

A Community Library Solution: Gladstone & Oak Lodge Libraries

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One library solution, two buildings

In recent months, Clackamas County and the City of Gladstone have been working together on a library proposal to meet the needs of community members in Gladstone and the Oak Lodge area. They have developed a path forward that includes two separate library buildings under the management of a single agency. One library will be located within Gladstone, and the other within the Oak Lodge service area.

Gladstone and Oak Lodge residents and other interested groups will continue to be engaged in order to ensure that the final library solution represents the needs and desires of our whole community.

How much will the libraries cost taxpayers?

If built as projected in the library proposal, the library spaces can be constructed from existing funds without requiring new tax revenues. Oak Lodge or Gladstone residents would be able to seek additional funding through formation of a local improvement district or general obligation bonds, should that become the general public consensus.

This is a two building, one library solution

50,000 county residents will receive updated libraries in their service areas, with a combined additional 25,500 sq. ft. of new space.

\$3.5 million

Money currently in reserves to put toward construction

+

\$4.2 million

Money to be raised by issuing a revenue bond

=

\$7.7 million

Estimated conceptual-level cost for library construction

Two Libraries: Quick Facts



OAK LODGE LIBRARY BRANCH

- This project will replace the existing library (above) with a library of approximately 19,500 sq. ft. (nearly three times larger than present), located within the Oak Lodge library service area (specific site to be determined after public input).
- Residents will shape the library through a visioning process to meet needs and interests.

Conceptual-level building cost: \$5.9 million



GLADSTONE LIBRARY BRANCH

- This project will replace the existing library (above) with a modern library downtown of approximately 6,000 sq. ft., constructed on City-owned land.
- The City of Gladstone will contribute approximately \$200,000 per year (adjusted annually) to fund library operating costs.
- The library will be operated by the County to minimize costs. Library staff will become county employees.
- City residents will not pay any additional taxes for library construction (unless they opt to create a special district through a ballot to provide additional services or infrastructure beyond that envisioned).
- Constructing the library is dependent on successful passage of a Gladstone ballot measure authorizing construction of a new library. Gladstone residents are expected to vote on this measure in May 2018.

Conceptual-level building cost: \$1.8 million

Who will manage the libraries?

Both libraries will be jointly managed by Clackamas County under an efficient and cost-effective management structure that will provide high-quality and consistent library services to all patrons. The structure is modeled after a similar, successful operation: Sandy's two-branch library system, in which the City of Sandy operates branches in Sandy and the unincorporated Welches area.

How will the community be involved?

Input from the community will be a big part of making sure the libraries meet the needs and desires of our community.

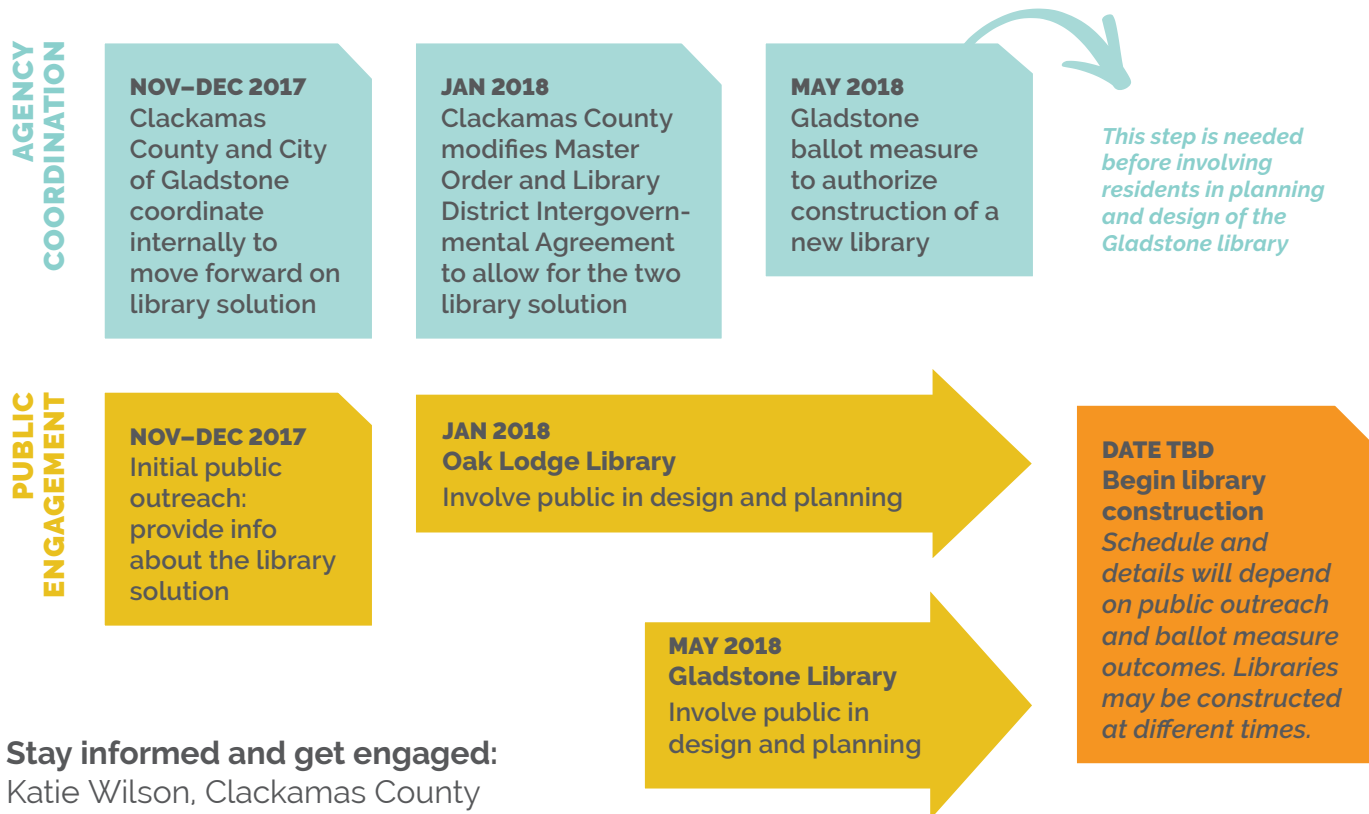
Both the City of Gladstone and Clackamas County are committed to a robust and transparent public engagement process and will seek input on many details, including but not limited to:

- Location of library
- Level of services at each library
- Amenities that may be offered at each library

We will be working with local partners and asking the community for input to help shape our new libraries. The engagement process will specifically seek input from the Clackamas County Library Board of Trustees, Gladstone Library Advisory Board, Library District Advisory Committee, library users, and the general public in the Oak Lodge and Gladstone service areas.

Anticipated Process and Timeline

Clackamas County and the City of Gladstone will carry out a number of internal administrative and regulatory changes to make the library solution a reality. The agencies will work with the public along the way through a robust community engagement process.



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