

THE CAMPAIGN FOR HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP FREE LIBRARY THE NEXT CHAPTER | FOR EVERY GENERATION

Years of careful planning have brought us to this exciting moment – a vital renovation and expansion of the Haverford Township Free Library.

Supported by more than \$21 million in federal, state, local, and Library funds, the Library seeks to raise \$500,000 for this project.



The Haverford Township Free Library is undergoing a complete transformation to meet 21st-century needs. It's worth noting that renovations last took place four decades ago. As part of this essential revitalization: cramped spaces, worn interiors, plumbing issues, parking and elevator limitations will be things of the past. In their place: expanded and rejuvenated areas, well-lit rooms, cozy spaces conducive to collaboration, a versatile Makerspace promoting innovation and community engagement, a sensory room, serene reading areas, and seamless integration of technology throughout the facility.

These thoughtful renovations enable the Library to uphold its role as a cornerstone of the township community. The Library will continue to host thousands of educational, cultural, social, artistic, and community service programs, providing a secure and welcoming environment for everyone. Developed in collaboration with the Township of Haverford, this endeavor preserves the Library's original architecture and central location between the Haverford Middle and High Schools, securing its status as a vital community asset.



The Library has the highest circulation rate of all libraries in Delaware County.

Patrons of all ages and from all walks of life visit us more than 180,000 times each year.

We are proud to have earned the highest Gold Star designation by the Pennsylvania Library Association.

OUR FUTURE LIBRARY | PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- **Public space will increase** by over 25 percent, including a second-floor addition.
- **A new parking lot** across the street will nearly double the existing on-site spaces. Additionally, there are 125-250 on-street parking spaces nearby.
- **A multi-story entrance and modern elevator** ensures convenient access to all three floors, with after-hours access to the new Community Room.
- **The Innovation Zone**, a versatile **Makerspace** for all ages, facilitates hands-on projects and advanced programming.



- **A welcoming Living Room** with a fireplace, perfect for quiet moments and reading, meets the request from senior patrons.
- **Dedicated spaces** for young children, tweens, and teens allows these groups to gather comfortably.
- **Meeting Rooms** for community gatherings and **Study Rooms** for small groups and collaboration, all supported with technology.
- **Increased public computer access** including tech zones, laptop bars, ample charging outlets, and robust WIFI coverage.



A SUCCESSFUL AND WELL SUPPORTED EFFORT

After years of meticulous planning led by Library administration, community volunteers, board leaders, township commissioners and many others, we are thrilled that the Haverford Township Free Library is being upgraded and expanded with state-of-the-art technology that will finally match the quality of our services, resources, and programs to meet the evolving needs of our patrons. The Library will be a landmark destination serving our growing community of over 50,000 residents for generations.

Strong libraries equal strong communities, and vibrant communities require strong libraries. We hope you will join us at this exciting and unprecedented time in the Library's history. Collective efforts have successfully secured \$21,845,892 to realize this project. We are seeking \$500,000 to be raised in this public phase and respectfully invite you to consider making a charitable donation. Naming opportunities at various levels are available, with pledges payable over 3-5 years.

On behalf of the many staff, volunteers, and board, we thank you for your consideration of this request to help us turn the page to the Next Chapter for our beloved Library.

