

Groundbreaking Ceremony at LME Library

The Lillie M. Evans Library District will be hosting a Groundbreaking Ceremony on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 1:00pm to mark the beginning of construction on our library expansion project. The groundbreaking ceremony is the culmination of many years of hard work by the library board, staff and community members. The new addition will address some of the needs that have arisen in the last decade by focusing on the children's area and community programming needs.

Currently, our children's area has little space to accommodate visiting children and few places for parents to sit with children. In addition, heavily attended library programs overflow the meeting room forcing attendees to stand outside of the entrance doors. By expanding the library, we can move the children's area to a better sized location, and the addition of a larger meeting room would provide more space for programming and an additional community space. Accommodating community needs has been a driving force for this project.

Donald Westlake from the architectural firm of Craig Wright and Associates, is our lead architect. Mr. Westlake was the architect who designed the 2001 addition. Our contractor, Bishop Brothers, Inc., plans to have the project completed in 2017. The expansion can be constructed with little impact on library operations. Construction updates will be posted regularly on the library's website at lmeLibrary.org.

The expansion project will be financed with grants, TIF funds, charitable gifts, and financing. There are no plans to request a referendum. Library funds have been used to pay for the property, the consultant and architectural fees and will pay for part of the construction costs. In addition, we have also been awarded a FY16 \$125,000 Live & Learn Construction grant (administered from the Secretary of State and State Librarian) and an annual disbursement of \$25,000 from Princeville Village TIF District. Please contact the library for information on donating to the project.