and programs.

New Patrons	1,496
AVG. Attendance per Week	2,921
Items Checked Out	167,150
Program Attendance	17,063
Programs & Classes	676
Computer Usage	26,325
Wireless Network Usage	3,270
Website Page Views	107,493
Website Visitors	38,962

Library Collections: Kept up-to-date with 6,286 new books, CDs, DVDs, toys, and software, plus 273 magazine subscriptions and online databases available 24/7. 92,112 total library materials for patrons to use.

Library Card Holders: Totaled 17,336 patrons of all ages.

Adult Services: Provided information and reference services including employment and business assistance; 4,048 items via Interlibrary Loan services; Volunteer Income Tax Assistance for 879 people; delivery to 200 homebound seniors; Talking Books services for 40 users and 7 institutions; 178 programs and classes, some via video conferencing and 48 hands-on mobile laptop lab classes; computer, Internet and wireless access.

Youth Services: Provided 5 Preschool and Toddler StoryTime weekly sessions for the public and 11 Preschool StoryTime sessions for 17 childcare agencies attended by 12,588; Summer Reading Programs with 1,661 enrolled; 503 activity programs for youth and families attended by 6,898 patrons, including weekly Gaming & More Mondays and Thursdays for teens; Reading Is Fundamental books for 300 children; electronic educational software.

Marketing Research: Between October 15 - November 15, 2011, The Research Partnership conducted telephone survey research regarding community members' perceptions of NPL which was completed by 403 persons.

Major Challenges

- Continuing reductions in funds received from annual grants and investments and for collaborative resources with the State Library of Kansas and Kan-ed places services valued by patrons in jeopardy.
- Increasing costs from publishers for electronic resources.
- Keeping up with technology and finding the expertise to maintain servers and other technology to meet ongoing demands.
- Finding effective ways to communicate with the greater Newton community.
- Library services and programs are offered in cramped space limiting patron participation and without space to provide services to meet the community needs.
- The current facility has issues with the condition of the building envelope and systems that require significant improvements and cost. The following are some of the issues cited by GLMV and HB+M architects and their engineer consultants:
 - ◇ Much of the pre-cast concrete has open joints and exposed, rusted reinforcing
 - ◇ Windows have deteriorated with cracked or broken seals

- ◇ Walls and roof are poorly insulated
- ◇ Much of the mechanical systems are original equipment and have reached the end of their useful lives
- ◇ Stair and mechanical room enclosures are not code compliant
- ◇ Plumbing systems are showing signs of deterioration
- ◇ Electrical service is inadequate for further expansion of needed circuits
- ◇ Potential water ponding issue on the roof could result in roof failure
- ◇ Water infiltration through walls, windows, doors.
- The existing building does not meet ADA requirements in the following areas:
 - ◇ Elevator - size, controls, signals, age
 - ◇ Stairs - handrails, risers, rescue assistance area
 - ◇ Restrooms - clearances, fixtures
 - ◇ Building Access - entrance sidewalk grade, loading ramp incline.

2013 Plan of Action

Provide a variety of quality Library resources, programs and services for the benefit of people of all ages in the Community:

Library Facility Planning

Because money must be spent on the aging physical plant, the Library Board of Trustees strongly recommends a new facility based on the concept design developed with the community in 2010 rather than continuing to patch the existing facility together. As the Library consultants pointed out during the concept design phase, a new facility is a more economical investment than a remodel of the present building.

City of Newton

Newton Public Library

The proposal is to build a new facility which embraces Military Park, provides adjacent spaces for community parking, recreation and entertainment and draws people to downtown Newton. The Newton Public Library Board recommends the Newton City Commission implement a timeline for next phases of the Library project. The Board will work in partnership with the City of Newton to continue the Library planning process.

Current Facility Concerns:

- Water leaks following rain by the main floor north office windows, northeast entrance hall, Bessmer Room kitchenette and various places along the lower level south, north and east walls. Splits and cracks on exterior masonry seams need to be sealed. The ground has receded and/or slopes towards the foundation. The seals on two 68" X 45" Bessmer Room windows are broken. Estimate

to reseal and caulk windows and door frames - \$1,500.

- Problems with keeping the ACHU running in 2009 - current. Estimates for replacing the heating and air conditioning equipment:
- KONE has noted if certain elevator parts cannot be repaired, replacement parts are not available.
- Wiring has begun to deteriorate within the concrete walls causing recent power outage in part of lower level staff office and lounge. Electricians warned of possible major problems due to age of the facility and 1972 wiring design.
- People have fallen on north staff sidewalk/delivery ramp during rain or icy conditions and strain to deliver items up steep grade.

<u>Year Installed</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Useful Exp. Life</u>	<u>Remaining Useful Life</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>
1972	Circulating Pumps	17 to 21 years	(past life expectancy)	4@ \$5,250
1972	Air Handling Units 1-5		(past life expectancy)	unknown
1972	Elevator			\$38,100
1996	Cooling Tower	10 to 16 years	5 years	\$15,000
2002	Electronic Humidifier	7 to 9 years	2 to 4 years	\$8,000
2003	Water Chiller (Boiler Room)	12 to 17 years	8 to 13 year	\$64,800
2003	Heating Boiler (Large)	21 to 26 years	17 to 22 years	\$23,185
2003	Condensing Unit-10 ton	7 to 12 years	2 to 3 years	\$5,000
2003	Condensing Unit-2 ton	7 to 12 years	2 to 3 years	\$1,200
2005	HWP3 (Circ Pump for AHU4)	8 to 13 years	7-9 years	\$1,500

DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES	ACTUAL			ADOPTED	ADOPTED
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
PERSONAL SERVICES					
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES					
COMMODITIES & SUPPLIES					
VEHICLE OPERATING					
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
TRANSFERS	\$ 673,829	\$ 675,960	\$ 695,653	\$ 703,880	\$ 707,819
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This Budget only reflects the City's direct contribution to the Library and may not reflect additional resources received by the Library

Third Tuesday genealogy work nights & annual workshop

videoconferences

Free library card

summer reading fun

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books

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