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Proposed Exterior

WHY A NEW LIBRARY?

- **The current library, which dates to 1968, faces mounting challenges:**
  - **Limited Space:** We've simply outgrown our current building. Shelves are crowded, program space is limited, access to technology is restricted and there's not enough adequate space to provide our patrons for quiet study or collaborative work.
  - **Outdated Infrastructure:** The building's infrastructure is aging, requiring significant and costly repairs to address structural problems and system inefficiencies. Modernizing the facility would create a more energy-efficient building and save taxpayer dollars.
  - **Accessibility Issues:** The current building presents accessibility challenges for some patrons, hindering their ability to fully utilize library resources on both the main level and the lower and upper mezzanines.
  - **Evolving Needs:** Libraries are no longer just repositories of books. They are dynamic community centers that offer a wide range of services and programs to meet the evolving needs of their residents. The challenges of our current physical spaces limit our ability to meet those needs.

- The cost to complete these large-scale projects and bring the building up to code is more than two-thirds of the total cost of the proposed bond.
- Without a bond, these challenges would still need to be addressed. However, completing them within the current library building would reduce the footprint of the facility, thus providing less physical space for our patrons.
- Through a bond, the library would be able to address current structural challenges and create a new building that is sustainable, energy-efficient and primed to host community programs, parent and child-centered activities, expanded programming for adults and services for many generations to come.

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BOND VOTE:

OCT. 7 | 9 A.M-8 P.M. | PLAINEDGE LIBRARY

THE BLUEPRINT FOR OUR FUTURE:

The Library Bond Project will fund the construction of a new library that addresses current operational challenges and provides expanded offerings for our community, such as:

- **Dedicated Children's Area:** A vibrant and engaging space designed to foster a love of reading and learning in young children, with age-appropriate materials, interactive displays and dedicated program space.
- **Young Adult Zone:** A designated area for teens to study, collaborate and access resources tailored to their needs, including computers, technology workshops, and college and career information.
- **Flexible Program Spaces:** Versatile meeting rooms and event spaces to accommodate a wide range of programs, workshops and community events.
- **State-of-the-Art Technology:** Access to computers, high-speed internet, access, and coveted technologies like 3D printing and virtual reality.
- **Quiet Study Areas:** Dedicated spaces for focused study and research, free from distractions.
- **Community Collaboration Spaces:** Areas designed for group projects, meetings and collaborative learning.
- **Enhanced Accessibility:** A fully accessible building that meets the needs of all patrons.
- **Energy-Efficient Design:** A sustainable and environmentally friendly building that reduces operating costs and minimizes its environmental impact.
- **Outdoor Garden:** A peaceful outdoor space for reading, relaxing, community programs and enjoying nature.

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING:

Bond Cost: The proposed bond aims to finance **$16,865,795**

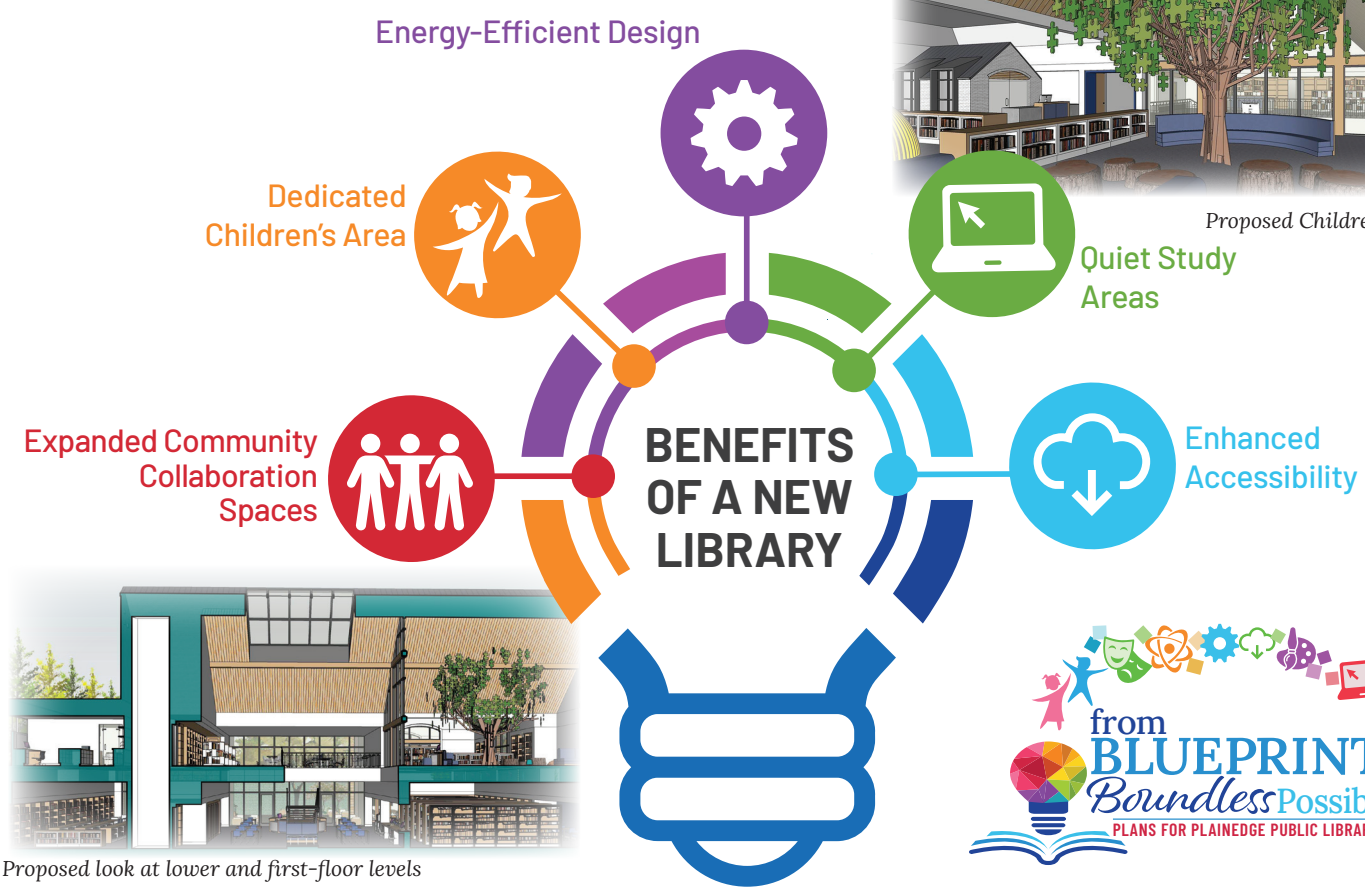
Impact to Homeowners: The cost to a home with an average assessed value is estimated to be approximately **$125 per year, or $10.41 per month**.

To help residents determine their personal estimated annual cost, the library has created an online tax calculator which can be accessed here: https://plainedgelibrary.org/tax-impact-calculator-2/

TO LEARN MORE

- Visit our website: plainedgelibrary.org
- Scan the QR code to the right
- Attend a community meeting:
  Tuesday, September 9, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
  Saturday, September 27, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Proposed Children's Area



Proposed look at lower and first-floor levels

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