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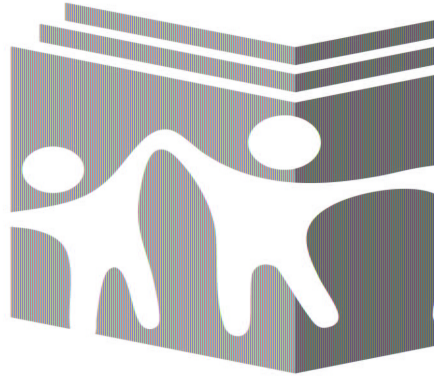
Community Engagement

Session 3

March 19, 2026



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Welcome!

Community Workshop #3

Mar. 19, 2026

**Please introduce yourself
to others at your table**

**Put on a nametag
Sign in at your table**

Why We Are Here:



**Engage in meaningful
dialogue and discussion**



**Gather community
feedback**



**Inform a plan for the
future of our library**

Engagement Team

- Lexi Baysinger
- Sara Belvin
- Rebecca Corless
- Melissa Doetsch
- Melissa Fanning
- Emily Fieker
- Diane Gederman
- Jennifer Goetz
- Cathy Green
- Regina Ireland
- Ankur Patel
- Eric Pratum
- Todd Reichelt
- Allison Schaal
- Cari Schaefer
- Larry Strube
- David Vail
- Gabriella Wells





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OUR CHARGE

- **Listen** to community ideas and concerns about a new library.
- **Identify** what residents value most in library services and spaces.
- **Foster** open, two-way dialogue with the community.
- **Build awareness** and strengthen relationships with key stakeholders.
- **Keep planning grounded** in what matters most to the community.

Library Board

- **Suzanne Rupright - President**
- **Linda Mitchell - Vice-President**
- **Doug Distler - Treasurer**
- **Charla Morton - Secretary**
- **Liz Jennings - OMA Officer**
- **Renee Kruep**
- **Vern Hamm**
- **Judy Nicholson**
- **Beth Rowling**
- **Paige McIntosh - Student Trustee**



Community Engagement Workshops

- **PARTICIPANTS** •
Any Resident
Can Participate

- **WORKSHOPS** •
Designed And Led By
Engagement Team

- **TOPICS** •
Relevant To The Library
Planning Process

- **DISCUSSION** •
Dialogue In Small
Group Setting

Session Documentation

**Data/Informational
Presentation**

**Small Group Work
Activity**

Verbatim Responses

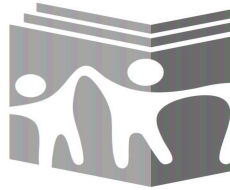
Executive Summary

Consensus Points

**Collective Decisions Used In
Formation Of Recommendations**

Have A Question or Comment?

- Complete a green form
- Call: 618-206-4342
- Email: ryan@ofpl.info
- Ask during small group work time



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The form is titled "I HAVE A QUESTION!" and includes a QR code in the top left corner. To the right of the QR code is the "TOGETHER O'FALLON BE A PART OF WHAT'S NEXT O'FALLON PUBLIC LIBRARY" logo. Below the title, there is a line of text: "I would like to be contacted by a Together O'Fallon representative who can respond to this question/comment:". This is followed by five horizontal lines for writing. Below these lines is a disclaimer: "Your question or comment may be directly related to the community engagement project or any other matter regarding the library." At the bottom of the form, there are four labeled fields: "Name:", "Address:", "Phone:", and "E-Mail:", each followed by a horizontal line for input.

Sign In



**Community Engagement Session #1 | 6:00 p.m.
March 19, 2026**

Sign-in Sheet | Table # _____

Please sign in as a record of your participation in this session.

Name	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email	Check All That Apply
1.				<input type="checkbox"/> Library Card Holder <input type="checkbox"/> Staff <input type="checkbox"/> City Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Business Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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Together O'Fallon Session #1 Feedback

- **More flexible space is needed**
- **Location, access, and visibility matter**
- **Programs and services are highly valued**
- **Staff and service culture are a key strength**
- **Clear communication about funding and access is essential**

Together O'Fallon Session #2 Recap

- **More than 70 community members participated.**
- **Small groups completed two activities focused on key amenities they would value as part of the new library.**



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**Review of
Community
Feedback**



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Most Selected Amenities

- **More Multipurpose Space**
- **Tech-Enabled Workspaces**
- **Additional Study Rooms**
- **Larger Children's Area**
- **Additional Quiet Space**



Frequently Selected Amenities

- **Coffee Shop**
- **Makerspace Area**
- **Sensory Room**
- **Small Business Pop-ups**
- **Memory Lab**



Least Selected Amenities

- **Larger Teen Area**
- **Banking Services**
- **Mailing / Shipping Services**
- **Art Gallery**
- **Historical / Museum Space**



Additional Feedback

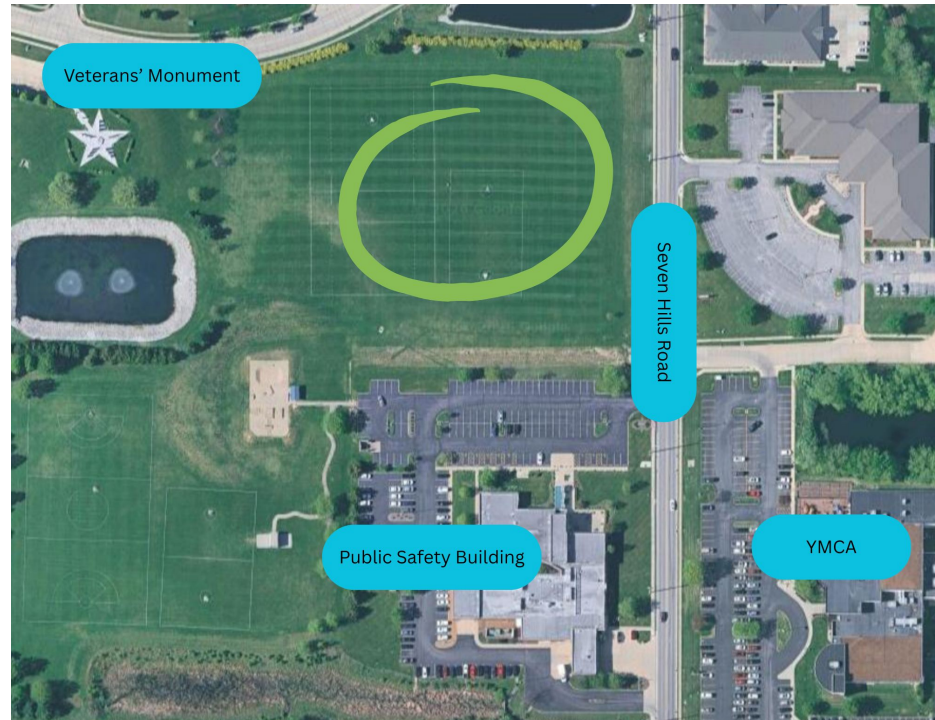
- **Outdoor Space**
- **Flexibility**
- **Multi-Use Design**
- **Comfort and Atmosphere**
- **Revenue and Operations**



Clarification and Planning Questions

Questions were raised about:

- **Parking**
- **Transportation Access**
- **Children's Programming**
- **Sensory Room Supervision**
- **Storage needs**



Now We're Turning It Over To You



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Next Steps

Possible improvements to help our library grow and better serve the community in the future include these options:

Status Quo	Option A Base Library	Option B Enhanced Multipurpose	Option C Expanded Services	Option D Comprehensive Library
No changes to the current	Expand the space to meet current usage needs	Additional multipurpose, study, collaboration and quiet space; larger children's area	Additional services like a coffee shop, makerspace and sensory room	Create a library with enough space for all the amenities the community values most

Status Quo Option

Keep Current Library

- **Approximate Square Footage: 17,000 sq ft**
- **Approximate Total Cost: *\$0**
- **Anticipated additional investment for owner of a \$275,000 (market value) home: \$0/month**

Option A

Base Library

- **Approximate Square Footage: 30,000 sq ft**
- ***Approximate Total Cost: \$17.25 M**
- **Anticipated additional investment for owner of a \$275,000 (market Value) home: \$8.28/month**

Option B

Enhanced Multipurpose

- **Approximate Square Footage: 34,000 sq ft**
- ***Approximate Total Cost: \$19.75 M**
- **Anticipated additional investment for owner of a \$275,000 (market value) home: \$9.48/month**

Option C

Expanded Services

- **Approximate Square Footage: 38,120 sq ft**
- ***Approximate Total Cost: \$22.32 M**
- **Anticipated additional investment for owner of a \$275,000 (market value) home: \$10.71/month**

Option D

Comprehensive Library

- **Approximate Square Footage: 40,020 sq ft**
- ***Approximate Total Cost: \$25 M**
- **Anticipated additional investment for owner of a \$275,000 (market value) home: \$12/month**

Small Group Work Activity

1. Select a Recorder and Spokesperson

2. Recorder Responsibilities

- Complete the information on the group's worksheet

3. Spokesperson Responsibilities

- Facilitate Discussion
- Keep Group Focused/On Task
- Report Group's Information

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spokesperson:
facilitator:

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Small Group Work Activity WORKSHEET
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INSTRUCTIONS

- Each group should select a recorder and a facilitator.
 - Recorder responsibilities:
 - Complete the information requested on the table's worksheet – the yellow copy on your table.
 - Complete the information in the box in the upper left corner before you begin.
 - The worksheet will be collected at the end of tonight's session.
 - Facilitator responsibilities:
 - Facilitate discussions and keep the group focused on completing the work in the allotted time.
 - Share the group's information at the end of the work activity time with the room.

Please make sure the information recorded on the group's worksheet reflects the collective thought/decision or general agreement of everyone at the table, not just the opinion of one or two individuals.

Small Group Work Activity

- **Information recorded should reflect consensus/ general agreement of group members**
- **Monitor progress to complete all tasks in allotted time**
- **Group recorder will document on the worksheet**



Small Group Work Activity

TASK 1:

Based on the feedback received from our previous sessions, we developed several potential options for the new library.

Please review these options rank which option your group prefers the most, from 1-5: *1 = favorite/5 = least favorite.*

TASK 2:

Please answer a few questions about these options.

- **Would you change anything in your favorite option to improve it?**
- **Are there any projects missing from this list, or any amenities you would add?**
- **What else should the committee know as they make their recommendations to the Board?**



5:00

Small Group Work Activity Reporting



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THANK YOU!



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