



# A Word from Friends

## Notice of WCPL Friends Foundation Annual Meeting and Report of Findings from Survey

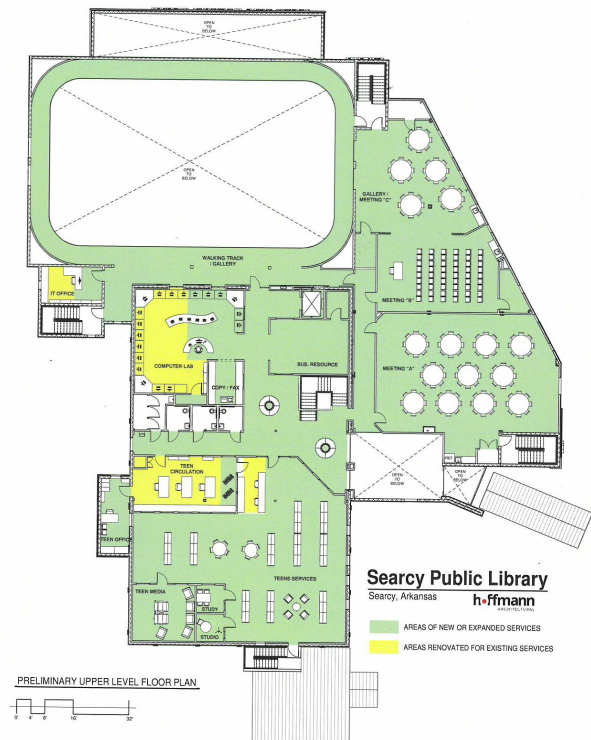
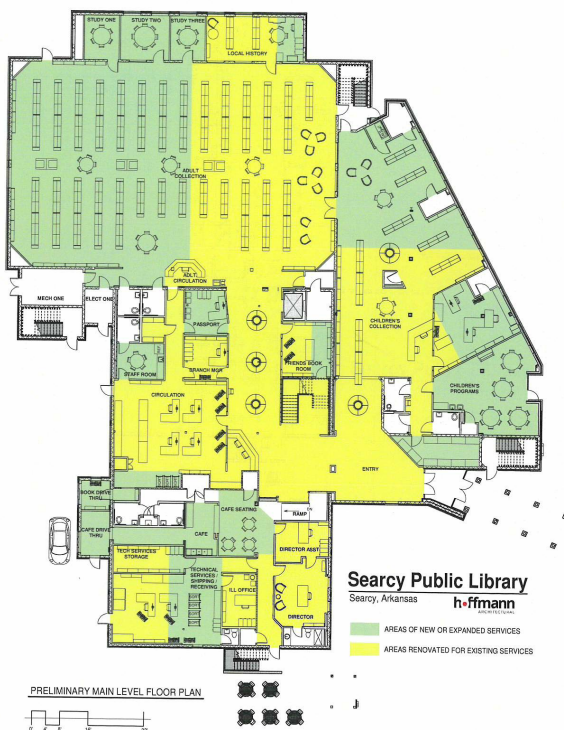
The **Annual Meeting** of the WCPL Friends Foundation will be held on **Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 6:00 pm** at the new location of the Searcy Public Library (former Searcy Athletic Club) 954 Skyline Drive, Searcy, AR



**Walt Eilers** of Terrapin Consulting will present a report of the findings from the study he has completed to determine the community's philanthropic support of the new Searcy library project. Come find out what he has discovered in this important step before officially launching the fundraising campaign.

**Barry Hoffmann** of Hoffmann Architectural will show a computer generated video walkthrough of the new library as it appears in our preliminary plans.

Visit the library website, [whitecountylibraries.org](http://whitecountylibraries.org), to see the floorplans and description of new and expanded services to be offered at the new facility.



# \$4,000 Grant Award from Arkansas Humanities Council for Digitizing Newspapers on Microfilm



The WCPL Friends Foundation has been notified of a \$4,000 matching grant award from the Arkansas Humanities Council and National Endowment for the Humanities that will be used to make a digitized copy of microfilm reels of the Daily Citizen owned by the Searcy Public Library for the time period of July 1953 to December 1975. At present, there is no existing index or way to do a name or keyword search for the Daily Citizen newspapers published before the digital age. In Spring of 2022, the Searcy Public Library will offer a public program demonstrating how to use the searching tools available with the new digital file.

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## Treasurer's Report

\$ 27,282.22 Balance Carryover from 2020  
+ \$ 6,875.54 Total Funds Received so far in 2021  
- \$ 2,531.02 Funds Spent in 2021  
\$ 31,626.74 Balance as of October 31, 2021

Per Library Community Balance as of October 31, 2021

Bald Knob	\$142.50
Beebe	\$712.50
Bradford	\$72.50
El Paso	\$25.00
Judsonia	\$535.00
Pangburn	\$130.00
Rose Bud	\$92.50
Searcy	\$26,310.96 (\$21,509.29 designated for a new Searcy Library facility)
General Fund	\$3,605.78
Total	\$31,626.74

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One of the best ways you can help the WCPL Friends Foundation is to spread the word about what the library offers to the community. **We are SO MUCH MORE than just books!** Tell your friends what you enjoy about the library and remind them of a service we offer that your friend may not know about. For example, did you know that all of our libraries offer fax, copy, scan, and print services? Did you know the Searcy, Bald Knob, and El Paso libraries offer free notary service? About 20% of library visitors come to use the public computers or connect to the WiFi.

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### Need to renew your membership?

You can join or renew online by going to [whitecountylibraries.org/friends](http://whitecountylibraries.org/friends). If you prefer to pay by cash or check, ask for a membership form at your next visit to your library, or call 501-279-2870 ext. 124 to request a form be mailed to you.

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