



A Place to Grow



About Us

Located in downtown Wayland, Henika District Library is a public library serving area residents. With an official librarian on staff since 1916, Henika has become a cultural and informational anchor for the Wayland region. The library welcomes the community 50 hours each week and recorded nearly 86,000 visits last year.

Henika District Library has long been a reliable investment in Wayland's future. Last year alone, it generated an estimated \$1.49 million in community value—more than three times the return on the tax investment that supports it.

The Need We Fill



Material Lending

The library houses more than 18,800 items including books, videogames, DVDs, STEM kits, electronics, and more. Visitors with a valid library card can borrow items and return them without threat of late fees.



Technology Access

For residents without reliable internet—nearly a third of Allegan County households—the library bridges the digital divide with public computers, print/scan/fax services, WiFi, and technology support so that no one is left behind.



Community Connection

Over 12,000 visitors last year took part in a wide range of activities for all ages, including storytimes, educational discussions, creative projects, and more that assisted in reducing isolation and supporting wellbeing.

Project Naming Opportunities

- **Private Study Rooms**
\$50,000 each
- **Community Room**
\$750,000
- **Reading Room**
\$500,000

Please reach out for a full list of naming opportunities



The Project

To keep pace with the needs of a growing community, Henika District Library is planning a \$6 million expansion that improves accessibility, adds essential space, and strengthens its ability to serve Wayland residents of all ages—while honoring the building’s historic character. This project is being advanced alongside the pursuit of millage funding, reflecting the community’s shared investment in the library’s future and its recognition of Henika as a critical public resource.

The Budget

Construction & Renovation	\$5,010,000
Equipment	\$550,000
Other	\$440,000
Total Cost	\$6,000,000

The Impact

- ✓ Remove barriers to access
- ✓ Support a wider range of activities
- ✓ Expand services and community use
- ✓ Strengthen a vital community resource

Key Objectives



Capacity

Introducing a versatile community space for meetings, functions, afterschool activities, and programs that bring people together. Providing more seating, staff offices, and a breakroom, supporting both patrons and staff.



Accessibility

Making the building welcoming and accessible for everyone, with a design that ensures all patrons can use the library comfortably. Improving restroom capacity and overall usability for visitors.



Dedicated Spaces

Creating separate areas for children and teens, giving each age group space to learn, explore, and grow in environments designed just for them. Adding private study rooms and meeting spaces, meeting the steady demand for quiet, focused areas.

Reach out to ask questions, schedule a tour, or to learn how you can help make this project a reality.



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