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Fayetteville Public Library expansion officially begins with purchase of the former City Hospital property

Fayetteville Public Library finalized the \$2 million purchase today of the former City Hospital property from Washington Regional Medical Center, officially clearing the way for expansion of the library on the four-acre property.

“We are very excited to finalize this transaction and to begin library expansion,” said David Johnson, executive director at Fayetteville Public Library. “We look forward to working with the citizens of Fayetteville and with our building partners to expand our world-class facility.”

Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle (MSR), architects of the existing Blair Library, have been chosen as architects of the new building expansion and are currently in contract negotiations with the city of Fayetteville. A construction management company for the expansion is expected to be chosen by the end of July.

Public input sessions will begin in the fall to allow Fayetteville residents to voice their thoughts and ideas on the library’s expansion plans.

The expansion will add roughly 80,000 square feet of new space. Proposed ideas for the expansion include:

- doubling the size of youth services
- adding more space to meet, study and collaborate
- adding a stand-alone genealogy and local history space
- adding a multi-purpose center
- doubling the number of covered parking spaces from 220 to 443

The new facility is expected to be completed by 2021.

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