



Library Construction

The Delaware Library Association concurs and supports the recommendations of the Delaware Council on Libraries to support construction for the following libraries. As requests for construction funds are likely to exceed those available, this list is presented in priority order, based on the status of the project.

1. Georgetown Public Library, Sussex County
FY2010 request: \$ 960,000

These funds are needed to complete the funding of the 29,500 square foot, \$6,628,735 Regional Library in Georgetown. To date, \$2.3 million has been appropriated from State funds. Construction has begun and the required local match is in hand or pledged. Fundraising continues.

2. Dover Public Library, Kent County
FY2010 request: \$ 3.7 million

The city of Dover has a site and has appropriated \$1.9 million. Additional funding support is anticipated in the city's FY09 budget, and \$500,000 is expected from Kent County. This 52,000 square foot Anchor Library has a projected cost of \$20 million. The State has appropriated \$5,664,300, of which \$500,000 was reverted in FY2008.

3. Bear Library, New Castle County
FY2010 request: \$ 1,475,000

The Bear Library's \$5,410,000 renovation and expansion project will provide a 25,700 square foot Regional Library. To date \$1 million has been appropriated by the State and \$1,830,000 has been allocated by New Castle County, with more expected.

4. Milford Public Library, Sussex County
FY2010 request: \$ 1 million

The 10,000 square foot, \$4,119,125 expansion to the Milford Public Library is underway. To date, the State has appropriated \$1,025,000 towards the construction of an 18,000 sq.

ft. Regional Library. Currently \$1,345,000 is in hand or pledged; \$600,000 is expected from foundations.

5. Bridgeville Public Library, Sussex County
FY2010 request: \$500,000

Bridgeville plans to build a 13,500 square-foot, Community size library. The City has donated the land for this \$3.5 million project.

6. Greenwood Public Library, Sussex County
FY2010 request: \$ 500,000

Greenwood anticipates building a new 15,000 square foot Community Library to serve northwest Sussex County. To date, a \$25,000 planning grant has been funded. Sussex County will provide the match for this project and anticipates appropriating \$3 million over the next 3 years to fund construction.

7. Smyrna Public Library, Kent County
FY2010 request: \$500,000

The town of Smyrna funded the needs assessment and has hired an architectural firm. Funds are needed to purchase a new site and build a 20,000 to 25,000 square foot Regional Library to serve Smyrna, northern Kent County, and southern New Castle County residents. The projected cost is \$7,563,223. The town of Smyrna will match the land acquisition costs.

8. Southern New Castle County Anchor Library near Middletown
FY2010 request: \$3 million

New Castle County appropriated \$2.3 million in FY2009 and expects to appropriate \$8.2 million in FY2010. There will also be a local capital campaign.

9. Wilmington Institute Library, New Castle County
FY2010 request: \$500,000

This request would provide half the funding for capital improvements to the current building on Rodney Square.