



**Manchester
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Building Expansion

Dear Friends,

After the library levy passed in Kitsap County in 2017, the Kitsap Regional Library system initiated a “refresh” on existing library facilities. During the refresh design phase, it became apparent that the Manchester Library was too small for all the design ideas we wanted to incorporate (e.g., adding needed space for children’s programming, adding a space for teens). To achieve all our joint goals, the Friends started planning an expansion of the existing library building.

“Refresh” design components:

1. Friends of the Manchester Library will provide 900 ft² added space

Building will grow from 2500 ft² to 3375 ft², 35% larger,

with upgraded HVAC & electrical systems (including solar panels)

The entire building will be re-roofed, insulation added and new gutters installed.

Green construction techniques will be integrated

2. Kitsap Regional Library “Refresh” will provide

Children’s area will be designed specifically to engage the youngsters in our books and programming

A teen area will be added

More seating for all ages will be incorporated

The periodical storage and reading area will relocate to the main library room

The public computing space will be integrated into the design

Our meeting areas will be larger and more flexible to accommodate:

- Story times
- Children’s programming
- Small meetings
- Reduce impact of conflicting uses (thereby increasing the community meeting space)

The popular FOML Used Book Store will be maintained

The Friends appreciate the Manchester Community’s support of this Next Chapter for our Library.

Sincerely, the FOML Board

