



# Progress is underway on the new Library headed to South Jefferson County!

Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) recently contracted with Eppstein Uhan Architects. We have begun searching for a suitable building to renovate, based on the community input we received at the beginning of 2021. The property to renovate or land to build on will be evaluated based on our facility needs and ambitions for what the space can be.

## DO YOU KNOW A PROPERTY THAT FITS OUR NEEDS?

Reach out! If you are a real estate developer or know of a property to renovate or land to build on that would be a good fit based on our site selection criteria, get in touch with us at [SouthCountyProject@jeffcolibrary.org](mailto:SouthCountyProject@jeffcolibrary.org).

## WHAT'S NEXT?

We anticipate the real estate search to last several months. Upon securing property to renovate or land to build on, we will work with Eppstein Uhan Architects to create a conceptual design for the space that we will share with the Jefferson County community and ask for feedback on from Jeffco residents. Once we've gathered this input, we'll create the final design and renovate the space into the Library for the future.



## ENGAGEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE



**COMPLETED**  
**EARLY 2021**  
Community Input



**TBD**  
Site Selection & Purchase



**TBD**  
Community Input on Concept Design



**9-12 MONTHS**  
Final Design



**3-6 MONTHS**  
Permitting Process



**12-18 MONTHS**  
Library Construction

## Why a Library?



75% of library visits are combined with shopping and other business in the neighboring area.



Libraries support business development and growth by providing opportunity for workers to enhance their skills.



Libraries are attractive anchor tenants that draw visitors and potential customers to neighboring establishments.



Long-term stability of a public library reduces some of the financial risk assumed by builders of mixed-use developments.



Libraries are a draw for families. With story times, homework help and other programming and resources, libraries can become part of the family routine.



Libraries create community connections by offering meeting rooms, study rooms, interactive learning labs, and business resource centers.



Libraries are hubs of family and community activities 7 days a week. The library is a safe, friendly community presence that attracts parents, children, young adults, community groups, business people, adult readers, and retirees.