



# BOARD MEETING AGENDA

**Douglas County Libraries**  
**Wednesday, June 30, 2021**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Castle Pines Library, Castle Pines, CO**

*Note Due to COVID the public will attend all meetings remotely.*

*Remote Call-In information is on the library website at: [DCL.org/board-meetings/](http://DCL.org/board-meetings/)*

**CALL TO ORDER** Presiding: Ron Cole, President

**NOTICE** *This meeting was noticed in compliance with both Colorado Open Meeting Law and the Douglas County Libraries Bylaws.*

**ATTENDANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**CONSENT AGENDA MOTION**

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*Board members may request to have any item(s) removed from the consent agenda for further conversation by making that request when asked by the chair and stating the item.*

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**EXECUTIVE LIBRARY DIRECTOR UPDATE**

**Pages 10-25**

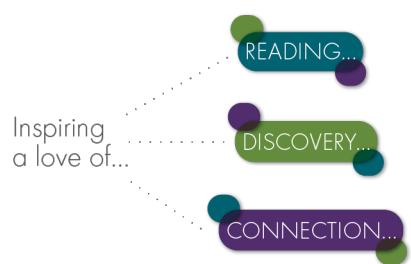
**DISTRICT BUSINESS**

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*Do any board members have a conflict of interest to disclose regarding any of the below matters? If so, please recuse yourself, and return to the meeting after discussion has ended.*

**Capital Planning Committee (Danser)**

- Roxborough Library MOU with Roxborough Village Metropolitan District
- Update on Castle Rock Project



**Executive Committee** (Cole)

**Personnel Committee** (Silverthorn)

**Partnership of Douglas County Governments** (Danser)

**Douglas County Youth Initiative** (Burkholder)

**FOUNDATION REPORT** (Vaughn)

#### **TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

#### **UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS**

1. **Board Capital Planning Committee Meeting**: July 1, 2021, Castle Pines Library, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (Danser, Nolan and Vaughn)
2. **Personnel Committee Meeting**: July 16 2021, Castle Pines Library, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (Silverthorn, Burkholder and Cole)
3. **Board Executive Committee Meeting**: July 16, 2021, Castle Pines Library, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (Cole, Burkholder and Silverthorn) **Note change in date, time and location.**
4. **Board Informal Breakfast**: July 28, 2021, Location to be announced, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (All)
5. **Board Study Session**: No study session in July. August 25, 2021, Roxborough Library, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (All)
6. **Board Regular Meeting**: No regular board meeting in July. August 25, 2021, Roxborough Library, 7:00 p.m. (All)

#### **OTHER BOARD CALENDAR ITEMS**

1. **Partnership of Douglas County Governments Meeting**: July 21, 2021, Parker Library, 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
2. **Elected Officials Reception**: Thursday, November 18, 2021, Highlands Ranch Mansion, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

#### **ADJOURN**



## Board of Trustees

June 30, 2021

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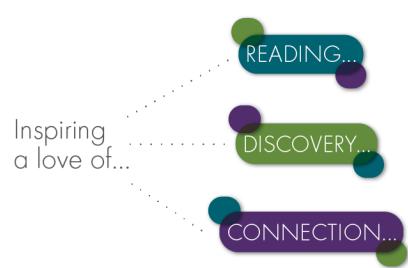
# Consent Agenda

**Board Action:** Review the below items for mass approval. Board members can remove any item from the consent agenda prior to its acceptance for further discussion and action during district business.

#	Item	
1.	Minutes	Regular meeting May 26, 2021
2.	Budgeted Capital Expenditure*	Lone Tree Library Carpeting

**MOTION:** I move to accept the Consent Agenda as presented, consisting of the Regular Meeting minutes of May 26, 2021, and the Budgeted Capital Expenditure of \$75,000 for maintenance carpet replacement at Lone Tree Library.

\*These items are coming to you in support of our expenditure policy for budgeted capital expenditures of \$50,000 or more.



**DOUGLAS COUNTY LIBRARIES**  
**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**  
**May 26, 2021**  
**Castle Pines, Colorado**

President Cole called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

This meeting was noticed and was held in compliance with both Colorado Open Meeting Law and the Douglas County Libraries Bylaws.

The following were present:

**TRUSTEES:** Suzanne Burkholder, Ron Cole, Daniel Danser, Terry Nolan, Dawn Vaughn, and Louise Wood

Suzanne Burkholder attended virtually.

Meghann Silverthorn was absent. The absence was excused.

A quorum was present.

**STAFF:** Bob Pasicznyuk, Dave Anderson, Jill Corrente, Amber DeBerry, Julianne Griffin, Michael King, Rachel Malis, Kerri Morgan, Jesse Politi, and Patti Owen-DeLay

**STAFF ATTENDING AS PUBLIC:** Kelly Allan, Ashley Fahey, Jessica Fredrickson, and Kate Prestwood

**PUBLIC:** John Pittman, Jeff Pittman, Alan Anderson, and Tim Taylor with Fransen Pittman

**GUESTS:**

- Foundation Board Members Laureen Boll and Linda Boyle

Cole thanked the Foundation Board for their work in support of Douglas County Libraries.

- Front Range Theatre Company “Little Mermaid” cast members: Brea Wilkinson, Stephanie Pizio, Chris Scariotta, Director Andrew Parker, and Stage Manager Jennie Johnson

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**PRESENTATION**

Morgan shared the Page to Stage partnership with Front Range Theatre Company. This program allows Douglas County students to experience live theater, bringing literature to life.

Morgan introduced members of Front Range Players who support the Page to Stage program and were involved in this year's "Little Mermaid" production.

## CONSENT AGENDA

#	Item	Regarding	Page(s)
1.	Minutes	Regular Meeting April 28, 2021	Pages 5-7
2.	Budgeted Capital Expenditure	Obligor Resolution (R-21-05-01)	Pages 8-9

**MOTION 21-05-01:** Vaughn moved and the motion carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda consisting of the April 28, 2021, minutes and Obligor Resolution R-21-05-01 as presented.

## EXECUTIVE LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **New Hours.** Pasicznyuk asked if any of the board members had any questions regarding the new hours that will go into effect on July 5, 2021. There were none.
- **Castle Rock New Build.** Pasicznyuk updated the board on the status of the Castle Rock new build project.

## DISTRICT BUSINESS

*No conflicts of interest were declared.*

### Capital Planning Committee Report (Danser)

Danser reported that the group met on May 6 and reviewed the Capital Budget along with earlier iterations of the Castle Rock new build project.

### Executive Committee Report (Cole) and Personnel Committee Report (Cole)

Cole reviewed the Executive Committee and Personnel Committee meetings for the board as they were held back to back in May. The Executive Committee is reviewing suggested actions from work done at the annual board retreat.

- Quarterly Financials

Anderson reviewed the financial statements for the first quarter of 2021.

### Partnership of Douglas County Governments (PDCG) (Danser)

Danser was unable to attend the meeting, so Pasicznyuk told the board about a program that the partnership is considering on homelessness to address veteran homelessness in Douglas County.

### Douglas County Youth Initiative (DCYI) (Burkholder)

Burkholder spoke about the launch of a free soccer program the DCYI supports. The DCYI had an outstanding award program, and a young recipient was also recognized at a recent

graduation Burkholder attended, having gotten a scholarship from Douglas County Libraries. Burkholder cited this as a great example of the circle of the library's community involvement.

#### **FOUNDATION REPORT (Vaughn)**

- Annual Foundation Report to the Library Board

Vaughn reviewed the Annual Foundation Report to the Library Board, highlighting successes in 2020 despite the COVID disruption, stating that the Foundation continues to thrive.

Vaughn reminded trustees of the two upcoming galas, encouraging the purchase of tickets: The Family Fete for families will be held at Lone Tree on Saturday, August 28, from 6 – 9 p.m. The regular Fete des Fables Gala will be on Friday, September 24, at the Denver Marriott South.

#### **TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Cole commented that playscapes are open and encouraged trustees to help spread the word.

Vaughn shared appreciation of the Volunteer Appreciation event at the Parker library.

Burkholder shared her experience of the Strategic Planning session, highlighting the culture of working together and enjoying one another. Vaughn concurred with her experience of the Strategic Planning session.

#### **UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS**

1. **Board Capital Planning Committee Meeting:** June 3, 2021, Castle Pines Library, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (Danser, Nolan and Vaughn)
2. **Board Executive Committee Meeting:** June 18, 2021, Castle Pines Library, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (Cole, Burkholder and Silverthorn). Note change in date, time and location.
3. **Personnel Committee Meeting:** June 18, 2021, Castle Pines Library, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (Silverthorn, Burkholder and Cole). Note change in date, time and location.
4. **Board Study Session:** June 30, 2021, Board - Castle Pines Library; Public – Remote Call-In, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (All)
5. **Board Regular Meeting:** June 30, 2021, Board - Castle Pines Library; Public – Remote Call-In, 7:00 p.m. (All)

#### **OTHER BOARD CALENDAR ITEMS**

1. **Partnership of Douglas County Governments Meeting:** July 21, 2021, Douglas County Libraries in Parker, 7:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

#### **ADJOURN**

Cole adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Wood, Secretary  
Minutes prepared by Patti Owen-DeLay

DRAFT



## REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

This item is coming to you in support of our expenditure policy for budgeted capital expenditures of \$50,000 or more.

As such we are confirming:

1. Budgeted monies are still in place for this project.
2. The scope of the project is in line with the project budget
3. The project is in line with our current strategies or workplan.

**DATE:** June 30, 2021

**AGENDA ITEM:** Budgeted Capital Expenditure over \$50,000 for Lone Tree re-carpeting project.

### **DISCUSSION:**

As part of our regular maintenance program, Lone Tree has been slated for carpet replacement in 2021. In order to minimize impact to customers, we recommend closing Lone Tree for re-carpeting around our scheduled Staff Day on September 17<sup>th</sup> (actual dates still to be determined and submitted to the Board in August). Due to the complexities of scheduling multiple vendors for this project, we need to purchase the carpet now and have it warehoused with the vendor.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

We recommend that the Board approve the \$75,000 budgeted capital expenditure for the Lone Tree re-carpeting project.

We were not able to present this to the Capital Planning Committee due to the timing of the vendor offer and work plan needs of the Facilities Team, though they are aware of this project. Additionally, given the need to first purchase the carpeting, we are still finalizing scope costs through our normal bid and procurement processes but will not exceed the budgeted amount.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** \$75,000

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE:** Jill Corrente



## Our Foundation

### OUR VISION

Douglas County Libraries elevates our community by inspiring a love of reading, discovery and connection

### OUR CORE VALUES

Welcoming to All  
Continual Growth  
Authentic Relationships

## **Executive Library Director's Report**

**Bob Pasicznyuk**

**June 2021**

### **Business Plan and Performance – Now**

- We just gathered another round of NetPromoter scores and customer feedback. I'll provide the scores and analysis in the August report.
- Our summer reading and camps programs are live and working at capacity.
- Collections use is nearly three-times a year ago during the height of the pandemic, but still rebuilding back to pre-pandemic customer use patterns.
- Summer Reading is tracking 15% ahead of last year to date. We kicked off Summer Reading this year with ice cream stops at community parks and branches.

### **Business Plan and Performance – Strategic Goals**

Our strategy workshops yielded goals that Managers are responding to for the 2021 budget season. Each manager team is preparing responses to reach goals supported by the library's Senior Leadership team.

Goal	Managers	SLT Support
<b>Vibrant Libraries</b>		
We will engage our community through rotating experiences that feature artistic, cultural, scientific, or natural history content to achieve 2019 visit levels.	Susan O'Brien Jesse Politi	Bob
We will identify, prepare, and deploy changes to existing services, library collections, or library spaces that will draw customers to engage our libraries by the thousands.	Susie DeSersa Tammy Goodwin Amy Fischer	Patti
We will create, deploy, and monitor targeted marketing campaigns to drive library awareness across Douglas County.	Nanci Marr Kate Prestwood	Amber
We will create and host large-scale events that drive library awareness and notoriety across the county.	Chuck Geoffrion Tammy Clausen Kerri Morgan	Julianne
<b>Beyond Our Walls</b>		
We will identify, create, and deploy opportunities to sample library services at effective locations in Douglas County.	Ali Ayres Kate Prestwood Amy Fischer	Jill
We will create and deploy unconventional and creative library experiences to extend the DCL brand.	Sarah Schepman Talayna Akrie Tammy Goodwin	Julianne
<b>Community Needs</b>		
We will use our brand and resources to support community and county leadership organizational initiatives that lead to growth of a thriving community.	Jaime Gotlieb Talayna Akrie	Bob

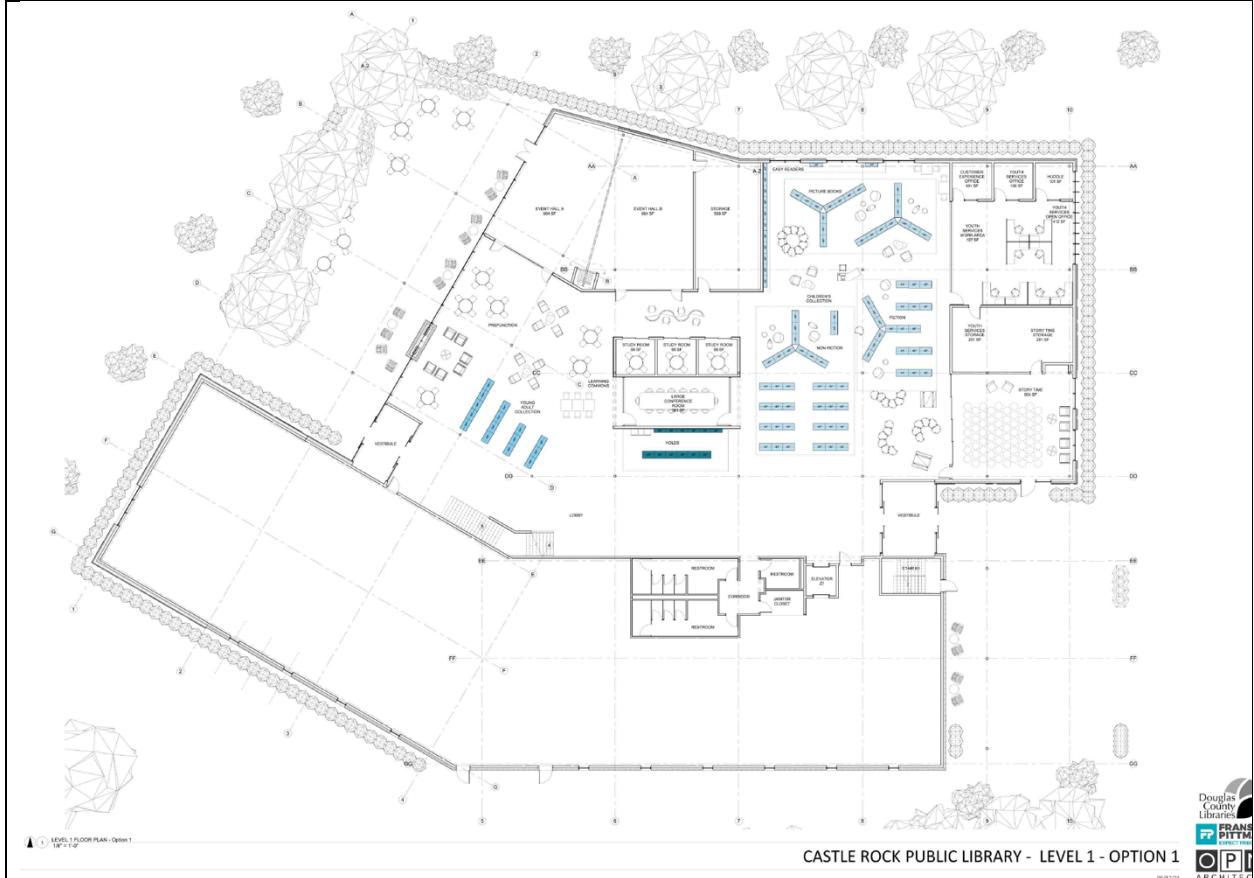
We will create adult-focused educational opportunities and life-enrichment services that support educational milestones or inspire continual growth.	Tammy Clausen Susan O'Brien Susie DeSersa	Dave
We will facilitate interpersonal connection for the growing senior population in Douglas County by offering targeted services, experiences, and through the creation of community partnerships.	Ali Ayres Rick O'Dell	Patti
<b>Fortify Infrastructure</b>		
Our library will provide systems to securely, conveniently, and effectively organize and store staff information making it accessible via a variety of digital devices.	Natasha Story Nanci Marr Amy Long	Jill
Our library will transition to flexible, contemporary work environments and styles, managing all the facets of organizational changes this transition requires.	Chuck Geoffrion Sarah Schepman Jesse Politi	Julianne Amber
Our library will incorporate environmentally sustainable building, office, and maintenance practices and achieve a "green" building certification.	Kerri Morgan Rick O'Dell	Bob
Our library will identify and implement data capture systems to evaluate our work and further decision-making for service offerings and key areas of our business plan.	Natasha Story Amy Long Jaime Gotlieb	Dave

## Future Forward – Discussion about Our Future

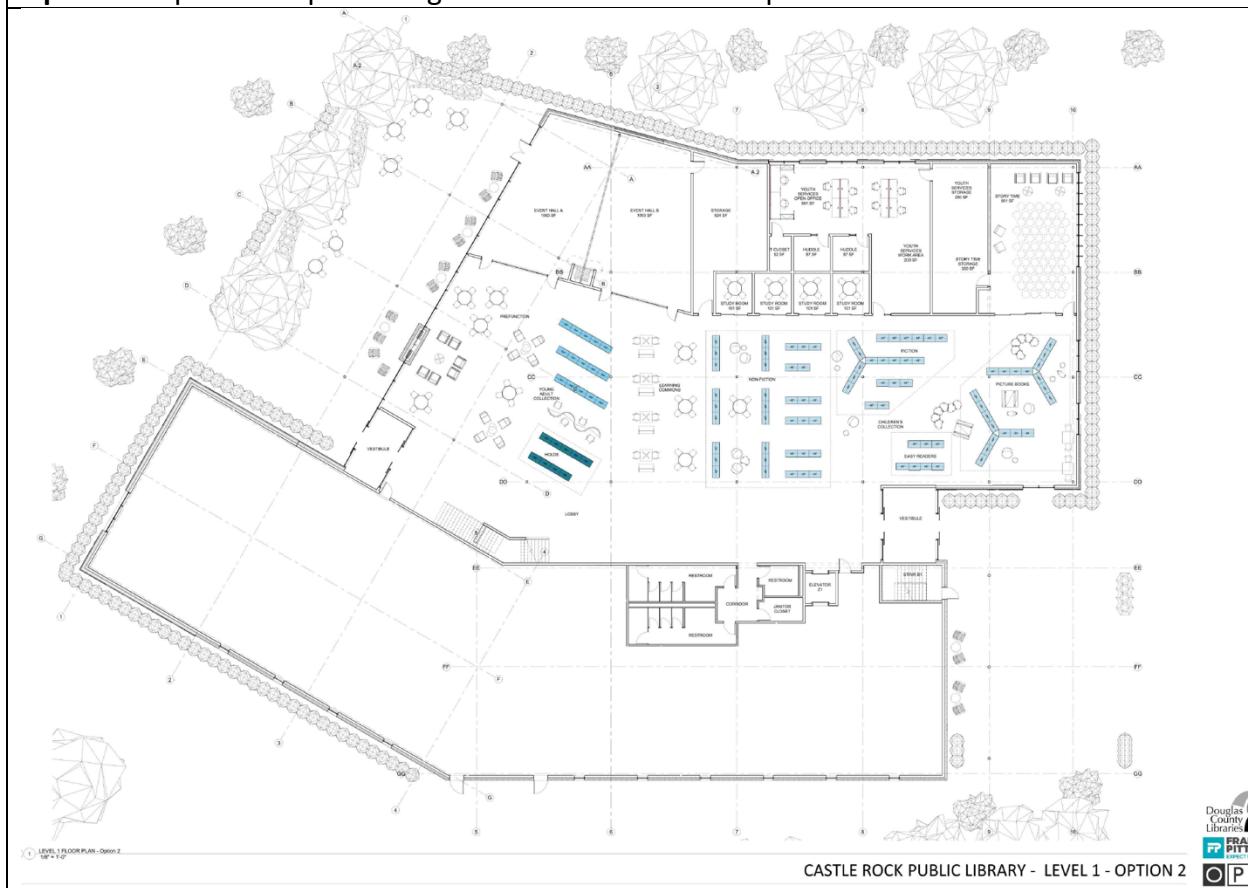
Roxborough. In this Board packet, please find a *Request for Approval* to forge a partnership with the Roxborough Village Metropolitan District toward an upgraded library facility for the Roxborough/Sterling Ranch community.

Castle Rock. Our work toward a new Castle Rock library has progressed to layout options for both customer and staff spaces. We are working on two options in the layout of customer spaces and a gradient of the use of open-office concepts for staff work spaces.

**Option 1:** More definition and division between spaces for our youngest customers and others.

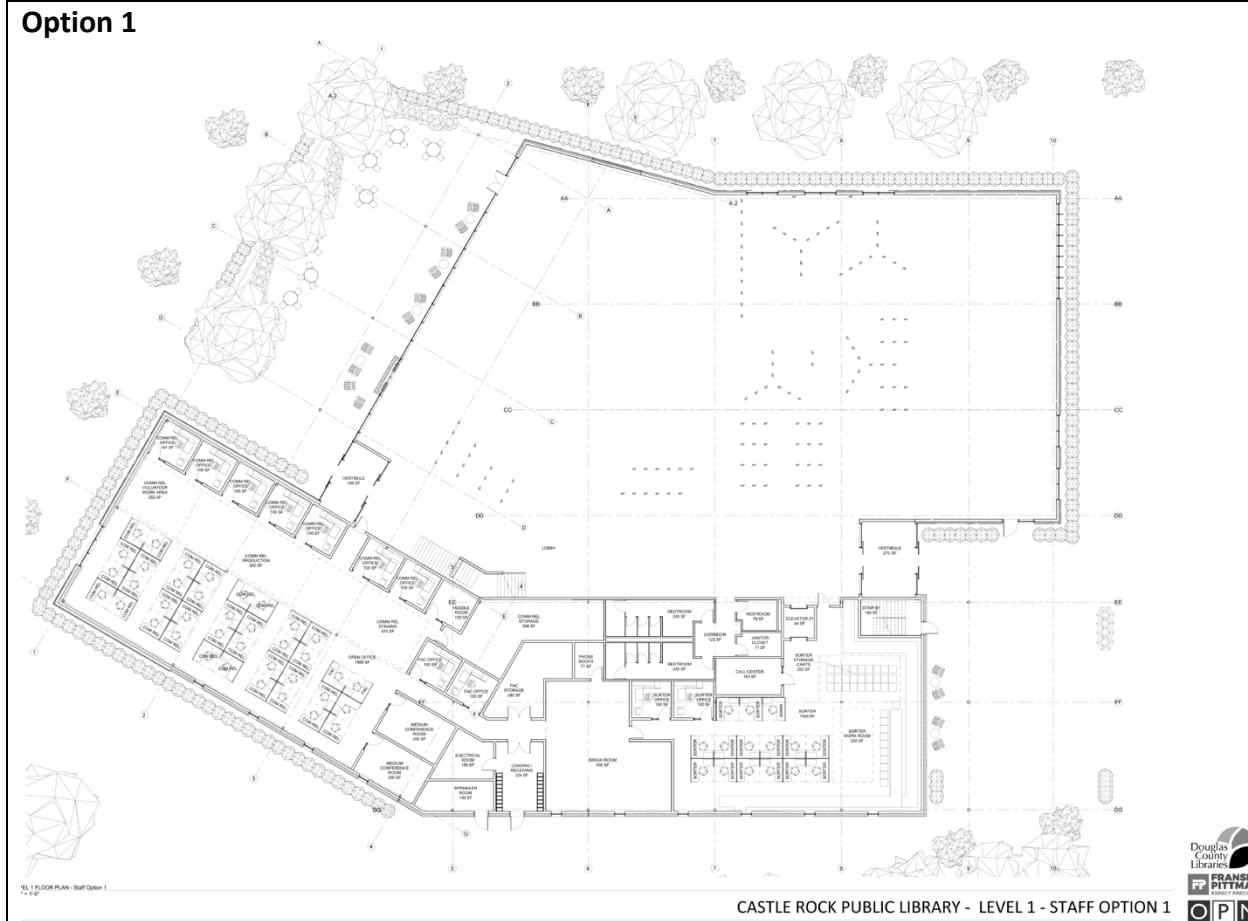


**Option 2: Open concepts throughout customer-focused spaces.**

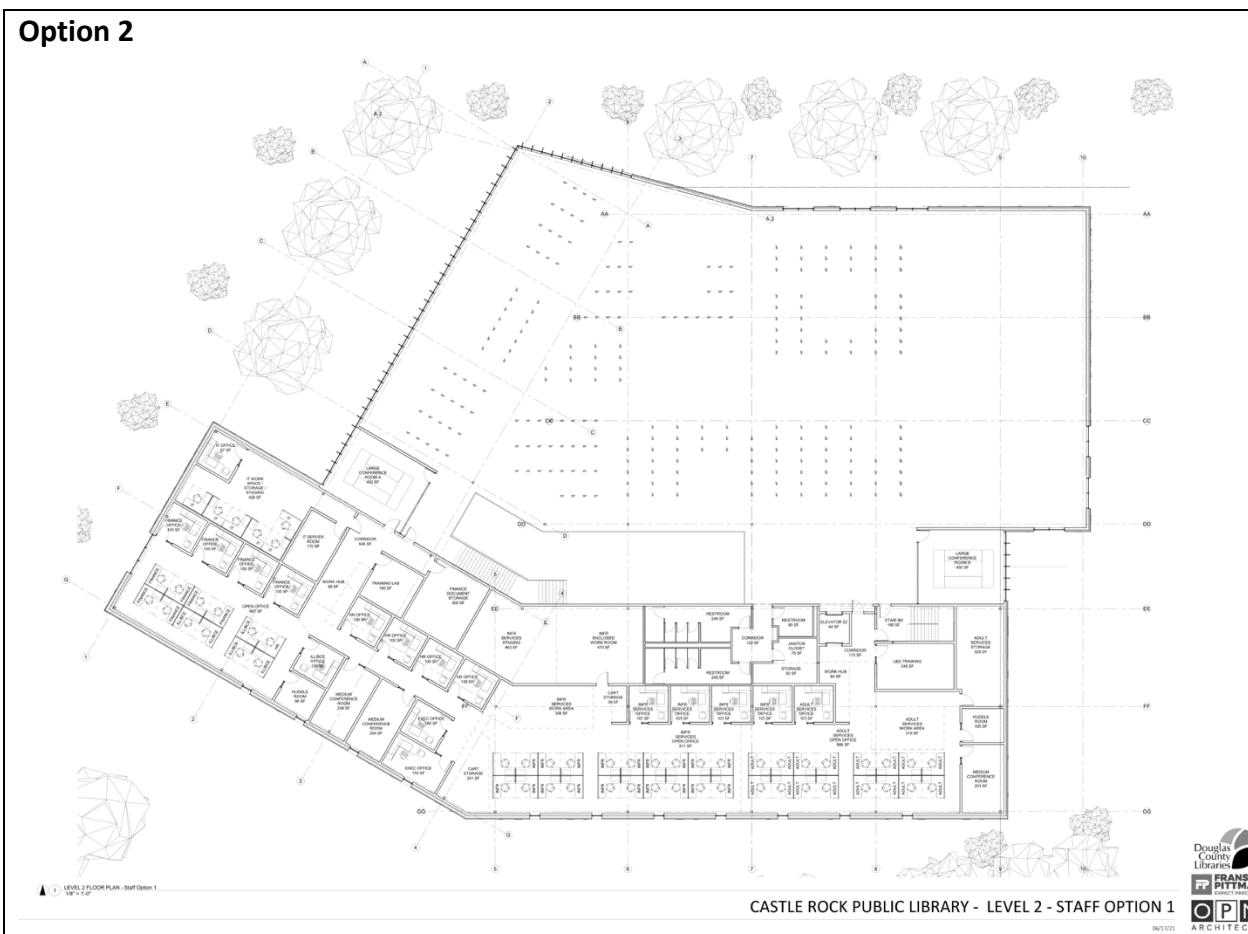


We are also working through the implications of three options for staff office and production spaces – a gradient from traditional office layouts to highly communal, open-office designs.

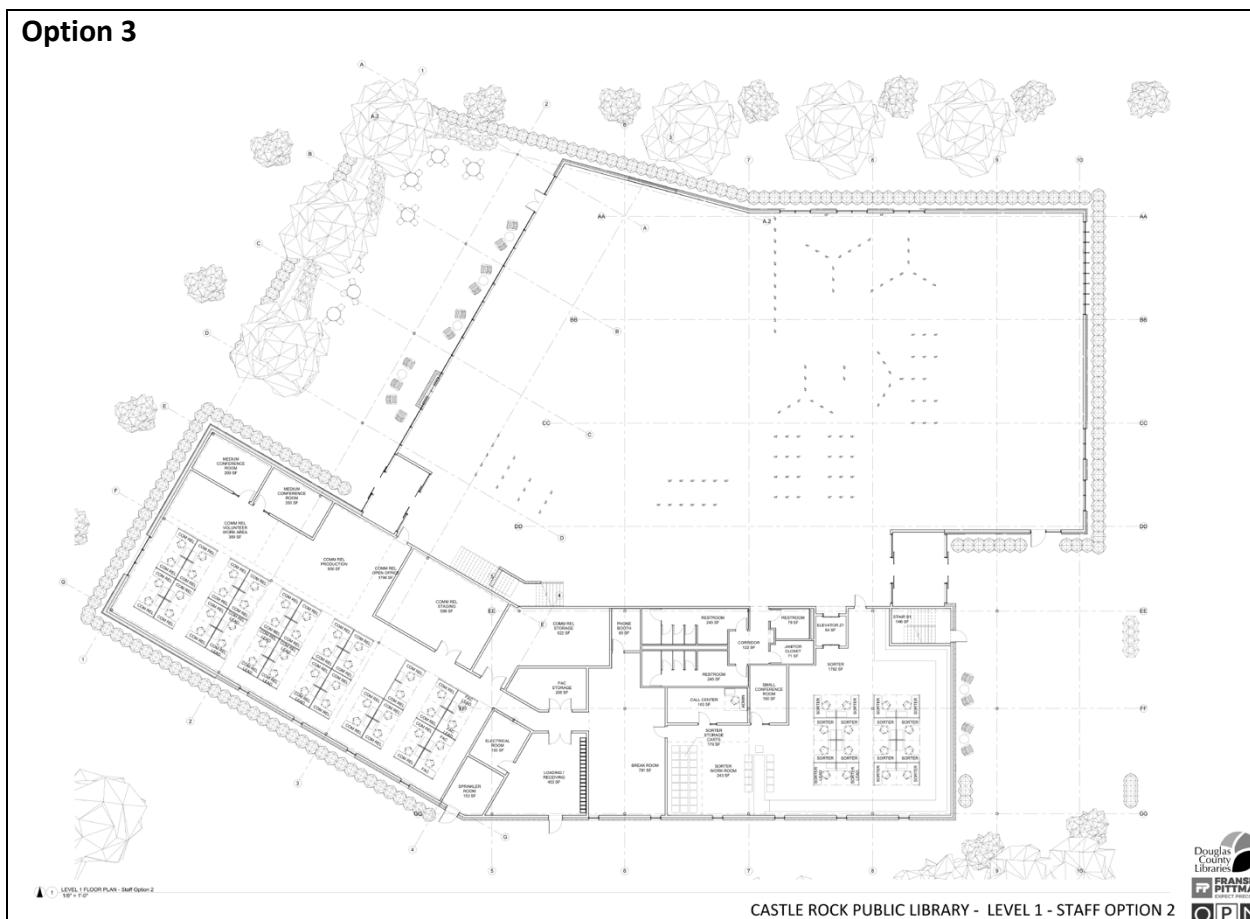
### Option 1



## Option 2



### Option 3



### Around the Profession – Library Trends

Libraries reflect society's trends, debates, and controversies. In the past year, social justice has been a central rallying cry in the profession with surprising calls to abandon cherished commitments toward intellectual freedom to shun and limit service to those whose values don't reflect progressive ideals of race, gender, and sexuality. To engage the competing values of freedom and justice, Colorado's library directors met this past month for collective learning. Following that meeting, four Colorado Directors crafted and edited a declaration for signature by our Colorado colleagues to the American Library Association on this intersection. That declaration is titled *Use of Neutrality in Public Libraries* which I am providing for your contemplation below.

#### Declaration - *Use of Neutrality in Public Libraries* Co-Editors

- Claudine Perrault – Director of the Estes Valley Library District
- John Spears - Chief Librarian and CEO of the Pikes Peak Library District
- Kara Bauman, Director of the Lyons Community Library
- Amie Pilla – CEO of the Berthoud Community Library District
- Bob Pasicznyuk – Executive Library Director at Douglas County Libraries

Colorado's public library directors recognize the urgency of the national conversation around neutrality taking place in our profession. Since neutrality is one of our longest-held professional values, we find it essential to understand and illuminate the consequences of retaining, redefining or abandoning neutrality in public libraries. In May 2021, we held a virtual, facilitated summit to explore the intersection of social justice and intellectual freedom and "reflect on our current understanding, value, and use of neutrality in public libraries, in light of the ALA resolution to condemn white supremacy and fascism."

This report documents our collective learning from that dialogue and can provide ALA leadership and the ALA working group charged with exploring alternatives to neutrality rhetoric a record of the insights we found most relevant to this discussion. We believe that critique should only elevate, never tear down or destroy, and we offer this feedback toward that outcome.

## **Our Findings**

We understand and appreciate that:

1. Both intellectual freedom and social responsibility are core library values.
2. When core values do not easily align, they become susceptible to polarizing discourse.
3. Libraries cannot solve the tension between values, but we can manage it.
4. Libraries must identify the trade-offs and recognize the consequences, both intended and unintended, of elevating one value over the other.
5. To increase awareness and understanding about this contentious intersection, ongoing dialogue is required.
6. Libraries have a responsibility to both model and facilitate the kind of healthy discourse that our democracy needs.

## **Some of our Most Pronounced Concerns**

The participants in this summit identified several significant issues that deserve redress from the authors of the resolution.

- Institutional neutrality is a key component of intellectual freedom. Libraries are trusted and respected public institutions because of a reputation and brand of professional impartiality. If we are no longer seen as impartial regarding issues of importance, what will the effect be on the library's reputation and the public's continued trust?

- Diversity of thought and the charge to protect it are bedrock principles of librarianship. Librarians have often been at the forefront of battles protecting marginalized voices. If the resolution removes neutrality, what protects the diversity of thought we collectively honor?
- Public library leaders have increasingly received professional condemnation for defending First Amendment rights in their libraries. Does the resolution support censure of librarians whose institutions make resources (collections, rooms, programs, educational opportunities) available to anyone or from anyone, whose opinions or beliefs might be deemed offensive?

Concerned over polarizing rhetoric, we sought an effective framework for our discussions. We leaned on the work of the Center for Public Deliberation (CPD), which led us through the polarity management model. Polarity management is the practice of honoring seemingly conflicting values and seeking transcendence between them. The process calls on us to act as collaborators rather than adversaries.

## **First Dialogue**

Led by the CPD, the facilitators asked questions and attending Colorado public library directors answered, then prioritized those responses. Our initial conclusions from this polarity exercise are as follows:

**QUESTION:** What happens if libraries focus on intellectual freedom and everything goes wonderfully?

Answers: "We recognize the value in a society willing to wrestle with uncomfortable ideas; We acknowledge that all people need resiliency to operate in an open society; While being exposed to offensive ideas is difficult and feels threatening, we're better off for it, as it protects our ideas and opinions, too."

**QUESTION:** What happens if intellectual freedom dominates too much?

Answers: "There's a perception of endorsement when the library provides open access; Allows for misinformation and hate speech; Dysfunction of the marketplace of ideas can flourish; Equal voice reinforces positions and voices in power."

**QUESTION:** What happens if libraries focus on social justice and everything goes wonderfully?

Answers: "Libraries engage in conflict resolution and restorative practices, and we participate in creating community wholeness; Libraries amplify underrepresented voices; There is true inclusivity in libraries and society, both in feelings and physical safety."

**QUESTION:** What happens if social justice dominates too much?

Answers: "Promotes compliance rather than growth; Creates resentment which will fester and explode in other ways; Risk losing public support and alienating significant chunks of our user groups; Presumes an absolute 'Truth' and brings us back to authoritarianism."

## **Initial Conclusion**

We recognize neutrality -- as aspirational a value as is justice -- to be an essential safeguard against the ascendance of the dangerous forces of hatred, brutality, and oppression. There would be little to no progress on any social justice issue without a foundation of freedom to support change.

We do not deny access to individuals or groups based on their belief system. There is no litmus test for public library use, only behavior standards applied to all who enter. The practical effects of this principle, though, are not borne equally when offensive beliefs are allowed expression. Managing the impact of our shared values is one of the most pressing issues facing our profession.

We commit ourselves to respectful dialogue. It is difficult to talk about one value without being perceived as rejecting the other. This should not be the case. Attacks on the character or morality of institutions or individuals that are navigating these issues are among the impediments to finding a path forward. As a profession that values constructive discourse, our conversations must occur in a manner that values the inherent dignity and goodwill of all who participate.

## **Next Steps**

It is our recommendation that ALA engage in the important work of justice building, while recognizing the essential legal, ethical, and operational value of professional neutrality. In light of the resolution and our pronounced concerns, our request is for ALA to acknowledge that:

1. Discussions of neutrality in libraries are often constructed around a simplified understanding of neutrality. Instead, differentiate between Passionate neutrality (institutional tool in defense of democracy) and Detached neutrality (passive and without commitment to inclusion).
2. This discussion is ongoing, engenders strong emotional responses from many members of our profession, and will not be solved by a Council resolution.
3. Defining what our association stands for, rather than what it stands against, is greatly preferred when making formal statements.

We, the undersigned, believe that **further professional dialogue is required**.

Modeling healthy discourse in ways that support and advance vigorous democratic engagement around difficult topics, such as the intersection of social justice and intellectual freedom, would be beneficial for membership at local, state, and national library conferences.

Library leaders, including ALA, should seek to continue this deliberation in a manner that brings out the best in staff, patrons, and communities -- and offer paths forward in how to best manage the tension between essential professional values.

References:

- ALA Resolution:

<https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/Resolution%20to%20Condemn%20White%20Supremacy%20and%20Fascism%20as%20Antithetical%20to%20Library%20Work%20FINAL.pdf>

- Library Neutrality Viewpoints:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sPPmK3VLosJoDQQF5Kfe1meuTyRWR00CYjLOLUG\\_j04/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sPPmK3VLosJoDQQF5Kfe1meuTyRWR00CYjLOLUG_j04/edit)

- Center for Public Deliberation: <https://cpd.colostate.edu/>

## **Board Talking Points**

**Elevating the Brand** – Douglas County Libraries elevates our community by inspiring a love of reading, discovery, and connection. With nearly 2 million visitors to seven branches each year, visitors are met with beautiful spaces, curated collections, personalized services, and a variety of events that offer a premium experience for all.

## **Library Team Reports and Accomplishments**

### Customer Experience Division Report

#### **Operations**

- A team of librarians and supervisors from our Customer Experience Department is working on a new customer service model focused on customer care. This large undertaking is moving right along, with plans to bring to the full CX Supervisors team in August and then the larger division. The preliminary goals of a new model are to increase customer engagement, activate our libraries, and provide clearer expectations of service for our staff.

#### **Branch Activities & Services**

- The grand opening of the U-Fix-It Parker Pit Stop was a hit, as expected! Library staff planned a fun car craft and have been handing out “Mechanics Certificates” to little grease monkeys as they leave the area. Channel 7 News ran a story on June 9<sup>th</sup>:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vV6ueHKel15Y>
- The Youth & Services Department is returning to mostly in-person services. Our Youth book clubs are back in the buildings (in person), and of course we have been conducting storytimes in local parks through the summer. We will return to in-person Reading Buddies this fall, and we will resume indoor storytimes in August. We are excited to include each location in our baby and Saturday storytime offerings in our new schedule!
- Many of our other services will be returning to in-person very soon. Tech Tutoring will resume the week of July 5<sup>th</sup>, and adult book clubs are already returning to the buildings. We recognize some reluctance with some customers regarding returning to the library, so we are giving groups a little extra time to get comfortable and giving them until the end of the year to return to the branch, if needed.

#### **Some fun staff anecdotes!**

- *A mom came in looking for a book on posting music to YouTube for her elementary-age kids. It was the perfect opportunity to share with her about the Recording Studio and what we have to offer. She was excited to learn about it all and is planning on booking some summer vacation sessions for her kids.*
- *I've been enjoying handing out extras from the spring pick-me-ups to kids in the family area. They are so amazed and funny and brighten my day as much as I did theirs. A number of kids were dumfounded by the concept of seeds being inside the ladybug paper to plant and a*

*little girl, upon getting a color-changing cup remarked, "Whoa. I use cups, like, ALL THE TIME." ☺*

## What They Are Saying About Us



Jason O. Nungesser  
@JasonON

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So, that' just happened:

I'm at [@DCLcolorado](#) and a couple of people are having a conversation so loud I can hear them over my headphones. Let's call them "Karen" and "Ken".

Karen was wearing no mask, Ken was wearing one over his nose, but his mouth was still exposed.

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Douglas County Libraries

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denverforfamilies Have you signed up for your library's summer reading program? This is a great way for kids, babies AND grown ups to enjoy reading this summer and support your local library - it really does help the library!

So sign up the whole family and get stickers and reading logs and a free book at the end of the summer!

Here are all of the Denver metro programs and where to sign up:

Denver Libraries Summer of Adventure -  
<https://denverlibraryadventures.org/>

Jefferson County Libraries WILD Ideas



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Konstantin Blahut  
★★★★★ 4 weeks ago

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This public library in Highlands Ranch was recently remodeled and looks absolutely stunning. They did a really good job with completely redesigning the entire library and it looks very spacious and modern now. They also completely revamped and enlarged the children's area and added some new sections that other libraries don't have. It is absolutely worth checking it out with your kids!



Matthew Z.  
Palm Harbor, FL  
5 photos 2 check-ins

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★★★★★ 6/8/2021

Wow, hands down the best library I've ever visited due to the solid librarian staff that helped me. A nice lady named Jackie assisted me with three "yes THREE" questions and made my day.



Melissa S. Elite '2021  
Parker, CO  
35 photos 144 check-ins 285 reviews

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★★★★★ 6/10/2021

3 photos 1 check-in

So glad that the library play area is open again and even more happy that they remodeled.

The kids really enjoyed fixing the car. It makes noises like honking, testing the parts, etc.



## In the News

- The Colorado Sun, Today's Thing: [Free Books!](#)
- Highlands Ranch Lifestyle Magazine: [Saturday Pick-Me-Up](#)
- Denver Post: [Douglas County Libraries Set to Launch Into Summer Reading](#)

## Upcoming Events

### **Book Lovers**

Virtual Event, Wednesday, June 30, 6:30PM

Stay home and find your next great read at this virtual evening of book talks with special guests—and door prizes!

## Galaxy DCL: LEGO Astronomy

#### **Various Times & Locations**

Kids will learn about our solar system and galaxy, the planets, how astronomers examine the universe, and how objects orbit around each other in space! With Snapology. A Summer Reading event great for ages 5-11.

#### **Galaxy DCL: Journey to Mars**

#### **Various Times & Locations**

Young Space Explorers will face the challenges of space travel when they join us on a mission to Mars. They'll also build a Mars Rover to explore the Red Planet. It's Mars or Bust! With Science Matters. A Summer Reading event great for ages 5-11.

#### **Outdoor Storytime**

#### **Various Times & Locations**

Join us for Storytime in the great outdoors; space is limited and registration is required. Visit [dcl.org](http://dcl.org) for details.

#### **Mermaid: A FAMILY SHELLABRATION**

Douglas County Libraries in Lone Tree

Saturday, August 28, 6-9PM

Bring the little ones to our very first Family Fête in their favorite Little Mermaid-inspired costumes (you can dress up, too)! Meet and mingle with mermaids, and enjoy fun food and drinks, games, activities, crafts and more. We'll also have a special mermaid Storytime and a *fintastic* silent auction the whole family will enjoy.

#### **CAMP DCL: SUMMER CAMPS**

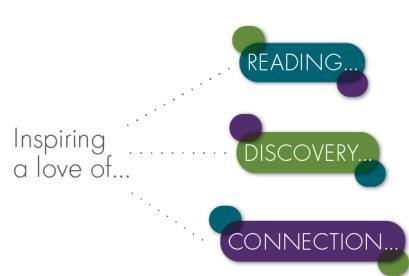
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Kids ages 4-11 can experience out-of-this-world fun at Camp DCL this summer! Choose from weeklong half-day camps or full-day camps at select locations (at a 10% discount). Full-day campers will stay at their camp location each day and must bring a nut-free lunch daily.



## District Business

Item	Prepatory Work	Motion
Request for Approval MOU with Roxborough Village Metropolitan District	Review for action	<b>MOTION:</b> I move to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding as presented below with the Roxborough Village Metropolitan Center toward a new facility lease partnership should Roxborough residents authorize a new recreation center and both organizations approve agreements solidifying the relationship.





## Request for Approval

This request seeks to validate a partnership and facilities direction.

**DATE:** June 18, 2021

**AGENDA ITEM:** Memorandum of Understanding: Douglas County Libraries and the Roxborough Village Metropolitan District.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** For over a dozen years, our Roxborough Branch has resided in a leased facility at 8357 N. Rampart Range Road, #200, Littleton, CO 80125. The lease provides about 5,500 square feet of space, has an annual cost of about \$120,000, and expires in 2025. The Library and Roxborough Village Metropolitan District believe that both our customers would gain greater value by housing together in a proposed recreation-center facility. This MOU asks both Boards to validate this direction without binding either District until we solidify more information, gather community feedback and until the Roxborough Board decides whether to refer the possible recreation facility to the ballot.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** There is no expense required in the short term with this MOU. This MOU sets the expectation that Library lease costs would match those anticipated at the current lease location. The MOU also sets the expectation that the Library would outfit a space ready for occupancy.

**MOTION:** I move to adopt a Memorandum of Understanding with the Roxborough Village Metropolitan Center toward a new facility partnership if 1.) the Roxborough Board proceeds with an election on a proposed recreation center facility; 2.) If Roxborough residents approve such facility by vote; and 3.) both organizations approve agreements solidifying the relationship.

### **MOU Text:**

The Roxborough Village Metropolitan District and Douglas County Libraries seek to forge and discover a partnership in a proposed recreation center facility if such a facility is voted on favorably by RVMD residents in November, 2021. While this Memorandum of Understanding does not bind either Douglas County Libraries or The Roxborough Village Metropolitan District to any action, it does list and describe the expectations and outcomes sought by both parties for the customers they serve. The parties believe that a partnership will benefit both organizations and, more importantly, the customers they serve.

The Roxborough Village Metropolitan District would offer the Library about 5,000 square feet READING... the proposed recreation center facility. The Roxborough Village Metropolitan District would provide the space ready occupancy. Both parties would work together to achieve mutual a love of... design outcomes. DISCOVERY...

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The Library would provide all installation, furniture, fixtures, equipment, technologies, and content inventories. If the Library negotiates for additional space with the Roxborough Village Metropolitan District, it is the understanding of both parties that the Library would offset capital construction and preparation costs.

The Library would seek to move its Roxborough Branch operations to the proposed Recreation Center in keeping with the termination of its branch lease at or after 2025. The Library's ability to move the Branch before 2025 hinge on the ability of both organizations to mitigate annual expenses involved in the current lease.

The proposed recreation facility would accommodate customary and historic library branch hours of operation.

The Library intends to compensate the Roxborough Village Metropolitan District in a lease agreement to be negotiated at or about \$120,000 each year for base rent, plus possible CAM charges – (about the current cost obligation for the District's Roxborough Branch, or as may be appropriately adjusted for inflation). The Library expects to achieve an agreement with the Roxborough Village Metropolitan District that includes customary inflationary increases through the length of the lease.

The Library and Roxborough Village Metropolitan District intend to determine innovative ways of partnering together in the use of communal spaces – outdoor spaces, lobby, community rooms, Kids Zone.

The Library and Roxborough Village Metropolitan District intend to work together toward innovative programs and experiences to the benefit of the customers.

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE:** Bob Pasicznyuk, Executive Library Director