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STATEMENT

The Dover Public Library is committed to being the center of community life in Dover, Ohio. It is our mission to support life-long learning by providing information and opportunities for personal enrichment and enjoyment to people of all ages and from all backgrounds in Dover and throughout the Tuscarawas Valley.



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The Dover Public Library has long served as the center of our community's intellectual life.

Founded in 1902 by the American
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Sheet & Tin Plate Company for its employees and the public, the first library was located at the corner of Front and Tuscarawas Avenue and contained over 2,000 books. Today, the library has grown to nearly 100,000 books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, video games and over 40,000 eBooks. People of all ages and backgrounds visit the library on a daily basis to meet, learn, and discover. In fact, the Dover Public Library has over 20,000 registered library users despite the city itself having a population of under 13,000. Over 140,000 patrons entered the library in 2015 and circulated over 414,000 items-a new library record. The library also presented 427 programs for over 12,000 people-from toddlers to seniors.



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The Dover Public Library remodeling plans begin with a \$500,000 fundraising campaign for the renovation of the Adult Department. This space will be both enduring and practical, embodying both tradition and a modern sense of wonder, expectation, and discovery. The library will encourage and reflect the richness and diversity of the community.



With success and expanded use come new needs. The current facility was designed to serve a community of the 1950s, and it has become evident that the age has pushed the library beyond its limits. The demands of advanced technology and expanded services are affecting the library's ability to adequately serve its patrons.

- The wiring can no longer support the increased electrical and technology demands
- A growing teen population needs a defined space where the collection can be housed and targeted programming can occur
- Aisles are too narrow and materials are shelved at unacceptable levels according to ADA standards
- The shelving and furnishings date largely from the 1950s
- Community groups are in need of meeting space and often find themselves on a waiting list
- Office and work space is inadequate for an evolving library staff



Develop the library as a magnet for community educational and cultural activities

 Create new meeting spaces, including a new conference room for local organizations

Better meet the educational needs of the community

- Create a new technology center that will increase the number of public computer stations and locate technology services in one place
- Make areas available where adult literacy and other tutoring can be carried out with discretion and privacy

Enhance the efficiency and ambiance of the facility

- Quiet study areas
- A defined genealogy/local history area
- Modernize restroom facilities
- Wider aisles and mid-range shelving for easier accessibility and compliance with ADA standards
- New carpet and furniture to make the library more inviting and comfortable
- A café offering local baked goods and a variety of beverages

Add facilities specifically designed for teens

- More space for reading material
- Computers dedicated for teen use
- A comfortable and safe place to "hang out" and enjoy reading and video games
- Dedicated space for teen programs