



# RENOVATION OF THE VAUGHN LIBRARY

## FAST FACTS:

- The original library was built in 1888 and last renovated in the late 1980's
- Public space within the building will increase by 50% to 18,000 square feet
- The renovation will reopen the historic entry on Main Street
- The building structure will be improved throughout, including repairs to the foundation
- Outdated building systems will be replaced, sprinklers and air conditioning added
- Energy efficiency upgrades will include lighting, windows and added insulation
- The design team is consulting with the State Historic Preservation Office and Focus on Energy to build on the community's past investment for a sustainable future



## ABOUT THE RENOVATION PROJECT

At the corner of Vaughn and Main, the new Reading Room will welcome the community to gather, read, chat with neighbors or attend library programs. The popular collections available here include new book displays, movies, audiobooks and adult fiction. Helpful librarians are centrally located to answer inquiries or assist patrons in the adjacent business center.

The interior design will be compatible with the historic nature of the building. A connecting stair, seen beyond the staff desk, will invite patrons to visit the diverse collections, study rooms, teen lounge and children's library located on the second floor.

The children's library will include spaces intentionally designed for toddlers, preschool and grade school children. A large interactive play area will be available for drop-in activities or scheduled story hours.

The third floor of the renovated library features a large community meeting room with a view of Chequamegon Bay which can accommodate gatherings of up to 100 people. Two meeting rooms, a digital lab and a demonstration kitchen will also be available on this floor, during library hours and beyond.

## ABOUT THE PROCESS

Planning for the renovation began in 2019.

The process, led by architects, included community surveys, focus groups, town halls, all under the guidance of a Steering Committee comprised of local leaders and library advocates.

Many thanks to all who participated.

If you have any comments or questions, or simply want to support the project, please contact:

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