



## **West Side Library FAQ**

**Q:** Why is the Town of Mooresville considering an additional location for the Mooresville Public Library?

**A:** At the Mooresville Public Library, we want to be able to reach every part of Mooresville and South Iredell, offering our services to residents in an easy and equitable way. In recent years, the main branch of the library on the east side of Mooresville has become overcrowded due to demand (and is often without parking in peak times). We installed the West Side Lockers at Lowe's YMCA in 2018, which bridged some gaps in service, but it was a temporary solution. A West Side branch has always been an end goal for the library. In a recent patron survey in 2019, 78 percent of those who participated stated they would like to have a "more traditional library" on the West Side of Town, including having materials and programs closer to where they live.

**Q:** Why is now the time to act on a West Side Branch in Mooresville?

**A:** Location, location, location! With the closure of the Rite Aid, 614 Brawley School Road, the pre-built facility is a wonderful size for a new branch. The timing was right to ask Mooresville's Town Board for their support, so MPL could take advantage of the preferred location. This building has space for not only traditional library services, but for specialized areas like a teen makerspace and room for programming and meetings.

**Q:** How much will this cost?

**A:** With the required construction, building improvements, and items like furniture that must be in the budget, the cost of this project for the first year to get the facility up and running would be approximately \$1.54 million (without staffing costs). With the support of Town Board in moving this project forward, the library has applied for grant funding from the State Library of North Carolina to assist in paying the cost of the first year. Additionally, the library expects donations with the help of fundraising from the Friends of the Library to offset the cost.

**Q:** Will this project raise taxes on the West Side to pay for the new library branch?

**A:** Mooresville's Town Board has not raised taxes for our residents in more than a decade. While the final decision to raise taxes lies in the board's hands, if they were to be raised, it would be done unilaterally across Town, not in only one section of Mooresville. There are currently no plans in place to raise taxes to pay for the West Side branch.