



## **Lewiston Public Library Children's Department Renovation**

### **Concept Note**

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Libraries are more than just books – there's educational and informative programming, online access to digital books and resources from home, printing and computer services, and a welcoming space for all to visit. It's time for the Lewiston Public Library Children's Department to evolve to continue serving community needs far into the future.

With the renovation planned, the Children's Department will become an inspirational destination for kids and their families. In the next two years, the Lewiston Public Library aims to modernize the Children's Department with a timeless, engaging design tied to Lewiston history.

The Children's Department, along with the City of Lewiston and the Library Board of Trustees, will create a sustainable, modern, and versatile children's department. Children and families will have access to imaginative programming, interactive pre-literacy tools, reading nooks, and zones for active learning. Research shows that libraries provide safe, important, public space that promotes community connection and educational opportunities. By modernizing the Children's Department, we can support more Lewiston families, positioning our library as a destination where opportunity lives and communities come together.

The Children's Department has worked with Platz Associates on a concept design and budget estimate. The estimated cost of the renovation is \$600,000. The estimated timeline for completion is Summer 2026. The Children's Department is still planning other costs associated with the campaign.