

FREESTANDING LIBRARY / COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE:

We need your financial support NOW to finish the capital campaign in 2016!



Over 500 households and businesses have contributed to this capital campaign!

Just this month, the capital campaign of the Cranbury Public Library Foundation achieved \$2.0 MM. Engineering drawings are completed, and when we have achieved \$2.9 MM, we will break ground.

This project is important for our community

- **Sharing a space with the school library no longer meets the public needs of our community.** Cranbury deserves a freestanding public library that serves as the “community living room” and technology center for the town, with sufficient space for adults, children, and teens to work, relax, gather, and enjoy programming in a comfortable environment, during both the daytime and evening hours.
- **Cranbury School deserves a dedicated school library to better serve the evolving educational needs of Cranbury’s K-8 students.** The Cranbury Education Foundation, which sponsors major projects for the school, is planning to support reconfiguration of the space. Once it becomes a dedicated school library, the space can provide unconstrained access for students to develop research skills critical to 21st-century public education.



Beloved Cranbury School kindergarten teacher Barbara Adams agreed to be jailed for the Cranbury Day “Jail and Bail” fundraiser, raising over \$2500.



30 local Chinese families organized a Chinese New Year fundraiser in February, with over 250 people gathering to raise over \$14,000 for the new library.

Once completed, the new library will operate with no net increase to taxpayers.

- The annual library funding represents about 1% of your property tax bill (and is mandated by NJ law)
- Independent assessments have confirmed that operating the new building will cost equal to or less than the usage fee currently paid to the school.
- No additional library staff are required to operate the new facility.

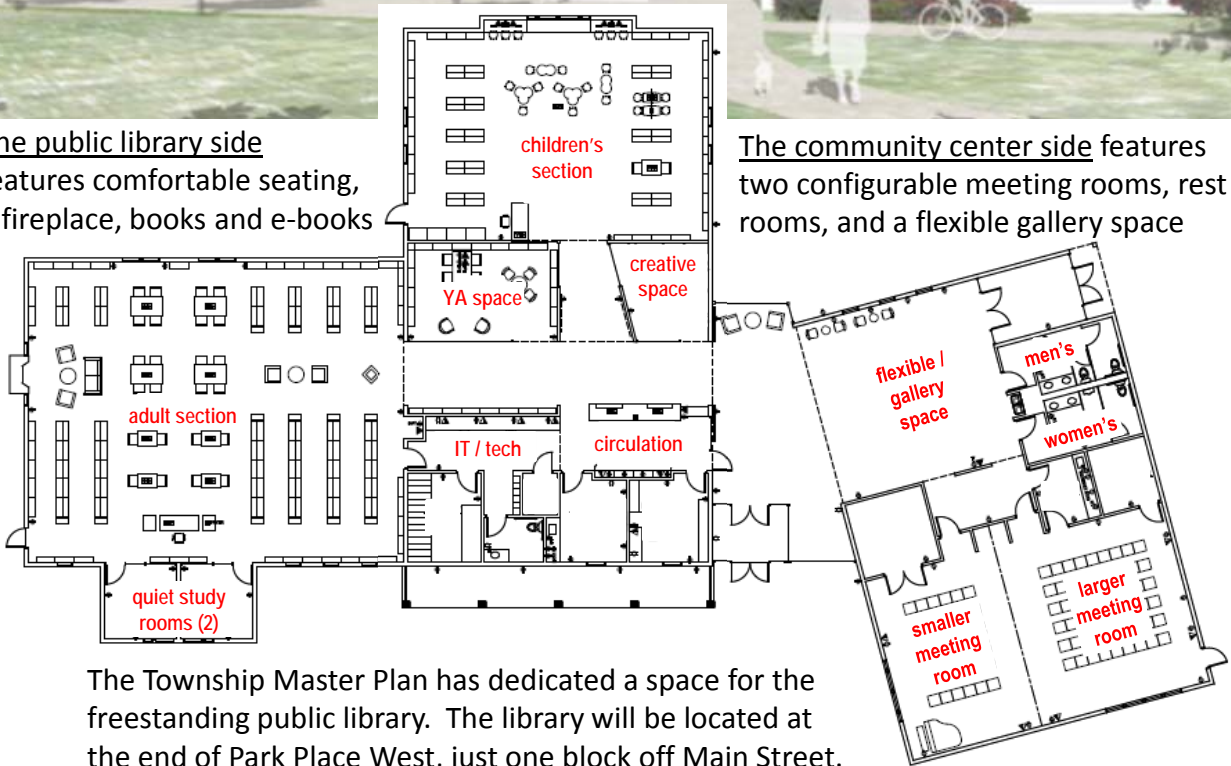
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Imagine Cranbury with a new library / community center as part of our vibrant village area!



The public library side features comfortable seating, a fireplace, books and e-books

The community center side features two configurable meeting rooms, rest rooms, and a flexible gallery space



The Township Master Plan has dedicated a space for the freestanding public library. The library will be located at the end of Park Place West, just one block off Main Street.

Good public libraries strengthen communities and raise property values

- 1 Community groups** can reserve the two configurable meeting rooms, even outside library hours, with accessible restrooms and adjacent flexible / gallery space.
- 2 Families** will have a non-retail destination to enjoy the relaxing space, fireplace, sunset, and programming, with room for each person to enjoy the space.
- 3 Teens** will have a year-round group project / hang-out / creative space that isn't attached to their elementary school.
- 4 Adults** will have a comfortable and quiet "third place" to meet, read and work year-round, as well as access to technology support and services.
- 5 History buffs** will have expanded and easier access to the Cranbury History Center archives.

The new library will have all this, as well as the same great library staff, collections, technology training, books and e-books, and community services you've come to expect.