

Introduction

Background to the Project

The Grand Valley Public Library has been researching and working on developing a comprehensive needs assessment of what would be needed in a new library, design and required spacing.

Grand Valley Public Library present site is located where the 1904 Carnegie Library was built. In 1985 a tornado destroyed the building and the present day 4,356 sq ft library was built in 1987.

The initial needs assessment for the library was completed by Shann Leighton in 2018-2019 at that time the population in Grand Valley was 2,726. Since that date the town's population has grown significantly with the 2022 census recording a population of 3,851. The estimated growth for Grand Valley in the next 25 years will be 10,900. This is a significant increase in the population of 1,000-1,500 people the library was built for. The library contracts to the neighbouring townships of Amaranth and East Garafraxa. These municipalities have a catchment area which the Grand Valley Library serves, with the estimated population growth of these two municipalities the Grand Valley Public Library will be serving a population of 17,000.

The Functional Program is organized into General Planning Criteria that the Grand Valley Public Library Board determined was essential to the Town's Library Services moving forward.

Overview of the Document

The Functional Program is organized into General Planning Criteria section. Each zone gives general description of the usage/purpose and general space needed. Consideration should be given to accessibility in all areas of the library.

Functional Areas

Exterior Spaces: Exterior program spaces, garden sitting area for reading, and pavilion (BBQ area)

Sitting (reading) area 20' x 20' 400
Pavillion 30'x50' 1500

Entrance: Foyer and Lobby

Foyer 22'x15' 330
Lobby (sitting area) 2000

Library

Adult Collections: Adult Fiction, Adult Non-Fiction, Books on CD, CELA Collections

Fiction 2000
Non-fiction 1000
Books on CD 52.5
Spinners (8) 280
Magazines 25
Newspapers 35

Teen Collections: Young Adult Fiction and Non-Fiction, teen social area (sitting, booths, tv, where it is visible from front desk but sound proof, collection will be outside of room)

Seating 400
Collection 1000

Children's Library: Will hold all junior picture books, junior easy reads, junior classics, junior non-fiction, junior board books. Sitting area for parents to meet. Explorations/Play Zone for the children. Stroller parking. (rubber floor?)

Collection 1800
Seating 400
Discovery/Exploration/Play Zone 350

Program Room(small kitchenette/craft storage approx 30'x30'/Storage 1000
Accessible Washrooms (2) 200

Entertainment area: Collections of DVDs and video games.

6 lower shelving 210

History Collection: Local History Collection, computer and microfiche reader, microfiche slide and rolls.

Collection/Display case/Cabinets	200
Microfiche	35
Computer	35

Special Collections: French Collection, seed library, Radon detectors, Happy lights, birdwatching kits, room to grow this collection (sports equipment, baking equipment, tools, etc.)

Seed Library	10
Happy Lights	5
Birdwatching kits	5
Radon Detectors	5
French Collection	25
Puzzles	25
new special collections	100

Maker Space: a room designed for technology and equipment to create amazing items.

approx. 30'x20'	600
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Meeting Room/Board Room: a room designed for meetings, white wall, screens, technology for online attendance (15 people)

approx. 20'x20'	400
storage/closet???	

Study Rooms: quiet rooms for individuals to study or work. (sound proof)

approx. 9'x 9' (3)	243
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Sitting Area/Study spaces: social sitting areas, coffee/tea bar.

Study carrels(8)	280
Sitting areas (45)	1575

Public Access Computers

1@35 sq ft (8)	280
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Commercial Kitchen/Teaching Kitchen

1450

Meeting Room/Hall (75 people)

room for 75 people	1500
storage for tables/chairs (approx 15' x10')	150
coat room approx 10'x 10'	100

Accessible Public Washrooms(4)	400
Public Washrooms(4)	300

Administration

Front Desk/Circulation Desk: staff service area for check outs/Ins and printing	350
Employee Workspaces: non-public workspace for processing materials, storage of office supplies	
4 staff	800
delivery bay??	100
printer(2)	70
CEO office	200
Programs office	100
Office (2 people)	150
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Computer room/Servers	75
Staff Lounge/Lunch room	350
Kitchenette	80
Washrooms	150
Staff Lockers	40
janitor/supply closet	50
Building Services & Back-of-house: building services distributed throughout the building for practical operations, storage, equipment, supplies, furnace room, drop box room.	
Maintenance Room/Furnace (16' x 6')	96
Storage (approx. 16' x 7.5')	120
dropbox	30
broom closets (2)	50
	19436.5
non-assignable spaces	5247.86
	24684.4
outside space requested	1900
	26584.4

OPTIONS TO CONSIDER

Room for Food Bank??? – a room with shelves and fridges to store, food needed by people in need.	
approx 20' x 20'	400
Room for ServiceOntario ????	
	100
Seniors Centre ???? – Room for seniors to gather, play card games, socialize.	
approx 20' x 20'	400
Entertainment Room ??? Pool table, shuffle board?	
approx 20' x20 '	400

Affordable Housing

*** This is a preliminary list of requested areas needed for a new library. All spaces are estimated square feet needed. ***