

Cary Library Action Plan FY24 - FY26

Lower Level Renovation Project

This is a time of transition for the Cary Library as we prepare for a renovation of our Lower Level spaces. This is the first of two capital projects that will refresh Library spaces and update our aging mechanical and technology infrastructures.

In **FY24**, planning continues as our request for construction funds moves through the Town's budget process. This renovation will include:

The Children's Room

Our well-loved Children's Room will receive a much-needed overhaul, creating vibrant new play and programming spaces. Project priorities also include inviting areas for children of all ages, improved accessibility, and clear sightlines.

Large Meeting Room Renovation

Our popular Large Meeting Room will gain new state-of-the-art technology for hybrid programming, improved kitchen facilities, and crafting/maker capabilities to allow for expanded programming offerings.

Lower Level HVAC Replacement

The Lower Level HVAC system will be replaced with a new clean energy system. This is a substantial step in bringing the library in line with the Town's sustainability goals.

FY25 will be a year in flux. The Lower Level will close for renovations with services available on the upper floors. During the project, adult programs will be offered virtually and children's programming will migrate to off-site locations.

By **FY26**, the Lower Level reopens with rejuvenated spaces and a bustling schedule of programs. FY26 brings not just the completion of renovations, but also the launch of a new Strategic Planning process, engaging the community in shaping our future.

OTHER INITIATIVES

Commemorating a Moment in History

As we approach April 19, 2025, the town eagerly anticipates the commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Lexington—a historic milestone that is woven into our community DNA. Our Library is a partner in the year-long celebration that includes lectures, art displays, and other engaging activities.

AI (Artificial Intelligence) Takes Center Stage

In the ever-evolving technology landscape, AI is taking center stage, becoming an integral part of our personal and professional lives. Whether you're an early adopter or someone taking a more contemplative approach, the Library can help you develop a better understanding of how AI is reshaping our world.

Dedicated to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

In everything we do, the Library strives to reflect the rich diversity of our community. Collaborating closely with individuals and organizations, we curate collections in 15 languages and develop programs that foster understanding and enrichment.

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