Ridgewood Village Council
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Ridgewood residents have significantly increased their use of the library with greater demand for programs and services, technology, and workspace. The current infrastructure does not support the existing & future community needs.

The library’s projected concept plan was thoughtfully drafted to address the current and future needs of our community. The total investment required is $7.7 million.

The library has a viable opportunity to receive a once in a generation matching state grant and is therefore asking for only $2M to complement private fundraising and to enable an application for a $3.7M match from the state.
Reimagine: Agenda

- Case Refresher
- Estimated Financial Plan & Impact
- Address Key Concerns
- Capital Campaign Timing
- Next Steps
Since 1998, technological innovations has shifted how people use the library, sparking a 71% increase in annual visitors and requiring strategic reconfiguration of the space to meet the current needs.

Library services & programs serve ALL Ridgewood demographics:
- Children, Teens and their Parents
- Seniors
- Job Seekers
- ESL Students
- Researchers & Local Historians
- Work from Home
- Tech Learners
Reimagine: Key Areas of Need

- More teen space for collaboration, studying and services
- Larger areas to support job seekers, ESL, collaborative learning groups, and senior visitors
- Support requests for meeting rooms of all sizes
- Accomplish this without reducing size of current collection
A combination of private donations and Village Support will make the Ridgewood Library eligible for up to $4 million matching grant from the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act.

Estimated Funding Breakdown for Target Concept Plan

- Min Private Contribution Target: $2 MM
- Max Municipal Contribution: $2 MM
- State Matching Grant Target: $3.7 MM
- Total Estimated Cost: $7.7 MM

Estimated RW Taxpayer Impact & Capital Campaign Commitments

- $16.58 annual cost per household over a 20 year period

Ridgewood Public Library Foundation commits to maximizing private gifts, to reduce the public impact as much as possible.

Ridgewood Public Library will modify the current concept plan to meet available capital constraints.
# Reimagine: Addressing Key Concerns

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<th>Focus Area</th>
<th>Response</th>
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<td>Alternate Plan</td>
<td>The Ridgewood Library is requesting $2 million, no more &amp; no less from the Village Council, regardless of grant award. A secondary high-level plan has been crafted to address key priorities.</td>
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<td>Concept Plan</td>
<td>While some patrons are concerned about specific aspects of the plan (e.g., staircase), the plans are concepts designed to address strategic needs and will be revisited in the next phase of design development to include community input.</td>
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<td>Private Funding</td>
<td>The Capital Campaign has privately raised over $1,630,000 to date, including a portion of the generous $1 million Challenge Grant from The Bolger Trust earned to date, and will continue to drive fundraising efforts.</td>
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<td>Parking</td>
<td>Parking is a separate issue, and we anticipate minimal impact due to this project. Further, awareness of alternate lots, and trends in walking, biking, ride share and senior busing should help relieve parking issues.</td>
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<td>Services During Construction</td>
<td>The renovation plan will allow the Library to remain open during construction with only occasional scheduled closings. Staff services and programming will remain on site and at convenient nearby locations. Residents will have access to all BCCLS libraries and digital resources.</td>
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# Reimagine: Concept Plan vs Alternate Plan

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<td>New Teen Room</td>
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<td>Small Meeting &amp; Study Rooms</td>
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<td>Improved Natural Light &amp; Flow</td>
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<td>Central Staircase</td>
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<td>Update Existing</td>
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<td>New Furnishings</td>
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<td>Modify &amp; Relocate Restrooms</td>
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<td>Modify &amp; Expand Mezzanine Area</td>
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<td>Expanded &amp; Configurable Auditorium</td>
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* Included with Modified Scope
Reimagine: *Fundraising & Buildout Timing*

- Grant application to be released on or about November 1, 2019
- Capital Campaign $2 million fundraising target date January 1, 2020
- The Library has 90 days to prepare the grant application
- State Library awards grant on or about August 1, 2020
- Concept plan moves into design development
- Bid specifications prepared, issued and awarded
- Project breaks ground early 2021

*All dates approximate, pending announcement of NJ State Grant*
Reimagine: Next Steps

- Work with grant writer to prepare a competitive grant
- Continue to fundraise and cultivate private donors
- Secure financial commitment from Village
- Apply for State Grant
- Review and revise project plans based on funds received from grant, fundraising and Village commitment