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**WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION**

This summer the La Grange Park Public Library will begin a construction project to repair structural damage primarily on the east and west walls and make several exterior improvements.

Library staff first noticed water damage along the east wall in 2014. After a water infiltration

study was completed in spring of 2015, the board of trustees began extensive, multi-year research to determine the scope of various maintenance issues related to the building.

For a timeline of the project and FAQs submitted by residents, take a peek at page 2!



# La Grange Park Public Library Building Project FAQs



**Question:**

**How are you paying for the project? Will there be a referendum?**

**Answer:**

We've budgeted carefully for the last 6 years since we first learned of the issues with the exterior and we've been able to put \$1.5 million in our capital savings fund. The rest will come from debt service we will issue during the summer. This does not increase taxes and we pay it off like any other loan over the course of a certain amount of years.

**Question:**

**Will this affect traffic on La Grange Rd?**

**Answer:**

We do not believe this will have any affect on La Grange Rd traffic. If anything, there may be a few trucks pulling in and out of Oak Avenue as workers arrive and then leave later in the day. However, no work is being done that will involve road closures or increased traffic.

**Question:**

**Will you be closing the library during construction?**

**Answer:**

We do not anticipate any extended closures during construction.

**Question:**

**When will construction start and what hours will work be taking place?**

**Answer:**

We anticipate construction beginning in July 2021 to take advantage of warm weather. Hours of heavy work will likely be completed in the morning and early afternoon.

For more answers to frequently asked questions, visit:

[lplibrary.org/building-project](http://lplibrary.org/building-project)



## La Grange Park Public Library History of the Building Project



**July 2015**

Kluber Architects & Engineers completes an investigative study after water is found coming into the library; cost estimates reported at approximately \$2.2 million



**February 2016**

Studio GC is hired to complete a Facility Needs Assessment to determine the full scope of maintenance needed in addition to water infiltration issues



**July 2017**

A community meeting is held to share the Facility Assessment with residents



**June 2018**

A second community meeting is held to answer questions about the facility and share the new Master Facility Plan



**July 2020**

Library board issues a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Construction Management services; Boldt is hired as the library's CM firm



**November 2020**

RFQ for Architectural services is issued



**January 2021**

Public meeting held to discuss architect selection. 845 Design Group is selected as the most qualified design firm.



**February 2021**

845 Design solicits community input on the building project including a patron survey, Zoom interviews with community members, and staff and board discussions.

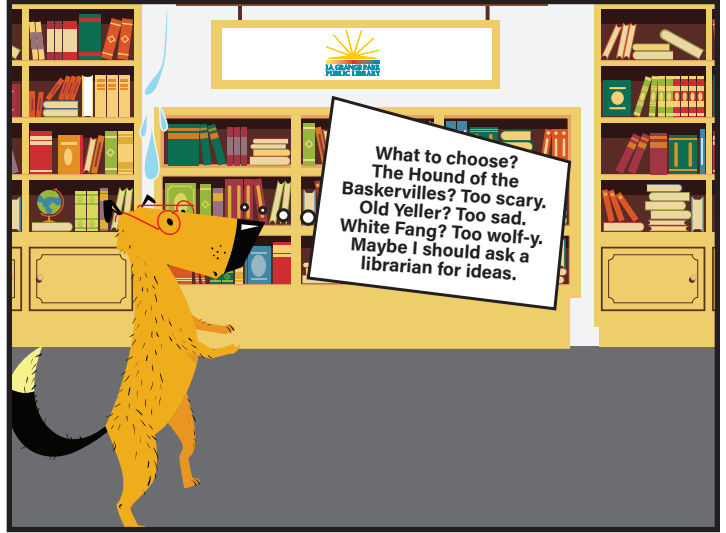
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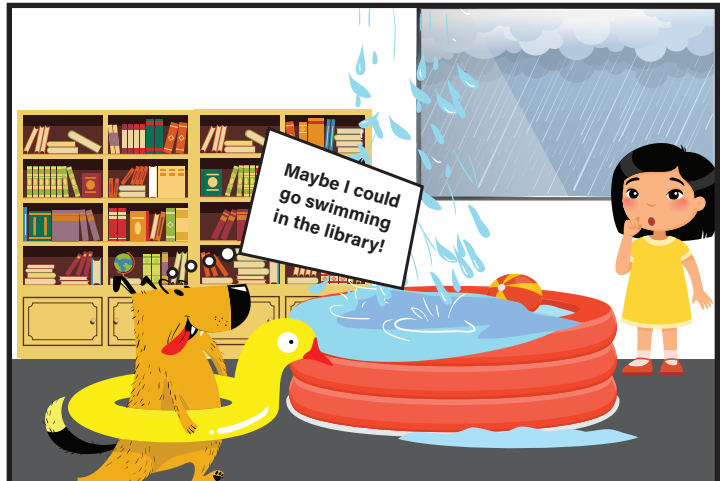
For more information and for the full-version of this timeline.

# CAL: THE LIBRARY CANINE

CAL'S FAVORITE RAINY DAY ACTIVITY IS VISITING LA GRANGE PARK LIBRARY



HOW STRANGE! CAL IS INSIDE THE LIBRARY BUT HE IS GETTING WET!



SILLY CAL! WATER BELONGS OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY AND NOT NEAR ALL THE BOOKS.



WILL CAL FIND A WAY TO STOP THE LEAK AND SAVE THE LIBRARY? FIND OUT IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF "CAL: THE LIBRARY CANINE."

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## **Library Hours**

Monday - Thursday	11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday	Closed
Saturday	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

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