

In May, the Ela Area Public Library will reorganize the first floor of the Popular Materials Department where fiction, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, magazines and the Teen Area are located. While you might have to face some temporary inconveniences, we're excited about the changes and hope you will be too.

Thank you in advance for your patience as we improve this service area.



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Popular Materials Department

Reorganization Project



Ela Area Public Library District

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

When will this project start?

The reorganization begins in early May and is expected to last approximately one month.

Will the Library be closed during the reorganization period?

The Library will not close for the duration of the project, but **will close on Friday, May 1** and an additional day near the end of May to move the majority of the Popular Materials collection to storage for the renovation period and allow time for staff to reorganize resources for the public.

Why is the Library reorganizing this area?

It's hard to believe that our "new" building is seven years old. Since 2002, certain collections have grown in popularity. Our patrons wants and needs have also changed. Our goals are to create a more usable patron-friendly space, make the department clearer and easier to navigate, improve customer service, provide adequate shelving that can accommodate patron traffic and create more lounging areas.

How will the Library fund this project?

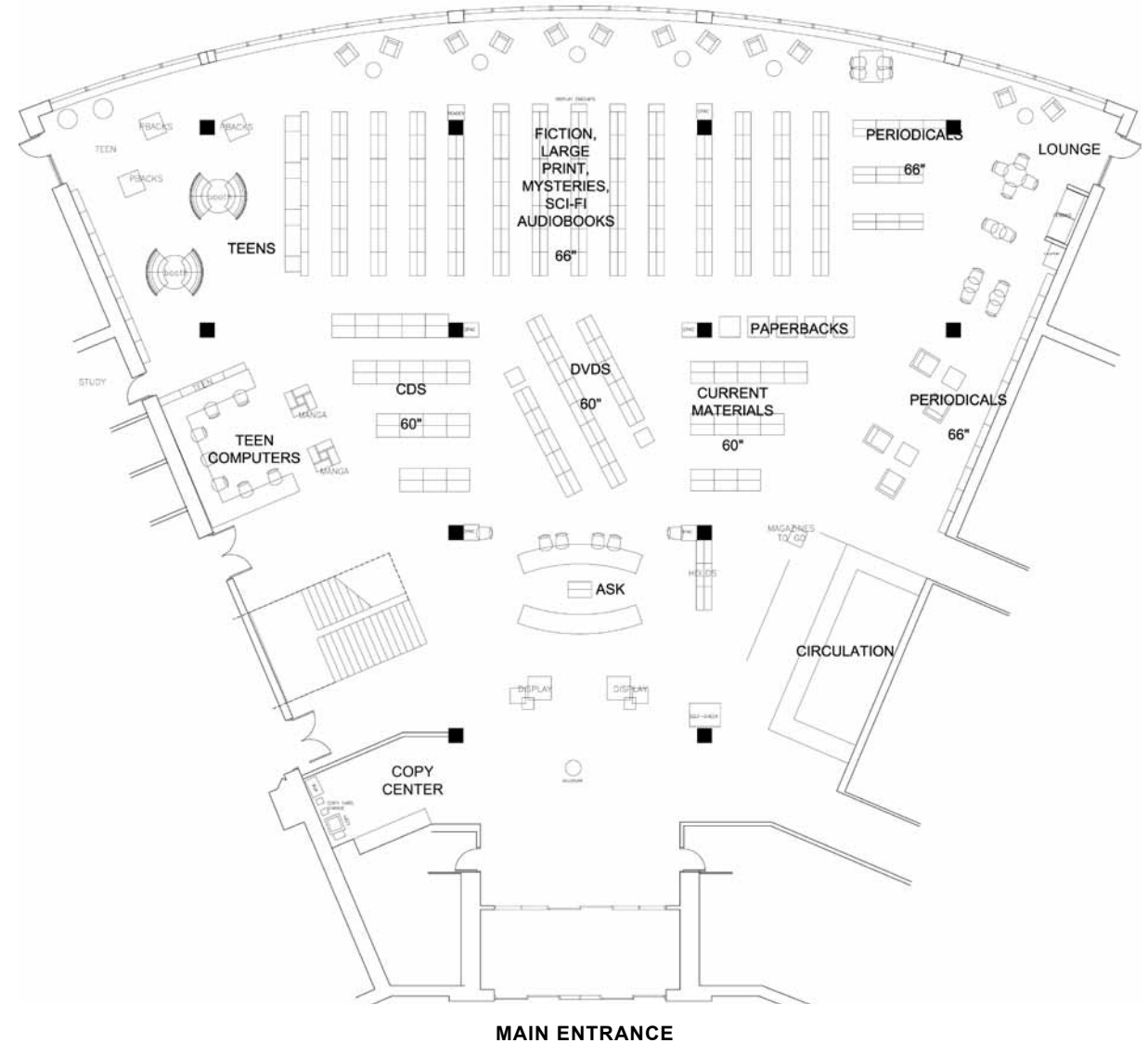
The Ela Area Public Library District is its own taxing entity. Each year, the Library levies for property tax dollars from properties located within its boundaries. The majority of Library funding comes from property taxes with a small percentage of the overall budget coming from state grants, fines and fees. Contrary to popular belief, we are not connected to other taxing bodies within our area like the School District, the Village or the Township. The Library has been operating within its budget and has been saving money for capital projects, such as this one, to repair and improve the building as it ages.

How can the Library afford to do this? Will my property taxes increase?

Most of the money needed to fund this project is coming from our current fiscal year budget with the remainder being drawn from our Special Reserve Fund. The Special Reserve Fund was created expressly for the purpose of saving money for capital projects or repairs. The Library has been diligently saving a portion of the property tax income and has also saved money from the sale of the old Library building to fund projects and repairs that will keep the building in top shape, allowing us to better serve our patrons. As District taxpayers, you will see no increase in your tax bill to fund any portion of this project. Unless the assessed value on your home increases, the only way your taxes will increase is through a voter-supported referendum. The Library Board and Staff want to make it clear that because the Library has been operating a balanced budget and has managed to save money for needed repairs and remodeling, the Library has no plans to go to the taxpayers for a tax increase at this time.

What collections will be available during the reorganization?

The Popular Materials space will be closed off to patrons during the reorganization. However, a wide selection of materials from this area will be available for checkout, including all new materials and Most Wanted items. All daily newspapers and a number of new magazines will be available for browsing. Can't find what you are looking for? Any materials not directly accessible during the reorganization can be obtained through interlibrary loan (ILL). This free service is easy to use and most items can be obtained quickly. For assistance, visit any public service desk on the 1st or 2nd floors.



Where can I find the most up-to-date information about the project and schedule?

During the reorganization period, we will have a page on our website (www.eapl.org) that documents the progress.

Ela Area Public Library
New First Floor Plan
Designed by Ifi and 3rd space design