## EXPANSION





# Why Swain County is Renovating and Expanding the Marianna Black Library

**The Library is expanding and renovating to improve and increase services.** Built in 1970, the facility's needs have not kept pace with what is necessary to enhance opportunities for our community members now and in the future.

A renovated, larger building will allow the library to offer greater free access to new technology, hands-on learning, and personal enrichment opportunities for people of all ages.

Our user-centered design approach will enable creativity and growth by focusing on the customers and how they use the library - individually and with others. A new flexible design will allow for adaptation of spaces when needed.

#### Meeting Community Needs with New and Expanded Services

Words in bold below are new or expanded services or renovations.

#### **Quick Facts**

**Library built in 1970:** 9,394 sq. ft. on .53 acres in downtown Bryson City, NC.

**Project:** Complete renovation with expansion to 16,294 sq. ft.

**Budget:** \$6.5 million \$4.7MM from government \$1.8MM from grants, individuals, etc.

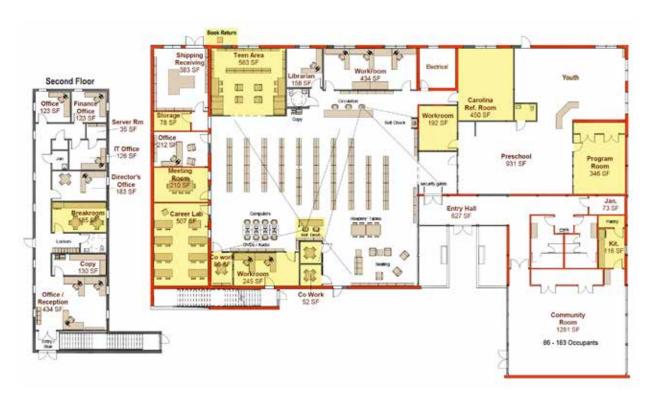
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- A separate **Career & Technology Center** for informal computer use and software instruction, as well as robotics, STEM, 3-D printer, music recording, & other collaborative projects. The desks and tables will be smaller with more flexibility of arrangement.
- Updated to meet ADA accessibility requirements on the site and in the interior of the building.
- Small group rooms for meetings, NC Works career center, collaborative projects, tutoring, etc.
- A large, **adaptable multi-purpose room** to provide for a variety of programming: guest speakers, workshops, group projects, classes, movies, and space to produce content for e-learning & other virtual programs.
- After-hours access for groups to community room, restrooms and prep kitchen.
- Outdoor spaces for **free**, **after hours Internet access** and safe entering & exiting the building
- An Appalachian Studies Room for reference and study about the area; and to serve as a small meeting room.
- Larger children's area for reading, using tablets and devices; for group activities and programming, as well as a small restroom.
- A designated space for teens with their own age-appropriate books, music and video collections, where, they can socialize, use computers/tablets reserved for them and plug in their own digital devices.
- The ability to provide **simultaneous services/programming**. For example a children's program in their area, a blood drive in the community room, and several gatherings in the group rooms.
- More computers A drive-up book drop

### New and Expanded Services for the Library

**The diagram demonstrates** how we are expanding on two sides of the current Marianna Black Library building, and renovating the interior. In the expanded library, **YELLOW areas** indicate new services such as a designated space for teens, meeting/collaborative work rooms, a career & technology center, Carolina Reference room, drive-up book return and more.



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