



The Ridgewood Public Library Foundation is excited to announce that it has gifted \$500,000 to the library to remodel and modernize various spaces to better serve the community in 2023 and beyond. Our decision to fund this immediate renovation is a direct result of listening to Ridgewood citizens' feedback and to commemorate the library's 100th anniversary year.

Leveraging the Foundation's strong partnership with our librarians, who have great insights on how the library is used, as well as recent survey results, we were able to quickly help the library's new director, Lorri Steinbacher, create an action plan and target impact areas to refurbish. Specifically, the funds will be used towards three priority areas:

1. Build a larger, dedicated teen study room on the first floor;
2. Add up to five new, private meeting/study rooms on the mezzanine level;
3. upgrade the lobby and circulation areas near the entrance.

We have hired a highly regarded, library-focused interior design specialist and have been impressed with the team's proposed solutions for our project. Importantly, it is our goal to keep the library open throughout the renovation with the understanding that some areas will be temporarily closed to accommodate the work taking place.

We are excited to complete this initial phase of library improvements and will continue fundraising for future technology and facility enhancements. This gift would not be possible without the support of our donors who have generously contributed to the endowment over the years through both our annual appeal and fundraising events.

Please consider your continued support by coming out to our Clambake on June 3, 2023, at the Ridgewood Country Club to learn more about upcoming changes to the library and to celebrate its 100th year anniversary!

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Ridgewood Public Library Foundation

