

Thank you for Your Input on the County Library Facilities

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Dear Mr. Wilson,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and suggestions regarding the County library and the potential solutions to address future needs. As a fiscal conservative committed to responsibly managing taxpayer resources, I truly appreciate hearing your concerns and perspectives.

To provide further insight into the current direction being considered by the Library Board's Facilities Committee, I've attached two documents that may help clarify our path forward.

As outlined in these materials, there are several challenges with the current location—ranging from the complete lack of parking and deteriorating infrastructure (including asbestos-related issues), to elevator and ADA compliance concerns, a poor layout for hosting programs and meetings, and difficulty ensuring effective security coverage. These factors are significantly influencing our efforts to find a sustainable and functional solution.

Encouragingly, the Flathead Library Foundation has indicated that private funding for a land purchase is potentially feasible—especially in light of the limited availability of public funds.

I warmly invite you to join us for a tour of the current main branch, held every second Wednesday of the month at 11:00 a.m. You're also welcome to attend our upcoming full Library Board meeting on April 24th at 9:00 a.m., which will be held on the second floor of the South Campus building. For details on Facilities Committee meetings, please visit the "Our Library" tab on our website.

Again, thank you for engaging with this important issue. Your feedback helps us work toward a library that truly serves our community's evolving needs.

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