

**Osawatomie Public Library
Long-Range Facility Plan
Adopted by the Board of Trustees February 22nd, 2022**

Needs Assessment

The Osawatomie Public Library currently serves a city population of approximately 4,293 in a roughly 7,200 square foot facility.

More physical space is needed. With 4,580 people attending programs held by the library in 2021, space to accommodate engaging programming is essential. The building also lacks ADA compliance in some key areas, such as the conference room, which cannot be remedied in the current building due to lack of space.

Perhaps most concerning are issues with water and mold in the basement, which houses the youth area. Deferred maintenance is to blame for these and other small building issues.

Planning Goals

- Assess how well the current facilities meet the needs of the public.
- Prioritize use of current space.
- Make explicit space needs in order to ensure any future facility changes meet library needs.

Existing Facility Review

The library currently occupies a single story brick building. The main level houses the adult collection, entire DVD collection, a Maker Space, conference room, Director's office, and work room. The basement is utilized for the youth collection and serves as the primary space for both events/programming and storage.

Kansas Public Library Standards (peep those KY standards...might be useful, too)

Recommendations

General

- Continue to review usage data and make adjustments as needed to ensure that the library becomes and remains an anchor for the community.
- Revisit the strategic plan, technology plan, and facility plan at least every two years.
- Continue to seek solutions for the library's space limitations.

Facilities

- Achieve ADA compliance in key areas, including the conference room, Maker Space, and public access computers.
- Create or obtain an appropriate space for public programming.
- Work to complete deferred maintenance tasks.
- Utilize population projections and usage statistics to aid in determining how much space is needed.

Population Projections

	2019 Census	2029	2034	2039
Miami County	34,237	35,007	35,907	36,611
Osawatomie	4,293	4,376	4,488	4,576

County Projections From: <https://www.cedbr.org/population-projections-2>

City Projections calculated as percentage of county population

****Note: The 2019 census exceeded 2024 projections.**

Therefore, projection numbers should be regarded as potentially low.**

Next Steps

- Engage with the Oz Commons redevelopment to determine the library's place and how public programming space might be negotiated.
- Explore the limited options available for expansion of the current location.
- Explore relocation options within the community, particularly those that might improve public access, parking, and employee safety.