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#### Ludington Library Expansion

**GOAL**—Building a new Children's Library and Activities Center

Architect is Joseph Greco of Paradigm Design of Grand Rapids, the same architect that designed the Scottville Library expansion in 2003

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Current Children's library is about 800 sq.ft

Proposed Children's library about 3500 sq.ft

Proposed lower level Children's Activities Center about 3000 sq. ft.

The Ludington Library is 103 years old. It is an original Andrew Carnegie Endowed Library, opening in 1906. It was the Ludington city library until 1994 when the city and county merged libraries to create the Mason County District Library.

#### Goals of the Expansion

- \*Provide a dedicated programming area, for both children and adults  
Lower level Activities can be used for the larger children's programs and events and also be used for adult programs as well
- \*Expand the area for children's collections  
New Children's Library is approximately 4 times larger than the current area
- \*Develop a plan to allow for regular library use during programs  
With large children's programs in the lower level- the adult part of the library can operate normally during the popular children's events.
- \*Expand the space for adult collections  
The area currently being used as the children's library will be available for use to expand adult collection space as well as reading/studying and computer use space
- \*Expand the number of public access computers  
A redefined space in the older part of the library will allow for more public computers
- \*Design an addition that can be staffed with no additional personnel  
All areas of the new Children's library will be visible from the main desk area providing for enhanced security
- \*Expand the circulation area for more efficiency  
The current circulation desk cannot be expanded to provide for more checkout areas or for additional staff workspace
- \*Expand the staff work areas for more efficiency  
The staff workspace is severely limited - remodeling will allow for more staff work-space
- \*Design a more appropriate and attractive main entrance  
Current main (North) entrance is unattractive and does not allow for a sheltered area for people waiting for rides.

Estimated Cost - \$1.3 to \$1.5 million

Fundraising goal \$1 million - Library will provide the difference

Ludington Library currently has about 150,000 visitors a year circulating over 190,000 items a year. There are over 25,000 annual computer sessions on Ludington library computers and another 10,000 annual users of library's wireless internet connection.

Over 53% of the residents of the City of Ludington are active library users – over 4400 people. Over 40% of the residents of Hamlin & PM Townships (over 2300 people) are active library users. In total the library has over 12,000 registered borrowers

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