LTP Library Expansion Project:

Project Management Planning
for the grant-funded
Children's Literacy and Library Services Program
and the Adult Services Library

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GOALS

- 1. Create a new space for the Children's Literacy and Library Services Program to:
- Promote early childhood literacy
- Promote love of libraries and lifelong learning
- Provide a community gathering spot

- 2. **New staff** well versed in:
 - library principles
- early childhood education
- early literacy facilitation
- 3. Publicize and
 Promote the new space, staff, programs and services
- 4. Update and
 Revitalize the
 adult library to
 create an
 improved, more
 accessible space
 that includes:
 - comfortable seating
 - private study areas
- group meeting space

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PROJECTS

1. Create space progra	and	2. New Staff	3.	Publicize and Promote	4.	Update the Adult Library
 Books a Materia Technol Room L and Lea Zones 	ogy ayout	 Create and enact a hiring process Create an onboarding and orientation process Work with staff to develop the new program 		Establish ongoing publicity campaign Opening Event	•	Reimagine and redesign the layout Apply for future capital project grant funding Possible art installation

Goal 1: Create a new space and program

How will the new program support children's literacy development?

- Literacy is more than just the act of reading and writing.
- Literacy is <u>UNDERSTANDING</u> what is read and <u>COMMUNICATING</u> ideas to others through writing.
- Literacy is the conversation between people that occurs in the written word.

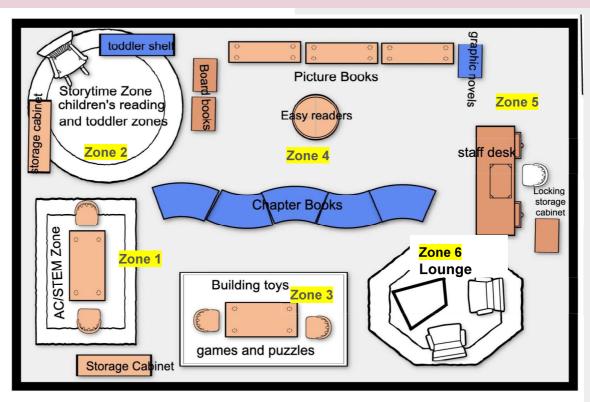
How does literacy develop? Listen ~ Speak ~ Read ~ Write

LISTENING					
\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	SPEAKING				
Vocab development	000000	PRE-READING			
Emotions	Share thoughts	***	READING		
Cultural knowledge	Ask for information	Tell & retell stories	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	PRE-WRITING	
Storytime	Tell & retell stories	Peer communication	Curiosity		WRITING
Puppet Theater		Songs, poems, art	Symbolic understanding	Story Retell	000000
		Story activities		Fine motor, L to R	Curiosity, excitement
Reading activities • Read, read!				Read, read, read!	Exposure to many concepts in our world
				Building	and community
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Goal 1: Create New Space and Program

Learning Zones
1) STEM / Art & crafts
2) Storytime / Toddler
3) Building / Puzzles / Homework Help
4) Book Collections
5) Staff Zone
6) Lounge / Caregiver Zone

Designed to be Flexible, ALL the furniture is on wheels



Potential Programs and Events

- After School Homework Help
- Preschool Storytime
- Saturday Movies at the Library
- Passive Lego or Building Blocks Programs
- Author events
- Sensory Playtime for Babies and Caregivers
- Animal Visits: VINS or S. VT Natural History Museum, etc.

Zone 1: STEM and Arts & Crafts







Zone 2: Storytime / Toddler



The **Storytime / Toddler** area will have programs and materials that promote pre-reading and pre-writing skills.







Zone 3: Building / Puzzles



The **Building / Puzzles** area will promote social-emotional development through group play and executive functioning development through activities that use cross-body movement.



Zone 4: Book Collections

Board Books



Picture Books (x3)



Leveled Readers



Reinvigorate the following book collections: Board book, Picture book, Easy Reader, Graphic novel, Chapter book, Non-Fiction

Graphic Novels and Short Series



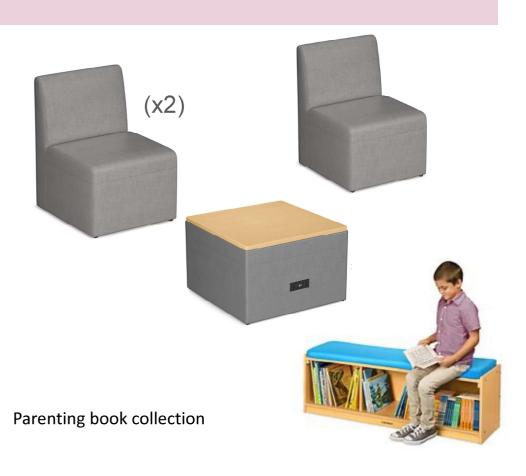
Zone 4 (cont'd): Chapter Books





Zone 6: Lounge





Goal 2: Hire Staff

The new staff will help develop and deliver developmentally appropriate programming and library services for children and help promote this program through outreach to the community.

Goal 3: Publicity/Promotion

- Outreach to schools, churches, daycare programs
- Press releases
- Social media campaign
- Special events

Goal 3: Opening

Plan and publicize an opening event to include

special activities to introduce the community to the new space.

Goal 4: Update the Adult Library

- Reimagine and redesign the layout of the library to better facilitate community gathering and accessibility
- Apply for additional grant funding to renovate the floor in the library, and fix the walls/repaint
- Hang potential art installation on walls

Budget

100	Salaries	\$8,424
200	Employee Benefits/Employer FICA	\$675
300	Purchased Professional and Technical Services - Consulting	\$2,970
400	Rentals	\$3,375
500	Advertising	\$1,800
600	Supplies - Equipment under \$5,000, Materials	\$32,790
900	Other Items/Indirect - 10% Indirect Allocation, Other Indirect Charges	\$4,666
	Total:	<mark>\$54,699.90</mark>

Anticipated Timeline

	Furniture purchases on warrant	January 9
•	New hire start date	January 21
•	New hire onboarding and orientation	January 28
•	Begin organizing volunteers	Late January
•	Furniture delivery	January 30??
•	Submit reimbursement	February 4
•	Begin moving books over from library	February 4
•		February 5
•	Materials and Tech purchases on warrant	February 6
•		Late February
•	Opening event	March 1
•	Submit reimbursement	March 4
•		March 4
•	Additional purchases on warrant	March 6
•		March
•	Expect our second reimbursement	Late March

Impact Measures: 1

Objective	Process Metrics/Milestones	Outcome Metrics
Provide improved access to early childhood literacy and library services	 Purchase furniture and supplies Execute a celebratory opening event for the community 	 Track the number of adults/children visiting the space Track the number of new families visiting Lydia Taft Pratt Library

Impact Measures: 2

Objective	Process Metrics/Milestones	Outcome Metrics
2. Increase engagement of children and families	 Hire new staff Purchase materials for the new space Introduce and publicize new programs 	 Track the number of children's materials circulating Track the number of programs and participants

Impact Measures: 3

Objective	Process Metrics/Milestones	Outcome Metrics	
3. Increase satisfaction with the quality of children's services	 Conduct survey about improvements to and satisfaction with the children's space 	 Collection of feedback and stories from participants about the impact of the program(s) 	

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