

# BEALS MEMORIAL LIBRARY'S INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

## What's Happening Right Now!



The Library will be closed  
the following days:

- September 10
- September 22
- September 23
- September 24



We are preparing to move library  
operations to the basement.



The Friends of the Library book  
sale will be closed after 8pm on  
August 25 until further notice.



Donations will not be  
accepted until further notice.



Events & Programs will be  
cancelled or relocated after  
September 21st.

## PROPOSED START DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2022



### What is the scope of the Infrastructure Project:

- Install fire suppression sprinkler and alarm detection systems.
- Bring electrical service up to code by replacing antiquated knob and tube wiring where it currently exists and installing additional outlets and switches.
- Repair and paint cracked and peeling plaster wall and ceiling surfaces.

**For more information check out the the project's Frequently Asked Questions on the reverse side or talk to a staff member.**

**BEALS MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
**PHASE 2 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FACT SHEET**  
**(Proposed start date: October 1, 2022)**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: What is the scope of the Phase Two Infrastructure Project for the Library?**

- Install fire suppression sprinkler and alarm detection systems
- Bring electrical service up to code by replacing antiquated knob and tube wiring where it currently exists and installing additional outlets and switches
- Repair and paint cracked and peeling plaster wall and ceiling surfaces

**Q: Why is this project necessary?**

- The Library was not designed and built to accommodate today's technology, and the infrastructure project will help to bring our historic 109 year-old building into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- This project will bring the Library up to code by installing electrical outlets throughout the building where none currently exist, enabling our staff and patrons to better utilize the Library's limited space.
- The Library's antiquated electrical system is a dangerous fire hazard, with a portion of the building still carrying electricity through knob & tube wiring.
- The building has no fire suppression system in place that could potentially protect the lives of our staff, our patrons, and the contents of library.
- The work will safeguard the 1.3 million dollars we have already invested in making the library accessible to everyone in the community.
- The project will repair all of the cracked plaster and peeling paint found on walls and ceilings throughout the building.

**Q: How long will the project last?**

- It is hoped the project will take no longer than 60 days to complete, but could take as long as 120.

**Q: Will the Library have to close down during the project?**

- The Library will work to limit closure of the building by moving operations down to the basement. From that space, the Library will continue to serve the community.
- The Library will close on September 23, 24 and 25 to make the move from the Library main floor to the basement.
- Other closures, due to construction priorities, will be announced when those dates are known.