

MARIANNA BLACK LIBRARY 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 the library to provide the community with the only one-stop location for multiple meeting & event room options in Swain County.

Meeting Community Needs with New and Expanded Services

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

- A separate **Career & Technology Center** for informal computer use and software instruction, as well as robotics, STEM, 3-D printer, music recording, & other projects.
- **Four private rooms for individuals and small group meetings**, NC Works career center, collaborative projects, tutoring, etc.
- A **new, larger community 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. A new, dedicated children's activities room and their own 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.
- **More computers & technology with our same great high-speed internet**
- **Updated to meet ADA accessibility requirements** on the site and in the interior of the building.

Quick Facts

Library built in 1970: 9,029 sq. ft. on .53 acres in downtown Bryson City, NC.

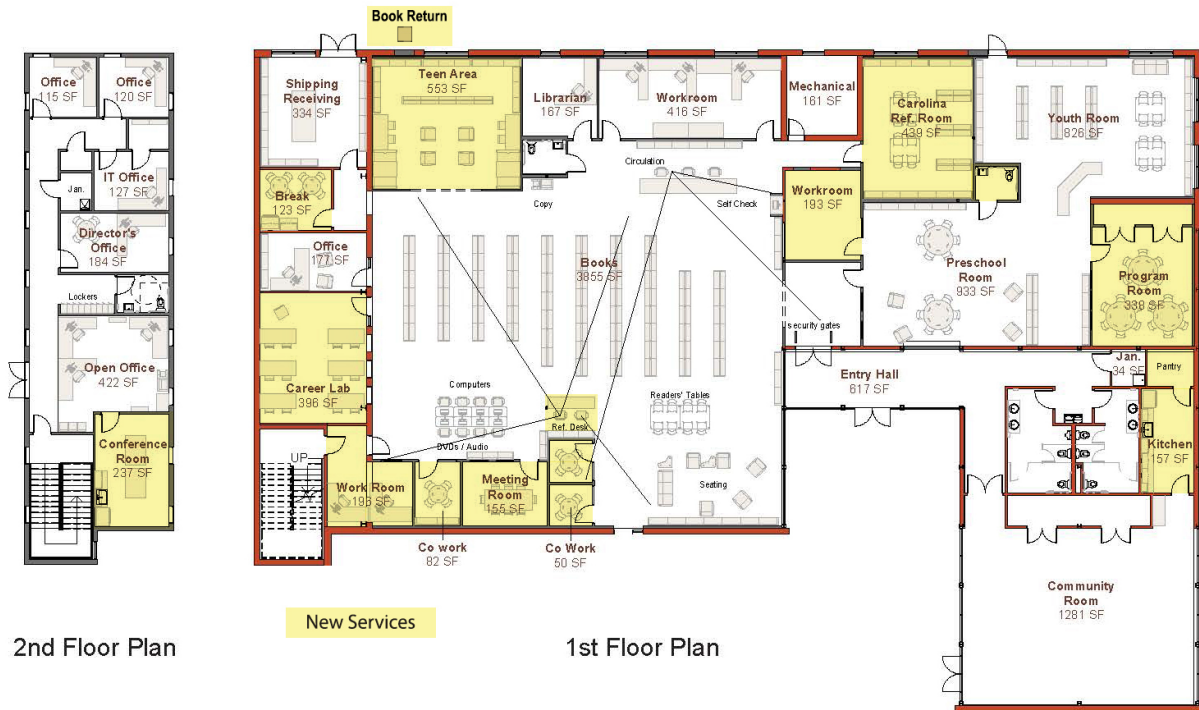
Project: Complete renovation with expansion to 14,753 sq. ft.. - a 63% increase in space.

Budget: \$7.1 million
\$4.8MM from government
\$2.3MM from grants, individuals, etc.

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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, Appalachian Studies room, drive-up book return and more. Staff has a clear line of sight to the entire main area. Fontana Regional Library offices will move to the smaller, second floor.



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